

PCT NEWSLETTER

New PCT Contracting States

Chile (country code: CL)

Peru (country code: PE)

Chile, on 2 March 2009, and Peru, on 6 March 2009, deposited their instruments of accession to the PCT, bringing the number of Contracting States of the PCT to 141, and will become bound by the PCT on 2 and 6 June 2009, respectively. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 2 June 2009 will automatically include the designation of Chile, and any international application filed on or after 6 June 2009 will automatically include the designation of Peru.

Also, because Chile and Peru will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, they will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 2 and 6 June 2009, respectively. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Chile and of Peru will be entitled, as from 2 and 6 June 2009, respectively, to file international applications under the PCT.

Note that Chile has made a declaration that, pursuant to PCT Article 64(5), it does not consider itself bound by PCT Article 59.

Change to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 22 May 2009

Due to the fact that Thursday, 21 May 2009, 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, 22 May 2009.

Note that the completion of technical preparations for that publication will take place more than the usual 15 days before publication, on Wednesday, 6 May 2009, 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, 5 May 2009.

Publication of 4 June 2009

Due to the fact that Thursday, 21 May 2009 and Monday, 1 June 2009 will be non-working days at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on Thursday, 4 June 2009 will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 19 May 2009 (instead of on Wednesday, 20 May 2009, 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, 18 May 2009.

PCT Information Update

Fees payable in US dollars (various Offices)

As from 1 May 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in USD to various receiving Offices (see list of two-letter codes of Offices affected, below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a). See also "IB International Bureau (fees)", below, for information on changes in the amounts payable in USD to the International Bureau as receiving Office.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (AM, AP, AZ, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CO, CR, CU, DO, EA, EC, EG, GE, GH, GT, IB, IL, IN, KE, KG, KZ, LR, MD, NI, PG, PH, RU, SC, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, ZM and ZW))

CA Canada (fees)

As from 1 May 2009, there will be a 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 a change in the equivalent amounts in CAD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

CR Costa Rica (competent International Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica), in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, with effect from 3 March 2009, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, as competent International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Costa Rica. It is recalled that the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office was already a competent International Searching Authority for the Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica).

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

GB United Kingdom (fees)

As from 1 May 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in GBP to the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in GBP of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a). It is recalled that the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction will no longer be applicable in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 April 2009 – see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2009, page 4).

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 May 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the following fees, payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee.....	USD	89
Fee for priority document.....	USD	45
Supplement for airmail.....	USD	9

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

LK Sri Lanka (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The International Bureau acting for the National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Sri Lanka with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 1 January 2009.

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

NO Norway (fees)

As from 1 May 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NOK to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NOK of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

SK Slovakia (fees)

The Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) has notified the International Bureau that the currency of fees payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has changed from Slovak koruna (SKK) to euro (EUR). The new amounts of the transmittal fee, the international filing fee, the PCT-EASY fee reduction and the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a). The amounts of other fees affected are indicated below:

Fee for priority document.....	EUR	16.50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority	EUR	66
National fee		
Filing fee	EUR	53

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

ST Sao Tome and Principe (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The International Bureau acting for the National Service of Industrial Property (SENAPI) (Sao Tome and Principe) has specified the European Patent Office as competent International

Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Sao Tome and Principe with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

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

US United States of America (fees)

See "Fees payable in US dollars", above.

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), Japan Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 1 May 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	NZD
European Patent Office	SEK
Japan Patent Office	CHF, EUR
Nordic Patent Institute	ISK
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	NOK, SEK

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

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) has changed one of the conditions for refund of the search fee, applicable as from 1 January 2009, as follows (the other conditions not indicated have not changed):

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, 25% to 75% of the search fee shall be refunded, depending on the degree to which the Authority benefits from this earlier search.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (AU), (EP), (JP), (RU), (SE) and (XN))

News from the EPO

New Fee Structure

On 1 April 2009, a new fee structure will enter into force in respect of international applications entering the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO) (hereinafter: European phase) on or after that date. The following changes will take place:

1) *New two-tier system of claims fees*

For all international applications entering the European phase before 1 April 2009, a claims fee of EUR 200 is payable for the 16th and each subsequent claim. For international applications entering the European phase on or after 1 April 2009, a claims fee of EUR 200 will be payable from the 16th to the 50th claim, and a claims fee of EUR 500 will be payable for the 51st and each subsequent claim.

