

PCT NEWSLETTER

Using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) to Meet PCT Priority Document Requirements

Urgent reminder regarding the three required steps in all cases

Since 1 January 2010, it has been possible for applicants to request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2010). When doing this, it is important to complete **all of the following steps** within 16 months from the priority date:

(1) Request the Office with which the earlier application was filed to make the application available to DAS (the particular arrangements for this vary amongst the participating Offices – you should check on the Office’s website for details).

At present, the following Offices offer this service:

AU	Australian Patent Office
ES	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
GB	United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)
IB	International Bureau (for PCT applications filed with RO/IB)
JP	Japan Patent Office
KR	Korean Intellectual Property Office
US	United States Patent and Trademark Office

If your earlier application was filed with any other receiving Office, you will probably not be able to use this service and will need to either provide a conventional certified copy or else, where relevant, ask the receiving Office to supply a copy under PCT Rule 17.1(b).

(2) Go to the DAS web portal at:

https://webaccess.wipo.int/priority_documents/en/

and use the “Update Access Control List” tab to give the IB access to that earlier application.

(3) Request the IB to retrieve the document, either by checking the box in Box No. VI of the paper request form or by sending a letter to the IB (for an example of the wording which may be used in such a letter, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2010, pages 4 and 5). The equivalent functionality in PCT-SAFE will be added in the April 2010 release.

Additional requirements imposed by certain DAS participating Offices

For earlier applications filed with the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), no information about the earlier application will be released to the DAS system by any of those Offices until you first go to WIPO’s DAS portal and confirm registration of the application using the secure access control code. However, in the case of the USPTO, please note that the applicant must have already submitted written authorization (for example, Form PTO/SB/39 or PTO/SB/01) in

respect of any unpublished earlier application prior to registering the application in DAS. Once the registration is completed and you have received a confirmation e-mail stating that the registration was successful, you will be able to update the access control list in DAS.

Applicants who are familiar with the priority document exchange schemes between the EPO, JPO, KIPO and USPTO will note that this involves more steps than are required for exchange between those Offices. This is necessary to assure both the Offices joining the system and applicants that no access to an application will be given to any Office unless it has been specifically authorized by the applicant.

US applicants should note that filing Form PTO/SB/39 or PTO/SB/01 at the USPTO (permitting WIPO to access a US application) does not replace the step of using WIPO's DAS portal to confirm that the IB is permitted to access the document for PCT purposes. Until this final step is completed, the earlier application is available only within the DAS system itself, but cannot be accessed. The IB, in its role in administering the PCT, is only able to access documents from DAS in the same way as any national Office, that is, on the basis of a specific permission having been given by the applicant through the access control list on WIPO's DAS portal.

European Patent Convention

Accession by Albania

Albania deposited its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 11 February 2010, and will become bound by that Convention on 1 May 2010. This will bring the number of Contracting States of the EPC to 37.

Therefore, any international application filed on or after 1 May 2010 will include the designation of Albania 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 Albania for a national patent, it **will not include the designation of Albania for a European Patent**).

Furthermore, as from 1 May 2010, it will be possible for nationals and residents of Albania to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the Albanian Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO.

Effect on the extension agreement between the EPO and Albania

The extension agreement between Albania and the European Patent Organisation will terminate with the entry into force of the EPC in Albania on 1 May 2010. It will thereafter no longer be possible to extend European patent applications and patents to Albania. The extension system will, however, continue to apply to all European and international applications filed prior to 1 May 2010, as well as to all European patents granted in respect of such applications.

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

<http://www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/journal/informationEPO/archive/20100301.html?update>

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

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

GB United Kingdom (PCT Rule 49.6)

The United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office), in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn, with effect from 1 January 2005, its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 49.6(f) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2003, page 5). This means that PCT Rule 49.6(a) to (e) (reinstatement of rights after failure to perform the acts referred to in PCT Article 22), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, applies with respect to that Office with effect from 1 January 2005. The Office has notified the IB that it applies the "unintentional" criterion in respect of such requests for reinstatement of rights.

