

PCT NEWSLETTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

PCT Distance Learning Course

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

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

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

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

Removal of Address Data

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

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

It is important to note that:

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

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

Pilot Phase of PCT Electronic Document Upload System

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

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

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

Reminder re Credit Card Payments to the International Bureau

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PCT Information Update

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fax: (74-95) 621 24 23

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

IL Israel (telephone number; fees)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Filing fee:ILS 992

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

KR Republic of Korea (signatures and seals)

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

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

ME Montenegro (general information)

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

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

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

OM Oman (general information)

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

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

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

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

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

SE Sweden (fees)

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

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 March 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

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

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

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

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

Additional search fee:SEK 17,000

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

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

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

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

Handling fee (Australian Patent Office)

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

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

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Warning about Requests for Payment of Fees

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

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

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

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

PCT Distance Learning Course

See separate item, above.

PCT in the News

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

Extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* are available at:

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

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

PCT Forms

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

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

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

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

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

PCT Regulations (January 2009 edition in German and Japanese)

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

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

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

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions

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

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

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

IP Offices' closing dates in 2009

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

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

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

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

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

PCT Time Limit Calculator

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

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

PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities

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

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

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

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

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

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

Types of protection available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States

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

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

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

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

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

ISA and IPEA Agreements

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

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

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

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

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

Seminar materials

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

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

Practical Advice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PCT Seminar Calendar (situation on 16 January 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
19–20 January 2009 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
20–21 January 2009 Helsinki (FI)	Finnish	Seminar for patent administrators on the PCT and PCT-SAFE WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe	Helsinki University of Technology, Lifelong Learning Institute Dipoli (Ms. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358-9) 451 40 47 Fax: (358-9) 451 40 68 E-mail: arja.andsten@dipoli.tkk.fi Internet: www.dipoli.tkk.fi
29–30 January 2009 Milan (IT)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Aeri	Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale and AICIPI (For information: Segreteria Ordine Consulenti Proprietà Industriale Tel: (39-02) 551 81 44 E-mail: Consiglio@Ordine-Brevetti.it) (For registration (free of charge), to be done exclusively by e-mail: E-mail: info@aicipi.it)
4 February 2009 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
10–11 February 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Mülhausen	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
26–27 February 2009 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bidwell	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
2–3 March 2009 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bidwell	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
10–11 March 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
6–7 April 2009 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	See Lille, above

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
(situation on 16 January 2009)			
23–24 April 2009 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Gateau	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management- forum.co.uk
24–25 April 2009 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1-603) 225 96 47 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php
27–28 April 2009 Falls Church, Virginia (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP (Ms. Elizabeth Richards) Tel: (1-703) 205 80 00 Fax: (1-703) 205 80 50 E-mail: ClientRelations@bskb.com Internet: www.bskb.com
11-12 May 2009 San Diego (La Jolla), CA (US)	English	PCT Comprehensive seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed Other speaker: Dr. Nicolaou (UCSD Technology Transfer Office)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
27–28 May 2009 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	See Lille, above
30 June 2009 Cologne (DE)	German	PCT update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
3 December 2009 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	See Lille, above

Other IP events

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

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

Further information will be published in due course.

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 January 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available								
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)								
AT	EUR	50	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,510 <i>(from 1.2.09: 1,645)</i>	17 <i>(19)</i>	114 <i>(124)</i>	227 <i>(247)</i>	341 <i>(371)</i>	AU
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL	80	BGL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	AT EP
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 January 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,289	15	97	194	291	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP ⁹	–	COP eq USD	1,210	eq USD 14	eq USD 91	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,320	70	480	950	1,430	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR	1,600	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	110	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP
ES	EUR	69.25	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	675	8	51	101	152	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹⁰	10	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
GT	Information not yet available								
HN	Information not yet available								
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹²	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 13
	or EUR ¹²	64	or EUR	848	10	64	128	191	
	or USD ¹²	91	or USD	1,210	14	91	182	273	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	517	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US

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

(amounts on 1 January 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
IS	ISK 7,700	ISK 101,400 <i>(from 1.2.09: 129,500)</i>	1,100 <i>(1,500)</i>	7,600 <i>(9,700)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 113,200	1,300	8,500	—	25,500	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ²⁵⁰ plus cost of mailing	USD 1,210	14	91	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,210	14	91	—	—	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,327,000 <i>(from 15.2.09: 1,614,000)</i>	15,000 <i>(18,000)</i>	100,000 <i>(121,000)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	299,000 <i>(364,000)</i>	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,210	14	91	—	—	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,210	14	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ⁹ —	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LY	LYD ⁹ —	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁵	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
MD	USD 40	USD 1,210	14	91	—	—	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 182,500	2,100	13,700	—	—	EP
MX	MXP eq USD 323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁶	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,210	14	91	—	—	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,820 <i>(from 1.2.09: 7,740)</i>	80 <i>(90)</i>	510 <i>(580)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁷	NZD 1,704 <i>(from 1.2.09: 1,888)</i>	19 <i>(21)</i>	128 <i>(142)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	— <i>(—)</i>	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ —	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE

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

(amounts on 1 January 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,210	14	91	182	273	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ	300	PLZ eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	34.34	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD	3,000	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUR	600	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDP	50	SDP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	7,960 (from 1.3.09: 8,800)	90 (100)	600 (660)	1,200 (1,320)	1,790 (1,980)	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,708	19	128	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
SK	SKK	2,000	SKK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH)	1,210	14	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	300 (from 12.1.09: 240)	USD	1,210	14	91	182	–	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available								
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	10,030 (from 1.3.09: 11,230)	110 (130)	750 (840)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,210	eq USD 14	eq USD 91	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

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

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

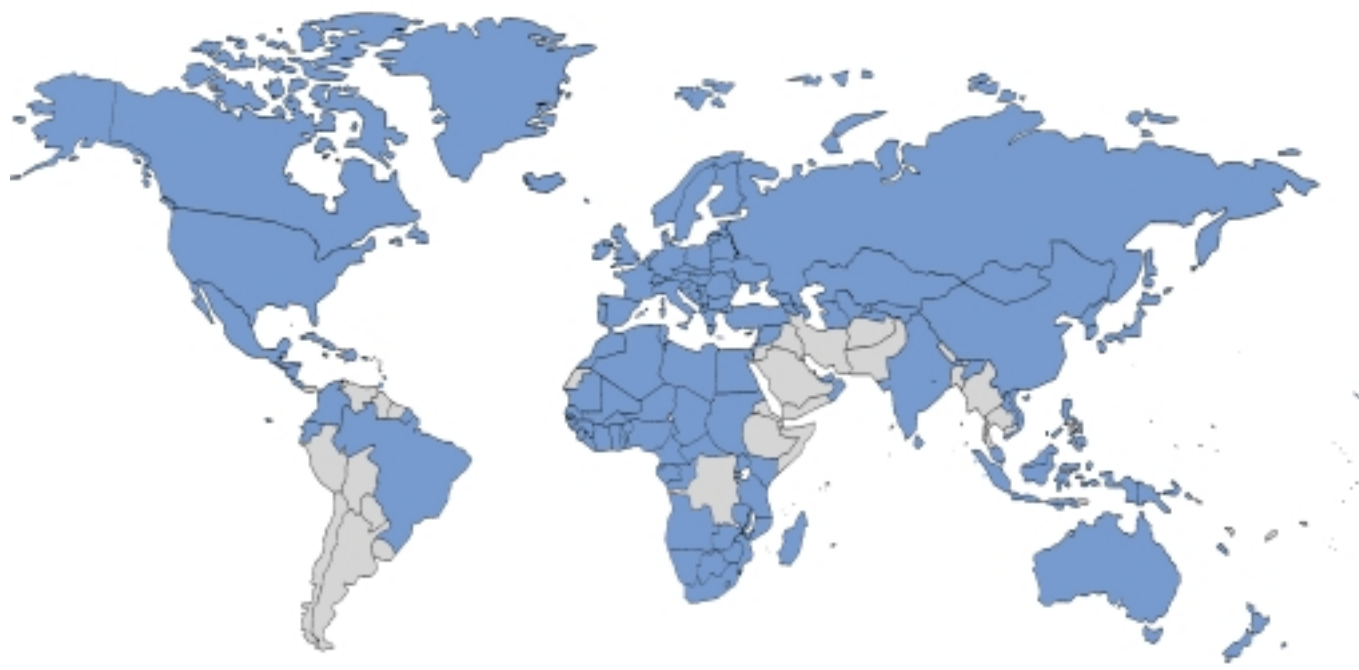
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 January 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²²		Handling fee ^{2, 22} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121
AU	AUD	550 780 ²³	AUD	196 (from 1.3.09: 247)
CA	CAD	800	CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁸	EUR	1,675	EUR	121
ES	EUR	555.33	EUR	121
FI	EUR	550	EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	157,000
RU ²¹	USD	200 ²⁴ 300 ²⁵	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,110
US	USD	600 750 ²⁶	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For the conditions applicable in respect of international applications or demands filed prior to 1 January 2009 in the case of the EPO, and in respect of applications filed prior to 1 February 2009 in the case of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, see the decision of the EPO Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, page 446, at: www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj000/10_00/10_4460.pdf) and the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/epo_fee_reduction.html. For the conditions applicable at the EPO in respect of applications or demands filed on or after 1 January 2009, see item in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008 entitled "EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees". For the conditions applicable at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office in respect of applications filed on or after 1 February 2009, see item in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2009 entitled "Spanish Patent and Trademark Office: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in PCT Search Fee".
- 19 For international applications filed in English.
- 20 For international applications filed in Korean.
- 21 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 22 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 24 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 25 In all cases where footnote 24 does not apply.
- 26 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (139 on 1 January 2009)



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

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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.

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

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated July 2008) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

PCT Filings in 2008

The number of international applications filed under the PCT in 2008 reached nearly 164,000, representing an increase of 2.4% over 2007. Although this growth rate is more modest than in recent years (the previous three years had seen an average growth rate of 9.3%), it was somewhat expected, given the global economic slowdown of recent months, and this figure nevertheless represents the highest number of applications ever received under the PCT. ***This and the following figures for 2008 are estimates*** as the International Bureau continues to receive, throughout the first half of 2009, PCT applications which were filed with national and regional Offices in 2008, and final figures will be available later in the year.

The top five countries of filing remained the same as last year, with applicants from the United States of America filing the largest number of applications (53,521, which represents 32.7% of all applications), followed by Japan (17.5%), Germany (11.3%), the Republic of Korea (4.8%) and France (4.2%). Applicants from the member States of the European Patent Convention, when grouped together, filed about 34.4% of all international applications.

There was continued high growth in filings from north east Asia, in particular from the Republic of Korea (12% increase) and China (11.9% increase), and Sweden enjoyed a particularly high growth compared to other European countries with a 12.5% increase.

For the first time, a Chinese company topped the list of PCT applicants in 2008 – Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd, a major international telecommunications company based in Shenzhen, filed 1,737 PCT applications in 2008, and the Japanese company Panasonic Corporation¹ followed closely behind with 1,729 applications. The top 10 applicants, together with the number of international applications published in their name, were as follows:

1.	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd (CN)	1,737
2.	Panasonic Corporation (JP)	1,729
3.	Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. (NL)	1,551
4.	Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha (JP)	1,364
5.	Robert Bosch GmbH (DE)	1,273
6.	Siemens Aktiengesellschaft (DE)	1,089
7.	Nokia Corporation (FI)	1,005
8.	LG Electronics Inc. (KR)	992
9.	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (SE)	984
10.	Fujitsu Limited (JP)	983

¹ Matsushita (the top applicant in 2007) changed its name to Panasonic in 2008.

A list of the top PCT applicants (with the most applications published in 2008) will be available shortly on the WIPO website at:

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

Applicants are increasingly submitting their international applications electronically – filings in electronic form made up about 73.3% of all filings in 2008 (compared to 67.4% in 2007), 63.1% being filed fully electronically and 10.2% being filed using the PCT-EASY functionality of the PCT-SAFE software, whereas only 26.6% of applications filed in 2008 were filed entirely on paper (compared to 32.6% in 2007).

The fields of technology in which the highest proportions of PCT applications were published in 2008 related to medical technology (12.0%), computer technology (8.5%) and pharmaceuticals (7.9%). The fastest growing technology areas were information technology methods for management (22.7% increase) and micro-structures and nanotechnology (20.7%).

The figures for 2008 have also revealed an improvement in the timeliness of certain receiving Offices, International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities, in particular the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), which has made extra efforts to improve its delivery of services under the PCT. There was a significant improvement in the timeliness of the transmittal of copies of PCT applications by the USPTO as receiving Office to the IB, with nearly 60% of records copies of international applications being sent to the IB within four weeks from receipt of the application at the receiving Office. There was also a marked improvement in the timeliness of the transmittal of international search reports (ISRs) to the IB with 43% of ISRs being sent to the IB within 18 months from the priority date. For further statistics on the timeliness of Offices operating under the PCT, see the latest Quarterly Statistics Report: “Performance Indicators” at:

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

For further information and statistics on PCT filings in 2008, see Press Release PR/2009/583 on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2009/article_0002.html

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 23 April 2009

Due to the fact that Friday, 10 April and Monday, 13 April 2009 will be non-working days at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on 23 April 2009 (publication No. 17/2009) will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 7 April 2009 (instead of on Wednesday, 8 April 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, Geneva time, on Monday, 6 April 2009.

WIPO Webinar on the PCT

WIPO will broadcast its first webinar (live presentation via the Internet) on the PCT. The webinar presentation will be made by Mr. Matthias Reischle, Deputy Director of the PCT Legal Division. Mr. Reischle will give an update on PCT matters, in particular, the new PCT

Supplementary International Search system. The webinar will also include information on a number of developments, including initiatives to enhance services to the PCT user community.

This Webinar will be in English only, and will take place on Wednesday, 25 February 2009, from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time. There is no charge for the webinar, and registration is simple. As capacity is limited, you are advised to register now at:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/680073532>

Note that any future PCT webinars will be announced under the PCT seminar calendar.

Note to US Applicants about Choosing the Australian Patent Office as ISA and IPEA

It is recalled that since 1 November 2008, it has been possible for applicants who are nationals or residents of the United States of America, and who file their international application with either the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office, to choose the Australian Patent Office as International Searching Authority (ISA) and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2008, page 7).

It has come to our attention that a number of US applicants have been choosing the Australian Patent Office as ISA and/or IPEA despite the fact that the claims in their international application relate to fields of technology which have been excluded by that Office. The attention of applicants concerned is drawn to the list of excluded subject matter that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2008, page 3.

PCT Information Update

Fees payable in US dollars (various Offices)

As from 1 April 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 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 (AM, AP, AZ, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CO, CR, CU, DO, EA, EC, EG, GE, GH, IB, IL, IN, KE, KG, KZ, LR, MD, NI, PG, PH, RU, SC, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, ZM and ZW))

AU Australia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Australian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, with effect from 1 March 2009, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Australia.

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

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

It was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2009, page 3, that special time limits apply with respect to entry into the national phase in the Faroe Islands and Greenland, and that for these areas, the time limit is 20 months from the priority date (or from the international filing date where there is no priority claim). The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau (IB), however, that, although the time limit for entry into the national phase where a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed is 30 months from the priority date for Greenland, the time limit for the Faroe Islands is 25 months from the priority date.

For the rest of the Danish territory, the time limit is 31 months from the priority date, with the possibility of extending that time limit by two months.

For further information, please contact the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, or visit their website at:

<http://www.dkpto.org/business-services/information-regarding-pct-applications.aspx>

GB United Kingdom (fees, acceptance of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format)

As from 1 April 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 (RO/GB), 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) (noting that the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction will be removed as from 1 April 2009 – see below).

The RO/GB has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 April 2009, it will no longer accept PCT applications in PCT-EASY format (that is, applications filed on paper and accompanied by the request form data and abstract on a physical medium). Moreover, from 1 April 2009, no international application filed with RO/GB will benefit from the fee reduction applicable to PCT-EASY applications (see Item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees).

Therefore, any PCT application filed on or after 1 April 2009 with the RO/GB using the PCT-EASY mode of the PCT-SAFE software will be treated as a paper filing, the full international filing fee will be required, and the diskette will no longer be transmitted to the IB. Moreover, the PCT-SAFE software will be modified accordingly when the RO/GB is selected as receiving Office.

As a result of this change, the options for filing a PCT application at the RO/GB on or after 1 April 2009 will be:

- (1) Paper filing
- (2) Electronic filing:
 - (a) PCT-SAFE (WIPO software) in:
 - PDF format or
 - XML format

or

(b) EPO's Online Filing software in:

- PDF format or
- XML format

The RO/GB has informed the IB that details on how to register at the Intellectual Property Office for PCT-SAFE can be found at:

<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/types/patent/p-os/p-apply-online/p-apply-online-pctsafe.htm>

and details on how to register and apply for a smart card to file PCT applications electronically at the Intellectual Property Office using EPO's Online Filing software can be found at:

<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/types/patent/p-os/p-apply-online/p-apply-online-epoline.htm>

If you require any further information regarding the filing of PCT applications electronically with the RO/GB, please contact the Intellectual Property Office's Central Enquiry Unit at:

telephone: +44 (0)8459 50 05 05

e-mail: CentralEnquiries@ipo.gov.uk

and if you require any further information regarding any PCT formalities procedures before the Intellectual Property Office, please contact their PCT Information Line at:

telephone: +44 (0)1633 81 45 86

e-mail: pct@ipo.gov.uk

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

GT Guatemala (general information; special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

General information about Guatemala as a PCT Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Registry of Industrial Property (Guatemala) as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (GT) and Annex C (GT)) on the PCT Resources page at:

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

The Office has specified the following special provision concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material:

Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned: to the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics of the microorganism and/or other biological material

Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Registry of Intellectual Property with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 April 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	83
Fee for priority document.....	USD	41
Supplement for airmail	USD	8

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

IS Iceland (fees)

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

KR Republic of Korea (languages accepted for the filing of requests; competent International Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(c), it accepts Korean, in addition to English and Japanese, as a language in which a request (Form PCT/RO/101) may be filed.

The Korean Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, with effect from 1 March 2009, the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Republic of Korea. It is recalled that the Australian Patent Office was already a competent International Searching Authority for the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

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

LV Latvia (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Latvian Patent Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2009:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Fee Table I(a)
Fee for priority document:.....	LVL 12.10

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

NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 April 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of

New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NZD 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 (NZ))

US United States of America (fees)

See "Fees payable in USD", above.

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Nordic Patent Institute, State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified a new equivalent amount in AUD for an international search carried out by that Office, with effect from 1 March 2009. It is recalled that there are now two different amounts, depending on whether the international application has been filed in English or Korean.

As from 1 April 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	CHF
Austrian Patent Office.....	KRW
European Patent Office	ISK, NZD, SGD
Japan Patent Office	KRW, USD
Nordic Patent Institute	ISK
State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China	CHF
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	ISK

As from 15 April 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in GBP for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, and there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

As from 1 May 2009, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in ISK and NOK for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, and in ISK for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (AT), (AU), (CN), (EP), (JP), (KR), (SE), (US), (XN))

Handling fee (Swedish Patent and Registration Office, Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, and as from 15 April 2009 there will be a change in the equivalent amount of that fee payable in SEK to the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as indicated in Fee Table II.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes E (JP) and (SE))

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

Materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE)

In order to assist candidates in the preparation of materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) for prospective European patent attorneys, the International Bureau, with the agreement of the Examination Board for the EQE, has made available on the website a single PDF file of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as of 31 December 2008, in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/eqe_collection.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/eqe_collection.pdf

For printing purposes, ***please be warned that this single PDF file contains nearly 900 recto/verso printed pages***. The PDF file is nearly 22MB and may be difficult to download over a slow Internet connection.

Request and Demand forms

Following requests from several applicants who use the editable PDF versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) and have difficulties where there are more than 6 applicants, two additional continuation sheets have been added for the English and French versions of these forms. They can be found at, respectively:

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

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

The same will be done for the German and Spanish versions very shortly.

The July 2008 version of the request form is now available in Arabic at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/forms/pdf/request.pdf>

PCT Regulations (January 2009 edition in Spanish)

A provisional text of the Regulations under the PCT in Spanish, as in force from 1 January 2009, is now available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct_reggs.pdf

Power of Attorney Waivers

A fully hyperlinked 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) has been created, replacing the previous PDF version, and is available at:

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

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Australian Patent Office, as in force from 1 January 2009, and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as in force from 1 February 2009, relating to the functioning of these Offices

as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities 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

PowerPoint presentation in German

The German version of “Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PCT Supplementary International Search Service” is now available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/ppt/sis.ppt>

WIPO webinar on the PCT

See separate item, above.

Practical Advice

The appointment of agents having the right to practice before an Authority specified for supplementary international search

Q: I am the agent in respect of an international application, and have appointed a sub-agent to act specifically for the purposes of the procedure before the International Searching Authority (ISA), and will be appointing that same agent to act specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), which will be the same Office as the ISA. Because of the nature of the technology and the potential importance of the invention, I feel that the international application would benefit from a supplementary international search, and would therefore like to know whether the above-mentioned sub-agent can also act as agent for the purposes of the procedure before the Authority specified for supplementary international search?

A: Although it is not really necessary to appoint an agent specifically for the purpose of supplementary international search (SIS) (there would not normally be any dialogue between that Authority and an agent, and only a limited number of documents, if any, may need to be submitted to that Authority (for example, where required, a copy of any sequence listing in electronic form or a translation into a language accepted by the Authority which is to carry out the SIS)), you do have the option of appointing such a sub-agent, and may wish to, especially if you have already appointed such a sub-agent for the purposes of international search and preliminary examination.

Note, however, that according to PCT Rule 90.1(d)(ii), you may only appoint a sub-agent to act as agent specifically for the purposes of the procedure before the Authority specified for supplementary international search (SIS) if that sub-agent has the right to practice before the national Office or the intergovernmental organization (henceforth referred to as “Office”) which acts in that capacity. If this is the case, you will be able to widen the scope of the existing sub-agent’s appointment to cover the procedure before the Authority specified for SIS. To do this, you should mark the third check-box under Box No. III of the supplementary search request form (PCT/IB/375) and fill in that agent’s details in that Box.

If the existing sub-agent does not have the right to practice before the Office which acts as an Authority specified for SIS, you would be able to act as general agent for the purposes of the procedure before that Authority (as, unless otherwise specified by the applicant, you have the right to practice in respect of the whole of the international procedure), since, according to PCT Rule 90.1, a person having the right to practice before the Office with which the international application is filed (or, where the international application is filed with the International Bureau (IB), having the right to practice in respect of the international application before the IB (see PCT Rule 83.1*bis*)), may be appointed by the applicant as his agent to represent him before the receiving Office, the IB, the International Searching Authority, any Authority specified for SIS and the International Preliminary Examining Authority. In this situation, you would mark the first check-box under Box No. III of the supplementary search request and fill in the necessary parts of that Box.

If you wish, you also have the option of appointing a further sub-agent who has the right to practice before the Office or organization which acts as the Authority specified for SIS (PCT Rule 90.1(d)(ii)), in which case you should mark the third check-box under Box No. III of the supplementary search request and provide the necessary details of that new agent. Since you, as appointed agent of the international application, would be appointing the sub-agent, the signature of the applicant would not be required. Note that the sub-agent would only be able to take action concerning the SIS procedure, and would not be entitled to take action on any other matters.

For information on who has the right to practice before a national or regional Office, see the relevant National Chapter (Summary) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>) or contact the Office concerned; for further information on the appointment of sub-agents, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 81 and 413; and for further information on the new SIS service, see PCT Rule 45*bis* and *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008, pages 1-3 and 14-15.

