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Information on the Upcoming Session of the PCT Assembly

The thirty-fifth session of the Assembly of the PCT Union will be held in Geneva from 25 September to 3 October 2006, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

During that meeting the Assembly will be invited, after taking into account the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, to appoint the Nordic Patent Institute (an intergovernmental organization established by the governments of Denmark, Iceland and Norway) as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT.

The Assembly will also discuss proposed amendments to the PCT Regulations, which would generally enter into force on 1 April 2007, relating to:

- minimum requirements for International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities;
- physical requirements of the international application: text size requirements; procedure for making corrections;
- language-related requirements of the international application; and
- amendments previously adopted by the Assembly: clarifications and consequential amendments.

Documents will also be presented to the Assembly on the following matters:

- PCT reform (the status of the matters discussed at the Working Group and an identification of what future work needs to be undertaken);
- quality management systems for PCT International Authorities;

- the quality of international searches; and
- PCT information systems.

For further information on the proposed amendments to the PCT Regulations, see documents PCT/A/35/2 and PCT/A/35/2.Add, and for further information on the other matters for discussion, see documents PCT/A/35/1, PCT/A/35/3, PCT/A/35/4, PCT/A/35/5 and PCT/A/35/6, at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=11183

For information on the twenty-second session of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, which will meet during the same period, see documents PCT/CTC/22/1 and PCT/CTC/22/2, at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=130

Information on the outcome of both meetings will be published in the October issue of the *PCT Newsletter* (No. 10/2006).

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New WIPO website and change affecting PCT website

WIPO has updated, restructured, and redesigned its website. The changes have been made to make it easier for users to find the information they are seeking and to keep pace with technical developments on the web. The address of the new website is the same as before, that is:

www.wipo.int

New features of the website include:

- a news portal, highlighting recent decisions and forthcoming events at WIPO;
- an IP LIVE feature, designed to show intellectual property in action;
- an expanded navigation bar with drop down menus reflecting the principal areas of WIPO's work; and
- rapid "gateways" to all WIPO information and activities relating to patents, trademarks, designs, copyright and IP and development.

Note that, although PCT Resources in the PatentScope part of the WIPO website have not changed, there are now no longer separate pages for the use of applicants and offices – the contents of both pages have

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Reminder

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

been consolidated into one single page. Users of the PCT website should now bookmark the following website address:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/

If you do, however, try to access the previous addresses (www.wipo.int/pct/en/applicants.html or www.wipo.int/pct/en/offices.html, respectively), you will automatically be taken to the new PCT website address indicated above.

PCT Information Update

FI Finland (fees)

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland has informed the International Bureau of a modification in the time limit for payment of a component of the national fee, namely the annual fees for the first three years, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new time limit is outlined in a footnote, reproduced below:

"The renewal fees for an international application in respect of fee years which have begun before the date on which the application was pursued under section 31 of the Patents Act or was taken up for processing under section 38 of the same Act or which begin within two months of such date become in no event due until the last day of the month that falls two months after the date on which the application was pursued or otherwise prosecuted."

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

GE Georgia (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Georgian Intellectual Property Office has changed, as follows:

E-mail: sakpatent@wanex.net

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

IL Israel (Internet address)

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

Internet: www.patents.gov.il

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

MY Malaysia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office and the Korean

Intellectual Property Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Malaysia with the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia as receiving Office with effect since 16 August 2006.

