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## New PCT Contracting State

### Dominican Republic (country code: DO)

On 28 February 2007, the Dominican Republic deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 28 May 2007, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 28 May 2007 will automatically include the designation of the Dominican Republic.

Also, because the Dominican Republic 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 28 May 2007. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the Dominican Republic will be entitled, as from 28 May 2007, to file international applications under the PCT.

### Malta: Closing of the National Route via the PCT

Malta, which became bound by the PCT and the European Patent Convention on 1 March 2007 (see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 12/2006 and 01/2007, respectively) has informed WIPO that it has closed the national route via the PCT.

Therefore, any international application filed on or after 1 March 2007 will include the designation of Malta for a European patent only, and not for a national patent.

It is recalled that, similarly, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Monaco, the Netherlands and Slovenia may also be designated only for a European patent, and not for a national patent.

### Reminder to Use Updated Request Form

Applicants are reminded that, for international applications filed on or after

1 April 2007, the revised version of the Request Form, dated 1 April 2007, should be used. This revised version contains, in Box VI, the option for the applicant to request restoration of the right of priority (see PCT Rule 4.1(c)(v)), as well as the preprinted "Statement of Incorporation by Reference" pursuant to modified PCT Rule 4.18. The editable PDF version is available on the website from the usual forms page:

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under "Forms in force from April 1, 2007". Other PCT forms have also been revised with effect from the same date – for further details, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2007, page 3.

## PCT Information Update

### AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (fees)

As from 1 April 2007, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable in USD to the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization as designated (or elected) Office (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:	
filing fee:	USD 250
designation fee, per country:	USD 75

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

**AU Australia (fees)**

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, has changed with effect from 1 March 2007:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

Furthermore, as from 15 May 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in AUD of the PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

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

**BZ Belize (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The Belize Intellectual Property Office has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in addition

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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)

to the European Patent Office, as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2007 by nationals and residents of Belize with the Belize Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office.

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

### EA Eurasian Patent Office (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Eurasian Patent Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee:	see Table I(a)
National fee:	
unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing):	RUR 25,500
claim fee for each claim in excess of five:	RUR 2,200
examination fee:	RUR 25,500

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

### GT Guatemala (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala), has specified the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Guatemala with the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala), in its capacity as receiving Office.

### IL Israel (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions, the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office is prepared to receive, with effect from 1 February 2007, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskettes, CD-R and CD-ROM.

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

### NZ New Zealand (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; fees)

The location and mailing address and the telephone and fax numbers of the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand have changed, as follows:

Location: 205 Victoria Street  
Marion Square  
Wellington 6141  
New Zealand

Mailing address: P.O. Box 9241  
Marion Square  
Wellington 6141  
New Zealand

Telephone: (64-3) 962 26 07  
(international calls)

0508 447 669  
(national free calls)

Fax: (64-4) 978 36 91

As from 1 May 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NZD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Table I(a).

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

### SG Singapore (fees)

As from 15 May 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in SGD to the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in SGD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Table I(a).

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

### SV El Salvador (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Center of Registries (El Salvador) has specified the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of El Salvador with the National Center of Registries (El Salvador), in its capacity as receiving Office.

### ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 May 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the international filing fee, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa), as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the

PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Table I(a).

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

### **ZW Zimbabwe (name of Office; location; telephone number; e-mail address)**

The name, location, the telephone numbers and the e-mail address of the Zimbabwe Patent Office have changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Zimbabwe Intellectual Property Office

Location: Century House East  
38 N. Mandela Avenue  
Harare  
Zimbabwe

Telephone: (263-4) 78 18 35, 77 55 44/45/46

E-mail: [fmaredza@yahoo.com](mailto:fmaredza@yahoo.com)

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

### **Search fee (Australian Patent Office; European Patent Office; Japan Patent Office)**

Further to the announcement published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2007 notifying a new amount of the search fee payable in AUD for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office as from 1 March 2007, new equivalent amounts payable in CHF, EUR, KRW, NZD, SGD, USD and ZAR have been established.

As from 1 May 2007, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in USD and EUR for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office and, as from 1 June 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office.

