

# PCT NEWSLETTER

## Amendments to the Schedule of Fees

An Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of the PCT Union was held in Geneva on 31 March 2008 to discuss proposed amendments of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations. The Assembly approved the amendments, which will enter into force on 1 July 2008, and will apply to any international application which is received by the receiving Office on or after 1 July 2008. The amendments are as follows:

### Reduction in the international filing fee

The international filing fee will be reduced by 5%, from 1,400 to 1,330 Swiss francs. Equivalent amounts in other currencies will be announced once, following consultation with interested Offices, they have been established. Note that the amount payable for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets will not change.

### Increase in the fee reduction accorded to applicants from certain States

The reduction in the international filing fee and the handling fee accorded to applicants who meet the criteria indicated in Item 4(a)<sup>1</sup> or (b)<sup>2</sup> of the Schedule of Fees has been increased from 75% to 90%.

### Extension of the scope of the fee reduction accorded to applicants from certain States

An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in one of the following nine States will also be entitled to the above-mentioned reduction in the international filing fee and the handling fee:

Antigua and Barbuda  
Bahrain  
Barbados  
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya  
Oman  
Seychelles  
Singapore

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<sup>1</sup> If the international application is filed by an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (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).

<sup>2</sup> If the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations.

Trinidad and Tobago

United Arab Emirates

The PCT Assembly will consider a study on the eligibility criteria for the fee reductions in item 4 at its next session, and discuss further possible changes.

## **New PCT Contracting State**

### **Sao Tome and Principe (country code: ST)**

On 3 April 2008, Sao Tome and Principe deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 3 July 2008, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 3 July 2008 will automatically include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe.

Also, because Sao Tome and Principe will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 3 July 2008. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Sao Tome and Principe will be entitled, as from 3 July 2008, to file international applications under the PCT.

## **PCT Information Update**

### **CA Canada (fees – corrigendum)**

The date of effect of the change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in CAD to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as the change in the equivalent amount in CAD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2008, should have read 15 May 2008 and not 1 May 2008.

### **EP European Patent Office (location; evidence of mailing a document; fees; special requirements for entry into the national phase; editorial changes)**

The location of the European Patent Office (EPO) branch at The Hague has changed, as follows:

Location:

Branch at The Hague: Patentlaan 2, 2288 EE Rijswijk, Netherlands

Deutsche Post Express and LTA have been deleted from the list of delivery services, other than the postal authorities, in respect of which the EPO would accept evidence of mailing a document in case of loss or delay.

The EPO has notified the following fees for payments made to it as designated Office as from 1 April 2008:

Fee for further processing:

in the event of late payment of a fee: .....	50% of the relevant fee
other cases:.....	EUR 210
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing: .....	EUR 200

The EPO has notified a change in the name of one of its national fees. The term “national basic fee” has been changed to “filing fee”.

Furthermore, the EPO has specified that the claims fee for the 11<sup>th</sup> and each subsequent claim was applicable *for payments made* until 31 March 2008 and that the claims fee for the 16<sup>th</sup> and each subsequent claim is applicable *for payments made* as from 1 April 2008.

The announcement concerning the change in the amount of the following national fees (search and examination fees) which was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2008 should have read as follows:

Search fee:

For (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	760
For (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	1,050

Examination fee:

For (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: .	EUR	1,565
For (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:.....	EUR	1,565
For all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	1,405

For payments made on or after 1 April 2008, the search fee is reduced by EUR 890 for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or, in accordance with the Protocol on Centralization, by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

There has been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the EPO as designated (or elected) Office concerning the time limit to comply with all of its requirements. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) (31 months from the priority date), the EPO will invite the applicant to comply with the requirements within two months.

There have been changes in many of the references to EPC rules. Please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B2 (EP), C (EP), D (EP), and L, and the National Chapter (EP).

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

### **MT Malta (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment (Malta), in its capacity as receiving Office, has, with effect from 1 March 2008, specified the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and

Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Malta.

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

### ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 June 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) as receiving Office, 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))

### Search fee and fees relating to the international search (European Patent Office)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2008, the following changes have been made with effect from 1 April 2008.

