

PCT NEWSLETTER

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations under the PCT (January 2009 edition in English and French)

The International Bureau has published revised versions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 January 2009, in English and French (other language versions will be available shortly). This printed and bound edition includes all amendments to the PCT Regulations which have entered into force since the last edition was published in April 2007.

The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate the language in which the publication is required, should be addressed to the Product Marketing and Distribution Unit at WIPO:

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It is recalled that electronic texts are also available on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html#reg> and

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.html#reg>

PCT Distance Learning Course

WIPO has just launched its first distance learning course on the Patent Cooperation Treaty entitled “Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).” This self-study course was developed by WIPO PCT specialists and is aimed at anyone who would like a basic understanding of the PCT system. It is the first in a series of PCT distance learning courses being developed by WIPO. The course contains an estimated four hours of content.

The PCT distance learning course, which may be saved and completed over several sessions (without any time restrictions), is available online and free of charge at the following address:

<http://academy.wipo.int/training>

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

Removal of Address Data

In response to privacy concerns, address data will no longer be displayed for individual applicants and inventors on the “Biblio. Data” tab in the PATENTSCOPE® search service. This

change will have the effect that personal address data will no longer be indexed or displayed by Internet search engines. It will affect all published international applications, with the exception of those published before July 1998.

It is important to note that:

- the address of corporate applicants will continue to be accessible from the “Biblio. Data” tab;
- complete information for all applicants and inventors (including address data) will continue to be accessible on the front page of published international applications and other documents available through the “Documents” tab in the PATENTSCOPE® search service; and
- it will remain possible to conduct searches in the applicant address fields and inventor address fields of the PATENTSCOPE® search service, even for individual applicants and inventors.

This information supersedes the information published in the third paragraph of the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2007, which states that the bibliographic screen of the PATENTSCOPE® search service contains the address of the inventor, and the item entitled “Reminder about Availability of Inventor’s Addresses to Third Parties” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2008, which states the above, as well as the fact that such information may be found by entering the inventor’s family name in an Internet search engine.

Pilot Phase of PCT Electronic Document Upload System

In January 2009, the International Bureau (IB) will commence a limited closed pilot of an electronic document upload service. During this phase, invited users will be able to upload to the IB a number of applicant-submitted documents other than the international application, subject to certain limitations and conditions. The types of documents that will be accepted during this pilot are:

- amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19;
- requests for withdrawal;
- requests for recording change of person, name, address, etc. under PCT Rule 92*bis*;
- requests for Supplementary International Search;
- informal comments on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority; and
- general correspondence.

Should the pilot be successful, the electronic document upload service will be made available for use by all applicants in the second half of 2009.

Reminder re Credit Card Payments to the International Bureau

It is recalled that it is possible to pay the various fees due to the **International Bureau (IB) as receiving Office** (RO/IB) by credit card, and that Form PCT/RO/197 (“Credit card payment to the International Bureau as receiving Office”) must be used for this purpose (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2006, cover page).

It has come to our attention, however, that some applicants have attempted to use that form in order to pay certain fees by credit card to the IB in its capacity **other than as a PCT receiving Office**. Please note that Form PCT/RO/197 should be used only for fees payable to the RO/IB, and that, in general, fees which do not relate to the RO/IB, for example, the fee for early publication, cannot be paid by credit card. An exception to this, however, is the newly created Form PCT/IB/380 (“Credit card payment to the International Bureau of supplementary search fees”), which does enable credit card payment to the IB in its capacity other than as receiving Office, specifically for the purposes of the supplementary search fee.

Further details on the various modes of payment of fees to the IB are available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/modes.htm>

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in the PCT Search Fee

For international applications filed on or after 1 February 2009, there will be a change in the conditions for obtaining the 75% reduction in the search fee and additional search fee payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as International Searching Authority. The reduction will be accorded if the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is not party to the European Patent Convention, and which is listed as a low-income, lower-middle-income, or upper-middle-income economy by the World Bank. A list of the States which meet that criteria will be published on the website of that Office shortly, and will be linked to from the PCT Resources page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/index.html>

It is recalled that, as from 1 January 2009, there was also a change in the conditions for a 75% reduction in the search fee, the additional search fee, the preliminary examination fee and the additional preliminary examination fee, payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008, page 7).