2) *Additional fee (sheet fee) forming part of the filing fee*

For applications entering the European phase on or after 1 April 2009 and comprising more than 35 pages, there will be a new additional fee of EUR 12 per page for the 36th and each subsequent page of the application. Note that with the introduction of the additional fee as part of the filing fee, a page fee will cease to be payable at the grant stage. Therefore, for these applications, a flat fee for grant and publication will apply.

3) *Designation fee*

For all international applications entering the European phase before 1 April 2009, a designation fee is payable for each EPO Contracting State and for the joint designation of Switzerland and Liechtenstein (up to a maximum of seven times the amount of that fee (that is, up to EUR 595)). For international applications entering the European phase on or after 1 April 2009, one flat designation fee of EUR 500 will be payable, which will cover the designation of all EPO Contracting States (note that this flat fee will be due irrespective of any possible express withdrawals of individual designation(s) and the fee will not cover any fees payable for the extension of a European patent to an extension State).

For more detailed information, including information on transitional arrangements, see the "Notice from the European Patent Office dated 26 January 2009 concerning the 2009 fee structure", in the *Official Journal EPO*, page 118 at:

http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj009/02_09/02_1189.pdf

The Notice is also available at:

<http://www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/InformationEPO/archiveinfo/20090126.html>

The *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (EP) will be updated accordingly.

Limitation concerning the kinds of PCT applications for which the EPO will act as ISA and/or IPEA

It is recalled that the EPO will not carry out international search and preliminary examination in respect of any international application filed by a national or resident of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office, where such application contains one or more claims relating to the field of business methods (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2006). The list of subjects concerned, given by International Patent Classification class and sub-class, has now been incorporated into Annex A of the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, and is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf

United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office: Reminder re Non-acceptance of PCT-EASY Mode Filings

It is recalled that as from 1 April 2009, the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office), in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept PCT applications filed using the PCT-EASY mode of the PCT-SAFE software. Therefore, any PCT application filed on or after 1 April 2009 in this way will be treated as a paper filing, and the full international filing fee will be required. For further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2009, page 4.

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.038.214, dated 1 March 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 214”) includes the following changes:

- Portuguese language version (user interface and request form), for filings with the International Bureau as receiving Office (Portuguese became a PCT publication language as of 1 January 2009).
- The addition of the Korean Intellectual Property Office as a competent International Searching Authority for applicants filing with the Australian Patent Office, with effect from 1 March 2009.
- Updated fee schedules (where applicable).
- 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.htm>

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

PCT Newsletter Index 2008

The 2008 annual index for the *PCT Newsletter*, which contains two separate indexes, one by alphabetical order of subject and one by alphabetical order of countries and Offices, is now available in PDF format on the PCT Resources page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/list.jsp?year=2008>

PCT Time Limit Calculator

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

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

The Summary now has a new additional print feature which was designed to facilitate printing and keeping a record of key dates.

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

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2006/pct_news_2006_3.pdf

Power of Attorney Waivers

The table showing the PCT Offices/Authorities which have notified WIPO that they have waived the requirement to submit a power of attorney under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and/or Rule 90.5(a)(ii) is now available in French and Russian at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/waivers.html>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/waivers.html>

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and the European Patent Office (as in force from 1 March 2009) (for further information, see “News from the EPO”, above) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (as in force from 1 February 2009) 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, have been published in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

PCT Webinars

A new web page, which contains technical tips concerning webinars, as well as news about future webinars and archives, is now available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars.html>

PCT in the News

In the latest edition of the *WIPO Magazine*, an article entitled “Talking to the Director General” features an interview with Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General of WIPO, in which he discusses his first few months at the helm. Mr. Gurry spoke of his view that the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), as the only global patent application system, will be part of an eventual solution to the problems facing the international patent system.