MZ Mozambique (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Industrial Property Institute (Mozambique) have changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (258–21) 354 900

Fax: (258–21) 354 944

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

NG Nigeria (summary of requirements for entry into the national phase)

Information on the requirements of the Commercial Law Department (Trademarks, Patents and Designs) (Nigeria) as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see National Chapter, Summary (NG)) on the PCT website at:

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

PT Portugal (telephone numbers)

The telephone number of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) has changed. The number to be used is now as follows:

Telephone: (351–21) 881 81 00

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

International search and preliminary examination (Korean Intellectual Property Office)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified a change, applicable since 16 August 2006, relating to the subject matter set forth in PCT Rules 39.1 and 67.1, respectively, which, under Article 4 of the Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, is not excluded from search or examination, as follows:

Subject matter that will not be searched:

the subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the excep-

tion of subject matter which is searched in Korean national applications

Subject matter that will not be examined: the subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of subject matter which is examined in Korean national applications

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

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office)

As from 15 November 2006, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in ZAR for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office and in JPY for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

For information on a change affecting the PCT website, see "New WIPO website and change affecting PCT website", on page 2.

Budapest Treaty

List of States party to the Budapest Treaty; list of intergovernmental industrial property organizations having filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of that Treaty

It is recalled that the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure permits the disclosure of an invention involving a microorganism, or the use of a microorganism or other biological material, by effecting a deposit of a sample of the microor-

States party to the Budapest Treaty (situation on 1 September 2006)		
AL Albania	HR Croatia	PH Philippines
AM Armenia	HU Hungary	PL Poland
AT Austria	IE Ireland	PT Portugal
AU Australia	IL Israel	RO Romania
AZ Azerbaijan	IN India	RU Russian Federation
BE Belgium	IS Iceland	SE Sweden
BG Bulgaria	IT Italy	SG Singapore
BY Belarus	JP Japan	SI Slovenia
CA Canada	KG Kyrgyzstan	SK Slovakia
CH Switzerland	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	SV El Salvador ¹
CN China	KR Republic of Korea	TJ Tajikistan
CU Cuba	KZ Kazakhstan	TN Tunisia
CZ Czech Republic	LI Liechtenstein	TR Turkey
DE Germany	LT Lithuania	TT Trinidad and Tobago
DK Denmark	LV Latvia	UA Ukraine
EE Estonia	MC Monaco	US United States of America
ES Spain	MD Republic of Moldova	UZ Uzbekistan
FI Finland	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	YU Serbia and Montenegro ³
FR France	MX Mexico	ZA South Africa
GB United Kingdom	NI Nicaragua ¹	
GE Georgia	NL Netherlands	
GR Greece	NO Norway	
GT Guatemala ^{1,2}		(Total: 65 States)
HN Honduras ¹		
Intergovernmental industrial property organizations having filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Budapest Treaty		
AP	African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)	
EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)	
EP	European Patent Organisation (EPO)	

1. New since last publication of this list in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2005
2. Will become party to the Budapest Treaty on 14 October 2006.
3. Pending official communication from Montenegro and Serbia in respect of their membership of the Treaty

ganism with a specialized institution. It thus eliminates, before the national patent Offices of the Contracting States of the Budapest Treaty and the regional Offices that have filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Treaty, the need to deposit such a sample in each country in which protection is sought.

Four States have become party to the Budapest Treaty since the publication, in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2005, of a table setting out the States party to that Treaty and the inter-governmental industrial property organizations which have filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Treaty. An update of the table appears on page 4.

Types of Protection Available in PCT Contracting States

Since the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2005 of a table setting out, for each Contracting State, the types of protection which can be obtained via the PCT, several States have become bound by the PCT, and there have also been changes in the types of protection, other than patents, which are available in certain States. An update of that table appears on pages 7 to 10, and is also available on the WIPO website at:

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

EPO: Limitations Concerning the PCT Applications for which it will act as ISA and/or IPEA

On 11 August 2006, the International Bureau received a notification from the European Patent Office (EPO) relating to the prolongation of the period for which the limitation of the EPO's competence as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) in the field of business methods is applicable. The text of the notification is as follows:

“Notice from the European Patent Office dated 27 July 2006 concerning prolongation of the limitation of the EPO's competence as a PCT Authority

“The limitation of the EPO's competence as a PCT Authority concerning the field of business methods as set out most recently in the Notice from the President of the EPO of 1 December 2004* and due to expire on 1 March 2007, is to be prolonged for a

further period of 2 years from 1 March 2007, i.e. until 1 March 2009.”