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

PCT Information Update

DK Denmark (time limit for entry into the national phase)

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau that, with regard to entry into the national phase in Denmark, special time limits apply to the Faroe Islands and Greenland. For these areas the time limit is 20 months from the priority date (or where there is no priority claim, from the international filing date). If the applicant has filed a demand for preliminary examination, the time limit is 30 months.

For the rest of the Danish territory, the time limit is 31 months from the priority date (or where there is no priority claim, from the international filing date), with the possibility of extending that time limit by two months.

For further information, please contact the Danish Patent and Trademark Office.

EA Eurasian Patent Office (location and mailing address; fax number)

The location and mailing address and the fax number of the Eurasian Patent Office have changed as follows:

Location and mailing address: 2, M. Cherkassky per., Moscow, 109012,
Russian Federation

Fax: (74-95) 621 24 23

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (EA))

IL Israel (telephone number; fees)

One of the telephone numbers of the Israel Patent Office has changed with effect from 1 January 2009. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (972-2) 5651 705, 5651 685

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from the same date:

Transmittal fee:.....see Fee Table I(a)

Fee for priority document:.....ILS 82

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, has changed with effect from the same date:

Filing fee:ILS 992

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (IL), Annex C (IL) and National Chapter, Summary (IL))

KR Republic of Korea (signatures and seals)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified the International Bureau that a signature can be used in any documents, such as the request form, filed with that Office with effect from 1 January 2009 (previously, only a seal could be used).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraph 110)

ME Montenegro (general information)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008, general information about Montenegro as a PCT Contracting State has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (ME)) on the PCT Resources page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/>

Note that it is no longer possible to obtain patents of addition or petty patents in Montenegro in respect of applications filed under the PCT.

OM Oman (general information)

General information about Oman as a PCT Contracting State has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (OM)) on the PCT Resources page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/>

PT Portugal (restoration of the right of priority: criterion applicable and fees)

Further to the notification by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) of the withdrawal of its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(j) (restoration of right of priority by receiving Office), 49*ter*.1(g) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office) and 49*ter*.1(h) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office), as modified with effect from 1 April 2007, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2008, page 6), that Office, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion, and that the fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority is EUR 150 (on-line) or EUR 300 (on paper).

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

SE Sweden (fees)

As from 1 March 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in SEK to the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in SEK of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 March 2009, 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 Fee Table I(a).

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Nordic Patent Institute, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008, equivalent amounts in NZD, SGD and USD have now been established for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office, with effect from 1 January 2009. It is recalled that there are now two different amounts, depending on whether the international application has been filed in English or Korean.

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008, equivalent amounts in NZD and ZAR have now been established for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, with effect from 12 January 2009.

As from 1 March 2009, there will be a change in the amount payable in SEK and in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and USD for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, a change in the amount of the additional search fee payable to that Office, as indicated below:

Additional search fee:SEK 17,000

and there will be also be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

European Patent OfficeCHF, SEK, USD
 National Board of Patents and Registration of FinlandUSD
 Nordic Patent InstituteUSD
 Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.....CHF, USD

Unless specified above, the new amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP), (ES), (FI), (KR), (SE), (XN) and (US))

Handling fee (Australian Patent Office)

As from 1 March 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as indicated in Fee Table II.