PCT Seminar Calendar (situation on 5 February 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5–6 February 2009 Gaborone (BW)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Ms. Nyalleng Pii	Department of the Registrar of Companies, Business Names, Trade Marks, Patents and Designs Forum (Mr. Timothy Leatile Moalusi) Tel: (267) 318 87 54 E-mail: rocmci@gov.bw
10–11 February 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Mülhausen	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
26–27 February 2009 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bidwell	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
2–3 March 2009 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bidwell	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
10–11 March 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
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

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]

(situation on 5 February 2009)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
24–25 April 2009 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1-603) 225 96 47 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php
27–28 April 2009 Falls Church, Virginia (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP (Ms. Elizabeth Richards) Tel: (1-703) 205 80 00 Fax: (1-703) 205 80 50 E-mail: ClientRelations@bskb.com Internet: www.bskb.com
11-12 May 2009 San Diego (La Jolla), CA (US)	English	PCT Comprehensive seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed Other speaker: Dr. Nicolaou (UCSD Technology Transfer Office)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
27–28 May 2009 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	See Lille, above
30 June 2009 Cologne (DE)	German	PCT update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
3 December 2009 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	See Lille, above

PCT Webinars

Date and time	Language of webinar	Subject of webinar; WIPO speaker	Internet address for registration
25 February 2009 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time	English	Update on PCT matters, in particular, the new PCT Supplementary International Search system WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/680073532

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

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PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 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
<i>Currencies:</i>		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
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu		
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 February 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)	(–)	(–)	
AP	USD	50	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)		(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
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)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BA	BAM	50	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL	80	BGL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	AT EP
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	CA EP
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	

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

(amounts on 1 February 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸		
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,289	15	97	194	291	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP ⁹	–	COP eq USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	eq USD 14 (12)	eq USD 91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	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)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	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)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US
EP	EUR	110	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP
ES	EUR	69.25	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	675 (from 1.4.09: 745)	8 (8)	51 (–)	101 (112)	152 (168)	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹⁰	10	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	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

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

(amounts on 1 February 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	
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)		(from 1.4.09: 1,102)		(12)	(83)	(166)	(248)	
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)	(–)	(–)	
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)	(–)	(–)	
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK	129,500 (from 1.4.09: 152,800)	1,500 (1,700)	9,700 (11,500)	– (–)	– (–)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	113,200	1,300	8,500	–	25,500	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ²⁵⁰ plus cost of mailing		USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
			(from 1.4.09: 1,102)		(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available								
KN	Information not yet available								
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,327,000 (from 15.2.09: 1,614,000)	15,000 (18,000)	100,000 (121,000)	– (–)	299,000 (364,000)	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT	7,360 ¹⁵	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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	USD	40	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.4.09: 1,102)		(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
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)	(–)	(–)	
NL	EUR	50	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK	550	NOK	7,740	90	580	–	–	EP SE XN
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

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

(amounts on 1 February 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	
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	182 <i>(166)</i>	273 <i>(248)</i>	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ	300	PLZ eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	34.34	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD	3,000	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUR	600	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
SD	SDP	50	SDP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	7,960 <i>(from 1.3.09: 8,800)</i>	90 <i>(100)</i>	600 <i>(660)</i>	1,200 <i>(1,320)</i>	1,790 <i>(1,980)</i>	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,708	19	128	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
SK	SKK	2,000	SKK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹	–	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH)	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
US	USD	240	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	182 <i>(166)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available								
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	10,030 <i>(from 1.3.09: 11,230)</i>	110 <i>(130)</i>	750 <i>(840)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	eq USD 14 <i>(12)</i>	eq USD 91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU CN EP RU

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

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT	EUR 200 * (from 1.4.09:	CHF 330 KRW 366,000)	KRW* 306,000	SGD 420	USD 257	ZAR 2,380		
AU	AUD 1,600 USD 1,091 * (from 1.4.09: ** (from 15.2.09:	CHF* 1,425 ZAR 10,540 CHF 1,294 EUR 855	EUR** 919 KRW 1,418,000	KRW** 1,590,000 NZD 1,825	NZD** 2,029 SGD 1,650)	SGD** 1,870		
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,587	EUR 995	USD 1,309				
CN	CNY 2,100 * (from 1.4.09:	CHF* 328 CHF 366)	EUR 241	USD 280				
EP ¹⁹	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR 21,720 * (from 1.3.09: ** (from 15.4.09: *** (from 1.4.09: **** (from 15.2.09: ***** (from 1.5.09:	CHF* 2,726 NOK*****14,830 CHF 2,525 GBP 1,619 ISK 318,000 JPY 212,600 ISK 284,000	DKK 12,670 NZD*** 3,652 SEK 17,000 NZD 4,178 15,910)	GBP** 1,352 SEK* 15,830 USD 2,164) SGD 3,270)	ISK*****255,000 SGD*** 3,530	JPY**** 268,800 USD* 2,410		
ES ¹⁹	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.3.09:	CHF* 2,726 CHF 2,525	USD* 2,410 USD 2,164)					
FI	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.3.09	CHF 2,525 USD 2,164)	USD* 2,410					
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.4.09:	CHF 1,140 KRW 1,459,000	EUR 752 USD 1,084)	KRW* 1,331,000	USD* 949			
KR	KRW 900,000 ²⁰ KRW 450,000 ²¹ (from 1.3.09:	CHF 735 ²⁰ CHF 367 ²¹ AUD 976 ²⁰	EUR 475 ²⁰ EUR 237 ²¹ AUD 488 ²¹)	NZD 1,109 ²⁰ NZD 554 ²¹	SGD 919 ²⁰ SGD 460 ²¹	USD 609 ²⁰ USD 304 ²¹		
RU ²²	USD 500	CHF* 573	EUR* 390					
SE	SEK* 15,830 USD* 2,410 * (from 1.3.09: ** (from 1.4.09: *** (from 1.5.09:	CHF* 2,726 CHF 2,525 ISK 318,000 ISK 284,000)	DKK 12,670 SEK 17,000	EUR 1,700 USD 2,164)	ISK**,***255,000	NOK 14,830		
US	USD 2,080 * (from 15.4.09:	CHF* 2,467 CHF 2,323)	EUR 1,596	NZD 3,808	ZAR 20,434			
XN	DKK 12,670 * (from 1.4.09: ** (from 1.3.09:	CHF 2,525 ISK 318,000 USD 2,164)	EUR 1,700	ISK* 255,000	NOK 14,830	USD** 2,410		

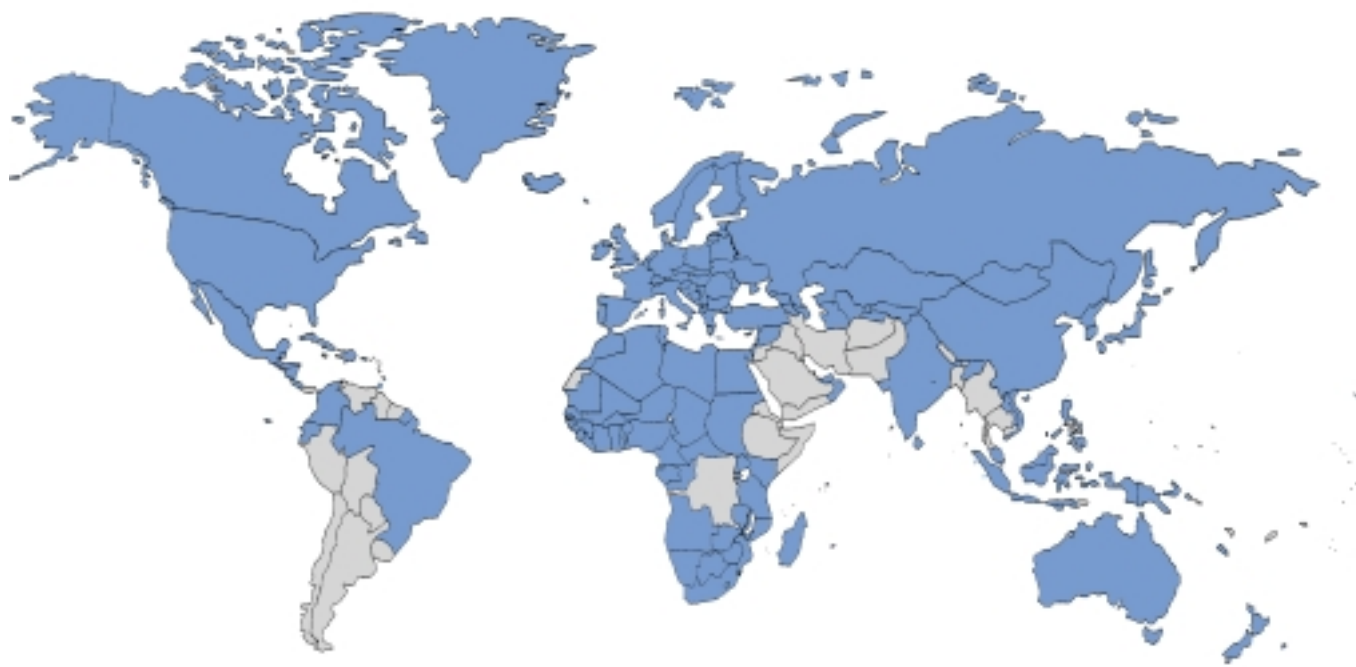
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 February 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²³		Handling fee ^{2, 23} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121
AU	AUD	550	780 ²⁴	AUD 196 (from 1.3.09: 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.
- 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.
- 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)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (139 on 1 February 2009)



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

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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.

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

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated July 2008) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]

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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	DKK	Danish krone	KES	Kenyan shilling	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KPW	KP won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	KRW	KR won	RSD	Serbian dinar		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble		
				LSL	Lesotho loti				

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]

(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	
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]

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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	
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

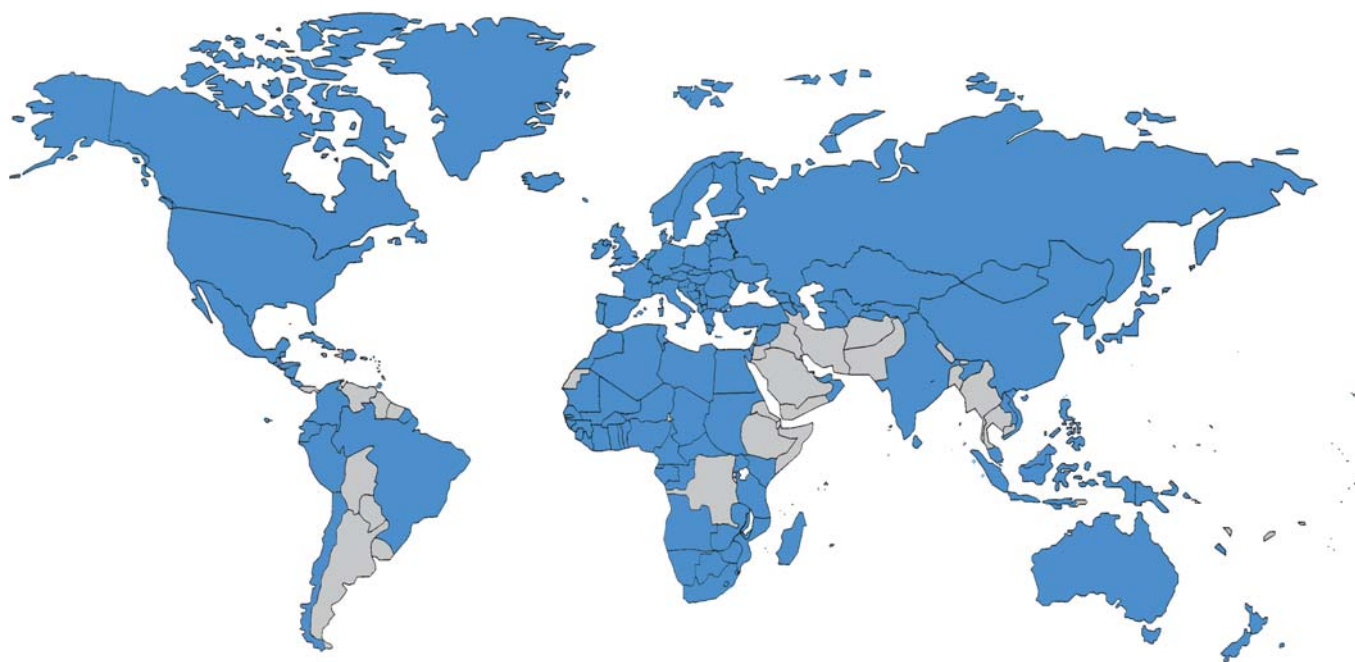
(amounts on 1 March 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

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.
- 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.
- 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)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (141 on 6 March 2009)



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			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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.

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

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated July 2008) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

Meeting of International Authorities

The 16th session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 16 to 18 March 2009. The report (once it has been published) and working documents can be found on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/mia/16

The Meeting considered a memorandum by the Director General of WIPO entitled “The Future of the PCT” (PCT/MIA/16/9), which had previously been discussed and welcomed by informal meetings of heads of Offices and representatives of users and user organizations. The Authorities confirmed the support which had been expressed by the heads of Offices for the principle of a roadmap for developing the PCT so as to ensure that the PCT, as the main work sharing platform of the international patent system, provided a strong basis for the acquisition of international patent protection.

Some of the proposed measures which found general support included:

- an Office which establishes an international search report in its role as International Searching Authority should not repeat the same search in the national phase in its role as designated Office;
- making international preliminary examination more useful by introducing top-up searches and ensuring that at least one written opinion and further opportunity for response is offered in Chapter II proceedings;
- introducing a system permitting third party observations to be made in the international phase.

The Meeting also considered whether the process of international preliminary examination, including the content and format of the international reports, could be made more useful and relevant to subsequent national phase processing (documents PCT/MIA/16/3 and 4). The European Patent Office presented measures which it considered might be useful to other International Authorities, including seeking informal clarifications from the applicant before conducting the international search, and requiring a response to the international preliminary report on patentability in the regional phase before further examination took place. It also presented a proposal that requires applicants making amendments under PCT Article 34 to indicate the basis of those amendments in the international application as filed (document PCT/MIA/16/11).

The Meeting discussed, and agreed to in principle, proposals to further develop the quality framework set out in Chapter 21 of the International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (document PCT/MIA/16/2). These proposals will be the subject of broader consultation before the framework, set out in the existing Guidelines, is updated. The Meeting further supported the development of improved arrangements for designated Offices to give feedback to International Authorities (document PCT/MIA/16/5) and agreed that the Authorities which form a partnership in the context of the European patent system should coordinate

activities seeking to improve the review of quality reports by Authorities (documents PCT/MIA/16/5 and 12).

Proposals for revision of the PCT minimum documentation (document PCT/MIA/16/7) were discussed and referred back to the relevant task force for further consideration.

There was general agreement that, in principle, an Authority offering the service of supplementary international search should be able to adopt a limitation on the extent of searches which it offers in addition to the “all or nothing” question of competence to perform a supplementary international search in any particular case (document PCT/MIA/16/8). The Meeting requested the International Bureau to review how this matter might best be clarified, and it is expected that this issue will be discussed in the PCT Working Group in May.

There was no clear agreement on the appropriate way to deal with certain possible situations relating to the incorporation by reference of missing parts and elements in international applications (document PCT/MIA/16/10). The International Bureau was invited to take the various comments into account and to consider when and how best to consult on possible new provisions clarifying certain issues in the Receiving Office Guidelines.

The Meeting further considered a number of issues (documents PCT/MIA/16/13 and 14) which arise from the desire to allow effective processing of international applications in XML format, including matters of how replacement paragraphs might be provided and numbered, and how changes to the application needed to be made apparent in the resulting amended application body.

The Meeting also agreed that improvements were desirable to the arrangements for establishing equivalent amounts of certain fees (document PCT/MIA/16/6). The details of the issue are expected to be considered by the PCT Working Group in May.

Notification under PCT Rule 90.4(d) (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required are as follows:

- (a) in case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent’s entitlement to act, and
- (b) upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing.

For background information on power of attorney waivers, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2. The table showing Offices (or Authorities) which have notified WIPO of waivers of the power of attorney requirement will be updated shortly at:

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annexes C (ES), D (ES) and E (ES))

Extension of European Patents to Montenegro

The European Patent Organisation and the Government of Montenegro have signed an agreement on the extension of European Patents to Montenegro. The date of entry into force of the Agreement has not yet been determined, and will be notified later in the year. Once the Agreement enters into force, it will be possible, in respect of international applications filed on or after a date which is yet to be determined, to extend the protection conferred by European patent applications and patents to Montenegro.

For further information, see:

<http://www.epo.org/topics/news/2009/20090216.html>

PCT Information Update

BH Bahrain (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Patent Office (Bahrain) has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 26 March 2009, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Bahrain with the National Patent Office.

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

The EPO has notified changes relating to several components of the national fee payable to it as designated/elected Office, has modified the text of the section of the national fee relating to the payment of the extension fee and has notified a condition for refund of the national fee, with effect from 1 April 2009, as follows (other parts not indicated have not changed):

National fee:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Additional fee for pages in excess of 35, for the 36 th and each subsequent page:.....	EUR 12
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: ¹	EUR 500
Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina or Serbia):	[No change]
Claims fee:	
- for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:	EUR 200
- for the 51 st and each subsequent claim:	EUR 500

¹ The designation and extension fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date. Extension fees are also to be paid if the European patent is to be extended to Croatia and the international filing date is prior to 1 January 2008, or to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the international filing date is prior to 1 January 2009.

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees:

The search fee is refunded fully or in part where the supplementary European search report is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter (EP))

There have also been changes to many of the references to the *Official Journal of the EPO*. Please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C (EP), D (EP) and E (EP), and the National Chapter (EP).

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 15 June 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in ISK of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reductions (see item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 June 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in JPY 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 (JP))

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

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

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

The International Bureau acting for the National Service of Industrial Property (SENAPI) (Sao Tome and Principe) has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to 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))

UA Ukraine (name of Office; fax number; fees)

The mailing address of the State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine has been corrected, and the Office has notified an additional fax number, as follows:

Mailing address: Ukrainsky Instytut Promyslovoi Vlasnosti
 Ukrainian Institute of Industrial Property
 1, Hlazonova Street, Kyiv 42, 01601, Ukraine

Facsimile machine: (380-44) 494 05 06 (general matters)
 (380-44) 494 05 35 (application processing)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 16 May 2008 (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Transmittal fee: ²	see Fee Table I(a)
Fee for priority document ² :	UAH 400 plus UAH 5 for each sheet in excess of 30 or equivalent in EUR or in USD
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)) ² :	UAH 100 or equivalent in EUR or in USD

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 16 May 2008:

For patent:

Filing fee:	UAH	800
Additional fee for each claim, dependent or independent, in excess of three:	UAH	80
Examination fee:	UAH	3,000
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	UAH	3,000

For utility model:

Filing fee:	UAH	800
Additional fee for each claim, dependent or independent, in excess of three:	UAH	80

There have been changes in the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

These fees are reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fees are payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fees are reduced by 90%.

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

² These fees are reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fees are payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fees are reduced by 90%.

Search fee (Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 15 June 2009, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, and in GBP and ISK for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified changes in the conditions for refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable since 1 July 2008, as follows (other conditions not indicated have not changed):

Where an earlier international or international-type search has already been made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed: refund of 50% or 100%, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search

Where a search and examination report issued on an application filed with the Authority, the Danish Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Icelandic Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Norwegian Industrial Property Office, is furnished together with the international application: refund of SEK 2,800

Where an earlier international application, the priority of which is claimed, is furnished together with an international search report issued by the European Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Nordic Patent Institute: refund of SEK 2,800

Where an earlier international application, the priority of which is claimed, is furnished together with an international-type search report issued by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Nordic Patent Institute: refund of SEK 2,800

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified changes to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable as from 1 April 2009, as follows:

Where the international search report drawn up by the Authority is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, the international search fee paid for the pending international application shall be refunded as follows:

- For a search with written opinion, including a European search (EPC Article 92), an international search (PCT Article 15(1)), or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE³, CY, FR, GR, IT, LU, MT, NL³, TR):
 - full benefit: refund of 100%
 - partial benefit: refund of 25%

³ Includes international-type searches covered by an agreement between the Authority and that Office.

- For a search without written opinion, including an international-type search (PCT Article 15(5)), a standard search, or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE, CY⁴, FR, GR⁴, LU, NL, TR):

full benefit: refund of 70%

partial benefit: refund of 17.5%

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

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

Modified PCT Regulations

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2009, are now available in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf

Modifications to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

A number of modifications have been made, with effect from 1 January 2009, to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines. The consolidated text of the Guidelines (RO/GL/RO/7) is available in PDF format, in English and French at, respectively:

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/ro.pdf>

PCT forms in Spanish

The complete collection of receiving Office forms in Spanish is now available in editable PDF format at:

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

The International Bureau is most grateful to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office for preparing the translation of the forms.

PCT in the News

A special issue of the *WIPO Magazine* (Issue No. 2, April 2009) has been published to mark World Intellectual Property Day 2009, highlighting the contribution of a balanced intellectual property system to stimulating the creation, diffusion and application of clean technologies; to promoting green design, aimed at creating products that are ecologically-friendly from conception to disposal; to green branding, helping customers make informed choices and giving companies a competitive edge. A number of the articles feature inventions in respect of which PCT applications were filed, and there is a special article entitled "PCT Portraits:

⁴ Applies only to search requests in respect of national applications transmitted to the EPO after 1 January 2009.

Eco-inventors”, which focuses on inventors whose eco-friendly inventions are the subject of PCT applications.

The *WIPO Magazine* is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/2009/02/

and PCT-related extracts from earlier issues of the *WIPO Magazine* are available at:

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

PCT seminar document in Russian

A seminar document covering all aspects of the PCT is now available in Russian at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/seminar/basic_1/index.pdf

Time limits for entering the national phase

The table of time limits for entering the national phase has been updated with effect from 20 March 2009 and is available in English and French at, respectively:

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf

The table indicates, for each designated/elected Office, the time limits for entering the national (or regional) phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT.

List of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization

The list of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization has been updated with effect from 20 March 2009 and is available at:

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

Applicability of 90% Reduction in Certain PCT fees

The table showing the applicability of the 90% reduction in certain PCT fees has been updated with effect from 20 March 2009 and is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

PCT-SME Booklet

WIPO is currently developing a guide on the PCT system specifically targeted to Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs). This guide will present and discuss how the PCT should be integrated into an SME business strategy by means of relevant case studies. The PCT community is invited to assist with the development of this PCT-SME booklet by providing examples of successful PCT usage by SMEs. These examples could include, but are not limited to: SME filing, licensing, searching, and patent information experiences and/or

strategies. Interested parties are kindly requested to send their case study suggestions, with pertinent references where appropriate, by e-mail to:

pct.our@wipo.int

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)

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

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

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

If they have not already done so, PCT applicants and agents are advised to bring this information to the attention of the people responsible for handling payments of fees within their organizations, as well as to the attention of inventors who might also receive such requests.

In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, which may or may not appear to originate from WIPO, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau:

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fax: +41 22 338 83 39

e-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

EPO: Reminder About New Fee Structure

It is recalled that on 1 April 2009, a new fee structure entered into force in respect of international applications entering the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO) on or after that date. For further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2009 and 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

and at:

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

Practical Advice

Modes of filing documents/correspondence after filing the international application electronically

Q: I have filed, on behalf of an applicant, an international application online with the International Bureau as receiving Office using the PCT-SAFE software. Having received the international search report, I now wish to file amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19. Can these amendments be filed online as well, or, failing that, can they be filed by way of an e-mail attachment, or do they still have to be filed on paper?

A: Although it is possible to file international applications electronically using the PCT-SAFE software, either online or using physical media such as CD-R, it does not allow for the submission of subsequent documents in either of these forms.

Even though, according to PCT Rule 89*bis*.2, the PCT provides for the filing of documents other than the international application in electronic form or by electronic means, the modes of transmittal of documents under the PCT which are available to the applicant are determined by the Office of receipt of the documents concerned. Since amendments under PCT Article 19 are transmitted to the International Bureau (IB), it is the IB which determines the mode of transmittal of the amendments. The IB will accept documents sent by fax, but not by e-mail, noting that if the amendments are transmitted by fax, the original of the document (confirmation copy) should be furnished to the IB within 14 days, as is also the case for transmission by fax of the international application or any replacement sheets containing corrections to the international application. In other words, a confirmation copy is required in respect of any documents which are to be published, in view of the fact that the confirmation copy would normally be of better quality, and reproduction via optical character recognition would therefore be more accurate.

Although advance copies of notifications may be sent to applicants via e-mail by the IB, as well as by the receiving Office, International Searching Authority and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority if they are prepared to do so⁵, followed by a paper notification, note that only informal enquiries which are not related to specific international applications may be sent via e-mail by the applicant himself/herself. Correspondence or documents relating to a specific international application may not be sent by the applicant via e-mail because this form of communication cannot be used validly to perform any procedural act before the IB, including the submission of amendments under PCT Article 19, requests for changes under PCT Rule 92*bis* or requests for withdrawals under PCT Rule 90*bis* and, to this date, no other PCT Office or Authority has informed the IB of the acceptance of the submission of documents by e-mail.

An electronic document upload service, which would allow users to upload a number of applicant-submitted documents other than the international application itself, including amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19, is currently under development. The International Bureau plans to make this service available to applicants in the near future. For further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2009, page 2.

Information on the forms of telecommunication in which PCT Offices are prepared to receive documents is published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B, and information on the possible means of filing the international application itself is given, for each receiving Office, in Annex C.

⁵ Provided that the agent/common representative has furnished an e-mail address and authorized the above Offices/Authorities to send such notifications by e-mail.