* Published in *OJ EPO* 2/2005, page 149. For the original notification, see *OJ EPO* 2002, page 52.

For background information, see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 12/2001, cover page; 01/2002, page 5; 02/2002, page 5; 04/2002, page 5; 11/2003, page 7; 03/2004, page 7 and 02/2005, cover page.

Furthermore note that, in this context, since the entry into force on 1 January 2006 of the eighth edition of the International Patent Classification (IPC), business method related inventions (old IPC class: G06F 17/60) now correspond to the following classes and subclasses:

- G06Q: Data processing systems or methods, specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes; systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not otherwise provided for
- G06Q 10/00: Administration, e.g. office automation, reservation; management, e.g. resource or project management
- G06Q 30/00: Commerce, e.g. marketing, shopping, billing, auctions or e-commerce
- G06Q 40/00: Finance, e.g. banking, investment or tax processing; insurance, e.g. risk analysis or pensions
- G06Q 50/00: Systems or methods specially adapted for a specific business sector, e.g. health care, utilities, tourism or legal services
- G06Q 90/00: Systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not involving significant data processing
- G06Q 99/00: Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass

For information: US class covering corresponding subject matter

705 *Data processing: financial, business practice, management, or cost/price determination*

Practical Advice

Specifying the type of protection required in respect of an international application during the national phase

Q: I will shortly be entering the national phase in respect of an international application in a

country where it is possible to apply for the grant of a patent as well as a utility model. If I wish the application to proceed before the Office in question only as a utility model application, do I have to specify this type of protection to the designated Office concerned when entering the national phase, and if so, when?

A: Under the automatic designation system, effective for all international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004, the filing of the request constitutes the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, **for the grant of every type of protection available** and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents (PCT Rule 4.9). During the international phase no action needs to be taken with regard to requesting a type of protection other than a patent, for example, a utility model. However, if you wish the application to be treated as an application for a patent of addition, certificate of addition, inventor's certificate of addition or utility certificate of addition (PCT Rule 4.11(iii)) or a continuation or a continuation-in-part of an earlier application (PCT Rule 4.11(iv)), it will assist the international search if you indicate the necessary information (date and number of the parent application, parent patent or other parent grant) in the Supplemental Box of the Request Form (see items 2 and 3).

Upon entry into the national phase, if you wish the international application to be treated, in a designated (or elected) State in respect of which PCT Article 43 applies, as an application for the grant of a utility model or for any other type of protection referred to in that Article, and not as an application for the grant of a patent, or if you wish it to be treated as an application for more than one type of protection (to the extent that this is possible) in accordance with PCT Article 44, you are required under PCT Rule 49bis to indicate your choice of protection to the designated Office when performing the acts referred to in PCT Article 22 (or 39, as the case may be) necessary for entering the national phase. Where more than one type of protection is sought, you may be required to indicate which type of protection is sought primarily (see PCT Rule 49bis.1(b)). If you wish the international application to be treated in a designated Office as an application for a patent of addition, certificate of addition, inventor's certificate of addition, utility certificate of addition or as a continuation or a continuation-in-part, you should also indicate the relevant parent application, parent patent or other parent grant, as

the case may be (see PCT Rule 49bis.1(c) and (d)), even if it is only to confirm an intent already expressed in the Supplemental Box of the Request Form.

As for the time when such an indication should be made, although some designated Offices may require the applicant to furnish this information at the same time as the acts referred to in PCT Article 22 or 39 are performed (according to PCT Rule 49bis.2(a), no designated Office shall require the applicant to furnish this information **before** performing those acts), many designated Offices would allow the applicant to do so at a later time depending on the applicable national law.