The table of "PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities" (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html) has been updated accordingly.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Japan Patent Office: modifications to electronic filing requirements

On 1 January 2010, the Japan Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, introduced an Internet version of its electronic filing software JPO-PAS, in addition to the ISDN version. The ISDN version will be withdrawn with effect from 1 April 2010. As a result, the Office has notified changes to its electronic filing requirements in accordance with Section 710(a)(i) to (iii) and (vi) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. The electronic filing requirements, as modified with effect from 1 April 2010, will be published shortly in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* at:

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

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 13 May 2010

Due to the fact that Thursday, 13 May 2010, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications, as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*, which would normally have been published on that day, will be published on Friday, 14 May 2010.

Publication of 27 May 2010

Due to the fact that 13 and 24 May 2010 will be non-working days at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on 27 May 2010 (publication No. 21/2010) will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 11 May 2010 (instead of on Wednesday, 12 May 2010, 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, 10 May 2010.

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The following depository institution has acquired the status of international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made:

Lady Mary Fairfax CellBank Australia (CBA)
214 Hawkesbury Rd
Westmead, NSW 2145
Australia

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

EP European Patent Office (deposits of microorganisms and other biological material)

The following text has been added to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex L, concerning the requirements of the European Patent Office with regards to the making of deposits of microorganisms and other biological material:

Applicants are reminded that these indications (the name and address of the depositor, and the statement) must be furnished to the International Bureau within the applicable time limit under PCT Rule 13*bis*.4, that is, within 16 months from the priority date of the international application (this period is deemed to have been met if these indications are furnished before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed) or, if the applicant makes a request for early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b), up to the date on which such a request is made. The failure to meet this time limit **cannot** be remedied upon entry into the European phase neither by re-establishment of rights nor by further processing. As a result, the application may have to be refused under EPC Article 97(2) in the course of examination proceedings for insufficient disclosure (EPC Article 83).

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

FI Finland (fees)

As from 1 April 2010, there will be a change in the fee for priority document, payable to the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document.....	[no change]
Plus EUR 70 per document for a patent or EUR 50 per document for a utility model	

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, will change with effect from the same date:

Basic fee:	EUR	450
Basic fee for an electronically filed application:	EUR	350

Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	EUR	40
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	EUR	125
Annual fees for the first three years:.....	EUR	200

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

GB United Kingdom (fees)

The United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) has notified the International Bureau that the change in the amount of the transmittal fee and the fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority, payable to it as receiving Office, is applicable with effect from 6 April 2010, and not 1 April 2010, as had previously been notified (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2010).

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

IS Iceland (fees)

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2010 that the Icelandic Patent Office is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 March 2010, equivalent amounts in ISK have been established for the reductions under 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 (IS))

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

As from 1 June 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in KRW to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in KRW of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reduction listed under item 4(a) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

ST Sao Tome and Principe (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Industrial Property National Service (SENAPI) have changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (239) 222 28 03, 222 68 10

Fax: (239) 222 18 43, 222 24 27, 222 41 79

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

TH Thailand (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Department of Intellectual Property (Thailand) has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to 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 Authority for international

applications filed by nationals and residents of Thailand with the Department of Intellectual Property as receiving Office.

Search fee and supplementary search fee (Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Nordic Patent Institute, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2010 about the change, with effect from 1 April 2010, in the fee payable for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, equivalent amounts have now been established in CHF, DKK, GBP, ISK, JPY, MWK, NOK, NZD, SEK, SGD, USD and ZAR.

As from 1 April 2010, there will also be changes in the amounts payable in:

- DKK and in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF, EUR, ISK, NOK and USD for an international search carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute, as well as a change in the amount of the additional search fee payable to that Office, as indicated below:

Additional search fee: DKK 13,290

- EUR and in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and USD for international searches carried out by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as a change in the amount of the additional search fee payable to those Offices, as indicated below:

Additional search fee: EUR 1,785

- SEK and in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF, DKK, EUR, ISK, NOK and USD for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as well as a change in the amount of the additional search fee payable to that Office, as indicated below:

Additional search fee: SEK 18,060

As from 1 May 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for international searches carried out by the Australian Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office, and as from 15 May 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

All of the above-mentioned amounts, apart from the ones which are given above, are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

As from 1 April 2010, there will be a change in the amount payable in CHF for supplementary international searches carried out by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(c).