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

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.036.211, dated 1 January 2009), may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

This version ("build 211") includes the following changes:

- Korean language version (user interface and request form) – Korean is a PCT publication language as of 1 January 2009;
- the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MK) is included in the EP designation;
- possibility of filing fully electronic xml applications with the International Bureau as receiving Office in compliance with the "Common Application Format" (see Sections 204 and 204*bis* of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as in force from 1 January 2009, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html#ai>);
- information on the National Patent Office (Bahrain) (RO/BH) as receiving Office;
- modification of the list of States for which the 75% reduction of the search fee payable to the ISA/EP is applicable as of 1 January 2009;

- updated fee schedules; and
- other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements and PCT updates.

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.html>

Warning about Requests for Payment of Fees

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, two new invitations have been identified originating from “IPTR - International Patent and Trademark Register” and “IBIP - International Bureau for Intellectual Property”. To view examples of the new invitations, as well as the many other examples which have been brought to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.htm

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

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en>)

PCT Distance Learning Course

See separate item, above.

PCT in the News

The latest edition of the *WIPO Magazine* features an article entitled "CERN and Innovation - The Heart of the Matter", which includes details on how, in an open science environment, the PCT allows CERN (the European Organization for Nuclear Research) to buy time, to attract industry interest and on the basis of that to decide where to patent their technologies before the patenting process becomes prohibitively expensive.

Extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* are available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/index.html>

By clicking on “*WIPO Magazine*” in the “related links” box, you will be able to view the complete issue of the *WIPO Magazine*.

PCT Forms

The PCT website now contains the updated collection of forms as in force from 1 January 2009 and, where appropriate, editable versions of these forms for use by applicants, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/index.htm>

This updated collection now includes editable versions of the Request (PCT/RO/101) and Demand (PCT/IPEA/401) forms in Portuguese and Korean at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/index.htm>

Offices are reminded that the International Bureau also makes available, upon request, editable versions of the ISA, IPEA and SISA collections of forms. Requests for these forms should be sent by e-mail to: pct.legal@wipo.int.

PCT Regulations (January 2009 edition in German and Japanese)

A provisional text of the Regulations under the PCT in German, and the final text of the Regulations under the PCT in Japanese, as in force from 1 January 2009, are available at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf and

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions

The updated consolidated version of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT in English and French, as in force from 1 January 2009, is now available in both HTML and PDF formats at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html#ai> and

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.html#ai>

IP Offices' closing dates in 2009

The International Bureau has published the closing dates for a number of industrial property Offices in 2009. The full collection, which includes all years back to 2002, may be consulted in English, French and Spanish at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/closingdates.htm>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/filing/closingdates.htm>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/filing/closingdates.htm>

This collection is continually being expanded and updated with information received by the International Bureau.

PCT Time Limit Calculator

The PCT Time Limit Calculator was launched in March 2006 to assist applicants in the computing of essential PCT time limits, and provides full explanations of all the time limits, as well as references to relevant PCT Articles or Rules. It was updated on 1 January 2009 to include the new 19-month time limit for filing a request for supplementary international search, and is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/calculator/pct-calculator.html>

PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities

The table of PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities has been updated and is now available as a fully hyperlinked resource with references to all relevant PCT Articles, Rules and Sections. It is available in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

Types of protection available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States

This table has been updated to show the status on 1 January 2009 (changes have been made in relation to protection available in Angola, Bahrain, El Salvador, Montenegro, Oman, Sao Tome and Principe and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) and is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/typesprotection.pdf>

PCT Contracting States for which a regional patent can be obtained via the PCT

This table has been revised to reflect the fact that any international application filed on or after 1 January 2009 will include the designation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MK) for a European patent, and is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/reg_des.pdf

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements, in English and French, between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following Authorities as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) and, in the case of the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the Nordic Patent Institute, as International Searching Authority specified for Supplementary Search (SISA):

AT	Austrian Patent Office
EP	European Patent Office
ES	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
KR	Korean Intellectual Property Office
SE	Swedish Patent and Registration Office
US	United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
XN	Nordic Patent Institute

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs, IPEAs and SISAs under the PCT, as in force from 1 January 2009, and 12 January 2009 for the USPTO, have been published at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html#ai