Where no express indication is made of the type of protection desired when performing the acts referred to in PCT Article 22, the designated Office will treat the application as an application for a patent (PCT Rule 49bis.1(a) and (b)). However, if no such express indication is made and the national fee paid by the applicant corresponds to the national fee for a particular type of protection, the payment of that fee will be considered to be an indication of the wish of the applicant that the international application is to be treated as an application for that type of protection and the designated Office will inform the applicant accordingly (PCT Rule 49bis.1(e)).

Note that some Offices may have specific forms for requesting entry into the national phase in respect of an application for a utility model which may be used (although this is recommended, it is not obligatory as, according to PCT Rule 49.4, no applicant shall be required to use a national form when performing the acts referred to in PCT Article 22 (see the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07/2006, page 5).

Even if you request one particular type of protection, many Offices allow the applicant to convert from one type of protection to another at a later date (see PCT Rule 49bis.2(b)) - this may, however, be subject to the payment of a special fee. Although conversions are normally made by applicants, some Offices may convert an application *ex officio*, where appropriate.

For further information on any requirements of designated Offices in connection with requesting the different types of protection, and on converting from one type of protection to another, please refer to the relevant National Chapter of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II at:

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

Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 September 2006)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of national patent	Utility model in addition to national patent	Other
AE	X					X		Patent of addition
AG ¹	X							
AL	X					X		Extension of EP patent ²
AM	X		X			X		Provisional patent
AT	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
AU	X							Patent of addition
AZ	X		X			X		
BA	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ^{2,3}
BB	X							
BE				X				
BF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BG	X			X		X		
BJ					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BR	X					X		Certificate of addition
BW	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
BY	X		X			X		
BZ	X					X		
CA	X							
CF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CH + LI	X			X				
CI					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CM					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CN	X					X		
CO	X					X		
CR	X					X		
CU	X							Patent of addition, inventor's certificate, inventor's certificate of addition
CY				X				
CZ	X			X		X	X	
DE	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
DK	X			X		X	X	
DM	X					X		

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 September 2006)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
DZ	X							Certificate of addition
EC	X					X		
EE	X			X		X	X	
EG	X					X		
ES	X			X		X		Patent of addition
FI	X			X		X	X	
FR				X				
GA					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GB	X			X				
GD ¹	X							
GE	X					X		
GH	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Utility certificate
GM	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
GN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GQ					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GR				X				
GT ^{1,4}	X							
GW					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
HN ¹	X							
HR	X							"Consensual patent," extension of EP patent ^{2,5}
HU	X			X		X		
ID	X							
IE				X				
IL	X							Patent of addition
IN	X							Patent of addition
IS	X			X ⁶				
IT				X				
JP	X					X		
KE	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
KG	X		X			X		
KM ¹	X							
KN ¹	X							
KP	X					X		Inventor's certificate
KR	X					X		
KZ	X		X			X		Provisional patent
LA ¹	X							
LC	X							

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 September 2006)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
LI (see CH)								
LK	X							
LR	X							
LS	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
LT	X			X ⁷				Extension of EP patent ^{2,8}
LU	X			X				
LV	X			X ⁹				Extension of EP patent ^{2,10}
LY ¹	X							
MA	X							Certificate of addition
MC				X				
MD	X		X			X		
MG	X							Certificate of addition
MK	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ²
ML					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MN	X							
MR					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MW	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition
MX	X					X		
MY ¹	X							
MZ	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
NA	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
NE					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
NG	X							
NI	X					X		
NL				X				
NO	X							
NZ	X							Patent of addition
OM ¹	X							
PG	X							
PH	X					X		
PL	X			X		X		
PT	X			X		X	X	
RO	X			X				
RU	X		X			X		
SC	X							
SD	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
SE	X			X				
SG	X							