In the case of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, one of the conditions for refund of the supplementary search fee has been deleted. The conditions for refund now read as follows:

- Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

- The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100%
- [Deleted]
- The Authority shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted before the start of the supplementary international search (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%

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

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to the international preliminary examination (National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland)

As from 1 April 2010, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, as indicated in Fee Table II, as well as a change in the following fee payable to it, with effect from the same date:

Additional preliminary examination fee: EUR 600

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

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

PCT Newsletter Index 2009

The 2009 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=2009>

Request form

The January 2010 version of the request form (PCT/RO/101) in Chinese is now available in editable PDF format at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/forms/request/ed_request.pdf

The Arabic version is currently being prepared and will be ready shortly. It is recalled that the request forms in English, French, German and Spanish, in editable PDF format, are also available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/index.htm>.

PCT Regulations

July 2009 edition in Arabic and Spanish

The Arabic version of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2009, is now available in PDF format at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/texts>

The Spanish version of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2009, is now available in HTML format at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/rules/rtoc1.html>

Time limits for entering the national phase

The table of time limits for entering the national phase has been updated with effect from 18 February 2010 to include the new possibility of extending the time limit for entering the national phase in Egypt, and is available in English and Russian, respectively, at:

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/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 18 February 2010 (changes have been made in relation to protection available in Chile, Liberia, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova and Thailand) and is available in English and Russian at, respectively:

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

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

PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities

The table of “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html) has been updated to take into account the withdrawal by the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) of its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 49.6(f) (see “Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws”, above).

Quality reports

In accordance with the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, paragraphs 21.17 and 21.18, the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities make annual reports on the quality management systems which they have implemented for their work as International Authorities. The reports for 2009 are now available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html>

Resources in Portuguese and Spanish

Payment of fees during the international phase

Additional resources relating to modes of payment of fees during the international phase have been added to the PCT Resources site in Portuguese and Spanish at, respectively:

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

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

Direct filing of PCT applications with the International Bureau as PCT receiving Office

Information on filing with the International Bureau as PCT receiving Office, in particular: accepted modes of filing, fees payable, accepted currencies and modes of payment, special features of filing with RO/IB, and contact details of the PCT Receiving and Processing Team (for example, to check receipt and status of payment of a PCT application) is now available in Portuguese and Spanish at, respectively:

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/filing/filing.html>

PCT Webinars

The PCT webinars page has been updated to include recently-archived recordings in Arabic, English, Japanese and Russian, as well as details of upcoming webinars. See:

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

Applicants are reminded that future PCT webinars are also announced under the PCT Seminar Calendar at:

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

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

Availability of full text search of Japanese international applications filed on paper in Japanese

International applications which were filed on paper, in Japanese, with the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, including applications filed in PCT-EASY format, and which were published on or after 11 February 2010, are now available in searchable text format in Japanese on PATENTSCOPE® (<http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/>).

To see an example (PCT/JP2009/064325 – originally filed in PCT-EASY format), please go to: <http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/wo.jsp?WO=2010016622>

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 “IPTD – International Patents & Trademarks Database”. To view an example of the 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 applicants and inventors who might also receive such requests. In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, 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

Making Enquiries at the International Bureau about the Filing of PCT Applications

As there are a number of different areas of the International Bureau (IB) that can be contacted for assistance with PCT-related matters, and different ways of contacting the people concerned, the following shows some examples of different situations, and who may be contacted for assistance in those situations. Note that if you are still unsure of who to contact after reading this, your first contact should be to the PCT Information Service which, if it is not able to answer your question, will re-route your enquiry to the appropriate person.

1. I would like to file a new PCT application directly with the International Bureau as a receiving Office (RO/IB). I have never used the RO/IB before and would like to know more about the procedure, including generally who may act as agent and which International Searching Authorities will be competent.