There has been a change in the amount of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report payable to the European Patent Office (EPO), as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per page:

For applicants:.....	[no change]
For designated Offices: .....	EUR 0.70

The EPO has changed the extent to which the search fee paid for an earlier search shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from that earlier search in carrying out an international search, as follows:

#### For a European search (EPC Art. 78(2))

*(European application filed before 1 July 2005 and search fee paid before 1 April 2006):*

(full benefit): ..... [no change]

(partial benefit): ..... [no change]

*(European application filed before 1 July 2005 and search fee paid between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008):*

(full benefit): ..... [no change]

(partial benefit): ..... [no change]

*(European application filed before 1 July 2005 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2008):*

(full benefit): ..... EUR 760

(partial benefit): ..... EUR 190

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

## **New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet ([www.wipo.int/pct/en](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en))**

### **ISA and IPEA Agreements**

Updated versions of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Trademark Office and the Nordic Patent Institute as International Searching Authorities (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEA) relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2008, have been published in English and French on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at, respectively:

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

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

### **PCT Gallery of Notable Inventions and Inventors**

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

- Nick HOLONYAK, Jr.

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)

## **Change to the Publication Schedule**

### **Publication of 2 May 2008**

Due to the fact that Thursday, 1 May 2008, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications which would normally have been published on that day, as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* which would normally have been published on that day, will be published on Friday, 2 May 2008.

Note that the completion of technical preparations for that publication will take place more than the usual 15 days before publication, on Wednesday, 16 April 2008, meaning that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Tuesday, 15 April 2008.

### **Publication of 15 May 2008**

Due to the fact that Thursday, 1 May 2008 and Monday, 12 May 2008 will be non-working days at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on Thursday, 15 May 2008 will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 29 April 2008 (instead of on Wednesday, 30 April 2008, the day on which technical preparations would normally have been completed). This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Monday, 28 April 2008.

## **PCT-SAFE Update**

### **Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software**

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.028.203), dated 01 April 2008, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

[www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download\\_client.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.htm)

This version ("build 203") includes the following changes:

- The Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment (Malta) as receiving Office (RO/MT) accepts the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format.
- The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GC) is available as a regional office on the Priority page.
- Updated fee schedules.
- Other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements and PCT updates.

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

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

### **PCT Wheel: Ceasing of WIPO's Participation in its Production and Distribution**

WIPO will no longer be co-producing and distributing the PCT Wheel. Note, however, that Davies Collison Cave, the firm of patent attorneys in Australia which created the PCT Wheel and with which WIPO has been co-producing the Wheel since 1995, will be continuing to produce their own version of the PCT Wheel. For further information about the availability of their Wheel (they have produced one which covers priority dates from January 2007 to December 2008), please contact them directly at:

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Attn: Dr John Hughes  
1 Nicholson Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000 Australia

Tel: +61 3 9254 2777

Fax: +61 3 9254 2770

E-mail: [jhughes@davies.com.au](mailto:jhughes@davies.com.au)

Internet: [www.davies.com.au/about.aspx](http://www.davies.com.au/about.aspx)

Note that WIPO still has in stock a number of WIPO PCT Wheels which were produced last year, with priority dates from January 2006 to December 2007. They can be ordered from:

Design, Marketing and Distribution Section  
The World Intellectual Property Organization  
34, chemin des Colombettes  
P.O. Box 18  
1211 Geneva 20  
Switzerland

Fax: (41–22) 740 18 12

E-mail: [publications.mail@wipo.int](mailto:publications.mail@wipo.int)

It is recalled that WIPO has designed a PCT Time Limit Calculator, a web-based resource for the computing of essential PCT time limits. It is available at:

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

A description of the Calculator is given in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2006 at:

[www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2006/pct\\_news\\_2006\\_3.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2006/pct_news_2006_3.pdf)

## **EPO: Change Concerning Payment Methods**

The European Patent Office (EPO) has informed the International Bureau that it has abolished checks as a payment method with effect from 1 April 2008. As a result, any payment by check which is delivered or sent direct to the EPO will no longer be accepted as from that date.

As from 1 April 2008, fees payable to the EPO are to be paid:

- by payment or transfer to a bank account held by the Office in a Contracting State of the EPC, or
- via a deposit account held with the Office.