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 September 2006)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
SI				X				
SK	X			X		X	X	
SL	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
SM	X							
SN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
SV ¹								
SY	X							Certificate of addition
SZ		X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
TD					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TJ	X		X			X		
TM	X		X					Provisional patent
TN	X							
TR	X			X		X		Patent of addition
TT	X							Utility certificate
TZ	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
UA	X					X		
UG	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Utility certificate
US	X							
UZ	X					X		
VC	X							Utility certificate
VN	X							Patent for utility solution
YU	X							Patent of addition, petty patent, extension of EP patent ^{2,11}
ZA	X							Patent of addition
ZM	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition
ZW	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition

1 Information regarding any other type of national protection is not yet available.

2 A request for an extension may be made at the time of entry into the regional phase before the European Patent Office, provided that the designations of EP and/or of the State concerned have not been withdrawn, or, in the case of international applications filed before 1 January 2004, provided that the PCT application contained designations both for a European patent and of the State concerned. Such a request may not be made in the PCT request form itself. See the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, paragraphs 41 and 89, and Vol. II/A, National Chapter (EP) for further details as to the procedure to be followed.

3 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 December 2004.

4 Will become bound by the PCT on 14 October 2006.

5 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2004.

6 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2004.

7 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 December 2004.

8 Only for international applications filed before 1 December 2004.

9 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005.

10 Only for international applications filed before 1 July 2005.

11 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2004.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
19–20 September 2006 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
21–22 September 2006 London (GB)	English	5 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44–1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk Internet: www.management-forum.co.uk
27 September 2006 Stockholm (SE) CANCELLED	English	Patent Updating Day WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
11–12 October 2006 Hamburg (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
18–19 October 2006 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Olli Ilmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
27 October 2006 Eindhoven (NL)	English	PCT seminar: “PCT Strategy” WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	European Patent Institute (EPI) (Mr. Maarten Schoenmaker) Tel: (31–40) 274 33 94 Fax: (31–40) 274 34 89 E-mail: maarten.schoenmaker@philips.com or info@patentepi.com
2–3 November 2006 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1–415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
6–7 November 2006 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1–312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1–312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
28–29 November 2006 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar: “La demande PCT” WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: csadrin@inpi.fr
29–30 November 2006 Boston, Massachussets (US)	English	PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bidwell	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Ingrid A. Beattie, President) Tel: (1–617) 348 18 38 Fax: (1–617) 542 22 41 (Attention: Ingrid Beattie) E-mail: iabeattie@mintz.com
7–8 December 2006 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44–1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk Internet: www.management-forum.co.uk

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100 under certain circumstances where the request is prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software or by CHF 200 or 300 where the international application is filed in electronic form, as prescribed; see footnotes 2 and 5 for details. A 75% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 3 and 10. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of –	BGL	Bulgarian lev	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SIT	Slovenian tolar
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krona	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 September 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 1,435 (from 1.11.06: 1,531)	15 (16)	103 (109)	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 900	10	64	EP
BG	BGL 60	BGL eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP RU
BR	BRR 236	BRR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT EP SE US
BW	Information not yet available				
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,086	12	78	EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,273	14	91	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	CN
CO	COP ⁷ —	COP eq USD 1,086	eq USD 12	eq USD 78	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,086	12	78	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP 75	CYP 516	6	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 900	10	64	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,710	70	480	EP SE
DM	Information not yet available				
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD 50	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
EC	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP US

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

(amounts on 1 September 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
EP ⁵	EUR 105	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 66.56	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 900	10	64	EP
HN	Information not yet available				
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP RU
IB ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 79	CHF 1,400 or EUR 900 or USD 1,086	15 10 12	100 64 78	See footnote 11
ID	IDR 500,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 900	10	64	EP
IL	ILS 486	USD 1,086	12	78	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,086	12	78	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 78,600 (from 1.11.06: 86,000)	800 (900)	5,600 (6,100)	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 121,800	1,300	8,700	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,086	12	78	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available				
KN	Information not yet available				
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT RU
KR ⁵	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,027,000	11,000	73,000	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available				
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LY	Information not yet available				
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP RU
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 134,700	1,400	9,600	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
MY	Information not yet available				
NI	USD 200	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
NL ⁵	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,748	19	125	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁷ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available				
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,086	12	78	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,086	12	78	AU EP JP KR US