PCT Seminar Calendar (situation on 6 April 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5–6 April 2009 Manama (BH)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Zahran	Directorate of Industrial Property of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce of Bahrain (Mrs. Al-Moataz) Tel: (973–17) 574 833 Fax: (973–17) 536 479 E-mail: lona@commerce.gov.bh
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
12–13 May 2009 Banská Bystrica (SK)	English and Slovak	WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Trpkovska	Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (Mr. Emil Zatkuliak, International Affairs Department) Tel: (421-48) 43 00 262 Fax: (421-48) 41 32 566 E-mail: emil.zatkuliak@indprop.gov.sk Internet: http://www.upv.sk

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25 May 2009 Zurich (CH)	English	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pieter Spierenburg) Tel: (41-56) 485 94 94 Fax: (41-56) 485 94 95 E-mail: ceipi@patent-anwalt.ch
26 May 2009 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
26 May 2009 Hamamatsu (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jauiptm.jp
27 May 2009 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Hamamatsu, above)
28 May 2009 Kobe (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Hamamatsu, above)
29 May 2009 Takamatsu (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Hamamatsu, above)
27-28 May 2009 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	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
16-17 July 2009 Arlington, VA (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
29–30 October 2009 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
2–3 November 2009 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: to be announced	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
3 December 2009 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	See Lille, above
10 December 2009 London (GB)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

PCT Webinars

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
22 April 2009 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Tokyo time (9.00 am to 10.00 am, central European time)	Japanese	PCT update for Japan, including the new Supplementary International Search system and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT community WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/614813371
29 April 2009 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm, Beijing time (9.00 am to 10.00 am, central European time)	Chinese (Mandarin)	PCT update for China, including the new Supplementary International Search system and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT community WIPO speaker: Mr. Yu	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/199522985

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. See: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=17642

PCT Fee Tables

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 April 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) ⁵ (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 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
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 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (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 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 April 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	
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 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	eq USD 12 (13)	eq USD 83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AT, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
CU	CUC	200	CUC 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	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 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES US	
DZ	DZD	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP	
EA	RUR	1,600	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
EG	USD	142	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US	
EP	EUR	110	EUR 848	10	–	128	191	EP	
ES	EUR	69.25	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP ES	
FI	EUR	135	EUR 848	10	–	128	191	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR	60	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP	
GB	GBP	55	GBP 745 (from 1.5.09: 808)	8 (9)	– (–)	112 (122)	168 (182)	EP	
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹⁰	10	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (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	

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

(amounts on 1 April 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	
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	83	or USD	1,102	12	83	166	248	
	(from 1.5.09: USD 89)		(from 1.5.09: 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	517	USD	1,102	12	83	–	–	EP US
			(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
IN	INR	8,000	USD	1,102	12	83	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
	(filing by indiv: 2,000)		(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK	152,800	1,700	11,500	–	–	EP SE XN
			(from 15.6.09:129,200)		(1,500)	(9,700)	(–)	(–)	
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	113,200	1,300	8,500	–	25,500	EP JP
			(from 1.6.09 103,900)		(1,200)	(7,800)	(–)	(23,400)	
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ²⁵⁰		USD	1,102	12	83	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
	plus cost of mailing		(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,102	12	83	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
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	1,102	12	83	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
LR	USD	45	USD	1,102	12	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
			(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	1,102	12	83	–	–	EP RU
			(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	1,102	12	83	–	–	EP ES
			(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	2,082	23	157	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE

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

(amounts on 1 April 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	
PG	PGK	250	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AU	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	166 (178)	248 (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	34.34	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP	
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU	
RS	RSD	3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP	
RU	RUR	600	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
SC	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	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 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
SY	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP RU	
TJ	TJS ⁹	–	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	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 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US	
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ¹⁹	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
US	USD	240	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	166 (178)	– (–)	AU EP KR US	
UZ	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	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 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE	
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	eq USD 12 (13)	eq USD 83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU	

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

ISA	Search fee¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	330	KRW	366,000	SGD	420	USD	257	ZAR	2,380
AU	AUD	1,600	CHF	1,294	EUR	855	KRW	1,418,000	NZD*	1,825	SGD	1,650
	USD	1,091	ZAR	10,540								
	* (from 1.5.09: NZD 2,002)											
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF*	1,587	EUR	995	USD	1,309				
	* (from 15.6.09: CHF 1,475)											
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	366	EUR	241	USD	280				
EP²⁰	EUR	1,700	CHF	2,525	DKK	12,670	GBP*,**	1,352	ISK**,***	318,000	JPY	212,600
	MWK	344,000	NOK***	14,830	NZD	4,178	SEK***	17,000	SGD	3,270	USD	2,164
	ZAR	21,720										
	* (from 15.4.09: GBP 1,619)											
	** (from 15.6.09: GBP 1,530 ISK 244,000)											
	*** (from 1.5.09: ISK 284,000 NOK 15,910 SEK 18,280)											
ES²⁰	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	1,459,000	USD	1,084		
	* (from 1.5.09: CHF 1,241 EUR 812)											
KR	KRW	900,000 ²¹	AUD	976 ²¹	CHF	735 ²¹	EUR	475 ²¹	NZD	1,109 ²¹	SGD	919 ²¹
	USD	609 ²¹										
	KRW	450,000 ²²	AUD	488 ²²	CHF	367 ²²	EUR	237 ²²	NZD	554 ²²	SGD	460 ²²
	USD	304 ²²										
RU²³	USD	500	CHF	573	EUR	390						
SE	SEK*	17,000	CHF	2,525	DKK	12,670	EUR	1,700	ISK*	318,000	NOK*	14,830
	USD	2,164										
	* (from 1.5.09: SEK 18,280 ISK 284,000 NOK 15,910)											
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*	318,000	NOK	14,830	USD	2,164
	* (from 1.5.09: ISK 284,000)											

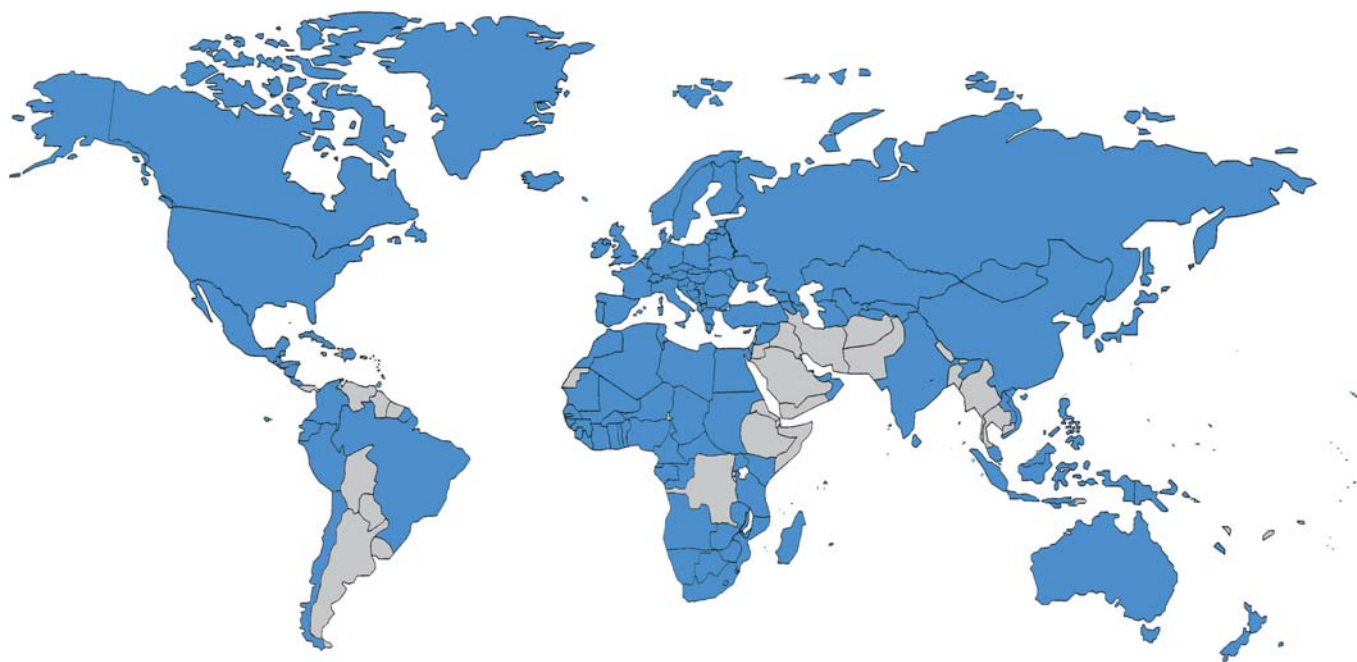
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 April 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁴		Handling fee ^{2, 24} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121
AU	AUD	550	780 ²⁵	AUD 247
CA	CAD	800	CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁰	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 ²³	USD	200 ²⁶	300 ²⁷	USD 171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,110 (from 15.4.09: 1,490)
US	USD	600	750 ²⁸	USD 171
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 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.
- 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 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 20 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".
- 21 For international applications filed in English.
- 22 For international applications filed in Korean.
- 23 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.
- 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 (141 on 1 April 2009)



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

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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.

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

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated July 2008) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

PATENTSCOPE® search service (www.wipo.int/pctdb)

New public online file inspection

WIPO is pleased to announce the launch of full online file inspection, via the PATENTSCOPE® search service, in respect of all published PCT applications which were filed on or after 1 January 2009. This is a free of charge public service. Most of the file contents of the international application will be made available online, with the exception of certain documents the communication of which the PCT does not permit (in particular, any documents relating to the international preliminary examination – see PCT Article 38 – and anything else which should be considered as confidential, such as credit card details which may have been given by the applicant to the International Bureau (IB) in its capacity as receiving Office).

The file contents can be viewed by clicking on the “Documents” tab when the international application is displayed in PATENTSCOPE®. Certain documents in the file of the international application (for example, the priority document, the Request Form (PCT/RO/101), Form PCT/IB/304 (Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document) and Form PCT/IB/306 (Notification of the Recording of a Change)) are already available via the PATENTSCOPE® search service for international applications filed before 1 January 2009. Under the new full service, all correspondence sent to and from the applicant, and all notifications/forms issued by the IB, and by other International Authorities where available to the IB, may also be consulted, with the above-mentioned exception of certain documents/correspondence.

Over the next two months, the new service will cover only a few applications for which early international publication has been requested under PCT Article 21(2)(b), however it will be available for most applications, the publication due dates of which fall after the beginning of July 2009.

New International Application Status Report

On 27 April 2009, a new International Application Status Report became available online through the PATENTSCOPE® search service. This report, which can be viewed by clicking on the “Documents” tab when the international application is displayed in PATENTSCOPE®, shows the latest available status information and bibliographic data on record at the IB for published PCT applications which were filed from July 1998 onwards. Intended for applicants, designated/elected Offices and third parties, the International Application Status Report is generated on request and contains:

- the latest bibliographic data;
- the most important status dates;
- information about certain withdrawals, for example, withdrawals of the international application and priority claims;
- the title and abstract in all available languages; and

- information on the international search report, the international preliminary examination report and any supplementary international search report.

Reminder: Deadline for Certain Actions before the Montenegrin Office

It is recalled that, pursuant to the deposit of a declaration that the PCT continues to be applicable in Montenegro as from 3 June 2006, following the declaration of independence of Montenegro on that date, Montenegro is automatically designated in all international applications filed on or after 3 June 2006. Furthermore, the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Montenegro started operations on 28 May 2008, taking up its functions as designated and elected Office under the PCT as from that date (the functions of receiving Office under the PCT, in relation to international applications filed by nationals or residents of Montenegro, having been delegated under PCT Rule 19.1(b) to the International Bureau of WIPO).

Information on the effect in Montenegro of international applications was already published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008, page 4, but applicants are hereby reminded that the following actions may need to be taken before the deadline of one year from the commencement of operations of the Office, that is, **by 28 May 2009**, in the following situations:

1. Where an international application has entered the national phase and was pending before the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro or the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) at the time of the commencement of operation of the Montenegrin Office, it shall have effect in Montenegro as of the international filing date, provided that the applicant:
 - (a) files with the Montenegrin Office a request for the grant of the right not later than one year after the commencement of operation of the Montenegrin Office;
 - (b) submits to the Montenegrin Office a copy of the application and of any attachment thereto, filed with the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro or the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia), together with the certificate of receipt of the application by the Office with which it was previously filed; and
 - (c) pays the prescribed fee.
2. Where an international application which has not entered the national phase before the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) and for which on 3 June 2006, the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) had not yet expired, it shall have effect in Montenegro as of the international filing date, provided that the applicant:
 - (a) files with the Montenegrin Office a request for the grant of the right not later than one year after the commencement of operation of the Montenegrin Office or within the time limit under Article 22 or 39(1), whichever time limit expires later;
 - (b) submits to the Montenegrin Office, where applicable, a translation of the application; and
 - (c) pays the prescribed fee.

It is recalled that any rights granted before 3 June 2006 by the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro, on the basis of an international application, shall have effect in Montenegro until the expiration of their term of protection or the term for which maintenance fees have been paid, without any additional registration or payment of any additional fees, and that any rights granted by the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) on or after 3 June 2006 but

prior to the commencement of operation of the Montenegrin Office, on the basis of an international application, shall have effect in Montenegro until the expiration of their term of protection or the term for which maintenance fees have been paid, without any additional registration or payment of any additional fees.

For further information, please contact the Montenegrin Office at the following address:

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Podgorica
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Fax: (+382 20) 24 64 96

E-mail: ziscg@cg.yu

Internet: <http://www.gov.me>

PCT Information Update

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers)

The Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina has notified the International Bureau that there is now a branch office in Banja Luka. The location and mailing address and the telephone and fax numbers for the two branch offices of Banja Luka and Sarajevo should now read as follows (the information regarding the head office has not changed):

Location and mailing address: Banja Luka:
Bana Lazarevia and Vase Pelagica,
78000 Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sarajevo:
Hamdije Ćemerlića 2/7, 71000 Sarajevo,
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Telephone: (387-51) 21 85 32 (Banja Luka)
(387-33) 65 27 65 (Sarajevo)

Fax: (387-51) 21 83 12 (Banja Luka)
(387-33) 65 27 57 (Sarajevo)

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

BR Brazil (language of filing)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) has notified a change in its requirements concerning the language of filing of international applications and the request, with effect from 1 January 2009. The Office will now accept the following languages for the filing of international applications and the request:

English or Portuguese

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

CA Canada (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone numbers of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office have changed, and a new fax number has been introduced. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (1-866) 997 19 36 (toll-free from Canada and US)
(1-819) 934 05 44 (local and international)

Fax: (1-819) 953 24 76 or (1-819) 953 67 42

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

CN China (fees)

The State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, which has been payable to it as receiving Office since 15 July 2008. The amount of this fee is CNY 1,000.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (CN) and table of "Restoration of the right of priority" (see separate item under "New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet"))

IL Israel (location)

The location of the Israel Patent Office has changed, as follows:

Location: The Technology Park
Bldg. 5, Malcha
Jerusalem 96951
Israel

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

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 July 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in JPY of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reduction under items 4(a) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

LC Saint Lucia (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: info@rocip.gov.lc

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

MD Republic of Moldova (fees)

The amounts and currency of payment of the following fees, payable to the State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) as receiving Office, became applicable on 25 July 2008:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Fee Table I(a)
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR 20

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

RS Serbia (fees)

There has been a change in the amount of the transmittal fee payable to the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) as receiving Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(a)

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

SE Sweden (fees)

As from 1 July 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in SEK to the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in SEK of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reductions listed under item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

Search fee (Japan Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute and Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

For the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, there will be a change, as from 1 July 2009, in the equivalent amount payable in CHF, and there will be changes, as from 15 July 2009, in the equivalent amounts payable in EUR and USD, for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

As from 1 May 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NOK, for an international search carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute, and as from 15 June 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in ISK, for international searches carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

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

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

The final consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT in Spanish, as in force from 1 January 2009 and 1 July 2009, are available at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct_reggs.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct_reggs2009.pdf

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai_july2009.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/ai_july2009.html

Request form in editable format

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/july_2009.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/july_2009.html

Table concerning restoration of the right of priority

The table summarizing information received by the International Bureau regarding restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices and designated Offices under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2 has been updated in English and French, at, respectively:

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

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

and will be updated shortly in Russian at:

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

PCT Statistics

The International Patent System in 2008 – PCT Yearly Review: Developments and Performance

The above-mentioned review of PCT activities in 2008 contains statistics on PCT filings (including filings by top countries of origin, by top applicants and by technical field) and national phase entries, as well as statistics on the performance of the international patent system. It is now available in English, in HTML format, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/pct_2008.html

The PDF version, as well as the French and Spanish translations of the review, are under preparation and will be available shortly.

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, new invitations have been identified originating from “IBFTPR Service – Register of International Patent Application” and “IRTP – International Register for Trademark & Patent”. To view examples of the new invitations, as well as the many other examples which have been brought

to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

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

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

If they have not already done so, PCT applicants and agents are advised to bring this information to the attention of the people responsible for handling payments of fees within their organizations, as well as to the attention of inventors who might also receive such requests.

In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, which may or may not appear to originate from WIPO, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau:

Telephone: +41 22 338 83 38
Fax: +41 22 338 83 39
E-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

Practical Advice

Declaration of non-establishment of international search report: possible actions in the case of other related PCT applications filed later

Q: I have filed several PCT applications relating to similar inventions, in respect of which I have chosen the same International Searching Authority (ISA) to carry out the search. I have just received from the ISA, in respect of the first of these applications filed, a declaration that no international search report (ISR) will be established for the application due to the fact that it concerns a subject which the ISA will not search. Is it possible to obtain a refund of the search fee for that application? Also, since I fear that I will not be able to get an ISR in respect of the other related applications, is it possible to amend the claims in such a way that the subject matter claimed will change, or failing that, to change the ISA that I initially selected to carry out the international search for one which will search the subject matter concerned?

A: A declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) that no ISR will be established can be made if the ISA considers that a meaningful search cannot be carried out because the international application relates to a subject matter which, under the PCT Regulations, the ISA is not required to search and, in the particular case, decides not to search (see PCT Article 17(2)(a)). ISAs often search only subject matter encompassed by the national/regional patent granting procedure under the provisions of their applicable national/regional law. A list of the subject matters which the ISA can decide not to search is provided in PCT Rule 39.1; information relating to the subject matters which will not be searched by a particular ISA can be found on the relevant page of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D; however, for full details, it is preferable to contact the ISA concerned directly. It is recommended that before filing the international application, applicants inform themselves as to which subject matters will not be searched by the ISA they intend to choose.

As far as a refund of the search fee is concerned, the non-establishment of an ISR would not be a reason for an ISA to refund any search fees. The only cases for which a refund of the search

fee is provided for are listed under PCT Rule 16.2. For information relating to the applicable conditions for refund for each ISA, refer to the relevant part of Annex D of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

The lack of ISR from the chosen ISA due to the fact that it does not search a particular subject matter does not prevent you from requesting a supplementary international search by one of the ISAs specified for that purpose. Note, however, that where the ISA has made a declaration that no ISR will be established, and that declaration is available to the Authority specified for supplementary international search before it starts its search, it may decide not to establish the supplementary international search report (see PCT Rule 45bis.5(e)). For further information on requesting a supplementary international search, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008, cover page and page 14.

It will not be possible to resolve this issue by amending the claims under PCT Article 19 as it is not possible to file such amendments if no ISR has been established. Also, although you would be entitled to amend the claims under PCT Article 34(2)(b) if you file a demand for international preliminary examination, the International Preliminary Examining Authority is only required to examine the claims which have been searched (see PCT Rule 66.1(e)). You will be given the opportunity to amend the application before each designated or elected Office under PCT Article 28(1) or 41(1), although any amendments must not go beyond what was originally disclosed in the international application.

As far as the other PCT applications are concerned, you cannot amend the claims under PCT Article 19 prior to the receipt of the ISR, and if the ISA issues a declaration that no ISR will be established, you will not be able to file such amendments in respect of those applications either. Also, although the PCT does not specifically provide for a change of choice of ISA, paragraph 115 of the *PCT Receiving Office Guidelines* states that, provided that more than one ISA is competent to carry out the international search, the applicant may make a change to the choice of Authority where the search copy has not yet been transmitted to the ISA.

Note that the lack of an ISR does not, in itself, have any influence on the validity of the international application, the processing of which, including its publication and communication to the designated Offices, continues. For further information on the consequences of the non-establishment of an ISR, see the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2007.

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 1 May 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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
12-13 May 2009 Banská Bystrica (SK)	English and Slovak	WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Trpkovska	Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (Mr. Emil Zatkuliak, International Affairs Department) Tel: (421-48) 43 00 262 Fax: (421-48) 41 32 566 E-mail: emil.zatkuliak@indprop.gov.sk Internet: http://www.upv.sk
15 May 2009 Santiago (CL)	Spanish	National seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Hernández-Vigaud Other speaker: Mr. Hwang (Korean Intellectual Property Office)	National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI) (Mrs. Daniça Mardescic) Tel: (56-2) 688 28 23 Fax: (56-2) 698 17 71
25 May 2009 Zurich (CH)	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pieter Spierenburg) Tel: (41-56) 485 94 94 Fax: (41-56) 485 94 95 E-mail: ceipi@patent-anwalt.ch
26 May 2009 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
26 May 2009 Hamamatsu (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jauiptm.jp
27 May 2009 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Hamamatsu, above)
28 May 2009 Kobe (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Hamamatsu, above)
28 May 2009 Lima (PE)	Spanish	National seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Hernández-Vigaud	Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual (INDECOPI) (Mr. Sergio Rodríguez Soria) Tel: (51-1) 224 78 00 Ext. 13 80 Fax: (51-1) 224 78 00 Ext. 15 09
29 May 2009 Takamatsu (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Hamamatsu, above)

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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 speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
22 June 2009 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05
24 June 2009 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Tokyo, above)
25 June 2009 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Tokyo, 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
16–17 July 2009 Arlington, VA (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
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) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
21 October 2009 Savannah, GA (US)	English	PCT presentation 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 (available shortly): http://www.alanet.org/meetingsevents/ip/index.aspx
29–30 October 2009 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
2–3 November 2009 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: to be announced	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
20 November 2009 Eindhoven (NL)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	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
3 December 2009 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT 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
10 December 2009 London (GB)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
26 May 2009 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, (central European time)	English	Webinar on PCT-SAFE, WIPO's electronic filing system for PCT applications WIPO speaker: to be announced	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/440414882
27 May 2009 10.00 am to 11.00 am, (central European time)	English	Webinar on PCT-SAFE, WIPO's electronic filing system for PCT applications WIPO speaker: to be announced	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/830878131
3 June 2009 11.00 am to 12.00 am Moscow time (9.00 am to 10.00 am central European time)	Russian	Update on PCT matters, including the new Supplementary International Search system and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT community WIPO speaker: Mr. Gavrikov	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/483782674
17 June 2009 10 am to 11 am Santiago time (4.00 pm to 5.00 pm central European time)	Spanish	PCT update for Spain and Latin America, including the new Supplementary International Search system and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT community WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernandez-Vigaud	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/834202171

Other IP events

Conference on Intellectual Property and Public Policy Issues, International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland, 13–14 July 2009. Deadline for registration: June 30, 2009.

The Conference will address issues relating to the interface of intellectual property with other areas of public policy, notably health, the environment, climate change and food security, and will serve as a global forum to discuss issues and solutions to some of the major challenges in relation to intellectual property that the world faces today. The event is open to the general public and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

For further information see: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2009/ip_gc_ge/

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 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
		BRR	Brazilian real	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
		BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
RO	receiving Office	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
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu		
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 May 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	19	124	247	371	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	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	AT 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	1,494	17	112	225	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	1,184	eq USD	13	eq USD	89	–	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES				

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

(amounts on 1 May 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	
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	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	808	9	–	122	182	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 or EUR ¹² or USD ¹²	100 64 89	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 848 1,184	15 10 13	100 64 89	200 128 178	300 191 267	See footnote 13
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	1,184	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	152,800 (from 15.6.09:129,200)	1,700 (1,500)	11,500 (9,700)	– (–)	– (–)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	113,200 (from 1.6.09: 103,900) (from 1.7.09: 116,300)	1,300 (1,200) (1,300)	8,500 (7,800) (8,700)	– (–) (–)	25,500 (23,400) (26,200)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU

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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	
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 2,082	23	157	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
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 34.34	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	RUR 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 8,800 (from 1.7.09: 9,780)	100 (110)	660 (740)	1,320 (1,470)	1,980 (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
TN	TND ⁹ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 May 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	
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 11,230	130	840	–	–	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 May 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 USD 1,091	CHF 1,294 ZAR 10,540	EUR 855	KRW 1,418,000	NZD 2,002	SGD 1,650			
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 15.6.09: CHF 1,475)	CHF* 1,587 CHF 1,475)	EUR 995	USD 1,309					
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 366	EUR 241	USD 280					
EP ²⁰	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR 21,720 * (from 15.6.09: GBP 1,530	CHF 2,525 NOK 15,910 GBP 1,530	DKK 12,670 NZD 4,178 ISK 244,000)	GBP* 1,619 SEK 18,280	ISK* 284,000 SGD 3,270	JPY 212,600 USD 2,164			
ES ²⁰	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,525	USD 2,164						
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,525	USD 2,164						
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.7.09: CHF 1,110) ** (from 15.7.09: EUR 737	CHF* 1,241 CHF 1,110) EUR 737	**EUR 812 USD 987)	KRW 1,459,000	USD** 1,084				
KR	KRW 900,000 ²¹ USD 609 ²¹ KRW 450,000 ²² USD 304 ²²	AUD 976 ²¹ AUD 488 ²²	CHF 735 ²¹ CHF 367 ²²	EUR 475 ²¹ EUR 237 ²²	NZD 1,109 ²¹ NZD 554 ²²	SGD 919 ²¹ SGD 460 ²²			
RU ²³	USD 500	CHF 573	EUR 390						
SE	SEK 18,280 USD 2,164 * (from 15.6.09: ISK 244,000)	CHF 2,525 ISK 244,000)	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	*ISK 284,000	NOK 15,910			
US	USD 2,080	CHF 2,323	EUR 1,596	NZD 3,808	ZAR 20,434				
XN	DKK 12,670 * (from 15.6.09: ISK 244,000)	CHF 2,525 ISK 244,000)	EUR 1,700	*ISK 284,000	NOK 15,910	USD 2,164			

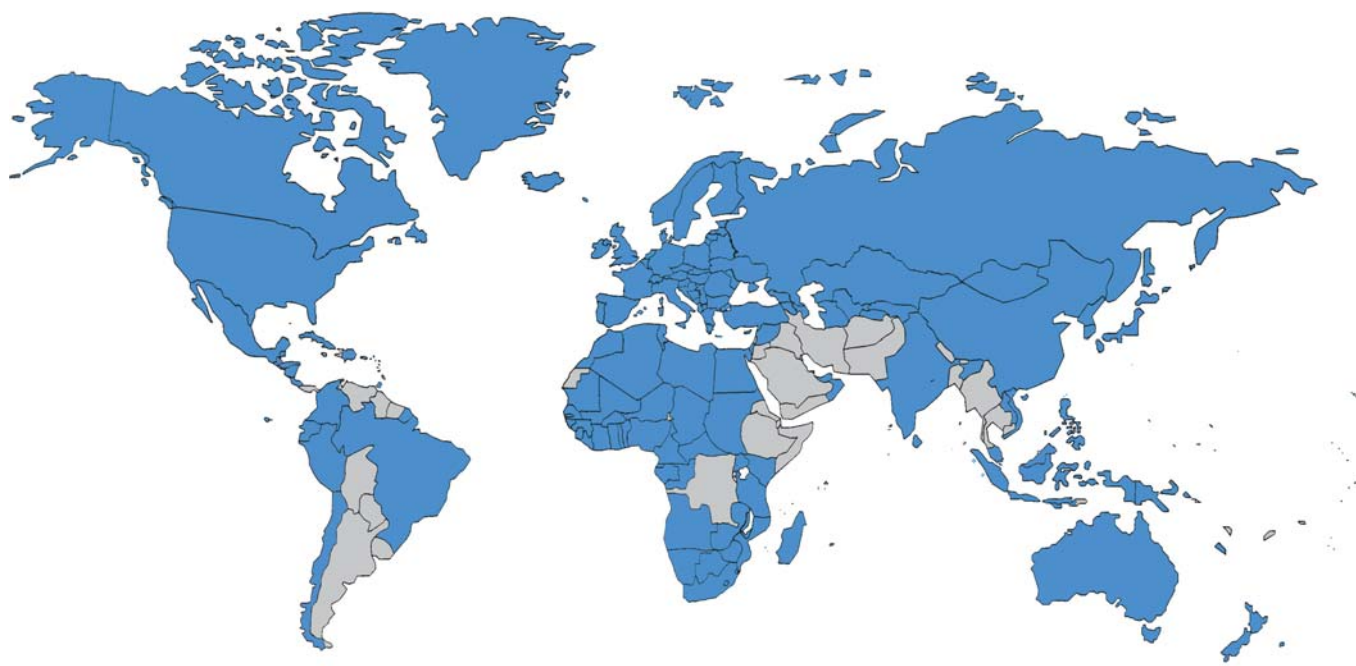
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 May 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁴		Handling fee ^{2, 24} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²⁵	AUD	247
CA	CAD	800		CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁰	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 ²³	USD	200 ²⁶	300 ²⁷	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,490
US	USD	600	750 ²⁸	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 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.
- 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 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 20 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".
- 21 For international applications filed in English.
- 22 For international applications filed in Korean.
- 23 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.
- 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 (141 on 1 May 2009)



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

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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.

