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Applicability of PCT Rule 4.9(b)

In October 2005, the PCT Assembly adopted, among others, an amendment to PCT Rule 4.9 (b) concerning an automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT. The text of this amended Rule, which will enter into force only on **1 April 2006**, reads as follows:

“Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(i), if, on October 5, 2005, the national law of a Contracting State provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of that State and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in that State shall have the result that the earlier national application ceases to have effect with the same consequences as the withdrawal of the earlier national application, any request in which the priority of an earlier national application filed in that State is claimed may contain an indication that the designation of that State is not made, provided that the designated Office notifies the International Bureau by January 5, 2006, that this paragraph shall apply in respect of designations of that State and that the notification is still in force on the international filing date...”

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

DE Germany
JP Japan
KR Republic of Korea
RU Russian Federation

Consequently, applicants who file an international application on or

after 1 April 2006 may indicate in the request that the designations of DE, JP, KR and/or RU are not made, provided that the international application claims the priority of an earlier national application filed in the State whose designation is not made. The Request Form will be amended accordingly with effect from 1 April 2006.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Polish Patent Office begins receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

On 5 January 2006, the Polish Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified WIPO under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 March 2006. The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published shortly

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The equivalent amounts in CHF of the applicable fee reductions for electronic filing (the fees are payable to the Polish Patent Office in the PLZ equivalent of the amount in CHF) are indicated in footnote 5 of the fee tables on page 19.

Meeting of International Authorities Under the PCT

The twelfth session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Geneva from 12 to 14 December 2005. All of the twelve International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities were represented.

PCT Reform

Following on from discussions that have taken place at several sessions of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT, the Meeting considered proposals for permitting applicants to request supplementary searches, in addition to the main international search, from International Authorities willing to provide such a service. The Authorities supported the concept of such a system, although no consensus was found on its appropriate scope or on procedures to be followed. The proposals which will be presented to the next session of the Work-

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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/access/legal_text.htm

ing Group (tentatively scheduled for 8 to 12 May 2006) are likely to include a range of options for consideration by the Contracting States.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office gave notice that it intended to make two proposals to the Working Group on Reform of the PCT to amend PCT Rule 11:

- to increase the minimum size of font permitted in an international application to avoid difficulties with optical character recognition of text;
- to permit color drawings to be filed as part of an international application.

Quality Framework

The Meeting agreed on the outline of a more consistent approach to reporting on the development of quality systems by International Authorities. The Authorities will continue to work on drafting templates to support this process. The Meeting also requested the Secretariat to develop proposals for amending the Regulations to include a more specific requirement for International Authorities to have effective quality systems in place.

Other Matters

The Meeting agreed on arrangements for updating the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines. Information was provided concerning the classification of international applications not searched before international publication, the implications of IPC Reform for the International Authorities (see the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2005 for information on the new IPC system), the comprehensive review of the PCT minimum documentation, and the development of a Search Guidance Intellectual Property Digital Library. A review was proposed to see whether PCT IT systems could be used more effectively to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of data processing within and between Offices playing roles in the PCT system. Statistical information was provided concerning the current and predicted future use of the PCT system. Recent and upcoming improvements in the availability of national phase data from the WIPO web site were noted.

The report of the session (document PCT/MIA/12/10) and other meeting documents are available on the WIPO web site at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=PCT/MIA/12

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 January 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount in AUD of the reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the international application is filed in fully electronic form, as indicated in footnote 5 of the fee tables.

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

CN China (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone number; Internet address)

The name, location and mailing address, and general telephone number of the China Intellectual Property Office have changed, and the Office has introduced an Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:

State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China

Location and mailing address:

6 Xituchenglu
Jimen Bridge
Haidian District
P.O. Box 8020
Beijing 100088
China

Telephone: (86-10) 62 08 32 68 (general)

Internet: www.sipo.gov.cn

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

CU Cuba (telephone and fax numbers; teleprinter number; fees)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Cuban Industrial Property Office have changed, and the teleprinter number has been deleted. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (537) 861 01 85, 862 97 71,
862 43 79, 861 36 02,
862 43 95

Fax: (537) 866 56 10

The code for the representation of the Cuban currency for the payment of fees has changed from CUP to CUC, although the name of the currency remains the “Cuban convertible peso”. The amounts of the transmittal and international filing fees payable to the Office as receiving Office are shown in Table I(a); the amounts of the fee for priority document and the national fee, payable to the Office as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, respectively, now read as follows:

Fee for priority document: CUC 80

National fee:

Filing fee (including publication fee and the annual fee for the 1st and the 2nd years): CUC 460

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

MN Mongolia (time limit for entry into the national phase)

The Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before it as a designated Office. The new time limit, which has been applicable since 1 January **2005**, is 31 months from the priority date.

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

NG Nigeria (general information)

General information about Nigeria as a Contracting State will be published in the electronic version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (NG), Vol. I/B) on 12 January 2006 on the PCT website at:

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

US United States of America (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, with effect from 1 January 2006, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the USPTO, as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. (The EPO is a competent

International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is being or has been performed by the EPO.)

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

Search fee (Japan Patent Office; State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China)

As from 1 January 2006, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF, EUR and USD for an international search carried out by the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, and as from 1 March 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.001.176), dated 1 January 2006, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/download_client.htm

This version enables PCT-SAFE e-filing with the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) (RO/SK) from 1 January 2006 and with the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (RO/SE) from 1 February 2006. It also introduces stricter Annex F compliance checking for file attachments in fully electronic mode (sections 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_anf_2.pdf), updated fee schedules, and other changes.

Further details are available on the PCT-SAFE web site at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.htm

World Trade Organization

Saudi Arabia becomes a Member

On 11 December 2005, Saudi Arabia (country code: SA), which is already a member State of

the Paris Convention, became a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), thus bringing the total number of Members to 149. This updates the table of Members of the WTO, the PCT and the Paris Convention that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2005.

IPC Forum

WIPO will organize, on 13 February 2006, an IPC Forum to commemorate the publication and entering into force of the reformed IPC (IPC-2006). The Forum will be open to all wishing to attend but special invitations will be sent to Member States of WIPO, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations accredited with WIPO, certain industrial companies and commercial providers of patent information. A dedicated page, including information on the Forum and facilities for online registration, is available on the WIPO web site at:

www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/en/reform/ipc_forum/index.html

The objective of the Forum will be to discuss the role of the IPC in accessing and searching patent information, to consider principal features of IPC reform and to highlight advantages that the reform has brought to the users. Presentations at the Forum will be made by leading experts in patent information and patent classification.

Practical Advice

Searching for information published in the *PCT Newsletter*

Q: I am searching for information on a particular PCT-related topic, and have already searched the PCT Legal Text Index and the PCT Applicant's Guide, as suggested in the "Practical Advice" in PCT Newsletter No. 10/2005. I would now like to continue my research by looking at relevant articles that might have been published in the PCT Newsletter. How can I search for such articles?

A. There are several ways to search for information published in the *PCT Newsletter*. One is to search the *PCT Newsletter* collection on the PCT web site (see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/). The collection for a given year (apart from the current year) is listed at the top of the *PCT Newsletter* index page for that year.

The latest collection can be viewed by clicking on the "links" box on the right hand side of the *PCT Newsletter* homepage. The collection is bookmarked by issue, and by clicking on "+" next to each issue, the main headings in that issue will be shown. To search the year's collection, it is not necessary to open each issue separately – you simply perform a word search in PDF of the whole year's collection using the "find" button in the Adobe PDF tool bar. All issues published since 2000 are available in yearly collections, and it is hoped that earlier issues will be added to the collections shortly.

If you wish to search for words which occur frequently in the *PCT Newsletter*, searching the collection could take quite a long time. For example, the words "priority" or "time limit" occur very frequently, and your search would present you with many results. Particular topics are also listed in the *PCT Newsletter* annual index, which is published every year in January, covering the previous year's 12 issues. The index is split into two parts – the first part is by subject, and the second part is by country or Office. If you receive the paper version of the *PCT Newsletter*, the index is included as an insert in the January issue; in the case of the Internet version of the *PCT Newsletter*, the index is accessible direct from the *PCT Newsletter* index page for the year concerned. The Internet version of the index can be searched by performing a word search in the PDF file using the "find" button in the Adobe PDF tool bar. Note that the index for 2005 is included as an insert in the paper version of this issue, and is available on the Internet, in PDF format, at the top of the 2005 index page at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/list.jsp?year=2005

Finally, where a topic has been discussed in the "Practical Advice" part of the *PCT Newsletter*, it is possible to search for that topic using the WIPO search engine by clicking on "Search Practical Advice" in the "links" box referred to above. To narrow down your search, you should then click on "Advanced Search" and tick the "PCT Newsletter" box in the list of collections.

It is important to note that, although information which was published in earlier issues of

the *PCT Newsletter* was correct at the time of original publication, some information may no longer be applicable. For example, since the *PCT Newsletter* concerned was published, amendments may have been made to the PCT Regulations, Administrative Instructions under the PCT, PCT Forms and fees may have changed and references to certain publications

may no longer be valid. Wherever there is a reference to a PCT Rule, please check carefully whether the Rule in force at the date of publication of the *PCT Newsletter* has since been amended (to do this, you can refer to the PCT Legal Text Index, as discussed in the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2005).

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
16–18 January 2006 Zurich (CH)	English	Course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Aeri	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), NDS Intellectual Property (Ms. Andrea Burer) Tel: (41–1) 632 68 08 Fax: (41–1) 632 13 67 E-mail: ndsge@recht.reok.ethz.ch Internet: www.ndsip.ethz.ch
11 February 2006 St. Paul, MN (US)	English	“William Mitchell’s Intellectual Property Symposium: The Patent Cooperation Treaty and the International Patent System” WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling and Ms. Boutillon	William Mitchell College of Law and Fredrickson & Byron (Mrs. Meg Daniel) Tel: (1–651) 290 64 25 Internet: www.wmitchell.edu/lectures/pct+symposium
13–14 February 2006 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
2–3 March 2006 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle; second speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1–415) 331 60 68 E-mail: IPI@IPISeminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
6–7 March 2006 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT training session WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle; second speaker to be announced	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
8–9 March 2006 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33–4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33–4) 78 33 58 96
27 March 2006 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l’Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33–1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33–1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
21–22 April 2006 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 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 footnotes 2 and 5 for details. 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 3 and 10. (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
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	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	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
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	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSM	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling						

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 January 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	15	103	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	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	n a	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]
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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 ⁷ —	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	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 900	10	64	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,710	70	480	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 ⁷ —	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 100	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP US
EP ⁵	EUR 100	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 65.27	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 900	10	64	EP
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 ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 79	CHF 1,400 or EUR 900 or USD 1,086	15 10 12	100 64 78	See footnote 11
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 480	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 68,000	700	4,900	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 121,800	1,300	8,700	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

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KM	Information not yet available				
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT RU
KR⁵	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,123,000	12,000	80,000	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	N a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 900	10	n a	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	MXP³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
NI	USD 200	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
NL⁵	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,584	17	113	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF⁷ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	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	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
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	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	AT AU EP
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	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	N a	EP

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)		PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)		Competent ISA(s) ⁶	
SY	USD ⁷	—	USD	1,086		12		78	AT EP RU	
TJ	TJS ⁷	—	USD	1,086		12		n a	EP RU	
TM	USD ⁷	—	USD	1,086		12		78	EP RU	
TN	TND ⁷	—	CHF	1,400		15		n a	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		N a	EP RU	
US	USD	300	USD	1,086		12		78	EP US	
UZ	USD ⁷	—	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		n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE	
YU	YUD	3,000	YUD	eq CHF 1,400		eq CHF 15		eq CHF 100	EP	
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	6,910		70		490	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 January 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	311	KRW	250,000	SGD	410	USD	241	ZAR*	1,540
AU	AUD	1,200	CHF	1,171	EUR	752	KRW	939,000	NZD	1,324	SGD	1,530
	USD	908	ZAR	5,780								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,759	EUR	1,131	USD	1,365				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	335	EUR	215	USD	260				
EP ¹⁵	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,412	CYP	888	DKK	11,560	GBP	1,052	ISK	117,000
	JPY	209,800	MWK	232,000	NOK	12,110	NZD	2,728	SEK	14,560	SGD	3,160
	USD	1,871	ZAR	11,910								
ES ¹⁵	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,412	USD	1,871						
FI	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,412	USD	1,871						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	1,115	EUR	717	KRW	895,000	USD*	865		
	* (from 1.3.06:		USD	810)								
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	280	EUR	180	NZD	317	USD	218		
RU ¹⁶	USD	300	CHF	387	EUR	248						
SE	SEK	14,560	CHF	2,412	DKK	11,560	EUR	1,550	ISK	117,000	NOK	12,110
	USD	1,871										
US	USD	1,000	300 ¹⁷	CHF	1,289	387 ¹⁷	EUR	828	248 ¹⁷	NZD	1,460	440 ¹⁷
	ZAR	6,360	1,910 ¹⁷									

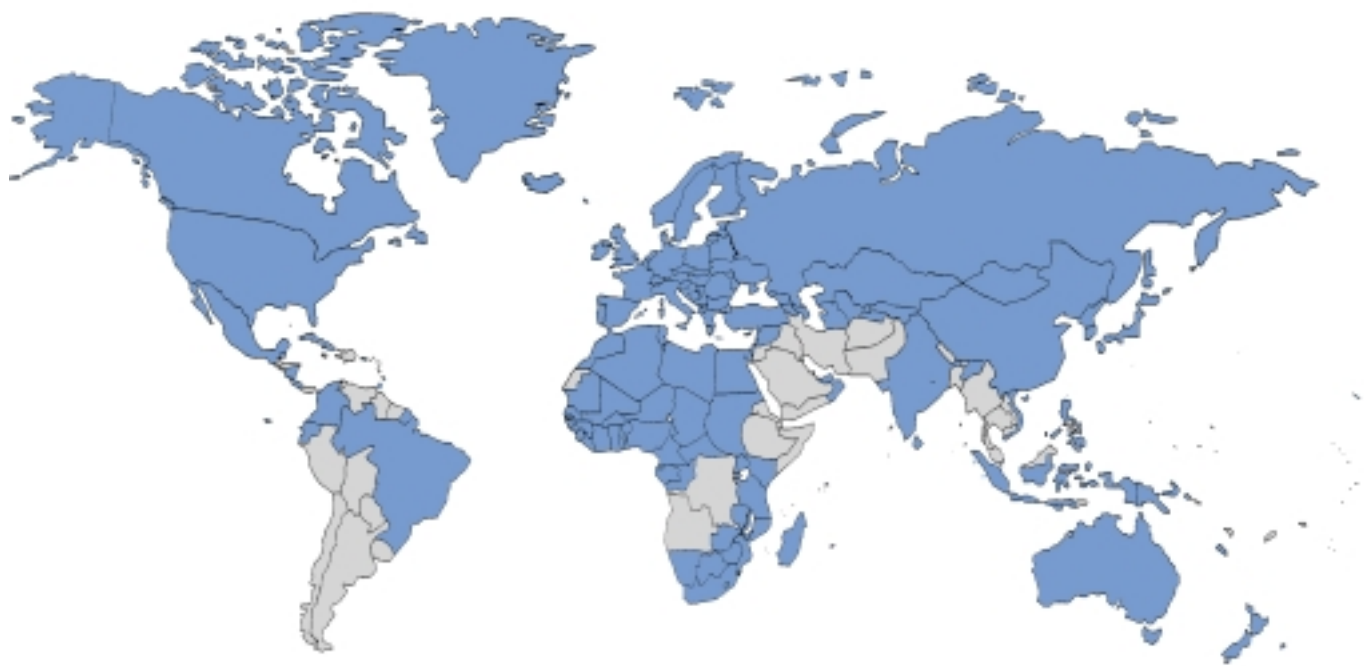
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 January 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁸		Handling fee^{3, 18} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ¹⁹	AUD 205
CA	CAD	800		CAD 182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EP¹⁵	EUR	1,530		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 160,000
RU¹⁶	USD	200 ²⁰	300 ²¹	USD 155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²²	USD 155

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the 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*).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/EP, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP, KR and NL. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200=AUD 205, DKK 960, EUR 129, GBP 87, KRW 161,000, (from 1.2.06: SEK 1,210), USD 155; CHF 300=AUD 308, DKK 1,440, EUR 193, GBP 131, JPY 26,100, KRW 241,000, (from 1.2.06: SEK 1,810), USD 233.**
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 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.
- 10 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
- 11 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).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 19 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 21 In all cases where footnote 20 does not apply.
- 22 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 (128 on 1 January 2006)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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 October 2005 and April 2005, respectively) 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 are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, and can be printed from the PCT 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.

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Continued Growth in PCT Filings in 2005

Over 134,000 PCT applications were filed in 2005, representing an increase of 9.4% over 2004. These and the following figures are only **estimates** as the International Bureau continues to receive, throughout the first half of 2006, PCT applications which were filed with national and regional Offices in 2005.

Applicants from the United States of America filed the largest number of applications (33.6% of all applications), followed by Japan (18.8%), Germany (11.8%), France (4.1%) and the United Kingdom (3.8%). Applicants from the member States of the European Patent Convention, when grouped together, filed 34.6% of all international applications. There was exceptional growth in filings from North East Asia, in particular from Japan, the Republic of Korea and China, which held, respectively, second, sixth and tenth positions, and between them accounted for 24.1% of all PCT applications.

PCT applications from developing countries increased by 20% compared to 2004, and represented 6.7% of all applications filed. The top developing countries, with the estimated number of filings, were as follows:

Republic of Korea	4,747
China	2,452
India	648
Singapore	438
South Africa	336
Brazil	283
Mexico	136

With more Offices starting to accept the filing of PCT applications in electronic form in 2005, the number of applications filed electronically increased by 107%, and

filings on electronic media exceeded paper filings.

The top filers in 2005, together with the estimated number of filings, were as follows:

Philips Electronics N.V. (NL)	2,492
Matsushita (JP)	2,021
Siemens (DE)	1,402
Nokia (FI)	898
Bosch (DE)	843
Intel (US)	691
BASF (DE)	656
3M (US)	603
Motorola (US)	580
DaimlerChrysler (DE)	567

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www.wipo.int/edocs/prdocs/en/2006/wipo_pr_2006_436.html

Final figures will be available later in the year.

Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws

EP European Patent Office

In October 2005, the PCT Assembly adopted, among others, new

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PCT Rules 26*bis*.3, 49*ter*.1 and 49*ter*.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning the restoration of right of priority by a receiving or designated Office, as the case may be, which will enter into force on **1 April 2007**.

New Rule 26*bis*.3(j) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (i) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006...."

New Rule 49*ter*.1(g) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006...."

New Rule 49*ter*.2(h) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law,

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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/access/legal_text.htm

provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

The European Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility in relation to all three rules.

Text of the Amendments to the PCT Regulations

It is recalled that a number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the PCT Assembly during its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, and that documents which were prepared for the PCT Assembly, as well as the report of the session are available on the PCT web site, at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=135

The text of the amendments, which will enter into force at two different times (on 1 April 2006 for the first set of amendments and on 1 April 2007 for the second set of amendments), is reproduced in document PCT/A/34/6 (the Report of the Assembly). Document PCT/A/34/2 Rev. is a useful document as it contains underlining and striking-through to show what amendments have been made. The text of the amendments to the PCT Regulations will also be reproduced in Section IV of *PCT Gazette* No. 08/2006, dated 23 February 2006, which will be available on the PCT web site at:

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

For further information on those amendments, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2005, cover page.

Electronic Filing and Processing of PCT Applications

Reproduced on pages 5 and 6 are updated versions of the two tables (last published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2004) listing, respectively:

- the receiving Offices which have notified the International Bureau that they are prepared to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form, and
- the receiving Offices which have notified the International Bureau that they are prepared to accept the filing of requests in PCT-EASY format.

A table giving information on the requirements of the Offices which accept the filing of interna-

tional applications in electronic form is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/notifications/pdf/efiling_notifications_en_28_11_05.pdf

PCT Information Update

BE Belgium (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) have changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

telephone: (32-2) 277 51 11

fax: (32-2) 277 52 62

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

IT Italy (language of filing)

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as receiving Office has notified a change in the reference to the national law which is given in its requirements concerning the language of filing of international applications. It should now refer to “Article 198(1) of Decree-Law No. 30 of 10 February 2005.”

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

US United States of America (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; requirements concerning agent)

For the purposes of filing, under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions, PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office has been prepared to receive, since 1 January 2006, the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R and DVD-R, in addition to 3.5 inch diskettes.

With relation to the information concerning those who can act as agents before the Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, the list of registered patent attorneys and agents can now only be obtained on the Internet, at:

www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/oed/roster/index.html

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US) and Vol. II/D, National Chapter, Summary (US))

Search fee (Japan Patent Office)

As from 15 March 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in KRW for

an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b). (Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex D (JP))

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A new feature, dealing with PCT legal assistance to States and IP Offices and promotional activities, has been added to the "Services for PCT Offices and member States" part of the PCT web site (www.wipo.int/pct/en/offices.html). It includes a link to a document entitled "PCT Outreach to Developing Countries, Least-Developed Countries and Certain Countries in Europe and Asia" as well as links to resources that are particularly useful for PCT Contracting States and patent Offices, such as PCT legal texts and seminar materials. This feature is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/support/office.html

Closing dates of intellectual property Offices

A table detailing closing dates in 2006 of certain intellectual property Offices in PCT Contracting States is available on the PCT web site in English at:

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Archives detailing closing dates back to 2002 are also available from this page.

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- BurrPlug™
- Enviro Loo
- Sports Fabric

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Filled-in samples of Request Forms

Filled-in samples of the October 2005 version of the Request Form in English, French, German and Spanish are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/

Regulations under the PCT in Spanish

The Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2005, is now available in Spanish at:

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct_regs2005.pdf

It is recalled that the texts in English, French, German and Russian are also available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf
www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf
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Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 27 April 2006

Due to the fact that Friday, 14 April and Monday, 17 April 2006 will be non-working days at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the publication of *PCT Gazette* No. 17/2006 (dated 27 April 2006) and the corresponding published PCT applications to be published on the same date, will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 11 April 2006, instead of on Wednesday, 12 April 2006, the day on which technical preparations would normally have been completed. This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international application should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Monday, 10 April 2006.

Note that the publication date itself will not be affected – it falls on the usual day, Thursday (27 April 2006).

Practical Advice

Maintaining the US designation where a US national application has already been filed

Q: Last year I filed a national application in the United States of America. I now wish to file an international application for that same invention, however, since I will be continuing with the US national application, I do not think that I will be proceeding into the US national phase in respect of the international application. Should I maintain the designation of US or withdraw it?

A: It is recalled that with the automatic designation, under PCT Rule 4.9(a), of all PCT Contracting States for all kinds of protection possible, it is no longer possible to exclude any designations from the Request Form (with the exceptions of Germany, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation, and as from 1 April 2006, Japan – if the international application claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in any of those States (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2006, cover page)). Therefore, if you do not wish to proceed with your international application in any particular State, you have the option of maintaining the designation of that State and simply not taking any action to enter the national phase within the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or of withdrawing the designation in the international phase.

The safest option is probably to maintain the US designation, as in this way, you will be keeping your options open in case you change your mind and decide to enter the national phase in the US after all. Also, if any earlier filed US application has already been granted, maintaining the US designation will give you the benefit of a co-pending US case until the expiration of 30 months, leaving you with more options. Withdrawals of designations should only be made when you are absolutely sure that you do not wish to enter the national phase in that State as, once you have withdrawn a designation, the effect of the international application in that State will cease (see PCT Article 24(1)(i)) and you would not normally be able to enter the national phase in that State (certain exceptions may exist under the national law of the State concerned).

Maintaining the designation is also the easiest option as you will not have the extra paperwork of sending a notice of withdrawal and furnishing the signatures of the applicants.

It is important to be aware that if you do later decide to enter the national phase in the US with the international application, the inventors must have been indicated as applicants upon filing the international application. If you do include the inventors as applicants, note that under PCT Rule 26.2bis(a), the signature of one applicant is sufficient – it is only in the case of any kind of withdrawal under PCT Rule 90bis that the signature of all applicants would be required (see PCT Rule 90bis.5).

Apart from the cases of Germany, Japan (as from 1 April 2006), the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation, the safest and easiest option is therefore to maintain a designation rather than withdraw it, and in the case of the US designation, to include the inventor(s) as applicants in case you should decide to enter the US national phase.

Further information about the issues arising from the designation system is included in the following “practical advice” articles:

- The non-designation of certain States in the new Request form, applicable as from 1 January 2004 – *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2003;
- Signature requirements for the withdrawal of the US designation – *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004;
- The procedure for withdrawing designations – *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2004;
- Automatic designation of the US: the consequences of the applicant/inventor being a resident and national of a non-PCT Contracting State – *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2004;
- Automatic designation of the US: indication of the inventors as “inventors only” where there is no intention to enter the US national phase – *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2004;
- Automatic designation of all PCT Contracting States: alternative to withdrawing a designation – *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2004.

Receiving Offices prepared to accept the filing of international applications in fully electronic form

(status on 1 February 2006)

AU	Australian Patent Office	IB	International Bureau of WIPO
DK	Danish Patent and Trademark Office	JP	Japan Patent Office
EP	European Patent Office (EPO)	KR	Korean Intellectual Property Office
ES	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	NL	Netherlands Industrial Property Office
FI	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	PL	Polish Patent Office (<i>from 1 March 2006</i>)
FR	National Institute of Industrial Property (France)	SE	Swedish Patent and Registration Office
GB	The Patent Office (United Kingdom)	SK	Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)
			(Total: 14 Offices)

**Receiving Offices prepared to accept the filing of
international applications
containing requests in PCT-EASY format
(status on 1 February 2006)**

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

(Total: 73 Offices)

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
11 February 2006 St. Paul, MN (US)	English	“William Mitchell’s Intellectual Property Symposium: The Patent Cooperation Treaty and the International Patent System” WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling and Ms. Boutillon	William Mitchell College of Law and Fredrickson & Byron (Mrs. Meg Daniel) Tel: (1–651) 290 64 25 Internet: www.wmitchell.edu/lectures/pct+symposium
13–14 February 2006 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
2–3 March 2006 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle; second speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1–415) 331 60 68 E-mail: IPI@IPISeminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
6–7 March 2006 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT training session WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle; second speaker to be announced	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
8–9 March 2006 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33–4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33–4) 78 33 58 96
13 March 2006 Cape Town (ZA)	English	PCT conference WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Pii	University of Cape Town (Ms. Lee-Ann Tong) Tel: (27–21) 650 56 12 E-mail: Ltong@LAW.uct.ac.za
14 March 2006 Cape Town (ZA)	English	PCT conference WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Pii	University of Western Cape (Ms. Riekie Wandrag) Tel: (27–21) 959 32 94 or (27–82) 202 32 02 E-mail: mwandrag@uwc.ac.za
17 March 2006 Potchefstroom (ZA)	English	PCT conference WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Pii	University of North West (Prof. Andries van der Merwe) Tel: (27–18) 299 19 30 E-mail: HNRAPVDM@puknet.puk.ac.za
20 March 2006 Durban (ZA)	English	PCT conference WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Pii	University of Kwazulu-Natal (Mr. Christopher Schembri) Tel: (27–31) 260 23 01 E-mail: schembr@ukzn.ac.za
27 March 2006 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l’Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33–1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33–1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
21–22 April 2006 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	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
26 April 2006 London (GB)	English	PCT-SAFE workshop WIPO speaker: Ms. Featherby	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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 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 footnotes 2 and 5 for details. 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 3 and 10. (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
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	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	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSM	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 February 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	15	103	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	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	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,086	12	78	EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,273	14	91	CA
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 ⁷ —	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	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 900	10	64	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,710	70	480	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 ⁷ —	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 100	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP US

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
EP ⁵	EUR 100	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 65.27	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 900	10	64	EP
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 ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 79	CHF 1,400 or EUR 900 or USD 1,086	15 10 12	100 64 78	See footnote 11
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 480	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 68,000	700	4,900	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 121,800	1,300	8,700	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				
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT RU
KR ⁵	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,123,000	12,000	80,000	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	N a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 900	10	n a	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 ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
NI	USD 200	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
NL ⁵	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,584	17	113	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁷ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	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	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
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	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	AT AU EP
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	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	N a	EP
SY	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
TN	TND ⁷ —	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	N a	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,086	12	78	EP US
UZ	USD ⁷ —	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	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 6,910	70	490	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 February 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT	EUR 200	CHF 311	KRW 250,000	SGD 410	USD 241	ZAR 1,540				
AU	AUD 1,200	CHF 1,171	EUR 752	KRW 939,000	NZD 1,324	SGD 1,530				
	USD 908	ZAR 5,780								
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,759	EUR 1,131	USD 1,365						
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 335	EUR 215	USD 260						
EP ¹⁵	EUR 1,550	CHF 2,412	CYP 888	DKK 11,560	GBP 1,052	ISK 117,000				
	JPY 209,800	MWK 232,000	NOK 12,110	NZD 2,728	SEK 14,560	SGD 3,160				
	USD 1,871	ZAR 11,910								
ES ¹⁵	EUR 1,550	CHF 2,412	USD 1,871							
FI	EUR 1,550	CHF 2,412	USD 1,871							
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,115	EUR 717	KRW* 895,000	USD** 865					
	* (from 15.3.06: KRW 841,000)									
	** (from 1.3.06: USD 810)									
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 280	EUR 180	NZD 317	USD 218					
RU ¹⁶	USD 300	CHF 387	EUR 248							
SE	SEK 14,560	CHF 2,412	DKK 11,560	EUR 1,550	ISK 117,000	NOK 12,110				
	USD 1,871									
US	USD 1,000	300 ¹⁷	CHF 1,289	387 ¹⁷	EUR 828	248 ¹⁷	NZD 1,460	440 ¹⁷		
	ZAR 6,360	1,910 ¹⁷								

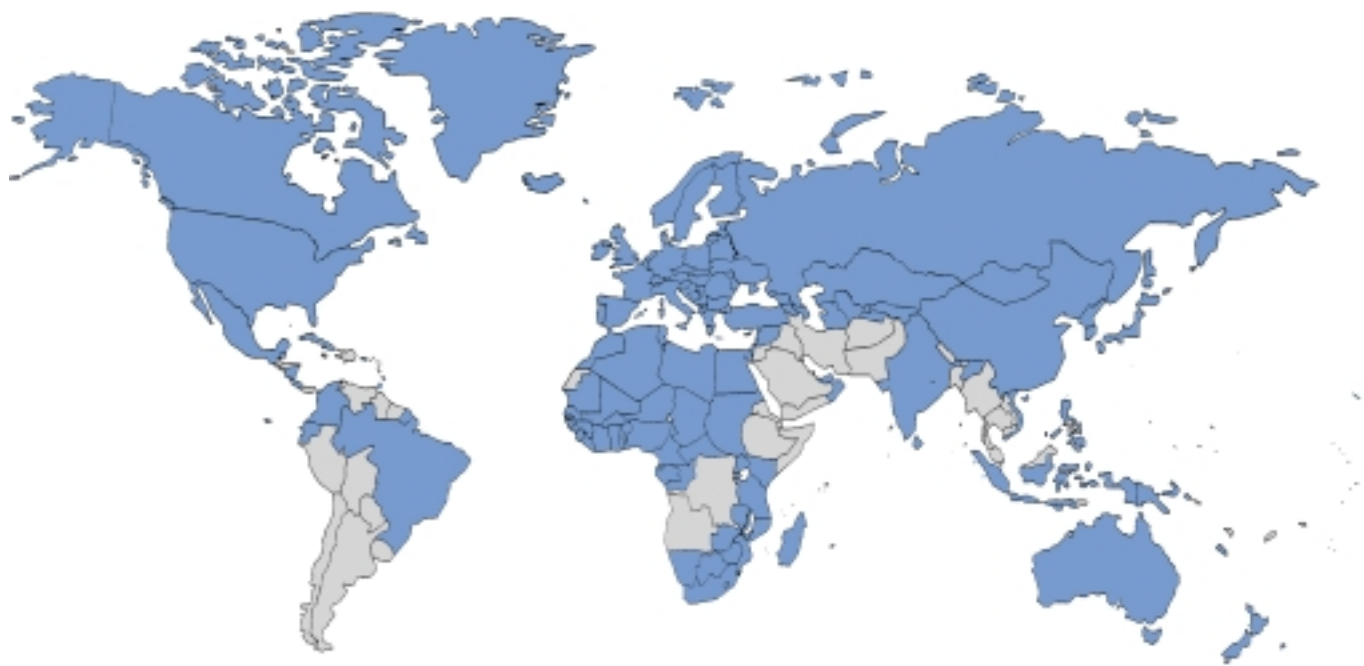
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 February 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁸		Handling fee ^{3, 18} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129	
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ¹⁹	AUD	205
CA	CAD	800		CAD	182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁵	EUR	1,530		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	160,000
RU ¹⁶	USD	200 ²⁰	300 ²¹	USD	155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²²	USD	155

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the 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*).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/EP, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP, KR and NL. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200=AUD 205, DKK 960, EUR 129, GBP 87, SEK 1,210, USD 155; CHF 300=AUD 308, DKK 1,440, EUR 193, GBP 131, JPY 26,100, KRW 241,000, SEK 1,810, USD 233.**
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 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.
- 10 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
- 11 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).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 19 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 21 In all cases where footnote 20 does not apply.
- 22 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US)).