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
SC	Information not yet available				
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	AT AU EP KR ¹⁵
SI	SIT 22,000	SIT eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
SV	Information not yet available				
SY	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
TN	TND ⁷ —	CHF 1,400	15	n a	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,086	12	78	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available				
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 6,910 (from 1.10.06: 7,700)	70 (80)	490 (550)	AT AU EP US
ZM	Information not yet available				
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,086	eq USD 12	eq USD 78	AT AU CN EP RU

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

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT	EUR 200 * (from 15.11.06)	CHF 311 ZAR 1,830	KRW 250,000	SGD 410	USD 241	ZAR* 1,540		
AU	AUD 1,200 USD 908 * (from 1.10.06:	CHF* 1,171 ZAR* 5,350 CHF 1,097	EUR** 752 ZAR 6,060	KRW 885,000	NZD 1,423	SGD 1,440	EUR 702	
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,759	EUR 1,131	USD 1,365				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 335	EUR 215	USD 260				
EP ¹⁶	EUR 1,615 JPY** 222,800 USD*** 1,925 * (from 1.11.06: *** (from 15.9.06:	CHF 2,525 MWK 248,000 ZAR**** 11,840 ISK 156,000 USD 2,059	CYP 928 NOK 12,990 ** (from 15.11.06: **** (from 1.10.06:	DKK 12,050 NZD 3,208 JPY 238,100 ZAR 13,770	GBP 1,098	ISK* 142,000	SGD 3,120	
ES ¹⁶	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,525	USD* 1,925	* (from 15.9.06: USD 2,059)				
FI	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,525	USD* 1,925	* (from 15.9.06: USD 2,059)				
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 15.9.06:	CHF* 1,115 CHF 1,042	EUR* 717 EUR 668	KRW 841,000	USD 861			
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 280	EUR 180	NZD 347	SGD 380	USD 232		
RU ¹⁷	USD 300	CHF 387	EUR 248					
SE	SEK 15,230 USD** 1,925 * (from 1.11.06:	CHF 2,525 ISK 156,000	DKK 12,050 ** (from 15.9.06:	EUR 1,615	ISK* 142,000	NOK 12,990	USD 2,059	
US	USD 1,000 ZAR* 6,360 * (from 1.11.06:	300 ¹⁸ 1,910 ¹⁸ ZAR 7,200	CHF 1,289 387 ¹⁸ 1,910 ¹⁸	EUR 828 248 ¹⁸	NZD 1,640	440 ¹⁸		

