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## New PCT Contracting State

### Bahrain (country code: BH)

On 18 December 2006, Bahrain deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 18 March 2007, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 18 March 2007 will automatically include the designation of Bahrain.

Also, because Bahrain will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 18 March 2007. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Bahrain will be entitled, as from 18 March 2007, to file international applications under the PCT.

Note that Bahrain has made a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

## Application of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in Montenegro

Following the adoption by the National Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro of a declaration of independence on 3 June 2006, Montenegro (country code: ME) deposited, on 4 December 2006, a declaration that the PCT continues to be applicable, as from 3 June 2006, in respect of the territory of Montenegro. Further information will be published in a future issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

Note that, similarly, the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (as well as certain other WIPO-administered Treaties) also continue to be applicable in respect of Montenegro.

## European Patent Convention

### Accession by Malta

Malta deposited its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 1 December 2006, and will become bound by that Convention on 1 March 2007. This brings the number of Contracting States of the EPC to 32.

Therefore, any international application filed on or after 1 March 2007 will include the designation of Malta for a European patent. Moreover, as from 1 March 2007, it will be possible for nationals and residents of Malta to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the patent Office of Malta or the International Bureau of WIPO.

Further information is contained in a notice from the EPO at:

[www.european-patent-office.org/  
news/info/2007\\_01\\_03\\_e.htm](http://www.european-patent-office.org/news/info/2007_01_03_e.htm)

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

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## World Trade Organization

### Viet Nam becomes a Member

On 11 January 2007, Viet Nam (country code: VN), which is already a Member State of the Paris Convention and the PCT, became a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), thus bringing the total number of Members to 150. This updates the table of Members of the WTO, the PCT and the Paris Convention that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2006.

## New Information Available on PatentScope

### New documents available from the file of the International Bureau (IB)

The PatentScope Search Service ([www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/](http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/)) now includes, for all international applications filed on or after 1 January 2006, the following forms, where applicable:

- PCT/IB/304 ("Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document"), which includes the date on which the priority document was received by the IB and an indication of whether the priority document is in compliance with PCT Rule 17.1(a) or (b).

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### Reminder

The national Offices of the following States do not yet apply the 30-month time limit for entering the national phase under Chapter I as fixed in PCT Article 22(1) (as modified with effect from 1 April 2002). Note, however, that in respect of the **regional** designation of all those States, the time limit under PCT Article 22(3) of 31 months applies.

CH Switzerland  
LU Luxembourg  
SE Sweden  
TZ United Republic of Tanzania  
UG Uganda

A list of time limits applicable for each designated/elected Office for entering the national phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT is available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time\\_limits.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf)

- PCT/IB/306 (“Notification of the Recording of a Change”), which includes information on any changes in the person, name, residence, nationality or address of the applicant, or any changes in the person, name or address of the agent, the common representative or the inventor, as received by the IB before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

To view those forms, click on the “Documents” tab of the published international application.

## Power of Attorney Waiver

### Notification under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) (State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania)

Following its notification relating to the same matter (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2004), the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rule 90.4(b) to submit a separate power of attorney and notified particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required, as follows:

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

For background information on power of attorney waivers, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2.

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

## PCT Information Update

### BG Bulgaria (telephone and fax numbers; types of protection; provisions concerning international-type search; institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Bulgarian Patent Office have changed, and there have been changes in the types of protection available in Bulgaria via the PCT and in the provisions of the law of Bulgaria concerning international-type search, as follows:

Telephone: (359-2) 970 13 14

Fax: (359-2) 873 52 58

Types of protection available via the PCT:

National: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent)

European: [No change]

Provisions of the law of Bulgaria concerning international-type search:

Article 68(2) of the Bulgarian Law on Patents and Utility Model Registration

In addition, the address of the National Bank for Industrial Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (NBIMCC), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, as follows:

National Bank for Industrial Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (NBIMCC)  
125, “Tzarigradsko shaussee” Blvd.  
Block 2, et. 5  
1113 Sofia  
Bulgaria

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

### BZ Belize (requirements concerning agent)

There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Belize Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney entitled to practice before the Office

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

### DE Germany (filing of international applications in electronic form)

On 28 November 2006, the German Patent and Trade Mark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau of a correction to the list of certification authorities accepted by the Office. The corrected list is published in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette* No. 50/2006 on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/section-iv/index.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/section-iv/index.htm)

### EG Egypt (fees)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Egyptian Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office specifically in the case of filing by individuals,

has changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:

Examination fee: EGP 10

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

### EP European Patent Office (e-mail address; fees)

One of the e-mail addresses of the European Patent Office (EPO) has changed, and the EPO has introduced two additional e-mail addresses. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

E-mail: info@epo.org  
(Helpdesk for all branches)

ro.ep.helpdesk@epo.org  
(RO/EP matters)

isa.ep.helpdesk@epo.org  
(ISA/EP matters)

pct.ipea.ep.helpdesk@epo.org  
(IPEA/EP matters)

The EPO has modified the text of the section of the national fee relating to the payment of the extension fee and has notified changes in the text regarding exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows (other parts not indicated have not changed):

National fee:

Extension fee (for extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia or the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia):

[No change]

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

The search fee is not reduced

– where the international search report has been established by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (pending discussions between the EPO and CIPO).

The examination fee is reduced

– by 50% where the international preliminary examination report has been established by the EPO.

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

### FI Finland (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

There has been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as designated (or elected) Office concerning the translation of the international application (the other requirements have not changed), as follows:

Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies for a patent and four copies for a utility model

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

### GB United Kingdom (fees)

There have been changes in the names of certain fees payable to the Patent Office (United Kingdom) as designated (or elected) Office, as well as in the special requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows (the fees/requirements not indicated have not changed):

National fee:

National fee: [No change in the amount]

Search fee: [No change in the amount]

Special requirements of the Office:

No representation by an agent is required but an address for service in the European Economic Area or the Channel Islands is necessary (see further, Address for Service, paragraph GB.04)

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

### LT Lithuania (provisional protection after international publication)

There have been changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection in Lithuania after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

Provisional protection shall be effective in Lithuania as from the date on which the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania publishes the translation of the claims into Lithuanian (see Article 48 of the Patent Law of the Republic of Lithuania).

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

### RS Serbia (general information)

General information about Serbia as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) as receiving

Office and as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (RS), Annex C (RS), and the National Chapter, Summary (RS)) on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/)

### SI Slovenia (fees)

The Slovenian Intellectual Property Office has notified a change in the currency of payment of fees from Slovenian tolar (SIT) to euro (EUR), as indicated in Table I(a). The amount of the fee for the priority document is EUR 12.06.

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

### TZ United Republic of Tanzania (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable in TZS to the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania) as designated (or elected) Office have changed:

For patent:		
Filing fee:	TZS	12,000
For utility certificate:		
Filing fee:	TZS	10,000

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

### ZA South Africa (fees)

The amounts of the following national fee, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) as designated (or elected) Office have changed:

First annual fee:	ZAR	130
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (ZA))

### ZM Zambia (general information)

General information about Zambia as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Patents and Companies Registration Office (Zambia) as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (ZM), Annex C (ZM), and the National Chapter, Summary (ZM)) on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/)

### Preliminary examination fee (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

On 1 January 2007 there was a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Table II, and there was a change in the amount of the additional preliminary examination fee, as indicated below.