Many frequently asked questions about the filing of PCT applications with RO/IB are available in a document entitled "Direct filing of PCT applications with the International Bureau as PCT receiving Office (RO/IB)" which is available at:

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

However, if you are not clear about any of the procedures addressed in the above-mentioned document, or if you would like to ask a question that is not covered by it, you may contact the PCT Information Service at:

PCT Information Service:

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (+41-22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

These contact details may also be used for any general or legal questions about the PCT procedure. Telephone opening hours are from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., Central European time (from 3.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. (noon) US Eastern time zone).

Once you have filed an application with RO/IB and have specific questions about that filing, you may contact the RO/IB directly. You may also contact the RO/IB directly about the status of an international application which has been transmitted to the RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.4 (that is: where the national (or regional) Office with which the application was filed is not competent to receive the application concerned, where the application is not in a language accepted by that national Office, or for any other reason where the national Office and the IB agree, and where the authorization of the applicant has been given, that the procedure under that Rule should apply). The contact details of the RO/IB are as follows:

International Bureau as receiving Office:

Telephone: (41-22) 338 92 22

Fax: (41-22) 910 06 10

E-mail: ro.ib@wipo.int

2. A few days ago, I sent to the IB a request to record a new applicant under PCT Rule 92bis. As the 30-month time limit will expire in the next few days, I would like to check that my correspondence has been received and request that the IB process that request as soon as possible while I am preparing the national phase entries. Who should I contact at the IB?

Generally, for questions relating to the status of a specific international application, you should contact the authorized Officer of the processing team (in the PCT Operations Division) in charge of the file. The name of that person appears on the bottom of all forms issued by the IB for the application concerned, together with the central contact details (telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address) for the processing team which is dealing with the application. Alternatively, provided that you know the international application number, you can obtain the necessary contact details by going to the following page on the PATENTSCOPE® website at:

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

By typing the international application number in the box provided, you will be given the name of the processing team coordinator, as well as the central contact details (telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address) for the processing team which is dealing with the application.

Correspondence relating to specific international applications should be addressed either to the **PCT Operations Division**: fax no.: (+41-22) 338 82 70 or to the specific fax numbers of the processing teams mentioned above.

3. How do I file an international application in electronic form?

Detailed information on how to file international applications, including an extensive list of frequently asked questions, as well as helpful training tools, is available on the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

Questions relating to the preparation and submission of international applications in electronic form and, in particular, questions relating to the PCT-SAFE software, can also be addressed to the PCT-SAFE Help Desk at:

PCT-SAFE Help Desk:

Telephone: +41 22 338 95 23

Fax: +41 22 338 80 40

E-mail pctsafe.help@wipo.int

The PCT-SAFE Help Desk also offers support for the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) and the PCT Service Centre, which deals with the submission to the IB by PCT applicants/agents of electronic documents relating to international applications via a web interface (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2010, page 3).

For questions relating to the electronic filing systems of national or regional Offices, please contact the Office concerned directly.

4. Is there a single page on the WIPO website which gives contact information for the PCT and other patent-related matters?

Much of the contact information given above is available by selecting “patents” on WIPO’s “Contact Us” page at:

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

From this contact page, it is also possible to send enquiries online concerning patents generally and the PCT procedure, including questions relating to PATENTSCOPE® (patent search and patent data) and the PCT Service Centre. When you have typed in your enquiry and submitted the form, an e-mail is sent to the generic e-mail address of the relevant section of WIPO for reply.

Note that the contact page can also be used to make enquiries with the many other areas of WIPO which are listed on that page. In many cases, after clicking on the topic concerned, you will also be given a phone and/or fax number which will enable you to contact a person knowledgeable about the topic concerned.