For further information, please see the announcement published in the *Official Journal of the EPO*, No. 11/2007, page 626 at:

[www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj007/11\\_07/11\\_6267.pdf](http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj007/11_07/11_6267.pdf)

## **Practical Advice**

### **Appointing agents before the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority**

*Q: The firm of European patent attorneys with which I work erroneously filed an international application, for which the only applicant was neither a resident nor a national of a member State of the European Patent Convention, with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office. The application was subsequently transmitted by the EPO to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) under PCT Rule 19.4(a)(i). Is it possible for my firm to act as agent for the applicant before RO/IB, or will the applicant have to appoint an agent from his country of nationality or residence? If we cannot act as agent before RO/IB, can we be appointed as agent before the EPO in its capacity as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), specifically for the purposes of international search and preliminary examination? (The EPO is a competent ISA and IPEA for this application.)*



A: It is recalled that, under PCT Rule 83.1 *bis*(a), in order to be able to represent the applicant before RO/IB, the agent must have the right to practice before the national (or regional) Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant is a resident or national. It is unlikely that your firm of patent attorneys would be entitled to represent the applicant unless there is somebody who is a patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office concerned (see under the relevant receiving Office in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Receiving Offices, Annex C) ([www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html)), and so if the applicant is going to appoint an agent, it must be one who fulfils that requirement.

You do, however, have the option of being appointed, under PCT Rule 90.1(b) and (c), as agent specifically for the purposes of search and examination before an ISA and IPEA. Any agent may be so appointed, irrespective of the receiving Office with which the application was filed and irrespective of any agent who is entitled to act for the application concerned under PCT Rule 90.1(a) for the entire international phase, provided that he/she has the right to practice before the national Office or intergovernmental organization which acts as ISA/IPEA (for information on who has the right to practice before a national or regional Office, see the relevant National Chapter (Summary) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, or contact the Office concerned). In your case, since you have the right to practice before the EPO in its capacity as ISA and IPEA, the applicant could appoint you as agent specifically before the EPO.

In practice, it is not absolutely necessary to appoint an agent specifically for the purposes of international search since there is no dialogue with the ISA during the search procedure and an agent would not normally file any document directly with the ISA (amendments under PCT Article 19 are filed with the IB by the applicant or the agent entitled to act before the receiving Office). Such an agent would simply receive the international search report and the written opinion of the ISA. During the international preliminary examination procedure, however, the agent may need to respond to the written opinion of the IPEA or have a dialogue with the examiner. In the case where an additional person is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA, all notifications issued by the IPEA will be addressed only to that additional person, and not to any agent appointed in general for the purposes of the international phase. Note, however, that such an agent would only be able to take action concerning the international preliminary examination procedure, and would not be entitled, for example, to withdraw the international application.

In order for you to be appointed in this way, a separate power of attorney would normally have to be submitted directly to the ISA and/or IPEA, as the case may be (see PCT Rule 90.4(b)). Note, however, that a power of attorney may not be required where the ISA/IPEA has waived the requirement to furnish a power of attorney (PCT Rule 90.4(d))—see the table entitled “Waivers: Powers of Attorney” at:

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

For further information on the particular instances in which a power of attorney is required by the EPO, see the *Official Journal of the EPO*, No. 5/2004, page 305, at:

[www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj004/05\\_04/05\\_3054a.pdf](http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj004/05_04/05_3054a.pdf)

Instead of submitting a power of attorney to appoint an agent before the IPEA, the appointment can also be made simply by way of the applicant signing the demand for international preliminary examination (Form PCT/IPEA/401) in which the agent is named in Box No. III as “agent specifically for the procedure before the IPEA”.