Additional preliminary examination fee:	EUR	533.76
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (ES))

### Fees relating to international search and international preliminary examination (Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office)

The Austrian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the following fees applicable since 21 December 2006:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per page (PCT Rule 44.3):  
EUR 0.95

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, per page (PCT Rule 71.2): EUR 0.95

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per page (PCT Rule 94.2): EUR 0.95

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office has clarified the conditions under which the fee for copies of documents cited in either the international search report or the international preliminary examination report is payable to it in its capacities as International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority, respectively:

- the Authority does not require that the applicant presenting the request pay the cost of preparing and mailing the first copy of any documents cited, however, for any additional copy there is a charge of CAD 1.00 per page.

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

### New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

([www.wipo.int/pct/en/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/))

### Report of the Assembly of the PCT Union

The report adopted by the Assembly of the PCT Union at its thirty-fifth session held in Geneva from 25 Sep-

tember to 3 October 2006 is now available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

[www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_code=pct/a/35](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/35)

### ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Austrian Patent Office, and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from 1 January 2007, have been published on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa\\_ipea\\_agreements.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.htm)

### Types of protection available in PCT Contracting States

The table setting out, for each Contracting State, the types of protection which can be obtained via the PCT has been updated and is available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/typesprotection.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/typesprotection.pdf)

### Power of Attorney Waivers

The table showing the PCT Office/Authorities which have notified WIPO that they have waived the requirement to submit a power of attorney under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and/or Rule 90.5(a)(ii) has been updated and is available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/p\\_a\\_waivers.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/p_a_waivers.pdf)

### PCT Gallery of Notable Inventions and Inventors

The following addition has been made to the gallery of notable inventions ([www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventions.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventions.html)):

- Snow Shovel (Wovel)

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

[pct.infoline@wipo.int](mailto:pct.infoline@wipo.int)

### Official Notices (PCT Gazette)

The Internet addresses for the *Official Notices*, in English and in French, respectively, have changed as follows:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/official\\_notices/index.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.htm)

[www.wipo.int/pct/fr/official\\_notices/index.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/official_notices/index.htm)

Note that those people who have bookmarked the previous address will be automatically redirected to the new address.

### Reminder: Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter*, it has come to the attention of the International Bureau (IB) that PCT applicants and agents are continuing to receive invitations to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT. Whatever services might be offered in such invitations, they bear no connection to WIPO or to any of its official publications.

The invitations often identify a particular PCT application by its international publication number (for example: WO 04 xxxxxx), publication date, title of the invention, international application number, priority information and IPC symbols. The invitations typically refer to a payment, which is to be made in euro or US dollars, by cheque and/or money transfer to an address in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, the Czech Republic or the United States of America. Recent invitations which have been sent to the IB (from F.I.P.T.R. – Federal Institute for Patent & Trademark Registry, Inc.) refer to payments of USD 1,629.30 or 1,637.18 to banks based in the USA, Austria or the Czech Republic on a form similar to the example which can be found at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/fiptr.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/fiptr.pdf)

Since 2002, when these invitations first came to the attention of the International Bureau, PCT users have informed us of invitations from the following companies (spellings are as they appear in the invitations):

“FIPTR – Federal Institute for Patent & Trademark Registry, Inc.”

“CPTD - Central Patent and Trademark Database”

“CCIT - Commercial Center for Industrie and Trade”

“CPD - Central Patent Database”

“Register of International Patents”

“Register of International Patent Bulletin/  
Registre des données bulletin européen des brevets”

“Institut of Commerce for Industry, Trade,  
Commerce/Wirtschaftsinstitut für Industrie,  
Handel, Handwerk AG”

“Central Data - Register of International Patents”

Examples of the invitations from these sources are available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct\\_warning.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.htm)

Note that other industrial property Offices have made similar warnings about related invitations from the same companies, links to which are also given on the above-mentioned page of the PCT Resources page of PatentScope.

