

PCT NEWSLETTER

New PCT Contracting State

Thailand (country code: TH)

On 24 September 2009, Thailand deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 24 December 2009, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 24 December 2009 will automatically include the designation of Thailand.

Also, because Thailand will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 24 December 2009. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Thailand will be entitled, as from 24 December 2009, to file international applications under the PCT.

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

Assembly of the PCT Union

The 40th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) was held in Geneva on Friday, 25 September 2009, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Further to the advice given by the PCT Committee on Technical Cooperation, which had met earlier that day, the PCT Assembly appointed the Egyptian Patent Office and the Israel Patent Office as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT. The appointments will become effective from future dates to be notified by the respective Offices when they are ready to begin operations.

The Assembly also adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations (based on Annexes I to III of document PCT/A/40/2 Rev., subject to minor corrections which will be included in Annexes I to III of document PCT/A/40/7 when published), which will all enter into force on 1 July 2010, in relation to the following:

- supplementary international search (clarification of the extent to which Authorities may define the scope of the supplementary international search which will be offered);
- the form of amendments (requiring applicants to indicate the basis for amendments in the application as filed);
- the process for establishing equivalent amounts of certain PCT fees in different currencies.

In relation to the matter of establishing equivalent amounts of certain PCT fees, consequential changes were also made to the Directives of the PCT Assembly and approved for the Agreements between the International Bureau and International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities (based on Annexes IV and V of document PCT/A/40/2 Rev., subject to minor corrections which will be included in Annexes IV and V of document PCT/A/40/7 when published).

The Assembly noted a report of the second session of the PCT Working Group (document PCT/A/40/1), which was held in Geneva from 4 to 8 May 2009 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009), and approved the convening of a further session of the Working Group in 2010. It also noted a document relating to quality management systems for International Authorities (document PCT/A/40/3).

The Assembly also granted a loan to the Hague Union in order to fund that Union's share of an IT modernization program for the Madrid and Hague systems (which are systems for the international registration of marks and industrial designs, respectively) (document PCT/A/40/6).

Documents

The documents from the PCT Assembly and the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (including the reports once they are published) are available from the WIPO website at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/40

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/ctc/24

Global Symposium for Intellectual Property Authorities

A two-day Global Symposium for Intellectual Property Authorities was held in Geneva on 17 and 18 September 2009. One of the matters discussed at the Symposium was the considerable backlog in unprocessed patent applications around the world, which was 4.2 million in 2007 (the last year for which complete worldwide statistics are available), and continues to grow. The Director General of WIPO, Mr. Francis Gurry, highlighted that the main challenge of the future was to promote coordinated international action to enhance efficiency of operations and encourage dissemination of best practices in modernizing the infrastructure, operations and management of IP Offices.

Work sharing for prosecuting patent applications was suggested as a solution to existing inefficiencies and Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) projects were extensively discussed. It was concluded that the PCT should serve as the backbone for work sharing in relation to patent prosecution to support existing bilateral PPH agreements. Representatives of the Trilateral Offices (European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office) attending the Symposium signaled their agreement in principle to integrating PCT work products (PCT international preliminary reports on patentability) into their ongoing PPH projects, and pilot projects are to start in early 2010.

For further information, please see the following WIPO press release PR/2009/604 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2009/article_0035.html

Publication Schedule and Non-Working Days at the IB at the end of the year

Non-working days at the IB

The non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during November and December 2009 and January 2010, in addition to the weekends, will be 27 November 2009, 24, 25 and 31 December 2009 and 1 January 2010. The IB will be open for business on 28, 29 and 30 December 2009, and will then be open as usual as from Monday, 4 January 2010.

Closing dates of the PCT Information Service

The PCT Information Service will be closed on 27 November 2009, and from 24 December 2009 to 1 January 2010, inclusive. It will reopen on Monday, 4 January 2010, at 9.00 a.m., Geneva (local) time.