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AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SM San Marino
AL Albania ¹	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IT Italy (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SY Syrian Arab Republic
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AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
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CO Colombia	HR Croatia ¹		SG Singapore	
	HU Hungary (EP)		SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
	ID Indonesia		SK Slovakia (EP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			
	IL Israel			

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).

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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 October 2005 and April 2005, respectively) 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 are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, and can be printed from the PCT 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.

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WIPO is pleased to announce the availability of the PCT Time Limit Calculator, a web-based resource available via PatentScope. The Calculator assists applicants in the computing of essential PCT time limits and provides full explanations of all the time limits, as well as references to relevant PCT Articles or Rules. By clicking on "summary", all the calculated time limits are shown together on one page – a useful page to print out. The use of the Calculator does not require any registration and is available free of charge at:

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To use the Calculator, the user should enter the earliest priority date, or the international filing date where there is no priority claimed. The list below gives the different sections of the Calculator under which different time limits can be calculated, along with any extra dates which need to be entered by the user (in parentheses).

(1) Main time limits:

- submission of the priority document to the International Bureau or the receiving Office
- earliest potential date for international publication
- time limit for entry into the national/regional phase.

(2) Correction or addition of a priority claim (priority date as changed; international filing date).

(3) Amendments under PCT Article 19 (transmittal date of international search report (ISR)).

(4) Demand for international preliminary examination (transmit-

tal date of the ISR if not already entered).

(5) Withdrawal of the international application.

(6) Recording of changes under PCT Rule 92*bis*.

(7) Other – this section enables you to enter a start date and a time period (in months) so that you can work out any other time limits.

The Calculator also contains links to the following important PCT resources which may be helpful when calculating time limits:

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- PCT statistics

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- Treaty, Regulations, Administrative Instructions and Guidelines for Authorities and Offices
- PCT legal text index
- *The History of the PCT Regulations*
- Records of the Washington Diplomatic Conference on the PCT
- Useful tables: reservations and incompatibilities; types of protection; time limits for entering national/regional phase; powers of attorney waivers; access to the IPER; regional patents; States party to PCT/Paris/WTO
- PCT Contracting States
- ISA and IPEA agreements

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- Electronic filing (PCT-SAFE)
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- PCT timelines – a useful document explaining the different PCT time limits;
- table of time limits for entering the national/regional phase;
- table of PCT reservations and incompatibilities;
- list of closing dates of patent Offices.

Because the Calculator is in electronic form, it can cover a very large spectrum of dates and it will be possible to amend it should there be any amendments to the PCT Regulations which would affect the time limit calculations or the accompanying explanatory texts. The attention of users of the PCT Time Limit Calculator is drawn to the disclaimer (there is a link to this at the bottom of the web page).

Comments on the new PCT Time Limit Calculator are welcome and should be sent to the PCT Legal Division, preferably by e-mail to:

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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

Changes Relating to the Publication of International Applications and the *PCT Gazette* as of 1 April 2006

Electronic publication of international applications

In accordance with Section 406(b) of the Administrative Instructions, as of the first international publication after 1 April 2006, international publication of international applications and any republications of previously published international applications will take place **wholly in electronic form**. As of that date, the legal publication of international applications will be the electronic publication only. The electronic publication will be available in several different electronic formats on the day of publication on the PatentScope Portal at the following URL:

www.wipo.int/pctdb

The International Bureau will continue its practice of publishing once a week, usually on Thursdays. As before, a time limit of 15 calendar days will be required for completion of technical preparations for international publication.

Searches of published international applications may be made on the above-mentioned web site using Boolean criteria on a range of bibliographic data elements or by searching the full text of the description and/or claims. The site's browse function reproduces the information from the current Sections I to III of the *PCT Gazette* in paper form. Once a particular international application has been selected via the search or browse functionality, the published international application is available for viewing, printing and downloading under the "Documents" tab. The formats available include PDF, HTML and XML, as well as a ZIP file containing bibliographical data in XML format and complete page images in TIFF format. The HTML and XML formats contain search-quality OCR text of the description and claims, which is created by converting the original published page images into character format.

Declarations referred to in PCT Rule 4.17, as well as the sequence listing part of the description will be published with the international application and made accessible for viewing, printing and downloading as separate entries under the "Documents" tab. The published international applications will thereby be fully

integrated into the revised *PCT Gazette* (see below).

In the event that the above indicated web site is not available for technical reasons on the publication date, the International Bureau will publish international applications electronically by making the published documents available via FTP access at the same URL indicated above.

Publication of declarations filed under PCT Rule 4.17

Following the amendment of PCT Rule 48.2(a)(x), which will enter into force on 1 April 2006, declarations filed under PCT Rule 4.17 will be published with the published international application. It is planned that the front page of the international publication of the international application will continue to refer to declarations which have been filed within the time limit under Rule 26ter.1. As a consequence of the modifications of Sections 211–215 and Annex D of the Administrative Instructions, the front page of the international publication will no longer contain an indication of the designations in respect of which each declaration was made.

Copy of the publication of the international application for the applicant

With effect from 1 July 2006, the International Bureau **will no longer transmit a paper copy of the published international application to the applicant**. It is planned, instead, that amended Form PCT/IB/311 will be sent to the applicant on the date of publication, notifying the applicant that international publication has taken place, of the international publication number, and a reference to the PatentScope Portal where the published international application can be searched, viewed and downloaded. On request, the International Bureau will send a paper copy of the published international application, free of charge, to the applicant.

It should be noted that this change does not affect the current means of communication of published international applications to national Offices and to interested third parties.

Electronic publication of the *PCT Gazette*

Following the amendments to PCT Rules 86.1 and 86.2 and Section 407 of the Administrative Instructions, as of the first publication of the *PCT Gazette* after 1 April 2006, the *Gazette*

will no longer be made available in paper form, but will be published **wholly in electronic form** on the international publication date on the PatentScope Portal at the following URL:

www.wipo.int/pctdb

The bilingual electronic *PCT Gazette* will be available, as in the past, on the publication date. The content of the published data in the *PCT Gazette* will in principle remain unchanged, but searching the *Gazette* contents will be easier.

It will be possible to generate weekly indexes by publication number, application number, IPC classification or applicant's name. It will also be possible to order the information in the "browse Gazette" function by publication number, application number, IPC classification or applicant's name. Summary information about each published or republished international application will be displayed in the "browse Gazette" function. Clicking on an entry in the "browse Gazette" function will display the detailed information about a published international application including latest bibliographic data and access to documents relating to the international application. Notices in respect of international applications, in particular such notices from the current Section II of the *PCT Gazette* in paper form, will be viewable under the "Notices" tab. "Official Notices" (*PCT Gazette* Section IV) will continue to be published as PDF files.

For a transitional period (until 30 June 2006), the International Bureau plans to retain, in PDF format, the current format of the *PCT Gazette* on the PatentScope Portal.

The International Bureau welcomes comments on these changes which should be sent preferably by e-mail to:

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or by fax to:

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Changes Relating to the Publication of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*

The International Bureau has continually attempted to improve both the quality of information about the PCT and the availability of that information to PCT users. As part of that effort, the International Bureau has published the *PCT Applicant's Guide* for the last

28 years. Since September 2000, the complete text of the *Guide* has been available free of charge on the PCT web site which, since July 2001, has been regularly updated (now weekly) with information received from the Contracting States.

The *Guide*, as a subscription-based paper publication, has traditionally been updated twice per year, and only once per year in the last few years. Because of its nature as a static publication (with content "frozen" at the time of printing), the frequency of changes which are made by PCT Contracting States to the *Guide* content, and the infrequency of the publication of updates to the paper version of the *Guide*, the Office of the PCT has become increasingly concerned that the current model for the *Guide* no longer responds in the best way possible to the needs of PCT users.

As a result of these concerns and after consultation with a number of PCT applicants who are current *Guide* subscribers, the International Bureau has decided that it will no longer publish and distribute the paper version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*. Subscribers to the paper version of the *Guide* will not receive a paper update of the *Guide* in 2006, and will accordingly not be invoiced. Starting this year:

(1) the *Guide* will exist only as a web-based publication, available free of charge, and updated weekly – as at present, it can be found on the *PatentScope* web site, WIPO's PCT and patent portal, at:

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

(2) all *Guide* users may subscribe to an e-mail update service at the above address, which will provide them with a weekly e-mail informing them which *Guide* information has been updated that week and containing links to those updated elements. Lines in the margins of the pages of those elements will make it clear which contents have been changed since a particular reference date.

These changes to the *PCT Applicant's Guide* will benefit PCT users in the following ways:

(1) the official version of the *Guide* will always be available and contain the most recent updates, unlike the current paper version where the *Guide* content is frozen at the time of the issuance of the paper update;

(2) users will be able to rely on WIPO and not on their own resources to keep the *Guide* up-to-date;

(3) no subscription fee will need to be paid for access to the full content of the *Guide*.

We are confident that these changes will prove advantageous to users of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the PCT Legal Division at:

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Modifications to the Administrative Instructions

Modifications have been made to a number of Sections of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, with effect from 1 April 2006. The following Sections will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 April 2006:

211, 212, 213, 215, 319, 424

and the following Sections will apply to international applications as from 1 April 2006, irrespective of their international filing date:

209, 404, 406, 407, 408, 410, 422, 433, 435, and Annexes D and E

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/4) is available from the PCT web site under "Administrative Instructions in force from April 1, 2006" at:

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

Modifications to the Receiving Office Guidelines

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 April 2006, to the following paragraphs of the Receiving Office Guidelines and will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 April 2006:

55, 101, 102, 163, 192C

Editorial changes have also been made to several other paragraphs. The consolidated text of the Receiving Office Guidelines (RO/GL/RO/4) is available from the PCT web site under "Receiving Office Guidelines in force from April 1, 2006" at:

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

Modifications to Certain PCT Forms

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 April 2006, to the following PCT Forms:

PCT/RO/101	(Request Form)
PCT/IPEA/401	(Demand Form)
PCT/RO/111	(Notification Relating to Priority Claim)
PCT/RO/146	Notification Regarding Certain Corrections Made <i>Ex Officio</i>
PCT/RO/156	(Invitation to Correct Declarations Made in the Request under PCT Rule 4.17)
PCT/IB/318	(Notification Relating to Priority Claim)
PCT/IB/370	(Invitation to Correct Declarations Made in the Request under PCT Rule 4.17)
PCT/IB/371	(Notification Relating to Declaration Made under PCT Rule 4.17)

The modified PCT Forms should be used as from 1 April 2006 and are available from the PCT web site under "Forms in force from April 1, 2006" at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/

Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws

SE Sweden (PCT Rules 49ter.1 and 49ter.2)

It is recalled that, in October 2005, the PCT Assembly adopted, among others, new PCT Rules 49ter.1 and 49ter.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning the restoration of right of priority by a designated Office, which will enter into force on **1 April 2007**.

New Rule 49ter.1(g) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006...."

New Rule 49ter.2(h) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law,

provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility in relation to both rules.

Republic of Korea (PCT Rule 51bis.1(e))

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) (concerning the furnishing of a translation of the priority document), as amended with effect from 1 March 2001, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2001, page 2), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified WIPO that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 January 2006; amended PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) therefore applies since that date.

Power of Attorney Waiver

Notification under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) (Icelandic Patent Office)

For background information on the above-mentioned notification, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2.

The Icelandic Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it has waived, since 27 February 2006, the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required are as follows:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IS) and of the table published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2005)

PCT Information Update

EP European Patent Office (evidence of mailing a document; fees)

There has been a change in the requirements of the European Patent Office (EPO) as to the acceptability of evidence of mailing of a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery

service other than the postal authorities is used; it will now accept such evidence provided that the delivery service is: Chronopost, Deutsche Post Express, DHL, Federal Express, Flexpress, LTA, SkyNet, TNT or UPS.

As from 1 April 2006, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:	see Table I(a)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 35

As from 1 April 2006, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office:

National basic fee:	
– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online:	EUR 95
– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed on paper:	EUR 170
– designation fee for each EPO Contracting State designated and for the joint designation of Switzerland and Liechtenstein; paying seven times the amount of this fee is deemed payment for all EPC Contracting States:	EUR 80
– extension fee (for extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro or the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia):	[No change]

Claims fee for the 11 th and each subsequent claim:	EUR 45
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Search fee:	
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR 720
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR 1,000

Surcharge for late filing of either the translation of the international application or the request for examination, or for late payment

of the national basic fee, the search fee, the examination fee or the designation fees:

50% of the relevant fees but at least EUR 520 for late filing of the translation, up to a maximum of EUR 1,820

Examination fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 1,490
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up: EUR 1,490
- for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,335

Renewal fee for the third year: EUR 400

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (EP), Annex C (EP) and National Chapter, Summary (EP))

ES Spain (fees)

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has informed WIPO that the amounts of the following fees, payable to it as receiving Office, changed on 1 January 2006:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)
 fee for priority document: EUR 26.63

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, also changed on the same date:

for patent:
 filing fee: EUR 86.40
 for utility model:
 filing fee: EUR 86.40

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (ES) and National Chapter, Summary (ES))

MD Republic of Moldova (provisions concerning international-type search; special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) has notified new provisions of the law of the Republic of Moldova

concerning international-type search, as follows:

Provisions of the law of the Republic of Moldova concerning international-type search:

reduced examination fees (for substantive examination) in the case of submission of the international-type search report

The Office has notified a change in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as indicated below:

The deposit may be made with a depositary institution designated by the Government or with institutions which have the status of international depositary authority not later than the filing date of the international application.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (MD) and Annex L)

SG Singapore (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, for international applications filed on or after 2 June 2006 by nationals and residents of Singapore with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as receiving Office. This specification is in addition to that of the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (the European Patent Office is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is being or has been performed by the European Patent Office or the Austrian Patent Office.)

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office) (see also separate item on the European Patent Office, below)

As from 1 April 2006, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international

search carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as indicated in Table I(b) (the equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been confirmed and will be published in the April 2006 issue of the *PCT Newsletter*) and there will be a change in the following fee payable to that Office:

Additional search fee: EUR 1,615

As from 1 April 2006, there will be a change in the amount payable for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as indicated in Table I(b), and there will be a change in the following fee payable to that Office:

Additional search fee: SEK 15,230

As from 15 April 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in KRW for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and an equivalent amount in SGD has been established, applicable as from 2 June 2006, for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, ES, KR and SE))

Search fee, preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to the international search and preliminary examination (European Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2006, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b) (the equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been confirmed and will be published in the April issue of the *PCT Newsletter*). There will also be a change in the following fees payable to that Office:

Additional search fee: EUR 1,615

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per page:

for applicants: [no change]
for designated Offices: EUR 0.65

Fee for translation into English of the international application, per 100 words of the original text: EUR 25

Protest fee: EUR 1,065

As from 1 April 2006, there will also be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by that Office, as indicated in Table II, as well as a change in the following fees payable to it:

Additional preliminary examination fee: EUR 1,595

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, per page:

– for applicants: [no change]
– for elected Offices: EUR 0.65

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per A4 page or smaller (delivery charge should be added if the copies are to be sent by airmail): EUR 0.65

Protest fee: EUR 1,065

The Office has introduced a new condition for refund of the search fee, together with the extent of the refund, applicable since 1 January 2006, as follows (other conditions already applicable have not changed):

conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:

extent to which the search fee shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from an earlier search in carrying out international search:

– for a search with written opinion on a national application made on behalf of a national Office (FR):

(full benefit) EUR 1,550
(partial benefit) EUR 387.50

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D and E (EP))

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

FAQs

French and Spanish versions of the publication "Protecting your inventions abroad: Frequently asked questions about the Patent Cooperation

Treaty (PCT)” are now available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/es/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

ISA and IPEA forms

Certain International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examination Authority forms are now available in German, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/isa/index.htm

www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/ipea/index.htm

Table of reservations and incompatibilities

The table containing all PCT reservations and incompatibilities was updated on 17 February 2006, in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish, and is available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/ru/pct/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 26 May 2006

Due to the fact that Thursday, 25 May 2006, will be a non-working day at WIPO, *PCT Gazette* No. 21/2006 and the corresponding published PCT applications will be published on Friday, 26 May instead of on the Thursday.

Note that the completion of technical preparations for the publication of *PCT Gazette* No. 21/2006 and the corresponding published PCT applications will take place more than the usual 15 days before publication, on the usual day, Wednesday, 10 May 2006, meaning that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Tuesday, 9 May 2006.

Publication of 8 June 2006

Due to the fact that Thursday, 25 May 2006, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the publication of *PCT Gazette* No. 23/2006 (dated 8 June 2006) and the corresponding published PCT applications will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 23 May, instead of on Wednesday, 24 May, the day on which it would normally have been completed. This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Monday, 22 May 2006.

Practical Advice

Obtaining copies of documents from the International Bureau, in particular priority documents

Q: How do I obtain copies of priority documents in connection with international applications filed by other applicants?

A: Under PCT Rule 17.2(c), the International Bureau (IB) will furnish to third parties copies of priority documents after international publication of the international application concerned, unless the international application was withdrawn before publication, the priority claim concerned was withdrawn or considered, under PCT Rule 26bis.2(b), not to have been made before publication, or unless the priority document has not yet been received by the IB.

Priority documents, as well as other documents related to the international application, can be obtained either from the WIPO web site via the PCT Online File Inspection System or by sending a written request to WIPO, as explained below.

(1) PCT Online File Inspection System

With the introduction of the PCT Online File Inspection System on WIPO's PatentScope web site, it is now possible to access and print out, free of charge, priority documents from the Internet in respect of priorities claimed in international applications whose international filing dates are from January 2001 onwards. To access the priority document, you should go to:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/

and then carry out a search for the international application concerned. Three search

systems are available for this purpose:

- simple
- advanced
- structured

The simple search and the advanced search will allow you to type in key words which will help you find the application; the advanced search, however, may save time as it will permit you to sort the results either by relevance or chronologically. The structured search is much more useful if you know some of the details of the international application. For example, you can perform a search by the following criteria: international application number, priority number, title of the invention, applicant's name, inventor's name, publication date and/or international classification.

When you find the relevant international application, click on "documents". You will see a list of documents that are available for the international application concerned. To view each document, click on the format of the file that you wish to view the document in. Note that by selecting PDF as your format, you will be able to view and print the whole document out in a single consolidated file.

Other types of documents are also available from the PCT Online File Inspection System. The complete list of types of documents and dates from which those documents have been made available on the system is published in a table entitled "Content of the PCT Online File Inspection" at:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/content.html

The content-related information may be subject to periodical change as more documents are added to the system. Note that limitations as to the availability of certain documents exist due to changes which have been made to the

PCT Regulations in respect of access to the file (see below).

(2) Written requests to WIPO

Requests for access to documents in the file held by the IB which are not available from the PCT Online File Inspection System, and which would be permitted to be furnished according to PCT Rule 94.1, should be made in writing, addressed to the PCT Legal Division and sent to the following fax number:

(41-22) 910 00 30

If only copies of priority documents are required, requests for these should be addressed to the PCT Operations Division, and sent to the following fax number:

(41-22) 338 82 70

Depending on what documents are requested, the IB will make copies of the documents in the file of the international application. An invoice for payment for this service will be sent under separate cover, once the documents have been mailed. For the fees payable to the IB for this service, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (IB).

For documents in the file of the IB in general, it is important to be aware that there are certain limitations with regard to the type of document that can be accessed, both via the PCT Online File Inspection System and by writing to the IB, depending on when the international application was filed, as the PCT Regulations have been amended on several occasions to facilitate access to the file of the international application. For further information on access to the file, see PCT Rules 17 and 94, the *History of the PCT Regulations* (if you want to see earlier texts of these Rules, which may apply to earlier-filed international applications), and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, "Introduction to the International Phase", paragraphs 474–476.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
17 March 2006 Potchefstroom (ZA)	English	PCT conference WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Pii	University of North West (Prof. Andries van der Merwe) Tel: (27-18) 299 19 30 E-mail: HNRAPVDM@puknet.puk.ac.za
20 March 2006 Durban (ZA)	English	PCT conference WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Pii	University of Kwazulu-Natal (Mr. Christopher Schembri) Tel: (27-31) 260 23 01 E-mail: schembr@ukzn.ac.za
27 March 2006 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
2-3 April 2006 Jerusalem (IL)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Shoshani	Israel Patent Office (Dr. Noam Meir) Tel: (972-2) 565 16 43 Fax: (972-2) 565 17 00 E-mail: meirno@justice.gov.il
4-5 April 2006 Frankfurt (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
5-6 April 2006 Tel Aviv (IL)	English	Roundtable discussions with lawyers, patent attorneys and universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Erstling	Israel Patent Office (Dr. Noam Meir) Tel: (972-2) 565 16 43 Fax: (972-2) 565 17 00 E-mail: meirno@justice.gov.il
21-22 April 2006 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
26 April 2006 London (GB)	English	PCT-SAFE workshop WIPO speaker: Ms. Featherby	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
27-28 April 2006 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT Formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Aeri	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
11 May 2006 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	PCT Update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
16 May 2006 New York (Manhattan) (US)	English	Seminar on important developments with respect to the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling and Ms. Boutillon	International Intellectual Property Society (IIPS) (Ms. Soraida Santana) Tel: (1-212) 940 63 33 Fax: (1-212) 940 89 87 E-mail: soraida.santana@kattenlaw.com
14 June 2006 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT Update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Danish Association of Intellectual Property Administrators (DAIPA) (Ms. Susanne Aalborg) Tel: (45-36) 43 32 03 Fax: (45-36) 43 83 01 E-mail: SAA@lundbeck.com
22-23 June 2006 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT-seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 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 footnotes 2 and 5 for details. 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 3 and 10. (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
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	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	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSM	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	15	103	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	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	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,086	12	78	EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,273	14	91	CA
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 ⁷ —	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	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 900	10	64	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,710	70	480	EP SE
DM	Information not yet available				

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD 50	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
EC	USD ⁷ —	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 100	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP US
EP ⁵	EUR 100 (from 1.4.06: 105)	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 66.56	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 900	10	64	EP
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 ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 79	CHF 1,400 or EUR 900 or USD 1,086	15 10 12	100 64 78	See footnote 11
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 480	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 68,000	700	4,900	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 121,800	1,300	8,700	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				
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT RU
KR ⁵	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,123,000	12,000	80,000	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	N a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 900	10	n a	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 ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
NI	USD 200	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
NL ⁵	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,584	17	113	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁷ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	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	AU EP JP KR US

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
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	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	AT AU EP KR ¹⁵
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	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	N a	EP
SY	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
TN	TND ⁷ —	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	N a	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,086	12	78	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁷ —	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	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 6,910	70	490	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 March 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT	EUR 200	CHF 311	KRW 250,000	SGD 410	USD 241	ZAR 1,540				
AU	AUD 1,200	CHF 1,171	EUR 752	KRW* 939,000	NZD 1,324	SGD 1,530				
	USD 908	ZAR 5,780								
	* (from 15.4.06: KRW 885,000)									
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,759	EUR 1,131	USD 1,365						
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 335	EUR 215	USD 260						
EP ¹⁶	EUR* 1,550	CHF* 2,412	CYP* 888	DKK* 11,560	GBP* 1,052	ISK* 117,000				
	JPY* 209,800	MWK* 232,000	NOK* 12,110	NZD* 2,728	SEK* 14,560	SGD* 3,160				
	USD* 1,871	ZAR* 11,910								
	* (from 1.4.06: EUR 1,615 Note that the equivalent amounts in the other currencies have not yet been confirmed and will be published in the April issue of the PCT Newsletter. Please check with your receiving Office)									
ES ¹⁶	EUR* 1,550	CHF* 2,412	USD* 1,871							
	* (from 1.4.06: EUR 1,615 Note that the equivalent amounts in the other currencies have not yet been confirmed and will be published in the April issue of the PCT Newsletter. Please check with your receiving Office)									
FI	EUR 1,550	CHF 2,412	USD 1,871							
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,115	EUR 717	KRW* 895,000	USD 810					
	* (from 15.3.06: KRW 841,000)									
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 280	EUR 180	NZD 317	SGD* —	USD 218				
	* (from 2.6.06: SGD 380)									
RU ¹⁷	USD 300	CHF 387	EUR 248							
SE	SEK* 14,560	CHF* 2,412	DKK* 11,560	EUR* 1,550	ISK* 117,000	NOK* 12,110				
	USD* 1,871									
	* (from 1.4.06: SEK 15,230 CHF 2,525 DKK 12,050 EUR 1,615 ISK 125,000 NOK 12,990 USD 1,925)									
US	USD 1,000	300 ¹⁸	CHF 1,289	387 ¹⁸	EUR 828	248 ¹⁸	NZD 1,460	440 ¹⁸		
	ZAR 6,360	1,910 ¹⁸								

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

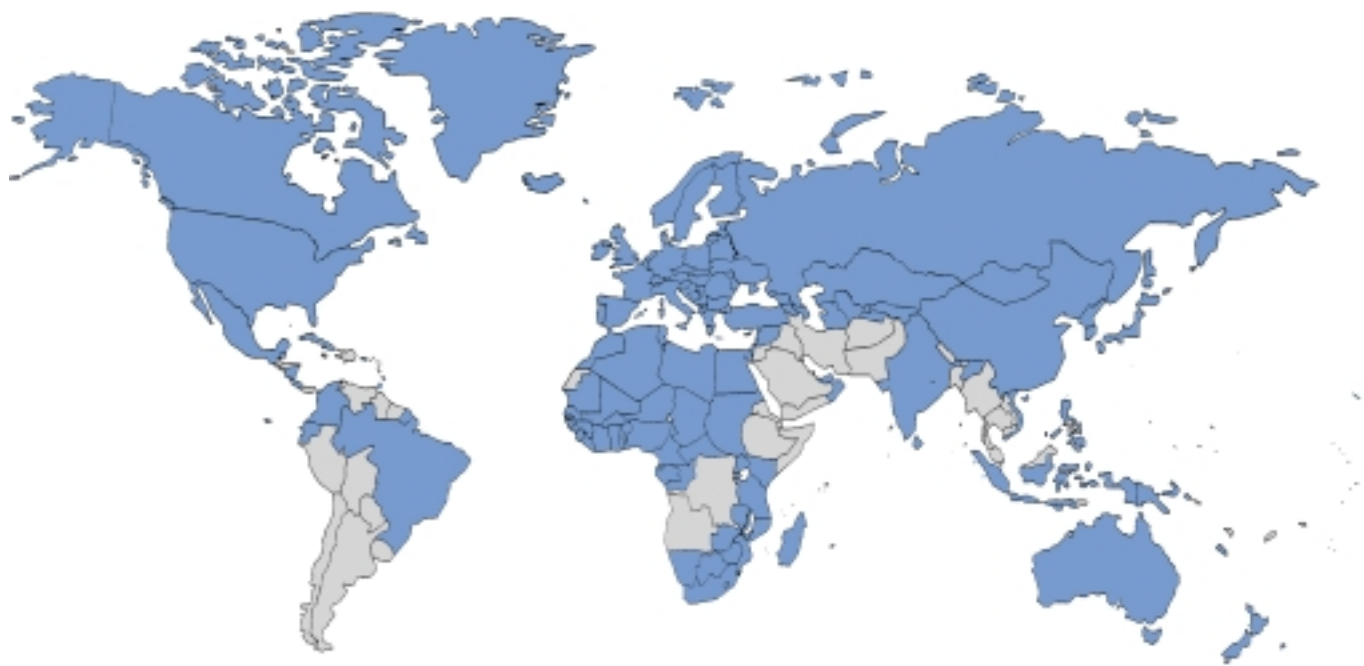
(amounts on 1 March 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁹		Handling fee^{3, 19} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ²⁰	AUD 205
CA	CAD	800		CAD 182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EP¹⁶	EUR	1,530	(from 1.4.06: 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 160,000
RU¹⁷	USD	200 ²¹	300 ²²	USD 155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²³	USD 155

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the 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*).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/EP, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP, KR and NL. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200=AUD 205, DKK 960, EUR 129, GBP 87, SEK 1,210, USD 155; CHF 300=AUD 308, DKK 1,440, EUR 193, GBP 131, JPY 26,100, KRW 241,000, SEK 1,810, USD 233.**
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 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.
- 10 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
- 11 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).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 For international applications filed on or after 2 June 2006.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.
- 19 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 21 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 22 In all cases where footnote 21 does not apply.
- 23 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US)).