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

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated July 2008) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

PCT Newsletter: Fifteen Years of Topical Updates for PCT Users

The 15th anniversary of the publication of the *PCT Newsletter* was reached recently. The first issue was published in March 1994 as a subscription-based paper publication, and in January 1997, the first issue was published free of charge on the WIPO website. As from January 2008, in line with the publishing trends of many other WIPO publications, it was decided to abandon the paper version and paying subscriptions, and to publish the *Newsletter* in electronic form only. Since then it has been published in HTML format (with links where applicable) as well as in PDF format (particularly suitable for printing), the format in which it is archived. A total of 184 issues have so far been published, 138 of which (that is, all issues published since January 1998) are now available in searchable annual collections at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/year.jsp>

Although readers of the *PCT Newsletter* are welcome at any time to send us their comments on the contents and format of the *Newsletter* (in particular, to submit suggestions for the “Practical Advice” column), we would like to take this opportunity to invite readers’ comments and suggestions for future issues, to be sent to the PCT Legal Division at WIPO:

e-mail: pct.legal@wipo.int

fax: (41-22) 910 00 30

Changes to the PCT Procedure Which Will Enter into Force on 1 July 2009

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, in September 2008, a number of amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2009. Those amendments include:

- a clarification regarding the procedure to be followed by the receiving Office where it has accorded, albeit mistakenly, an international filing date and intends to issue a declaration under PCT Article 14(4); and
- when filing amendments of the claims under PCT Articles 19 and/or 34, the new requirement for applicants to submit a complete set of claims rather than, as at present, replacement sheets only for those sheets of claims which differ from sheets previously filed (see amended PCT Rules 46.5 and 66.8(c)).

The separate texts containing only the amended PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2009 are reproduced in English, French and Spanish at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf

The consolidated texts of the PCT Regulations, as in force from 1 July 2009, are available in those languages at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_reg2009.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_reg2009.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct_reg2009.pdf

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT

A number of modifications have been made to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT in relation to the filing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings (hereinafter: sequence listings). These modifications will also enter into force on 1 July 2009 and consist of modifications to Sections 101, 207, 208, 513, 610, 702, 707 and 713, Annex C and Annex F (including its Appendices III and IV), as well as the deletion of Part 8 and Annex C-*bis*.

As a consequence of these modifications:

- mixed mode sequence listing filings will no longer be possible;
- there will no longer be a page fee payable for sequence listings filed in accordance with Annex C/WIPO Standard ST.25 **text format** as part of an international application filed in electronic form;
- full page fees will be payable for all pages of a sequence listing filed in **image format** (for example, PDF format) or on paper; and
- there will no longer be any page fee benefits for tables relating to sequence listings – pages containing such tables will count as regular pages of description, irrespective of how they are submitted.

In addition to the page fee change, these modifications concern, in particular:

- the arrangement and numbering of sheets of the international application (Section 207);
- the availability of copies of sequence listings in the ST.25 text format submitted for the purposes of international search (Section 513);
- a clarification of the relationship between Annex C of the Administrative Instructions and WIPO Standard ST.25 (Sections 101, 208, 513 and 610, Annex C and Annex F);
- the deletion of the option of mixed mode sequence listing applications (Sections 702 and 713, and deletion of Part 8 and Annex C-*bis*);
- defining the requirements for the submission of sequence listings in electronic form using physical media (Annex F).

All modifications will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2009.

The consolidated texts of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/9) and of Annex F thereto (PCT/AI/ANF/4), as in force from July 1, 2009, are available on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai_july2009.html

Explanation of the modifications to the request form

As was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2009, the request form (PCT/RO/101) has been revised with effect from 1 July 2009. Modifications have been introduced to implement, as from that date, the discontinuation of mixed mode sequence listing filing, the new fee benefit for sequence listings filed in text format and the change in treatment, as far as the calculation of the page fee is concerned, of tables relating to sequence listings. These changes affect both the structure and content of the check list in Box No. IX, as well as the fee calculation sheet of the request form.

Note that in the English version of the request form, there are two alternative last sheets of the form: the one which is headed “**CHECK LIST for PAPER filings**” should be used if the applicant intends to file the international application on paper; the one which is headed “**CHECK LIST for EFS-Web filings**” should only be used if the applicant intends to file the request form online with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as receiving Office via its e-filing system, EFS-Web. Full explanations for completing this part of the form are given in the notes which accompany the request form.

It is recalled that the revised version of the request form, in English and French, is now available in editable PDF format at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/july_2009.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/july_2009.html

Note that the PCT-SAFE software will be updated accordingly in due course.

PowerPoint presentation

A PowerPoint presentation containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations, Administrative Instructions and other practice changes as from 1 July 2009 is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2009practice_changes.ppt

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (paper version)

Since the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2009 that the paper version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (WIPO Publication No. 274) as in force since 1 January 2009 is available in English and French, the Spanish version as in force since the same date is now also available.

In view of the relatively limited number of amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2009, it is not currently foreseen to print WIPO Publication No. 274 in these three languages updated to 1 July 2009. However, for the convenience of PCT users, a booklet containing only the PCT rules which will enter into force on 1 July 2009, which can be printed out, cut to the appropriate size and inserted in the paper version of that publication, has been prepared in English, French and Spanish, and is available on the PCT Resources page at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf

A similar updating booklet containing the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 January 2009, and updates the paper version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations in German, is available on the PCT Resources page at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf

It is recalled that the consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2009, is available on the PCT Resources page in English, French and Spanish at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf

PCT Working Group

The second session of the PCT Working Group was held in Geneva from 4 to 8 May 2009.

The Working Group considered various proposals for the future development of the PCT system, including a draft roadmap by the International Bureau (document PCT/WG/2/3) for improving the use of the PCT essentially within its existing legal framework, as well as proposals from Japan (PCT/WG/2/8), the Republic of Korea (PCT/WG/2/11) and the United States of America (PCT/WG/2/12) for improvement to international search and preliminary examination by various changes to the timing and methodology of those processes.

The Working Group agreed that the PCT system can and should function more effectively within the existing legal framework of the Treaty provisions, and agreed that any changes that are made:

- should be incremental;
- should not affect the freedom of Contracting States to prescribe, interpret and apply substantive conditions of patentability and not seek substantive patent law harmonization or harmonization of national search and examination procedures;
- should take into account various other concerns; and
- should be supported by a more detailed study and consultations with all stakeholder groups.

The Working Group will consider these issues further, together with various related studies and proposals, at its next session, expected to be in the first half of 2010.

The Working Group discussed the issue of eligibility criteria for reductions in certain PCT fees (PCT/WG/2/4) and requested the International Bureau to present further studies, including into possible fee reductions for small and medium sized enterprises and universities.

The Working Group approved proposed amendments of the PCT Regulations and Directives by the Assembly with a view to their submission to the PCT Assembly for adoption at its next session, in September/October 2009, so as to:

- (a) require applicants to indicate the basis for amendments made under Articles 19 and 34 (PCT/WG/2/9);

(b) clarify and improve the efficiency of the process for setting equivalent amounts of certain fees (PCT/WG/2/2); and

(c) clarify the types of limitation which International Searching Authorities may make in relation to supplementary international search services (PCT/WG/2/10).

The Working Group further discussed requirements for presenting revisions (instead of by providing replacement sheets) made in respect of international applications filed in fully electronic form (PCT/WG/2/7) and agreed to continue discussions by way of a written consultation procedure.

Following discussions on a proposal to develop a possible international form for national phase entry (PCT/WG/2/5), the Chair concluded that there was no consensus for further work on this proposal at this time.

The summary by the Chair (PCT/WG/2/13) and the draft report of the session (PCT/WG/2/14 Prov.) are available from the same page as the working documents on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/2

European Patent Convention

Accession by San Marino

San Marino deposited its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 21 April 2009, and will become bound by that Convention on 1 July 2009. This will bring the number of Contracting States of the EPC to 36.

Therefore, any international application filed on or after 1 July 2009 will include the designation of San Marino for a European patent in addition to a national patent (applicants should be aware that, although any international application filed before that date will include the designation of San Marino for a national patent, it **will not include the designation of San Marino for a European Patent**).

Furthermore, as from 1 July 2009, it will be possible for nationals and residents of San Marino to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) or the International Bureau of WIPO.

Further information on the accession to the EPC by San Marino has been published on the EPO website at:

<http://www.epo.org/patents/updates/2009/20090508.html>

(Updating of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (SM), B2 (EP) and C (EP))

Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws

FR France (PCT Rule 26bis.3(j))

Further to its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (restoration of right of priority by receiving Office), as modified with effect from 1 April 2007, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2006), the National Institute of Industrial Property (France), in its

capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 June 2009. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) therefore applies with respect to the Office with effect from that date.

Furthermore, that Office has notified the IB that it will apply the “due care” criterion, and that the fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority will be EUR 150.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (FR), and the tables of “Restoration of right of priority” and “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” (see “Updated tables” under “New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet”, below).

PCT Information Update

CL Chile (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) has specified the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed on or after 2 June 2009 by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office.

DK Denmark (time limit for entry into the national phase; required contents of the translation)

It is recalled that when a PCT application enters the national phase in Denmark, special time limits apply to the Faroe Islands and Greenland. For these areas the time limit is 20 months from the priority date (or from the international filing date where there is no priority claim). The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau that the time limit for entry into the national phase, where a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, is 30 months for Greenland, however, in the case of the Faroe Islands it is 20 months.

For the rest of the Danish territory the time limit is 31 months from the priority date, with the possibility of extending that time limit by two months.

For further information, please contact the Danish Patent and Trademark Office or see the homepage of the Danish Patent and Trademark Office at:

<http://www.dkpto.org/business-services/information-regarding-pct-applications.aspx>

Note that this information supersedes the information that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2009, on page 4.

Furthermore, there has been a change regarding the required contents of the translation. The translation may now be furnished in Danish or English, however if protection is sought in the Faroe Islands and/or Greenland, the applicant must furnish a translation into Danish.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (DK))

ES Spain (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Fee Table I(a)
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR 28.25

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

GB United Kingdom (location)

There has been a change in the London address at which filings can be made by hand with the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office), as follows:

21 Bloomsbury Street
London WC1B 3SS
United Kingdom

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

IL Israel (mailing address)

The Israel Patent Office has notified the International Bureau that its mailing address is now the same as its location address, that is:

Location and mailing address: The Technology Park
 Bldg. 5, Malcha
 Jerusalem 96951
 Israel

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

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 15 August 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ISK 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 (IS))

IT Italy (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The address of the Collection of Industrial Yeasts (DBVPG), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, as follows:

Collection of Industrial Yeasts (DBVPG)
 Department of Applied Biology
 Borgo XX Giugno, 74
 06121 Perugia
 Italy

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 15 August 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office)

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

European Patent Office	ISK
Nordic Patent Institute	ISK
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	ISK

As from 15 August 2009, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

European Patent Office	NOK, NZD
Japan Patent Office	KRW
Nordic Patent Institute	NOK
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	NOK
United States Patent and Trademark Office	ZAR

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

Australian Patent Office	KRW
European Patent Office	ZAR

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

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

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

PCT Regulations

July 2009 rule changes in English, French and Spanish

See “Changes to the PCT Procedure Which Will Enter into Force on 1 July 2009”, above.

January 2009 final edition and July 2009 provisional edition in German

The provisional consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT in German, as in force from 1 January 2009, has been replaced by a final text at:

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

and a provisional consolidated text, as in force from 1 July 2009, is now available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf

January 2009 final edition and July 2009 provisional edition in Portuguese

The provisional consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT in Portuguese, as in force from 1 January 2009, has been replaced by a final text at:

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

and a provisional consolidated text, as in force from 1 July 2009, is now available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf

PowerPoint presentation

See “Changes to the PCT Procedure Which Will Enter into Force on 1 July 2009”, above.

Information on PCT fee reductions

Since 1 February 2009, the international search fee payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office is reduced by 75% if the application is filed in Spanish and the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income". The States concerned by this reduction are listed in a new table at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/oepm_fee_reduction.html

Filled-in Request and Demand Forms in Spanish

The filled-in July 2008 versions of the Request Form (PCT/RO/101) and Demand Form (PCT/IPEA/401) are now available in Spanish, in PDF format, at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/request/filled_request.pdf and

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/demand/filled_demand.pdf

Updated tables

Restoration of the right of priority

The table of restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices (RO) and designated Offices (DO) under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2, in English, French and Russian has been updated at:

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

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

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

PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities

The table of PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish has been updated at:

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

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

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

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

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

PCT Webinars

The PCT webinars page has been updated to include archived recordings and PowerPoint presentations about “PCT-SAFE Electronic Filing” in English and an “Update on PCT matters”, in Russian. See:

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

Practical Advice

International application considered withdrawn by receiving Office after having been accorded an international filing date

Q: I was notified six weeks ago of the receipt of an international application by the receiving Office, and of the according of an international filing date for that application. However, I have just received from that Office a notification under PCT Rule 29.4 that it now intends, in accordance with PCT Article 14(4), to declare the international application withdrawn due to its non-compliance with PCT Article 11(1)(i) (namely, because the applicants do not have the right to file an international application since they are neither nationals nor residents of a PCT Contracting State). If, within one month from the invitation, I cannot find arguments which are accepted by the receiving Office that the applicants have the right to file, the international application will be considered withdrawn. Should this check not have been carried out by the receiving Office before it accorded the international filing date? Can an international filing date once accorded subsequently be taken away so long after the filing of the international application?

A: At the time of receipt of the international application, the receiving Office should indeed check whether the requirements for according an international filing date are fulfilled, including whether the applicant does not obviously lack, for reasons of residence or nationality, the right to file an international application with the receiving Office (see PCT Article 11(1)(i) and PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, paragraphs 39 and 40). There may, however, be rare cases where the Office concerned fails to detect this defect, or any other defect under PCT Article 11(1), at the time of receipt, and thus erroneously accords an international filing date to the application. Under PCT Article 14(4), the receiving Office is entitled to later declare that the application should be considered withdrawn. Note that, under PCT Rule 29.3, if the receiving Office fails to detect the defect, but the International Bureau or the International Searching Authority does detect the defect and therefore considers that the receiving Office should have made a finding under PCT Article 14(4), it will bring the relevant facts to the attention of the receiving Office.

The receiving Office has up to four months from the international filing date to find that any of the requirements listed in items (i) to (iii) of PCT Article 11(1) was not complied with at the international filing date (PCT Rule 30). After the expiration of this four-month period, the receiving Office may no longer raise this issue.

Before issuing any declaration that the international application is considered withdrawn, the receiving Office notifies the applicant of its intention to issue such a declaration and of the reasons therefor (see PCT Article 14(1)(b)). Under the PCT Regulations currently in force, this permits the applicant to submit arguments within one month from the notification (see PCT Rule 29.4). As from 1 July 2009, however, the time limit given to the applicants for submitting arguments will increase from one month to two months from the date of the notification of the receiving Office's intention to make the above-mentioned declaration (see PCT Rule 29.4, new sub-paragraph (a)).

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 11 June 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
22 June 2009 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05
24 June 2009 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Tokyo, above)
25 June 2009 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Tokyo, 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
16-17 July 2009 Arlington, VA (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
17 September 2009 London (GB)	English	Online Filing Using PCT-SAFE, a practical course for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speaker: Ms. Featherby	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk Internet: www.management-forum.co.uk
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
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
21 October 2009 Savannah, GA (US)	English	PCT presentation 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 (available shortly): http://www.alanet.org/meetingevents/ip/index.aspx
29-30 October 2009 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and other speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com

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(situation on 11 June 2009)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
2–3 November 2009 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and other speaker to be announced	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
5–6 November 2009 Boston, MA (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and other speaker to be announced	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Kristine Ferrigno) E-mail: Kristine.Ferrigno@hbsr.com Tel: (1-978) 341 00 36
20 November 2009 Eindhoven (NL)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	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
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
10 December 2009 London (GB)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
3 June 2009 11.00 am to 12.00 am Moscow time (9.00 am to 10.00 am central European time)	Russian	Update on PCT matters, including the new Supplementary International Search system and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT community WIPO speaker: Mr. Gavrikov	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/483782674
17 June 2009 10 am to 11 am Santiago time (4.00 pm to 5.00 pm central European time)	Spanish	PCT update for Spain and Latin America, including the new Supplementary International Search system and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT community WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernandez-Vigaud	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/834202171

Other IP events

Conference on Intellectual Property and Public Policy Issues, International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland, 13–14 July 2009. Deadline for registration: June 30, 2009.

The Conference will address issues relating to the interface of intellectual property with other areas of public policy, notably health, the environment, climate change and food security, and will serve as a global forum to discuss issues and solutions to some of the major challenges in relation to intellectual property that the world faces today. The event is open to the general public and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

For further information see: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2009/ip_gc_ge/

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 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
		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	DZD	Algerian dinar	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
				LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 June 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
					Item 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	19	124	247	371	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	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT 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 1,494	17	112	225	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 1,184	eq USD 13	eq USD 89	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 June 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	
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	9	–	122	182	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	517	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	152,800 (from 15.6.09:129,200) (from 15.8.09:150,600)	1,700 (1,500) (1,700)	11,500 (9,700) (11,300)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	103,900 (from 1.7.09: 116,300)	1,200 (1,300)	7,800 (8,700)	– (–)	23,400 (26,200)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 June 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 1,184	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 2,082	23	157	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
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 34.34	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	RUR 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 8,800 (from 1.7.09: 9,780)	100 (110)	660 (740)	1,320 (1,470)	1,980 (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
TN	TND ⁹ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 June 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	
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 11,230 (from 15.8.09: 9,830)	130 (110)	840 (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 June 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 USD 1,091 * (from 1.9.09: 1,525,000)	CHF 1,294 ZAR 10,540 KRW 1,525,000	EUR 855	KRW* 1,418,000	NZD 2,002	SGD 1,650		
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 15.6.09: 1,475)	CHF* 1,587 CHF 1,475	EUR 995	USD 1,309				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 366	EUR 241	USD 280				
EP ²⁰	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR**** 21,720 * (from 15.6.09: 1,530) ** (from 1.8.09: 285,000) *** (from 15.8.09: 14,760) **** (from 1.9.09: 19,190)	CHF 2,525 NOK*** 15,910 GBP 1,530 ISK 285,000 NOK 14,760 ZAR 19,190	DKK 12,670 NZD*** 4,178 ISK 244,000 NZD 3,960	GBP* 1,619 SEK 18,280	ISK*, ** 284,000 SGD 3,270	JPY 212,600 USD 2,164		
ES ²⁰	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,525	USD 2,164					
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,525	USD 2,164					
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.7.09: 1,110) ** (from 15.7.09: 737) *** (from 15.8.09: 1,255,000)	CHF* 1,241 CHF 1,110 EUR 737 KRW 1,255,000	EUR** 812 USD 987	KRW*** 1,459,000	USD** 1,084			
KR	KRW 900,000 ²¹ USD 609 ²¹ KRW 450,000 ²² USD 304 ²²	AUD 976 ²¹ AUD 488 ²²	CHF 735 ²¹ CHF 367 ²²	EUR 475 ²¹ EUR 237 ²²	NZD 1,109 ²¹ NZD 554 ²²	SGD 919 ²¹ SGD 460 ²²		
RU ²³	USD 500	CHF 573	EUR 390					
SE	SEK 18,280 USD 2,164 * (from 15.6.09: 244,000) ** (from 1.8.09: 285,000) *** (from 15.8.09: 14,760)	CHF 2,525 ISK 244,000 ISK 285,000 NOK 14,760	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK*, ** 284,000	NOK*** 15,910		
US	USD 2,080 * (from 15.8.09: 17,400)	CHF 2,323 ZAR 17,400	EUR 1,596	NZD 3,808	ZAR* 20,434			
XN	DKK 12,670 * (from 15.6.09: 244,000) ** (from 1.8.09: 285,000) *** (from 15.8.09: 14,760)	CHF 2,525 ISK 244,000 ISK 285,000 NOK 14,760	EUR 1,700	ISK*, ** 284,000	NOK*** 15,910	USD 2,164		

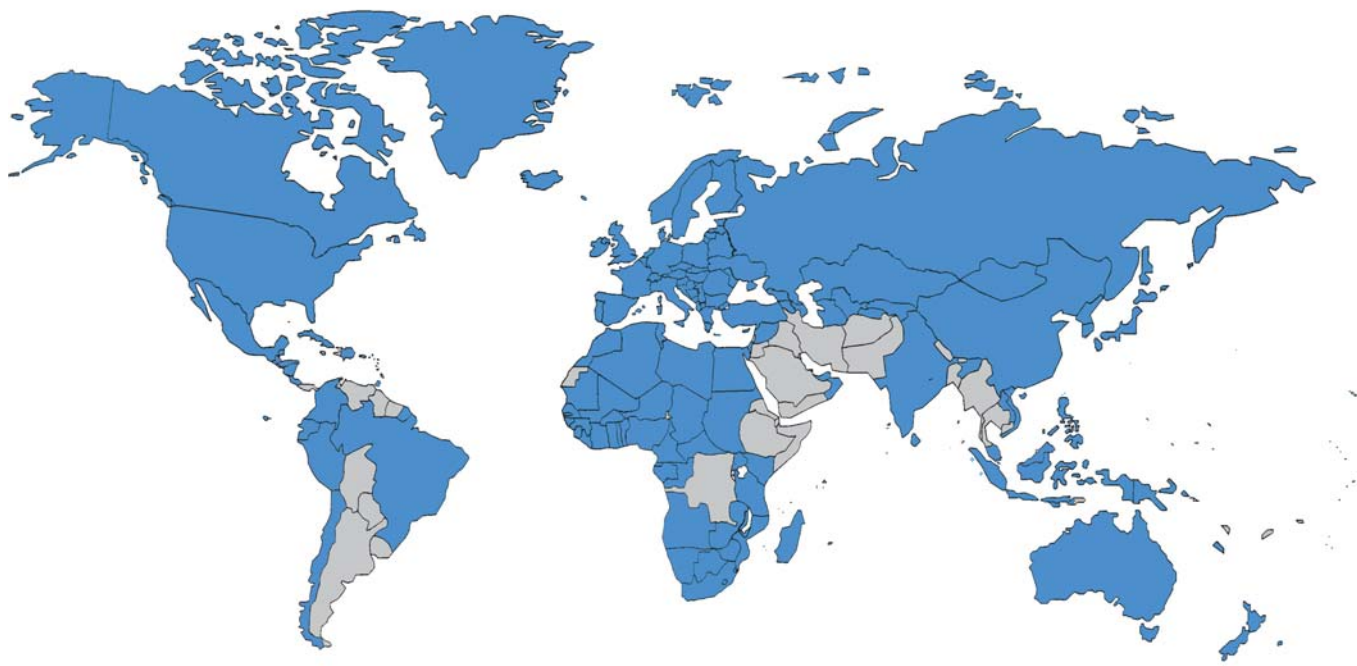
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 June 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁴		Handling fee ^{2, 24} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²⁵	AUD	247
CA	CAD	800		CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁰	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 ²³	USD	200 ²⁶	300 ²⁷	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,490
US	USD	600	750 ²⁸	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 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.
- 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 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 20 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>
- 21 For international applications filed in English.
- 22 For international applications filed in Korean.
- 23 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.
- 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 (141 on 1 June 2009)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP) ⁴	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania ¹	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino ⁵
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FR France (EP) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	NO Norway (EP) ³	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LR Liberia	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PE Peru (from 6 June 2009)	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MA Morocco	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RS Serbia ¹	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile (from 2 June 2009)	HN Honduras	ME Montenegro	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP) ³	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)		SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			
	IL Israel			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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 International applications filed on or after 1 July 2009 will include the designation of this State for a European patent.

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

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated July 2008; the modified version of the request form dated July 2009 should be used on or after 1 July 2009) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

Combined July-August issue

Exceptionally, this is a joint issue of the *PCT Newsletter*. A separate issue will not be published during the month of August. However, please note that if, before the next issue is published in September, any important PCT news items arise which we feel PCT users should be aware of, we will announce them by way of the PCT e-mail updating service. If you are not already subscribed to this service, which notifies PCT users when each issue of the *PCT Newsletter* becomes available and makes other ad hoc announcements, you can subscribe to it, free of charge, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/lists/subscribe/pct-general>

Furthermore, please note that the PCT Seminar Calendar and PCT Fee Tables will be updated on an ongoing basis during the month of August and may be consulted at, respectively:

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

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

National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) to Begin Functioning as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

It is recalled that the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) was appointed as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT by the PCT Assembly in October 2007. The Office has notified WIPO that it will begin functioning as an ISA and an IPEA with effect from 7 August 2009.

For information on the fees that will be payable to that Office in its capacity as ISA and IPEA, see "PCT Information Update", below. Other information on the Office in its capacity as ISA and IPEA will be published shortly in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D and E.