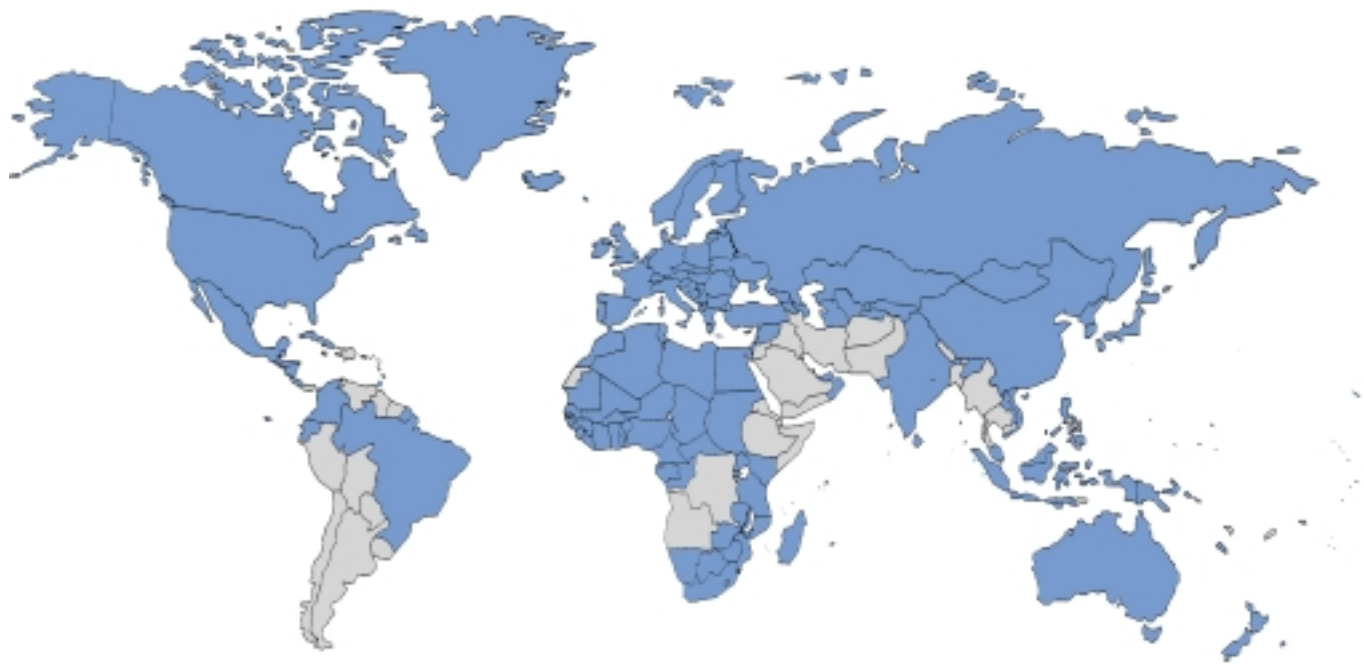
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 September 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁹		Handling fee^{3, 19} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129	
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ²⁰	AUD	205
CA	CAD	800		CAD	182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP¹⁶	EUR	1,595		EUR	129
ES	EUR	523.29		EUR	129
FI	EUR	550		EUR	129
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	17,400
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW	147,000
RU¹⁷	USD	200 ²¹	300 ²²	USD	155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²³	USD	155

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/AU, EP, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP, KR, NL, PH, PL, RO, SE and SK. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200=AUD 205 (from 1.11.06: AUD 219)**, **DKK 960, EUR 129, GBP 87, SEK 1,210, USD 155; CHF 300=AUD 308 (from 1.11.06: AUD 328)**, **DKK 1,440, EUR 193, GBP 131, JPY 26,100, KRW 220,000, SEK 1,810, USD 233**.
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 10 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 11 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (IB).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications, the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006.
- 16 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in part 1 of the table on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf, with the exception of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 17 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 18 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a), ((i) prior to 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid, or (ii) on or after 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a), the search fee under 37 CFR 1.16(k) and the examination fee under 37 CFR 1.16(o) have been paid) and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application.
- 19 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 21 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 22 In all cases where footnote 21 does not apply.
- 23 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US)).

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



AE United Arab Emirates	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IN India	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SM San Marino
AL Albania ¹	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AM Armenia (EA)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SV El Salvador
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AU Australia	DZ Algeria	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	EC Ecuador	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	TD Chad (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EE Estonia (EP)	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BB Barbados	EG Egypt	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NG Nigeria	TN Tunisia
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FR France (EP) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NI Nicaragua	TR Turkey (EP)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LR Liberia	NZ New Zealand	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	US United States of America
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PT Portugal (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala (from 14 October 2006)	MA Morocco	RO Romania (EP)	YU Serbia and Montenegro ^{1,3}
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia ¹	MG Madagascar	SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SE Sweden (EP)	
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
CU Cuba	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
	IL Israel		SK Slovakia (EP)	

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Pending official communication from Montenegro and Serbia in respect of their membership of the Treaty.

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