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AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SM San Marino
AL Albania ¹	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IT Italy (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AT Austria (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AU Australia	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	TD Chad (OA) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
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BR Brazil	FR France (EP) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NZ New Zealand	UA Ukraine
BW Botswana (AP)	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LR Liberia	OM Oman	UG Uganda (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	US United States of America
BZ Belize	GD Grenada	LT Lithuania (EP)	PH Philippines	UZ Uzbekistan
CA Canada	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GH Ghana (AP)	LV Latvia (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	VN Viet Nam
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CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MG Madagascar	SE Sweden (EP)	
CO Colombia	HR Croatia ¹		SG Singapore	
	HU Hungary (EP)		SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
	ID Indonesia		SK Slovakia (EP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			
	IL Israel			

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 October 2005 and April 2005, respectively) 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 are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, and can be printed from the PCT 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.

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New PCT Contracting States

Lao People's Democratic Republic (country code: LA) and

Honduras (country code: HN)

The Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 14 March 2006, and Honduras, on 20 March 2006, have deposited their instruments of accession to the PCT, and on 14 and 20 June 2006, respectively, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 14 June 2006 will automatically include the designation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and any international application filed on or after 20 June 2006 will automatically include the designation of Honduras.

Also, because the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Honduras will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, they will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 14 and 20 June 2006, respectively. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and of Honduras will be entitled, as from 14 and 20 June 2006, respectively, to file international applications under the PCT.

Note that the Lao People's Democratic Republic has made a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

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In 2005, 266 applicants accounted for 43,347 (34.6%) of the 125,314 international applications published, each of them with 50 or more applications published. Of these 266 applicants, 205 were from one

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Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws

JP Japan (PCT Rules 20.8(a), 20.8(b), 26bis.3, 49ter.1 and 49ter.2)

It is recalled that, in October 2005, the PCT Assembly adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements by a receiving Office, and new PCT Rules 26bis.3, 49ter.1 and 49ter.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning the restoration of right of priority by a receiving or designated Office, as the case may be, which will enter into force on **1 April 2007**.

New Rule 20.8(a) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii),

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Reminder

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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

20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

New Rule 20.8(b) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

New Rule 26bis.3(j) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (i) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

New Rule 49ter.1(g) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

New Rule 49ter.2(h) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

The Japan Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving and designated Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility in relation to all of the above-mentioned Rules.

PCT Information Update

BY Belarus (name of Office; telephone number; e-mail and Internet addresses; fees)

The Russian name and one of the telephone numbers of the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) have changed, and the Office has deleted one of its e-mail addresses and introduced an Internet address. The name, numbers and addresses to be used are now as follows:

Name of Office:

Natsionalny Tsentralny Intellektualnoy Sobstvennosti

Telephone: (375-17) 294 36 56, 285 26 05

E-mail: ncip@belpatent.gin.by

Internet: www.belgospatent.org

The Office has also notified the deletion of the fee for priority document.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (BY) and C (BY))

BZ Belize (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Belize Intellectual Property Office have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address:

Habet Building (2nd Floor)
P.O. Box 592
Constitution Drive
Belmopan, Belize

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

CA Canada (fees)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as designated (or elected) Office, has changed (the amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a "small entity"). (Other fees not indicated have not changed):

Examination fee: CAD 800 (400)

The Office has notified changes in the conditions relating to reductions of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

The examination fee is reduced by 75% where the international search report has

been established by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

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

DE Germany (special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as indicated below:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish the indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii):

Section 3(2) of the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material [BioMatHintV]:

- the name and address of the depositary institution at the time of filing (as part of the application)
- where the applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, the accession number not later than that request
- where the applicant has been notified that a right to inspection of files exists, the accession number, one month from that notification

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish any additional matter specified below:

Section 1(1), No. 2, of the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material:

- at the time of filing (as part of the application)

Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned:

Section 1(1), No. 2, of the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material:

- to the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the German Patent and Trade Mark Office with all institutions published further in Annex L and with any scientifically recognized institution at home or abroad that is legally, economi-

cally and organizationally independent of the applicant and of the depositor and ensures the proper storage and furnishing of samples in accordance with the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material of 24 January 2005.

The applicant may request that, until the grant of a patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn, a sample shall only be issued to an independent expert nominated by the applicant. The request shall be filed with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office before technical preparations for publication of the international application are considered to be completed.

At the time of filing, the applicant shall give his unreserved and irrevocable authorization to the depositary institution to issue samples in accordance with the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material of 24 January 2005, and shall furnish documentary evidence that the depositor has given an undertaking to that effect, where the biological material has been deposited by a third party.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Office (telephone and fax numbers)

There has been a change in the area code for Moscow. The telephone and fax numbers of the Eurasian Patent Office have therefore changed, as follows:

Telephone: (74-95) 411 61 50

Fax: (74-95) 616 22 53

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (EA))

EG Egypt (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Egyptian Patent Office as receiving Office, has changed:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

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

GB United Kingdom (e-mail address)

The Patent Office (United Kingdom) has introduced an additional e-mail address to which all PCT enquiries should be addressed.

The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

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(for enquiries only)

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

GR Greece (fees)

There has been a change in the amount of the following fee, payable to the Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece) as receiving Office:

fee for priority document: EUR 20

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

IN India (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address)

The location and mailing addresses, the telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail addresses of the Patent Office (India) have changed. The addresses and numbers to be used are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:

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CP-2, Sector-V
Salt Lake City
Kolkata 700 091, India

The Patent Office Delhi:

Intellectual Property Office Building,
Sector-14, Block. No-32
Dwaraka
New Delhi 110 075, India

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G.S.T. Road
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (IN))

KR Republic of Korea (fees; time limit for entry into the national phase)

As from 15 May 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 fee reduction and electronic filing reduction: see Table I(a) and footnotes 2 and 5

The Office has also notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) before it as a designated and elected Office. The new time limits, applicable to any international application for which the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) did not expire before 3 March 2006, are both 31 months from the priority date.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (KR) and National Chapter, Summary (KR))

LT Lithuania (Internet address)

The Internet address of the Lithuanian Patent Office has changed, as follows:

Internet: www.vpb.gov.lt/en/

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

NL Netherlands (name of Office; telephone number; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name and telephone number of the Netherlands Industrial Property Office have changed, and the Office has introduced e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:

Octrooicentrum Nederland
Netherlands Patent Office

Telephone: (31-70) 398 66 99

E-mail: info@octrooicentrum-nl

Internet: www.octrooicentrum-nl

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

NO Norway (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

There has been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Norwegian Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office where the applicant is not the inventor (the other requirements have not changed), as follows:

If someone other than the inventor applies for a patent, the application shall contain a declaration from the applicant stating his right to the invention, or a deed of transfer*

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (NO))

NZ New Zealand (telephone number; e-mail address; means of telecommunication)

The telephone number and e-mail address of the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand have changed. The telephone number and e-mail address to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (64-3) 0508 447 669

Fax: info@iponz.govt.nz

The Office has informed WIPO that it now accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

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

PH Philippines (e-mail address)

The Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) has introduced an additional e-mail address. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

E-mail: pct@ipophil.gov.ph

mail@ipophil.gov.ph

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

RU Russian Federation (telephone and fax numbers)

There has been a change in the area code for Moscow. The telephone and fax numbers of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation) have therefore changed, as follows:

Telephone: (74-95) 956 81 09 (general)
(74-95) 240 58 88
(application processing)

Fax: (74-95) 243 33 37

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

TZ United Republic of Tanzania (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania) has

changed, and the Office has introduced two additional e-mail addresses, as follows:

E-mail: usajili@cats-net.com
 brela@cats-net.com
 ipo@cats-net.com

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

ZA South Africa (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: ezdravkova@cipro.gov.za

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 June 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in SGD for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office.

As from 15 May 2006, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in NZD and USD for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office, and, further to the announcement published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2006 notifying a new amount of the search fee payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as from 1 April 2006, new equivalent amounts payable in CHF and USD have been established.

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, ES and KR))

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (European Patent Office)

Further to the announcement published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2006 notifying a new amount of the search fee payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office as from 1 April 2006, new equivalent amounts payable in CHF, CYP, DKK, GBP, ISK, JPY, MWK, NOK, NZD, SEK, SGD, USD and ZAR have been established, as indicated in Table I(b).

The Office has changed one of the conditions for refund of the search fee (other conditions not indicated have not changed), and the extent to which the search fee shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from an earlier search in carrying out international search, as follows:

- for a European search (EPC Art. 78(2))

(international application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	960
(partial benefit)	EUR	240

(international application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	1,000
(partial benefit)	EUR	250

- for a European search (EPC Art. 78(2)):

(international application filed before 1 July 2005 and search fee paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	690
(partial benefit)	EUR	172.50

(international application filed before 1 July 2005 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	720
(partial benefit)	EUR	180

- for an international search (PCT Art. 15(1))

(international application filed on or after 1 January 2004 and search fee paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	1,550
(partial benefit)	EUR	387.50

(international application filed on or after 1 January 2004 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	1,615
(partial benefit)	EUR	403.75

- for a search with written opinion on a national application made on behalf of a national Office (FR, NL,* TR*)

(search fee for the international application paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	1,550
(partial benefit)	EUR	387.50

(search fee for the international application paid on or after 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	1,615
(partial benefit)	EUR	403.75

- for an international search (PCT Art. 15(1))

(international application filed before 1 January 2004 and search fee paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	945
(partial benefit)	EUR	236.25

(international application filed before 1 January 2004 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	985
(partial benefit)	EUR	246.25

- for an international-type search (PCT Art. 15(5))

(search fee paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	945
(partial benefit)	EUR	236.25

(search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	985
(partial benefit)	EUR	246.25

- for a standard search

(search fee paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	945
(partial benefit)	EUR	236.25

(search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	985
(partial benefit)	EUR	246.25

- for a search without written opinion on a national application made on behalf of a national Office (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR)

(search fee for the international application paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	945
(partial benefit)	EUR	236.25

(search fee for the international application paid on or after 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	EUR	985
(partial benefit)	EUR	246.25

* Only for national applications filed as from 1 July 2006.

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

Handling fee (Korean Intellectual Property Office)

As from 15 May 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in KRW to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as indicated in Table II.

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

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.005.180), dated 1 April 2006, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/download_client.htm

This version includes changes due to the amendments to the PCT Regulations and Administrative Instructions under the PCT (with effect from 1 April 2006), in particular the possibility to irrevocably exclude the designation of Japan (JP) and the fact that declarations of the designated States for which they are made. This version also permits residents and/or nationals of the United States of America, filing with RO/US to indicate ISA/KR as the International Searching Authority. Other PCT updates, including new fee schedules, are also included.

Further details are available on the PCT-SAFE website at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.htm

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

Regulations under the PCT

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT in English and French, as in force from 1 April 2006, are available at, respectively:

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

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

New editions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (WIPO publication No. 274 (E) and (F)), as in force from 1 April 2006, will also be available shortly.

Request and Demand Forms

The April 2006 versions of the Request Form (PCT/RO/101) and Demand Form (PCT/IPEA/401) in English, French, German and Spanish, in editable PDF format, are now available on the PCT web site at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/

Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PowerPoint presentation

A PowerPoint presentation containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations that entered into force on 1 April 2006 is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2006changes.ppt

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and the European Patent Organisation, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2006, have been published on the PCT web site at:

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

PCT Applicant's Guide

The following parts of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* have been updated to take into account the PCT Rule changes that entered into force on 1 April 2006:

Volume I: Introduction to the International Phase

Volume I: Index to the International Phase

Volume II: Introduction to the National Phase

and have been published on the PCT web site at:

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

The French translation is under preparation.

It is recalled that all Guide users may subscribe to an e-mail update service at the above-mentioned Internet address, which will provide them with a weekly e-mail informing them which Guide information has been updated that week and containing links to those updated elements.

Search International Patent Applications via PatentScope

From July 2005 to 1 April 2006, searching international patent applications was possible through two databases: the electronic *PCT Gazette* and the PCT Online File Inspection. Until April 2006, the latter was published as a prototype. This prototype had been developed with the aim of publication of international applications and of the *PCT Gazette* only in electronic form according to a decision of WIPO Member States taken in September 2005.

On April 1, 2006, the *PCT Gazette* and the PCT Online File Inspection were merged into one single source of data which is easy to use. This is available at:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/

www.wipo.int/pctdb/fr/

Further information is available at:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/news.html, and

www.wipo.int/edocs/prdocs/en/2006/wipo_pr_2006_443.html

Reminder: Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

Further to the warnings that were published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 09/2002, 09/2003 ("Practical Advice"), 07/2004 and 07/2005, it has come to the attention of the International Bureau 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 registration 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. They appear to come from different sources - the ones we have been informed about have come from:

"CCIT - Commercial Center for Industrie and Trade" (new source added to the PCT web site on 13 March 2006)

"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 web site at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.htm

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 international publication are set out in PCT Article 29. In case of doubt in relation to such an invitation, 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

Since 1 January 2006, there has been a change in the way in which international applications filed with the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office (RO/JP) are numbered.

It is recalled that, in accordance with Section 307 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the last part of the international application number should be a six-digit number, allotted in sequential order corresponding to the order in which the international applications are received. International applications

filed with RO/JP on or after 1 January 2006 are being assigned numbers beginning with "3xxxxx", for example PCT/JP2006/300001. This new numbering system, which is being introduced for technical reasons, applies to international applications filed 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).

Once RO/JP starts accepting international applications filed fully electronically using the PCT-SAFE software (expected to be some time in the second half of 2006), applications filed using PCT-SAFE will be assigned numbers beginning with "34xxxx", for example PCT/JP2006/340001.

EPO: Notice Concerning the Limitation of its Competence as a PCT Authority

The European Patent Office (EPO) has published the following information concerning its competence as a PCT Authority (see *Official Journal EPO*, No. 2/2006, page 149):

"The entry into force on 1 January 2006 of the revised 8th edition of the International Patent Classification (IPC) has given rise to the following change in the Notice from the President of the EPO dated 26 November 2001 concerning limitation of the EPO's competence as a PCT authority (OJ EPO 2002, 52 ff), prolonged in respect of business methods by Notice from the EPO dated 1 December 2004 (OJ EPO 2005, 149):

"Under IPC⁸ (2006), the "Business method related inventions" referred to in paragraph 4 of the above notice (old IPC class: G 06F17/60) now correspond to the following classes and sub-classes:

G06Q:

Data processing systems or methods, specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes; systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not otherwise provided for

G06Q 10/00: Administration, eg office automation or reservations; Management, eg resource or project management

G06Q 30/00: Commerce, eg marketing, shopping, billing, auctions or e-commerce

G06Q 40/00: Finance, eg banking, investment or tax processing; Insurance, eg risk analysis or pensions

G06Q 50/00: Systems or methods specially adapted for a specific business sector, eg health care, utilities, tourism or legal services

G06Q 90/00: Systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not involving significant data processing

G06Q 99/00: Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass”

Information on US National Phase: Electronic Filing of US National Application Documents

The United States Patent and Trademark Office has notified WIPO of the following:

“The electronic filing of US national application documents became possible as of 17 March 2006, when EFS-Web went into full production. EFS-Web is a PDF-based application information system that enables USPTO customers to electronically file a variety of patent application documents in portable document format (PDF) directly with the USPTO, including those associated with US national stage entry under 35 U.S.C. 371.

“It is recommended that applicants continue to use the “Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Submission Under 35 U.S.C. 371” (Form PTO-1390) when electronically filing documents for entry into the US national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371. There is a file size limit of 25 MB per file, but up to 60 documents of this size may be submitted in a single electronic package. At the present time a Computer Readable Form (CRF) of a biotechnology “Sequence Listing” may not be submitted via the EFS-Web. The practice under 37 CFR 1.52(e) and 37 CFR 1.821 of submitting a “Sequence Listing” on CD remains in effect.

Also, large tables or computer program listing appendices may not be submitted via the EFS-Web. Applicants should use the standard CD practice identified in 37 CFR 1.52(e) for such submissions. In addition, color drawings and photographs/drawings with varying degrees of black/white/grey scale may not be submitted via the EFS-Web.

“More information regarding the electronic filing of US patent applications may be obtained at:

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

“The EFS-Web may be accessed directly at the following web address:

<https://portal.uspto.gov/secure/portal/efs>

“**Full technical support** is available through the Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC) at **866-217-9197** from 6 a.m. to 12 Midnight Eastern Time, Monday - Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m, Saturday and Sunday. Limited assistance is available at all other times through USPTO's Electronic Business Support (EBS) at **1 800 786-9199** or **571-272-1000.**”

Practical Advice

Withdrawal of designations of States which have special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed

Q: I have filed an international application claiming the priority of an earlier application filed in Germany. Unfortunately, I forgot to tick the relevant box in Box No. V of the Request Form in order that Germany would be excluded from the automatic and all-inclusive designations. Bearing in mind that my earlier application could be withdrawn if the designation of Germany exists in a later filed corresponding international application, is it possible to safeguard the earlier application by withdrawing the designation, and if so, by when must this be done?

A: The national law of Germany, as well as those of Japan, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation, provides for automatic withdrawal, at a certain moment, of an earlier national application if a later filed international application claims the priority of that earlier national application and designates that State. This means that if the designation concerned is not withdrawn from the international applica-

tion, the earlier national application will be considered withdrawn at a time defined in the national law. In connection with this, the above-mentioned four States have notified WIPO that PCT Rule 4.9(b), as amended with effect from 1 April 2006, applies in respect of the designation of each of those States.

The fact that the designation of any of those States is not excluded from the international application **on filing** is not generally a problem, except in one particular case concerning the Republic of Korea, as explained below. The reason for including the special boxes in Box V of the Request Form is to simplify matters for applicants, who can still, in most cases, withdraw the designations after filing with the same effect as excluding the designations on filing. It is, however, recommended that such withdrawal be effected as soon as possible to avoid the withdrawal of the earlier application. The special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed, including the time limit within which the earlier applications are considered withdrawn, are different for each State, as discussed below.

In the case of the designation of **Germany**, as well as the designation of the **Russian Federation**, the applicant has more time in which to withdraw the designation in order to safeguard the earlier filed national application, as the designation can be withdrawn **at any time prior to the entry into the national phase**. Note, however, that, in the case of Germany, the earlier national application will only be deemed withdrawn if:

- both the applications relate to the same kind of protection;
- the international application has been filed in German with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office as receiving Office; and
- DE has been designated in the international application.

It is however, recommended to withdraw the designation of DE and RU as early as possible before national phase entry, in particular in the case of Germany where national phase entry is automatic where the above-mentioned conditions are met.

In the case of **Japan**, the earlier filed national application will be lost if, by the expiration of 15 months from the filing date of the earlier application, the designation of Japan is still

valid. Thus, the designation of Japan must be withdrawn **before the expiration of 15 months from the filing date of the earlier application**.

As far as the **Republic of Korea** is concerned, if the earlier application, the priority of which is claimed in the international application, is an application for a patent, that earlier application will be lost if the designation is not withdrawn **before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date**. It is very important to note, however, that if the earlier application is an application for a **utility model**, that earlier application will be considered withdrawn if the international application contains the designation of the Republic of Korea on filing. The designation must, therefore, be excluded **upon filing the international application** in order to safeguard the earlier filed utility model application.

For further information about these special provisions, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (DE, JP, KR and RU) at:

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

Further information about the designation system in general is included in the following “practical advice” articles:

- The non-designation of certain States in the new Request form, applicable as from 1 January 2004 – *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2003;
- Signature requirements for the withdrawal of the US designation – *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004;
- The procedure for withdrawing designations – *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2004;
- Automatic designation of the US: the consequences of the applicant/inventor being a resident and national of a non-PCT Contracting State – *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2004;
- Automatic designation of the US: indication of the inventors as “inventors only” where there is no intention to enter the US national phase – *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2004;
- Automatic designation of all PCT Contracting States: alternative to withdrawing a designation – *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2004.
- Maintaining the US designation where a US national application has already been filed – *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2006.

Most Frequent PCT Users*
(applicants with the most international applications published in 2005)

Rank	Applicant	Country of residence	No. published in 2005
1.	Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.	NL	2,492
2.	Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.	JP	2,022
3.	Siemens Aktiengesellschaft	DE	1,399
4.	Nokia Corporation	FI	898
5.	Robert Bosch GmbH	DE	843
6.	Intel Corporation	US	691
7.	BASF Aktiengesellschaft	DE	656
8.	3M Innovative Properties Company	US	605
9.	Motorola, Inc.	US	580
10.	DaimlerChrysler AG	DE	572
11.	Eastman Kodak Company	US	531
12.	Honeywell International Inc.	US	518
13.	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (Publ)	SE	511
14.	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	KR	483
15.	Bayer	DE	469
16.	The Procter & Gamble Company	US	461
17.	Sony Corporation	JP	449
18.	Mitsubishi Denki Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	438
19.	E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company	US	423
20.	Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	399
21.	Thomson Licensing	FR	390
22.	Qualcomm Incorporated	US	379
23.	International Business Machines Corporation	US	373
24.	Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P.	US	359
25.	Fujitsu Limited	JP	358
26.	NEC Corporation	JP	353
27.	The Regents of the University of California	US	342
28.	Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.	US	336
29.	LG Electronics Inc.	KR	329
30.	Philips Intellectual Property & Standards GmbH	DE	319
31.	General Electric Company	US	318
32.	Infineon Technologies AG	DE	316
33.	Japan Science and Technology Agency	JP	304
34.	Olympus Corporation	JP	295
35.	Canon Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	269
36.	Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	269
37.	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd.	CN	249
38.	Medtronic, Inc.	US	247
39.	Pioneer Corporation	JP	240
40.	Novartis AG	CH	228
41.	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	JP	224
42.	Astrazeneca AB	SE	216
43.	BSH Bosch und Siemens Hausgeräte GmbH	DE	215
44.	Cisco Technology, Inc.	US	212
45.	Tokyo Electron Limited	JP	207
46.	Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique	FR	203
47.	Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.	US	200
48.	Daikin Industries, Ltd.	JP	194
	Showa Denko K.K.	JP	194
50.	Merck & Co., Inc.	US	189

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* The list contains the first-named applicants in 50 or more international applications published in 2005. Note that certain legal entities may be listed separately from other legal entities with which they may be affiliated.

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51.	Henkel Kommanditgesellschaft auf Aktien	DE	182
52.	Glaxo Group Limited	GB	179
	Nikon Corporation	JP	179
54.	Unilever plc	GB	176
55.	Microsoft Corporation	US	175
56.	Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	JP	174
57.	Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba	JP	171
	Pfizer Products Inc.	US	171
	Wyeth	US	171
60.	Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH	DE	168
	France Telecom	FR	168
	Merck Patent GmbH	DE	168
63.	Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Angewandten Forschung e.V.	DE	161
64.	DSM IP Assets B.V.	NL	160
	Kaneka Corporation	JP	160
66.	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research	IN	159
67.	TDK Corporation	JP	157
68.	Interdigital Technology Corporation	US	156
69.	Computer Associates Think, Inc.	US	154
70.	Bridgestone Corporation	JP	151
71.	National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology	JP	148
72.	Degussa AG	DE	146
73.	F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG	CH	143
	Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.	JP	143
75.	Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation	JP	142
	The Boeing Company	US	142
77.	SAP Aktiengesellschaft	DE	141
78.	Seiko Epson Corporation	JP	140
79.	Boston Scientific Limited	BB	138
	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique	FR	138
81.	Ciba Specialty Chemicals Holding Inc.	CH	135
	Shell Internationale Research Maatschappij B.V.	NL	135
83.	Dow Global Technologies Inc.	US	133
	Exxonmobil Chemical Patents Inc.	US	133
	Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.	US	133
86.	ZF Friedrichshafen AG	DE	133
87.	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	US	132
88.	Boston Scientific Scimed, Inc.	US	131
	Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications AB	SE	131
90.	Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited	IN	130
91.	Rohm Co., Ltd	JP	127
	Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited	JP	127
93.	Scimed Life Systems, Inc.	US	125
94.	Behr GmbH & Co. KG	DE	124
95.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	US	123
	Renault S.A.S.	FR	123
	Thales	FR	123
98.	Corning Incorporated	US	121
99.	LG Chem, Ltd.	KR	120
100.	The Government of the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services	US	119
101.	Hitachi, Ltd.	JP	118
	Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.	JP	118
103.	Ricoh Company, Ltd.	JP	117
104.	Janssen Pharmaceutica N.V.	BE	115
	Research in Motion Limited	CA	115

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106.	Baker Hughes Incorporated	US	114
107.	Raytheon Company	US	112
108.	Bayerische Motoren Werke Aktiengesellschaft	DE	109
109.	Giesecke & Devrient GmbH	DE	108
110.	Continental Teves AG & Co. OHG	DE	107
	General Motors Corporation	US	107
112.	Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.	JP	106
113.	Carrier Corporation	US	104
	Eli Lilly and Company	US	104
115.	Applied Materials, Inc.	US	103
116.	Board of Regents, the University of Texas System	US	102
117.	Asahi Glass Company, Limited	JP	101
	Roche Diagnostics GmbH	DE	101
	Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.	JP	101
120.	Hamamatsu Photonics K.K.	JP	100
121.	Smithkline Beecham Corporation	US	99
122.	Advantest Corporation	JP	97
	Dai Nippon Printing Co., Ltd.	JP	97
124.	Northrop Grumman Corporation	US	96
125.	Allergan, Inc.	US	95
	Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute	KR	95
	INA-Schaeffler KG	DE	95
128.	JSR Corporation	JP	94
129.	Carl Zeiss SMT AG	DE	93
130.	Applera Corporation	US	92
	Yahoo! Inc.	US	92
132.	Nortel Networks Limited	CA	91
	The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York	US	91
134.	Micron Technology, Inc.	US	89
	MTU Aero Engines GmbH	DE	89
136.	Agency for Science, Technology and Research	SG	88
	NTN Corporation	JP	88
138.	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	US	87
	Metso Paper, Inc.	FI	87
	Molex Incorporated	US	87
	Rhodia Chimie	FR	87
142.	Exxonmobil Research and Engineering Company	US	86
	Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation	US	86
144.	Dow Corning Corporation	US	85
	Nitto Denko Corporation	JP	85
	Novo Nordisk A/S	DK	85
	Shell Oil Company	US	85
148.	Unilever N.V.	NL	84
149.	Ajinomoto Co., Inc.	JP	83
	British Telecommunications Public Limited Company	GB	83
	The General Hospital Corporation	US	83
152.	IGT	US	82
	L'Air Liquide Société Anonyme à Directoire et Conseil de Surveillance pour l'Étude et l'Exploitation des Procédés Georges Claude	FR	82
	Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd.	JP	82
155.	Abbott Laboratories	US	81
	California Institute of Technology	US	81
	Google, Inc.	US	81
	NGK Insulators, Ltd.	JP	81
	Zeon Corporation	JP	81
160.	Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd.	JP	79

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161.	Telecom Italia S.p.A.	IT	78
162.	Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.	JP	76
	Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation	JP	76
	Otis Elevator Company	US	76
	Schering Corporation	US	76
166.	Altana Pharma AG	DE	75
	Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd.	JP	75
	Pfizer Limited	GB	75
169.	Alstom Technology Ltd	CH	74
	Analog Devices, Inc.	US	74
171.	Akzo Nobel N.V.	NL	73
	Autoliv Development AB	SE	73
	Bausch & Lomb Incorporated	US	73
	Brother Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	73
	SDGI Holdings, Inc.	US	73
	Syngenta Participations AG	CH	73
177.	Sony Computer Entertainment Inc.	JP	72
178.	Alza Corporation	US	71
	Nestec S.A.	CH	71
180.	Agilent Technologies, Inc.	US	70
	Arcelik Anonim Sirketi	TR	70
	Becton, Dickinson and Company	US	70
	Société de Technologie Michelin	FR	70
	Texas Instruments Incorporated	US	70
185.	NTT Docomo, Inc.	JP	69
	Saint-Gobain Glass France	FR	69
187.	Illinois Tool Works Inc.	US	68
	NSK Ltd.	JP	68
	Symbol Technologies, Inc.	US	68
	The Johns Hopkins University	US	68
	The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.	JP	68
	Warner-Lambert Company LLC	US	68
193.	Chiron Corporation	US	67
	Ebara Corporation	JP	67
	Hitachi Medical Corporation	JP	67
	The Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University	US	67
	Yamaha Hatsudoki Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	67
198.	Sony Electronics Inc.	US	66
	Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited	JP	66
200.	Cargill, Incorporated	US	65
	Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.	JP	65
	The Gillette Company	US	65
	Toyo Boseki Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	65
204.	University of Florida Research Foundation, Inc.	US	64
	ZTE Corporation	CN	64
206.	Asahi Kasei Chemicals Corporation	JP	63
	Koenig & Bauer Aktiengesellschaft	DE	63
208.	Novozymes A/S	DK	62
	Sandisk Corporation	US	62
210.	Baxter International Inc.	US	61

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Rank	Applicant	Country of residence	No. published in 2005
	Colgate-Palmolive Company	US	61
	Nederlandse Organisatie voor Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek TNO	NL	61
	University of Massachusetts	US	61
214.	Black & Decker Inc.	US	60
	Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas	ES	60
	Eastman Chemical Company	US	60
	Kao Corporation	JP	60
	Konica Minolta Photo Imaging, Inc.	JP	60
	Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd.	JP	60
	The Regents of the University of Michigan	US	60
221.	Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.	JP	59
	Kone Corporation	FI	59
	Kureha Corporation	JP	59
	Lam Research Corporation	US	59
	L'Oréal	FR	59
	PPG Industries Ohio, Inc.	US	59
	SCA Hygiene Products AB	SE	59
	Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated	US	59
229.	Amgen Inc.	US	58
	Avery Dennison Corporation	US	58
	Eisai Co., Ltd.	JP	58
232.	Astellas Pharma Inc.	JP	57
	BAE Systems Information and Electronic Systems Integration Inc.	US	57
	Riken	JP	57
	The BOC Group plc	GB	57
	Wilhelm Karmann GmbH	DE	57
237.	Delphi Technologies, Inc.	US	56
	Konami Corporation	JP	56
	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.	JP	56
	Peugeot Citroen Automobiles SA	FR	56
	Ube Industries, Ltd.	JP	56
242.	Atmel Corporation	US	55
	Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	US	55
	Mitsubishi Rayon Co., Ltd.	JP	55
	Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd.	JP	55
	Toray Industries, Inc.	JP	55
247.	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	AU	54
	Schering Aktiengesellschaft	DE	54
	The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois	US	54
250.	NHN Corporation	KR	53
	Sanofi-Aventis Deutschland GmbH	DE	53
	Suntory Limited	JP	53
	Tokyo Ohka Kogyo Co., Ltd.	JP	53
254.	Alcatel	FR	52
	Genentech, Inc.	US	52
	Nippon Steel Corporation	JP	52
	Total Petrochemicals Research Feluy	BE	52
258.	Kobayashi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	JP	51
	Lexmark International, Inc.	US	51
	Pharmacia Corporation	US	51
	Qinetiq Limited	GB	51
	Renesas Technology Corp.	JP	51
263.	ABB Research Ltd	CH	50
	Ecolab Inc.	US	50
	Kabushiki Kaisha Yaskawa Denki	JP	50
	UTC Fuel Cells, LLC	US	50

