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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:

VISA:

Swiss francs, US dollars or Euro

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Swiss francs, US dollars or Euro

American Express:

Swiss francs or US dollars only

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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- Gallery of PCT notable inventions and inventors
- Collection of PCT user strategies
- PCT statistics

Legal Information:

- Treaty, Regulations, Administrative Instructions and Guidelines for Authorities and Offices
- PCT legal text index
- *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

Filing:

- Electronic filing (PCT-SAFE)
- Direct filing at WIPO
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- *PCT Applicant's Guide*
- Forms
- *PCT Newsletter*
- PCT Time Limit Calculator

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- Search International Patent Applications
- Official notices (*PCT Gazette*, Section IV)
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(see "PCT-SAFE Update", on page 6) provides for a secure means for furnishing the credit card details to the RO/IB.

For filings on paper, a special form (Form PCT/RO/197: "Credit card payment to the International Bureau as receiving Office"), must be completed when paying by credit card. (Note that if applicants filing international applications using the PCT-SAFE software underpay their fees, they would also have to use Form PCT/RO/197 in order to pay the remaining amount due by credit card.) This form is available at:

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
first annual fee:		
– for patent:	TRY	236
– for utility model:	TRY	236

Reinstatement of rights: TRY 750

* 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

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

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

PCT Gallery of Notable Inventions and Inventors

The following additions have been made to the gallery of notable inventors (www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventors/index.html):

- Federico FAGGIN
- James FERGASON

Suggestions for additions to the PCT gallery should be sent to the following e-mail address: pct.infoline@wipo.int

PCT in the News

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
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 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]
(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
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
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 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

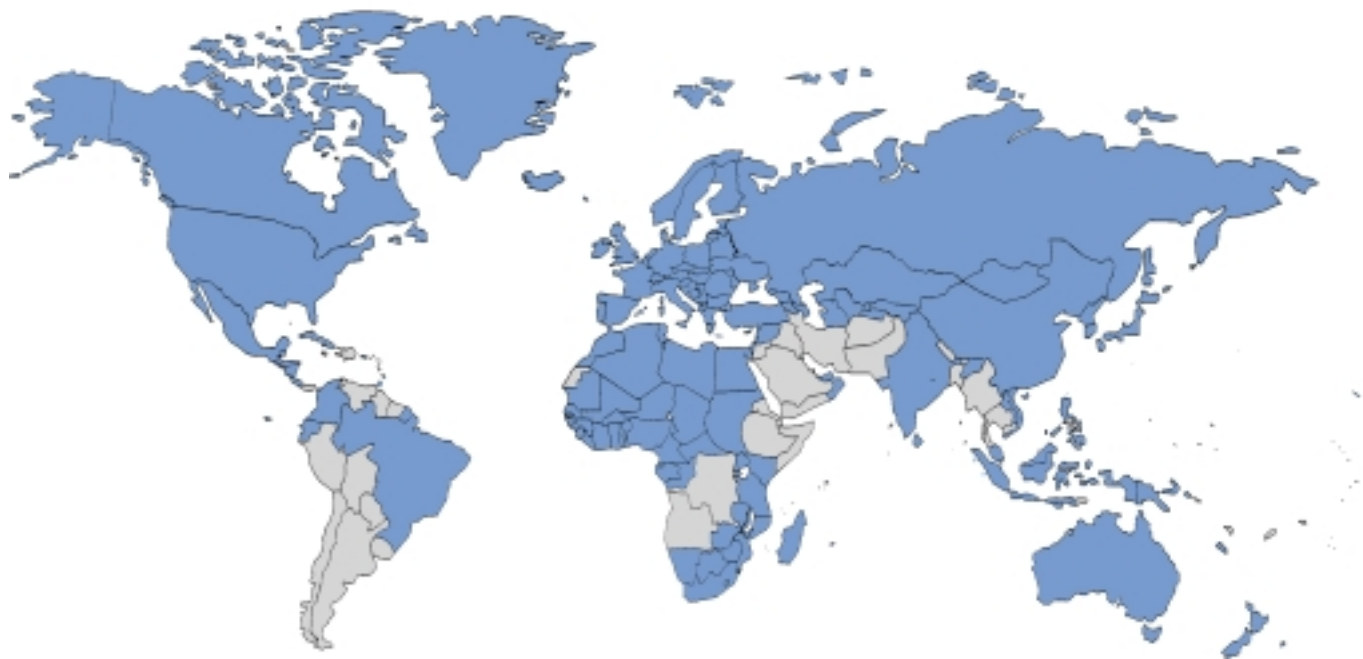
(amounts on 1 August 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

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.
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- 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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