Further Modifications to the Administrative Instructions

In addition to the modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT which were notified in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009 and published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 14 May 2009, modifications have also been made to Sections 102, 102bis, 204, 205, 312, 417 and 707 of the Administrative Instructions with effect from 1 July 2009. The modifications take into account amendments to the PCT Regulations that entered into force on 1 July 2009, and also consist of certain clarifications and corrections. The modifications were published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 2 July 2009 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

and the consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions have been updated accordingly at:

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

Change to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 11 September 2009

Due to the fact that Thursday, 10 September 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, 11 September 2009. The completion of technical preparations for that publication will therefore take place earlier than the usual 15 days before publication, on Wednesday, 26 August 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, 25 August 2009.)

Publication of 24 September 2009

Due to the fact that Thursday, 10 September 2009 will be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on Thursday, 24 September 2009 will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 8 September 2009 (instead of on Wednesday, 9 September 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, 7 September 2009.

PCT Information Update

CA Canada (fees)

As from 1 September 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 amount in CAD of the PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reduction(s) 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))

CL Chile (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office.

FI Finland (requirements and practices regarding the filing of international applications in electronic form)

Changes to the notification of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, in its capacity as receiving Office, regarding the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, in particular, the replacement of the part relating to the filing of backup copies by a text relating to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format, have been published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 9 July 2009 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

GB United Kingdom (fees)

The United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) has notified the International Bureau of a fee for the transmittal of a copy of an earlier application to the International Searching Authority, applicable since 1 July 2008. The amount of the fee is GBP 5.

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

IL Israel (fees)

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, has changed with effect from 1 July 2009, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

For patent:

filing fee:.....	ILS	994
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IL) and National Chapter, Summary (IL))

KR Republic of Korea (means of telecommunication)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified a change with relation to the filing of documents by fax, applicable since 1 July 2009: the original of the document now needs to be furnished only upon invitation.

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

PE Peru (receiving Office functions, competent International Authorities)

The National Institute of Defense of Competition and of Protection of Intellectual Property (Peru) has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 19.4(a)(iii), it will forward international applications filed with it in its capacity as receiving Office to the International Bureau as receiving Office for further processing, with effect from 6 June 2009.

The National Institute of Defense of Competition and of Protection of Intellectual Property has specified the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Peru, with effect from 6 June 2009.

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 15 September 2009, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office.....	USD
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Korean Intellectual Property OfficeSGD, USD

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

Australian Patent OfficeEUR, SGD

Canadian Intellectual Property OfficeUSD

European Patent OfficeUSD

United States Patent and Trademark OfficeEUR, NZD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (AU, CA, EP, KR, US))

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) has notified the amount which will be payable in BRR, as from 7 August 2009, for an international search carried out by it, as indicated in Fee Table I(b). The equivalent amounts of that fee in other currencies will be published once they have been established. The amounts of the following fees have also been established:

Additional search fee:BRR 1,530

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per page:BRR 2

Note that all the above-mentioned fees are reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.

Fees relating to the international preliminary examination (National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) has notified the amount which will be payable in BRR, as from 7 August 2009, for an international preliminary examination carried out by it, as indicated in Fee Table II. The equivalent amounts of that fee in other currencies will be published once they have been established. The amounts of the following fees have also been established:

Additional preliminary examination fee:BRR 410

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, per page:BRR 2

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per page:BRR 2

Note that all the above-mentioned fees are reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.041.217, dated 1 July 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 217”) includes the following changes:

- modifications to the software functionality and the request form to reflect the July 2009 changes to the Administrative Instructions relating to sequence listings;
- the Chinese language version of PCT-SAFE has been merged into the main release;
- the addition of new PCT Contracting States, Chile (CL) (with effect from 2 June 2009) and Peru (PE) (with effect from 6 June 2009), and new Contracting State of the European Patent Convention, San Marino (SM) (with effect from 1 July 2009);
- characters in the file reference field of the electronic request form have been limited to letters of the Latin alphabet, Arabic numerals and hyphen (-);
- updated fee schedules (where applicable); and
- other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements and PCT updates.

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

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

Note that, as far as the modifications relating to sequence listings are concerned, for applicants who are not yet able to upgrade their existing PCT-SAFE installation, see the second paragraph from the end of the “Practical Advice” in this issue for information on a work-around measure.

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

(www.wipo.int/pctdb)

Full-text search available in Korean and English for international applications filed in XML format

As from 2 July 2009, the PATENTSCOPE® search service will support keyword searches in Korean and English where international applications are filed electronically in XML format:

- on or after 1 January 2009 with the Korean Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office in Korean or English; or
- with the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office in English (it is recalled that full-text searches became possible for international applications filed electronically in Japanese on 3 July 2008 – see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2008, page 5).

The searchable text data will include the descriptions and claims of international applications fulfilling the above-mentioned conditions which are published on or after 2 July 2009. Note that if an international application is the subject of an amendment to the claims under PCT

Article 19, or to modifications under PCT Rules 26, 37.2 and 91, the XML data of the international application will be updated.

It is recalled that full-text data search is already possible in the following languages: English, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish, however in the case of those languages which use Latin characters (English, French, German and Spanish), where the original text is not in XML format, the searchable text format is obtained by applying Optical Character Recognition (OCR) procedures to the scanned images of the document. This format may, therefore, contain discrepancies with the original and should not be accorded a legal value (the top of the document will specify that the text has been obtained by OCR if this is the case). The PDF version of a document, which contains scanned images, is the legal text.

New PCT national phase information

The PATENTSCOPE® search service now includes PCT national phase information for Singapore and Viet Nam, thus bringing the total number of Offices which furnish such information to 36. It is recalled that information on whether an international application has entered the national/regional phase, as well as other information relating to the national/regional phase can, where the designated or elected Office has furnished the relevant information to the IB, be accessed by clicking on the “national phase” tab of the international application concerned. For a complete list of offices and dates covered by this service, see:

<http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/nationalphase.jsp>

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

PCT Statistics

See “PCT Statistics”, below.

PCT Regulations

Consolidated texts in German, Japanese and Portuguese, as in force from 1 July 2009

The provisional consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT in German and Portuguese, as in force from 1 July 2009, have been replaced by the final texts at, respectively:

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

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

The consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2009, is also available in Japanese at:

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

PCT Forms

Request form (PCT/RO/101)

The July 2009 version of the request form is now available in editable PDF format in German, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish as well as in English and French, and the flat PDF version of that form is available in Chinese, and will be available shortly in Arabic. Furthermore,

filled-in examples of the request form are now available in English, French, German and Spanish.

Demand form (PCT/IPEA/401)

The July 2009 version of the demand form is now available in editable PDF format in English, French, German, Portuguese and Spanish and will be available shortly in Arabic, Korean and Russian.

All the above-mentioned forms are available at:

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

Directives relating to the establishment of new equivalent amounts of certain fees

The Directives of the PCT Assembly, as referred to in PCT Rules 15.2(d), 16.1(d) and 57.2(e), relating to the establishment of new equivalent amounts of certain fees, as in force since 1 January 2004, are now available in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

Seminar materials

Seminar materials covering all aspects of the PCT procedure have been updated in Japanese (on 1 June 2009) and Spanish (on 17 June 2009), and are available at:

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

PCT in the news

The latest edition of the *WIPO Magazine* features an article entitled “Photovoltaic Technology – Sunny Side Up”. It explains how, buoyed by government incentives, the solar energy industry is thriving and research is opening new avenues and bringing down costs, and points out that the number of solar energy-related patent applications filed under the PCT is increasing significantly (they have tripled from 2004 to 2008, rising from 460 to 1,411).

This article, as well as other extracts from the *WIPO Magazine*, is 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*.

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (paper version)

The International Bureau has published revised paper versions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2009, in German and Portuguese. These printed and bound editions include all amendments to the PCT Regulations which have entered into force since the last editions were published, as in force from 1 April 2007 and 1 January 1993, respectively.

The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate the language in

which the publication is required, should be addressed to the Product Marketing and Distribution Unit at WIPO:

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Switzerland

As indicated above, the electronic texts, as in force from 1 July 2009, are also available on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/index.htm>
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/index.htm>

As mentioned in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, the paper version of this publication, as in force from 1 January 2009, is available in English, French and Spanish. For the convenience of PCT users, a booklet containing only the PCT rules which entered into force on 1 July 2009, can be printed out, cut to the appropriate size and inserted in the paper version of that publication in those languages. The booklet is available on the PCT Resources page at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf
http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf
http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf

PCT Statistics

Top PCT applicants in 2008

An extended version of the list of the top PCT applicants (with six or more applications published in 2008) is now available on the WIPO website at (scroll down to “General Statistics”):

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

The International Patent System in 2008

The statistical review entitled “The International Patent System in 2008 – PCT Yearly Review: Developments and Performance” is now available in PDF format as well as in HTML format. The French and Spanish translations of the review are also now available in both those formats. See, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/index.html>
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/activity/index.html>
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/activity/index.html>

News from the EPO

Additional information about new fee structure

The European Patent Office (EPO) has recently published a notice which supplements point 3.2 of the “Notice from the European Patent Office dated 26 January 2009 concerning the 2009 fee structure”, which was summarized in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2009, on page 4. Point 3.2 concerns the additional fee as part of the filing fee for PCT applications entering the regional phase before the EPO. The new notice, which deals with cases where the international application has not been published in an official language of the EPO, has been published in the *Official Journal EPO*, No. 5/2009, page 338 at:

http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj009/05_09/05_3389.pdf

and is also available at:

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

Japan Patent Office: New HTML to XML Converter

The Japan Patent Office (JPO), with the collaboration of the Japanese National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training (INPIT), has modified an XML conversion tool which is used for its domestic applications, so that it will work within an English language environment. This new tool, which is available free-of-charge, complies with the Common Application Format (CAF) (a common standard for the presentation of applications to the European Patent Office, the JPO and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, which is itself compatible with PCT requirements – see *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008, page 6). It gives PCT users a facility, suitable for use when filing international applications in electronic form, to create XML files or PDF files, based on documents created in Microsoft® Word or using other word processors which are able to export into HTML format. In addition to the tool for converting documents from HTML to XML, the JPO also provides a preprocessing tool for adding paragraph numbers and brackets for headings in Microsoft® Word using a macro to reformat documents for the application body (that is, the description, claims, drawings and abstract). The reformatted documents are saved in HTML format and then converted by the editor.

Please note that this tool is provided by, as well as maintained by, the JPO. Further information about this new tool, as well as contact information, is available on the JPO website at:

http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi_e/t_torikumi_e/e_meisai_xml.htm

and the software itself may be downloaded at:

<https://dl-sv1.pcinfo.jpo.go.jp/html2xml/index.html>

It is recalled that the international filing fee is reduced by 300 Swiss francs or the equivalent where the request and the text of the description, claims and abstract are in character coded format (for example, when international applications are filed in XML format using the PCT-SAFE software), or by 200 Swiss francs or the equivalent where the request is in character coded format and the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format (for example, where the application is filed in PDF format using the PCT-SAFE software) (see the Schedule of Fees which is annexed to the PCT Regulations).

Practical Advice

The options available for the filing of international applications containing sequence listings

Q: I have heard that a number of changes took place on 1 July 2009 concerning the filing of sequence listings, for example, that there is no longer a fee benefit for sequence listings over 400 pages. As I plan on filing an international application containing a sequence listing of about 500 pages, please could you explain the options available to me for filing the sequence listing part – will I now have to pay a fee per sheet for that part?

A: It is recalled that where international applications disclose nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, a sequence listing must be presented as a separate part of the description (“sequence listing part of the description”) in accordance with PCT Rule 5.2(a) and the Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings in PCT applications which is contained in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

Former Part 8 of the Administrative Instructions (Sections 801 to 806), which permitted the filing of the sequence listing part of the international application to be filed in electronic form on a physical medium (for example, a CD), together with the remainder of the application on paper (sometimes referred to as “mixed-mode” filings), was introduced in 2001 as a temporary solution to problems arising from the filing of very large sequence listings on paper, which were difficult to handle for applicants and Offices and very expensive for applicants. Now that applicants may, and do to an increasing extent, file international applications in electronic form, such temporary provisions have become less relevant, and Part 8 of the Administrative Instructions has been deleted with effect from 1 July 2009.

Although the benefit of paying a maximum of 400 times the fee per sheet of sequence listing, regardless of the length of the sequence listing, is no longer available to applicants subsequent to the deletion of Part 8 of the Administrative Instructions, the newly modified Administrative Instructions governing the filing of sequence listings will, in general, be beneficial to applicants, International Authorities and designated Offices, as will be explained below.

For international applications filed on or after 1 July 2009, according to modified Section 707(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, where a sequence listing is contained in an international application filed in electronic form (presuming that the receiving Office concerned is prepared to accept international applications in the electronic forms concerned), 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 sequence listing standard in the Administrative Instructions, Annex C, paragraph 40 (hereinafter: “text format”). That is, you do not pay any page fees at all for the sequence listing if the international application is filed in electronic form and the sequence listing is provided as a text file in the appropriate format, for example as output from the dedicated PatentIn software (available free of charge from the European Patent Office website at: <http://www.epo.org/patents/Grant-procedure/Filing-an-application/European-applications/Filing-options/PatentIn-filing-software.html>, or from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) website at: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/patin/patentin.htm>). You will also benefit from the fee reductions (of between 100 and 300 Swiss francs, depending on the type of filing involved) which apply generally to electronic filings.

Moreover, by providing the sequence listing in text format, the sequence listing should also be usable, under PCT Rule 13*ter*, for the purposes of international search (and examination) and there will be no need to file a second copy for that purpose.

The other, albeit more costly options, for filing sequence listings are:

- (1) filing the international application in electronic form, including the sequence listing in electronic form, but in an image format, rather than in a text format (for example, having converted the text format to PDF format); or
- (2) filing the international application on paper, in which case the sequence listing must also be included in paper form (as would be the case, for instance, where the application is filed using the PCT-EASY functionality of the PCT-SAFE software). In the case of paper filings, only sequence listings filed for the purposes of international search under PCT Rule 13*ter* may be filed in electronic form on a physical medium.

In both of the above cases, you would have to pay full page fees for the entire application, including for each page of the sequence listing in image format. Therefore, in terms of fees payable, this option would seem to be feasible where there are only a small number of pages of sequence listings in the application. Furthermore, you may in any case be invited to furnish a sequence listing in text format for the International Searching Authority (ISA) (and, where applicable, the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA)) for search (or examination) purposes only, and if this is furnished later in response to an invitation by the ISA or IPEA, a late furnishing fee may be payable to the Authority concerned (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)).

Note that if your international application contains tables related to sequence listings, these tables must be included as an integral part of the description in the same format as the remainder of the application, that is, where the international application is filed on paper, any tables must also be included on paper. The pages containing such tables will count as regular pages of description, irrespective of the format in which they are submitted (whether on paper or in electronic form) (noting that such pages are not machine-readable in the way that sequence listings in text format are).

Applicants filing international applications with the USPTO as receiving Office (RO/US) should note that the e-filing system of the USPTO, EFS-Web, permits two methods of filing the sequence listing with the application:

- (1) the sequence listing may be uploaded directly along with the body of the international application – in this case, the file should preferably be in text format (without page fees) but may be in PDF format (with full page fees); or
- (2) in the case of a sequence listing larger than 100 MB, it may be deposited separately on a physical medium (CD) at the USPTO on the same day as the international filing date – in this case, the file may only be in text format.

Applicants filing an international application containing tables related to sequence listings with RO/US via EFS-Web should note that these tables must be an integral part of the description in PDF format only (with full page fees payable).

The revised Administrative Instructions relating to the filing of sequence listings in text format therefore encourage applicants to furnish the sequence listings in a format which is not cumbersome, is searchable and can therefore be used for search and examination purposes as well as for disclosure, can be used by the designated Offices in the national phase, and which enables applicants to save money by not having to pay any page fees.

Applicants are reminded to use the July 2009 version of the request form (PCT/RO/101), which has been revised to take into account the above-mentioned changes, when filing international applications on or after 1 July 2009. It is recalled that there are two alternative last sheets of the request form: the one which is headed “CHECK LIST for PAPER filings” should be used if the applicant intends to file the international application on paper; the one which is headed “CHECK LIST for EFS-Web filings” should only be used if the applicant intends to file the request form online with the USPTO as receiving Office via EFS-Web. A new version of the PCT-SAFE software, which takes into account the new method of page fee calculation, is available at:

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

For applicants who are not able to upgrade their existing PCT-SAFE installation immediately, where a text file has been uploaded, it is possible to manually change the “number of pages” for the sequence listing to zero, which will then give the correct fee calculation. Note, however, that if the sequence listing is filed in PDF format and is more than 400 pages long, the fee calculation will be incorrect if using an earlier version of the software because it only counts to a maximum of 400 pages for the sequence listing, and it is not possible to manually modify the page count in this case.

For further information on the changes regarding the filing of sequence listings and tables related to sequence listings, see the PowerPoint presentation “Amendments to the Regulations and other practice changes – July 1, 2009” at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2009practice_changes.ppt

The text of the modifications of the Administrative Instructions (as in force from 1 July 2009) concerning sequence listings was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 14 May 2009 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

and the consolidated texts of the Administrative Instructions and Annex F (Standard for Filing and Processing in Electronic Form) are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai_july2009.html

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 July 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
16–17 July 2009 Arlington, VA (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1–703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1–703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
31 August 2009 Santiago (CL)	Spanish	PCT presentation on “The PCT and its role in the protection of innovation” within the framework of the “Jornada ACHIPI” WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	Asociación Chilena de la Propiedad Industrial (ACHIPI) (Mr. Rodrigo León Urrutia) Tel: (562) 372 04 40 Fax: (562) 372 04 44 E-mail: rleon@silva.cl
15–16 September 2009 Berlin (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
17 September 2009 London (GB)	English	Online Filing Using PCT-SAFE, a practical course for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speaker: Ms. Featherby	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk Internet: www.management-forum.co.uk
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
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: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
21 October 2009 Savannah, GA (US)	English	PCT presentation 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 (available shortly)): http://www.alanet.org/meetingevents/ip/index.aspx
22–23 October 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
29–30 October 2009 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and other speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
2–3 November 2009 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and other speaker to be announced	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
5–6 November 2009 Boston, MA (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and other speaker to be announced	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Kristine Ferrigno) E-mail: Kristine.Ferrigno@hbsr.com Tel: (1-978) 341 00 36
20 November 2009 Eindhoven (NL)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	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
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
10 December 2009 London (GB)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

Other IP events

Conference on Intellectual Property and Public Policy Issues, International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland, 13–14 July 2009. Deadline for registration: June 30, 2009.

The Conference will address issues relating to the interface of intellectual property with other areas of public policy, notably health, the environment, climate change and food security, and will serve as a global forum to discuss issues and solutions to some of the major challenges in relation to intellectual property that the world faces today. The event is open to the general public and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

For further information see: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2009/ip_gc_ge/

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 July 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
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit		
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
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 July 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 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP SE
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 1,184	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	BRR 305	BRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT 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 1,494 (from 1.9.09: 1,393)	17 (16)	112 (105)	225 (210)	337 (314)	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	Information not yet available						
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 July 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	9	–	122	182	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	129,200 (from 15.8.09:150,600)	1,500 (1,700)	9,700 (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]

(amounts on 1 July 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	
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 2,082	23	157	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	Information not yet available						
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 34.34	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	RUR 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]

(amounts on 1 July 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	
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 11,230 (from 15.8.09: 9,830)	130 (110)	840 (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 July 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 USD*** 1,091 * (from 1.10.09: ** (from 1.9.09: *** (from 15.9.09:	CHF 1,294 ZAR 10,540 EUR 916 KRW 1,525,000 USD 1,278)	EUR* 855 SGD 1,870)	KRW** 1,418,000	NZD 2,002	SGD* 1,650		
BR ²⁰	(from 7.8.09: BRR 1,900 (equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been established))							
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 1.10.09:	CHF 1,475 USD 1,419)	EUR 995	USD* 1,309				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 366	EUR 241	USD 280				
EP ²¹	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR**** 21,720 * (from 1.8.09: ** (from 15.8.09: *** (from 1.10.09: **** (from 1.9.09:	CHF 2,525 NOK** 15,910 ISK 285,000 NOK 14,760 USD 2,378 ZAR 19,190)	DKK 12,670 NZD** 4,178 NZD 3,960)	GBP 1,530 SEK 18,280	ISK* 244,000 SGD 3,270	JPY 212,600 USD*** 2,164		
ES ²¹	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,525	USD 2,164					
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,525	USD 2,164					
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 15.7.09: ** (from 15.8.09:	CHF 1,110 EUR 737 KRW 1,255,000)	EUR* 812 USD 987)	KRW** 1,459,000	USD* 1,084			
KR	KRW 900,000 ²² USD* 609 ²² KRW 450,000 ²³ USD* 304 ²³ * (from 15.9.09:	AUD 976 ²² AUD 488 ²³ SGD 1,048 ²²	CHF 735 ²² CHF 367 ²³ 524 ²³	EUR 475 ²² EUR 237 ²³ USD 729 ²²	NZD 1,109 ²² NZD 554 ²³ 364 ²³)	SGD* 919 ²² SGD* 460 ²³		
RU ²⁴	USD 500	CHF 573	EUR 390					
SE	SEK 18,280 USD 2,164 * (from 1.8.09: ** (from 15.8.09:	CHF 2,525 ISK 285,000 NOK 14,760)	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK* 244,000	NOK** 15,910		
US	USD 2,080 * (from 1.10.09: ** (from 15.8.09:	CHF 2,323 EUR 1,486 ZAR 17,400)	EUR* 1,596 NZD 3,250)	NZD* 3,808	ZAR** 20,434			
XN	DKK 12,670 * (from 1.8.09: ** (from 15.8.09:	CHF 2,525 ISK 285,000 NOK 14,760)	EUR 1,700	ISK* 244,000	NOK** 15,910	USD 2,164		

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

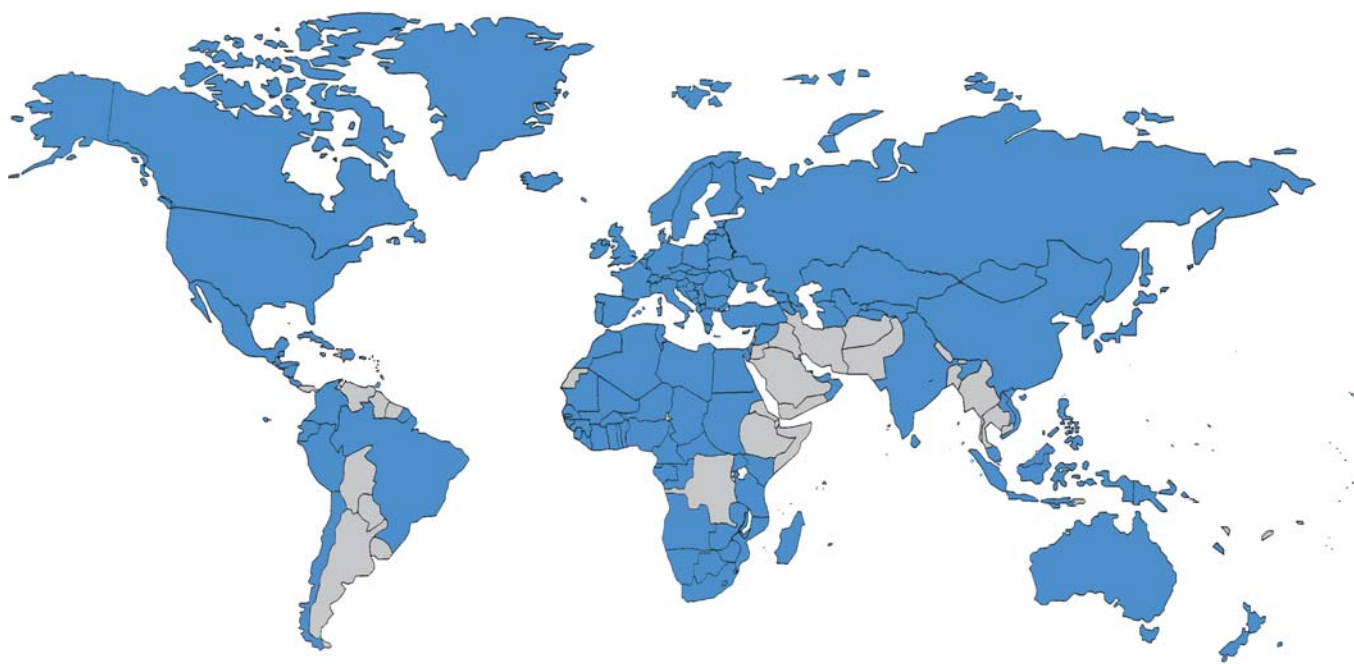
(amounts on 1 July 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁵		Handling fee ^{2, 25} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²⁶	AUD	247
BR ²⁰	(from 7.8.09: BRR	710)	BRR (not yet established)		
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 ²⁴	USD	200 ²⁷	300 ²⁸	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,490	
US	USD	600	750 ²⁹	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 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.
- 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 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 20 Will begin operations on 7 August 2009. This fee will be 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 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.
- 25 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 26 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 27 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 28 In all cases where footnote 27 does not apply.
- 29 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 (141 on 1 July 2009)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP) ¹	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	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NE Niger (OA) ²	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NG Nigeria	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NI Nicaragua	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TN Tunisia
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia	NO Norway (EP) ³	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	NZ New Zealand	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP)	OM Oman	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PE Peru	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PH Philippines	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	PL Poland (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	ME Montenegro	RS Serbia ¹	ZA South Africa
CL Chile	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP) ³		SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)		SD Sudan (AP)	
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SE Sweden (EP)	
CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SG Singapore	
	IL Israel			
	IN India			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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.

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

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated July 2009) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

The Upcoming Session of the PCT Assembly

The 40th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) will be held in Geneva between 22 September and 1 October 2009, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

All documents mentioned below, which have been submitted to the PCT Assembly for discussion at its next session, are available, or will shortly become available, at:

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

At this session, the PCT Assembly will be invited to adopt proposed amendments to the PCT Regulations (document PCT/A/40/2 Rev.) in relation to the following:

- supplementary international search (clarification of the extent to which Authorities may define the scope of 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 (with consequential changes also being proposed to the Directives of the PCT Assembly made under the relevant rules and to the Agreements between the International Bureau and International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities).

