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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](http://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](http://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
CZ	Czech Republic
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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**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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IN	India
KR	Republic of Korea
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NO	Norway
PT	Portugal
TR	Turkey

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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf)

**PCT Information Update**

**EP European Patent Office (Internet address; fees)**

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

Internet: [www.epo.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf)

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### **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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/pct_reg.pdf)

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### **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/](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/filing.htm)



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<b>29-30 June 2006 Niederpöcking am Starnberger See (DE)</b>	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
<b>14 July 2006 Portland (US)</b>	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
<b>17-18 July 2006 Seattle (US)</b>	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
<b>20-21 July 2006 Chicago (US)</b>	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
<b>24-25 July 2006 Philadelphia (US)</b>	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
<b>11-12 September 2006 Stockholm (SE)</b>	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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<b>PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]</b>			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>21–22 September 2006 London (GB)</b>	English	5 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>28–29 November 2006 Paris (FR)</b>	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
<b>7–8 December 2006 London (GB)</b>	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 <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup> (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2, 5</sup> (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
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 <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup> (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2, 5</sup> (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
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 <sup>7</sup> —	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 <sup>7</sup> —	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 <sup>5</sup>	EUR 105	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES <sup>5</sup>	EUR 66.56	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI <sup>5</sup>	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR <sup>5</sup>	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB <sup>5</sup>	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL <sup>8</sup> 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC <sup>9</sup> 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 <sup>5</sup>	CHF <sup>10</sup> 100 or EUR <sup>10</sup> 64 or USD <sup>10</sup> 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 <sup>5</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup> (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2, 5</sup> (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
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 <sup>5</sup>	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,027,000	11,000	73,000	AT AU JP <sup>12</sup> 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 <sup>7</sup> —	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 <sup>13</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>5</sup>	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 <sup>14</sup>	NZD 1,584 (from 1.7.06: 1,748)	17 (19)	113 (125)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF <sup>7</sup> —	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 <sup>15</sup>
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 <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3,4</sup> (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2,5</sup> (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
SK	<b>SKK</b> 2,000	<b>SKK</b> eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
SM	<b>EUR</b> 50	<b>EUR</b> 900	10	N a	EP
SY	<b>USD</b> <sup>7</sup> —	<b>USD</b> 1,086	12	78	AT EP RU
TJ	<b>TJS</b> <sup>7</sup> —	<b>USD</b> 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
TM	<b>USD</b> <sup>7</sup> —	<b>USD</b> 1,086	12	78	EP RU
TN	<b>TND</b> <sup>7</sup> —	<b>CHF</b> 1,400	15	n a	EP
TR	<b>CHF</b> 100	<b>CHF</b> 1,400	15	100	EP
TT	<b>TTD</b> 750	<b>USD</b> 1,086	12	78	AT EP SE US
UA	<b>UAH</b> 255	<b>USD</b> (or eq <b>UAH</b> ) 1,086	12	N a	EP RU
US	<b>USD</b> 300	<b>USD</b> 1,086	12	78	EP KR US
UZ	<b>USD</b> <sup>7</sup> —	<b>USD</b> 1,086	12	78	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available				
VN	<b>VND</b> eq <b>USD</b> 150	<b>VND</b> eq <b>CHF</b> 1,400	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	<b>YUD</b> 3,000	<b>YUD</b> eq <b>CHF</b> 1,400	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	eq <b>CHF</b> 100	EP
ZA	<b>ZAR</b> 500	<b>ZAR</b> 6,910	70	490	AT AU EP US
ZM	Information not yet available				
ZW	<b>ZWD</b> 6,000	<b>ZWD</b> eq <b>USD</b> 1,086	eq <b>USD</b> 12	eq <b>USD</b> 78	AT AU CN EP RU

