

PCT NEWSLETTER

Changes in the Structure of the Publication of International Applications

As part of an ongoing effort to improve the availability of patent information, the International Bureau (IB) will publish international applications with an international filing date on or after 1 January 2008, in a slightly different manner. In respect of those international applications, certain documents which, under PCT Rule 48.2(a), are to be “contained” in the publication of the international application, will be presented and disseminated as separate documents. In respect of those international applications, the publication of the international application, available through WIPO’s PATENTSCOPE® Search Service and on PCT Article 20 and PCT Rule 87 DVDs, will consist of the following documents:

1. A single document, containing:
 - the standardized front page;
 - description, claims and drawings (if any);
 - the international search report, or the declaration under Article 17.2(a);
 - amended claims and the associated statement filed under Article 19, if any; and
2. the following documents which form part of the publication of the international application but which are presented and disseminated as separate documents:
 - the sequence listing part of the description, whether filed on paper or filed in electronic form;
 - indications relating to the deposited biological material filed separately from the description;
 - requests from the applicant under PCT Rule 91.3(d) to publish information concerning the request for the rectification of an obvious mistake where the International Searching Authority has refused to authorize the rectification;
 - requests from the applicant under PCT Rule 26*bis*.2(e) to publish information concerning priority claims which the applicant wished to correct or add but for which the time limit under PCT Rule 26*bis*.1 had expired;
 - declarations under PCT Rule 4.17;
 - information concerning a priority claim referred to in PCT Rule 26*bis*.2(d);
 - information concerning a request under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3 for the restoration of right of priority;
 - information concerning incorporation by reference of missing parts and/or elements (Form PCT/RO/114);
 - information concerning one or more priority claims considered void (Form PCT/IB/318); and
 - information concerning authorization of a rectification of an obvious mistake under PCT Rule 91.1.

All of the documents listed above will be made available, where applicable, in the PATENTSCOPE® Search Service (www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/) on the “Documents” tab of the international application concerned.

Note that, while the changes are applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008, the majority of those applications will, pursuant to the normal PCT publication timeline, not be published before the expiration of 18 months from the priority date, that is, not before 1 July 2008. However, in the exceptional case that the applicant requests early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b), the IB would publish the international application before 1 July 2008, using the revised structure.

PCT Information Update

BR Brazil (Internet address)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2007, the National Institute of Industrial Property has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: www.inpi.gov.br

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

DK Denmark (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has specified the Nordic Patent Institute, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 January 2008 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Denmark with the Danish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office.

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

ES Spain (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2008:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

Fee for priority document: EUR 27.70

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2008:

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee: EUR 89.89

Electronic filing fee: EUR 76.41

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

FI Finland (fees)

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland has notified the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, payable to it as receiving Office, with effect from 13 December 2007. The amount of this fee is EUR 250.

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

GB United Kingdom (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) as receiving Office, has changed with effect from 17 December 2007:

Fee for priority document: GBP 20

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

IS Iceland (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Icelandic Patent Office has specified the Nordic Patent Institute, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 January 2008 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Iceland with the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office.

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

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified that the fee for the priority document pursuant to PCT Rule 17.1(b) is no longer payable in respect of international applications filed with it as receiving Office on or after 1 January 2008.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2008 (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:

Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW 22,000
plus, for each claim:	KRW 15,000

For utility model:

Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW 17,000
plus, for each claim:	KRW 4,000

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

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The International Bureau acting for the Department of Intellectual Property, Standardization and Metrology (Lao People's Democratic Republic) has specified the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

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

NO Norway (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Norwegian Patent Office has specified the Nordic Patent Institute, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 January 2008 for

international applications filed by nationals and residents of Norway with the Norwegian Patent Office as receiving Office.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (NO))

Search fee (Nordic Patent Institute)

Further to the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2007 of the amount in DKK of the fee for an international search carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute, payable with effect from 1 January 2008, the equivalent amounts of that fee have now been established in CHF, EUR, ISK, NOK and USD, as indicated in Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (XN))

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.026.201), dated 1 January 2008, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.htm

This version ("build 201") includes the following changes:

- Croatia (HR) and Norway (NO) are included in the EP designation;
- Information on the Nordic Patent Institute as International Searching Authority (ISA/XN);
- New PCT Contracting State Angola (AO) as from 27 December 2007;
- All fee schedules have been updated;
- Compatibility with Windows® Vista; and
- Other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements and PCT updates.