That issue of the *WIPO Magazine* features another article entitled “Green Innovation - Keeping Airplanes Up and Carbon Output Down”, which describes the technology process used to convert plant-based oils into fuel, developed by Universal Oil Products (UOP) – a subsidiary of Honeywell. UOP holds over 2,600 patents and uses the PCT to protect its technology internationally.

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*.

Practical Advice

Payment of additional preliminary examination fees in case of earlier finding of lack of unity of invention by the International Searching Authority

Q: The International Searching Authority (ISA) considered that an international application for which I am acting as agent did not comply with the requirement of unity of invention as it contained two separate inventions, and invited me to pay an additional search fee to cover the cost of carrying out a search in respect of the second invention. I therefore paid the additional fee and had all the claims searched. In view of the above, do I automatically have to pay an additional preliminary examination fee to the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) if I decide to file a demand for international preliminary examination?

A: It is recalled that, according to PCT Rule 13.1, the international application must relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept (“requirement of unity of invention”). Where the ISA finds lack of unity of invention, the IPEA may also find lack of unity of invention, especially if the IPEA is the same Office as the ISA.

Even though it is likely, therefore, that the IPEA will also invite you, in accordance with PCT Rule 68.2, to pay an additional fee for the second invention in the context of international preliminary examination (or otherwise, to restrict the claims), there is a chance, especially if the IPEA is not the same Office as the ISA, that the IPEA may come to a different conclusion concerning the lack of unity, and may not require payment of additional fees. You therefore do not need to automatically pay the additional preliminary examination fee, as the IPEA may not necessarily invite you to pay that fee.

Another reason why you need not pay that fee automatically is that, under PCT Rule 68.1, the examiner has the option of examining any further inventions without inviting restriction of the claims or payment of additional fees where, for example, compared with the procedure of inviting the applicant, no or little additional effort is involved in establishing the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) (hereinafter: report) for the entire application. The examiner may draw this conclusion in view of the fact that the majority of the work in creating a written opinion on the additional inventions will have been done by the search examiner, and the Chapter II examiner will in any case have already reviewed at least the independent claims in order to confirm the view on unity of invention. Whether or not the examiner invites payment of additional fees may also depend on the extent and complexity of any amendments which need to be taken into account for the international preliminary examination. Where the examiner proceeds with the preliminary examination without requesting any additional fees, he establishes the report on the entire international application, but indicates in the report his opinion that the requirement of unity of invention is not fulfilled and the reasons therefor.

In any case, if the IPEA is not prepared to examine all claims of the application without the payment of additional fees, it will invite you under PCT Rule 68.2, by way of Form PCT/IPEA/405, to either restrict the claims or pay such fees before establishing the report. If you fail to take either of these two actions, the report will only cover the first invention.

Therefore, in the case you describe, you may wish to wait and see whether you are going to be invited to pay additional fees also during international preliminary examination, or, as a practical matter, to save time you may wish to raise the matter with the IPEA examiner at the time of filing the demand. As stated above, whether or not you will be invited to pay an additional fee will be

closely linked to whether or not the IPEA is the same as the ISA, and/or to the scope of amendments made when filing the demand for preliminary examination.

For further information, see paragraph 10.76 of the International Search and Examination Guidelines at:

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

the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraph 398 at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>

and the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 08 and 09/2008.