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

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

### **New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet**

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

### **Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PowerPoint presentation**

A PowerPoint presentation containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations that will en-

ter into force on 1 April 2007 is now available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2007changes.ppt](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2007changes.ppt)

### **Japanese translation of selected passages of the PCT Newsletter**

Although summaries in Japanese of the *PCT Newsletter* have been published on the WIPO website since January 2003, an even more detailed translation of the *PCT Newsletter* is now being published in respect of all issues published as from January 2007. See the Japanese *PCT Newsletter* page at:

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

### **Report of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT**

The report of the fourteenth session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (document PCT/MIA/14/8) is now available on the WIPO website at:

[www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_code=pct/mia/14](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/mia/14)

### **ISA and IPEA Agreements**

Updated versions of the Agreements, as in force from 1 March 2007, between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Australian Patent Office and European Patent Office, relating to the functioning of those Authorities as International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT, 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)

### **PCT in the News**

An article entitled "Green Technologies: Electric Cars with Hydrogen Fuel Cells" was published in the latest edition of the *WIPO Magazine*, and is available at:

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

It is recalled that, by clicking on "PCT Articles in the *WIPO Magazine*" in the "related links" box, you will be able to view all PCT-related articles which have been published in the *WIPO Magazine* since 1998, and that you may view the complete issue of the *WIPO Magazine* at:

[www.wipo.int/wipo\\_magazine/en/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/index.html)

## PatentScope Search Service

([www.wipo.int/pctdb](http://www.wipo.int/pctdb))

### Using the search index to obtain information on national phase entries

The PatentScope search service has been updated so that it is now possible to perform a search based on PCT national phase entry information.

It is recalled that a number of patent offices (currently 27) notify WIPO of the PCT international applications that have entered the national phase, as well as other information relating to the national phase. Any user can search such information from the PatentScope database by using the four new search indexes that are shown in the table below.

The search indexes can be further combined using Boolean AND and OR operators. For example, to search for PCT international applications filed by appli-

cants from France and entering the national phase in Australia, the search expression below can be used:

ARE/FR AND NPCC/AU

The following points should be noted when searching and using PCT national phase information:

- The data supplied to WIPO may be incomplete or contain inaccuracies. Therefore the absence of data should not be treated as evidence that no patent application was filed before the office concerned. Users are encouraged to contact the national offices directly in case of doubt.
- The data in the PatentScope database does not cover all offices or all periods of time. Users should check the country coverage carefully (see: [www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/nationalphase.jsp](http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/nationalphase.jsp)).

Further details about the national phase information available in the PatentScope search service were published in *PCT Newsletters* Nos. 10/2006, page 7 and 12/2006, cover page.

<b>PatentScope Search Service: Using the search index to obtain information on national phase entries</b>		
Field Code	Description	Example
NPCC	National Phase Country Code	NPCC/AU  Searches for applications that have entered the national phase in Australia.
NPED	National Phase Entry Date	NPED/20060101->20061231  Searches for PCT international applications that entered the national phase between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2006
NPAN	National Phase Application Number	NPAN/11003666  Searches for the PCT application that entered the US national phase as US application number 11/003,666
NPET	National Phase Entry Type	NPET/C  Searches for PCT applications that entered the US national phase, filed as a continuation.  Possible values are N (standard national phase entry) C (continuation) and P (continuation in part).  Note that this information is only available for national phase entries in the US published since January 2006.

## Practical Advice

### **Change regarding the size of the text in the international application**

*Q: I have seen that with the rule change package that will enter into force on 1 April 2007, there is a new minimum size for text matter in the international application of 0.28 cm height for capital letters. I will soon be filing an international application, the description and claims of which have already been prepared in Times New Roman font with a 10 point font size with the result that the capital letters are less than the minimum 0.28 cm high. Why was this change in the requirement for the height of the letters made? If the international application is filed in its current format on or after 1 April 2007, will I receive an invitation to correct the size of the text? Are there any other changes to the physical requirements of international applications that I should be aware of?*

**A:** PCT Rule 11.9(d) has been amended with effect from 1 April 2007, so as to increase the minimum height of capital letters in the text matter of the international application from 0.21 cm to 0.28 cm. This new height would be approximately equivalent to a Times New Roman 12 point font, and applies to any text matter of the international application except for the request, noting that the request as such is not published.

Although many applicants already use a larger font size and thereby already meet the new minimum height requirements, it was deemed necessary to change the current minimum height requirement, which dates back to a time when typewriters were used rather than computers. Increasing the minimum height requirement will increase the accuracy of capture where modern information and communications technology is used in the processing of PCT applications. This is the case where international applications have been filed on paper and are converted into electronic form, for example, by way of scanning and subsequent further conversion from image files to text files through Optical Character Recognition (OCR) (which is the way in which all international applications filed on paper are processed at the International Bureau). The accuracy of an OCR conversion is inversely proportional to the size of the text being scanned, and it has been found that the OCR of applications filed using the minimum size of 0.21 cm result in electronic files which contain numerous errors which have to be corrected before they can be properly searched, examined and published.

It has been found that scans of applications using a font size having a capital letter height of no less than 0.28 cm result in an acceptable level of OCR accuracy. Moreover, a larger font size is also much easier for people to read (scientific studies have shown that the ideal font size is 11 or 12).

If the text size in your international application is below the new minimum size of 0.28 cm, you will normally be invited by the receiving Office to correct the defect because of the above-mentioned negative consequences of having text that is too small to be scanned effectively.