Please note, however, that if you call the PCT Information Service (telephone number: (+41-22) 338 83 38) during the holiday period, there will be a message service and a telephone number will be provided for cases requiring urgent attention. It is recalled that the PCT Information Service answers inquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure to be followed during the international phase of the PCT. Correspondence relating to specific applications should be addressed to the fax number of the relevant processing team indicated on the IB forms or to the PCT Document Section fax number: (+41-22) 338 82 70.

Publication schedule and technical preparations for publication

During the end-of-year holiday period, PCT applications which would normally have been published on Thursday, 24 December 2009 and Thursday, 31 December 2009, which are non-working days at WIPO, will be published a day earlier, on Wednesday, 23 December and 30 December 2009, respectively.

As from the publication date of 17 December 2009, the completion of technical preparations for publication will take place earlier than the usual 15 days before publication; the schedule for the completion of technical preparations will return to normal for international applications that will be published on 21 January 2010. For further details, see the following table, which gives the schedule for the publications that will be affected, and the respective dates by which any changes should be received by the IB.

International publication: dates affected by end-of-year holiday period	
<i>Date of international publication</i>	<i>Last day on which applicants' communications must reach WIPO</i>
Thursday, 10 December 2009	Tuesday, 24 November 2009 (normal schedule)
Thursday, 17 December 2009	Monday, 30 November 2009
Wednesday, 23 December 2009	Friday, 4 December 2009
Wednesday, 30 December 2009	Thursday, 10 December 2009
Thursday, 7 January 2010	Wednesday, 16 December 2009
Thursday, 14 January 2010	Tuesday, 22 December 2009
Thursday, 21 January 2010	Tuesday, 5 January 2010 (normal schedule)

Any applicant who, in respect of an international application to be published during the above-mentioned period, wishes to make any change which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication, should be aware of the above-mentioned dates. For example, if the applicant wishes to withdraw the international application, a designation or a priority claim under PCT Rules 90*bis*.1(c), 90*bis*.2(e) or 90*bis*.3(e), in sufficient time to prevent international publication thereof, or if the applicant wishes to submit amendments to the claims

under PCT Article 19 and the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1 will expire soon, or wishes to change an indication concerning the applicant, agent, common representative or inventor under PCT Rule 92*bis* – any such notice must reach the IB by the date indicated in the right hand column of the table if the changes are to be reflected in the international publication.

It is, as always, strongly recommended that applicants notify the IB of any change as early as possible before completion of technical preparations for publication, preferably by fax.

It is recalled that the PCT Time Limit Calculator, a web-based resource designed to assist applicants in the computing of essential PCT time limits, which provides full explanations of all the time limits as well as references to relevant PCT Articles or Rules, is available at:

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

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 December 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in AUD of the 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 (AU))

PE Peru (requirements of the Office as receiving Office and designated Office)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2009, information on the requirements of the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex C (PE) and the National Chapter, Summary (PE)) at:

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

PT Portugal (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 October **2008**:

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

Fee for priority document (whether filed online or on paper): ..EUR 40

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office and Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent))

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2009, equivalent amounts in CHF, EUR and USD have now been established for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), with effect from 30 December 2008.

As from 1 December 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in KRW for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office.

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

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

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.043.219, dated 1 October 2009), may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

Note that this build is required in order to be able to file fully electronic applications with the International Bureau as receiving Office as of 13 October 2009.

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

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

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

Request form

The July 2009 version of the request form (PCT/RO/101) in Arabic, in editable PDF format, is now available at:

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

The request form in Chinese, in editable PDF format, will be available at the same address shortly.

It is recalled that the request forms in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish, in editable PDF format, are also available at the same address.

New Patent Search Tool

A new search tool for searching national and PCT collections is now available for public testing at:

<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/search/en/search.jsf>

The new tool allows you not only to search the PCT database of approximately 1.6 million international applications, but also the patent collections of ARIPO, Cuba, Israel, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, South Africa and Vietnam, and features flexible search syntax, automatic word stemming and relevance ranking, as well as graphical results. Note that existing collections will be improved and patent collections from other offices will be added in the coming months.