<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b> (situation on 10 April 2008)			
<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>15 April 2008 New York (Manhattan) (US)</b>	English	Presentation on important developments with respect to the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	International Intellectual Property Society (IIPS) (Mr. Harris A. Wolin) Tel: (1-908) 875 42 14 E-mail: harris.wolin@myerswolins.com
<b>21-22 April 2008 Singapore</b>	English	PCT Asia (Asian Regional Conference on the PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Gurry, Mr. Bryan and others	WIPO and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (For information: Ms Michelle Chiang) Tel: (65) 63 30 27 45 E-mail: Michelle_Chiang@ipos.gov.sg (For registration: Ms Lynn Ho) Tel: (65) 62 90 56 17 E-mail: lynn.ho@sg.pico.com Internet: www.ipos.gov.sg/topNav/news/cal/PCT+Asia+2008.htm
<b>24 April 2008 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>24-25 April 2008 London (GB)</b>	English	Basic formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
<b>25-26 April 2008 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>8-9 May 2008 Vancouver (CA)</b>	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar for patent lawyers, agents and administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of Ottawa (Ms. Stephanie Planchak (MBM)) Tel: (1-613) 567-0762 Fax: (1-613) 563-7671 E-mail: splanchak@mbm.com
<b>14-15 May 2008 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
<b>19 May 2008 Zurich (CH)</b>	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle <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

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<b>PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]</b>			
(situation on 10 April 2008)			
<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>26 May 2008 Kumamoto (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jaiiptm.jp
<b>28 May 2008 Tokyo (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities and SMEs WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Kumamoto, above)
<b>29 May 2008 Matsumoto (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Kumamoto, above)
<b>29-30 May 2008 Munich (DE)</b>	English	US PCT Roundtable for paralegals and their direct supervisors with at least two years of experience. Speakers from the European Patent Office, the United States Patent and Trademark Office and WIPO to be announced.	Contact person: Ms. Katrina Braden-Elliott Tel: (1-202) 772 85 15 Fax: (1-202) 371 25 40 E-mail: kbraden@skgf.com
<b>10-11 July 2008 New York (US)</b>	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
<b>14-15 July 2008 Denver (US)</b>	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (See New York, above)
<b>10 October 2008 London (GB)</b>	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
<b>22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	PCT update 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
<b>24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)</b>	English	PCT update 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
<b>4-5 December 2008 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced 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

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
<b>9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr

### Other IP events

#### **Strategic Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Cape Town (South Africa), 15 and 16 April 2008**

Designed for senior executives, the International Executive Program, jointly offered by the Worldwide Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town, 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. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty.

For further information, visit: [www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/za\\_apr\\_08/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/za_apr_08/index.html) or send an email to: [execed.academy@wipo.int](mailto:execed.academy@wipo.int).

#### **WIPO-Kellogg Strategies for Management of Intellectual Property Executive Program, Chicago (USA), 9 to 12 June 2008**

As companies seek to achieve competitive advantage through exploitation of their technological assets, managing intellectual property has become a key issue for these companies. In most cases, IP is responsible for more than 70% of the market value of companies in the S & P index. This course is designed to expose participants to the various organizational skills needed so as to confidently develop, analyze and negotiate the IP of their corporation. Faculty from Kellogg School of Management and WIPO will help understand the strategic issues involved in IP management. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty.

For further information on this event, visit: [www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/chg\\_jun\\_08/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/chg_jun_08/index.html) or send an email to: [execed.academy@wipo.int](mailto:execed.academy@wipo.int).

## PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 April 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	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
		BYR	Belarussian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israel shekel	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit		
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZAR	South African rand
ALL	Albanian lek	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AMD	Armenian dram	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AUD	Australian dollar	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDP	Sudanese pound		
BAM	Convertible mark	GEL	Georgian lari	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		

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

(amounts on 1 April 2008, 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	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
			(from 15.5.08:	1,263)	(14)	(90)	(–)	(–)	
AP	USD	50	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)		(from 15.5.08:	1,263)	(14)	(90)	(–)	(–)	
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
			(from 15.5.08:	1,263)	(14)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
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 <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP
			(from 15.5.08:	1,263)	(14)	(90)	(–)	(–)	
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,194	13	–	–	–	EP RU
			(from 15.5.08:	1,263)	(14)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	CA EP
			(from 15.5.08:	1,263)	(14)	(90)	(–)	(–)	