Note, however, that now that international publication is in electronic form, many of the other physical defects which may have resulted in invitations to correct during the times of paper publication may no longer have that result, due to the fact that they are not as detrimental to the publication process. It is recalled that, according to PCT Rule 26.3, the physical requirements under PCT Rule 11 will be checked only to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of reasonable uniform international publication. Therefore invitations to correct physical requirements are not normally issued in respect of many of the minor defects, for example, if the line spacing is not set at one and a half, or if the page numbering is not centered.

None of the other requirements under PCT Rule 11 will change on 1 April 2007. However, because of the difficulty that OCR scanners have in recognizing handwritten characters, PCT Rule 26.4 has been amended so as to no longer permit corrections to the international application by hand. Therefore, in the case of a correction of any element of the international application other than the request, the applicant will be required, as from 1 April 2007, to submit a replacement sheet embodying the correction together with an accompanying letter drawing attention to the differences between the replaced sheet and the replacement sheet. As far as any correction to the request form is concerned, such correction may be stated in a letter, without the need to submit a replacement sheet, if that correction is of such a nature that it can be transferred from the letter to the request without adversely affecting the clarity and the direct reproducibility of the sheet onto which the correction is to be transferred.

It is recalled that the texts of the amendments to the Regulations under the PCT, as in force on 1 April 2007, are available in documents PCT/A/34/6 and PCT/A/35/7 at:

[www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group\\_id=135](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=135)

and that the consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force on 1 April 2007, is available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct\\_regs\\_april\\_2007.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs_april_2007.pdf)

Further information about some of the other amendments to the Regulations that will enter into force on 1 April 2007 will be published in the April issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

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<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>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
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<b>17–18 April 2007 Zagreb (HR)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Carrasco Pradas and Ms. Trpkovska	State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia (Mr. Bojan Benko) Tel: (385–1) 610 94 27 Fax: (385–1) 611 20 17 E-mail: bojan.benko@dziv.hr
<b>18–19 April 2007 Helsinki (FI)</b>	Finnish	Seminar for patent administrators on the PCT and PCT-SAFE WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe	Helsinki University of Technology, Lifelong Learning Institute Dipoli (Ms. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358–9) 451 40 47 Fax: (358–9) 451 40 68 E-mail: arja.andsten@dipoli.tkk.fi Internet: www.dipoli.tkk.fi
<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
<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
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<b>22 May 2007</b> <b>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>23–24 May 2007</b> <b>Copenhagen (DK)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Schwarz and Ms. Trpkovska	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Turner) Tel: (45) 43 50 65 87 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: LKT@dkpto.dk
<b>11–12 September 2007</b> <b>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
<b>11–12 October 2007</b> <b>Helsinki (FI)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Schwarz	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Illmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmariinen@prh.fi
<b>11–12 October 2007</b> <b>London (GB)</b>	English	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
<b>24–25 October 2007</b> <b>Paris (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar: “La demande PCT” WIPO speakers: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 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*, 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	Belarusian 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	PLZ	Polish zloty
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

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

(amounts on 1 March 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>
							Items 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	150	AUD	1,531 <i>(from 15.5.07: 1,445)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	109 <i>(103)</i>	219 <i>(206)</i>	328 <i>(310)</i>	–	AU
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD	1,086	12	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	900	10	64	–	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	900	10	64	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGL	60	BGL eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	–	EP RU

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

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RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>			
				Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Items 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>				
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	–	–	CA 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 <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	EUR	900		10		64	–	–	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	1,600	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										

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

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				Items 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>	
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
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

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

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				Items 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>	
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 (from 1.5.07: 1,613)	19 (17)	125 (115)	–	–	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 (from 1.4.07: 7,950)	90 (90)	600 (570)	1,210 (1,140)	1,810 (1,700)	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834 (from 15.5.07: 1,720)	20 (18)	131 (123)	–	–	AT AU EP KR <sup>17</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

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

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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>	
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	8,710 <i>(from 1.5.07: 8,230)</i>	90 <i>(90)</i>	620 <i>(590)</i>	–	–	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 March 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	1,600	CHF	1,553	EUR	962	KRW	1,173,000	NZD	1,794	SGD	1,943
	USD	1,266	ZAR	8,854								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,759	EUR*	1,131	USD	1,365				
		<i>* (from 1.4.07:</i>	EUR	1,050)								
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								
		<i>* (from 1.6.07:</i>	NZD	3,010)								
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	789,000	USD*	861		
		<i>* (from 1.5.07:</i>	EUR	616	USD	797)						
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	1,520	440 <sup>20</sup>
	ZAR	7,200	2,300 <sup>20</sup>									