PCT and Patent Statistics

The “World Intellectual Property Indicators 2009” has recently been published by WIPO. This new publication offers a comprehensive overview of the use of patents, as well as other intellectual property rights, around the world. Based on 2007 figures (the last year for which complete worldwide statistics are available), the report analyzes comparative patterns and trends in the use of patents, utility models, trademarks and industrial designs. The report, which is currently available in English but will soon be available in French and Spanish, is available free of charge on WIPO’s IP statistics website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/>

It is recalled that the following reports or tables specific to the PCT are also available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct/>

- Reports on the PCT system:
 - Yearly Review, Developments and Performance
 - Trends and Analysis (quarterly)
 - Performance Indicators (quarterly)
 - Monthly Statistics Report
- General statistics:
 - Trends in PCT filings (monthly and yearly)
 - Leading PCT filing countries (monthly)
 - Top PCT applicants (yearly)
 - PCT filings by country of origin (monthly)
 - PCT filings by receiving Office (RO) (monthly)
 - PCT filings published by International Bureau (IB) (quarterly)
 - International search reports by International Searching Authority (ISA) (quarterly)
 - International preliminary examinations by International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) (quarterly)
 - Historical data (1985-1999)
- Statistics by International Patent Classification (IPC)/Technology (quarterly):
 - PCT filings by IPC
 - PCT filings by field of technology
- Medium of filing statistics (monthly):
 - PCT filings by medium of filing
 - Paper, PCT-EASY and electronic filings (PDF, XML, EFS-Web) by RO
- PCT timeliness statistics (quarterly):

- of receiving Office to transmit copies of PCT filings to the IB
- of ISA to transmit ISR to IB
- of IPEA to transmit IPER to IB
- of IB to publish PCT filings and to republish PCT filings with ISR

Practical Advice

Choosing a receiving Office as a function of the criterion applied by it for restoring the right of priority

Q: I am about to file an international application; however, having just missed the 12-month priority period, I intend to request the restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3. Since I have the possibility of filing the application with the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) (RO/GB), the European Patent Office (RO/EP), or the International Bureau (RO/IB) as receiving Office, and PCT Rule 26bis.3 applies in respect of each of those Offices, what factors should I take into account in deciding where to file the application and the accompanying request for restoration of the right of priority?

A: Essentially, you need to consider whether the Offices before which you are considering entering the national phase will recognize a restoration of the right of priority which is made by the receiving Office (RO) with which you intend to file your international application, and whether it will be easier to pursue the matter before the RO, or upon national phase entry before the designated Office (DO).

Most fundamentally, a significant number of DOs do not recognize restoration of the right of priority at all, or else not in the form envisaged by the PCT. A list of Offices which have made notifications under Rule 49ter.1(g) of the incompatibility of the relevant rules with their national law can be found at:

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

If all the Offices before which you are interested in entering the national phase are on this list, there is probably no point in seeking restoration of the right of priority at all. You will need to consider carefully whether your application is likely to be valid without the priority claim, or else whether there are any other specific national provisions which could save it in the Offices where you are interested in obtaining protection.

Where at least one of the Offices allows for recognizing the restoration of the right of priority in principle, it is desirable to seek the easiest process which is likely to be recognized without further actions being required in the national phase. The main consideration comes from the fact that the PCT leaves it to individual Offices to determine which of two criteria should be used in deciding whether to approve the restoration. This applies both in terms of their actions as an RO and (subject to the possibility of having alternative, easier, criteria) in terms of their actions as a DO. Whether the DO will recognize the restoration will generally depend on whether the RO made its decision based on a sufficiently stringent basis. If not, then further individual requests for restoration may be needed in some of the national phases.

All ROs in respect of which PCT Rule 26bis.3 is applicable (all except 17 ROs) must apply at least one of the following criteria when deciding on a request by an applicant for the restoration of the right of priority:

- failure to file the application within the priority period occurred ***in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken***;
- failure to file the application within the priority period was ***unintentional***.