PCT Seminar Calendar (situation on 5 March 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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
12 March 2009 Des Moines, Iowa (US)	English	“WIPO comes to Iowa” panel WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed	Drake University (Prof. Peter Yu) Tel: (1-515) 271 2948 Fax: (1-515) 271 2530 E-mail: peter_yu@msn.com
26–27 March 2009 Montreal (CA)	English	Third Annual Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reed and Ms. Bidwell	University of Ottawa (Ms. Stephanie Planchak (MBM)) Tel: (1–613) 567-0762 Fax: (1–613) 563-7671 E-mail: splanchak@mbm.com
30–31 March 2009 Dallas (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reed and Ms. Bidwell	KIP Connections, LLC (Ms. Suzanne Kiefer) Tel: (1–214) 683-5662 Fax: (1–214) 853-5237 E-mail: skiefer@kipconnections.com
6–7 April 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
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

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	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 March 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 4(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	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDP	Sudanese pound
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona
ISA	International Searching Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar
RO	receiving Office	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
		BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
Currencies:		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
		GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 March 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(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
			(from 1.4.09: 1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
			(from 1.5.09: 1,184)	(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP SE
			(from 1.4.09: 1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
			(from 1.5.09: 1,184)	(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
AT	EUR	50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,645	19	124	247	371	AU KR
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD 1,210	14	–	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.4.09: 1,102)	(12)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
			(from 1.5.09: 1,184)	(13)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
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

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

(amounts on 1 March 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	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 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,289 (from 1.5.09: 1,494)	15 (17)	97 (112)	194 (225)	291 (337)	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 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	eq USD 14 (12) (13)	eq USD 91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	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 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR 1,600	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP ES

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

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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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP US
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
			(from 1.5.09:	1,184)	(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
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
			(from 1.4.09:	745)	(8)	(–)	(112)	(168)	
			(from 1.5.09:	808)	(9)	(–)	(122)	(182)	
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹⁰	10	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
			(from 1.5.09:	1,184)	(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
			(from 1.5.09:	1,184)	(13)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
GR	EUR	115	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP ES US
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
			(from 1.5.09:	1,184)	(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
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	
			(from 1.4.09: USD	83)	(12)	(83)	(166)	(248)	
			(from 1.5.09: USD	89)	(13)	(89)	(178)	(267)	
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
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
			(from 1.5.09:	1,184)	(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
			(from 1.5.09:	1,184)	(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK	129,500	1,500	9,700	–	–	EP SE XN
			(from 1.4.09: 152,800)		(1,700)	(11,500)	(–)	(–)	
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
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
			(from 1.5.09:	1,184)	(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
			(from 1.5.09:	1,184)	(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	

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

(amounts on 1 March 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
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 1,614,000	18,000	121,000	–	364,000	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360 ¹⁵	USD 1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.4.09: 1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
		(from 1.5.09: 1,184)	(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
LR	USD 45	USD 1,210	14	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
		(from 1.4.09: 1,102)	(12)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
		(from 1.5.09: 1,184)	(13)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
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 48.40	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 ¹⁶	EUR 848	10	–	–	–	EP
MD	USD 40	USD 1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.4.09: 1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
		(from 1.5.09: 1,184)	(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
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 ¹⁷	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
		(from 1.4.09: 1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
		(from 1.5.09: 1,184)	(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,740	90	580	–	–	EP SE XN
		(from 1.5.09: 8,200)	(90)	(620)	(–)	(–)	
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁸	NZD 1,888	21	142	–	–	AU EP KR US
		(from 1.4.09: 2,082)	(23)	(157)	(–)	(–)	
OA	XAF ⁹ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,210	14	91	–	–	AU
		(from 1.4.09: 1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
		(from 1.5.09: 1,184)	(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,210	14	91	182	273	AU EP JP KR US
		(from 1.4.09: 1,102)	(12)	(83)	(166)	(248)	
		(from 1.5.09: 1,184)	(13)	(89)	(178)	(267)	
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