Important:

It is necessary to install this new build to be able to file fully electronic applications with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) as of 6 January 2008, on which date the RO/IB server digital certificate enabling secure communications changed.

Further details are available on the PCT-SAFE website at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.html

Note concerning PCT applications in Japanese prepared using the Windows® Vista environment

Following the release of the new Windows® Vista-compliant PCT-SAFE client build 201 (see above), applicants filing international applications containing Japanese characters prepared using the PCT-SAFE software in a Windows® Vista environment or a JIS2004 environment are advised that the Microsoft Corporation has changed the appearance of some of the Japanese Kanji characters to comply with the JIS2004 standard. Since the PCT-SAFE client software uses the font information available on the applicant's computer, the appearance of the Japanese Kanji on the computer screen and on printouts will comply with JIS2004, but will be different from those which are contained in the published international application. This is due to the fact that, for the time being, the JIS2004 Kanji characters will be replaced by JIS90 Kanji

characters in the published application. Furthermore, levels 3 and 4 Kanji characters will not be shown in the JIS90 environment.

Further information on this change and a list of the Kanji characters affected are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/user_documentation.htm

Practical Advice

Consequence of excluding a designation of a State under PCT Rule 4.9(b) where there is no claim of priority of an earlier national application filed in that State

Q: I filed a number of international applications claiming the priority of earlier applications filed in Germany. In those applications, the relevant check-box in Box No. V of the request form was marked, in accordance with the provisions of PCT Rule 4.9(b), to exclude the designation of Germany. I subsequently filed another international application in which that box was marked, even though the international application did not claim the priority of an earlier application filed in Germany (it claimed the priority of an application filed in Austria). What will be the consequence of the box being checked? Is it still possible to designate Germany?

A: It is recalled that PCT Rule 4.9(b) was adopted to accommodate the situation where the national law of certain countries (at the time of writing this: Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation) provides for automatic withdrawal of an earlier national application if a later-filed international application claims the priority of that earlier national application and designates that State; in such cases, the applicant can exclude the State concerned from the automatic and all-inclusive designation of all PCT Contracting States under PCT Rule 4.9(a), thereby maintaining the priority application.

Even though you have excluded the designation of Germany, under PCT Rule 4.9(b) you may only exclude the designation of such a State in Box No. V **if the priority of an earlier national application filed in that State is claimed in Box No. VI**. Therefore, if, on the date of filing, the request part of your international application contains an indication under Rule 4.9(b) that the designation of Germany is not made, but does not contain a priority claim to an earlier national application filed in that State, you should be notified by the receiving Office, and your attention drawn to Rule 26*bis* ("Correction or Addition of Priority Claim") to give you the opportunity to add any missing priority claim, in case the lack of priority claim is due to an omission on your behalf. In accordance with Section 319 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, if, by the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26*bis*.1(a), the receiving Office has not received any notice correcting or adding a priority claim to an earlier national application filed in Germany, it will cancel *ex officio* the indication in Box No. V, and the designation of Germany would thereby be reinstated. The receiving Office would then notify you and the International Bureau, by way of PCT Form PCT/RO/146, that it had cancelled *ex officio* the indication in Box No. V. It would therefore not be necessary for you to take any action in this situation.

Notwithstanding, there would be nothing to prevent you from notifying the receiving Office as soon as you realize that the designation of Germany has been erroneously excluded, and confirming to them that the international application does not claim the priority of an earlier national application filed in Germany. This would streamline the correction procedure (the receiving Office would not have to issue the first notice referred to in the preceding paragraph) and ensure that the receiving Office applied Section 319(b) of the Administrative Instructions directly.

Note that the above would equally apply should a similar situation arise where the designations of Japan, the Republic of Korea or the Russian Federation have been erroneously excluded.

For further information on the implications of PCT Rule 4.9(b), see the Practical Advice published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 11/2003 and 04/2006.