In the case of your choice of ROs, the RO/GB has notified that it will apply only the “unintentional” criterion, the RO/EP has notified that it will apply only the “due care” criterion and the RO/IB will apply both criteria. It is recalled that a table entitled “Restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices (RO) and designated Offices (DO) under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2” showing, where applicable, the criteria applied by the various ROs and DOs under the PCT, is available on the PCT Resources page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/restoration.html>

An RO may, if it wishes, apply both criteria for restoration and leave the choice to the applicant as to which criterion is sought to be applied in a specific case. Provided that it is prepared to apply both criteria, an RO is free to apply, upon request by the applicant or at its own initiative, first the “due care” criterion and then, if it finds that that criterion is not satisfied, the “unintentionality” criterion. This is what is done by the RO/IB.

Meeting the due care criterion, which is applied by both the RO/EP and RO/IB will give the most widely effective result as it is stricter than the unintentionality criterion, and the decision by an RO to restore the right of priority based on due care will, as a general rule¹, be effective in all DOs (PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(a)) except those which have submitted a notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(g). Thus, it is in the applicant’s interest to, if at all possible, meet this criterion.

The unintentionality criterion is much less strict, and if the RO does restore a right of priority based on that criterion, that decision will be effective only in those designated States whose applicable national laws provide for restoration of the right of priority based on that criterion, or on a criterion which, from the viewpoint of applicants, is more favorable than that criterion (PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(b)). On the other hand, if you are sure that all of the DOs before which you are interested in entering the national phase fall into that category, it may be easier, and in some cases cheaper, to demonstrate that you have met that criterion.

If you wish to file your international application with an Office which applies the due care criterion, it is important to consider the circumstances behind your failure to file the application within the priority period, and the likelihood of successfully meeting that criterion in the particular circumstances of that case. When requesting the restoration of the right of priority, you should state the reasons for the failure to file the international application in time, providing a summary of the facts or circumstances surrounding the failure to file the international application in time, including, where applicable, actions that were taken to prepare and file the international application. The RO may require that the statement of reasons be substantiated by a declaration or evidence which would enable it to determine whether the failure to file the international application within the priority period occurred in spite of due care, that is, if all reasonable care was taken under the circumstances to ensure that the priority period would not be missed (see the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, paragraphs 166F and 166G).

¹ A review of a positive decision may be made by a DO in the rare situation where it may reasonably doubt that one of the requirements for restoration was complied with.

Individual cases will be examined on a case by case basis. If the RO concerned only applies the due care criterion, which is the case of the RO/EP, and if you cannot provide convincing evidence that the failure to file the application within the priority period occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken, your priority claim will not be restored at all at this stage. Note, however, that even if you do file your application and request restoration of the right of priority with the RO/EP and it finds that the due care criterion has not been met and does not restore the right of priority, that negative decision can always be reviewed by a DO, unless it has submitted a notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.1(g).

If you do not believe that the RO will restore the priority claim based on due care, you could file your international application with the RO/GB, which is more likely to restore the right of priority under the criterion of unintentionality as, for this criterion, it should generally be sufficient to simply furnish a statement indicating that the failure to comply with the priority period was not intentional (if that is indeed the case) (see PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, paragraph 166G). Furthermore, if you file with the RO/IB, it will automatically review the application first under the due care criterion and then under the unintentional criterion.

You may also wish to consider the financial aspects of your choice of RO, and the amounts charged (if any) for the transmittal fee and for the fee for requesting a restoration of the right of priority before each Office – for the transmittal fee, the RO/EP currently charges 110 euro (EUR), the RO/GB charges 55 pounds sterling (GBP) and the RO/IB charges EUR 64; for the request for restoration of the right of priority, the RO/EP charges EUR 550, whereas the RO/GB and RO/IB do not charge any fee.

Applicants are always strongly advised to file ***well before the end of the 12-month priority period*** in order to avoid the problems caused by last-minute delays, and being in a position where restoration of the right of priority has to be requested, and might not be effective in all the Offices where protection is sought anyway.