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the International Bureau of WIPO alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (see PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29. In case of doubt in relation to such an invitation, please contact the PCT Information Service at WIPO:

telephone: (41-22) 338 83 38

fax: (41-22) 338 83 39

e-mail: [pct.infoline@wipo.int](mailto:pct.infoline@wipo.int)

## Clarification Regarding Numbering of Japanese International Applications

Reference is made to *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2006, page 7, and the new manner in which international applications filed with the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office are numbered. That text stated that for international applications filed on or after 1 January 2007 in the following ways:

- on paper;
- containing requests prepared using the PCT-EASY functionality of the PCT-SAFE software;
- fully electronically using the Japanese software (JPO PAS);

the application will be assigned a number with “05” as the first two digits of the six-digit number, for example, PCT/JP2007/050001. Note that the six-digit number will not always be preceded by the digits “05”, but will simply **start with** “050001,” increasing consecutively. Hence, the number following “059999” would be “060000”.

## Practical Advice

### Dangers of relying on failure to pay PCT fees when the applicant wants the international application to be withdrawn

*Q: If I decide not to proceed with an international application shortly after filing it, is it an option for me to simply not pay the fees to the receiving Office? If I do this, the receiving Office will consider the application withdrawn, dispensing with the need for me to take any action by sending a notice of withdrawal of the application.*

*A: By not paying the fees related to the filing of the international application within the time limit prescribed, your application should, in theory, be considered withdrawn by the receiving Office. According to PCT Rule 16bis, where the transmittal fee, the international filing fee and the search fee have not been paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application (see PCT Rules 14.1(c), 15.4 and 16.1(f)), the receiving Office invites the applicant under PCT Rule 16bis.1(a) to pay to it the amount required to cover those fees, together with, where applicable, the late payment fee under PCT Rule 16bis.2, within a time limit of one month from the date of the invitation. Where the applicant does not, within the time limit set in the invitation, pay in full the amount due, the receiving Office declares the international application withdrawn (PCT Article 14(3)(a) and PCT Rules 16bis.1(c) and 29.1) and informs the applicant accordingly.*

Note, however, that it is not advisable to proceed in this way if you wish to withdraw the international application, as there are risks associated with such a “passive” form of withdrawal. The following are examples of what can occur (and has occurred) when applicants have relied on failure to pay fees to effect the application’s withdrawal:

- the receiving Office sent the invitation to pay the fees, but failed to follow up on that invitation by declaring that the application was considered withdrawn;
- the receiving Office failed to notify the International Bureau (IB) that the international application was considered withdrawn; or
- the receiving Office did notify the IB that the international application was considered withdrawn, but the notice failed to reach the IB in time to prevent international publication of the international application.

It is much safer to actively send a notice of withdrawal if you want the international application to be with-

drawn. It is recommended, although not compulsory, that applicants use Form PCT/IB/372 for this, which should be duly signed and preferably faxed to the fax number indicated on that form. Withdrawals received on this fax machine are monitored from Monday to Friday until 6.00 pm, Geneva time, and processed immediately. It is recalled that any notice of withdrawal should be signed by all applicants (PCT Rule 90*bis*.5) or by the duly appointed agent. If the notice has been signed by the agent and a power of attorney has not been submitted because the receiving Office has waived the requirement to submit powers of attorney,

the necessary power(s) of attorney should be submitted together with the notice of withdrawal.

For further information on withdrawing the international application, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 452, and PCT Rule 90*bis*. The withdrawal itself is free of charge, and by actively withdrawing the application, you still do not have to pay the fees payable on filing, and you are assured that your international application will be withdrawn. You should, nevertheless, check that your withdrawal is confirmed by the authority with which the withdrawal was made.