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

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

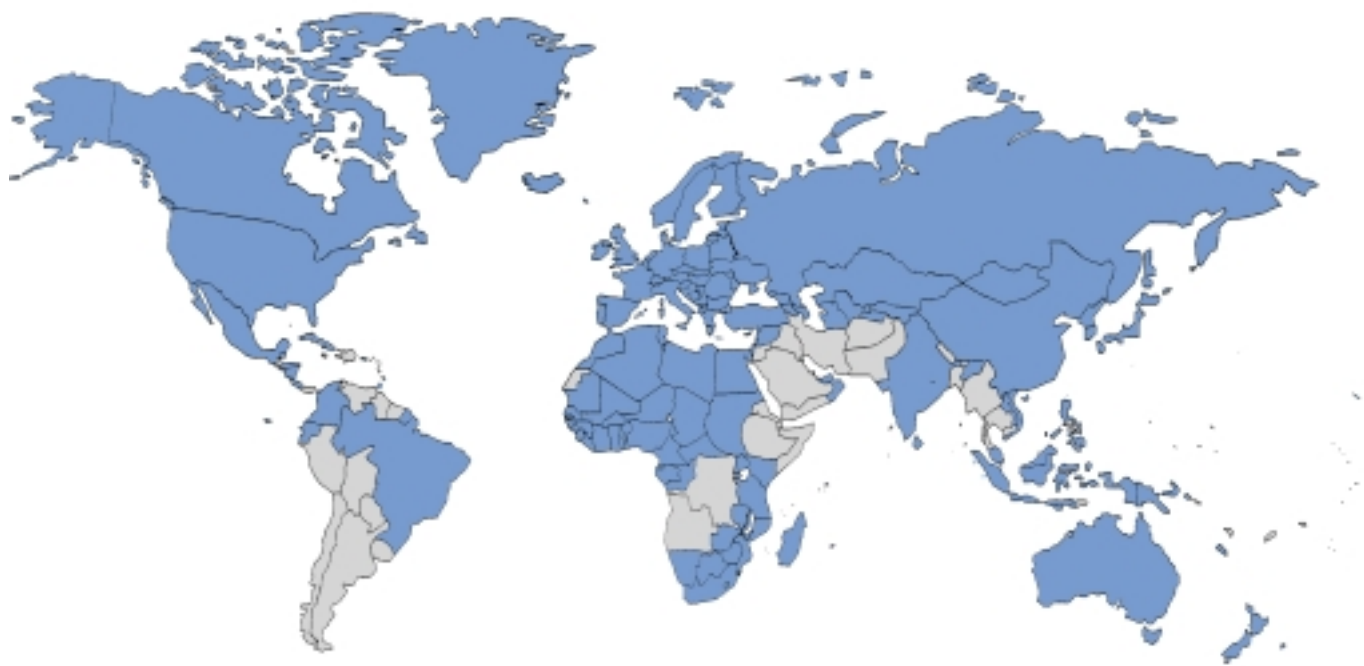
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 June 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

<b>IPEA</b>	<b>Preliminary examination fee<sup>19</sup></b>		<b>Handling fee<sup>3, 19</sup> (CHF 200)</b>	
<b>AT</b>	<b>EUR</b>	200	<b>EUR</b>	129
<b>AU</b>	<b>AUD</b>	550	1,000 <sup>20</sup>	<b>AUD</b> 205
<b>CA</b>	<b>CAD</b>	800		<b>CAD</b> 182
<b>CN</b>	<b>CNY</b>	1,500		<b>CNY eq CHF</b> 200
<b>EP<sup>16</sup></b>	<b>EUR</b>	1,595		<b>EUR</b> 129
<b>ES</b>	<b>EUR</b>	523.29		<b>EUR</b> 129
<b>FI</b>	<b>EUR</b>	550		<b>EUR</b> 129
<b>JP</b>	<b>JPY</b>	36,000		<b>JPY</b> 17,400
<b>KR</b>	<b>KRW</b>	225,000		<b>KRW</b> 147,000
<b>RU<sup>17</sup></b>	<b>USD</b>	200 <sup>21</sup>	300 <sup>22</sup>	<b>USD</b> 155
<b>SE</b>	<b>SEK</b>	5,000		<b>SEK</b> 1,210
<b>US</b>	<b>USD</b>	600	750 <sup>23</sup>	<b>USD</b> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.
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- 22 In all cases where footnote 21 does not apply.
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AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MW Malawi (AP)	<b>SV <i>El Salvador</i></b> (from 17 August 2006)
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