For further information on the restoration of the right of priority, see the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 09/2009 and 04/2007, the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 98A to H, and the part of the “Frequently Asked Questions: Amendments to the PCT Regulations (April 1, 2007)” concerning the restoration of the right of priority at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/faqs/april07_faq.html#2007_restoration

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 1 October 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
1–2 October 2009 Philadelphia, PA (US)	English	PCT Comprehensive Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	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
7 October 2009 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT Update Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Genin	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk
9 October 2009 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 8th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
12 October 2009 Munich (DE)	German	PCT Presentation on recent developments in the PCT system within the framework of the 5 th Annual Conference about International Patent Law 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
13 October 2009 New York (US)	English	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	International Intellectual Property Society (IIPS) For information: WIPO Coordination Office (Mr. Todd Larson) Tel: (1-212) 963 12 01 E-mail: LarsonT@UN.Org For registration: Collard & Roe, P.C. (Mr. Frederick J. Dorchak) Tel: (1-516) 365 98 02 Fax: (1-516) 365 98 05 E-mail: fdorchak@collardroe.com Internet: http://www.collardroe.com/
20–21 October 2009 Gatineau (Quebec) (CA)	English	PCT roundtable, including PCT update presentation and PCT-SAFE presentation WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Featherby	Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP (Ms. Karen L. Forgie) Tel: (1-613) 788 22 40 E-mail: karen.forgie@blakes.com
21 October 2009 Savannah, GA (US)	English	PCT presentations within the framework of the Intellectual Property Retreat of the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA) for members of ALA and non-members who meet the eligibility requirements for ALA membership (see: www.alanet.org/join) WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	ALA Management Encyclopedia (Ms. Rosemary Shiels) Tel: (1-847) 267 13 95 Fax: (1-847) 267 13 29 E-mail: rshiels@alanet.org Internet (for information and on-line registration): http://www.alanet.org/meetingsevents/ip/index.aspx

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
22 October 2009 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced PCT update seminar for patent attorneys, patent agents, patent engineers and patent assistants WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Olli Ilmarinen) Tel: (358) 9 6939 5236 Fax: (358) 9 6939 5322 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi Internet: http://www.prh.fi/fi/koulutus/kurssit/pct_update_seminar.html
22–23 October 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
29–30 October 2009 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reischle	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 November 2009 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reischle	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
5–6 November 2009 Boston, MA (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reischle	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Kristine Ferrigno) E-mail: Kristine.Ferrigno@hbsr.com Tel: (1-978) 341 00 36
10 November 2009 Baltimore, MD (US)	English	The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT): Important Tool for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Independent Inventors WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim, Ms. Schwarz and Ms. Bidwell	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (Mr. Quan-Ling Sim) Tel: (41-22) 338 90 56 E-mail: QuanLing.Sim@wipo.int Internet: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2009/pct_sme/november_10.html
13 November 2009 Las Vegas, NV (US)	English	The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT): Important Tool for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Independent Inventors WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim, Ms. Schwarz and Ms. Bidwell	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (Mr. Quan-Ling Sim) Tel: (41-22) 338 90 56 E-mail: QuanLing.Sim@wipo.int Internet: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2009/pct_sme/november_13.html
20 November 2009 Eindhoven (NL)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	European Patent Institute (EPI) (Ms. Martina Fromm) Tel: (49–89) 24 20 52 15 Fax: (49–89) 24 20 52 20 E-mail: info@patentepi.com
26–27 November 2009 Zurich (CH)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the ETH Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property program WIPO speakers: to be announced	Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich (ETH), Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property (MAS IP Administration) Tel: (41-44) 632 68 08 Fax: (41-44) 632 13 67 E-mail: masip@recht.gess.ethz.ch Internet: www.masip.ethz.ch

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
3 December 2009 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
8 December 2009 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	PCT Advanced Seminar: Key Points in the PCT Process WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed	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
10 December 2009 London (GB)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

PCT Fee Tables

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 October 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 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)							
AT	EUR	50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,645 (from 1.12.09: 1,475)	19 (17)	124 (111)	247 (222)	371 (333)	AU KR
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD 1,184	13	–	–	–	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 1,184	13	–	–	–	AT EP US
BR	BRL	305	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,184	13	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,393	16	105	210	314	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	Information not yet available							EP ES US
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 1,184	eq USD 13	eq USD 89	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU

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

(amounts on 1 October 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	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,184	13	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	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR	1,600	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	110	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP
ES	EUR	70.64	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	808 (from 15.10.09: 753)	9 (8)	– (–)	122 (113)	182 (170)	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹⁰	10	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,184	13	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP ES US
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	89	or USD	1,184	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	518	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK	150,600	1,700	11,300	–	–	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	116,300	1,300	8,700	–	26,200	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE

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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) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	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 1,614,000	18,000	121,000	–	364,000	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360 ¹⁵	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,184	13	–	–	–	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 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	EUR 100	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	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 ¹⁷	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 8,200	90	620	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁸	NZD 1,907	22	143	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN ⁹ –	PEN eq USD 1,184	eq USD 13	eq USD 89	–	–	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,184	13	89	178	267	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 20	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD 5,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 600	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184	13	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,780	110	740	1,470	2,210	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 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹ –	USD 1,184	13	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU

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

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				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
TN	TND ⁹ —	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,184	13	89	—	—	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ¹⁹ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,184	13	—	—	—	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 1,184	13	89	178	—	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,184	13	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 9,830	110	740	—	—	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,184	13	—	—	—	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,184	eq USD 13	eq USD 89	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT	EUR 200	CHF 330	KRW 366,000	SGD 420	USD 257	ZAR 2,380		
AU	AUD 1,600	CHF* 1,294	EUR 916	KRW** 1,525,000	NZD 2,002	SGD 1,870		
	USD 1,278	ZAR 10,540						
	* (from 1.11.09: CHF 1,443)							
	** (from 1.12.09: KRW 1,657,000)							
BR ²⁰	BRL 1,900	CHF 1,048	EUR 691	USD 966				
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,475	EUR 995	USD 1,419				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 366	EUR 241	USD 280				
EP ²¹	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,525	DKK 12,670	GBP 1,530	ISK* 285,000	JPY 225,700		
	MWK 344,000	NOK 14,760	NZD** 3,960	SEK 18,280	SGD*** 3,270	USD 2,378		
	ZAR 19,190							
	* (from 15.10.09: ISK 304,000)							
	** (from 1.12.09: NZD 3,590)							
	*** (from 1.11.09: SGD 3,490)							
ES ²¹	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,525	USD 2,378					
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,525	USD 2,378					
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,110	EUR 737	KRW 1,255,000	USD 987			
KR	KRW 900,000 ²²	AUD 976 ²²	CHF 735 ²²	EUR 475 ²²	NZD 1,109 ²²	SGD 1,048 ²²		
	USD 729 ²²							
	KRW 450,000 ²³	AUD 488 ²³	CHF 367 ²³	EUR 237 ²³	NZD 554 ²³	SGD 524 ²³		
	USD 364 ²³							
RU	RUB 13,500	CHF 459	EUR 309	USD 411				
SE	SEK 18,280	CHF 2,525	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK* 285,000	NOK 14,760		
	USD 2,378							
	* (from 15.10.09: ISK 304,000)							
US	USD 2,080	CHF 2,323	EUR 1,486	NZD 3,250	ZAR 17,400			
XN	DKK 12,670	CHF 2,525	EUR 1,700	ISK* 285,000	NOK 14,760	USD 2,378		
	* (from 15.10.09: ISK 304,000)							