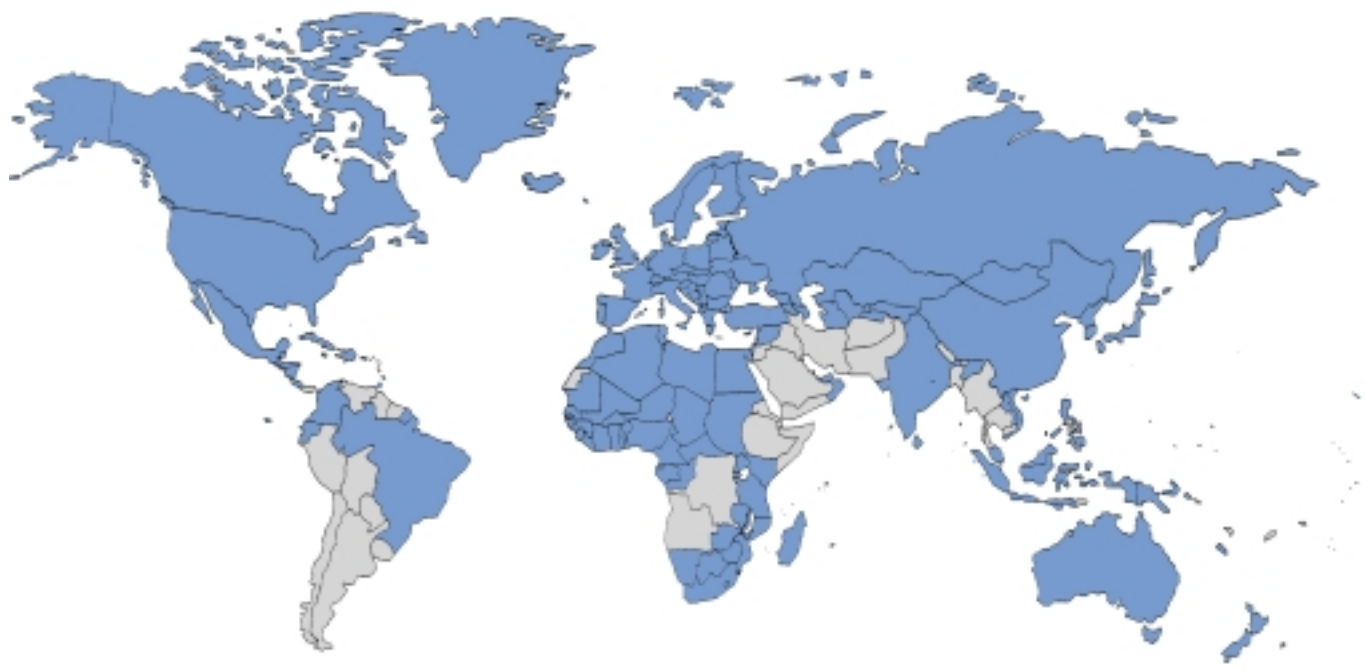
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 March 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

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

*Footnotes to fee tables:*

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT 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*, 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.
- 18 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in part 1 of the table on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf), with the exception of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 19 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

## PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (137 on 1 March 2007)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IL Israel	ME Montenegro	SD Sudan (AP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>2</sup>	IN India	MG Madagascar	SE Sweden (EP)
AL Albania <sup>1</sup>	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>1</sup>	SG Singapore
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>2</sup>	ML Mali (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SI Slovenia (EP) <sup>2</sup>
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	<b>DO Dominican Republic (from 28 May 2007)</b>	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MT Malta (EP) <sup>2</sup>	SM San Marino
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup>	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
BE Belgium (EP) <sup>2</sup>	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BF Burkina Faso (OA) <sup>2</sup>	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) <sup>2</sup>
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) <sup>2</sup>
<b>BH Bahrain (from 18 March 2007)</b>	FI Finland (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) <sup>2</sup>	TG Togo (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BJ Benin (OA) <sup>2</sup>	FR France (EP) <sup>2</sup>	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NG Nigeria	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BR Brazil	GA Gabon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BW Botswana (AP)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NL Netherlands (EP) <sup>2</sup>	TN Tunisia
BY Belarus (EA)	GD Grenada	LK Sri Lanka	NO Norway	TR Turkey (EP)
BZ Belize	GE Georgia	LR Liberia	NZ New Zealand	TT Trinidad and Tobago
CA Canada	GH Ghana (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GM Gambia (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CG Congo (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GN Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CH Switzerland (EP)	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LV Latvia (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
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CM Cameroon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GT Guatemala	MA Morocco	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CN China	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MC Monaco (EP) <sup>2</sup>	RS Serbia <sup>1</sup>	VN Viet Nam
CO Colombia	HN Honduras	MD Moldova (EA)	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CR Costa Rica	HR Croatia <sup>1</sup>		SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
	HU Hungary (EP)			ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	ID Indonesia			
	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>			

<sup>1</sup> Extension of European patent possible.

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

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