The Assembly may also, following advice from the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation which will meet during the same period, be invited to appoint the Egyptian Patent Office and the Israel Patent Office as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT (documents PCT/A/40/4 and 5).

Furthermore, the Assembly will be invited to take note of the 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), to approve a recommendation concerning further work of the Working Group and to take note of a document relating to quality management systems for International Authorities (document PCT/A/40/3).

Finally, the Assembly will be invited to grant 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 (for the international registration of marks and industrial designs, respectively) (document PCT/A/40/6).

Comprehensive PCT User Survey

A comprehensive survey of PCT users was conducted between 1 October 2008 and 31 January 2009, and was completed by 480 respondents.

Survey respondents confirmed that the PCT system is functioning generally well, with many respondents expressing high levels of satisfaction with the information products and services provided by the International Bureau (IB).

Although there was general satisfaction with the services provided by receiving Offices and International Authorities, a number of areas for improvement were identified: timeliness (mainly in respect of receipt of international search reports, and with certain aspects of the search and examination procedure), electronic filing simplification, quality of search and examination reports, frequency of legal changes, use of PCT search and examination reports in the national phase, and the level of PCT fees.

For further details, see the Executive Summary, and the more detailed PCT User Survey Report at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/pct_survey_2009.pdf

We would like to thank those of you who took the time to complete the survey, and, wherever possible, the IB will try to take those comments into account. If you missed the opportunity to take part in the survey, please note that PCT users may send comments at any time to the e-mail address of the PCT Legal Division: pct.legal@wipo.int

Withdrawal of Notification of Applicability of PCT Rule 4.9(b)

RU Russian Federation

Further to its notification of the applicability of PCT Rule 4.9(b) to the designation of the Russian Federation (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2003), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn its notification with effect from 5 June 2009.

This means that where the international application claims the priority of an earlier national application filed in the Russian Federation (RU), it is no longer necessary to exclude the RU designation in the international application in order to prevent the automatic withdrawal of the earlier national application. Box No. V of the request form, as well as the relevant part of the PCT-SAFE software, will be revised accordingly in due course.

PCT Information Update

AO Angola (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The International Bureau acting for the Angolan Institute of Industrial Property has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office and the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Angola with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 7 August 2009.

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

BR Brazil (language of filing; competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; languages of international applications on which it will carry out international search and preliminary examination)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) in its capacity as receiving Office has notified a change in its requirements concerning the language of filing of international

applications, with effect from 7 August 2009. The consolidated list of languages accepted by the Office for the filing of international applications is as follows:

English, Spanish or Portuguese

The National Institute of Industrial Property has also informed the International Bureau (IB) that it will act, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brazil with the National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office, with effect from 7 August 2009. It has also informed the IB that, for the purposes of international search and examination, it will accept:

- English, Portuguese and Spanish in respect of international applications filed with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as receiving Office;
- Portuguese and Spanish in respect of international applications filed with other receiving Offices established in the Latin American and Caribbean regions;
- Portuguese in respect of international applications filed with any other receiving Office.

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

GB United Kingdom (fees)

As from 15 October 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 amount in GBP of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4(c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

ID Indonesia (time limit for entry into the national phase)

The Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before it as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 28 May 2009, is 31 months from the priority date.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (ID) and of the table of Time Limits for Entering the National/Regional Phase under PCT Chapters I and II)

NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 October 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NZD 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 (NZ))

PE Peru (general information)

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

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

RU Russian Federation (telephone number; fees)

One of the telephone numbers of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) has changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (74-95) 956 81 09 (general)
(74-99) 240 25 91 (application processing)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Office as receiving Office, has changed with effect from 30 December 2008:

Fee for priority document:.....RUB 1,620

The Office has notified the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, with effect from 30 December 2008. The amount of this fee is RUB 1,350.

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

For patent:

Filing fee:RUB 5,400

Examination fee:

– for one invention:RUB 8,100

– for each invention in excess of one:RUB 6,480

Annual fee for the third year:.....RUB 2,700

For utility model:

Filing fee:RUB 2,700

Annual fee for the first and the second years, per year:..RUB 1,350

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

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

The International Bureau acting for the Industrial Property National Service has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office and 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, with effect from 7 August 2009.

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Nordic Patent Institute, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office (see also separate item on the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), below))

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2009 concerning the setting of the fee payable in BRL for an international search by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the equivalent amounts have now been established in CHF, EUR and USD.

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

European Patent Office	JPY
National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	USD
Nordic Patent Institute	USD
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.....	USD
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	USD

As from 15 October 2009, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

European Patent Office	ISK
Nordic Patent Institute	ISK
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	ISK

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

Australian Patent Office	CHF
European Patent Office	SGD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU), (EP), (ES), (FI), (SE) and (XN))

Search fee, supplementary search fee, preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to the international search and international preliminary examination (Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent))

There has been a change in the currency of payment of certain fees from US dollar (USD) to Russian rouble (RUB) and in the amounts payable in RUB for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), as indicated in Fee Table I(b), as well as a change in the amount of the following fees relating to international search, with effect from 30 December 2008:

Additional search fee: ¹	RUB	13,500
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report ² : the applicant receives together with the international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:		
For a patent document, per page:	RUB	10
For a non-patent document, per page:	RUB	30
Late furnishing fee: ¹	RUB	4,050

There has also been a change in the amount payable in RUB for a supplementary search carried out by that Office, as well as a change in the following fees payable to it, with effect from the same date:

Supplementary search fee, payable in equivalent in CHF ³ of:	RUB	9,450 (13,500) ⁴
Review fee: ⁵	RUB	4,050
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report ⁵ : the applicant receives together with the supplementary international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:		
For a patent document, per page:	RUB	10
For a non-patent document, per page:	RUB	30

Furthermore, there has been a change in the amount payable in RUB for an international preliminary examination carried out by that Office, as indicated in Fee Table II, as well as a change in the following fees payable to it, with effect from the same date:

Additional preliminary examination fee: ⁶	RUB	5,400 (8,100)
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(The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)).

¹ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances. For further details, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Annex RU.I, "How can payment of fees be effected, Fees" and the Rospatent website at: www1.fips.ru/wps/wcm/connect/content_ru/ru/activity_lines/poshl/poshl_bill#sw

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority. For further details on the payment of fees to the Authority, see the Rospatent website at: www1.fips.ru/wps/wcm/connect/content_ru/ru/about/structure/fips/fips_bill_tarif

³ That is, the equivalent amount in Swiss francs at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

⁴ The amount in parentheses is payable where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

⁵ For further details on the payment of fees to the Authority, see the Rospatent website at: www1.fips.ru/wps/wcm/connect/content_ru/ru/about/structure/fips/fips_bill_tarif

⁶ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances. For further details, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Annex RU.I, "How can payment of fees be effected, Fees" and the Rospatent website at: www1.fips.ru/wps/wcm/connect/content_ru/ru/activity_lines/poshl/poshl_bill#sw

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report⁷: the applicant receives together with the international preliminary examination report a copy of each document cited therein free of charge; in other cases:

For a patent document, per page:	RUB	10
For a non-patent document, per page:	RUB	30
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application ⁷ , per page:	RUB	80

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D, SISA and E (RU))

Handling fee (National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

The equivalent amount in BRL of the handling fee, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), has been established, as indicated in Fee Table II.

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

PCT Forms

The complete editable collection of the PCT receiving Office forms in English and French has been updated to include all the forms revised in July 2009.

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

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

German translations of certain of these forms are also available (in editable PDF) as well as of the revised ISA, IPEA and SISA forms.

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

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

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/sisa/index.html>

The International Bureau is grateful to its colleagues at the EPO for preparing these translations.

Users should also note that a collection of forms has been prepared containing those PCT forms that were in force until 30 June 2009, and which remain valid for certain international applications filed before 1 July 2009. The collection is available from the main "Forms" index page (see: "Forms in force until 30 June 2009"). French and German collections are also under preparation and will be available shortly.

⁷ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. For further details on the payment of fees to the Authority, see the Rospatent website at: www1.fips.ru/wps/wcm/connect/content_ru/ru/about/structure/fips/fips_bill_tarif

PCT Seminar materials

Seminar materials covering all aspects of the PCT procedure have been updated in German on 27 August 2009, and are available at:

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

PCT Regulations

The History of the PCT Regulations, a resource which charts chronologically, for each PCT Rule, any changes that have been made to that Rule, has been updated to include the July 2009 changes, and is available at:

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

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Agreements with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the following Authorities as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) under the PCT have been updated in English and French:

United States Patent and Trademark Office (with effect from 30 July 2009):

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) (with effect from 7 August 2009, the date on which this Office began operating as an ISA and IPEA):

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_br.pdf

Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) (with effect from 1 January 2009):

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf

Table of PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities

This table has been updated in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish following the receipt of a notification from the Russian Federation (see “Withdrawal of Notification of Applicability of PCT Rule 4.9(b)”, above) and is available at, respectively:

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

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

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

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

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

Time limits for entering the national phase

The table of time limits for entering the national phase has been updated with effect from 3 September 2009 at, respectively:

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

It is recalled that the table indicates, for each designated/elected Office, the time limits for entering the national (or regional) phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT.

Updating of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*

The July 2009 update of the International Phase and Index and the National Phase are nearly complete and will be available in English and French shortly after the publication of this issue of the *PCT Newsletter* at:

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/fr/index.html>

PCT in the news

The latest edition of the *WIPO Magazine* features an article entitled "Taking the Heat out of Bushfires with Innovative Technology", which looks at some of the research that is being carried out into measures for tackling bush fires. One interesting invention, a water-dispersing "bomb" made from biodegradable materials that extinguishes fires by extracting heat from them, is the subject of a PCT application. Further information, as well as other PCT-related extracts from the *WIPO Magazine*, is available at:

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

Comprehensive PCT User Survey

See separate item, above.

Seminars on the PCT for SMEs and Independent Inventors

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is organizing two one-day seminars on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and independent inventors. The seminars are scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 10 November 2009 in Baltimore, Maryland, and on Friday, 13 November 2009 in Las Vegas, Nevada, United States of America.

The purpose of these seminars is to provide participants with an overview of the PCT and to inform them about the advantages of using the PCT system. Although the seminars are targeted particularly to SMEs and independent inventors, they may also be of use to anyone who has a general interest in the PCT and in protecting their inventions internationally.

No registration fee will be charged for attending the seminars.

More information about the program and registration formalities can be found at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2009/pct_sme/november_10.html and

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2009/pct_sme/november_13.html

Practical Advice

Requesting the restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3 where the receiving Office does not apply such provisions

Q: I filed an international application, which, due to unavoidable circumstances, was received by the receiving Office one year and five days after the date of the only priority claim in the application. In order to safeguard my priority claim, I would have liked to have taken advantage of the provisions under PCT Rule 26bis.3 by requesting the receiving Office to restore the right of priority, however, the receiving Office with which the application was filed has notified under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) that the above-mentioned rule is incompatible with the national law applied by it. Is there any other way of safeguarding the priority claim?

A: Even if a receiving Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) of the incompatibility of PCT Rule 26bis.3 with its national law, PCT Rule 26bis.2(c)(iii), which is applicable to **all** receiving Offices, provides that a priority claim is not to be considered void for the purposes of the international phase if the international filing date is within two months from the date on which the priority period expired; therefore, the date of the earlier application will still serve as a basis to calculate time limits during the international phase. However, the fact that the priority claim is retained in the international application does not mean in any way that the validity of such a priority claim is assured in the national phase, and by taking no action at this stage, the actions required to remedy the situation before the designated Offices upon entering the national phase may be more cumbersome than those that would be required if you take action now, by requesting the restoration of the right of priority during the international phase before a receiving Office.

To do this, you could request your receiving Office, in accordance with PCT Rule 19.4(a)(iii), to transmit your international application to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), it being a competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of all PCT Contracting States. Since the RO/IB has not made a reservation under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j), you would then be able to request the IB, in its capacity as receiving Office, to restore the right of priority, provided that you do this within the time limit of two months from the date on which the 12-month priority period expired.

Note that if you had already submitted a request to restore the right of priority to your national receiving Office, that Office, as an Office which does not apply PCT Rule 26bis.3, would then, subject to your approval, have requested the RO/IB to agree to the transmittal of the international application to it for further processing (see the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, paragraph 166A). Any such request would be considered as having been received by the RO/IB in time, provided that it had reached the national receiving Office before the expiration of the applicable time limit under PCT Rule 26bis.3(e).

If the national receiving Office transmits your international application to the RO/IB (whether it be upon your request or otherwise), such transmittal may be subjected to the payment to the national receiving Office of a fee equal to the transmittal fee (see PCT Rule 19.4(b)); other fees paid (for example, the international filing fee and the search fee) will be refunded by the national receiving Office and you will be required to pay the applicable fees (for example, the transmittal fee, the international filing fee and the search fee) to the RO/IB. Note, however, that, although some receiving Offices charge a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)), the RO/IB does not charge such a fee. It is recalled that where the national receiving Office transmits an international application to the RO/IB for further processing, that

application is considered to have been received by the RO/IB on the date of receipt of the international application by the national receiving Office (see PCT Rule 19.4(b)), although for the purposes of payment of the necessary fees which are due upon filing the international application, the date on which the application was actually received by the RO/IB is considered to be the date of receipt of the international application (see PCT Rule 19.4(c)).

Since, in your case, the request for restoration of a priority claim would be made after the filing of the international application, you should make your request by way of a letter to the RO/IB. Your request for restoration should preferably be accompanied by any declaration or other evidence which may be necessary in support of the statement of reasons for the failure to file the international application within the priority period (see PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(f)). (Note that if a request for restoration is made at the time of filing, with either the RO/IB or another receiving Office the national law of which is compatible with PCT Rule 26*bis*.3, there is a special box under Box No. VI of the request form for making such a request – for further information, see the Notes to Box No. VI.) Provided that your request for restoration meets the necessary criteria (the RO/IB applies the “due care” and the “unintentional” criterion to such requests), the RO/IB will notify you of its decision and the criterion for restoration upon which the decision was based.

Please bear in mind, however, that even if the receiving Office restores the priority claim, the validity of that claim cannot be assured in the national phase, notably where the designated Office has notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility of PCT Rule 49*ter*.1 with its national law, but it may also depend on whether the designated Office applies the same criterion as the receiving Office. Where the receiving Office has made a finding that the failure to file that international application within the priority period occurred in spite of “due care” having been taken, that restoration is effective in each State (PCT Rule 49*ter*.1). However, where the receiving Office has restored a right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3 based on a finding that the failure to file that international application within the priority period was “unintentional”, the restoration will only be effective in designated States whose applicable national law provides for restoration based on that criterion, or on a criterion which is more favorable than that criterion (PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(b)).

Another option which is available to you, other than requesting the restoration of the right of priority during the international phase, is to request the restoration of the right of priority before each designated Office (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2). In accordance with PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(b)(i), such a request should be made within one month from the time limit under PCT Article 22. Such request will not, however, be accepted by designated Offices which have made a reservation under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(h).

For information on which Offices have made reservations in relation to PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(j) (“Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office”), 49*ter*.1(g) (“Effect of Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office [in Designated State]”) and 49*ter*.2(h) (“Restoration of Right of Priority by Designated Office”), see the table at:

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

For further information on requesting the restoration of the right of priority, see the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 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 September 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
15–16 September 2009 Berlin (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
17 September 2009 London (GB) [CANCELLED]	English	Online Filing Using PCT-SAFE, a practical course for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speaker: Ms. Featherby	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk Internet: www.management-forum.co.uk
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
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
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

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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: to be announced	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (Mr. Quan-Ling Sim) Tel: (41-22) 338 90 56 E-mail: QuanLing.Sim@wipo.int
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: to be announced	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (Mr. Quan-Ling Sim) Tel: (41-22) 338 90 56 E-mail: QuanLing.Sim@wipo.int
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
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
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 September 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
		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	RUB	Russian rouble		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 September 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	19	124	247	371		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 September 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 <i>(from 15.10.09: 753)</i>		9 <i>(8)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	122 <i>(113)</i>	182 <i>(170)</i>	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 <i>(filing by indiv: 2,000)</i>	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]

(amounts on 1 September 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	
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 2,082 (from 1.10.09: 1,907)	23 (22)	157 (143)	– (–)	– (–)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	Information not yet available						
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 34.34	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]

(amounts on 1 September 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	
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 September 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 USD*** 1,091 * (from 1.11.09: CHF 1,443) ** (from 1.10.09: EUR 916) *** (from 15.9.09: USD 1,278)	CHF* 1,294 ZAR 10,540 CHF 1,443	EUR** 855 SGD 1,870	KRW 1,525,000	NZD 2,002	SGD** 1,650		
BR ²⁰	BRL 1,900	CHF 1,048	EUR 691	USD 966				
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 1.10.09: USD 1,419)	CHF 1,475 USD 1,419	EUR 995	USD* 1,309				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 366	EUR 241	USD 280				
EP ²¹	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR 19,190 * (from 15.10.09: ISK 304,000) ** (from 1.10.09: JPY 225,700) *** (from 1.11.09: SGD 3,490)	CHF 2,525 NOK 14,760 ISK 304,000	DKK 12,670 NZD 3,960 USD 2,378	GBP 1,530 SEK 18,280	ISK* 285,000 SGD*** 3,270	JPY** 212,600 USD** 2,164		
ES ²¹	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.10.09: USD 2,378)	CHF 2,525 USD 2,378	USD* 2,164					
FI	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.10.09: USD 2,378)	CHF 2,525 USD 2,378	USD* 2,164					
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,110	EUR 737	KRW 1,255,000	USD 987			
KR	KRW 900,000 ²² USD* 609 ²² KRW 450,000 ²³ USD* 304 ²³ * (from 15.9.09: SGD 1,048 ²² 524 ²³ USD 729 ²² 364 ²³)	AUD 976 ²² AUD 488 ²³	CHF 735 ²² CHF 367 ²³	EUR 475 ²² EUR 237 ²³	NZD 1,109 ²² NZD 554 ²³	SGD* 919 ²² SGD* 460 ²³		
RU	RUB 13,500							
SE	SEK 18,280 USD** 2,164 * (from 15.10.09: ISK 304,000) ** (from 1.10.09: USD 2,378)	CHF 2,525 ISK 304,000	DKK 12,670 USD 2,378	EUR 1,700	ISK* 285,000	NOK 14,760		
US	USD 2,080 * (from 1.10.09: EUR 1,486)	CHF 2,323 EUR 1,486	EUR* 1,596 NZD 3,250	NZD* 3,808	ZAR 17,400			
XN	DKK 12,670 * (from 15.10.09: ISK 304,000) ** (from 1.10.09: USD 2,378)	CHF 2,525 ISK 304,000	EUR 1,700 USD 2,378	ISK* 285,000	NOK 14,760	USD** 2,164		

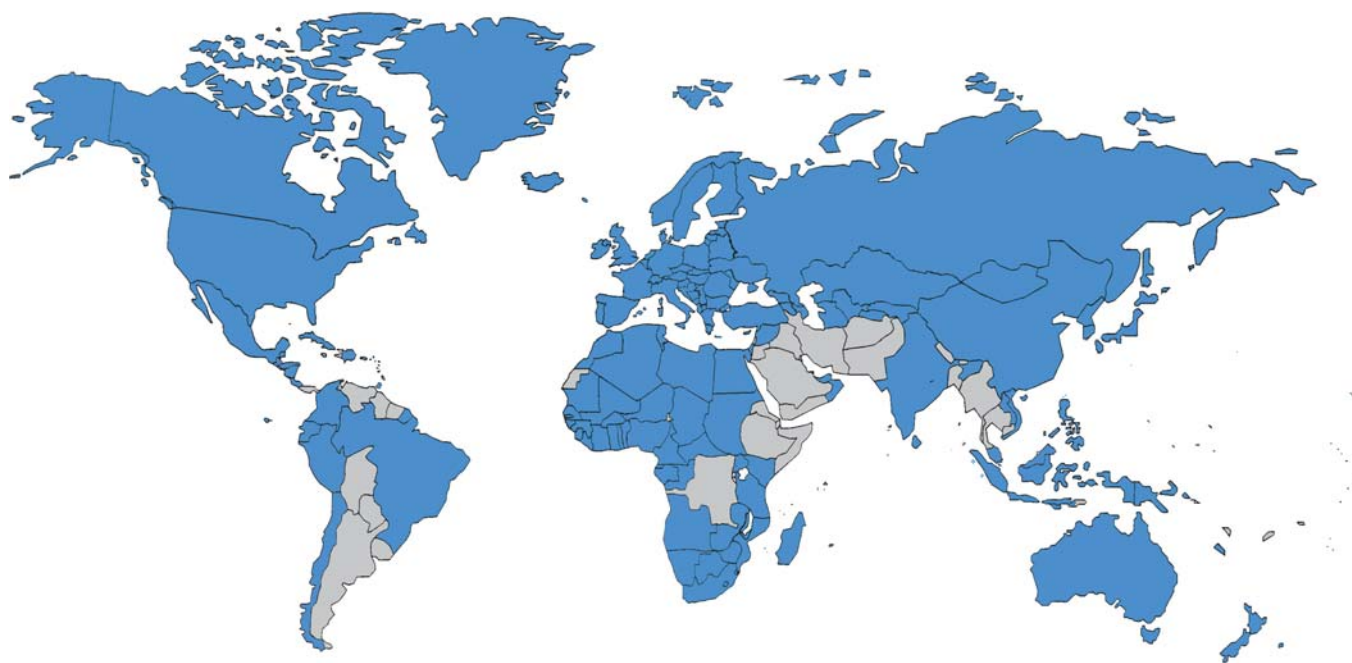
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 September 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

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

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 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.
- 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 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 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 (141 on 1 September 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	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EE Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NO Norway (EP) ³	TN Tunisia
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RS Serbia ¹	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	ME Montenegro	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CL Chile	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP) ³		SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)		SE Sweden (EP)	
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) ²			
	IL Israel			
	IN India			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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.

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

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated July 2009) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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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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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(situation on 1 October 2009)

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

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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]

(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) 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]

(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	
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)							

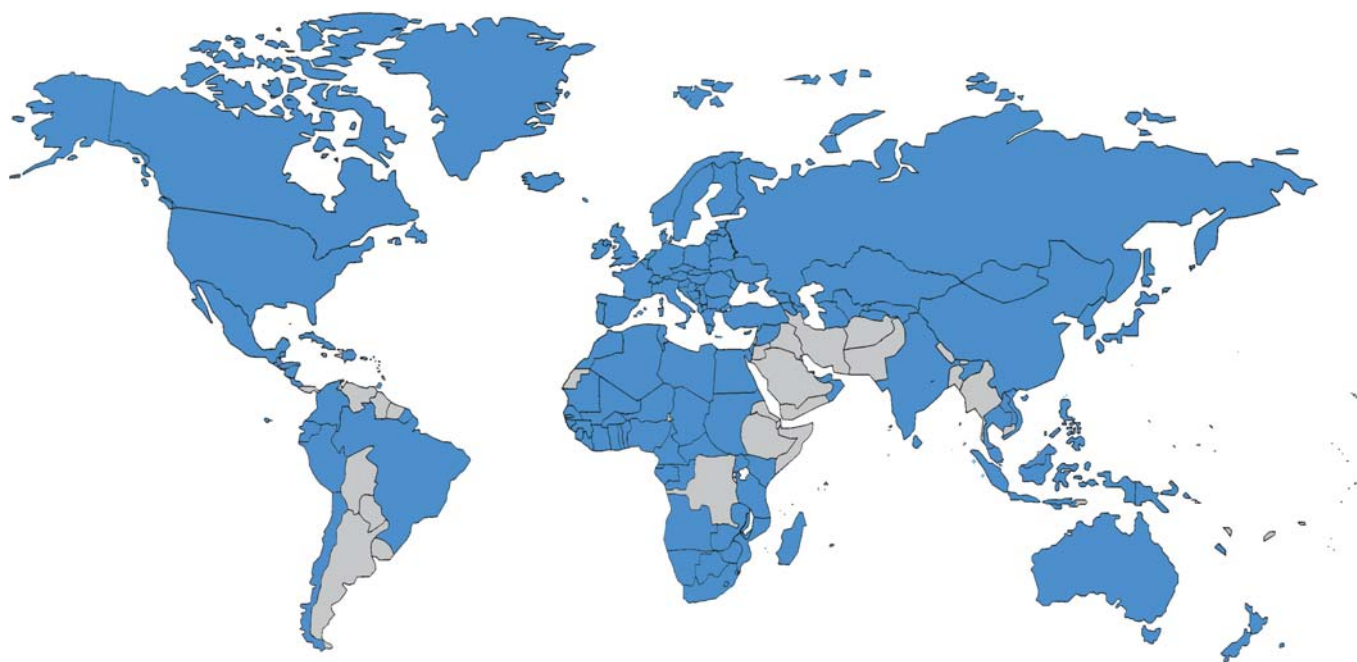
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 October 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

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

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 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.
- 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 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 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
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	ME Montenegro	RS Serbia ¹	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP) ³		SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
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			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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.

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

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated July 2009) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

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

PCT Case Law Database

A new database of text-searchable PCT legal and administrative decisions from national courts and regional administrative bodies in or operating for PCT Contracting States is now available on the PCT Resources page at:

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

The decisions which have been included in the database are ones in which PCT issues have been referenced, raised or considered by a national court or administrative body. Abstracts and PCT legal references have been added by the International Bureau in order to facilitate navigation and information retrieval.

Submissions for additions (in any language) or database refinements are welcome and should be sent to: pct.legal@wipo.int.

Modifications to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

A number of modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2009, to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines. The consolidated text of the Guidelines (RO/GL/RO/8) is available in PDF format, in English and French at, respectively:

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/ro.pdf>

A fully hyperlinked HTML version of this text has also been prepared in English and is available at:

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

Time limits for entering the national phase

The table of time limits for entering the national phase has been updated with effect from 15 October 2009 and is available in English at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/time_limits.html

The table indicates, for each designated/elected Office, the time limits for entering the national (or regional) phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT.