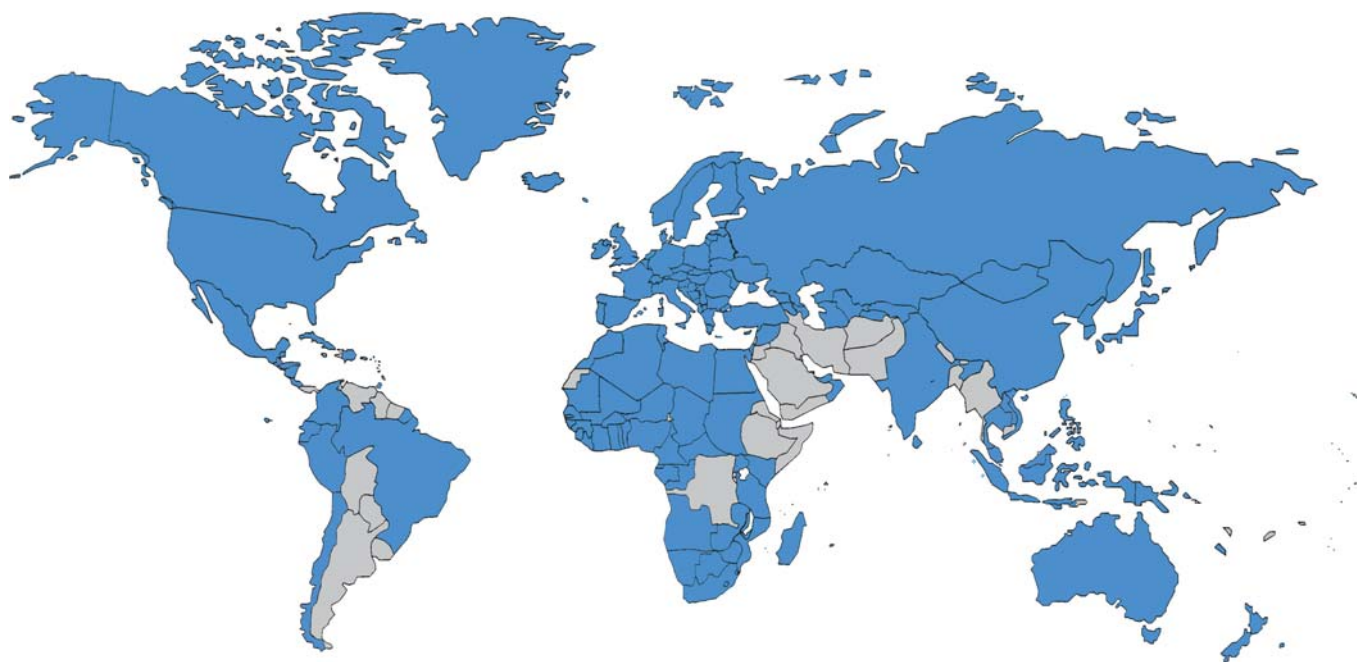
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 October 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁴		Handling fee ^{2, 24} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²⁵	AUD	247
BR ²⁰	BRL	710		BRL	360
CA	CAD	800		CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²¹	EUR	1,675		EUR	121
ES	EUR	555.33		EUR	121
FI	EUR	550		EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	16,000
KR	KRW	450,000		KRW	157,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ²⁶	8,100 ²⁷	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,490
US	USD	600	750 ²⁸	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	900

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- 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 For international applications filed before 1 July 2009: where the 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 the Administrative Instructions, Section 803(ii)).
For international applications filed on or after 1 July 2009: where a sequence listing is contained in an international application filed in electronic form, the calculation of the international filing fee should not take into account any sheet of the sequence listing if that listing is presented as a separate part of the description in accordance with PCT Rule 5.2(a) and is in the electronic document format specified in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C, paragraph 40 (that is, in text format).
- 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 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.
- 16 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
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- 20 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 21 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". Links to the lists of States concerned are available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/index.html>
- 22 For international applications filed in English.
- 23 For international applications filed in Korean.
- 24 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 25 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 26 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 27 In all cases where footnote 26 does not apply.
- 28 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 (142 on 1 October 2009)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP) ⁴	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IT Italy (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania ¹	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SM San Marino (EP) ⁵
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MT Malta (EP) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NE Niger (OA) ²	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand (from 24 December 2009)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LR Liberia	NO Norway (EP) ³	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LT Lithuania (EP)	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
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CN China	HU Hungary (EP)		SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SE Sweden (EP)	
CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SG Singapore	
	IL Israel			
	IN India			

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³ Only international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

⁴ Only international applications filed on or after 1 January 2009 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

⁵ Only international applications filed on or after 1 July 2009 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

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