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html#ai

Seminar materials

Seminar materials covering all aspects of the PCT procedure have been updated in English and French and are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/basic_1/index.html

Practical Advice

Assignment of an international application to an applicant who is neither a national nor a resident of a PCT Contracting State

Q: I have filed an international application on behalf of a corporate applicant, which is a national and resident of Spain. The company now wishes to assign the rights to the invention to another company which is a national and resident of Uruguay. There are also two applicant/inventors named in the international application for the purposes of the US designation, but they are not nationals or residents of a PCT Contracting State either. Will the PCT application still be valid if there are no longer any applicants who are nationals or residents of a PCT Contracting State? If so, which corporate applicant will appear in the published international application?

A: A PCT application can be assigned at any time during the international phase, to anyone, including residents and nationals of States which are not bound by the PCT. The requirement under PCT Article 9 that the applicant must be a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State only needs to be complied with on the international filing date. Later changes have no influence on the validity of the international application itself.

An assignment to a resident or national of a State which is not bound by the PCT may, however, have consequences on the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination under Chapter II if the demand is filed after the recording of the change in the person of the applicant under PCT Rule 92*bis*. A demand may only be filed if the applicant (or at least one of the applicants, if there are more than one) is a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State bound by Chapter II and the international application was filed with the receiving Office of or acting for such a State (see PCT Article 31(2)(a) and Rules 54.1 and 54.2). Since the new applicant would be neither a resident nor a national of a PCT Contracting State, it would not be entitled to file a demand for international preliminary examination under Chapter II. Therefore, in order for a demand to be validly filed, it would have to be filed in the name of the Spanish applicant, before the recording of the change in the person of the applicant under PCT Rule 92*bis*; any subsequent assignment of the international application would have no consequence on the validity of the demand.

Note that if you are going to represent the new applicant, that applicant should sign a power of attorney appointing you. Ideally, this should be submitted together with the request for recording of the change of applicant. The International Bureau (IB) will record any such requested change provided it is received by it before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

As far as the publication of information concerning the applicant is concerned, if the request for the recording of a change of applicant is made and recorded at the IB prior to completion of

technical preparations for publication, the name of the new applicant will be included on the front page of the published international application in the PATENTSCOPE® search service (<http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/index.jsp>); if it is received by the IB after completion of the technical preparations for international publication, the published international application will include the name of the original applicant. In both cases, however, the bibliographical data will include (or be updated to include, as the case may be) the name of the new applicant (under the “Biblio. Data” tab of the international application concerned). The request as filed (Form PCT/RO/101), which includes the name of the original applicant, and the IB’s “Notification of the Recording of a Change” (Form PCT/IB/306) concerning this change will, in accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(b), be accessible to third parties after international publication. These documents are available in the PATENTSCOPE® search service (under the “Documents” tab) for all international applications whose filing date is on or after 1 January 2006. For earlier filed international applications, a quick comparison between the applicant’s name under the “Biblio. Data” tab and the one which appears under the “Documents” tab, allows third parties to see if a request under PCT Rule 92*bis* was recorded by the IB.

PCT Seminar Calendar (situation on 16 January 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
19–20 January 2009 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	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
20–21 January 2009 Helsinki (FI)	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
29–30 January 2009 Milan (IT)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Aeri	Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale and AICIPI (For information: Segreteria Ordine Consulenti Proprietà Industriale Tel: (39–02) 551 81 44 E-mail: Consiglio@Ordine-Brevetti.it) (For registration (free of charge), to be done exclusively by e-mail: E-mail: info@aicipi.it)
4 February 2009 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
10–11 February 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Mülhausen	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
26–27 February 2009 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bidwell	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
2–3 March 2009 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bidwell	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
10–11 March 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
6–7 April 2009 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	See Lille, above