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(applicants with the most international applications published in 2005)
(by alphabetical order of applicants' names)

Rank	Applicant	Country of residence	No. published in 2005
8.	3M Innovative Properties Company	US	605
263.	ABB Research Ltd	CH	50
155.	Abbott Laboratories	US	81
138.	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	US	87
122.	Advantest Corporation	JP	97
136.	Agency for Science, Technology and Research	SG	88
180.	Agilent Technologies, Inc.	US	70
149.	Ajinomoto Co., Inc.	JP	83
171.	Akzo Nobel N.V.	NL	73
254.	Alcatel	FR	52
125.	Allergan, Inc.	US	95
169.	Alstom Technology Ltd	CH	74
166.	Altana Pharma AG	DE	75
178.	Alza Corporation	US	71
229.	Amgen Inc.	US	58
169.	Analog Devices, Inc.	US	74
130.	Applera Corporation	US	92
115.	Applied Materials, Inc.	US	103
180.	Arcelik Anonim Sirketi	TR	70
117.	Asahi Glass Company, Limited	JP	101
206.	Asahi Kasei Chemicals Corporation	JP	63
232.	Astellas Pharma Inc.	JP	57
42.	Astrazeneca AB	SE	216
242.	Atmel Corporation	US	55
171.	Autoliv Development AB	SE	73
229.	Avery Dennison Corporation	US	58
232.	BAE Systems Information and Electronic Systems Integration Inc.	US	57
106.	Baker Hughes Incorporated	US	114
7.	BASF Aktiengesellschaft	DE	656
171.	Bausch & Lomb Incorporated	US	73
210.	Baxter International Inc.	US	61
15.	Bayer	DE	469
108.	Bayerische Motoren Werke Aktiengesellschaft	DE	109
180.	Becton, Dickinson and Company	US	70
94.	Behr GmbH & Co. KG	DE	124
214.	Black & Decker Inc.	US	60
116.	Board of Regents, the University of Texas System	US	102
60.	Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH	DE	168
79.	Boston Scientific Limited	BB	138
88.	Boston Scientific Scimed, Inc.	US	131
70.	Bridgestone Corporation	JP	151
87.	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	US	132
149.	British Telecommunications Public Limited Company	GB	83
171.	Brother Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	73
43.	BSH Bosch und Siemens Hausgeräte GmbH	DE	215
155.	California Institute of Technology	US	81
35.	Canon Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	269
200.	Cargill, Incorporated	US	65
129.	Carl Zeiss SMT AG	DE	93
113.	Carrier Corporation	US	104

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79.	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique	FR	138
193.	Chiron Corporation	US	67
81.	Ciba Specialty Chemicals Holding Inc.	CH	135
44.	Cisco Technology, Inc.	US	212
210.	Colgate-Palmolive Company	US	61
46.	Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique	FR	203
247.	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	AU	54
69.	Computer Associates Think, Inc.	US	154
214.	Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas	ES	60
110.	Continental Teves AG & Co. OHG	DE	107
98.	Corning Incorporated	US	121
66.	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research	IN	159
122.	Dai Nippon Printing Co., Ltd.	JP	97
48.	Daikin Industries, Ltd.	JP	194
10.	DaimlerChrysler AG	DE	572
72.	Degussa AG	DE	146
237.	Delphi Technologies, Inc.	US	56
144.	Dow Corning Corporation	US	85
83.	Dow Global Technologies Inc.	US	133
64.	DSM IP Assets B.V.	NL	160
19.	E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company	US	423
214.	Eastman Chemical Company	US	60
11.	Eastman Kodak Company	US	531
193.	Ebara Corporation	JP	67
263.	Ecolab Inc.	US	50
229.	Eisai Co., Ltd.	JP	58
125.	Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute	KR	95
113.	Eli Lilly and Company	US	104
83.	Exxonmobil Chemical Patents Inc.	US	133
142.	Exxonmobil Research and Engineering Company	US	86
73.	F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG	CH	143
60.	France Telecom	FR	168
63.	Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Angewandten Forschung e.V.	DE	161
83.	Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.	US	133
112.	Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.	JP	106
25.	Fujitsu Limited	JP	358
254.	Genentech, Inc.	US	52
31.	General Electric Company	US	318
110.	General Motors Corporation	US	107
109.	Giesecke & Devrient GmbH	DE	108
52.	Glaxo Group Limited	GB	179
155.	Google, Inc.	US	81
47.	Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.	US	200
120.	Hamamatsu Photonics K.K.	JP	100
51.	Henkel Kommanditgesellschaft auf Aktien	DE	182
24.	Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P.	US	359
221.	Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.	JP	59
193.	Hitachi Medical Corporation	JP	67
101.	Hitachi, Ltd.	JP	118
41.	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	JP	224
12.	Honeywell International Inc.	US	518
37.	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd.	CN	249
73.	Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.	JP	143
152.	IGT	US	82
187.	Illinois Tool Works Inc.	US	68

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Rank	Applicant	Country of residence	No. published in 2005
125.	INA-Schaeffler KG	DE	95
32.	Infineon Technologies AG	DE	316
6.	Intel Corporation	US	691
68.	Interdigital Technology Corporation	US	156
23.	International Business Machines Corporation	US	373
242.	Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	US	55
104.	Janssen Pharmaceutica N.V.	BE	115
33.	Japan Science and Technology Agency	JP	304
128.	JSR Corporation	JP	94
57.	Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba	JP	171
263.	Kabushiki Kaisha Yaskawa Denki	JP	50
64.	Kaneka Corporation	JP	160
214.	Kao Corporation	JP	60
28.	Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.	US	336
258.	Kobayashi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	JP	51
206.	Koenig & Bauer Aktiengesellschaft	DE	63
237.	Konami Corporation	JP	56
221.	Kone Corporation	FI	59
214.	Konica Minolta Photo Imaging, Inc.	JP	60
1.	Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.	NL	2,492
221.	Kureha Corporation	JP	59
166.	Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd.	JP	75
152.	L'Air Liquide Société Anonyme à Directoire et Conseil de Surveillance pour l'Étude et l'Exploitation des Procédés Georges Claude	FR	82
221.	Lam Research Corporation	US	59
258.	Lexmark International, Inc.	US	51
99.	LG Chem, Ltd.	KR	120
29.	LG Electronics Inc.	KR	329
221.	L'Oréal	FR	59
95.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	US	123
2.	Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.	JP	2,022
160.	Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd.	JP	79
38.	Medtronic, Inc.	US	247
50.	Merck & Co., Inc.	US	189
60.	Merck Patent GmbH	DE	168
138.	Metso Paper, Inc.	FI	87
134.	Micron Technology, Inc.	US	89
55.	Microsoft Corporation	US	175
75.	Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation	JP	142
18.	Mitsubishi Denki Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	438
237.	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.	JP	56
242.	Mitsubishi Rayon Co., Ltd.	JP	55
162.	Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.	JP	76
214.	Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd.	JP	60
138.	Molex Incorporated	US	87
9.	Motorola, Inc.	US	580
134.	MTU Aero Engines GmbH	DE	89
56.	Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	JP	174
71.	National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology	JP	148
26.	NEC Corporation	JP	353
210.	Nederlandse Organisatie voor Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek TNO	NL	61
178.	Nestec S.A.	CH	71
155.	NGK Insulators, Ltd.	JP	81
250.	NHN Corporation	KR	53
52.	Nikon Corporation	JP	179
254.	Nippon Steel Corporation	JP	52

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162.	Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation	JP	76
200.	Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.	JP	65
144.	Nitto Denko Corporation	JP	85
4.	Nokia Corporation	FI	898
132.	Nortel Networks Limited	CA	91
124.	Northrop Grumman Corporation	US	96
40.	Novartis AG	CH	228
144.	Novo Nordisk A/S	DK	85
208.	Novozymes A/S	DK	62
187.	NSK Ltd.	JP	68
136.	NTN Corporation	JP	88
185.	NTT Docomo, Inc.	JP	69
34.	Olympus Corporation	JP	295
162.	Otis Elevator Company	US	76
237.	Peugeot Citroen Automobiles SA	FR	56
166.	Pfizer Limited	GB	75
57.	Pfizer Products Inc.	US	171
258.	Pharmacia Corporation	US	51
30.	Philips Intellectual Property & Standards GmbH	DE	319
39.	Pioneer Corporation	JP	240
221.	PPG Industries Ohio, Inc.	US	59
258.	Qinetiq Limited	GB	51
22.	Qualcomm Incorporated	US	379
90.	Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited	IN	130
107.	Raytheon Company	US	112
95.	Renault S.A.S.	FR	123
258.	Renesas Technology Corp.	JP	51
104.	Research in Motion Limited	CA	115
138.	Rhodia Chimie	FR	87
103.	Ricoh Company, Ltd.	JP	117
232.	Riken	JP	57
5.	Robert Bosch GmbH	DE	843
117.	Roche Diagnostics GmbH	DE	101
91.	Rohm Co., Ltd	JP	127
185.	Saint-Gobain Glass France	FR	69
14.	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	KR	483
208.	Sandisk Corporation	US	62
250.	Sanofi-Aventis Deutschland GmbH	DE	53
101.	Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.	JP	118
77.	SAP Aktiengesellschaft	DE	141
221.	SCA Hygiene Products AB	SE	59
247.	Schering Aktiengesellschaft	DE	54
162.	Schering Corporation	US	76
93.	Scimed Life Systems, Inc.	US	125
171.	SDGI Holdings, Inc.	US	73
78.	Seiko Epson Corporation	JP	140
152.	Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd.	JP	82
36.	Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	269
81.	Shell Internationale Research Maatschappij B.V.	NL	135
144.	Shell Oil Company	US	85
48.	Showa Denko K.K.	JP	194
3.	Siemens Aktiengesellschaft	DE	1,399
121.	Smithkline Beecham Corporation	US	99
180.	Société de Technologie Michelin	FR	70
177.	Sony Computer Entertainment Inc.	JP	72

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17.	Sony Corporation	JP	449
198.	Sony Electronics Inc.	US	66
88.	Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications AB	SE	131
91.	Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited	JP	127
117.	Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.	JP	101
242.	Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd.	JP	55
250.	Suntory Limited	JP	53
187.	Symbol Technologies, Inc.	US	68
171.	Syngenta Participations AG	CH	73
198.	Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited	JP	66
67.	TDK Corporation	JP	157
161.	Telecom Italia S.p.A.	IT	78
13.	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (Publ)	SE	511
180.	Texas Instruments Incorporated	US	70
95.	Thales	FR	123
193.	The Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University	US	67
247.	The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois	US	54
232.	The BOC Group plc	GB	57
75.	The Boeing Company	US	142
149.	The General Hospital Corporation	US	83
200.	The Gillette Company	US	65
100.	The Government of the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services	US	119
187.	The Johns Hopkins University	US	68
16.	The Procter & Gamble Company	US	461
27.	The Regents of the University of California	US	342
214.	The Regents of the University of Michigan	US	60
132.	The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York	US	91
187.	The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.	JP	68
21.	Thomson Licensing	FR	390
45.	Tokyo Electron Limited	JP	207
250.	Tokyo Ohka Kogyo Co., Ltd.	JP	53
242.	Toray Industries, Inc.	JP	55
254.	Total Petrochemicals Research Feluy	BE	52
200.	Toyo Boseki Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	65
20.	Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	399
237.	Ube Industries, Ltd.	JP	56
148.	Unilever N.V.	NL	84
54.	Unilever plc	GB	176
204.	University of Florida Research Foundation, Inc.	US	64
210.	University of Massachusetts	US	61
263.	UTC Fuel Cells, LLC	US	50
221.	Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated	US	59
187.	Warner-Lambert Company LLC	US	68
232.	Wilhelm Karmann GmbH	DE	57
142.	Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation	US	86
57.	Wyeth	US	171
130.	Yahoo! Inc.	US	92
193.	Yamaha Hatsudoki Kabushiki Kaisha	JP	67
155.	Zeon Corporation	JP	81
86.	ZF Friedrichshafen AG	DE	133
204.	ZTE Corporation	CN	64

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
20 April 2006 Ljubljana (SI)	English	PCT workshop WIPO speakers: Mr. Carrasco Pradas and Mr. Leise	Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (Ms. Janez Kuček Mezek) E-mail: j.kucek@uil-sipo.si
20 April 2006 Sendai (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Nakamaki	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Nojiri) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jauiptm.jp
21-22 April 2006 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
24 April 2006 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Nakamaki	(see Sendai, above)
25 April 2006 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Nakamaki	(see Sendai, above)
26 April 2006 London (GB)	English	PCT-SAFE workshop WIPO speaker: Ms. Featherby	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
26 April 2006 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	Basic seminar on the PCT system and the Madrid system WIPO speakers: Mr. Nakamaki and Mr. Okutomi	Intellectual Property Center of Tokyo Metropolitan Government (Mr. Kusumi) Tel: (81-3) 38 32 36 57 Fax: (81-3) 38 32 36 59 Internet: www.tokyo-kosha.or.jp/chizai/
27-28 April 2006 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT Formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Aeri	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
3-4 May 2006 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar 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
11 May 2006 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	PCT Update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
16 May 2006 New York (Manhattan) (US)	English	Seminar on important developments with respect to the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling and Ms. Boutillon Other speaker: Mr. Grigoriev (Eurasian Patent Office)	International Intellectual Property Society (IIPS) (Ms. Soraida Santana) Tel: (1-212) 940 63 33 Fax: (1-212) 940 89 87 E-mail: soraida.santana@kattenlaw.com
14 June 2006 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT Update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Danish Association of Intellectual Property Administrators (DAIPA) (Ms. Susanne Aalborg) Tel: (45-36) 43 32 03 Fax: (45-36) 43 83 01 E-mail: SAA@lundbeck.com
19-20 June 2006 Starnberg (DE) (previously announced as taking place in Munich on 22-23 June 2006)	German	Advanced PCT-seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 April 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 footnotes 2 and 5 for details. 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 3 and 10. (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:

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IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SIT	Slovenian tolar
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	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	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSM	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 April 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	15	103	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	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	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,086	12	78	EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,273	14	91	CA
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 ⁷ —	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	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 900	10	64	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,710	70	480	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 ⁷ —	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

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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EP ⁵	EUR 105	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 66.56	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 900	10	64	EP
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 ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 79	CHF 1,400 or EUR 900 or USD 1,086	15 10 12	100 64 78	See footnote 11
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 480	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 68,000	700	4,900	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 121,800	1,300	8,700	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				
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT RU
KR ⁵	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,123,000 (from 15.5.06: 1,027,000)	12,000 (11,000)	80,000 (73,000)	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	N a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 900	10	n a	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 ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
NI	USD 200	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
NL ⁵	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,584	17	113	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁷ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	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	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
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	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	AT AU EP KR* *(for international applications filed on or after 2.6.06)
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	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	N a	EP
SY	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
TN	TND ⁷ —	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	N a	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,086	12	78	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁷ —	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	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 6,910	70	490	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 April 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT	EUR 200	CHF 311	KRW 250,000	SGD 410	USD 241	ZAR 1,540			
AU	AUD 1,200	CHF 1,171	EUR 752	KRW* 939,000	NZD 1,324	SGD** 1,530			
	USD 908	ZAR 5,780							
	* (from 15.4.06: KRW 885,000)								
	** (from 1.6.06: SGD 1,440)								
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,759	EUR 1,131	USD 1,365					
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 335	EUR 215	USD 260					
EP ¹⁵	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,525	CYP 928	DKK 12,050	GBP 1,098	ISK 125,000			
	JPY 222,800	MWK 248,000	NOK 12,990	NZD 2,910	SEK 15,230	SGD 3,120			
	USD 1,925	ZAR 11,840							
ES ¹⁵	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,525	USD 1,925						
FI	EUR 1,550	CHF 2,412	USD 1,871						
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,115	EUR 717	KRW 841,000	USD 810				
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 280	EUR 180	NZD* 317	SGD* —	USD* 218			
	* (from 15.5.06: NZD 347)		USD 232)						
	** (from 2.6.06: SGD 380)								
RU ¹⁶	USD 300	CHF 387	EUR 248						
SE	SEK 15,230	CHF 2,525	DKK 12,050	EUR 1,615	ISK 125,000	NOK 12,990			
	USD 1,925								
US	USD 1,000	300 ¹⁷	CHF 1,289	387 ¹⁷	EUR 828	248 ¹⁷	NZD 1,460	440 ¹⁷	
	ZAR 6,360	1,910 ¹⁷							

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

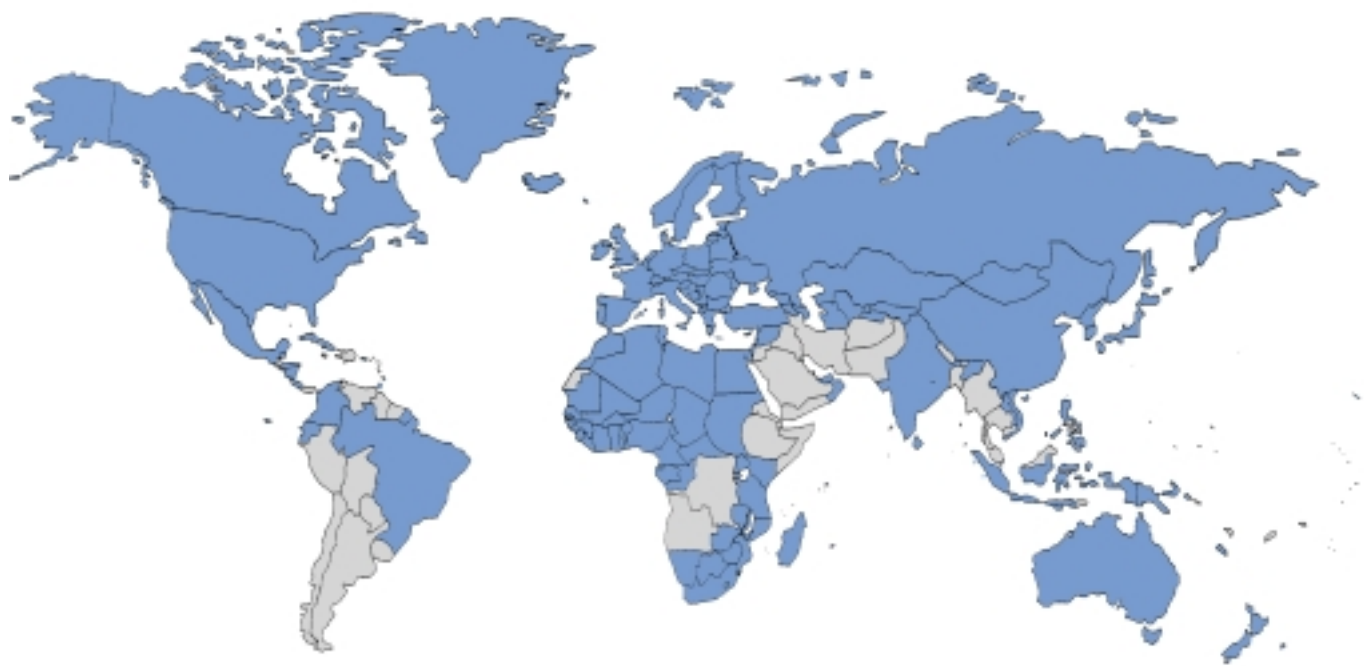
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IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁸		Handling fee^{3, 18} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ¹⁹	AUD 205
CA	CAD	800		CAD 182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EP¹⁵	EUR	1,595		EUR 129
ES	EUR	523.29		EUR 129
FI	EUR	550		EUR 129
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY 17,400
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW 160,000 (from 15.5.06: 147,000)
RU¹⁶	USD	200 ²⁰	300 ²¹	USD 155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²²	USD 155

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the 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*).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/EP, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP, KR and NL. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200=AUD 205, DKK 960, EUR 129, GBP 87, SEK 1,210, USD 155; CHF 300=AUD 308, DKK 1,440, EUR 193, GBP 131, JPY 26,100, KRW 241,000 (from 15.5.06: KRW 220,000), SEK 1,810, USD 233.**
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 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.
- 10 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
- 11 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).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
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- 18 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 19 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 21 In all cases where footnote 20 does not apply.
- 22 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US)).

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AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IL Israel	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IN India	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania ¹	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MN Mongolia	SM San Marino Republic
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AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MW Malawi (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KM Comoros	MX Mexico	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
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BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic (from 14 June 2006)	NI Nicaragua	TN Tunisia
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BZ Belize	GE Georgia	LR Liberia	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GH Ghana (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GM Gambia (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PH Philippines	US United States of America
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CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MA Morocco	RU Russian Federation (EA)	YU Serbia and Montenegro ¹
CN China	HN Honduras (from 20 June 2006)	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SC Seychelles	ZA South Africa
CO Colombia	HR Croatia ¹		SD Sudan (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CR Costa Rica	HU Hungary (EP)		SE Sweden (EP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	ID Indonesia			
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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).

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On 19 April 2006, the European Patent Office (EPO), in its capacity as receiving Office, notified WIPO, in accordance with Section 705*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it was prepared to process, keep and communicate to the International Bureau in electronic form international applications originally received in paper form, with effect from 15 May 2006. The notification from the EPO was published in the *PCT Gazette* No. 18/2006, Section IV, on 4 May 2006 and is available on the PCT web site at:

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Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT

The thirteenth session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Geneva from 3 to 5 May 2006. All of the twelve International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities were represented.

PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines

Proposals for modifications of the Guidelines were discussed. It is intended to publish a new version of the Guidelines in time for the entry into force of the amendments to the PCT Regulations which enter into force on 1 April 2007 covering, inter alia, restoration of the right of priority and incorporation of missing parts into international applications.

Quality assurance reporting

The Meeting adopted new templates for Authorities to use in reporting details of their quality assurance systems to the other Authorities. It is hoped that availability of information in a more consistent form will help Authorities

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learn from the experience of other Offices in this field. Reporting under the new system will begin in 2007.

PCT Reform

The Meeting reviewed relevant aspects of proposals due to be discussed during the week of 8 to 12 May 2006 by the Working Group on Reform of the PCT. Of particular significance was:

- the proposal for supplementary international searches, whereby applicants would be able to request additional searches by Authorities which offered such a service, for example, to improve retrieval of prior art in different languages;
- the publication of international applications in multiple languages to enable applicants to more easily obtain prior art effect and provisional protection in other countries.

Recording search strategies

In a discussion of the extent to which search strategies were recorded by the various International Authorities, it was noted that three of the Authorities (the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Australian Patent Office,

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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

and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office) currently make the equivalent records available to the public in respect of their national patent processing. The Meeting agreed that the International Bureau should discuss options with a number of interested Authorities for the transmittal of search strategy information to the International Bureau together with international search reports. The information would then be made available on the Patent-Scope web site, together with other international application file records held by the International Bureau.

PCT minimum documentation and related matters

The Meeting noted status reports relating to task forces reviewing the scope and concept of PCT minimum documentation and a proposed "Search Guidance Intellectual Property Digital Library".

The report of the session (document PCT/MIA/13/8) and other meeting documents are available, or will be available shortly, on the WIPO web site at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/mia/13

Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws

It is recalled that, in October 2005, the PCT Assembly adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements by a receiving Office or designated Office, as the case may be, and new PCT Rules 26*bis*.3, 49*ter*.1 and 49*ter*.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning the restoration of right of priority by a receiving or designated Office, as the case may be, which will enter into force on **1 April 2007**.

PCT Rule 20.8(a)

New Rule 20.8(a) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006...."

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified

the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

BE Belgium
DE Germany

PCT Rule 20.8(b)

New Rule 20.8(b) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006...."

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

CN China
DE Germany
LT Lithuania

PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(j)

New Rule 26*bis*.3(j) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (i) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006...."

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

BE Belgium
DE Germany
FR France

PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(g)

New Rule 49*ter*.1(g) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006...."

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

- CA Canada
- CN China
- DE Germany
- LT Lithuania
- US United States of America

PCT Rule 49ter.2(h)

New Rule 49ter.2(h) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

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

- CA Canada
- CN China
- DE Germany
- LT Lithuania
- US United States of America

An updated version of the consolidated table of reservations and incompatibilities will be published shortly on the PCT web site.

PCT Information Update

IL Israel (conditions relating to national security)

The Israel Patent Office has notified certain conditions, relating to national security, for international applications filed with the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office by an applicant from Israel, by means of a footnote, as follows:

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Israel:

Israel Patent Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant* (see Annex C)

* An applicant from Israel may file an international application containing information which relates to military technology or which might be prejudicial to Israeli national security, direct at the International Bureau of WIPO: (i) only after having obtained written authorization from the Israeli Minister of Defense in advance; or (ii) only after an application for a patent for the same invention has been filed at the Israeli Patent Office, and within six months after

that application was submitted, the Israeli Minister of Defense did not make an order on it under Section 94, or he made such an order, but it is no longer in effect.

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

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 July 2006, 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) and footnote 2

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

KR Republic of Korea (telephone number)

The telephone number of the Korean Intellectual Property Office has changed. The number to be used is now as follows:

Telephone: (82-42) 481 52 31

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

MG Madagascar (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable in Ariary (MGA) to the Industrial Property Office of Madagascar as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Annual fees:

- for the 3rd to the 5th year, per year: MGA 70,000
- for the 6th to the 10th year, per year: MGA 210,000
- for the 11th to the 15th year, per year: MGA 350,000
- for the 16th to the 20th year, per year: MGA 420,000

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

US United States of America (means of telecommunication)

The requirements as to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted by fax to the United States Patent and Trademark Office have changed – “drawings” have been **deleted**

from the list of documents which **may not** be transmitted by fax.

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

UZ Uzbekistan (time when name and address of inventor must be given)

The State Patent Office of Uzbekistan has notified a change in its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Uzbekistan is designated or elected, as follows:

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the invitation.

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

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

As from 15 June 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in ISK for international searches carried out by the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, and as from 1 July 2006 there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office and there will be a change in the equivalent amount (of the higher amount – the lower amount remains unchanged) payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

Fees relating to the international search (European Patent Office)—*corrigendum*

With reference to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2006, page 7, about the extent to which the search fee will be refunded when the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority benefits from an earlier search, note that the refunds under the two headings “for a European search (EPC Art. 78(2))” do not relate to international applications, but rather to direct European applications.

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PowerPoint presentation in French and German

The French and German versions of the PowerPoint presentation containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations that entered into force on 1 April 2006 are now available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/ppt/2006changes.ppt
www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/ppt/2006changes.ppt

Filled-in Request and Demand Forms

The filled-in April 2006 versions of the Request Form (PCT/RO/101) and Demand Form (PCT/IPEA/401) in English, French, German and Spanish are now available on the PCT web site at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/

PCT Gallery of Notable Inventions and Inventors

The following entry has been made in the gallery of notable inventions (www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/):

- Translucent Concrete

Suggestions for additions to the PCT gallery should be sent to the following e-mail address:

pct.infoline@wipo.int

PCT in the News

A collection of articles concerning the PCT, which have been published recently in the WIPO magazine, is now available on the PCT web site at:

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

The articles describe some of the inventions in respect of which a PCT application has been filed and look at the people behind those inventions.

Also, 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.

Statistical Report on Timeliness in Relation to Procedures under the PCT

A new Statistical Report on Timeliness in Relation to Procedures under the PCT is now

available on the WIPO web site at:

www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/patents/

The report, which contains statistics on timeliness in relation to PCT procedures at receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, will be updated on a quarterly basis.

Practical Advice

Availability of informal comments to third parties

Q: Are the informal comments on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, which may be submitted by applicants to the International Bureau, published as part of the international application? Are they available to third parties?

A: It is recalled that it is possible, if the applicant wishes to do so, to submit written comments on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA) to the International Bureau (IB) on an informal basis, addressing the issues raised in the written opinion in the event that a demand for international preliminary examination is not filed. Note that informal comments are not to be confused with amendments under Article 19, under which applicants are entitled, after having received the international search report, to one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application by filing amendments with the IB within the prescribed time limit under PCT Rule 46.1.

Any informal comments made on a written opinion of the ISA (hereinafter: “informal comments”), as well as the written opinion itself, **will not be published**, but will remain in the file of the international application held at the IB throughout the international phase. Note that the informal comments will at no point be transmitted to the ISA, nor to the International Preliminary Examining Authority, should the applicant decide to file a demand, but might later be transmitted to the designated Offices (see below).

Nevertheless, at the expiration of 30 months from the priority date, and irrespective of whether or not a demand has been filed, the informal comments, as well as the written opinion of the ISA, will be open to public inspection. It is recalled that, in general, under PCT Rule 94.1(b), for international applications filed on or after 1 July 1998, the IB will furnish to any person copies of any document con-

tained in its files, provided the international application has been published, and subject to the restrictions under PCT Article 38 and Rule 44ter.1. This means that third parties can obtain documents indicated in PCT Rule 44ter.1, which includes the written opinion of the ISA, **only after 30 months from the priority date**. Informal comments would also be subjected to this restriction, as per the decision of the PCT Assembly at its thirty-first session in October 2002 – see document PCT/A/31/10, paragraph 47, available at:

www.wipo.int/documents/en/document/govbody/wo_pct/pdf/pcta31_10.pdf

Note that copies of the informal comments are currently only available to third parties if they specifically request access to the file under PCT Rule 94.1 from the PCT Legal Division at WIPO, as they are not yet available through “Search International Patent Applications” (see list of documents available via PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/content.html).