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

(amounts on 1 March 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
RS	RSD	3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP	
RU	RUR	600	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP RU	
SC	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP	
SD	SDP	50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	–	EP	
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK 8,800	100	660	1,320	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	EUR	66	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	–	EP	
SM	EUR	50	EUR 848	10	–	–	–	–	EP	
SV	USD	200	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP ES	
SY	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT EP RU	
TJ	TJS ⁹	–	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP RU	
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	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 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT EP SE US	
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP RU	
US	USD	240	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	182 (166) (178)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AU EP KR US	
UZ	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	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 11,230	130	840	–	–	–	AT AU EP US	
ZM	USD	50	USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	14 (12) (13)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT SE	
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102) (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	eq USD 14 (12) (13)	eq USD 91 (83) (89)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT AU CN EP RU	

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

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	330	KRW*	306,000	SGD	420	USD	257	ZAR	2,380
	*	(from 1.4.09:	KRW	366,000)								
AU	AUD	1,600	CHF*	1,425	EUR	855	KRW	1,418,000	NZD**	1,825	SGD	1,650
	USD	1,091	ZAR	10,540								
	*	(from 1.4.09:	CHF	1,294)								
	**	(from 1.5.09:	NZD	2,002)								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,587	EUR	995	USD	1,309				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF*	328	EUR	241	USD	280				
	*	(from 1.4.09:	CHF	366)								
EP ¹⁹	EUR	1,700	CHF	2,525	DKK	12,670	GBP*	1,352	ISK****	255,000	JPY	212,600
	MWK	344,000	NOK***	14,830	NZD**	3,652	SEK***	17,000	SGD**	3,530	USD	2,164
	ZAR	21,720										
	*	(from 15.4.09:	GBP	1,619)								
	**	(from 1.4.09:	ISK	318,000	NZD	4,178	SGD	3,270)				
	***	(from 1.5.09:	ISK	284,000	NOK	15,910	SEK	18,280)				
ES ¹⁹	EUR	1,700	CHF	2,525	USD	2,164						
FI	EUR	1,700	CHF	2,525	USD	2,164						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF*	1,140	EUR*	752	KRW**	1,331,000	USD**	949		
	*	(from 1.5.09:	CHF	1,241	EUR	812)						
	**	(from 1.4.09:	KRW	1,459,000	USD	1,084)						
KR	KRW	900,000 ²⁰	AUD	976 ²⁰	CHF	735 ²⁰	EUR	475 ²⁰	NZD	1,109 ²⁰	SGD	919 ²⁰
	USD	609 ²⁰										
	KRW	450,000 ²¹	AUD	488 ²¹	CHF	367 ²¹	EUR	237 ²¹	NZD	554 ²¹	SGD	460 ²¹
	USD	304 ²¹										
RU ²²	USD	500	CHF	573	EUR	390						
SE	SEK*	17,000	CHF	2,525	DKK	12,670	EUR	1,700	ISK*,**	255,000	NOK*	14,830
	USD	2,164										
	*	(from 1.5.09:	SEK	18,280	ISK	284,000	NOK	15,910)				
	**	(from 1.4.09:	ISK	318,000)								
US	USD	2,080	CHF*	2,467	EUR	1,596	NZD	3,808	ZAR	20,434		
	*	(from 15.4.09:	CHF	2,323)								
XN	DKK	12,670	CHF	2,525	EUR	1,700	ISK*,**	255,000	NOK	14,830	USD	2,164
	*	(from 1.4.09:	ISK	318,000)								
	*	(from 1.5.09:	ISK	284,000)								