<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b>			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>22-23 January 2007 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
<b>31 January–1 February 2007 Milan (IT)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet	EPI-CEIPI, Ordine dei Consulenti Proprietà Industriale and the Association of Patent Attorneys in Industry (AICIPI) (Dr. Francesco Macchetta) E-mail: francesco.macchetta@bracco.com
<b>8–9 February 2007 Munich (DE)</b>	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: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
<b>22 February 2007 Atlanta (US)</b> <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell	Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) and State Bar of Georgia (Mr. Dan White) Tel: (1-770) 466-08 86 or 369-56 64 Fax: (1-706) 369 58 99 E-mail: dwhite@iclega.org Internet: www.iclega.org
<b>8–9 March 2007 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	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
<b>9 March 2007 Paris (FR)</b>	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
<b>12–13 March 2007 Chicago (US)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	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
<b>14–15 March 2007 Ecully (FR)</b>	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mr. Genin	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
<b>27–28 March 2007 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	PCT seminar: "PCT for consultants and advanced paralegals" WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Genin	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
<b>19–20 April 2007 Bratislava (SK)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Genin	European Patent Institute (EPI) (Ms. Martina Fromm) Tel: (49-89) 24 20 52 15 Fax: (49-89) 24 20 52 20 E-mail: info@patentepi.com

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**PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]**

<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>19–20 April 2007 London (GB)</b>	English	Basic formalities seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Aeri	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
<b>27–28 April 2007 Concord, New Hampshire (US)</b>	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1–603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1–603) 224 33 42 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/pct
<b>15–16 May 2007 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: csadrin@inpi.fr
<b>22 May 2007 Brussels (BE)</b> <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the “Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets 2006–2007” WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) and the Institut des mandataires agréés près l'Office européen des brevets (EPI) (Mr. Thierry Debled) Tel: (32–65) 40 08 19 Fax: (32–65) 31 14 74 E-mail: Thierry.Debled@vesuvius.com
<b>11–12 September 2007 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44–207) 539 42 45 E-mail: member@jsjones.fsnet.co.uk

**Other IP events****Trading Ideas – the Future of IP in Asia Pacific, Sydney (Australia), 28 to 30 January 2007**

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

For further information on this event, and for information about enrolment, see: [www.tradingideas.org](http://www.tradingideas.org)

**Strategic Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Goa (India), 11 to 13 March 2007**

Designed for senior executives, the International Executive Program, jointly offered by the Worldwide Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Confederation of Indian Industry, teaches how intellectual property (IP) can be strategically leveraged to create value and sustain competitive advantage over time in a rapidly changing environment. Thought leaders from leading business schools and the corporate world reveal unique insights and experiences on strategic IP management using lectures, case studies, best practices and group discussions. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from each other, share experiences, reflect and apply the principles and practices of IP management in their own business environment.

For further information, please visit: [www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed](http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed) or send an email to: [execed.academy@wipo.int](mailto:execed.academy@wipo.int).

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100 under certain circumstances where the request is prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software or by CHF 200 or 300 where the international application is filed in electronic form, as prescribed; see Item 3(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 75% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

**Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:**

eq	equivalent of –	BGL	Bulgarian lev	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDP	Sudanese pound
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar
RO	receiving Office	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
		CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	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	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**

(amounts on 1 January 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
					Item 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup> (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup> (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)							
AT	EUR	50	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	100	AUD 1,531	16	109	219	328	AU
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL	60	BGL eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BR	BRR	236	BRR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,273	14	91	–	–	CA