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

(amounts on 1 April 2008, 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>	
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,196 (from 1.5.08: 1,261)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	eq USD 13 (14)	eq USD 85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
CU	CUC	200	CUC 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES RU	
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR 848	9	–	–	–	–	EP	
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	–	EP	
DE	EUR	90	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	182	EP	
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK 6,320	70	450	900	1,350	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 US	
DZ	DZD	None	CHF 1,400	15	100	–	–	–	AT EP	
EA	RUR	1,600	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
EC	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
EE	EEK	1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP	
EG	USD	142	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US	
EP	EUR	110	EUR 848	9	–	121	182	182	EP	
ES	EUR	69.25	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	182	EP ES	
FI	EUR	135	EUR 848	9	–	121	182	182	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR	60	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	182	EP	
GB	GBP	55	GBP 591 (from 1.5.08: 647)	6 (7)	42 (46)	84 (92)	127 (139)	127 (139)	EP	
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	GEL <sup>10</sup>	10	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
GH	GHC <sup>11</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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	

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

(amounts on 1 April 2008, 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>	
IB	CHF <sup>12</sup>	100	CHF	1,400	15	100	200	300	See footnote 13
	or EUR <sup>12</sup>	61	or EUR	848	9	61	121	182	
	or USD <sup>12</sup>	85	or USD	1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	171 (180)	256 (271)	
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 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	6,500	ISK	74,100 (from 15.5.08: 85,100)	800 (900)	5,300 (6,100)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.5.08: 1,221,000)	12,000 (13,000)	79,000 (87,000)	– (–)	236,000 (262,000)	AT AU JP <sup>14</sup> KR
KZ	KZT	7,360	USD	1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available								
LR	USD	45	USD	1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM <sup>9</sup>	–	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 <sup>9</sup>	–	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA		None	CHF	1,400	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 <sup>15</sup>	EUR	848	9	–	–	–	EP
MD	USD	40	USD	1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	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 KR RU
MT	Information not yet available								
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	166,800	1,800	11,900	–	–	EP
MX	MXP <sup>2</sup> eq USD	323.70	MXP eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US

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

(amounts on 1 April 2008, 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>	
MY	MYR	375 <sup>16</sup>	MYR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	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 <sup>17</sup>	NZD 1,597	17	114	–	–	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 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	171 (180)	256 (271)	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 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
SC	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 <sup>18</sup>
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 <sup>9</sup>	–	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS <sup>9</sup>	–	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	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 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD	300	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	171 (180)	– (–)	EP KR US

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

(amounts on 1 April 2008, 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>	
UZ	USD <sup>9</sup> —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (-)	— (-)	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 (from 1.6.08: 9,810)	90 (110)	600 (700)	—	—	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	— (-)	— (-)	— (-)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	eq USD 13 (14)	eq USD 85 (90)	— (-)	— (-)	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 April 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>								
AT	EUR 200	CHF 330	KRW 259,000	SGD 420	USD 282	ZAR 1,970			
AU	AUD 1,600 USD 1,390	CHF 1,630 ZAR 9,700	EUR 987	KRW 1,280,000	NZD 1,859	SGD 2,084			
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,777	EUR 1,134	USD 1,597					
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 328	EUR 199	USD 280					
EP <sup>19</sup>	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR 19,160	CHF 2,726 NOK 13,440	DKK 12,670 NZD 3,163	GBP 1,273 SEK 15,830	ISK 167,000 SGD 3,530	JPY 268,800 USD 2,496			
ES <sup>19</sup>	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,496						
FI	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,667	USD 2,274						
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 15.5.08: )	CHF 991 KRW 852,000	EUR 600	KRW* 778,000	USD 845				
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 287	EUR 173	NZD 327	SGD 366	USD 244			
RU <sup>20</sup>	USD 500	CHF 586	EUR 355						
SE	SEK 15,830 USD 2,496	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK 167,000	NOK 13,440			
US	USD 1,800	CHF 1,995	EUR 1,282	NZD 2,370	ZAR 12,340				
XN	DKK 12,670	CHF 2,726	EUR 1,700	ISK 167,000	NOK 13,440	USD 2,496			