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
(situation on 16 January 2009)			
23–24 April 2009 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Gateau	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management- forum.co.uk
24–25 April 2009 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) 225 96 47 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php
27–28 April 2009 Falls Church, Virginia (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP (Ms. Elizabeth Richards) Tel: (1-703) 205 80 00 Fax: (1-703) 205 80 50 E-mail: ClientRelations@bskb.com Internet: www.bskb.com
11-12 May 2009 San Diego (La Jolla), CA (US)	English	PCT Comprehensive seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed Other speaker: Dr. Nicolaou (UCSD Technology Transfer Office)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
27–28 May 2009 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	See Lille, above
30 June 2009 Cologne (DE)	German	PCT update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
3 December 2009 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	See Lille, above

Other IP events

Conference on Intellectual Property and Global Challenges, International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), 13–14 July 2009. Save the Date!

The Conference will address issues relating to the interface of intellectual property with other areas of public policy, notably health, the environment, climate change, food security and disability.

Further information will be published in due course.

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 2009, 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 90% 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 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% 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	BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
		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
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit		
Currencies:		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
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	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 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		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	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)								
AT	EUR	50	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,510 (from 1.2.09: 1,645)	17 (19)	114 (124)	227 (247)	341 (371)	AU
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL	80	BGL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	AT EP
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 January 2009, 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	1,289	15	97	194	291	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP ⁹	–	COP eq USD	1,210	eq USD 14	eq USD 91	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,320	70	480	950	1,430	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR	1,600	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	110	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP
ES	EUR	69.25	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	675	8	51	101	152	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹⁰	10	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
GT	Information not yet available								
HN	Information not yet available								
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹²	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 13
	or EUR ¹²	64	or EUR	848	10	64	128	191	
	or USD ¹²	91	or USD	1,210	14	91	182	273	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	517	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US

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

(amounts on 1 January 2009, 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	
IS	ISK 7,700	ISK 101,400 <i>(from 1.2.09: 129,500)</i>	1,100 <i>(1,500)</i>	7,600 <i>(9,700)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 113,200	1,300	8,500	—	25,500	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ²⁵⁰ plus cost of mailing	USD 1,210	14	91	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,210	14	91	—	—	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,327,000 <i>(from 15.2.09: 1,614,000)</i>	15,000 <i>(18,000)</i>	100,000 <i>(121,000)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	299,000 <i>(364,000)</i>	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,210	14	91	—	—	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,210	14	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ⁹ —	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LY	LYD ⁹ —	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁵	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
MD	USD 40	USD 1,210	14	91	—	—	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 182,500	2,100	13,700	—	—	EP
MX	MXP eq USD 323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁶	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,210	14	91	—	—	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,820 <i>(from 1.2.09: 7,740)</i>	80 <i>(90)</i>	510 <i>(580)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁷	NZD 1,704 <i>(from 1.2.09: 1,888)</i>	19 <i>(21)</i>	128 <i>(142)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ —	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE

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

(amounts on 1 January 2009, 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	
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,210	14	91	182	273	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ	300	PLZ eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	34.34	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD	3,000	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUR	600	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDP	50	SDP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	7,960 (from 1.3.09: 8,800)	90 (100)	600 (660)	1,200 (1,320)	1,790 (1,980)	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,708	19	128	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
SK	SKK	2,000	SKK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH)	1,210	14	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	300 (from 12.1.09: 240)	USD	1,210	14	91	182	–	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available								
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	10,030 (from 1.3.09: 11,230)	110 (130)	750 (840)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,210	eq USD 14	eq USD 91	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 January 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT	EUR 200 * (from 1.2.09: USD 257)	CHF 330	KRW 306,000	SGD 420	USD* 314	ZAR 2,380				
AU	AUD 1,600 USD** 1,302 * (from 15.2.09: EUR 855 ** (from 1.2.09: USD 1,091)	CHF 1,425 ZAR 10,540 EUR 855 USD 1,091	EUR* 919 KRW 1,418,000	KRW* 1,590,000 NZD 1,825	NZD* 2,029 SGD 1,650	SGD* 1,870				
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 1.2.09: USD 1,309)	CHF 1,587 USD 1,309	EUR 995	USD* 1,597						
CN	CNY 2,100 * (from 1.2.09: EUR 241)	CHF 328 EUR 241	EUR* 199	USD 280						
EP ¹⁸	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR** 19,450 * (from 1.3.09: CHF 2,525 ** (from 1.2.09: ISK 255,000 *** (from 15.2.09: JPY 212,600)	CHF* 2,726 NOK** 13,440 CHF 2,525 ISK 255,000 JPY 212,600	DKK 12,670 NZD** 3,395 SEK 17,000 NOK 14,830	GBP 1,352 SEK* 15,830 USD 2,164 NZD 3,652	ISK** 207,000 SGD 3,530 ZAR 21,720	JPY*** 268,800 USD* 2,410				
ES ¹⁸	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.3.09: CHF 2,525)	CHF* 2,726 CHF 2,525	USD* 2,410 USD 2,164							
FI	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.2.09: CHF 2,525) ** (from 1.3.09: USD 2,164)	CHF* 2,726 CHF 2,525 USD 2,164	USD** 2,410							
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.2.09: CHF 1,140)	CHF* 926 CHF 1,140	EUR* 600 EUR 752)	KRW 1,331,000	USD 949					
KR	KRW 900,000 ¹⁹ KRW 450,000 ²⁰	CHF 735 ¹⁹ CHF 367 ²⁰	EUR 475 ¹⁹ EUR 237 ²⁰	NZD 1,109 ¹⁹ NZD 554 ²⁰	SGD 919 ¹⁹ SGD 460 ²⁰	USD 609 ¹⁹ USD 304 ²⁰				
RU ²¹	USD 500 * (from 1.2.09: CHF 573)	CHF* 507 CHF 573	EUR* 319 EUR 390)							
SE	SEK* 15,830 USD* 2,410 * (from 1.3.09: CHF 2,525 ** (from 1.2.09: ISK 255,000)	CHF* 2,726 CHF 2,525 ISK 255,000	DKK 12,670 SEK 17,000 NOK 14,830	EUR 1,700 USD 2,164	ISK** 207,000	NOK** 13,440				
US	USD* 1,800 * (from 12.1.09: USD 2,080)	CHF* 1,978 USD 2,080	EUR* 1,225 CHF 2,467	NZD* 2,700 EUR 1,596	ZAR* 14,000 NZD 3,808	ZAR 20,434)				
XN	DKK 12,670 * (from 1.2.09: CHF 2,525) ** (from 1.3.09: USD 2,164)	CHF* 2,726 CHF 2,525 USD 2,164	EUR 1,700 ISK 255,000 NOK 14,830)	ISK* 207,000 NOK 14,830	NOK* 13,440	USD** 2,410				