Types of protection available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States

The table setting out, for each Contracting State, the types of protection which can be obtained via the PCT has been updated with effect from 13 October 2009 (changes have been made in relation to protection available in Chile, Dominica, Guatemala and Thailand) and is available at:

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

PCT Information Update

International filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee (various Offices)

As from 1 January 2010, there will be changes in the amounts, in certain currencies, of the international filing fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the PCT-EASY and electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, the search fee, the supplementary search fee and the handling fee, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

These changes update the following annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

- Annex C (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BE, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CO, CR, CU, CY, CZ, DE, DK, DO, EA, EC, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GH, GR, GT, IB, IE, IL, IN, IS, IT, JP, KE, KG, KR, KZ, LR, LT, LU, LV, MC, MD, MT, MW, NI, NL, NO, NZ, PE, PG, PH, PT, RU, SC, SE, SG, SI, SK, SM, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, ZA, ZM, ZW;
- Annex D (International Searching Authorities): AT, AU, BR, CA, CN, EP, ES, FI, JP, KR, RU, SE, US, XN;
- Annex SISA (International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)): SE, XN; and
- Annex E (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): AT, AU, BR, CA, EP, ES, FI, JP, KR, RU, SE, US, XN

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

BR Brazil (requirements of the Office as ISA and IPEA)

Information on the requirements of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (BR) and E (BR)), at:

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

CL Chile (general information)

General information about Chile as a PCT Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the National Industrial Property Institute (Chile) as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (CL), Annex C (CL), and the National Chapter, Summary (CL)) at:

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

ES Spain (fees)

As from 1 January 2010, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Fee Table I(a)
Priority document:.....	EUR 28.53

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 January 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in EUR and USD of the following fees, payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Fee Table I(a)
Priority document:.....	EUR 33 or USD 49
Supplement for airmail :.....	EUR 7 or USD 10

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

IN India (e-mail address)

One of the e-mail addresses of the Patent Office (India) has changed. The e-mail addresses to be used for the Office in Kolkata are now as follows:

E-mail: patentin-pct@nic.in
kolkata-patent@nic.in

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

PE Peru (special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) has specified special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as indicated below:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:

The indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii):

- at the time of filing, either in the description or separately

Any additional matter specified below:

- at the time of filing, either in the description or separately

Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned:

- to the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

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

PT Portugal (fees)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) as designated (or elected) Office, has changed with effect from 14 October 2009:

For patent:

Filing fee (including examination and publication).....	EUR	50 (online)
.....	EUR	100 (on paper)

For utility model :

Filing fee:	EUR	50 (online)
.....	EUR	100 (on paper)
Examination fee:	EUR	75 (online)
.....	EUR	150 (on paper)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (PT))

Search fee (Korean Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 January 2010, there will be a change in the amount payable in KRW for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office in respect of an international application filed in English. The new amount, as well as the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and EUR, are indicated in Fee Table I(b); the equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been confirmed and will be notified as soon as possible.

For other changes regarding the search fee, see “International filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee (various Offices)”, above.

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

Supplementary search fee

See “International filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee (various Offices)”, above. Note that a new table (Table I(c)), including the supplementary search fees payable to the Authorities specified for supplementary search, has been added to the PCT Fee Tables .

Preliminary examination fee (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 January 2010. there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Fee Table II, as well as a change in the amount of the following fee:

Additional preliminary examination fee:	EUR	560.88
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (ES))

Handling fee

See “International filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee (various Offices)”, above.

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

New interface in Japanese

The PATENTSCOPE® search service interface is now available in Japanese, in addition to English, French and Spanish, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/ja/> and

<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/ja/dbsearch/>

The web pages available in Japanese include the search interface, search results, search help, and some important supporting pages.

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)

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

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

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

If they have not already done so, PCT applicants and agents are advised to bring this information to the attention of the people responsible for handling payments of fees within their organizations, as well as to the attention of inventors who might also receive such requests.

In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, which may or may not appear to originate from WIPO, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau:

Telephone: +41 22 338 83 38

Fax: +41 22 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an Operating Name of the Patent Office): Problems Concerning Fee Payable under PCT Rule 12bis.1(c)

It is recalled that, under PCT Rule 12bis, applicants may request that the International Searching Authority (ISA) take into account the results of an earlier search. PCT Rule 12bis.1(c) provides that, if the receiving Office (RO) carried out the earlier search, the applicant may request the RO to prepare and transmit to the ISA a copy of

- (a) the results of the earlier search;
- (b) the earlier application; and/or

(c) any document cited in the results of the earlier search.

Note that the fee of GBP 5, which the United Kingdom IPO introduced in the case of situation (b), above, and was notified in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2009, is not payable in situations (a) and (c). Although this fee has been incorporated into the PCT-SAFE software, as well as the European Patent Office (EPO) Online Filing software, please note that when calculating the fees payable, the software does not currently distinguish between the three options and will therefore automatically charge a fee of GBP 5, even in the two cases where no fee is required.

The International Bureau (IB) is reviewing the fee payment practice for earlier search documents, and it is expected that the above-mentioned distinction will be taken into account in a future release of PCT-SAFE and of the EPO Online Filing software. In the meantime, if the applicant pays this fee unnecessarily, the IPO will refund it to the applicant.

Further information was published in the IPO's Patent Journal Notice No. 6285 on 4 November 2009 at:

<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/2009-6285-special.pdf>

Any queries to the IPO should be addressed to Mr. Phil Jones, Patent International Filings Manager by e-mail at: phil.jones@ipo.gov.uk or by telephone: +44 1633 81 49 33.

Termination of the Production of ESPACE WORLD CD-ROMS

Since 1993, WIPO and the European Patent Office (EPO) have been collaborating to produce CD-ROMS containing material related to PCT applications, namely, the ESPACE WORLD series (containing bibliographic data and images of published PCT international applications). When the CD-ROMS were first produced, they were considered to be a great technological development which ensured that a significant portion of patent information became available to users in a commonly accepted electronic format. However, with the increasing popularity of the Internet as an information resource, and a corresponding decrease in the interest in the use of CD ROMS, WIPO and the EPO have decided to cease production of the ESPACE WORLD product at the end of 2009.

It is recalled that WIPO offers free online access to all published PCT international patent applications and their related documents through its PATENTSCOPE® search service at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/index.jsp>

Practical Advice

Additional information concerning the practical advice published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2009

Reference is made to the above-mentioned "Practical Advice" entitled "Choosing a receiving Office as a function of the criterion applied by it for restoring the right of priority". It was explained that, in the case of a request for restoration of the right of priority under the criterion of unintentionality, it should generally be sufficient to furnish a statement indicating that the failure to comply with the priority period was not intentional, as stated in the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, paragraph 166G.

The main message of the practical advice was that "unintentionality" is an easier test to meet than "due care". It should be noted as well that, as stated in the first sentence of paragraph 166G, the receiving Office may require that a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement of reasons be furnished or, if some evidence has already been provided, that additional evidence be furnished. As an example, the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) (RO/GB), a receiving Office which applies only the "unintentionality" criterion, has notified the International Bureau that, in considering whether the unintentional criterion has been met, it takes the same approach as it does for equivalent requests under its national law, and requires reasons and evidence to be provided to allow it to determine why the priority period was not met, and thus to establish whether the failure was unintentional.

Applicants are advised to check with their respective Offices what kind of evidence, if any, is required in support of their requests for restoration of the right of priority.

How to file international applications electronically using the PCT-SAFE software

Q: I would like to know how to go about filing my first PCT application electronically using the PCT-SAFE software (I will be filing the application with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB))

A: The PCT-SAFE (Secure Applications Filed Electronically) software (hereinafter: "PCT-SAFE") offers PCT users the means to prepare their international applications in electronic form and to file them either via secure online transmission or using physical media such as CD-R. There are a number of things that you should do before embarking on your first filing using PCT-SAFE, therefore you should leave yourself plenty of time to prepare yourself beforehand, well before the expiration of the priority year. Information on user documentation and training materials which may be consulted, as well as on the various steps to take prior to filing your first PCT application electronically, is given below.

1. Installation of the software

The first thing you should do if you wish to file a PCT application using the PCT-SAFE software is to install the PCT-SAFE client software on your computer and familiarize yourself with it. The software can be downloaded at:

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

or, if you prefer, the PCT-SAFE Help Desk can send you a CD-ROM installation by mail, free of charge.

For those PCT users who have already filed a PCT-EASY application (that is, an international application filed on paper together with a copy of the request and the abstract in electronic form, prepared using the PCT-EASY function of the PCT-SAFE software), it will be easier to familiarize yourself with the procedure for a fully electronic filing.

2. Consult online documentation

It is highly recommended that, before you make your first electronic filing, you consult the relevant parts of the PCT-SAFE page of the WIPO website as it contains an abundance of detailed information on how to file international applications electronically as well as helpful training tools. The page includes:

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) (<http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/faq.html>), for example, on the installation of the PCT-SAFE software, preparation and submission of a PCT-SAFE application, on digital certificates and security, as well as other general information; and
- the user documentation and training tools page (http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/user_documentation.htm). This page includes:
 - an electronic learning tutorial which gives you step-by-step instructions on how to complete the electronic request form and how to prepare an application for submission in either PCT-EASY mode or in fully electronic mode;
 - various user guides containing tips for preparing applications (there is a quick reference guide as well as one which gives full details of how to use the software) – screen shots of sample applications are used as an aid to understanding the way in which applications should be completed and submitted; and
 - more specific user information, such as using PCT-SAFE in combination with EFS-Web (the electronic filing system used by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office) and detailed information on how to use the PCT-SAFE Editor, a software tool used to prepare PCT applications in XML format for electronic filing.

3. *Obtain a WIPO digital certificate*

A WIPO digital certificate can be obtained free of charge from WIPO via a simple online enrollment procedure at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm>

This is required for secure online transmission of the international application package and may also be used for digitally signing the request form. Note that certificate requests require manual intervention by the PCT-SAFE Help Desk and are processed during its opening hours (Monday to Friday, from 9.00 am until 6.00 pm, Central European time), usually within one working day.

4. *Electronic submission structure and format*

You should familiarize yourself with the information published regarding e-filing structure and format in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex F, Section 3 at:

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

See, in particular, Section 3.1.2 regarding PDF format requirements (the most commonly used format for filings with the RO/IB).

You will need to decide on the format in which you are going to file your application, for example, whether you will file it in XML format, for which you would benefit from the fee reduction of CHF 300 or equivalent, or in PDF format, for which you would benefit from a fee reduction of CHF 200 or equivalent. For further information, see the Schedule of fees annexed to the PCT Regulations.

5. *Demo filings*

Once you have consulted all the relevant documentation, we recommend that you allow yourself sufficient time for testing purposes before you start production filings. This way, any technical problems you might have can be ironed out beforehand. Before doing this you should make

sure that the digital certificate is correctly installed and determine the workflow for applying digital signatures. Once this is done, select the “Demo” mode when starting PCT-SAFE. The application will be filed to a “demo server” and a demo receipt will be issued by WIPO confirming that the demo filing has been successfully completed. The PCT-SAFE Help Desk is happy to provide feedback on test filings to reassure new filers. Note that applications filed in the demo environment must not contain any confidential or sensitive data.

6. *Real filings*

Once you have successfully completed one or more test filings, you should be ready to file a real application. This is done by selecting “Production mode” when starting PCT-SAFE. It is recommended that you always include pre-conversion documents as a safeguard against conversion errors (see Section 706 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT), and that you always allow sufficient time for filing before the expiration of the priority year in case there are last minute technical problems. The receiving Office server at the RO/IB operates 24 hours a day. To secure your international filing date for a given day, the transmission of the application should be successfully completed before midnight, **Geneva (Central European) time**.

Important points to be aware of when e-filing with PCT receiving Offices other than the RO/IB

If you wish to file your international application electronically with a receiving Office other than the RO/IB, such filings will currently be accepted by the receiving Offices of the following PCT Contracting States: Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom as well as the European Patent Office as receiving Office.

Note, however, that not all e-filing offices accept direct online filings with PCT-SAFE. With the Australian Patent Office and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, digitally signed application packages are uploaded and submitted through the Office’s website. For applicants filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, EFS-Web filings are not considered fully electronic in PCT-SAFE. Instead, an applicant would prepare a hybrid PCT-EASY/EFS-Web request form in a zip file which is uploaded to EFS-Web with the application documents. For further information, see:

http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/guides/pdf/us_e_easy_v3.pdf

and the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2006 at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2006/pct_news_2006_12.pdf

For further information on the requirements of the various receiving Offices which accept e-filing, for example to find out which methods of filing, document formats and digital certificate(s) they accept, please consult the table at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/notifications/efiling/efiling.pdf>

or check with your receiving Office or the PCT-SAFE Help Desk.

Note also that only the international application can be filed online at this time, and filers should check with RO/IB for instructions on how to submit subsequent documents. Reference is also made to the “Practical Advice” which deals with this matter, which was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2009 at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2009/pct_news_2009_04.pdf

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by telephone: +41 22 338 95 23

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 November 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Bisi-Kurkdjian	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
3 December 2009 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
8 December 2009 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	PCT Advanced Seminar: Key Points in the PCT Process WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed Other speaker: Mr Kim (IP Korea Center)	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
4 February 2010 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
8-9 February 2010 Dallas (US)	English	Basic 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
10 February 2010 Dallas (US)	English	Advanced 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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 November 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 13. (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	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	RSD	Serbian dinar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BHD	Bahraini dinar	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	RUB	Russian rouble
ISA	International Searching Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SDP	Sudanese pound
RO	receiving Office	BYR	Belarussian rouble	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona
		BZD	Belize dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar
		CAD	Canadian dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SKK	Slovak koruna
		CHF	Swiss franc	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
<i>Currencies:</i>		CLP	Chilean peso	ILS	New Israel shekel	MXP	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
ALL	Albanian lek	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
AMD	Armenian dram	CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
AUD	Australian dollar	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
BAM	Convertible mark	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZAR	South African rand
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	ROL	Romanian leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 November 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 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR 848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	64 <i>(66)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,645 <i>(from 1.12.09: 1,475)</i> <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,489)</i>	19 <i>(17)</i> <i>(17)</i>	124 <i>(111)</i> <i>(112)</i>	247 <i>(222)</i> <i>(224)</i>	371 <i>(333)</i> <i>(336)</i>	AU KR
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	64 <i>(66)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	64 <i>(66)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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]

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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	
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,393 (from 1.1.10: 1,388)	16 16	105 104	210 209	314 313	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 350	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	eq USD ¹⁰ 13 (15)	eq USD ¹⁰ 89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	eq USD 13 (15)	eq USD 89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	128 (132)	191 (198)	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,320 (from 1.1.10: 6,540)	70 (70)	480 (490)	950 (980)	1,430 (1,470)	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US
EP	EUR 110	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	– (–)	128 (132)	191 (198)	EP
ES	EUR 70.64 (from 1.1.10 71.35)	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	128 (132)	191 (198)	EP ES

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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	
FI	EUR	135	EUR	848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	128 <i>(132)</i>	191 <i>(198)</i>	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	64 <i>(66)</i>	128 <i>(132)</i>	191 <i>(198)</i>	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	753 <i>(from 1.1.10: 794)</i>	8 <i>(9)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	113 <i>(119)</i>	170 <i>(179)</i>	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹¹	10	USD	1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	64 <i>(66)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 ¹³	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 14
	or EUR ¹³	64	or EUR	848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	64 <i>(66)</i>	128 <i>(132)</i>	191 <i>(198)</i>	
	or USD ¹³	89	or USD	1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	178 <i>(195)</i>	267 <i>(293)</i>	
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 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	64 <i>(66)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
IL	ILS	518	USD	1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 <i>(filing by indiv: 2,000)</i>	USD	1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK	150,600 <i>(from 1.1.10: 160,100)</i>	1,700 <i>(1,800)</i>	11,300 <i>(12,000)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	116,300 <i>(from 1.1.10: 118,400)</i>	1,300 <i>(1,300)</i>	8,700 <i>(8,900)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	26,200 <i>(26,700)</i>	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,567,000)</i>	18,000 <i>(18,000)</i>	121,000 <i>(118,000)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	364,000 <i>(353,000)</i>	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR

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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	
KZ	KZT	7,360 ¹⁶	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
LR	USD	45	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE	
LS	LSL ⁹	–	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	–	AT EP	
LT	LTL	320	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
LU	EUR	19	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
LV	LVL	48.40	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 ¹⁷	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
MD	EUR	100	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK 182,500 (from 1.1.10: 181,900)	2,100 (2,100)	13,700 (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 ¹⁸	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	–	AU EP KR	
NI	USD	200	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
NL	EUR	50	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	128 (132)	191 (198)	–	EP	
NO	NOK	550	NOK 8,200 (from 1.1.10: 7,580)	90 (90)	620 (570)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP SE XN	
NZ	NZD	180 ¹⁹	NZD 1,907 (from 1.1.10: 1,802)	22 (20)	143 (135)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	eq USD 13 (15)	eq USD 89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES US	
PG	PGK	250	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AU	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	178 (195)	267 (293)	–	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 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
SC	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	

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				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,780 (from 1.1.10: 8,840)	110 (100)	740 (660)	1,470 (1,330)	2,210 (1,990)	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,708 (from 1.1.10: 1,835)	19 (21)	128 (138)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SK	EUR 66	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	128 (132)	191 (198)	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹ –	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁰ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	178 (195)	– (–)	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.1.10: 9,590)	110 (110)	740 (720)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	eq USD 13 (15)	eq USD 89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 November 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT	EUR 200 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 330 CHF 303	KRW* 366,000 KRW 357,000	SGD 420 USD 296	USD* 257 ZAR 2,180)	ZAR* 2,380		
AU	AUD 1,600 USD* 1,278 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 1,443 ZAR* 10,540 CHF 1,430 USD 1,397 ** (from 1.12.09:	EUR* 916 EUR 944 ZAR 10,310)	KRW**1,525,000 KRW 1,684,000	NZD* 2,002 NZD 1,937	SGD* 1,870 SGD 1,970		
BR ²¹	BRL 1,900 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 1,048 CHF 1,076	EUR* 691 EUR 711	USD* 966 USD 1,052)				
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 1,475 CHF 1,533	EUR* 995 EUR 1,012	USD* 1,419 USD 1,498)				
CN	CNY 2,100 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 366 CHF 314	EUR* 241 EUR 208	USD* 280 USD 307)				
EP ²²	EUR 1,700 MWK* 344,000 ZAR* 19,190 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 2,525 NOK* 14,760 CHF 2,574 MWK 352,000 USD 2,515 NZD 3,590)	DKK* 12,670 NZD** 3,960 DKK 12,650 NOK 14,670 ZAR 18,560)	GBP* 1,530 SEK* 18,280 GBP 1,536 NZD 3,487	ISK* 304,000 SGD* 3,490 ISK 310,000 SEK 17,110	JPY* 225,700 USD* 2,378 JPY 229,000 SGD 3,550		
ES ²²	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 2,525 CHF 2,574	USD* 2,378 USD 2,515)					
FI	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF 2,525 CHF 2,574	USD 2,378 USD 2,515)					
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF 1,110 CHF 1,090	EUR 737 EUR 720	KRW 1,255,000 KRW 1,284,000	USD 987 USD 1,065)			
KR	KRW* 900,000 ²³ USD 729 ²³ KRW 450,000 ²⁴ USD** 364 ²⁴ * (from 1.1.10:	AUD* 976 ²³ AUD** 488 ²⁴ KRW 1,300,000 ²³ AUD 428 ²⁴ USD 373 ²⁴)	CHF* 735 ²³ CHF** 367 ²⁴ CHF 1,116 ²³ CHF 382 ²⁴	EUR* 475 ²³ EUR** 237 ²⁴ EUR 737 ²³) (equivalent amounts in other currencies to follow) EUR 252 ²⁴	NZD* 1,109 ²³ NZD** 554 ²⁴ NZD 517 ²⁴	SGD* 1,048 ²³ SGD** 524 ²⁴ SGD ²⁴ 530		
RU	RUB 13,500 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 459 CHF 459	EUR* 309 EUR 303	USD* 411 USD 449)				
SE	SEK* 18,280 USD* 2,378 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 2,525 SEK 17,110 USD 2,515)	DKK* 12,670 CHF 2,574	EUR 1,700 DKK 12,650	ISK* 304,000 ISK 310,000	NOK* 14,760 NOK 14,670		
US	USD 2,080 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 2,323 CHF 2,129	EUR* 1,486 EUR 1,406	NZD* 3,250 NZD 2,880	ZAR* 17,400 ZAR 15,350)			
XN	DKK* 12,670 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 2,525 DKK 12,650	EUR 1,700 CHF 2,574	ISK* 304,000 ISK 310,000	NOK* 14,760 NOK 14,670	USD* 2,378 USD 2,515)		

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 November 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee		Supplementary search handling fee
RU	Equivalent in CHF of RUR ²⁵	9,450 (13,500) ²⁶	CHF 200
SE	SEK* 18,280 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 2,525 SEK 17,110 CHF 2,574)	CHF 200
XN	DKK* 12,670 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 2,525 DKK 12,650 CHF 2,574)	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

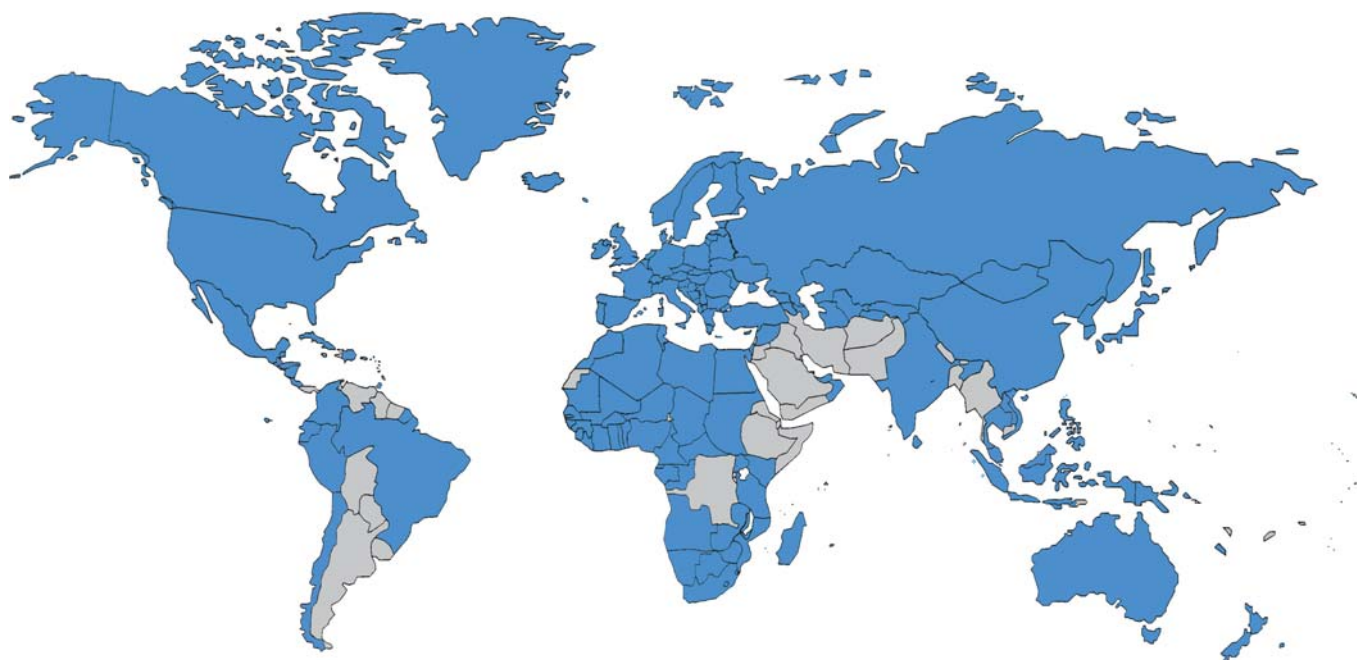
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IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁷		Handling fee ^{2, 27} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121 (from 1.1.10: 132)
AU	AUD	550 780 ²⁸	AUD	247 (from 1.1.10: 224)
BR ²¹	BRL	710	BRL	360 (from 1.1.10: 353)
CA	CAD	800	CAD	171 (from 1.1.10: 209)
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²²	EUR	1,675	EUR	121 (from 1.1.10: 132)
ES	EUR	555.33 (from 1.1.10: 560.88)	EUR	121 (from 1.1.10: 132)
FI	EUR	550	EUR	121 (from 1.1.10: 132)
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	16,000 (from 1.1.10: 17,800)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	157,000 (from 1.1.10: 236,000)
RU	RUB	5,400 ²⁹ 8,100 ³⁰	USD	171 (from 1.1.10: 195)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,490 (from 1.1.10: 1,330)
US	USD	600 750 ³¹	USD	171 (from 1.1.10: 195)
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	900 (from 1.1.10: 980)

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 international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 12 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.
- 13 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
- 14 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).
- 15 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 16 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.
- 17 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 18 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 19 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 20 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 21 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.
- 22 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 further information, see the tables relating to those Offices at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/index.html>
- 23 For international applications filed in English.
- 24 For international applications filed in Korean.
- 25 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 26 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 27 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 28 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 29 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 30 In all cases where footnote 29 does not apply.
- 31 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 November 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	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NE Niger (OA) ²	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand (from 24 December 2009)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia	NO Norway (EP) ³	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP)	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	ME Montenegro	RS Serbia ¹	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP) ³		SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
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			

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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.

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

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated July 2009) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

Pilot of Patent Prosecution Highway Program to use PCT Work Products

On 13 November 2009, the Trilateral Offices (the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office) agreed to expand the existing set of bilateral Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) work sharing arrangements by starting a PCT/PPH pilot program under which PCT work products established by one of the Trilateral Offices in its capacity as a PCT International Searching or Preliminary Examining Authority (namely, international search reports, written opinions and international preliminary examination reports) may form the basis for PPH requests in each of the Trilateral Offices during national phase processing of the international application. The pilot program, which is scheduled to start on 29 January 2010, will greatly expand the potential of the PPH work sharing arrangements, which until now have been limited to work products established in respect of national patent applications.