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

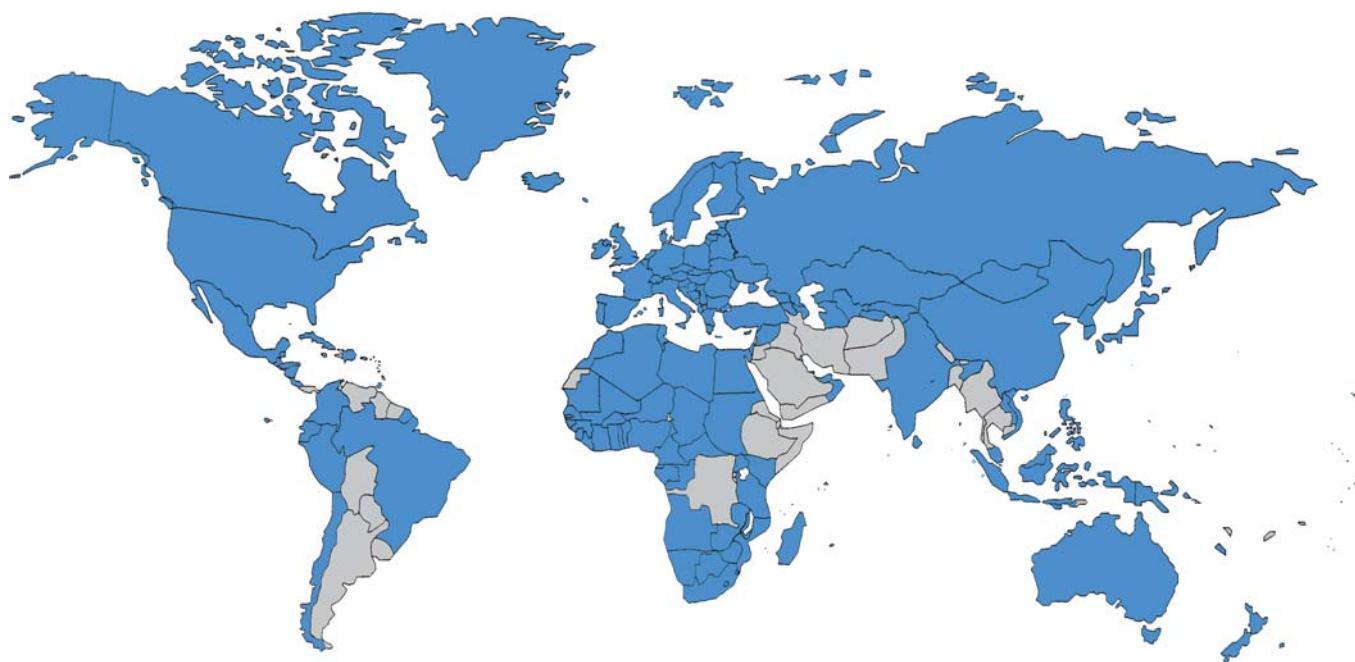
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IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²³		Handling fee ^{2, 23} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121
AU	AUD	550	780 ²⁴	AUD 247
CA	CAD	800	CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁹	EUR	1,675	EUR	121
ES	EUR	555.33	EUR	121
FI	EUR	550	EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	19,600 (from 1.4.09: 16,000)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	157,000
RU ²²	USD	200 ²⁵	300 ²⁶	USD 171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,110 (from 15.4.09: 1,490)
US	USD	600	750 ²⁷	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.
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- 16 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 17 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 18 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 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% 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".
- 20 For international applications filed in English.
- 21 For international applications filed in Korean.
- 22 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.
- 23 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 24 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 25 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 26 In all cases where footnote 25 does not apply.
- 27 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ⁴	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	SI Slovenia (EP) ²	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania ¹	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	SL Macedonia ⁴	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	ML Mali (OA) ²	SM San Marino
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MT Malta (EP) ²	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MW Malawi (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NG Nigeria	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TN Tunisia
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NO Norway (EP) ³	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia	NZ New Zealand	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP)	PE Peru (from 6 June 2009)	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PH Philippines	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PL Poland (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RS Serbia ¹	ZA South Africa
CL Chile (from 2 June 2009)	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	ME Montenegro	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia (EP) ³		SD Sudan (AP)	
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SE Sweden (EP)	
	ID Indonesia			
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			
	IL Israel			

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