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**  
(amounts on 1 January 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
							Items 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>	
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,400		15	100	–	–	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	CN
CO	COP <sup>9</sup>	–	COP eq USD	1,086	eq USD	12	eq USD 78	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,086		12	78	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP	75	CYP	516		6	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	CZK eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	900		10	64	129	193	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,710		70	480	960	1,440	EP SE
DM	Information not yet available									
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,400		15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD	50	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	EEK eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	105	EUR	900		10	64	129	193	EP
ES	EUR	66.56	EUR	900		10	64	129	193	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	900		10	64	129	193	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	900		10	64	129	193	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	611		7	44	87	131	EP
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	GEL <sup>10</sup>	10	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHC <sup>11</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,086		12	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	900		10	64	–	–	EP
GT	Information not yet available									
HN	Information not yet available									
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF <sup>12</sup>	100	CHF	1,400		15	100	200	300	See footnote 13
	or EUR <sup>12</sup>	64	or EUR	900		10	64	129	193	
	or USD <sup>12</sup>	79	or USD	1,086		12	78	155	233	
ID	IDR	500,000	IDR eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	900		10	64	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	486	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	6,500	ISK	78,500		800	5,600	–	–	EP SE
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	900		10	–	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 January 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Items 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>	
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 130,300	1,400	9,300	–	27,900	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,096,000	12,000	78,000	–	235,000	AT AU JP <sup>14</sup> KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available						
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM <sup>9</sup> –	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP RU
LY	Information not yet available						
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 <sup>15</sup>	EUR 900	10	–	–	–	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,400	15	100	–	–	EP RU
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 134,700	1,400	9,600	–	–	EP
MX	MXP <sup>2</sup> eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	Information not yet available						
NI	USD 200	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	129	193	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	–	–	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 <sup>16</sup>	NZD 1,748	19	125	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF <sup>9</sup> –	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available						
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,086	12	78	155	233	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	200	300	AT EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUR 294	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD <sup>9</sup> –	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	1,210	1,810	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	–	–	AT AU EP KR <sup>17</sup>

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

(amounts on 1 January 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
							Items 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>	
SI	EUR	91	EUR	900		10	64	–	–	EP
SK	SKK	2,000	SKK eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	900		10	–	–	–	EP
SV	Information not yet available									
SY	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,086		12	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND <sup>9</sup>	–	CHF	1,400		15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF	100	CHF	1,400		15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH)	1,086		12	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	300	USD	1,086		12	78	155	–	EP KR US
UZ	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available									
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	7,700 (from 1.2.07: 8,710)		80 (90)	550 (620)	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,086		12	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,086	eq USD	12	eq USD 78	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 January 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	311	KRW	250,000	SGD	410	USD	241	ZAR	1,830
AU	AUD	1,200	CHF	1,097	EUR	702	KRW	885,000	NZD	1,423	SGD	1,440
	USD	908	ZAR	6,590								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,759	EUR*	1,131	USD	1,365				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	335	EUR	215	USD	260				
EP <sup>18</sup>	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	CYP	928	DKK	12,050	GBP	1,098	ISK	143,000
	JPY	238,100	MWK	248,000	NOK	12,990	NZD	3,208	SEK	15,230	SGD	3,120
	USD	2,059	ZAR	14,920								
ES <sup>18</sup>	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	USD	2,059						
FI	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	USD	2,059						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	1,042	EUR	668	KRW*	841,000	USD	861		
	* (from 1.2.07:		KRW	789,000)								
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	280	EUR	180	NZD	347	SGD	380	USD	232
RU <sup>19</sup>	USD	300	CHF	387	EUR	248						
SE	SEK	15,230	CHF	2,525	DKK	12,050	EUR	1,615	ISK	143,000	NOK	12,990
	USD	2,059										
US	USD	1,000	300 <sup>20</sup>	CHF	1,289	387 <sup>20</sup>	EUR	762	248 <sup>20</sup>	NZD*	1,640	440 <sup>20</sup>
	ZAR	7,200	2,300 <sup>20</sup>									
	* (from 1.2.07:		NZD	1,520	440 <sup>20</sup> )							