Under the PPH, an applicant receiving a determination from an office of first filing that certain or all claims in an application are allowable may request that the corresponding application filed at a second office be advanced, out of turn, for examination in respect of those allowable claims.

For further information on this development, see the Trilateral website at:

<http://www.trilateral.net/index.html>

where details of the new pilot program will be available shortly.

National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland to Offer Supplementary International Search

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 January 2010, it will offer to carry out supplementary international searches, and it will thus be possible for applicants to choose it as an Authority specified for Supplementary International Search (SISA).

New Annex SISA (FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, containing information on the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland in its capacity as SISA, is under preparation and will be available shortly. In the meantime, please note the following information that the Office has furnished to the IB:

Languages accepted for supplementary international search:

English, Finnish or Swedish

Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:

In addition to the PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents in its search collection in: Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian or Danish

Limitations on supplementary international search:

The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if demand for supplementary international search exceeds the available resources and also when normal conditions have been re-established

For information on some of the fees payable to the National Board of Patents and Registration in its capacity as Authority specified for Supplementary International Search, see “PCT Information Update, Search fee and fees relating to the international search and the supplementary international search”, below.

PCT Information Update**BR Brazil (fees)**

The amount of the following national fees, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 June 2009:

For patent:¹

Filing fee: ²	BRL	200
First annual fee: ³	BRL	250

For utility model:¹

Filing fee: ²	BRL	200
First annual fee: ³	BRL	170

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (BR))

BY Belarus (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: ncip@belgopatent.by

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

CA Canada (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The name and address of the National Microbiology Laboratory, Health Canada (NMLHC), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, have changed, as follows:

¹ These fees are reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution.

² Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

³ This fee is due within three months from the expiration of 24 months from the international filing date; where PCT Article 39(1) applies, it is due within three months from the date of entry into the national phase if that three-month time limit expires later. This fee is doubled if it is not paid within the prescribed time limit.

International Depository Authority of Canada (IDAC)
National Microbiology Laboratory
Public Health Agency of Canada
Canadian Science Center for Human and Animal Health
1015 Arlington Street
Winnipeg, MB
Canada R3E 3R2

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

IL Israel (fees)

As from 1 January 2010, there will be changes in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Fee Table I(a)
Fee for priority document:.....	ILS 84

There will also be a change in the amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, with effect from the same date:

Filing fee:	ILS 1,021
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IL) and National Chapter, Summary (IL))

MC Monaco (location)

The telephone number of the Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion, Monaco, has changed, and the Office has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Telephone: (377) 98 98 84 39
Internet : <http://www.gouv.mc>

In addition, the Office has discontinued the use of its teleprinter.

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

NO Norway (location)

The location of the Norwegian Industrial Property Office has changed, as follows (the mailing address has not changed):

Location: Sandakerveien 64,
0484 Oslo
Norway

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (NO))

PT Portugal (criteria applicable and fees payable for requests for restoration of the right of priority)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal), in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau (IB) that applicants should refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

TH Thailand (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Department of Intellectual Property (Thailand) has specified the European Patent Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the United States Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Thailand with the Department of Intellectual Property as receiving Office, with effect from 24 December 2009.

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

The Austrian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau that, in order to harmonize its international search fee with that charged by the European Patent Office, the fee payable for an international search by the Austrian Patent Office will change to EUR 1,700. The date of effect of the change will be on 1 January 2010, or when the law amending that fee is published, if that is later. Note that the fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State which meets certain criteria (to be published on the website of the Austrian Patent Office). Further information will be published in the *PCT Newsletter* when available.

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2009, equivalent amounts payable in AUD, NZD, SGD and USD have now been established for an international search carried out in English by the Korean Intellectual Property Office, with effect from 1 January 2010, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified changes in the conditions for refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows (other conditions not indicated have not changed):

Where an earlier international or international-type search has already been made by this Authority on an application whose priority is claimed: the search fee will be refunded in part if the search can be based in full or in part on the search that was carried out by the Authority

Where a search and examination report issued on an application filed with the Danish Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Icelandic Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Norwegian Industrial Property Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, the priority of which is claimed, is furnished together with the international application: refund of SEK 2,800

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (KR) and (SE))

Search fee and fees relating to the international search and the supplementary international search (National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland)

As from 1 January 2010, there will be a change in the amount of the following fee payable to the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as International Searching Authority:

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

the applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:.....EUR 20

and the following new fee will be added:

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13^{ter}.1(c)):.....EUR 200

Furthermore, as from 1 January 2010, there will be a change in the conditions for refund and the amount of the refund of the search fee – conditions (i) and (ii) will be replaced by the following:

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier national search, international search, supplementary international search or international type search already carried out by the Authority, a Nordic patent authority or the European Patent Office on an application whose priority is claimed, the amount of EUR 300 shall be refunded in respect of the search fee paid.

The National Board of Patents and Registration has also notified the IB of the following fees payable to it as Authority Specified for Supplementary Search (SISA) with effect from 1 January 2010:

Supplementary search fee.....EUR 1,700

Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report:

the applicant receives, together with the supplementary international search report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge;EUR 20

See also, "National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland to Offer Supplementary International Search", above, for other information on that Office as SISA.

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

Preliminary examination fee (Austrian Patent Office)

The Austrian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau that, in order to harmonize its preliminary examination fee with that charged by the European Patent Office, the fee payable for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Austrian Patent Office will change to EUR 1,675. The date of effect of the change will be on 1 January 2010, or when the law amending that fee is published, if that is later. Note that the fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State which meets certain criteria (to be published on the website of the Austrian Patent Office). Further information will be published in the *PCT Newsletter* when available.

Fees relating to the international preliminary examination (National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland)

As from 1 January 2010, there will be a change in the amount of the following fee payable to the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as International Preliminary Examining Authority:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report:

the applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:.....EUR 20

and the following new fee will be added:

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):EUR 200

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

Non-working Days at the IB

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the International Bureau (IB) will not be open for business are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2010, the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and

1 January 2010

2 and 5 April 2010

13 and 24 May 2010

9 September 2010

16 November 2010

24, 27, 30 and 31 December 2010

Note that the days indicated above concern only the IB and not the national Offices and other international organizations. The closing dates in 2010 for other Offices are available at:

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

It is recalled that the days on which the IB will not be open for business during the end of year holiday period will be 24, 25 and 31 December 2009 and 1 January 2010, in addition to the weekends. 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.

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

New PCT national phase information

Thanks to the cooperation of the patent Offices concerned, the PATENTSCOPE® search service now includes PCT national/regional phase information for the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Belarus, Hungary, Malaysia and the Eurasian

Patent Organization (EAPO), thus bringing the total number of Offices which furnish such information to 42.

It is recalled that information on whether an international application has entered the national/regional phase, as well as other information relating to the national/regional phase can, where the designated or elected Office has furnished the relevant information to the IB, be accessed by clicking on the “national phase” tab of the international application concerned. For a complete list of offices and dates covered by this service, see:

<http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/nationalphase.jsp>

EPO Offers Savings on PCT Document Archives

Reference is made to the announcement concerning the termination of the production of the ESPACE WORLD CD-ROMS, which contain bibliographic data and images of published PCT international applications (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2009). The European Patent Office (EPO) is, for a limited period, offering discounts of up to 75% on various ESPACE WORLD collections. For further details, see the EPO website at:

<http://www.epo.org/patents/patent-information/subscription/world/special.html>

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

IP Offices' closing dates in 2010

The International Bureau has published the closing dates for a number of industrial property Offices in 2010. The full collection, which includes all years back to 2002, may be consulted at:

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

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

Practical Advice

Requesting the reinstatement of rights after missing the time limit for entry into the national phase

Q: I filed an international application on 10 August 2007, a few days after the expiration of the 12 months priority period (priority date: 4 August 2006). I was notified by my receiving Office that I had the possibility of submitting a request to restore the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3, but decided not to take any action. By doing so, I presumed that my priority claim would be disregarded, and that this would effectively give me more time to prepare my application for entry into the national phase. However, when I was preparing the file for national phase entry during the month of November 2009, I noticed that the priority date of 4 August 2006 was indicated on the forms which had been sent to me by the receiving Office and the International Bureau. Upon contacting the receiving Office about this, they confirmed to me that even though the international filing date was more than 12 months after the priority date, the priority date had not been considered void and that all PCT time limits would be calculated from that date. It was then that I realized that I had missed the time limit for entry into the national phase, which expired on 4 February 2009. Is it possible to withdraw the priority claim so that

the date for entry into the national phase can be recalculated to 10 February 2010, or is there anything else that I can do to reinstate my application before the Offices concerned?

A: PCT Rule 26*bis*.2(c)(iii) provides that a priority claim will not be considered void only because the international filing date is later than the date on which the priority period expired, provided that the international filing date is within the period of two months from that date. This is why the date of your earlier application still served as a basis to calculate the time limit for entry into the national phase, and, by failing to perform the acts referred to in PCT Article 22 within the applicable time limit, your application will, in accordance with PCT Article 24(1)(iii), have ceased to have effect before the designated (or elected) Offices.

If you had wanted the time limits to be calculated as from the international filing date, you would have had to withdraw the priority claim. However, it is too late to do this now because the applicable time limit for withdrawing the priority claim (30 months from the priority date (see PCT Rule 90*bis*.3)) has also expired. Furthermore, as already stated above, PCT Rule 26*bis*.2(c)(iii) prohibits the receiving Office and the International Bureau (IB) from declaring the priority claim as void.

It may, however, be possible for you to make a request under PCT Rule 49.6 (“Reinstatement of Rights after Failure to Perform the Acts Referred to in Article 22”), before the designated Offices. Such a request should be submitted either two months from the date of removal of the cause of the failure to meet the time limit for entry into the national phase or 12 months from the date of expiration of the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22, whichever expires first. The day when you realized that the priority claim had not been considered void should probably be considered as the time at which the removal of the cause of the failure to meet the time limit took place, thus you would have two months from that date (this time limit will expire before the time limit of 12 months from the expiration of the time limit for entering the national phase). You may even be able to submit the request later, if so permitted by the national law applicable by the designated Office concerned. It is, however, recommended that you submit your request for reinstatement as soon as possible.

Designated Offices are, subject to certain exceptions, obliged to allow reinstatement of rights with respect to a particular international application where the applicant has failed to enter the national phase within the applicable time limit, provided that the requirements under PCT Rule 49.6 are met, namely, that you can show that you missed the time limit to enter the national phase either unintentionally or in spite of due care, depending on the criteria applied by the Office. Note, however, that certain Offices have made a reservation in this respect – for a list of those Offices which have informed the IB that PCT Rule 49.6 is not compatible with the national law applied by them (at the time of writing, there are 12 Offices which have made such a reservation), see under “PCT Rule 49.6(f)” in the table of “Reservations and Incompatibilities” at:

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

Please note that even if an Office is on that list, reinstatement might still be possible under the applicable national law of the State concerned, and in some cases, this may be more permissive than under PCT Rule 49.6. In such a case, the Office will apply its own national law standards, and not PCT Rule 49.6.

The possibility of making a request under PCT Rule 49.6 should be pursued before each designated Office individually, and only as far as that Office is concerned. If you make such a request before any of the designated Offices, it should state the reasons for the failure to comply with the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 (or 39(1), as the case may be) (PCT

Rule 49.6(c)), and the national law applicable by the designated Office may require that a fee be paid (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)), and that a declaration or other evidence in support of the reasons referred to above be filed (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(ii)). Note that, at the same time as requesting the reinstatement of your application, you must perform all acts required for entry into the national phase.

Information as to any possibilities of reinstatement where the time limit for national phase entry was missed, as well as details of the applicable requirements of the various designated Offices can be found, for each PCT Contracting State, in the corresponding National Chapter of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, under the heading "Excuse of delays in meeting time limits". It is, nevertheless, recommended that you seek assistance from local patent attorneys who will be familiar with the various national laws applicable in such situations.

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 1 December 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
8 December 2009 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	PCT Advanced Seminar: Key Points in the PCT Process WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed Other speaker: Mr Kim (IP Korea Center)	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) [CANCELLED]	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
14–15 December 2009 Bangkok (TH)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Baron, Mr. Reischle and Mr. Waring	Department of Intellectual Property (Thailand) Mr. Udomsit Patravadeeluck Tel.: +66 2 547 4652 Fax: +66 2 547 4651 E-mail: udomsitp@moc.go.th
22 January 2010 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs EPO speaker: to be announced	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
3 February 2010 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
8–9 February 2010 Dallas (US)	English	Basic 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
10 February 2010 Dallas (US)	English	Advanced 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
18–19 February 2010 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Weiss	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
25 February 2010 Atlanta (US)	English	Advanced seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed and Mrs. Bidwell	State Bar of Georgia Intellectual Property Law Section Contact: Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) in Georgia E-mail: icle@iclega.org Internet: www.iclega.org/schedule.html

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued] (situation on 1 December 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
23–24 April 2010 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Seminar on the PCT 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
29–30 April 2010 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bisi	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
19–20 May 2010 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
28 May 2010 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33–1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33–1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 December 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 13. (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 –	BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	RSD	Serbian dinar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BHD	Bahraini dinar	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	RUB	Russian rouble
ISA	International Searching Authority	BRL	Brazilian real	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SDG	Sudanese pound
RO	receiving Office	BYR	Belarussian rouble	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona
		BZD	Belize dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar
		CAD	Canadian dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SKK	Slovak koruna
		CHF	Swiss franc	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
Currencies:		CLP	Chilean peso	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MXN	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
ALL	Albanian lek	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
AMD	Armenian dram	CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
AUD	Australian dollar	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
BAM	Convertible mark	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RON	New leu		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 December 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 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	64 <i>(66)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,475 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,489)</i>	17 <i>(17)</i>	111 <i>(112)</i>	222 <i>(224)</i>	333 <i>(336)</i>	AU KR
AZ	AZN 55,000	USD 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	64 <i>(66)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	64 <i>(66)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN 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 December 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 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	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 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,393 (from 1.1.10: 1,388)	16 16	105 104	210 209	314 313	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 350	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	eq USD ¹⁰ 13 (15)	eq USD ¹⁰ 89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	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 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	eq USD 13 (15)	eq USD 89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	128 (132)	191 (198)	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,320 (from 1.1.10: 6,540)	70 (70)	480 (490)	950 (980)	1,430 (1,470)	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP US
EP	EUR 110	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	— (—)	128 (132)	191 (198)	EP
ES	EUR 70.64 (from 1.1.10 71.35)	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	128 (132)	191 (198)	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	
FI	EUR 135	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	– (–)	128 (132)	191 (198)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	128 (132)	191 (198)	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 753 (from 1.1.10: 794)	8 (9)	– (–)	113 (119)	170 (179)	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GEL ¹¹ 10	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹² 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	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 ¹³ 100 or EUR ¹³ 64 (from 1.1.10: 66) or USD ¹³ 89 (from 1.1.10: 98)	CHF 1,330 or EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878) or USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	15 10 (10) 13 (15)	100 64 (66) 89 (98)	200 128 (132) 178 (195)	300 191 (198) 267 (293)	See footnote 14
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 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
IL	ILS 518 (from 1.1.10: 532)	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 7,700	ISK 150,600 (from 1.1.10: 160,100)	1,700 (1,800)	11,300 (12,000)	– (–)	– (–)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 116,300 (from 1.1.10: 118,400)	1,300 1,300	8,700 8,900	– (–)	26,200 26,700	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.1.10: 1,567,000)	18,000 (18,000)	121,000 (118,000)	– (–)	364,000 (353,000)	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR

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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	
KZ	KZT	7,360 ¹⁶	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ⁹	—	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
LV	LVL	48.40	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	— (—)	— (—)	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 ¹⁷	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MD	EUR	100	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	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 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK 182,500 (from 1.1.10: 181,900)	2,100 (2,100)	13,700 (13,700)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MX	MXN eq USD	323.70	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR	375 ¹⁸	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	128 (132)	191 (198)	EP
NO	NOK	550	NOK 8,200 (from 1.1.10: 7,580)	90 (90)	620 (570)	— (—)	— (—)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ¹⁹	NZD 1,907 (from 1.1.10: 1,802)	22 (20)	143 (135)	— (—)	— (—)	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 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	eq USD 13 (15)	eq USD 89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK	250	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	178 (195)	267 (293)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	20	EUR 848 (from 1.1.10: 878)	10 (10)	64 (66)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
RO	RON	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 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	89 (98)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹	—	USD 1,184 (from 1.1.10: 1,300)	13 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP

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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	
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,780 <i>(from 1.1.10: 8,840)</i>	110 <i>(100)</i>	740 <i>(660)</i>	1,470 <i>(1,330)</i>	2,210 <i>(1,990)</i>	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,708 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,835)</i>	19 <i>(21)</i>	128 <i>(138)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	64 <i>(66)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
SK	EUR 66	EUR 848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	64 <i>(66)</i>	128 <i>(132)</i>	191 <i>(198)</i>	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848 <i>(from 1.1.10: 878)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹ –	USD 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁰ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	178 <i>(195)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 <i>(from 1.1.10: 9,590)</i>	110 <i>(110)</i>	740 <i>(720)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	13 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,184 <i>(from 1.1.10: 1,300)</i>	eq USD 13 <i>(15)</i>	eq USD 89 <i>(98)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU CN EP RU

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

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT	EUR 200 * (from 1.1.10**: (**Note that this fee will change to EUR 1,700 on 1.1.10 or when the law amending the fee is published, if that is later, and may be reduced under certain conditions. Further information to follow.)	CHF* 330 CHF 303	KRW* 366,000 KRW 357,000	SGD 420 USD 296	USD* 257 ZAR 2,180)	ZAR* 2,380		
AU	AUD 1,600 USD* 1,278 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 1,443 ZAR* 10,540 CHF 1,430 USD 1,397	EUR* 916 EUR 944 ZAR 10,310)	KRW* 1,657,000 KRW 1,684,000	NZD* 2,002 NZD 1,937	SGD* 1,870 SGD 1,970		
BR ²¹	BRL 1,900 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 1,048 CHF 1,076	EUR* 691 EUR 711	USD* 966 USD 1,052)				
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 1,475 CHF 1,533	EUR* 995 EUR 1,012	USD* 1,419 USD 1,498)				
CN	CNY 2,100 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 366 CHF 314	EUR* 241 EUR 208	USD* 280 USD 307)				
EP ²²	EUR 1,700 MWK* 344,000 ZAR* 19,190 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 2,525 NOK* 14,760 CHF 2,574 MWK 352,000 USD 2,515	DKK* 12,670 NZD* 3,590 DKK 12,650 NOK 14,670 ZAR 18,560)	GBP* 1,530 SEK* 18,280 GBP 1,536 NZD 3,487	ISK* 304,000 SGD* 3,490 ISK 310,000 SEK 17,110	JPY* 225,700 USD* 2,378 JPY 229,000 SGD 3,550		
ES ²²	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 2,525 CHF 2,574	USD* 2,378 USD 2,515)					
FI	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF 2,525 CHF 2,574	USD 2,378 USD 2,515)					
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF 1,110 CHF 1,090	EUR 737 EUR 720	KRW 1,255,000 KRW 1,284,000	USD 987 USD 1,065)			
KR	KRW* 900,000 ²³ USD 729 ²³ KRW 450,000 ²⁴ USD** 364 ²⁴ * (from 1.1.10: ** (from 1.1.10:	AUD* 976 ²³ AUD** 488 ²⁴ KRW 1,300,000 ²³ SGD 1,530 ²³ AUD 428 ²⁴ USD 373 ²⁴)	CHF* 735 ²³ CHF** 367 ²⁴ AUD 1,192 ²³ USD 1,092 ²³ CHF 382 ²⁴	EUR* 475 ²³ EUR** 237 ²⁴ CHF 1,116 ²³ EUR 252 ²⁴	NZD* 1,109 ²³ NZD** 554 ²⁴ EUR 737 ²³ NZD 517 ²⁴	SGD* 1,048 ²³ SGD** 524 ²⁴ NZD 1,464 ²³ SGD ²⁴ 530		
RU	RUB 13,500 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 459 CHF 459	EUR* 309 EUR 303	USD* 411 USD 449)				
SE	SEK* 18,280 USD* 2,378 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 2,525 SEK 17,110 USD 2,515)	DKK* 12,670 CHF 2,574	EUR 1,700 DKK 12,650	ISK* 304,000 ISK 310,000	NOK* 14,760 NOK 14,670		
US	USD 2,080 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 2,323 CHF 2,129	EUR* 1,486 EUR 1,406	NZD* 3,250 NZD 2,880	ZAR* 17,400 ZAR 15,350)			
XN	DKK* 12,670 * (from 1.1.10:	CHF* 2,525 DKK 12,650	EUR 1,700 CHF 2,574	ISK* 304,000 ISK 310,000	NOK* 14,760 NOK 14,670	USD* 2,378 USD 2,515)		

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 December 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
FI	(from 1.1.10: EUR 1,700)	(from 1.1.10: CHF 200)
RU	Equivalent in CHF of RUR ²⁵ 9,450 (13,500) ²⁶	CHF 200
SE	SEK* 18,280 * (from 1.1.10: SEK 17,110 CHF 2,574)	CHF 200
XN	DKK* 12,670 * (from 1.1.10: DKK 12,650 CHF 2,574)	CHF 200

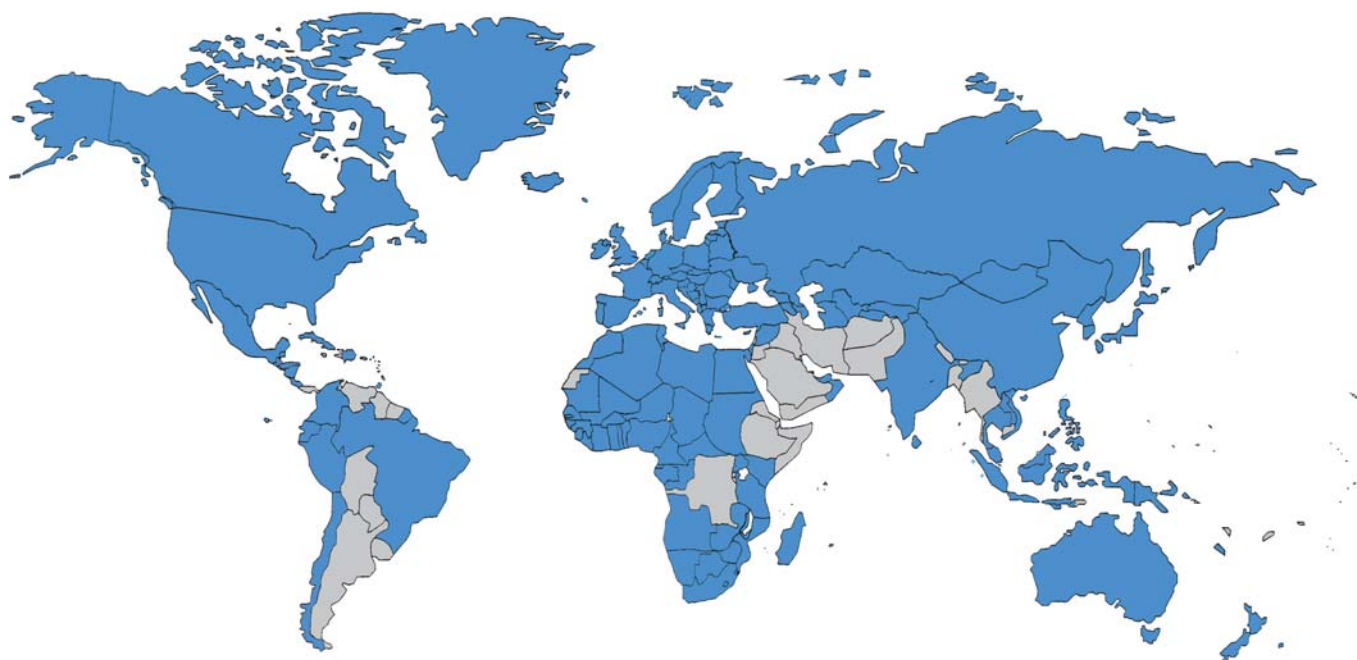
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
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IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁷		Handling fee ^{2, 27} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200* <i>(*Note that this fee will change to EUR 1,675 on 1.1.10 or when the law amending the fee is published, if that is later, and may be reduced under certain conditions. Further information to follow.)</i>	EUR	121 (from 1.1.10: 132)
AU	AUD	550 780 ²⁸	AUD	247 (from 1.1.10: 224)
BR ²¹	BRL	710	BRL	360 (from 1.1.10: 353)
CA	CAD	800	CAD	171 (from 1.1.10: 209)
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²²	EUR	1,675	EUR	121 (from 1.1.10: 132)
ES	EUR	555.33 (from 1.1.10: 560.88)	EUR	121 (from 1.1.10: 132)
FI	EUR	550	EUR	121 (from 1.1.10: 132)
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	16,000 (from 1.1.10: 17,800)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	157,000 (from 1.1.10: 236,000)
RU	RUB	5,400 ²⁹ 8,100 ³⁰	USD	171 (from 1.1.10: 195)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,490 (from 1.1.10: 1,330)
US	USD	600 750 ³¹	USD	171 (from 1.1.10: 195)
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	900 (from 1.1.10: 980)

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 international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 12 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.
- 13 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
- 14 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).
- 15 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 16 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.
- 17 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 18 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 19 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 20 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 21 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.
- 22 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 further information, see the tables relating to those Offices at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/index.html>
- 23 For searches carried out in English.
- 24 For searches carried out in Korean.
- 25 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 26 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 27 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 28 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 29 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 30 In all cases where footnote 29 does not apply.
- 31 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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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
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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
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
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CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MG Madagascar	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras		SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia (EP) ³		SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SE Sweden (EP)	
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			
	IL Israel			
	IN India			

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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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