Applicability of 75% Reduction in Certain PCT Fees¹

1. Where the international application is filed by an applicant² who is a **natural person** and who is a national of and resides in one of the following States:³

(a) States which are PCT Contracting States:

Albania	Dominica	Lithuania	Sierra Leone
Algeria	Dominican Republic	Madagascar	Slovakia
Angola	Ecuador	Malawi	South Africa
Armenia	Egypt	Malaysia	Sri Lanka
Azerbaijan	El Salvador	Mali	Sudan
Belarus	Equatorial Guinea	Mauritania	Swaziland
Belize	Estonia	Mexico	Syrian Arab Republic
Benin	Gabon	Moldova	Tajikistan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Gambia	Mongolia	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Botswana	Georgia	Montenegro	Togo
Brazil	Ghana	Morocco	Tunisia
Bulgaria	Grenada	Mozambique	Turkey
Burkina Faso	Guatemala	Namibia	Turkmenistan
Cameroon	Guinea	Nicaragua	Uganda
Central African Republic	Guinea-Bissau	Niger	Ukraine
Chad	Honduras	Nigeria	United Republic of Tanzania
China	Hungary	Papua New Guinea	Uzbekistan
Colombia	India	Philippines	Viet Nam
Comoros	Indonesia	Poland	Zambia
Congo	Kazakhstan	Romania	Zimbabwe
Costa Rica	Kenya	Russian Federation	
Côte d'Ivoire	Kyrgyzstan	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
Croatia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Saint Lucia	
Cuba	Latvia	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	
Czech Republic	Lesotho	Senegal	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Liberia	Serbia	

(b) States which are not PCT Contracting States:⁴

Afghanistan	Eritrea	Marshall Islands	Solomon Islands
Argentina	Ethiopia	Mauritius	Somalia
Bangladesh	Fiji	Micronesia	Thailand
Bhutan	Guyana	Myanmar	Timor-Leste
Bolivia	Haiti	Nepal	Tonga
Burundi	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Pakistan	Tuvalu
Cambodia	Iraq	Panama	Uruguay
Cape Verde	Jamaica	Paraguay	Vanuatu
Chile	Jordan	Peru	Venezuela
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kiribati	Rwanda	Yemen
Djibouti	Lebanon	Samoa	
	Maldives	Sao Tome and Principe	

2. Where the international application is filed by an applicant, **whether a natural person or not**, who is a national of and resides in one of the following States that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations:

(a) States which are PCT Contracting States:

Angola	Gambia	Madagascar	Sierra Leone
Benin	Guinea	Malawi	Sudan
Burkina Faso	Guinea-Bissau	Mali	Togo
Central African Republic	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Mauritania	Uganda
Chad	Lesotho	Mozambique	United Republic of Tanzania
Comoros	Liberia	Niger	Zambia
Equatorial Guinea		Senegal	

(b) States which are not PCT Contracting States:⁴

Afghanistan	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Maldives	Somalia
Bangladesh	Djibouti	Myanmar	Timor-Leste
Bhutan	Eritrea	Nepal	Tuvalu
Burundi	Ethiopia	Rwanda	Vanuatu
Cambodia	Haiti	Samoa	Yemen
Cape Verde	Kiribati	Sao Tome and Principe	
		Solomon Islands	

- The international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee.
- If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in 1 or 2 and at least one of them must be a national of and/or reside in a PCT Contracting State.
- That is, States whose per capita national income is below USD 3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997)
- Applicants from these States must file the PCT application together with an applicant who is a national of and/or resides in a PCT Contracting State, and in order to benefit from the 75% reduction, the State concerned must be one of the States indicated under 1(a) (if the applicant concerned is a natural person) or 2(a) (whether the applicant is a natural person or not).

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
12 February 2008 Bloomfield, Michigan (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed	Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association (MIPLA) (Ms. Amy Leshan) Tel: (1-248) 358 44 00 Fax: (1-248) 358 33 51 E-mail: aleshan@brookskushman.com
12-13 February 2008 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Lindner	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
28-29 February 2008 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	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
3-4 March 2008 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	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
12-13 March 2008 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
8-9 April 2008 Heidelberg (DE)	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
21-22 April 2008 Singapore	English	PCT Asia (Asian Regional Conference on the PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Gurry, Mr. Bryan and others to be announced	WIPO and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (Contact details to be announced)
24 April 2008 Paris (FR)	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
24-25 April 2008 London (GB)	English	Basic formalities seminar WIPO speakers: 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

PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25–26 April 2008 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	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
19 May 2008 Zurich (CH)	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pieter Spierenburg) Tel: (41–56) 485 94 94 Fax: (41–56) 485 94 95 E-mail: ceipi@patent-anwalt.ch
10 October 2008 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speakers: 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
21–22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speakers: to be announced	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
23–24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 2008, 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, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) 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	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit		
<i>Currencies:</i>		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	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDP	Sudanese pound		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 January 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,400)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available								
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,400	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)								
AT	EUR	50	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,374	15	98	196	295	AU
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD	1,194	13	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	EP
BG	BGL	80	BGL eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	EP RU
BH	Information not yet available								
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,194	13	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 January 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,196	13	85	–	–	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 ⁹	–	COP eq USD	1,194	eq USD 13	eq USD 85	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,194	13	85	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP	75	CYP	494	5	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	848	9	61	121	182	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,320	70	450	900	1,350	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR	1,600	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	EEK eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	105	EUR	848	9	–	121	182	EP
ES	EUR	69.25	EUR	848	9	61	121	182	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	848	9	–	121	182	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	848	9	61	121	182	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	591	6	42	84	127	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹⁰	10	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,194	13	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	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

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

(amounts on 1 January 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
IB	CHF ¹²	100	CHF	1,400	15	100	200	300	See footnote 13	
	or EUR ¹²	61	or EUR	848	9	61	121	182		
	or USD ¹²	85	or USD	1,194	13	85	171	256		
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU	
IE	EUR	76	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	EP	
IL	ILS	490	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP US	
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US	
IS	ISK	6,500	ISK	74,100	800	5,300	–	–	EP SE XN	
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	9	–	–	–	EP	
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	137,000	1,500	9,800	–	29,400	EP JP	
KE	USD (or KES equiv)	250 plus cost of mailing	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	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	1,099,000	12,000	79,000	–	236,000	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR	
KZ	KZT	7,360	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU	
LA	Information not yet available									
LR	USD	45	USD	1,194	13	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
LS	LSM ⁹	–	LSM eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP	
LT	LTL	320	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	EP RU	
LU	EUR	19	EUR	848	9	–	–	–	EP	
LV	LVL	47.20	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	EP RU	
LY	LYD ⁹	–	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	AT EP	
MA		None	CHF	1,400	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE	
MC	EUR	54 ¹⁵	EUR	848	9	–	–	–	EP	
MD	USD	40	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	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	
MT	Information not yet available									
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	166,800	1,800	11,900	–	–	EP	
MX	MXP ² eq USD	323.70	MXP eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US	

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

(amounts on 1 January 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
					Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
MY	MYR	375 ¹⁶	MYR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP
NO	NOK	550	NOK 6,590	70	470	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ¹⁷	NZD 1,597	17	114	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹	–	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available							
PG	PGK	250	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD 1,194	13	85	171	256	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	33.44	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	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	600	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,194	13	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDP	50	SDP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK 7,780	80	560	1,110	1,670	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD 1,790	19	128	–	–	AT AU EP KR ¹⁸
SI	EUR	91	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	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 848	9	–	–	–	EP
SV	Information not yet available							
SY	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹	–	USD 1,194	13	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹	–	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF	100	CHF 1,400	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,194	13	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	300	USD 1,194	13	85	171	–	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	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 8,340	90	600	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD 1,194	13	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,194	eq USD 13	eq USD 85	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 January 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	330	KRW	259,000	SGD	420	USD	282	ZAR	1,970
AU	AUD	1,600	CHF	1,630	EUR	987	KRW	1,280,000	NZD	1,859	SGD	2,084
	USD	1,390	ZAR	9,700								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,872	EUR	1,134	USD	1,597				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	328	EUR	199	USD	280				
EP¹⁹	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,667	CYP	942	DKK	12,040	GBP	1,125	ISK	141,000
	JPY	261,000	MWK	318,000	NOK	12,560	NZD	3,043	SEK	14,820	SGD	3,410
	USD	2,274	ZAR	15,880								
ES¹⁹	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,667	USD	2,274						
FI	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,667	USD	2,274						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	991	EUR	600	KRW	778,000	USD	845		
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	287	EUR	173	NZD	327	SGD	366	USD	244
RU²⁰	USD	500	CHF	586	EUR	355						
SE	SEK	14,820	CHF	2,667	DKK	12,040	EUR	1,615	ISK	141,000	NOK	12,560
	USD	2,274										
US	USD	1,800	CHF	2,136	EUR	1,282	NZD	2,370	ZAR	12,340		
XN	DKK	12,040	CHF	2,667	EUR	1,615	ISK	141,000	NOK	12,560	USD	2,274