If no demand has been filed and/or no international preliminary examination report is established, the informal comments will be forwarded by the IB to the designated Offices together with the international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP Chapter I)* after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (see PCT Rule 44bis.2 and document PCT/A/31/10, paragraph 47). Depending on the applicable national law, the designated Offices may then also make the informal comments available to the public. If an applicant submits informal comments, then later submits a demand, the informal comments will not be forwarded to designated Offices, but they will nonetheless be available to the public from the IB under PCT Rule 94.1(b) after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

For further information on submitting informal comments, including the time limit for submitting them, see the “practical advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2004. Useful background information on informal comments is also available in the following PCT Assembly documents: PCT/A/31/10 (paragraph 47) (see web site address indicated above) and PCT/A/31/6 (paragraphs 22, 23, 25, 28, 30, 31, 35, 43, 44) at:

www.wipo.int/documents/en/document/govbody/wo_pct/pdf/pcta31_6.pdf

* This document has the same content as the written opinion of the ISA, but is issued by the IB on behalf of the ISA.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
11 May 2006 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	PCT Update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
16 May 2006 New York (Manhattan) (US)	English	Seminar on important developments with respect to the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling and Ms. Boutillon Other speaker: Mr. Grigoriev (Eurasian Patent Office)	International Intellectual Property Society (IIPS) (Ms. Soraida Santana) Tel: (1–212) 940 63 33 Fax: (1–212) 940 89 87 E-mail: soraida.santana@kattenlaw.com
29 May 2006 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Nakamaki and Mr. Okamoto	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81–3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81–3) 35 81 12 05
30–31 May 2006 Copenhagen (DK)	English	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Trpkovska	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Inge-Lise Høybye) Tel: (45–43) 50 80 00 Fax: (45–43) 50 80 01 E-mail: ihl@dkpto.dk
31 May 2006 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Nakamaki and Mr. Okamoto	(see Nagoya, above)
1 June 2006 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Nakamaki and Mr. Okamoto	(see Nagoya, above)
14 June 2006 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT Update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Danish Association of Intellectual Property Administrators (DAIPA) (Ms. Susanne Aalborg) Tel: (45–36) 43 32 03 Fax: (45–36) 43 83 01 E-mail: SAA@lundbeck.com
19–20 June 2006 Starnberg (DE) <i>(previously announced as taking place in Munich on 22-23 June 2006)</i>	German	Advanced PCT-seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
29–30 June 2006 Niederpöcking am Starnberger See (DE)	German	PCT presentation at the PAVIS-Forum 2006 WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	PAVIS e.G. (Ms. Gudrun Skupch or Ms. Susanne Schneider) Tel: (49–8151) 91 68 20 (Ms. Skupch) (49–8151) 91 68 51 (Ms. Schneider) Fax: (49–8151) 91 68 29
21–22 September 2006 London (GB)	English	5 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: to be announced	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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 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 footnotes 2 and 5 for details. 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 3 and 10. (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
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	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	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSM	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	15	103	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	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	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,086	12	78	EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,273	14	91	CA
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 ⁷ —	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	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 900	10	64	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,710	70	480	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 ⁷ —	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

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EP ⁵	EUR 105	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 66.56	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 900	10	64	EP
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 ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 79	CHF 1,400 or EUR 900 or USD 1,086	15 10 12	100 64 78	See footnote 11
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 480	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 68,000 (from 1.7.06: 78,600)	700 (800)	4,900 (5,600)	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 121,800	1,300	8,700	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 RU
KR ⁵	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,123,000 (from 15.5.06: 1,027,000)	12,000 (11,000)	80,000 (73,000)	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	N a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LY	Information not yet available				
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 900	10	n a	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 ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
NI	USD 200	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
NL ⁵	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,584	17	113	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁷ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available				

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

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PG	PGK 250	USD 1,086	12	78	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,086	12	78	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
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	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	AT AU EP KR* *(for international applications filed on or after 2.6.06)
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	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	N a	EP
SY	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
TN	TND ⁷ —	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	N a	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,086	12	78	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁷ —	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	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 6,910	70	490	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 May 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹										
AT	EUR 200	CHF 311	KRW 250,000	SGD 410	USD 241	ZAR 1,540					
AU	AUD 1,200	CHF 1,171	EUR 752	KRW 885,000	NZD 1,324	SGD* 1,530					
	USD 908	ZAR** 5,780									
	* (from 1.6.06: SGD 1,440)										
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,759	EUR 1,131	USD 1,365							
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 335	EUR 215	USD 260							
EP ¹⁵	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,525	CYP 928	DKK 12,050	GBP 1,098	ISK* 125,000					
	JPY 222,800	MWK 248,000	NOK 12,990	NZD** 2,910	SEK 15,230	SGD 3,120					
	USD 1,925	ZAR 11,840									
	* (from 15.6.06: ISK 142,000)										
	** (from 1.7.06: NZD 3,208)										
ES ¹⁵	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,525	USD 1,925								
FI	EUR 1,550	CHF 2,412	USD 1,871								
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,115	EUR 717	KRW 841,000	USD 810						
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 280	EUR 180	NZD* 317	SGD* —	USD* 218					
	* (from 15.5.06: NZD 347)		USD 232)								
	** (from 2.6.06: SGD 380)										
RU ¹⁶	USD 300	CHF 387	EUR 248								
SE	SEK 15,230	CHF 2,525	DKK 12,050	EUR 1,615	ISK* 125,000	NOK 12,990					
	USD 1,925										
	* (from 15.6.06: ISK 142,000)										
US	USD 1,000	300 ¹⁷	CHF 1,289	387 ¹⁷	EUR 828	248 ¹⁷	NZD* 1,460	440 ¹⁷			
	ZAR 6,360	1,910 ¹⁷									
	* (from 1.7.06: NZD 1,640)		440 ¹⁷)								

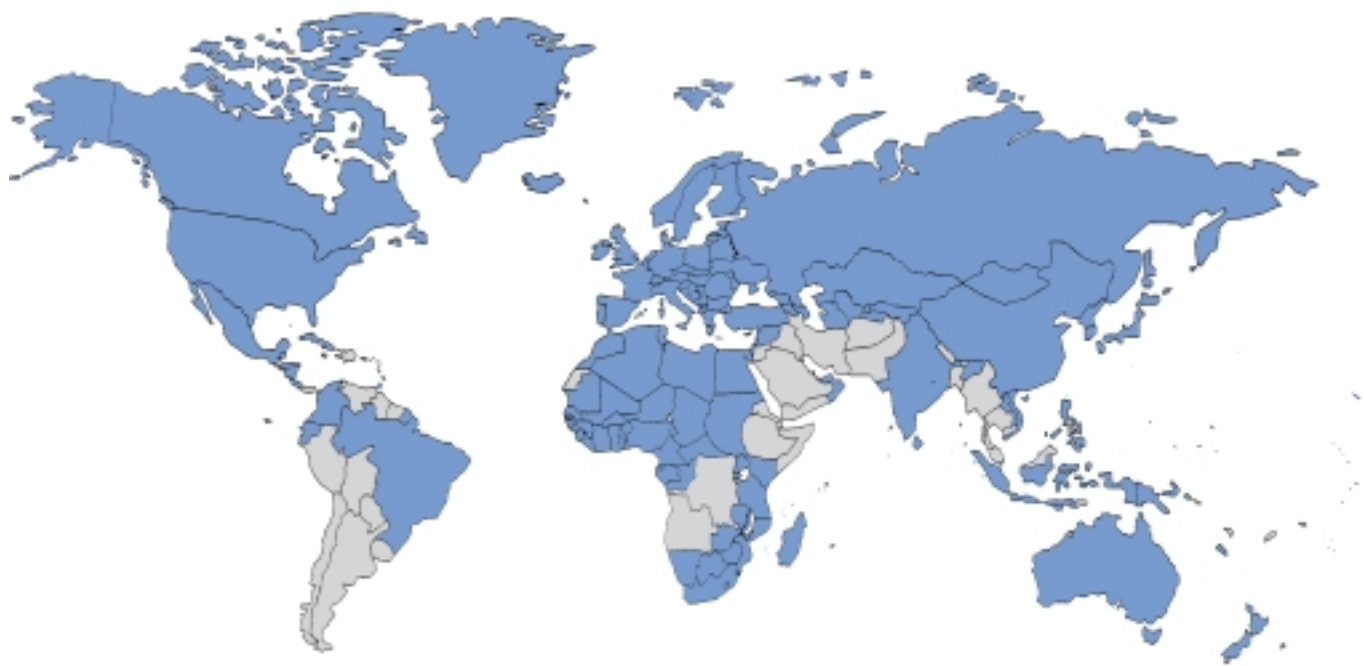
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 May 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁸		Handling fee^{3, 18} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	200	EUR 129
AU	AUD	550 1,000 ¹⁹	AUD 205
CA	CAD	800	CAD 182
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EP¹⁵	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 160,000 (from 15.5.06: 147,000)
RU¹⁶	USD	200 ²⁰ 300 ²¹	USD 155
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,210
US	USD	600 750 ²²	USD 155

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the 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*).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/EP, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP, KR and NL. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200=AUD 205, DKK 960, EUR 129, GBP 87, SEK 1,210, USD 155; CHF 300=AUD 308, DKK 1,440, EUR 193, GBP 131, JPY 26,100, KRW 241,000 (from 15.5.06: KRW 220,000), SEK 1,810, USD 233.**
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 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.
- 10 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
- 11 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).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 19 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 21 In all cases where footnote 20 does not apply.
- 22 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 (130 on 1 May 2006)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IL Israel	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IN India	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania ¹	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SM San Marino
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KM Comoros	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TN Tunisia
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic (from 14 June 2006)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia (EP)	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	RU Russian Federation (EA)	YU Serbia and Montenegro ¹
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras (from 20 June 2006)	MA Morocco	SC Seychelles	ZA South Africa
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CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SE Sweden (EP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia		SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SG Singapore	

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 PCT web site, 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.

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New PCT Contracting States

Malaysia (country code: MY)

El Salvador (country code: SV)

Malaysia, on 16 May 2006, and El Salvador, on 17 May 2006, deposited their instruments of accession to the PCT, and on 16 and 17 August 2006, respectively, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 16 August 2006 will automatically include the designation of Malaysia, and any international application filed on or after 17 August 2006 will automatically include the designation of El Salvador.

Also, because Malaysia and El Salvador will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, they will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 16 and 17 August 2006, respectively. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Malaysia and of El Salvador will be entitled, as from 16 and 17 August 2006, respectively, to file international applications under the PCT.

Note that Malaysia has made a declaration that, pursuant to PCT Article 64(5), it does not consider itself bound by PCT Article 59.

Budapest Treaty

Accessions by Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador

Honduras (country code: HN), Nicaragua (country code: NI) and El Salvador (country code: SV) deposited their instruments of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure

on 20 March 2006, 10 May 2006 and 17 May 2006, respectively, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 64. Note that all three States are also Contracting States of the PCT.

The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to those States on the following dates:

Honduras:	20 June 2006
Nicaragua:	10 August 2006
El Salvador:	17 August 2006

This updates the table of States party to the Budapest Treaty that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2005.

Working Group on Reform of the PCT

The eighth session of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT was held in Geneva from 8 to 11 May 2006.

Recommendations for Amendments to the Regulations

The Working Group approved a number of proposals for amendments of the PCT Regulations with a view to their submission to the PCT Assembly for consideration at

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its next session in September-October 2006, relating to the following matters:

- Minimum requirements for International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities (quality management systems);
- Physical requirements of the international application (size of text matter; procedure for making corrections);
- Language-related requirements of the international application (minor corrections and clarifications);
- Amendments previously adopted by the Assembly: clarifications and consequential amendments.

In addition, the Working Group agreed on proposed amendments of the Regulations concerning international publication of international applications in multiple languages. However, noting the divergence of opinion among its members, the Working Group agreed that the proposed amendments should be submitted to the Assembly for consideration at its next session in September-October 2006 only if no delegation sends to the Secretariat a communication expressing the contrary view

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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

within two months from the date of adoption of the report of the eighth session of the Working Group.

At the time of finalization of this issue of the *PCT Newsletter*, the time limit for sending the communication referred to above has not yet expired. Further information on whether the proposed amendments will be submitted to the Assembly for consideration at its next session in September-October 2006 will be published in a future issue.

Other Matters

Supplementary international searches

The Working Group continued its discussion on the introduction of a system of supplementary international searches (see document PCT/R/WG/8/4). While a few delegations were opposed to the introduction of such a system, a large majority of delegations supported the introduction of some form of system of supplementary international search, noting the importance to users of an opportunity to gain a better knowledge of the prior art during the international phase. Amongst the delegations supporting such a system, it was common ground that the system should allow for "sequential" supplementary searches, whereby the applicant could request an Authority to perform a search which took into account, at least to some extent, the results of the main international search which would already have been established. There was, however, a significant variation in views as to whether sequential searches should be the only option permitted, or whether Authorities should have the option of offering "concurrent" supplementary searches to be performed before the main international search had been established, as an alternative to or in addition to sequential searches. The Working Group agreed that the proposals relating to supplementary international searches be further developed and invited the Secretariat to prepare revised proposals for consideration at its next session.

Emergency preparedness measures

The Working Group noted a brief outline by the Secretariat of the development of plans for response for possible emergency situations, in particular a bird flu pandemic, and welcomed the offer of the Secretariat to collect relevant legal provisions and emergency preparedness plans from Offices of PCT Contracting States and to make such information available centrally via the PatentScope website. The Work-

ing Group further agreed that the Secretariat should continue to study the possible need for amendments to the PCT Regulations in order to provide the International Bureau with enhanced flexibility to respond to emergency situations in the near term.

Future Work

The Working Group noted a statement by the Secretariat that, following the present session, there would be few PCT reform-related items remaining on the agenda of the Working Group, and that the next meeting of the Working Group, expected to take place in April or May 2007, would most likely be the last in the present reform exercise. However, member States would have the opportunity to consider the possibility of further work on PCT reform in the context of preparations for WIPO's Program and Budget for the 2008/2009 biennium.

The report of the session (document PCT/R/WG/8/9) and other meeting documents are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/r/wg/8

Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws

It is recalled that, in October 2005, the PCT Assembly adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements by a receiving Office or designated Office, as the case may be, and new PCT Rules 26*bis*.3, 49*ter*.1 and 49*ter*.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning the restoration of the right of priority by a receiving or designated Office, as the case may be, which will enter into force on **1 April 2007**. In addition to earlier notices of incompatibility that were announced in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 02/2006, 03/2006, 04/2006, 05/2006, other Offices have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibilities within the applicable time limit, as follows:

PCT Rule 20.8(a) (Incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements)

New Rule 20.8(a) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that

receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

The Offices of the following States and the following regional patent Office (in their capacity as receiving Offices) have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

CU	Cuba
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EP	European Patent Organisation (EPO)
ES	Spain
HU	Hungary
ID	Indonesia
KR	Republic of Korea
MX	Mexico

PCT Rule 20.8(b) (Incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements)

New Rule 20.8(b) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

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

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ES	Spain
HU	Hungary
ID	Indonesia
KR	Republic of Korea
MX	Mexico
TR	Turkey

PCT Rule 26bis.3 (Restoration of right of priority by receiving Office)

New Rule 26bis.3(j) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (i) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving

Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

BR	Brazil
CO	Colombia
CU	Cuba
CZ	Czech Republic
ES	Spain
GR	Greece
HU	Hungary
ID	Indonesia
IN	India
KR	Republic of Korea
NO	Norway
PT	Portugal

PCT Rule 49ter.1 (Effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office)

New Rule 49ter.1(g) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

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

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TR	Turkey

PCT Rule 49ter.2 (Restoration of right of priority by designated Office)

New Rule 49ter.2(h) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

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

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An updated version of the consolidated table of reservations and incompatibilities has been published on the PCT web site at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

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EP European Patent Office (Internet address; fees)

The Internet address of the European Patent Office (EPO) has changed, as follows:

Internet: www.epo.org

The EPO has modified the section of the national fee relating to the payment of a surcharge and has notified changes in the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee as well as in the special requirements of the Office as a designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

surcharge for late filing of either the translation of the international application or the request for examination*, or for late payment of the national basic fee, the search fee or the designation fees:

[No change]

* If in absence of (timely) payment of the examination fee the request for examination is deemed not to have been filed, the surcharge due also comprises 50% of the examination fee.

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

No search fee is payable:

- where the international search report has been established by the EPO,
- where the international application has been filed before 1 July 2005 and the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office,
- where the international application has been filed between 1 April 2005 and 30 June 2005 and the international search report has been established by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland.

The search fee is reduced:

- by 20% (international applications filed before 1 July 2005) or
- by EUR 190 (international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005)

where the international search report has been established by the Australian Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China or the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The search fee is not reduced:

- where the international search report has been established by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

The search fee is reduced:

- by EUR 845 for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for

which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

The examination fee is reduced:

- by 50% where the international preliminary examination report has been established by the EPO except if it is a "rationalized" international preliminary examination report (see OJ EPO 2001, 539). For international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004, the "rationalized" procedure is discontinued.

Furthermore, in certain cases the examination fee is reduced by 20% for language reasons (see paragraph EP.16 of National Chapter EP).

Special requirements of the Office:

name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application or in a declaration in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17(i)

[No change]

[No change]

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (EP) and National Chapter, Summary (EP))

ES Spain (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address:

Paseo de la Castellana 75
28020 Madrid
Spain

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

LS Lesotho (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Registrar General's Office (Lesotho) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (the amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by individuals or "small entities"; other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:

grant and publication
fee: LSL 450 (120)

For utility model:

grant and publication
fee: LSL 450 (150)

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

MX Mexico (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address:

Arenal 550
Col. Pueblo Santa Maria Tepepan
C.P. 16020
Mexico D.F.
Mexico

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

NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 July 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NZD of the reduction under item 3 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) and footnote 2

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

SG Singapore (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority – corrigendum)

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has notified the International Bureau of an error in the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2006, on page 7, concerning its specification of the date from which the Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals

and residents of Singapore with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as receiving Office. The relevant text should read:

“The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority 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.”

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office and European Patent Office)

As from 1 July 2006, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in NZD and ZAR for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

The European Patent Office has notified the deletion of the fee for translation into English of the international application.

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

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

Table of reservations and incompatibilities

The table containing all PCT reservations and incompatibilities was updated on 1 June 2006, and is available in English at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

The updated table will also be available shortly in French, German, Russian and Spanish, at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

German version of the PCT Regulations

An updated consolidated version of the PCT Regulations, applicable from 1 April 2006, is now available in German on the PCT web site at:

www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/pct_reg.pdf

FAQs

Arabic and Russian versions of the publication “Protecting your inventions abroad: Frequently asked questions about the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)” are now available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/ar/pct/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

www.wipo.int/ru/pct/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

Seminar materials in Chinese

Seminar materials covering all aspects of the PCT procedure have been updated in Chinese, and are available at:

www.wipo.int/cn/pct/seminar/basic_1/index.htm

Search results available by RSS

Search results in PatentScope can now be retrieved using RSS (Really Simple Syndication). RSS is used to share content from a web site or web log, and can be used to feed information into your own web page or into a database. For example, if you have a web page or forum on a specific technology, you could use a PatentScope RSS feed to display a list of the latest published PCT applications in your technology area. For further information, see:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/news/news_004.html

Practical Advice

Consequence of the agent not being entitled to practice before the Office of the country of residence and/or nationality of the applicant

Q: I am a newly qualified patent agent based in Spain and am entitled to practice before the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. I have a client who is a national of Canada who until recently lived in Spain but has now moved back to Canada. He would like me to file a

PCT application on his behalf as sole applicant. I know that I am not entitled to practice before the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, so would it be possible for me to act as agent if I file a PCT application on my client's behalf with the International Bureau as receiving Office? If so, would I be able to choose the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority?

A: If an international application is filed with the International Bureau of WIPO (RO/IB), the RO/IB does not require that the applicant be represented by an agent. However, if an agent is appointed, that agent must be a person who has the right to practice before the national Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant (or, if there are two or more applicants, any of the applicants) is a resident or national (see PCT Rule 83.1**bis**(a) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide* Annex C(CA) and (IB) (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/)); in the case of your client, since he is a resident and national of Canada, the agent must be a person who has the right to practice before the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

Since you do not have the right to practice before the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, you do not have the right to represent the applicant before RO/IB. It is possible, however, under PCT Rule 4.4(d), to include your name and address in Box IV of the request as an "address for correspondence", ensuring that you also check the necessary "address for correspondence" box. If you do this, although you would not be entitled to act on behalf of the applicant in respect of the application, you would receive all correspondence which would normally be addressed to the applicant or his agent, and you would be able to make payments on behalf of the applicant. You would not have the right to sign any papers, including letters, on behalf of the applicant – these would have to be signed by the applicant himself. This should be borne in mind particularly in the case where urgent documents are to be transmitted, for example, a notice of withdrawal which is sent near to the time of completion of technical preparations for publication.

If a person indicates in the request that he/she is an agent, and he/she does not have the

right to practice for the applicant concerned, the RO/IB will, in any case, change that indication *ex officio* to an address for correspondence (see paragraph 117 of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ro.pdf)). This would not prevent the international application from obtaining an international filing date, but the request would then need to be signed by the applicant (or where there is more than one applicant, at least one of the applicants) (if not done so already), which can be done after filing.

As far as the competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for the international application is concerned, this is the Authority which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the national Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant is a resident or national, which in the case of your client, is the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (CA) (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/)). The applicant would not, therefore, be able to choose the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as ISA and/or IPEA, and you would not be able to represent the applicant under PCT Rule 90.1(b) specifically for the international search and preliminary examination procedure.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that if an applicant who is a national or resident of Spain were to be included in the request at the time of filing as co-applicant for any designated State except the United States of America, you could be appointed as agent, and would be able to sign all papers on behalf of the applicant (including withdrawals, provided both applicants sign the request or a power of attorney appointing you). It would also be possible to file the application with RO/IB or with the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, and to choose the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as ISA and/or IPEA. The co-applicant would not necessarily have to remain co-applicant in the international application once the international application has been filed.

For information on the filing of international applications with RO/IB, see:

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

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
14 June 2006 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT Update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Danish Association of Intellectual Property Administrators (DAIPA) (Ms. Susanne Aalborg) Tel: (45-36) 43 32 03 Fax: (45-36) 43 83 01 E-mail: SAA@lundbeck.com
19-20 June 2006 Starnberg (DE) <i>(previously announced as taking place in Munich on 22-23 June 2006)</i>	German	Advanced PCT-seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
29-30 June 2006 Niederpöcking am Starnberger See (DE)	German	PCT presentation at the PAVIS-Forum 2006 WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	PAVIS e.G. (Ms. Gudrun Skupch or Ms. Susanne Schneider) Tel: (49-8151) 91 68 20 (Ms. Skupch) (49-8151) 91 68 51 (Ms. Schneider) Fax: (49-8151) 91 68 29
14 July 2006 Portland (US)	English	PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Erstling	The Lewis and Clark Law School, the Oregon Patent Law Association and the Portland Bar Association Prof. Joseph Miller Tel: (1-503) 768 66 00 E-mail: jsmiller@lclark.edu
17-18 July 2006 Seattle (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
20-21 July 2006 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
24-25 July 2006 Philadelphia (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
11-12 September 2006 Stockholm (SE)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Santos	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se

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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
21–22 September 2006 London (GB)	English	5 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: to be announced	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
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
7–8 December 2006 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 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 footnotes 2 and 5 for details. 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 3 and 10. (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
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	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	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
		EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	15	103	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	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	n a	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 June 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
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 ⁷ —	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	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 900	10	64	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,710	70	480	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 ⁷ —	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 ⁵	EUR 105	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 66.56	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 900	10	64	EP
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 ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 79	CHF 1,400 or EUR 900 or USD 1,086	15 10 12	100 64 78	See footnote 11
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 480	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 68,000 (from 1.7.06: 78,600)	700 (800)	4,900 (5,600)	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 121,800	1,300	8,700	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

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
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 ⁵	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,027,000	11,000	73,000	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	N a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LY	Information not yet available				
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 900	10	n a	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 ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
NI	USD 200	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
NL ⁵	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,584 (from 1.7.06: 1,748)	17 (19)	113 (125)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁷ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	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	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
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	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	AT AU EP KR ¹⁵
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 June 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	N a	EP
SY	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
TN	TND ⁷ —	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	N a	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,086	12	78	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁷ —	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	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 6,910	70	490	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 June 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT	EUR 200	CHF 311	KRW 250,000	SGD 410	USD 241	ZAR 1,540				
AU	AUD 1,200	CHF 1,171	EUR 752	KRW 885,000	NZD* 1,324	SGD 1,440				
	USD 908	ZAR* 5,780	ZAR 5,350)							
	* (from 1.7.06: NZD 1,423									
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,759	EUR 1,131	USD 1,365						
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 335	EUR 215	USD 260						
EP ¹⁶	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,525	CYP 928	DKK 12,050	GBP 1,098	ISK* 125,000				
	JPY 222,800	MWK 248,000	NOK 12,990	NZD** 2,910	SEK 15,230	SGD 3,120				
	USD 1,925	ZAR 11,840								
	* (from 15.6.06: ISK 142,000)									
	** (from 1.7.06: NZD 3,208)									
ES ¹⁶	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,525	USD 1,925							
FI	EUR 1,550	CHF 2,412	USD 1,871							
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,115	EUR 717	KRW 841,000	USD 810					
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 280	EUR 180	NZD 347	SGD 380	USD 232				
RU ¹⁷	USD 300	CHF 387	EUR 248							
SE	SEK 15,230	CHF 2,525	DKK 12,050	EUR 1,615	ISK* 125,000	NOK 12,990				
	USD 1,925	ISK* 142,000)								
	* (from 15.6.06: ISK 142,000)									
US	USD 1,000	300 ¹⁸	CHF 1,289	387 ¹⁸	EUR 828	248 ¹⁸	NZD* 1,460	440 ¹⁸		
	ZAR 6,360	1,910 ¹⁸	NZD 1,640	440 ¹⁸)						
	* (from 1.7.06: NZD 1,640									

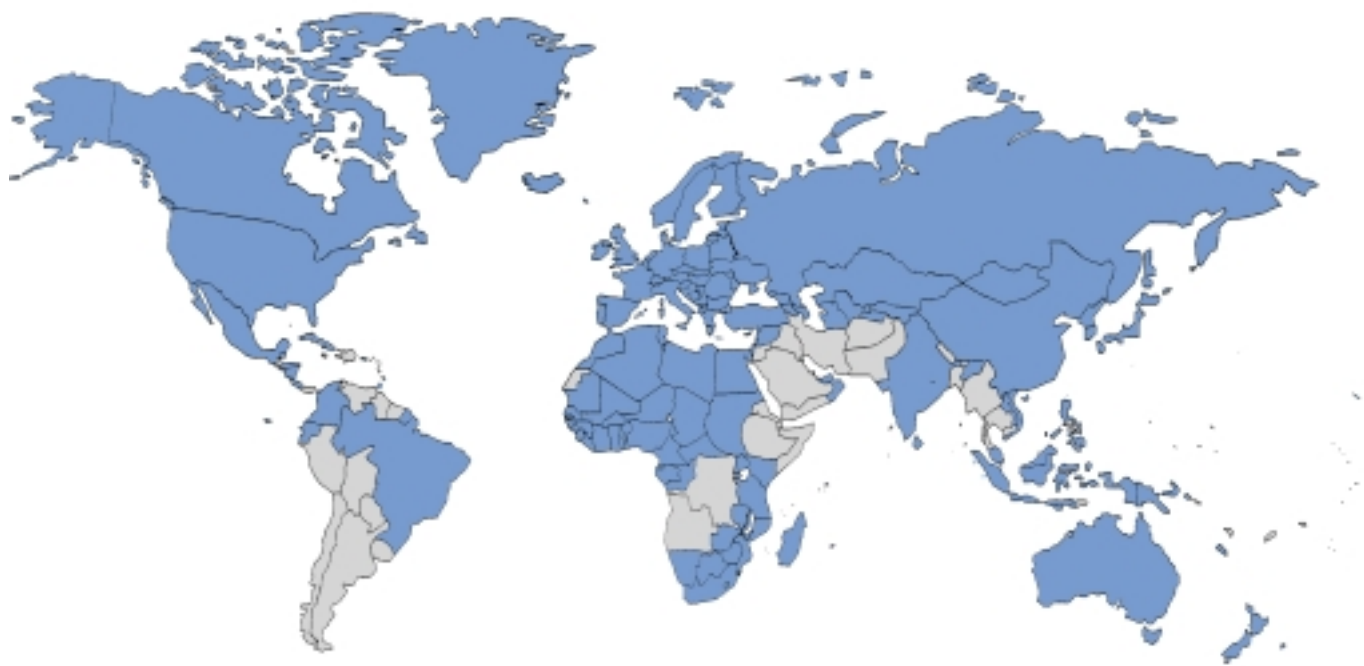
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 June 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁹		Handling fee^{3, 19} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ²⁰	AUD 205
CA	CAD	800		CAD 182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EP¹⁶	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
RU¹⁷	USD	200 ²¹	300 ²²	USD 155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²³	USD 155

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the 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*).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/EP, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP, KR and NL. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200=AUD 205, DKK 960, EUR 129, GBP 87, SEK 1,210, USD 155; CHF 300=AUD 308, DKK 1,440, EUR 193, GBP 131, JPY 26,100, KRW 220,000, SEK 1,810, USD 233.**
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 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.
- 10 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
- 11 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).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.
- 19 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 21 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 22 In all cases where footnote 21 does not apply.
- 23 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US)).

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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 <i>El Salvador</i> (from 17 August 2006)
AU Australia	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros	MX Mexico	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	EE Estonia (EP)	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MY <i>Malaysia</i> (from 16 August 2006)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EG Egypt	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BB Barbados	ES Spain (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	FI Finland (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LA <i>Lao People's Democratic Republic</i> (from 14 June 2006)	NG Nigeria	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TN Tunisia
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LR Liberia	NO Norway	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP)	PH Philippines	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PL Poland (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MA Morocco	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	HN <i>Honduras</i> (from 20 June 2006)	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RU Russian Federation (EA)	YU Serbia and Montenegro ¹
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia ¹	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	ZA South Africa
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)		SD Sudan (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SE Sweden (EP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SG Singapore	
CU Cuba	IL Israel		SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
	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 PCT web site, 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.

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Modified Form “Notification Concerning Availability of the Publication of the International Application” (PCT/IB/311)

As a result of the change regarding the publication of international applications, whereby applications are now published wholly in electronic form and, as from 1 July 2006, the International Bureau (IB) no longer transmits a paper copy of the published application to applicants (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2006, page 3), Form PCT/IB/311 “Notification Concerning Transmittal of Copy of International Application as Published or Republished” has been amended with effect from 1 July 2006.

The modified form, now entitled: “Notification Concerning Availability of the Publication of the International Application”, notifies applicants that an international application has been published (or republished, as the case may be) and informs the applicant of the date of publication and the publication number given to the published international application. It also gives details on how to find the published international application on the WIPO web site, as well as instructions for requesting a paper copy of the published international application from the IB, if needed.

Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws

It is recalled that, in October 2005, the PCT Assembly adopted, among others, certain new provisions of PCT Rule 20 concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements by a receiving Office or designated Office, as the case may be, and new PCT Rules 26*bis*.3, 49*ter*.1

and 49*ter*.2 concerning the restoration of the right of priority by a receiving or designated Office, as the case may be, which will enter into force on 1 April 2007. **In addition to earlier notices of incompatibility** that were announced in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 02/2006, 03/2006, 04/2006, 05/2006, 06/2006, the Offices listed below have also notified the International Bureau of such incompatibilities within the applicable time limit, as follows (to avoid repetition, please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2006, page 3, for details of the provisions of the Rules referred to below):

PCT Rule 20.8(a) (Incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements)

The Offices of the following States (in their capacity as receiving Offices) have notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility referred to in PCT Rule 20.8(a):

IT	Italy
PH	Philippines
SG	Singapore

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The Offices of the following States (in their capacity as designated Offices) have notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility referred to in PCT Rule 20.8(b):

PH	Philippines
SG	Singapore

PCT Rule 26bis.3 (Restoration of right of priority by a receiving Office)

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility referred to in PCT Rule 26bis.3(j):

DZ	Algeria
IT	Italy
PH	Philippines
SG	Singapore

PCT Rule 49ter.1 (Effect of restoration of right of priority by a receiving Office on a designated Office)

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified

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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

the International Bureau of the incompatibility referred to in PCT Rule 49ter.1(g):

DZ	Algeria
PH	Philippines
SG	Singapore
TR	Turkey

PCT Rule 49ter.2 (Restoration of right of priority by a designated Office)

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility referred to in PCT Rule 49ter.2(h):

DZ	Algeria
PH	Philippines
SG	Singapore

The table containing all PCT reservations and incompatibilities was updated on 26 June 2006 in English, French, German and Spanish. This updated version contains all the reservations which were made in connection with the amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 April 2007. The tables are available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

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PCT Information Update

IE Ireland (fees)

The amounts of the following fee, payable to the Patents Office (Ireland) as receiving Office, have changed:

Fee for priority document:			
for the certified copy:	EUR	3.00	
plus, per page:	EUR	0.60	

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

IL Israel (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, has changed:

Filing fee:	ILS	932
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IL) and National Chapter, Summary (IL))

PG Papua New Guinea (furnishing of copies of international applications)

The Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea has changed its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is to be furnished to it as designated (or elected) Office, as indicated below:

Is a copy of the international application required?	yes
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (PG))

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 1 September 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

As from 15 September 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for international searches carried out by the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, and a change in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and EUR for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

Time Limits for Entering the National Phase

A revised version of the table of time limits for entering the national phase has been prepared

and is published on pages 7 and 8. The table indicates, for each designated/elected Office, the time limits for entering the national (or regional) phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT (that is, respectively, where the Contracting State concerned has been designated but has not been elected under Chapter II within 19 months from the priority date, and where the Contracting State concerned has been so elected within 19 months from the priority date).

The revised version should be more user friendly as it no longer contains many of the footnotes relating to the withdrawals of notifications of non-applicability of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) where these are no longer relevant.

The revised table is also available on the PCT web site in English at:

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

and will be available shortly in French at:

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

PCT Publications

English, French and German editions of the Treaty and Regulations under the PCT (April 2006 edition)

The International Bureau has published new editions of the English, French and German texts of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT*, as in force from 1 April 2006.

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Table of reservations and incompatibilities

For information on the updated version of the consolidated table of reservations and incompatibilities, see the last paragraph of “Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws” on page 3.

Table of time limits for entering the national/regional phase

See “Time Limits for Entering the National Phase”, on page 3.

PCT legal text index

The PCT legal text index has been updated to take into account the April 2006 changes to the PCT system. The index is a useful tool to help PCT users find the relevant provisions in all of the PCT legal texts (Treaty, Regulations, Administrative Instructions, Forms and the various Guidelines) corresponding to a particular topic, and is available at:

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“The International Patent System in 2005 – Yearly Review of the PCT” is now available in

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- StrawJet

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There is also a link to the questionnaire under “Patent Data” on the “Services for PCT Applicants” page of the PatentScope web site. Users of PCT data are encouraged to complete the questionnaire so that we can meet their needs as closely as possible.

PCT Time Limit Calculator – Reminder

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2006, on the cover page, you are reminded that a new PCT Time Limit Calculator is now available free of charge on PatentScope at:

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For further information on the Calculator, a detailed description is given in the above-mentioned issue of the *PCT Newsletter*. Readers are encouraged to try the Calculator out and give us their feedback, preferably by e-mail to:

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Practical Advice

Forms for entry into the national/regional phase

Q: I have seen in the national chapters of the PCT Applicant's Guide that some Offices have special forms for requesting entry into the national phase. Is it mandatory to complete these forms in respect of each of those designated/elected Offices in order to enter the national or regional phase?

A: Even though a large number of designated/elected Offices have produced forms for entry into the national phase, and have furnished those forms to the International Bureau for the purposes of publication in the respective national chapter of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, the applicant is not obliged to use any national forms for the purposes of **entry into** the national or regional phase (henceforth: “national phase”). This is provided for by PCT Rule 49.4 (“Use of National Form”) which states:

“No applicant shall be required to use a national form when performing the acts referred to in Article 22”.

Although the completion of a form for entry into the national phase is not mandatory at the time of entry into the national phase, **after national phase entry**, the national law and practice of the respective designated/elected Offices apply also in relation to the use of forms. In other words, a designated/elected Office could not refuse an applicant who paid the required national fees and furnished, where necessary, the required translation of the international application within the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39, only because he did not also submit a particular national phase entry form. However, once the applicant has entered the national phase, the Office could require that a particular form be submitted.

If forms for entry into the national phase are made available to applicants, their use is recommended, and if such a form is to be used, bear in mind that it may be more convenient to send it when the other requirements are being complied with.

It is recalled that those acts which **must** be performed, **if applicable**, by the applicant

before the start of the national phase are as follows:

- payment of the national fee;
- furnishing of a translation, if prescribed; and
- the furnishing of a copy of the international application, in exceptional cases (if a copy of the international application has not, or could not yet have, been communicated to the designated Office under PCT Article 20 – that is, if the applicant has not received Form PCT/IB/308 (“Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices”)).

There may be acts, in addition to the above-mentioned ones, which must be performed for the international application to proceed in the national phase (see the special requirements of the Office under PCT Rule 51*bis* in the relevant national chapter of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*), but none of those acts has

to be performed within the time limit for entering the national phase.

If no specific form for entry into the national phase exists, you should clearly identify the application when sending the payment and furnishing any translation by giving, at least, the international application number (thereby making it clear that the application has undergone the PCT procedure first), preferably together with the international filing date, the title of the invention and the name of the applicant (see paragraph 75 of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Volume II, Chapter VI).

For general information on the acts which the applicant may have to perform during the national phase, see the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Volume II, Chapter IV, and for the specific requirements of designated/elected offices, see the national chapters of the *Guide*, or contact the offices directly (contact details can be found in Annex B of the *Guide*).

**Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase
under PCT Chapters I and II**

(in months from priority date)

(status on 1 July 2006)

Note that detailed information on the excuse of delays in meeting time limits before certain designated/elected Offices is contained in the corresponding National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II.

Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))	Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))
AE	30	30	GM ⁵	30	31
AG ¹	30	30	HN ¹	30	30
AL	30	31	HR	31	31
AM ²	30	31	HU ⁴	31	31
AP ³	31	31	ID	30	31
AT ⁴	30	30	IL	30	30
AU	31	31	IN	31	31
AZ ²	30	31	IS	31	31
BA	34	34	JP	30	30
BB	30	30	KE ⁵	30	30
BG ⁴	31	31	KG ²	31	31
BR	30	30	KM ¹	30	30
BW ^{1,5}	30	30	KN ¹	30	30
BY ²	31	31	KP	30	30
BZ	30	30 ⁶	KR	31 ⁷	31 ⁷
CA	30 (42 ⁸)	30 (42 ⁸)	KZ ²	31	31
CH ^{4,9}	20 ¹⁰	30	LA ¹	30	30
CN	30	30	LC ¹	30	30
CO	31	31	LK	30	30
CR	31	31	LR	30	31
CU	30	30	LS ⁵	30	31
CZ ⁴	31	31	LT	31	31
DE ⁴	30	30	LU ⁴	20 ¹⁰	30
DK ⁴	31	31	LV	31	31
DM ¹	30	30	LY ¹	30	30
DZ	31	31	MA	31	31
EA	31	31	MD ²	31	31
EC	31	31	MG	30	30
EE ⁴	31	31	MK	31	31
EG	30	30	MN	31	31
EP ¹¹	31	31	MW ⁵	30	30
ES ⁴	30	30	MX	30	30
FI ⁴	31 ¹² (30 ¹³)	31 ¹² (30 ¹³)	MY ^{1,14}	30	30
GB ⁴	31	31	MZ ⁵	31	31
GD ¹	30	30	NA ⁵	31	31
GE	31	31	NG ¹	30	30
GH ⁵	30	30	NI ¹	30	30

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Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase under PCT Chapters I and II (in months from priority date) (status on 1 July 2006)					
Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))	Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))
NO	31	31	SY	31	31
NZ	31	31	TJ ²	30	31
OA ¹⁵	30	30	TM ²	30	31
OM ¹	30	30	TN ¹	30	30
PG	31	31	TR ⁴	30 (33 ⁸)	30 (33 ⁸)
PH	30 (31 ⁶)	30 (31 ⁶)	TT	30	31
PL ⁴	30	30	TZ ⁵	21 ¹⁰	31
PT ⁴	30	30	UA	31	31
RO ⁴	30	30	UG ⁵	21 ¹⁰	31
RU ²	31	31	US	30	30
SC ¹	30	30	UZ	30	31
SD ⁵	30	30	VC	30	30
SE ⁴	20 ¹⁰	30	VN	31	31
SG	30	30	YU	30 ¹⁶	30 ¹⁶
SK ⁴	31	31	ZA	31	31
SL ⁵	31	31	ZM ^{1,5}	30	30
SM	31	31	ZW ⁵	30	31
SV ^{1,17}	30	30			

- In the absence of information from the Office concerned, the time limits shown are those which would normally apply under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a). If the Office decides to apply longer time limits, that information will be published in the *PCT Newsletter*.
- If designated/elected for a Eurasian patent, see EA as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- This Office acts as designated/elected Office (DO/EO) for the following State which does not act in the capacity of DO/EO: SZ.
- If designated/elected for a European patent, see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- If designated/elected for an ARIPO patent, see AP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- May be extended upon written request of the applicant.
- Time limit under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), applicable since 3 March 2006 to any international application for which the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) did not expire before 3 March 2006.
- Time limit applicable if applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase (see relevant national chapter of *PCT Applicant's Guide* for details).
- This Office acts as DO/EO for the Office of LI which does not act in the capacity of DO/EO.
- This Office has notified the International Bureau of the non-applicability of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 – it does not yet apply the 30-month time limit for entering the national phase.
- This Office acts as DO/EO for the following States which do not act in the capacity of DO/EO: BE, CY, FR, GR, IE, IT, MC, NL, SI.
- Time limit under PCT Article 22(3) or 39(1)(b), as the case may be, applicable in respect of international applications for which national protection by means of a patent is sought.
- Time limit under PCT Article 22(1) or 39(1)(a), as the case may be, applicable in respect of international applications for which national protection by means of a utility model is sought.
- Will become bound by the PCT on 16 August 2006.
- This Office acts as DO/EO for the following States which do not act in the capacity of DO/EO: BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG.
- The time limit can be extended by 30 days if the applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase.
- Will become bound by the PCT on 17 August 2006.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
14 July 2006 Portland (US)	English	PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Erstling	The Lewis and Clark Law School, the Oregon Patent Law Association and the Portland Bar Association Prof. Joseph Miller Tel: (1-503) 768 66 00 E-mail: jsmiller@lclark.edu
17-18 July 2006 Seattle (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
20-21 July 2006 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
24-25 July 2006 Philadelphia (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
11-12 September 2006 Stockholm (SE)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Santos	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
27 September 2006 Stockholm (SE)	English	Patent Updating Day WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
21-22 September 2006 London (GB)	English	5 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	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

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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 speaker: to be announced	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

Other WIPO event – Strategic Intellectual Property Management

The Worldwide Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization is launching a new executive program offering world class business-oriented intellectual property (IP) education to business managers. The first open enrolment program – “Strategic Intellectual Property Management” – will be held at WIPO’s headquarters in Geneva on 18 and 19 September 2006. This intensive two-day program will examine the role of IP as a strategic business tool using case studies, best practices and interactive discussions.

For further information on the structure and objectives of the program, and for information about enrolment, see: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 July 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 footnotes 2 and 5 for details. 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 3 and 10. (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
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	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	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
		EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	15	103	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	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	n a	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 July 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
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 ⁷ —	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	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 900	10	64	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,710	70	480	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 ⁷ —	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 ⁵	EUR 105	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 66.56	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 900	10	64	EP
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 ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 79	CHF 1,400 or EUR 900 or USD 1,086	15 10 12	100 64 78	See footnote 11
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 78,600	800	5,600	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 121,800	1,300	8,700	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

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
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 ⁵	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,027,000	11,000	73,000	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	N a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LY	Information not yet available				
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 900	10	n a	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 ³ 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 ⁵	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,748	19	125	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁷ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	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	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
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	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	AT AU EP KR ¹⁵

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
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	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	900	10	N a	EP
SV	Information not yet available						
SY	USD ⁷	—	USD	1,086	12	78	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁷	—	USD	1,086	12	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁷	—	USD	1,086	12	78	EP RU
TN	TND ⁷	—	CHF	1,400	15	n a	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	N a	EP RU
US	USD	300	USD	1,086	12	78	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁷	—	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	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD	3,000	YUD	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	6,910	70	490	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 July 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	311	KRW	250,000	SGD	410	USD	241	ZAR	1,540
AU	AUD	1,200	CHF	1,171	EUR*	752	KRW	885,000	NZD	1,423	SGD	1,440
	USD	908	ZAR	5,350								
	* (from 15.9.06: EUR		702)									
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,759	EUR	1,131	USD	1,365				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	335	EUR	215	USD	260				
EP ¹⁶	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*	1,925	ZAR	11,840								
	* (from 15.9.06: USD		2,059)									
ES ¹⁶	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	USD*	1,925						
	* (from 15.9.06: USD		2,059)									
FI	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,412	USD	1,871						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF*	1,115	EUR*	717	KRW	841,000	USD**	810		
	* (from 15.9.06: CHF		1,042 EUR 668)									
	** (from 1.9.06: USD		861)									
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	280	EUR	180	NZD	347	SGD	380	USD	232
RU ¹⁷	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*	1,925										
	* (from 15.9.06: USD		2,059)									
US	USD	1,000	300 ¹⁸	CHF	1,289	387 ¹⁸	EUR	828	248 ¹⁸	NZD	1,640	440 ¹⁸
	ZAR	6,360	1,910 ¹⁸									

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

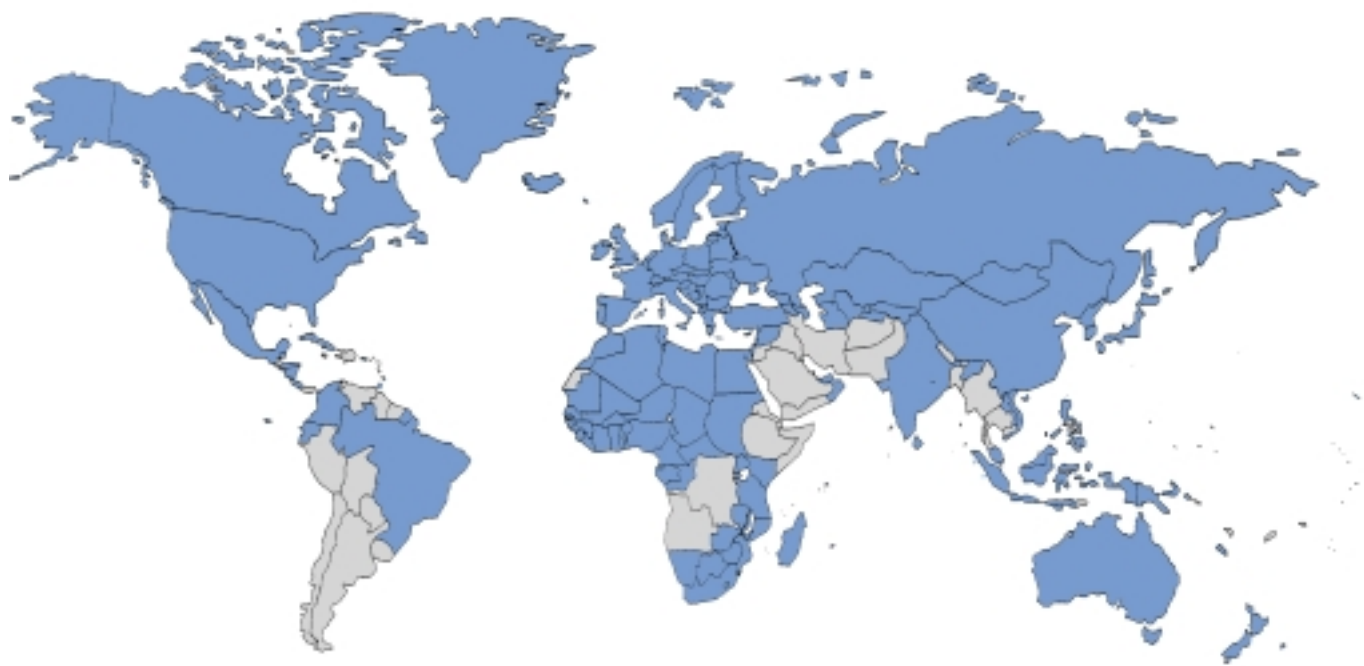
(amounts on 1 July 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁹		Handling fee^{3, 19} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ²⁰	AUD 205
CA	CAD	800		CAD 182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EP¹⁶	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
RU¹⁷	USD	200 ²¹	300 ²²	USD 155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²³	USD 155

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the 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*).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/EP, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP, KR and NL. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200=AUD 205, DKK 960, EUR 129, GBP 87, SEK 1,210, USD 155; CHF 300=AUD 308, DKK 1,440, EUR 193, GBP 131, JPY 26,100, KRW 220,000, SEK 1,810, USD 233.**
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 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.
- 10 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
- 11 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).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.
- 19 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 21 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 22 In all cases where footnote 21 does not apply.
- 23 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US)).

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BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NO Norway	UA Ukraine
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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 PCT web site, 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.

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New PCT Contracting State

Guatemala (country code: GT)

On 14 July 2006, Guatemala deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 14 October 2006, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 14 October 2006 will automatically include the designation of Guatemala.

Also, because Guatemala will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 14 October 2006. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Guatemala will be entitled, as from 14 October 2006, to file international applications under the PCT.

Budapest Treaty

Accession by Guatemala

On 14 July 2006, Guatemala deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 65. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Guatemala on 14 October 2006. This updates the table of States party to the Budapest Treaty that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2005.

Paying RO/IB Fees by Credit Card

It is now possible to pay by credit card the various fees due to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), in particular, the transmittal fee, the international filing fee and the search fee. Fees

may be paid with the following credit cards, but only in the currencies prescribed below for each card type:

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If the international application is filed using the PCT-SAFE software, whether it is filed wholly in electronic form or filed on paper with the request in PCT-EASY format, the new version of the software

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www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ro_ib/editable/ed_roib197.pdf

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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

Note that other fees payable to the IB other than in its capacity as receiving Office, for example, the fee for early publication, cannot yet be paid by credit card.

It is recalled that it is also possible to pay fees to the RO/IB by check, direct bank transfer, postal transfer, or by debit from a current account established by WIPO. Further details on all modes of payment of fees to the RO/IB are available on the PCT web site at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/modes.htm

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines begins receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

On 11 July 2006, the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines), 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 17 July 2006.

The notification containing the Intellectual Property Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in Official Notices (*PCT Gazette* No. 30/2006, Section IV), on 27 July 2006, and is available on the PCT web site at:

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

It is recalled that the equivalent amounts in USD of the applicable fee reductions for electronic filing are indicated in footnote 5 of the fee tables.

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 8 September 2006

Due to the fact that Thursday, 7 September 2006, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications which would normally have been published on that day, as well as any official notices (*PCT Gazette*, Section IV) which would normally have been published on that day, will be published on Friday, 8 September 2006.

Note that the completion of technical preparations for that publication will take place more than the usual 15 days before publication, on Wednesday, 23 August 2006, meaning that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Tuesday, 22 August 2006.

Publication of 21 September 2006

Due to the fact that Thursday, 7 September 2006 will be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for international applications to be published on 21 September 2006 will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 5 September 2006, instead of on Wednesday, 6 September 2006. This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Monday, 4 September 2006.

Proposed Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The proposed amendments of the PCT Regulation which are to be put to the PCT Assembly in September/October 2006 (see the cover page of *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2006) are set out in document PCT/A/35/2, which is now available from the WIPO web site at:

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

Matters which are likely to be considered by the next session of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT in 2007 include: supplementary international searches, publication of international applications in multiple languages and physical aspects of international applications, including the possibility of the use of color drawings and photographs.

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 November 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in AUD 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) and footnotes 2 and 5

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (AU))

EG Egypt (general information)

Information on the requirements of the Egyptian Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* (Volume II, National Chapter, Summary (EG)) on the PCT web site at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/eg.pdf

EP European Patent Office (number of copies required)

The European Patent Office has, with effect from 1 July 2006, changed its requirement concerning the number of copies of the international application to be filed with it as receiving Office:

Number of copies required
by the receiving Office: 1

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (EP))

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 November 2006, 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, as follows:

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

see Table I(a) and footnote 2

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

LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Bureau for Research and Development (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities.

OM Oman (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Office of Oman, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PG Papua New Guinea (furnishing of copies of international applications – corrigendum)

The information that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07/2006 concerning whether a copy of the international application is to be furnished to the Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea as designated (or elected) Office, should be corrected to read as follows:

Is a copy of the international application required?

the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (PG))

TR Turkey (telephone number; fees)

The Turkish Patent Institute has introduced an additional telephone number. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (90–312) 303 10 00
(90–312) 303 11 82
(Patent Dept.)

The Institute has informed the International Bureau that since 1 January 2005, there has

been a new currency unit in Turkey, that is, the new Turkish lira (TRY), replacing the Turkish lira (TRL). The amounts of fees in the new currency have been introduced, payable to the Turkish Patent Institute as designated (or elected) Office, and a new footnote giving further details relating to the change of the currency unit has been added, as follows:

National fee:

Currency: New Turkish lira (TRY)*

For patent and utility model:

filing fee:	TRY	385
fee for grant of letters:		
– for patent:	TRY	240
– for utility model certificate:	TRY	240
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– for patent:	TRY	236
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* According to Law No. 5083, published in the *Official Gazette* No. 25363, dated 31 January 2004, and effective since 1 January 2005, the new currency unit of Turkey is the new Turkish lira (TRY). Since 1 January 2005, one million Turkish lira (1,000,000 TRL) is equivalent to one new Turkish lira (1 TRY) and one new Turkish lira (1 TRY) is equivalent to 100 new kuruş (100 YKr).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (TR), National Chapter, Summary (TR))

UZ Uzbekistan (fees; time limit for entry into the national phase)

The amounts of certain national fees, payable to the State Patent Office of Uzbekistan as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed), and new conditions have been added relating to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

For patent:

claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD	210
examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD	840
fee for each independent claim in excess of 10:	USD	84

fee for each independent claim in excess of 20:	USD	42
maintenance fee for the first three years:	USD	1,000

For utility model:

claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD	210
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Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

- [no change]
- Physical persons pay 25% of the fees. Nonprofit organizations pay 30% of the fees. Small-scale enterprises pay 50% of the fees.

The State Patent Office of Uzbekistan has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before it as a designated Office. The new time limit is 31 months from the priority date.

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 October 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the reduction under item 3 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) and footnote 2

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

There has been a change (with effect from 1 August 2006) in the amount payable in EUR,

as well as a change in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and USD, for an international search carried out by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland; as from 15 September 2006, there will be another change in the equivalent amount payable in USD. These changes are indicated in Table I(b). There has also been a change in the amount of the additional search fee payable to that Office, as indicated below:

Additional search fee: EUR 1,615

As from 1 October 2006, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in ZAR for international searches carried out by the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office, and there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

As from 1 November 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in ISK for international searches carried out by the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, and there will be a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the higher fee payable for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the equivalent amount of the lower fee will not change), as indicated in Table I(b).

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

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of a new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.009.184), dated 1 August 2006, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE web site at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/download_client.htm

This version ("build 184") includes the latest PCT Contracting States, more specific Annex F compliance validation messages, fully electronic filing with the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines as receiving Office, and credit card payment with the International Bureau as receiving Office. Other PCT up-

dates, including new fee schedules, are also included.

Further details are available on the PCT-SAFE web site at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.htm

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

Repository for information on emergency preparedness measures

Following approval by the Working Group on Reform of the PCT at its meeting which took place from 8 to 12 May 2006, the International Bureau has set up an online repository on the PatentScope portal for making information on emergency preparedness measures of national Offices centrally available. See:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/emergency/emergency_preparedness_plans.html

Regulations under the PCT in Japanese, Russian and Spanish

The Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2006, are now available in Japanese, Russian and Spanish at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/ja/pct/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf

www.wipo.int/ru/pct/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf

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

It is recalled that the texts in English, French and German are also available at, respectively:

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

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www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf

Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PowerPoint presentation in Spanish

The Spanish version of the PowerPoint presentation containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations that entered into force on 1 April 2006 is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/ppt/2006changes.ppt

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The following additions have been made to the gallery of notable inventors (www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventors/index.html):

- Federico FAGGIN
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Two new articles, entitled “Football World Cup – What was the IP Score?” and “A Tale of Two SMEs”, which have just been published in the WIPO magazine, are now available at “PCT in the News” on the PCT web site 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.

Survey on the Patentscope Search Service

WIPO is conducting a survey on the Patentscope Search Service (which provides access to over one million international patent applications – <http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/>). We would very much appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the following questionnaire:

<https://webaccess.wipo.int/opinio/s?s=917>

Delays in the Processing of Certain International Applications Filed with RO/EP

In May 2006, the European Patent Office deployed a new electronic system for the processing of PCT applications filed (both on paper and electronically) with it as receiving Office, as well as all subsequent correspondence. The deployment of this new system enables the EPO to transmit documents electronically over the Internet to the International Bureau (IB).

While both the IB and the EPO work together to streamline and improve this new method of document transmittal, some delays have been experienced in the processing of these international applications. As a consequence, there may have been/may be a delay in the receipt by applicants (or their agents) of Forms PCT/IB/301 and PCT/IB/304 in respect of international applications filed, in particular, in early May 2006, but also in respect of a number of international applications filed thereafter.

The IB has taken all possible measures to ensure timely publication of the applications concerned. Any further questions may be directed to the PCT Infoline (tel. +41 22 338 83 39) or by fax to the following fax numbers: +41 22 338 89 75 (for international application numbers ending in 00-33), +41 22 338 89 70 (for international application numbers ending in 34-66) and +41 22 338 70 80 (for international application numbers ending in 67-99).

The International Bureau is confident that the processing of these international applications will resume its normal course soon and apologizes for any inconvenience caused.

States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention.

The table on pages 8 to 10, which lists the Contracting States of the PCT, together with the States party to the Paris Convention and Members of the WTO, updates the table which was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2005. The table has also been updated on the PCT web site at:

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

Revised French Version of Form PCT/IB/311

Revisions have been made to the French version only of Form PCT/IB/311 (“Notification

Concerning Availability of the Publication of the International Application”), which was amended with effect from 1 July 2006 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 07/2006, cover page), and is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/ib/ib311.pdf

Note that the English version remains as originally published and both versions carry the same date of last update, July 2006.

Practical Advice

Requesting early entry into the national/regional phase

Q: Is it possible to enter the national (or regional) phase early before a particular designated or elected Office, for example, prior to the international publication of the international application, and for that Office to process and examine the application early?

A: According to PCT Article 23(1), designated Offices may not normally process or examine the international application prior to the expiration of the applicable time limit for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22. *,**

However, according to PCT Articles 23(2) and 40(2), designated/elected Offices may start the processing and examination of the international application earlier if the applicant makes an express request to the Office(s) concerned. In order for that request to be effective, the applicant must have performed, or must perform at the same time, the acts necessary for entry into the national phase. It is recalled that those acts which must be performed, if applicable, by the applicant before the start of the national phase are as follows:

- Payment of the national fee;
- Furnishing of a translation, if prescribed;
- Exceptionally, furnishing a copy of the international application, if the international application has not yet been made available to the designated Offices under PCT Article 20, and if required by the Office concerned (the

applicant may, in accordance with PCT Article 13(2)(b), request the International Bureau to furnish a copy of the international application to the designated Office(s), although this is subject to a fee under PCT Rule 31.1(b) to cover the costs of preparing and mailing the copy – see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (IB) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/; note that, depending on the designated Office concerned, that Office may also ask the IB to forward a copy of the international application directly to it);

- And, as is applicable only in very few cases: the furnishing of the indication of the name and address of the inventor if they were not given in the request when the international application was filed, but the designated Office allows them to be given at a time later than that of the filing of the national application.

If the applicant has filed amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19, and they have not yet been made available to the designated Office, the applicant should also furnish, at the same time as the request for early processing of the international application, a copy of those amendments if he wishes to have them taken into account, together with any necessary translation.

Note that if an express request to enter the national phase is made before a particular Office, it is up to the national Office in question to act in accordance with the applicable national law. Also, if such a request is made only in respect of certain designated/elected Offices, the international phase of that international application will continue in respect of all the other designated/elected States.

* Similarly, according to PCT Article 40(1), in cases where a demand has been filed prior to the expiration of the 19th month from the priority date, the elected Office will not proceed to the examination and other processing of the international application prior to the expiration of the applicable time limit under PCT Article 39.