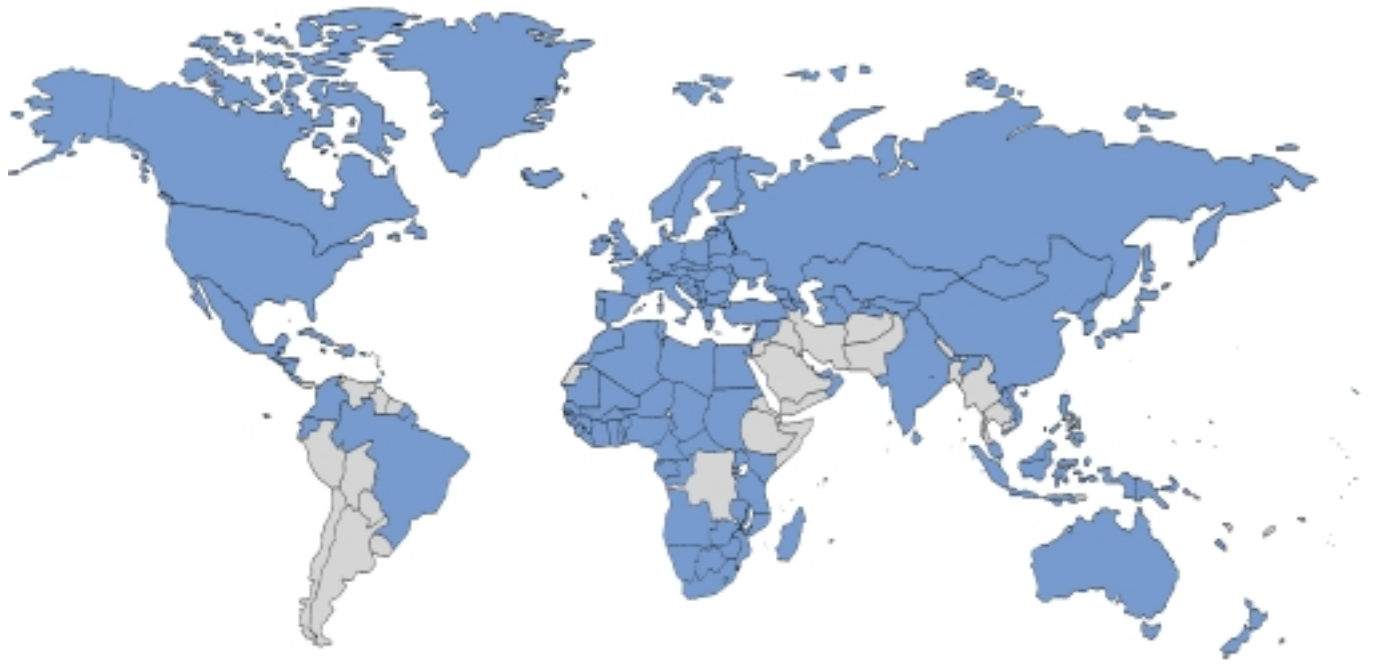
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 April 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>21</sup>		Handling fee <sup>2, 21</sup> (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	200	EUR 121
AU	AUD	550 780 <sup>22</sup>	AUD 196
CA	CAD	800	CAD 171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EP <sup>19</sup>	EUR	1,675	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 <sup>20</sup>	USD	200 <sup>23</sup> 300 <sup>24</sup>	USD 171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,110
US	USD	600 750 <sup>25</sup>	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](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 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](http://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)).

## PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (139 on 3 April 2008)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IN India	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia (EP) <sup>2</sup>
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>2</sup>	IS Iceland (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>1</sup>	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania <sup>1</sup>	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>2</sup>	ML Mali (OA) <sup>2</sup>	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) <sup>2</sup>	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MT Malta (EP) <sup>2</sup>	<b>ST <i>Sao Tome and Principe</i></b> (from 3 July 2008)
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MW Malawi (AP)	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MX Mexico	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup>	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MY Malaysia	SZ Swaziland (AP) <sup>2</sup>
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TD Chad (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BE Belgium (EP) <sup>2</sup>	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NA Namibia (AP)	TG Togo (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BF Burkina Faso (OA) <sup>2</sup>	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NE Niger (OA) <sup>2</sup>	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
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BJ Benin (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GA Gabon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LR Liberia	NO Norway (EP)	TR Turkey (EP)
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BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LV Latvia (EP) <sup>2</sup>	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
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CF Central African Republic (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GN Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MA Morocco	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MC Monaco (EP) <sup>2</sup>	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) <sup>2</sup>	MD Moldova (EA)	RS Serbia <sup>1</sup>	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GT Guatemala	ME Montenegro	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
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CR Costa Rica	HU Hungary (EP)		SG Singapore	
	ID Indonesia			
	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>			
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