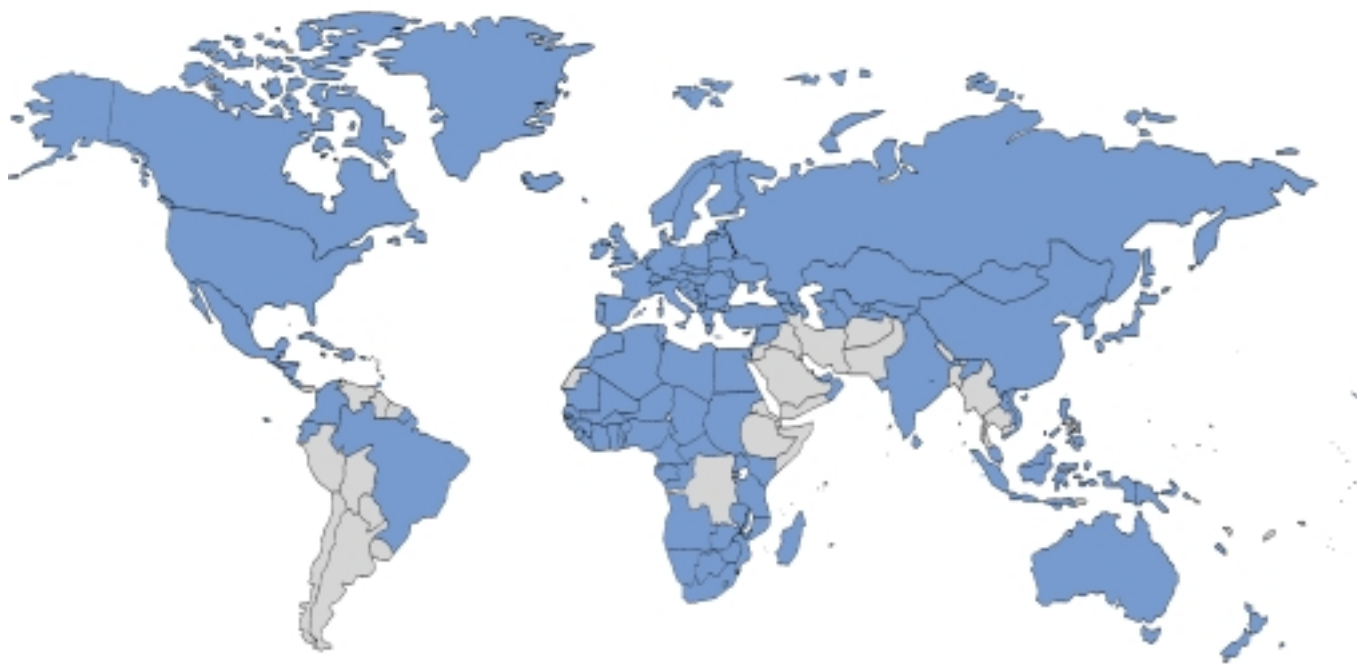
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 January 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²¹		Handling fee ^{2, 21} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	200	EUR 121
AU	AUD	550 780 ²²	AUD 196
CA	CAD	800	CAD 171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EP ¹⁹	EUR	1,595	EUR 121
ES	EUR	544.44	EUR 121
FI	EUR	550	EUR 121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY 19,600
KR	KRW	225,000	KRW 157,000
RU ²⁰	USD	200 ²³ 300 ²⁴	USD 171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,110
US	USD	600 750 ²⁵	USD 171
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK 900

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
- 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
- 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 MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 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.
- 19 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, with the exception of Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 20 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.
- 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)).

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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

Where a State can be designated for a regional patent, the two-letter code for the regional patent concerned is indicated in parentheses (AP = ARIPO patent, EA = Eurasian patent, EP = European patent, OA = OAPI patent).

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