** For the applicable time limits for entry into the national phase in respect of each designated/elected Office, see the table of time limits for entry into the national phase at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf

**States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention
and Members of the World Trade Organization**
(status on 1 August 2006)

States/Members	PCT (133)	Paris (169)	WTO (149)	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Albania (AL)	X	X	X	Canada (CA)	X	X	X
Algeria (DZ)	X	X	–	Central African Republic (CF)	X	X	X
Andorra (AD)	–	X	–	Chad (TD)	X	X	X
Angola (AO)	–	–	X	Chile (CL)	–	X	X
Antigua and Barbuda (AG)	X	X	X	China (CN)	X ¹	X ^{1,2}	X
Argentina (AR)	–	X	X	Colombia (CO)	X	X	X
Armenia (AM)	X	X	X	Comoros (KM)	X	X	–
Australia (AU)	X	X	X	Congo (CG)	X	X	X
Austria (AT)	X	X	X	Costa Rica (CR)	X	X	X
Azerbaijan (AZ)	X	X	–	Côte d'Ivoire (CI)	X	X	X
Bahamas (BS)	–	X	–	Croatia (HR)	X	X	X
Bahrain (BH)	–	X	X	Cuba (CU)	X	X	X
Bangladesh (BD)	–	X	X	Cyprus (CY)	X	X	X
Barbados (BB)	X	X	X	Czech Republic (CZ)	X	X	X
Belarus (BY)	X	X	–	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (KP)	X	X	–
Belgium (BE)	X	X	X	Democratic Republic of the Congo (CD)	–	X	X
Belize (BZ)	X	X	X	Denmark (DK)	X	X	X
Benin (BJ)	X	X	X	Djibouti (DJ)	–	X	X
Bhutan (BT)	–	X	–	Dominica (DM)	X	X	X
Bolivia (BO)	–	X	X	Dominican Republic (DO)	–	X	X
Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	X	X	–	Ecuador (EC)	X	X	X
Botswana (BW)	X	X	X	Egypt (EG)	X	X	X
Brazil (BR)	X	X	X	El Salvador (SV)	X ³	X	X
Brunei Darussalam (BN)	–	–	X	Equatorial Guinea (GQ)	X	X	–
Bulgaria (BG)	X	X	X	Estonia (EE)	X	X	X
Burkina Faso (BF)	X	X	X	European Communities	–	–	X
Burundi (BI)	–	X	X	Fiji (FJ)	–	–	X
Cambodia (KH)	–	X	X	Finland (FI)	X	X	X
Cameroon (CM)	X	X	X	France (FR)	X	X	X

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States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization (status on 1 August 2006)							
States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Gabon (GA)	X	X	X	Lao People's Democratic Republic (LA)	X	X	–
Gambia (GM)	X	X	X	Latvia (LV)	X	X	X
Georgia (GE)	X	X	X	Lebanon (LB)	–	X	–
Germany (DE)	X	X	X	Lesotho (LS)	X	X	X
Ghana (GH)	X	X	X	Liberia (LR)	X	X	–
Greece (GR)	X	X	X	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (LY)	X	X	–
Grenada (GD)	X	X	X	Liechtenstein (LI)	X	X	X
Guatemala (GT)	X ⁴	X	X	Lithuania (LT)	X	X	X
Guinea (GN)	X	X	X	Luxembourg (LU)	X	X	X
Guinea-Bissau (GW)	X	X	X	Macao, China (MO)	–	– ²	X
Guyana (GY)	–	X	X	Madagascar (MG)	X	X	X
Haiti (HT)	–	X	X	Malawi (MW)	X	X	X
Holy See (VA)	–	X	–	Malaysia (MY)	X ⁵	X	X
Honduras (HN)	X	X	X	Maldives (MV)	–	–	X
Hong Kong, China (HK)	– ¹	– ¹	X	Mali (ML)	X	X	X
Hungary (HU)	X	X	X	Malta (MT)	–	X	X
Iceland (IS)	X	X	X	Mauritania (MR)	X	X	X
India (IN)	X	X	X	Mauritius (MU)	–	X	X
Indonesia (ID)	X	X	X	Mexico (MX)	X	X	X
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IR)	–	X	–	Monaco (MC)	X	X	–
Iraq (IQ)	–	X	–	Mongolia (MN)	X	X	X
Ireland (IE)	X	X	X	Morocco (MA)	X	X	X
Israel (IL)	X	X	X	Mozambique (MZ)	X	X	X
Italy (IT)	X	X	X	Myanmar (MM)	–	–	X
Jamaica (JM)	–	X	X	Namibia (NA)	X	X	X
Japan (JP)	X	X	X	Nepal (NP)	–	X	X
Jordan (JO)	–	X	X	Netherlands (NL)	X	X	X
Kazakhstan (KZ)	X	X	–	New Zealand (NZ)	X	X	X
Kenya (KE)	X	X	X	Nicaragua (NI)	X	X	X
Kuwait (KW)	–	–	X	Niger (NE)	X	X	X
Kyrgyzstan (KG)	X	X	X	Nigeria (NG)	X	X	X

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States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization (status on 1 August 2006)							
States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Norway (NO)	X	X	X	Spain (ES)	X	X	X
Oman (OM)	X	X	X	Sri Lanka (LK)	X	X	X
Pakistan (PK)	–	X	X	Sudan (SD)	X	X	–
Panama (PA)	–	X	X	Suriname (SR)	–	X	X
Papua New Guinea (PG)	X	X	X	Swaziland (SZ)	X	X	X
Paraguay (PY)	–	X	X	Sweden (SE)	X	X	X
Peru (PE)	–	X	X	Switzerland (CH)	X	X	X
Philippines (PH)	X	X	X	Syrian Arab Republic (SY)	X	X	–
Poland (PL)	X	X	X	Taiwan, Province of China (TW) ⁶	–	–	X
Portugal (PT)	X	X	X	Tajikistan (TJ)	X	X	–
Qatar (QA)	–	X	X	Thailand (TH)	–	–	X
Republic of Korea (KR)	X	X	X	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MK)	X	X	X
Republic of Moldova (MD)	X	X	X	Togo (TG)	X	X	X
Romania (RO)	X	X	X	Tonga (TO)	–	X	–
Russian Federation (RU)	X	X	–	Trinidad and Tobago (TT)	X	X	X
Rwanda (RW)	–	X	X	Tunisia (TN)	X	X	X
Saint Kitts and Nevis (KN)	X	X	X	Turkey (TR)	X	X	X
Saint Lucia (LC)	X	X	X	Turkmenistan (TM)	X	X	–
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VC)	X	X	X	Uganda (UG)	X	X	X
San Marino (SM)	X	X	–	Ukraine (UA)	X	X	–
Sao Tome and Principe (ST)	–	X	–	United Arab Emirates (AE)	X	X	X
Saudi Arabia (SA)	–	X	X	United Kingdom (GB)	X	X	X
Senegal (SN)	X	X	X	United Republic of Tanzania (TZ)	X	X	X
Serbia and Montenegro (YU)	X	X	–	United States of America (US)	X	X	X
Seychelles (SC)	X	X	–	Uruguay (UY)	–	X	X
Sierra Leone (SL)	X	X	X	Uzbekistan (UZ)	X	X	–
Singapore (SG)	X	X	X	Venezuela (VE)	–	X	X
Slovakia (SK)	X	X	X	Viet Nam (VN)	X	X	–
Slovenia (SI)	X	X	X	Zambia (ZM)	X	X	X
Solomon Islands (SB)	–	–	X	Zimbabwe (ZW)	X	X	X
South Africa (ZA)	X	X	X				

- China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the PCT and the Paris Convention apply also to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
- China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the Paris Convention applies also to the Macao Special Administrative Region.
- Will become bound by the PCT on 17 August 2006.
- Will become bound by the PCT on 14 October 2006.
- Will become bound by the PCT on 16 August 2006.
- Also referred to as "Chinese Taipei" or, within the context of the WTO, as "Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu."

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
24 August 2006 Frankfurt (DE)	German	PCT Update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
11-12 September 2006 Stockholm (SE)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Santos	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
19-20 September 2006 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	Advanced 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
21-22 September 2006 London (GB)	English	5 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	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
27 September 2006 Stockholm (SE)	English	Patent Updating Day WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
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
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) 289 74 71 Fax: (1-415) 331 60 68 E-mail: IPI@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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 August 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 footnotes 2 and 5 for details. 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 3 and 10. (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
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	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	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		ALL	Albanian lek	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
		AMD	Armenian dram	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
		AUD	Australian dollar	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		AZM	Azerbaijani manat	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling				

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 August 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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)	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	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

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
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	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,086	12	78	EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,273	14	91	CA
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 ⁷ —	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	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 900	10	64	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,710	70	480	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 ⁷ —	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 ⁵	EUR 105	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 66.56	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 900	10	64	EP
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

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
IB ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	See footnote 11
	or EUR ¹⁰ 64	or EUR 900	10	64	
	or USD ¹⁰ 79	or USD 1,086	12	78	
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 78,600 (from 1.11.06: 86,000)	800 (900)	5,600 (6,100)	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 121,800	1,300	8,700	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 RU
KR ⁵	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,027,000	11,000	73,000	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LY	Information not yet available				
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 900	10	n a	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 ³ 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

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
NL ⁵	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,748	19	125	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁷ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	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	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
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	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	AT AU EP KR ¹⁵
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	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
SV	Information not yet available				
SY	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP RU
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TM	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
TN	TND ⁷ —	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	n a	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,086	12	78	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁷ —	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	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 6,910 (from 1.10.06: 7,700)	70 (80)	490 (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 August 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	311	KRW	250,000	SGD	410	USD	241	ZAR	1,540
AU	AUD	1,200	CHF*	1,171	EUR**	752	KRW	885,000	NZD	1,423	SGD	1,440
	USD	908	ZAR*	5,350								
			<i>* (from 1.10.06: CHF</i>	<i>1,097</i>	<i>ZAR</i>	<i>6,060)</i>						
		<i>** (from 15.9.06: EUR</i>	<i>702)</i>									
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,759	EUR	1,131	USD	1,365				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	335	EUR	215	USD	260				
EP¹⁶	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**	1,925	ZAR***	11,840								
			<i>* (from 1.11.06: ISK</i>	<i>156,000)</i>								
		<i>** (from 15.9.06: USD</i>	<i>2,059)</i>									
		<i>*** (from 1.10.06: ZAR</i>	<i>13,770)</i>									
ES¹⁶	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	USD*	1,925						
			<i>* (from 15.9.06: USD</i>	<i>2,059)</i>								
FI	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	USD*	1,925						
			<i>* (from 15.9.06: USD</i>	<i>2,059)</i>								
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF*	1,115	EUR*	717	KRW	841,000	USD**	810		
			<i>* (from 15.9.06: CHF</i>	<i>1,042</i>	<i>EUR</i>	<i>668)</i>						
			<i>** (from 1.9.06: USD</i>	<i>861)</i>								
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	280	EUR	180	NZD	347	SGD	380	USD	232
RU¹⁷	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**	1,925										
			<i>* (from 1.11.06: ISK</i>	<i>156,000)</i>								
		<i>** (from 15.9.06: USD</i>	<i>2,059)</i>									
US	USD	1,000	300 ¹⁸	CHF	1,289	387 ¹⁸	EUR	828	248 ¹⁸	NZD	1,640	440 ¹⁸
	ZAR*	6,360	1,910 ¹⁸									
			<i>* (from 1.11.06: ZAR</i>	<i>7,200</i>	<i>1,910¹⁸)</i>							

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

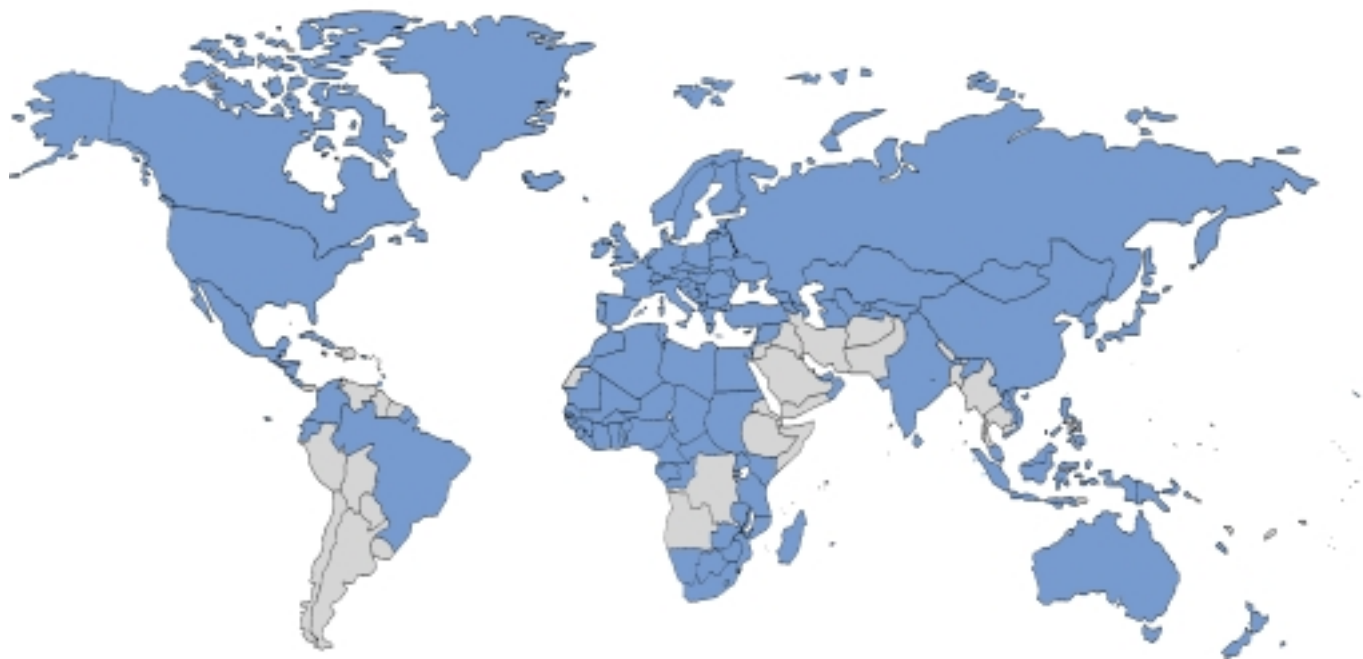
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IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁹		Handling fee^{3, 19} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ²⁰	AUD 205
CA	CAD	800		CAD 182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EP¹⁶	EUR	1,595		EUR 129
ES	EUR	523.29		EUR 129
FI	EUR	550		EUR 129
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY 17,400
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW 147,000
RU¹⁷	USD	200 ²¹	300 ²²	USD 155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²³	USD 155

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the 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*).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/AU, EP, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP, KR, NL, PH, PL, RO, SE and SK. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200=AUD 205 (from 1.11.06: AUD 219)**, **DKK 960**, **EUR 129**, **GBP 87**, **SEK 1,210**, **USD 155**; **CHF 300=AUD 308 (from 1.11.06: AUD 328)**, **DKK 1,440**, **EUR 193**, **GBP 131**, **JPY 26,100**, **KRW 220,000**, **SEK 1,810**, **USD 233**.
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 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.
- 10 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
- 11 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/II, Annex C (IB).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.
- 19 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 21 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 22 In all cases where footnote 21 does not apply.
- 23 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/II, Annex C (US)).

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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 (from 17 August 2006)
AU Australia	DZ Algeria	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	EC Ecuador	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia (from 16 August 2006)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
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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
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CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	US United States of America
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CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SC Seychelles	ZA South Africa
CN China	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	SD Sudan (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HR Croatia ¹		SE Sweden (EP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	HU Hungary (EP)		SG Singapore	
CU Cuba	ID Indonesia		SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			
	IL Israel			

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).

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Information on the Upcoming Session of the PCT Assembly

The thirty-fifth session of the Assembly of the PCT Union will be held in Geneva from 25 September to 3 October 2006, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

During that meeting the Assembly will be invited, after taking into account the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, to appoint the Nordic Patent Institute (an intergovernmental organization established by the governments of Denmark, Iceland and Norway) as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT.

The Assembly will also discuss proposed amendments to the PCT Regulations, which would generally enter into force on 1 April 2007, relating to:

- minimum requirements for International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities;
- physical requirements of the international application: text size requirements; procedure for making corrections;
- language-related requirements of the international application; and
- amendments previously adopted by the Assembly: clarifications and consequential amendments.

Documents will also be presented to the Assembly on the following matters:

- PCT reform (the status of the matters discussed at the Working Group and an identification of what future work needs to be undertaken);
- quality management systems for PCT International Authorities;

- the quality of international searches; and
- PCT information systems.

For further information on the proposed amendments to the PCT Regulations, see documents PCT/A/35/2 and PCT/A/35/2.Add, and for further information on the other matters for discussion, see documents PCT/A/35/1, PCT/A/35/3, PCT/A/35/4, PCT/A/35/5 and PCT/A/35/6, at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=11183

For information on the twenty-second session of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, which will meet during the same period, see documents PCT/CTC/22/1 and PCT/CTC/22/2, at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=130

Information on the outcome of both meetings will be published in the October issue of the *PCT Newsletter* (No. 10/2006).

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New WIPO website and change affecting PCT website

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www.wipo.int

New features of the website include:

- a news portal, highlighting recent decisions and forthcoming events at WIPO;
- an IP LIVE feature, designed to show intellectual property in action;
- an expanded navigation bar with drop down menus reflecting the principal areas of WIPO's work; and
- rapid "gateways" to all WIPO information and activities relating to patents, trademarks, designs, copyright and IP and development.

Note that, although PCT Resources in the PatentScope part of the WIPO website have not changed, there are now no longer separate pages for the use of applicants and offices – the contents of both pages have

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Reminder

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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

been consolidated into one single page. Users of the PCT website should now bookmark the following website address:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/

If you do, however, try to access the previous addresses (www.wipo.int/pct/en/applicants.html or www.wipo.int/pct/en/offices.html, respectively), you will automatically be taken to the new PCT website address indicated above.

PCT Information Update

FI Finland (fees)

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland has informed the International Bureau of a modification in the time limit for payment of a component of the national fee, namely the annual fees for the first three years, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new time limit is outlined in a footnote, reproduced below:

"The renewal fees for an international application in respect of fee years which have begun before the date on which the application was pursued under section 31 of the Patents Act or was taken up for processing under section 38 of the same Act or which begin within two months of such date become in no event due until the last day of the month that falls two months after the date on which the application was pursued or otherwise prosecuted."

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

GE Georgia (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Georgian Intellectual Property Office has changed, as follows:

E-mail: sakpatent@wanex.net

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

IL Israel (Internet address)

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

Internet: www.patents.gov.il

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

MY Malaysia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office and the Korean

Intellectual Property Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Malaysia with the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia as receiving Office with effect since 16 August 2006.

MZ Mozambique (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Industrial Property Institute (Mozambique) have changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (258–21) 354 900

Fax: (258–21) 354 944

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

NG Nigeria (summary of requirements for entry into the national phase)

Information on the requirements of the Commercial Law Department (Trademarks, Patents and Designs) (Nigeria) as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see National Chapter, Summary (NG)) on the PCT website at:

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

PT Portugal (telephone numbers)

The telephone number of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) has changed. The number to be used is now as follows:

Telephone: (351–21) 881 81 00

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

International search and preliminary examination (Korean Intellectual Property Office)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified a change, applicable since 16 August 2006, relating to the subject matter set forth in PCT Rules 39.1 and 67.1, respectively, which, under Article 4 of the Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, is not excluded from search or examination, as follows:

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tion of subject matter which is searched in Korean national applications

Subject matter that will not be examined: the subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of subject matter which is examined in Korean national applications

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D and E (KR))

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office)

As from 15 November 2006, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in ZAR for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office and in JPY for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT and EP))

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

For information on a change affecting the PCT website, see "New WIPO website and change affecting PCT website", on page 2.

Budapest Treaty

List of States party to the Budapest Treaty; list of intergovernmental industrial property organizations having filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of that Treaty

It is recalled that the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure permits the disclosure of an invention involving a microorganism, or the use of a microorganism or other biological material, by effecting a deposit of a sample of the microor-

States party to the Budapest Treaty (situation on 1 September 2006)

AL Albania	HR Croatia	PH Philippines
AM Armenia	HU Hungary	PL Poland
AT Austria	IE Ireland	PT Portugal
AU Australia	IL Israel	RO Romania
AZ Azerbaijan	IN India	RU Russian Federation
BE Belgium	IS Iceland	SE Sweden
BG Bulgaria	IT Italy	SG Singapore
BY Belarus	JP Japan	SI Slovenia
CA Canada	KG Kyrgyzstan	SK Slovakia
CH Switzerland	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	SV El Salvador ¹
CN China	KR Republic of Korea	TJ Tajikistan
CU Cuba	KZ Kazakhstan	TN Tunisia
CZ Czech Republic	LI Liechtenstein	TR Turkey
DE Germany	LT Lithuania	TT Trinidad and Tobago
DK Denmark	LV Latvia	UA Ukraine
EE Estonia	MC Monaco	US United States of America
ES Spain	MD Republic of Moldova	UZ Uzbekistan
FI Finland	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	YU Serbia and Montenegro ³
FR France	MX Mexico	ZA South Africa
GB United Kingdom	NI Nicaragua ¹	
GE Georgia	NL Netherlands	
GR Greece	NO Norway	
GT Guatemala ^{1,2}		(Total: 65 States)
HN Honduras ¹		

Intergovernmental industrial property organizations having filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Budapest Treaty

AP	African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)
EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)
EP	European Patent Organisation (EPO)

1. New since last publication of this list in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2005
2. Will become party to the Budapest Treaty on 14 October 2006.
3. Pending official communication from Montenegro and Serbia in respect of their membership of the Treaty

ganism with a specialized institution. It thus eliminates, before the national patent Offices of the Contracting States of the Budapest Treaty and the regional Offices that have filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Treaty, the need to deposit such a sample in each country in which protection is sought.

Four States have become party to the Budapest Treaty since the publication, in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2005, of a table setting out the States party to that Treaty and the inter-governmental industrial property organizations which have filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Treaty. An update of the table appears on page 4.

Types of Protection Available in PCT Contracting States

Since the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2005 of a table setting out, for each Contracting State, the types of protection which can be obtained via the PCT, several States have become bound by the PCT, and there have also been changes in the types of protection, other than patents, which are available in certain States. An update of that table appears on pages 7 to 10, and is also available on the WIPO website at:

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

EPO: Limitations Concerning the PCT Applications for which it will act as ISA and/or IPEA

On 11 August 2006, the International Bureau received a notification from the European Patent Office (EPO) relating to the prolongation of the period for which the limitation of the EPO's competence as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) in the field of business methods is applicable. The text of the notification is as follows:

“Notice from the European Patent Office dated 27 July 2006 concerning prolongation of the limitation of the EPO's competence as a PCT Authority

“The limitation of the EPO's competence as a PCT Authority concerning the field of business methods as set out most recently in the Notice from the President of the EPO of 1 December 2004* and due to expire on 1 March 2007, is to be prolonged for a

further period of 2 years from 1 March 2007, i.e. until 1 March 2009.”

* Published in *OJ EPO* 2/2005, page 149. For the original notification, see *OJ EPO* 2002, page 52.

For background information, see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 12/2001, cover page; 01/2002, page 5; 02/2002, page 5; 04/2002, page 5; 11/2003, page 7; 03/2004, page 7 and 02/2005, cover page.

Furthermore note that, in this context, since the entry into force on 1 January 2006 of the eighth edition of the International Patent Classification (IPC), business method related inventions (old IPC class: G06F 17/60) now correspond to the following classes and subclasses:

- G06Q: Data processing systems or methods, specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes; systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not otherwise provided for
- G06Q 10/00: Administration, e.g. office automation, reservation; management, e.g. resource or project management
- G06Q 30/00: Commerce, e.g. marketing, shopping, billing, auctions or e-commerce
- G06Q 40/00: Finance, e.g. banking, investment or tax processing; insurance, e.g. risk analysis or pensions
- G06Q 50/00: Systems or methods specially adapted for a specific business sector, e.g. health care, utilities, tourism or legal services
- G06Q 90/00: Systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not involving significant data processing
- G06Q 99/00: Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass

For information: US class covering corresponding subject matter

705 *Data processing: financial, business practice, management, or cost/price determination*

Practical Advice

Specifying the type of protection required in respect of an international application during the national phase

Q: I will shortly be entering the national phase in respect of an international application in a

country where it is possible to apply for the grant of a patent as well as a utility model. If I wish the application to proceed before the Office in question only as a utility model application, do I have to specify this type of protection to the designated Office concerned when entering the national phase, and if so, when?

A: Under the automatic designation system, effective for all international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004, the filing of the request constitutes the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, **for the grant of every type of protection available** and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents (PCT Rule 4.9). During the international phase no action needs to be taken with regard to requesting a type of protection other than a patent, for example, a utility model. However, if you wish the application to be treated as an application for a patent of addition, certificate of addition, inventor's certificate of addition or utility certificate of addition (PCT Rule 4.11(iii)) or a continuation or a continuation-in-part of an earlier application (PCT Rule 4.11(iv)), it will assist the international search if you indicate the necessary information (date and number of the parent application, parent patent or other parent grant) in the Supplemental Box of the Request Form (see items 2 and 3).

Upon entry into the national phase, if you wish the international application to be treated, in a designated (or elected) State in respect of which PCT Article 43 applies, as an application for the grant of a utility model or for any other type of protection referred to in that Article, and not as an application for the grant of a patent, or if you wish it to be treated as an application for more than one type of protection (to the extent that this is possible) in accordance with PCT Article 44, you are required under PCT Rule 49*bis* to indicate your choice of protection to the designated Office when performing the acts referred to in PCT Article 22 (or 39, as the case may be) necessary for entering the national phase. Where more than one type of protection is sought, you may be required to indicate which type of protection is sought primarily (see PCT Rule 49*bis*.1(b)). If you wish the international application to be treated in a designated Office as an application for a patent of addition, certificate of addition, inventor's certificate of addition, utility certificate of addition or as a continuation or a continuation-in-part, you should also indicate the relevant parent application, parent patent or other parent grant, as

the case may be (see PCT Rule 49*bis*.1(c) and (d)), even if it is only to confirm an intent already expressed in the Supplemental Box of the Request Form.

As for the time when such an indication should be made, although some designated Offices may require the applicant to furnish this information at the same time as the acts referred to in PCT Article 22 or 39 are performed (according to PCT Rule 49*bis*.2(a), no designated Office shall require the applicant to furnish this information **before** performing those acts), many designated Offices would allow the applicant to do so at a later time depending on the applicable national law.

Where no express indication is made of the type of protection desired when performing the acts referred to in PCT Article 22, the designated Office will treat the application as an application for a patent (PCT Rule 49*bis*.1(a) and (b)). However, if no such express indication is made and the national fee paid by the applicant corresponds to the national fee for a particular type of protection, the payment of that fee will be considered to be an indication of the wish of the applicant that the international application is to be treated as an application for that type of protection and the designated Office will inform the applicant accordingly (PCT Rule 49*bis*.1(e)).

Note that some Offices may have specific forms for requesting entry into the national phase in respect of an application for a utility model which may be used (although this is recommended, it is not obligatory as, according to PCT Rule 49.4, no applicant shall be required to use a national form when performing the acts referred to in PCT Article 22 (see the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07/2006, page 5)).

Even if you request one particular type of protection, many Offices allow the applicant to convert from one type of protection to another at a later date (see PCT Rule 49*bis*.2(b)) - this may, however, be subject to the payment of a special fee. Although conversions are normally made by applicants, some Offices may convert an application *ex officio*, where appropriate.

For further information on any requirements of designated Offices in connection with requesting the different types of protection, and on converting from one type of protection to another, please refer to the relevant National Chapter of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II at:

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

Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 September 2006)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of national patent	Utility model in addition to national patent	Other
AE	X					X		Patent of addition
AG ¹	X							
AL	X					X		Extension of EP patent ²
AM	X		X			X		Provisional patent
AT	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
AU	X							Patent of addition
AZ	X		X			X		
BA	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ^{2,3}
BB	X							
BE				X				
BF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BG	X			X		X		
BJ					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BR	X					X		Certificate of addition
BW	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
BY	X		X			X		
BZ	X					X		
CA	X							
CF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CH + LI	X			X				
CI					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CM					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CN	X					X		
CO	X					X		
CR	X					X		
CU	X							Patent of addition, inventor's certificate, inventor's certificate of addition
CY				X				
CZ	X			X		X	X	
DE	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
DK	X			X		X	X	
DM	X					X		

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 September 2006)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
DZ	X							Certificate of addition
EC	X					X		
EE	X			X		X	X	
EG	X					X		
ES	X			X		X		Patent of addition
FI	X			X		X	X	
FR				X				
GA					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GB	X			X				
GD ¹	X							
GE	X					X		
GH	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Utility certificate
GM	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
GN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GQ					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GR				X				
GT ^{1,4}	X							
GW					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
HN ¹	X							
HR	X							"Consensual patent," extension of EP patent ^{2,5}
HU	X			X		X		
ID	X							
IE				X				
IL	X							Patent of addition
IN	X							Patent of addition
IS	X			X ⁶				
IT				X				
JP	X					X		
KE	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
KG	X		X			X		
KM ¹	X							
KN ¹	X							
KP	X					X		Inventor's certificate
KR	X					X		
KZ	X		X			X		Provisional patent
LA ¹	X							
LC	X							

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 September 2006)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
LI (see CH)								
LK	X							
LR	X							
LS	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
LT	X			X ⁷				Extension of EP patent ^{2,8}
LU	X			X				
LV	X			X ⁹				Extension of EP patent ^{2,10}
LY ¹	X							
MA	X							Certificate of addition
MC				X				
MD	X		X			X		
MG	X							Certificate of addition
MK	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ²
ML					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MN	X							
MR					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MW	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition
MX	X					X		
MY ¹	X							
MZ	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
NA	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
NE					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
NG	X							
NI	X					X		
NL				X				
NO	X							
NZ	X							Patent of addition
OM ¹	X							
PG	X							
PH	X					X		
PL	X			X		X		
PT	X			X		X	X	
RO	X			X				
RU	X		X			X		
SC	X							
SD	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
SE	X			X				
SG	X							

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 September 2006)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
SI				X				
SK	X			X		X	X	
SL	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
SM	X							
SN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
SV ¹								
SY	X							Certificate of addition
SZ		X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
TD					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TJ	X		X			X		
TM	X		X					Provisional patent
TN	X							
TR	X			X		X		Patent of addition
TT	X							Utility certificate
TZ	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
UA	X					X		
UG	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Utility certificate
US	X							
UZ	X					X		
VC	X							Utility certificate
VN	X							Patent for utility solution
YU	X							Patent of addition, petty patent, extension of EP patent ^{2,11}
ZA	X							Patent of addition
ZM	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition
ZW	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition

1 Information regarding any other type of national protection is not yet available.

2 A request for an extension may be made at the time of entry into the regional phase before the European Patent Office, provided that the designations of EP and/or of the State concerned have not been withdrawn, or, in the case of international applications filed before 1 January 2004, provided that the PCT application contained designations both for a European patent and of the State concerned. Such a request may not be made in the PCT request form itself. See the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, paragraphs 41 and 89, and Vol. II/A, National Chapter (EP) for further details as to the procedure to be followed.

3 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 December 2004.

4 Will become bound by the PCT on 14 October 2006.

5 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2004.

6 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2004.

7 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 December 2004.

8 Only for international applications filed before 1 December 2004.

9 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005.