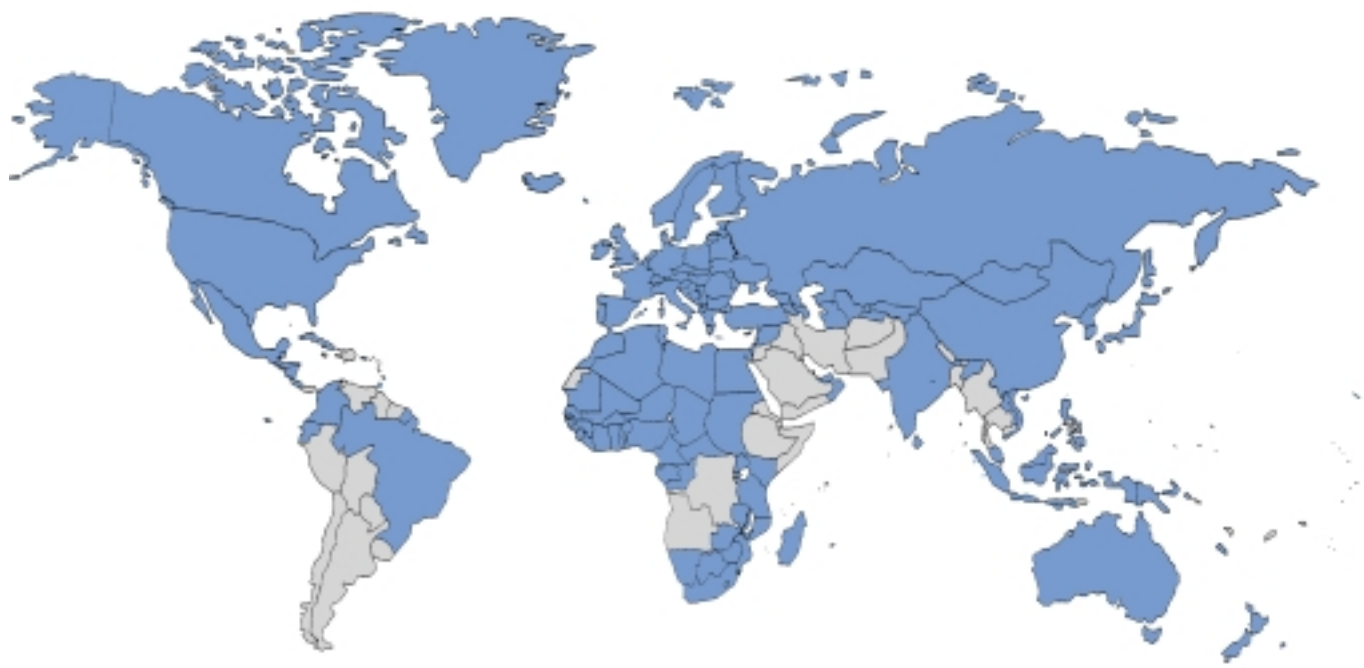
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 January 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

<b>IPEA</b>	<b>Preliminary examination fee<sup>21</sup></b>		<b>Handling fee<sup>2, 21</sup> (CHF 200)</b>	
<b>AT</b>	<b>EUR</b>	200	<b>EUR</b>	129
<b>AU</b>	<b>AUD</b>	550	1,000 <sup>22</sup>	<b>AUD</b> 205
<b>CA</b>	<b>CAD</b>	800		<b>CAD</b> 182
<b>CN</b>	<b>CNY</b>	1,500		<b>CNY eq CHF</b> 200
<b>EP<sup>18</sup></b>	<b>EUR</b>	1,595		<b>EUR</b> 129
<b>ES</b>	<b>EUR</b>	533.76		<b>EUR</b> 129
<b>FI</b>	<b>EUR</b>	550		<b>EUR</b> 129
<b>JP</b>	<b>JPY</b>	36,000		<b>JPY</b> 17,400
<b>KR</b>	<b>KRW</b>	225,000		<b>KRW</b> 147,000
<b>RU<sup>19</sup></b>	<b>USD</b>	200 <sup>23</sup>	300 <sup>24</sup>	<b>USD</b> 155
<b>SE</b>	<b>SEK</b>	5,000		<b>SEK</b> 1,210
<b>US</b>	<b>USD</b>	600	750 <sup>25</sup>	<b>USD</b> 155

*Footnotes to fee tables:*

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 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 Resources page of PatentScope at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 17 The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications, the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006.
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