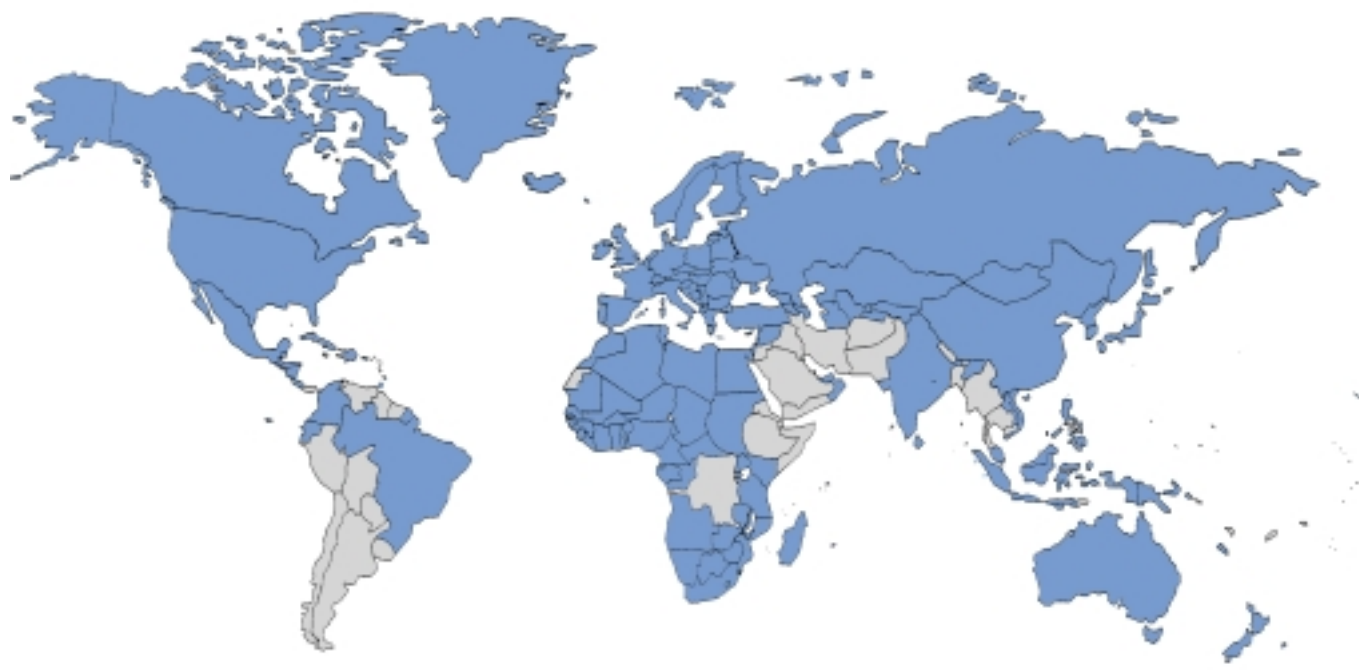
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 January 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²²		Handling fee ^{2, 22} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121
AU	AUD	550 780 ²³	AUD	196 (from 1.3.09: 247)
CA	CAD	800	CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁸	EUR	1,675	EUR	121
ES	EUR	555.33	EUR	121
FI	EUR	550	EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	157,000
RU ²¹	USD	200 ²⁴ 300 ²⁵	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,110
US	USD	600 750 ²⁶	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 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page 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 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 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% under certain conditions. For the conditions applicable in respect of international applications or demands filed prior to 1 January 2009 in the case of the EPO, and in respect of applications filed prior to 1 February 2009 in the case of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, see the decision of the EPO Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, page 446, at: www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj000/10_00/10_4460.pdf) and the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/epo_fee_reduction.html. For the conditions applicable at the EPO in respect of applications or demands filed on or after 1 January 2009, see item in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008 entitled "EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees". For the conditions applicable at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office in respect of applications filed on or after 1 February 2009, see item in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2009 entitled "Spanish Patent and Trademark Office: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in PCT Search Fee".
- 19 For international applications filed in English.
- 20 For international applications filed in Korean.
- 21 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.
- 22 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 24 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 25 In all cases where footnote 24 does not apply.
- 26 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 1 January 2009)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IN India	ME Montenegro	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania ¹	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ⁴	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MN Mongolia	SM San Marino
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MT Malta (EP) ²	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MW Malawi (AP)	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MX Mexico	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	MY Malaysia	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NA Namibia (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
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BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NG Nigeria	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LR Liberia	NI Nicaragua	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LT Lithuania (EP)	NO Norway (EP) ³	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	PH Philippines	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	ME Montenegro	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	SC Seychelles	RS Serbia ¹	ZA South Africa
CN China	HN Honduras	SD Sudan (AP)	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HR Croatia (EP) ³	SE Sweden (EP)	SV El Salvador	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	HU Hungary (EP)		SY Syrian Arab Republic	
	ID Indonesia		TM Turkmenistan (EA)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		TN Tunisia	
	IL Israel		TR Turkey (EP)	

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