10 Only for international applications filed before 1 July 2005.

11 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2004.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
19–20 September 2006 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	Advanced 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
21–22 September 2006 London (GB)	English	5 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	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
27 September 2006 Stockholm (SE) CANCELLED	English	Patent Updating Day WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
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
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
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, Massachussets (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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 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 footnotes 2 and 5 for details. 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 3 and 10. (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
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	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	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 September 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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)	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	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	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,086	12	78	EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,273	14	91	CA
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 ⁷ —	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	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 900	10	64	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,710	70	480	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 ⁷ —	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

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 September 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
EP ⁵	EUR 105	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 66.56	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	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 ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 79	CHF 1,400 or EUR 900 or USD 1,086	15 10 12	100 64 78	See footnote 11
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 78,600 (from 1.11.06: 86,000)	800 (900)	5,600 (6,100)	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 121,800	1,300	8,700	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 RU
KR ⁵	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,027,000	11,000	73,000	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available				
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LY	Information not yet available				
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 900	10	n a	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 ³ 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 ⁵	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,748	19	125	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁷ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	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	AU EP JP KR US

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
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	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	AT AU EP KR ¹⁵
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	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
SV	Information not yet available				
SY	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
TN	TND ⁷ —	CHF 1,400	15	n a	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	n a	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,086	12	78	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁷ —	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	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 6,910 (from 1.10.06: 7,700)	70 (80)	490 (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 September 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT	EUR 200 * (from 15.11.06)	CHF 311 ZAR 1,830	KRW 250,000	SGD 410	USD 241	ZAR* 1,540		
AU	AUD 1,200 USD 908 * (from 1.10.06:	CHF* 1,171 ZAR* 5,350 CHF 1,097	EUR** 752 ZAR 6,060	KRW 885,000	NZD 1,423	SGD 1,440	EUR 702	
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,759	EUR 1,131	USD 1,365				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 335	EUR 215	USD 260				
EP ¹⁶	EUR 1,615 JPY** 222,800 USD*** 1,925 * (from 1.11.06: *** (from 15.9.06:	CHF 2,525 MWK 248,000 ZAR**** 11,840 ISK 156,000 USD 2,059	CYP 928 NOK 12,990 ** (from 15.11.06: **** (from 1.10.06:	DKK 12,050 NZD 3,208 JPY 238,100 ZAR 13,770	GBP 1,098	ISK* 142,000	SGD 3,120	
ES ¹⁶	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,525	USD* 1,925	* (from 15.9.06: USD 2,059)				
FI	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,525	USD* 1,925	* (from 15.9.06: USD 2,059)				
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 15.9.06:	CHF* 1,115 CHF 1,042	EUR* 717 EUR 668	KRW 841,000	USD 861			
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 280	EUR 180	NZD 347	SGD 380	USD 232		
RU ¹⁷	USD 300	CHF 387	EUR 248					
SE	SEK 15,230 USD** 1,925 * (from 1.11.06:	CHF 2,525 ISK 156,000	DKK 12,050 ** (from 15.9.06:	EUR 1,615	ISK* 142,000	NOK 12,990	USD 2,059	
US	USD 1,000 ZAR* 6,360 * (from 1.11.06:	CHF 1,289 ZAR 7,200	387 ¹⁸ 1,910 ¹⁸	EUR 828	248 ¹⁸	NZD 1,640	440 ¹⁸	

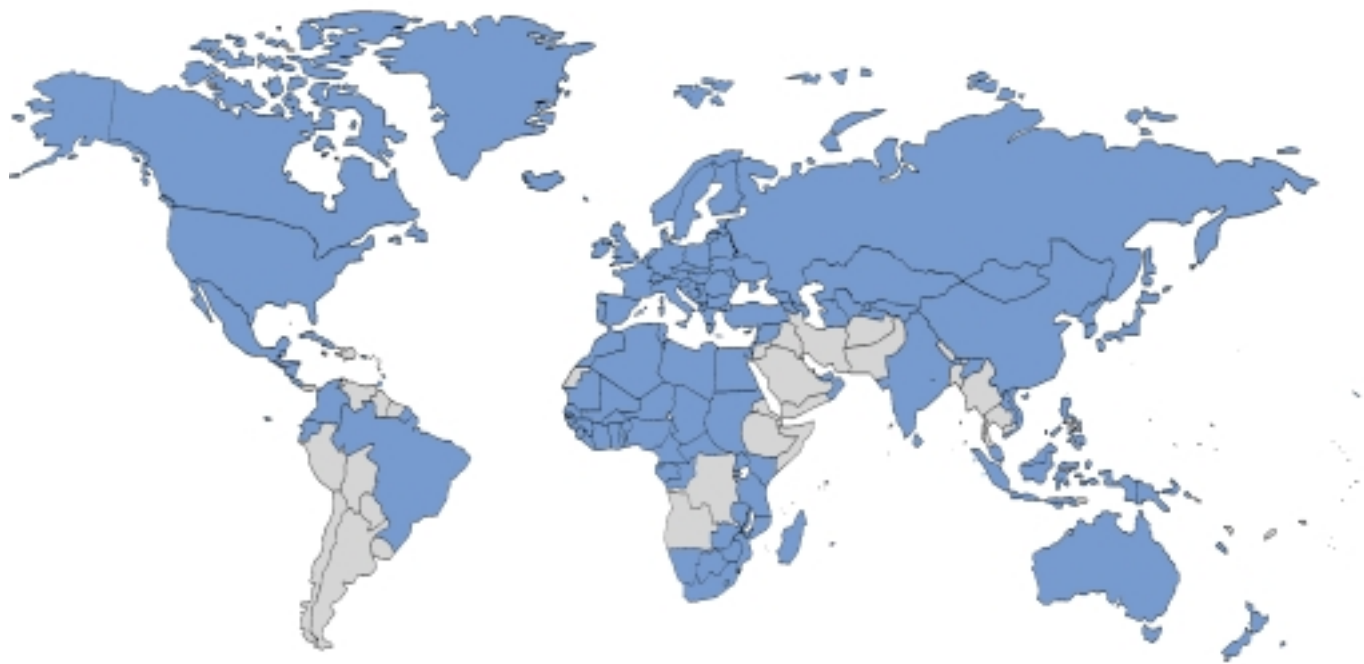
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 September 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁹		Handling fee^{3, 19} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129	
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ²⁰	AUD	205
CA	CAD	800		CAD	182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP¹⁶	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
RU¹⁷	USD	200 ²¹	300 ²²	USD	155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²³	USD	155

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the 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*).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/AU, EP, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP, KR, NL, PH, PL, RO, SE and SK. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200=AUD 205 (from 1.11.06: AUD 219)**, **DKK 960**, **EUR 129**, **GBP 87**, **SEK 1,210**, **USD 155**; **CHF 300=AUD 308 (from 1.11.06: AUD 328)**, **DKK 1,440**, **EUR 193**, **GBP 131**, **JPY 26,100**, **KRW 220,000**, **SEK 1,810**, **USD 233**.
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 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.
- 10 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
- 11 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).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.
- 19 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 21 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 22 In all cases where footnote 21 does not apply.
- 23 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US)).

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AG Antigua and Barbuda	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SM San Marino
AL Albania ¹	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AM Armenia (EA)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SV El Salvador
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AU Australia	DZ Algeria	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	EC Ecuador	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	TD Chad (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EE Estonia (EP)	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BB Barbados	EG Egypt	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NG Nigeria	TN Tunisia
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FR France (EP) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NI Nicaragua	TR Turkey (EP)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LR Liberia	NZ New Zealand	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	US United States of America
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PT Portugal (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala (from 14 October 2006)	MA Morocco	RO Romania (EP)	YU Serbia and Montenegro ^{1,3}
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		SK Slovakia (EP)	

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Pending official communication from Montenegro and Serbia in respect of their membership of the Treaty.

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 PCT web site, 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.

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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 <i>(from 1.11.06: 1,531)</i>	15 <i>(16)</i>	103 <i>(109)</i>	205 <i>(219)</i>	308 <i>(328)</i>	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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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]
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				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)										

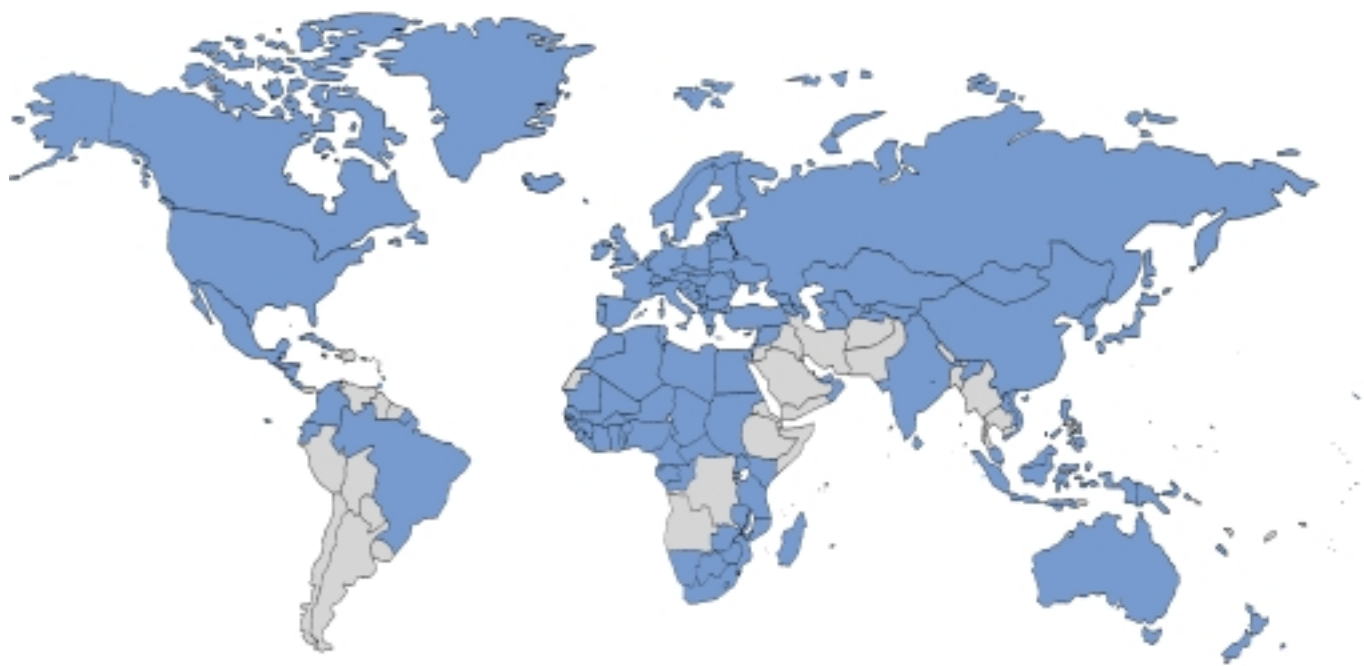
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 October 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

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:

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- 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.
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- 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.
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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
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BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TT Trinidad and Tobago
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CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
CU Cuba	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
	IL Israel			

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

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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 90bis.1(c), 90bis.2(e) or 90bis.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 92bis – 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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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
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
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	VND	Vietnamese dong
		DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
		EER	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		
		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]
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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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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)							

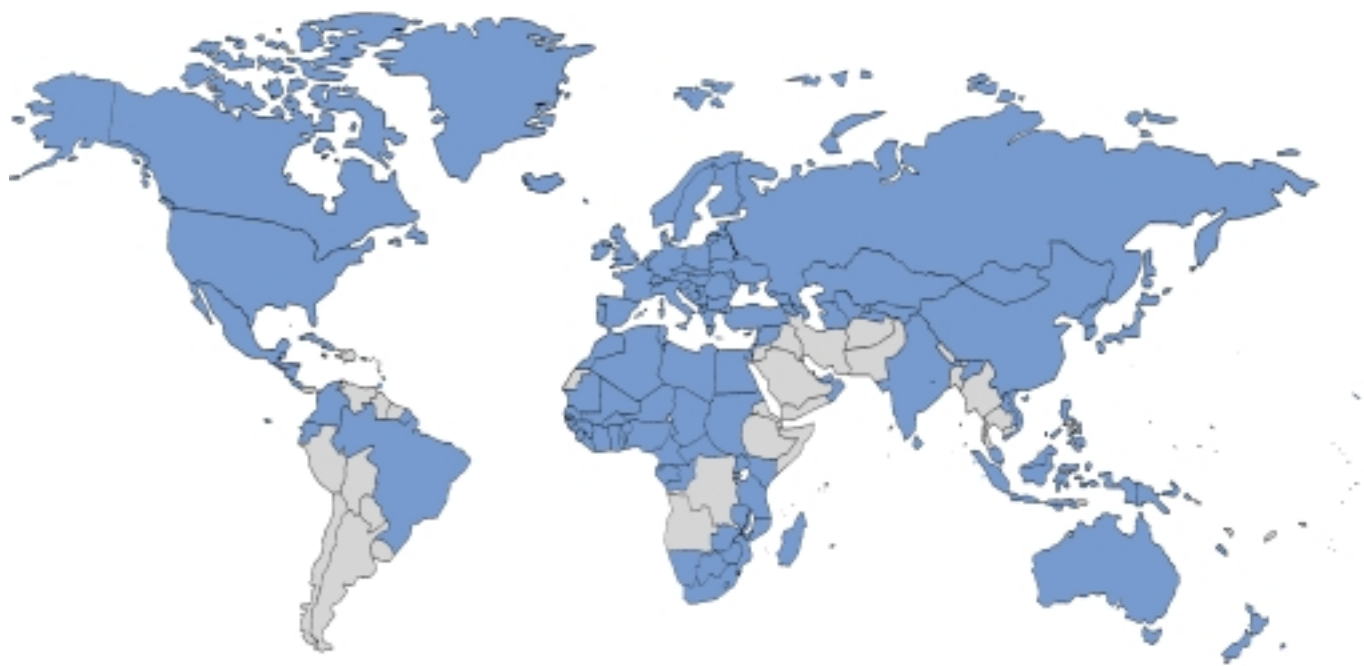
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 November 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

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.
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- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US)).

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	IL Israel			
	IN India			

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New PCT Contracting State

Malta (country code: MT)

On 1 December 2006, Malta deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 1 March 2007, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 1 March 2007 will automatically include the designation of Malta.

Also, because Malta will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 1 March 2007. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Malta will be entitled, as from 1 March 2007, to file international applications under the PCT. Note that Malta has made a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

The Japan Patent Office begins receiving and processing international applications filed using the PCT-SAFE software

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On 30 November 2006, the JPO notified WIPO under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that, as from 4 January 2007, it will be prepared to accept international applications filed using the PCT-SAFE software. This means that, as from that date, Japanese applicants will have the choice of using either the PCT-SAFE software or the JPO-PAS software.

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1. Additional national phase information

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- Sweden
- United States of America

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CH Switzerland
LU Luxembourg
SE Sweden
TZ United Republic of Tanzania
UG Uganda

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- for submission to the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China as receiving Office (RO/CN).

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The subscription price for the paper version of the *PCT Newsletter* for the year 2007 will remain the same as for 2006, that is, 70 Swiss francs by regular mail and 81 Swiss francs by priority mail. Similarly, the price of the *PCT Newsletter* binder will remain the same, that is, 18 Swiss francs by regular mail and 21 Swiss francs by priority mail.

Included in this issue, as an insert, is a *PCT Newsletter* subscription form for 2007. **If you are already a subscriber, it is not necessary to return the form** since, unless notification to the contrary is received from you by WIPO, subscription renewal is automatic; subscribers will have already received, or will shortly receive, an invoice for 2007 subscriptions. You may, however, wish to use the subscription form to subscribe to additional copies – for subscriptions to more than one copy, you are entitled to 25% off the basic price for each copy subscribed to (including the first) – or to order binders for the *PCT Newsletter*.

You are reminded that the contents of the *PCT Newsletter* can also be viewed on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/

Paris Convention

Accession by Yemen

On 15 November 2006, Yemen (country code: YE) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Convention to 170. Yemen will become bound by the Paris Convention on 15 February 2007. This updates the list of States party to the Paris Convention that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2006 (together with the list of States party to the PCT and Members of the WTO).

Section IV of the PCT Gazette

As of January 2007, Section IV of the *PCT Gazette*, which contains PCT notices and information of a general character, is to be renamed “*Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*”. For the convenience of readers, it will be available

in two separate English and French versions, instead of the current single, bilingual English/French version. It is recalled that current Section IV is available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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

As from January 2007, the Internet addresses for the *Official Notices* will be, in English and French, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/officialnotices.html
www.wipo.int/pct/fr/officialnotices.html

Note that those people who have bookmarked the current address will be automatically redirected to the new address of the *Official Notices* in English.

PCT Information Update

AM Armenia (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; means of telecommunication; time limit for entry into the national phase)

The Intellectual Property Agency (Armenia) has notified its name in Armenian, as well as changes in its location and mailing address and telephone and fax numbers, as follows:

Name of Office (in Armenian):
 Mtavor Sepakanutyun Gortsakalutyun

Location and mailing address:
 Government House 3
 Central Avenue
 Yerevan 0010, Armenia

Telephone: (374-10) 52 06 73, 56 14 04
 Fax: (374-10) 54 34 67, 56 11 26

The Office has also informed WIPO that it now accepts the filing of documents by fax, and that there has been a change in the types of national protection available via the PCT as follows:

Types of protection available via the PCT:

National: basic patents, provisional patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent)

Eurasian: [no change]

In addition, the Office has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before it as a designated Office. The new time limit is 31 months from the priority date.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (AM) and National Chapter, Summary (AM))

BY Belarus (Internet address; fees)

The National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) has introduced a second Internet address. The list of Internet addresses now reads as follows:

Internet: <http://belgopatent.org.by>
<http://www.belgopatent.org>

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Office as receiving Office, has been established:

Fee for priority document:

per priority document:	BYR	26,160
plus, per additional priority document:	BYR	8,650
plus, per page in excess of 35:	BYR	520

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and C (BY))

CH Switzerland (fees)

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

Annual fee for the 5 th and 6 th years, per year:	CHF	100
Annual fee as from the 7 th year, per year:	CHF	310

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

CZ Czech Republic (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The address of the Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM), 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:

Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)
 Tvrdého 14
 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic

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

GE Georgia (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone number; e-mail address)

The name, location and mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address of the

Georgian Intellectual Property Office have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:

National Intellectual Property Center
(Georgia)

Location and mailing address:

6, I. Chavchavadze
1 Lane
Tbilisi 0179
Georgia

Telephone: (995-32) 25 27 93, 98 85 18

E-mail: sakpatenti@wanex.net

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

IN India (means of telecommunication; time when name and address of inventor must be given; competence of receiving Office/designated Office)

The Patent Office (India) has informed the International Bureau of the deletion of the time limit for the furnishing of the original of a document filed by means of telecommunication (fax). It has also made a change with relation to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if India is designated (or elected), as follows:

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if India is designated (or elected):

within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)

The Office has also added a clarification concerning the competency of its various branches in the relevant footnote relating to the competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of India, and to the competent designated (or elected) Office if India is designated (or elected). The modified text of this footnote is reproduced below:

“Depending on the residence or place of business of the applicant (or of the first applicant if there are several applicants), the place from where the invention actually originated or the address for service in India for non-residents, within the territorial jurisdiction under the Indian patents legislation.”

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

JP Japan (requirement for copy of international application)

The Japan Patent Office has modified its conditions relating to whether a copy of the international application is required upon entry into the national phase. The new conditions are outlined in a new footnote, as follows:

“Where the international application was filed in Japanese, a copy of any amendments under PCT Articles 19 and 34 may be required if the communication under PCT Article 20 has not taken place within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or if an express request for early processing was filed under PCT Article 23(2).”

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

KR Republic of Korea (who can act as agent; fees; time limit for furnishing translation of priority document)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified a change in its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

any registered patent attorney or legal representative

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed), and modifications with regard to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee have been made, as follows:

For patent:

annual fees from the first to the third year, per year: KRW 27,000
plus, for the second and each subsequent claim: KRW 18,000

For utility model:

fee for request for examination: KRW 55,000
plus, for the second and each subsequent claim: KRW 14,000

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

filing fee, fee for request for examination, annual fees from the first to the third

year and fee for request for scope confirmation trial are reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and is also the inventor.

[No change]

There have also been changes in the special requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office regarding the translation of the priority document into Korean, as follows:

Special requirements of the Office:

translation into Korean of the priority document where it is not identical with the international application and is necessary for examination or appeal; otherwise a written statement confirming identity is sufficient.

The Office has also modified the time limit for furnishing a translation into Korean of the priority document. The modified text of the relevant footnote is reproduced below:

“Must be furnished within two months from the date of notification of the need for translation by the Office.”

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (KR) and National Chapter, Summary (KR))

LC Saint Lucia (e-mail address)

The Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia) has replaced one of its e-mail addresses by a new one. The list of e-mail addresses now reads as follows:

E-mail: registrarocip@yahoo.com
rocip2@hotmail.com

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

MC Monaco (fees)

As from 1 January 2007, there will be a change in the amount of the following fee, payable to the Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

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

SE Sweden (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as designated (or elected) Office,

have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Filing fee:
entry fee: SEK 500
search fee: SEK 2,500

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

SM San Marino (time limit for filing a translation of the international application)

The Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) has modified the time limit applicable for the filing of a translation of the international application upon entry in the national phase. The modified text of the relevant footnote is as follows:

“Where the basic fee has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the translation may be filed within a time limit of one month, provided that the additional fee for late furnishing of the translation has been paid within that time limit.”

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

US United States of America (who can act as agent)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has changed the Internet address from which it is possible to obtain the list of agents qualified to practice before the Office as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

patent attorneys and patent agents registered to practice before the Office. A list of registered patent attorneys and agents may be obtained on the Internet at <http://des.uspto.gov/OEDCI/>

UZ Uzbekistan (Internet address; fees)

The State Patent Office of Uzbekistan has deleted one of its Internet addresses. The Internet address to be used is as follows:

Internet: www.patent.uz

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed), and there have been modifications with regard to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

For patent:

examination fee for
each independent claim
in excess of one: USD 1,260

maintenance fee for the
first three years: USD 840

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the
national fee:

where an international search or an
international preliminary examination
report has been established:

examination fee: USD 1,000

examination fee for each
independent claim in
excess of one: USD 840

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1
(UZ), and National Chapter, Summary (UZ))

Search fee (United States Patent and Trademark Office)

There will be a change in the equivalent
amounts (of the higher amount—the lower
amount remains unchanged) payable in EUR
(as from 1 January 2007) and NZD (as from
1 February 2007) for an international search
carried out by the United States Patent and
Trademark Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

Non-working Days at the IB

For the purposes of computing time limits
under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the
International Bureau (IB) will not be open for
business are, for the period from 1 January to
31 December 2007, the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and
1 and 2 January 2007
6 and 9 April 2007
17 May 2007
28 May 2007
6 September 2007
20 December 2007
25 and 26 December 2007

Note that the days indicated above concern
only the IB and not the national Offices and
other international organizations. The closing
dates in 2007 for other Offices are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/closingdates.htm

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

PCT in the News

The following articles, which look at inventions
and the inventors behind those inventions,
have been published in the latest edition of the
WIPO Magazine:

- “Nobel Prize for the Silence of the Genes”
- “Pills from Poisons”
- “Metal Magician Meets Engineering Wizard”

The articles 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

PatentScope information via RSS feeds

It is recalled that RSS (Really Simple Syndica-
tion) is used to share content from a website or
web log, and can be used to feed information
into your own web page or into a database. For
PCT users who have their own RSS feed,
note that you can pick up the RSS feeds
setting out recently published items on Patent-
Scope by including the following url in your
RSS feed:

<http://www.wipo.int/rss/index.jsp?col=newsdocs&cat=patents&source=news-patentscope&display=6>

Summary of the Results of an RO/IB User Survey

A user survey on the services provided by the
International Bureau in its capacity as receiving
Office (RO/IB) was conducted recently, in
order to assess user satisfaction with the
services of the RO/IB.

Replies were received from applicants repre-
senting more than 50% of the filings at the
RO/IB. The results underscored broad user
satisfaction with the RO/IB, with almost 16%
saying the service was very good, over 50%

saying it was good, and almost 25% saying it was satisfactory.

To address the few instances where a less than satisfactory response was given, in particular, regarding timeliness issues, follow-up telephone calls were made with many of the applicants concerned to better understand their concerns. As a result, changes were made to the RO/IB's internal procedures with a view to improving responsiveness and timeliness, including ensuring availability of staff to answer the RO/IB call line.

If you have any questions regarding the filing of international applications with the RO/IB, please contact the RO/IB at:

telephone: (41-22) 338 92 22
fax: (41-22) 910 06 10
e-mail: ro.ib@wipo.int

Practical Advice

Filing fully electronic PCT applications with RO/US with the request form as a PCT-EASY zip file

Q: I intend to file a fully electronic PCT application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office (RO/US) using EFS-Web. I would like to take full advantage of the USD 155 fee reduction by filing the request form as a PCT-EASY zip file. How can I create this PCT-EASY zip file and how do I sign the request form?

A: First of all you will need to install the 24 November 2006 version of the PCT-SAFE software, which can be downloaded from the Internet at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/download_client.htm

This software allows you to create regular PCT-EASY-type filings (submitted on paper and accompanied by the PCT-EASY diskette) and, in this new version, create the PCT-EASY zip file for the purpose of filing in fully electronic format with the RO/US. You should start to create your request form as if you were preparing a regular PCT-EASY filing, then when you get to the "Contents" page you should check the checkbox "EFS-Web". This will enable special functionality, accessible on the "Annotate" page, that will allow you to apply the necessary electronic signatures to the request form. The electronic signature, which replaces the ink signature on a paper form, should be in the form of an alphanumeric

text string within slash characters (/), for example:

/John Doe/

In order to comply with US requirements, if the signatory is a registered practitioner acting as a legal representative for the applicant with the USPTO, the text string signature should also contain the registration number of that practitioner within the slash characters, for example:

/John Doe, Reg. No. 999999/

The name of the signatory, as entered on the "Names" page, will be printed automatically by the software below the electronic signature. Note that it is also possible to apply electronic signatures to the Declaration of Inventorship, if you are filing one as part of the request form at the time of filing.

When you have finished filling in the request form data, including the number of pages for each of your application documents (even though they will not be submitted on paper), you will need to save your request form as "ready for submission". The process is the same as if you were submitting a PCT-EASY filing with the exception that the request form is not printed. From the "Ready to submit" folder you should save your US-PCT-EASY filing to a folder on your computer, rather than to a diskette. The files saved to this folder are the PCT-EASY zip file and the PCT-EASY log file. It is the zip file that you need to upload to the EFS-Web system along with your other application documents.

For further information on how to use PCT-SAFE in PCT-EASY mode for fully electronic filing with RO/US, please see the user guide "Preparing the PCT-EASY .zip for fully electronic filing with RO/US using EFS-Web", which can be found on the Internet at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/guides/doc/us_e_easy.doc

or contact the PCT-SAFE Help Desk by e-mail: pctsafe.help@wipo.int

For further information on fully electronic filing with RO/US or EFS-Web, please contact EFS-Web support at the USPTO by e-mail at: EBC@uspto.gov or on their toll-free phone number: 866 217 91 97.

General information on filing international applications using the PCT-SAFE software can be found on the Internet at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/user_documentation.htm

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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
31 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
8–9 March 2007 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	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
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
12–13 March 2006 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	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
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
27–28 March 2007 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT seminar: "PCT for consultants and advanced paralegals" WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Genin	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se

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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
19–20 April 2007 Bratislava (SK)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Genin	European Patent Institute (EPI) (Ms. Martina Fromm) Tel: (49–89) 24 20 52 15 Fax: (49–89) 24 20 52 20 E-mail: info@patentepi.com
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 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

Other IP events

Trading Ideas – the Future of IP in Asia Pacific, Sydney (Australia), 28 to 30 January 2007

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

Strategic Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Goa (India), 11 to 13 March 2007

Designed for senior executives, the International Executive Program, jointly offered by the Worldwide Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Confederation of Indian Industry, teaches how intellectual property (IP) can be strategically leveraged to create value and sustain competitive advantage over time in a rapidly changing environment. Thought leaders from leading business schools and the corporate world reveal unique insights and experiences on strategic IP management using lectures, case studies, best practices and group discussions. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from each other, share experiences, reflect and apply the principles and practices of IP management in their own business environment.

For further information, please visit: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed or send an email to: execed.academy@wipo.int.

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 December 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
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	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EER	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 December 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]
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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	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	See footnote 13
	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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				Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 130,300	1,400	9,300	–	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 (from 1.1.07: 54 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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							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 December 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	311	KRW	250,000	SGD	410	USD	241	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								
			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	238,100	MWK	248,000	NOK	12,990	NZD	3,208	SEK	15,230	SGD	3,120
	USD	2,059	ZAR*	13,770								
			ISK	143,000	ZAR	14,920						
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		
			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										
			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									
				EUR	762	248 ²⁰	ZAR	7,200	2,300 ²⁰			
				NZD	1,520	440 ²⁰						

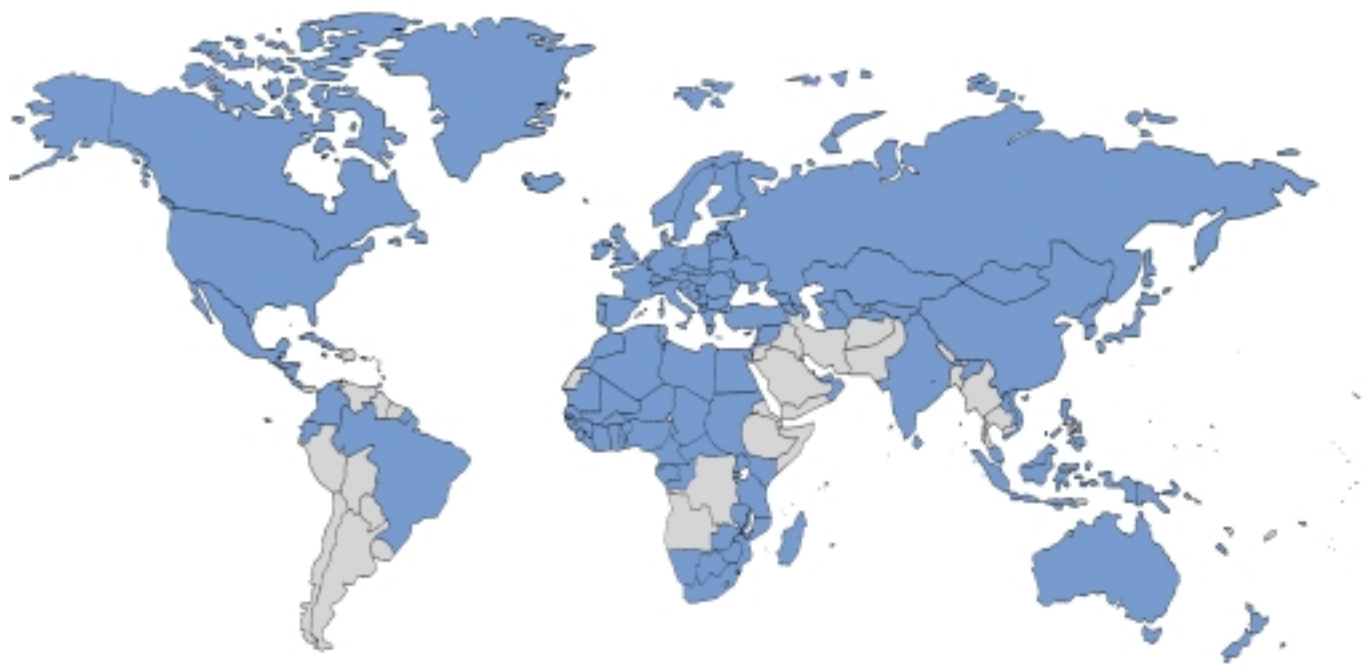
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IPEA	Preliminary examination fee²¹		Handling fee^{2, 21} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ²²	AUD 205
CA	CAD	800		CAD 182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EP¹⁸	EUR	1,595		EUR 129
ES	EUR	523.29		EUR 129
FI	EUR	550		EUR 129
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY 17,400
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW 147,000
RU¹⁹	USD	200 ²³	300 ²⁴	USD 155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²⁵	USD 155

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