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 1 March 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
4–5 March 2010 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. 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
8–9 March 2010 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT training WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. 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
19–20 April 2010 Houston (US)	English	PCT comprehensive seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. 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
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-Kurkdjian	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 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
28 May 2010 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	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
8 October 2010 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 9th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators 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
10 December 2010 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

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PCT Webinars			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars.html) (situation on 1 March 2010)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
2 March 2010 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Tokyo time (8.00 am to 9.00 am, central European time)	Japanese	WIPO webinar on the latest PCT developments and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT user community WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/920444026
9 March 2010 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm Moscow time (11.00 am to 12.00 pm, central European time)	Russian	As above WIPO speaker: Mr. Gavrikov	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/749635539
11 March 2010 10.00 am to 11.00 am central European time	Arabic	As above WIPO speaker: Ms. Zahran	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/128278258
16 March 2010 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm central European time	Spanish	As above WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernandez-Vigaud	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/133871651
18 March 2010 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm central European time	French	As above WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/571685578
23 March 2010 11.00 am to 12.00 pm Rio de Janeiro time (3.00 pm to 4.00 pm, central European time)	Portuguese	As above WIPO speaker: Ms. Araujo	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/733935987
25 March 2010 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm central European time	German	As above WIPO speaker: Ms. Weiss	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/995576786
30 March 2010 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm Beijing time (9.00 am to 10.00 am, central European time)	Chinese	As above WIPO speaker: Mr. Yu	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/425445939
1 April 2010 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm Seoul time (8.00 am to 9.00 am, central European time)	Korean	As above WIPO speaker: Mr. Park	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/634342179

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 2010, 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 –	BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRL	Brazilian real	GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht
RO	receiving Office	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	RON	New leu		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
		GEL	Georgian lari	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 March 2010, 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) 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	1,300	15	98	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD	1,300	15	98	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR	878	10	66	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,489	17	112	224	336	AU KR
AZ	AZN	55,000	USD	1,300	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	878	10	66	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	878	10	66	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,300	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	1,300	15	98	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,300	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,300	15	98	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,388	16	104	209	313	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	350	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	1,300	eq USD ¹⁰ 15	eq USD ¹⁰ 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	1,300	eq USD 15	eq USD 98	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU

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

(amounts on 1 March 2010, 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	1,300	15	98	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,300	15	98	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	878	10	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	878	10	66	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	878	10	66	132	198	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,540	70	490	980	1,470	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,300	15	98	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,300	15	98	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,300	15	98	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,300	15	98	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	110	EUR	878	10	–	132	198	EP
	(from 1.4.10:	115)							
ES	EUR	71.35	EUR	878	10	66	132	198	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	878	10	–	132	198	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	878	10	66	132	198	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	794	9	–	119	179	EP
	(from 6.4.10:	75)							
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹¹	10	USD	1,300	15	98	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,300	15)	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	878	10	66	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,300	15	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	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 14
	or EUR ¹³	66	or EUR	878	10	66	132	198	
	or USD ¹³	98	or USD	1,300	15	98	195	293	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	878	10	66	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	532	USD	1,300	15	98	–	–	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,300	15	98	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK	160,100	1,800	12,000	24,000	36,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	878	10	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	118,400	1,300	8,900	–	26,700	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,300	15	98	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE

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

(amounts on 1 March 2010, 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 1,300	15	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 1,567,000 (from 1.6.10:1,453,000)	18,000 (16,000)	118,000 (109,000)	–	353,000 (328,000)	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360 ¹⁶	USD 1,300	15	98	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,300	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ⁹ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 878	10	66	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 878	10	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL 48.40	EUR 878	10	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 878	10	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,300	15	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 878	10	66	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 181,900	2,100	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 1,300	15	98	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 878	10	66	132	198	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,580	90	570	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁹	NZD 1,802	20	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 1,300	eq USD 15	eq USD 98	–	–	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,300	15	98	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,300	15	98	195	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 878	10	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 1,300	15	98	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,300	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,840	100	660	1,330	1,990	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,835	21	138	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 878	10	66	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66	EUR 878	10	66	132	198	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 878	10	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,300	15	98	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,300	15	98	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	CN EP KR US
TJ	TJS ⁹ –	USD 1,300	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,300	15	98	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,300	15	98	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁰ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,300	15	–	–	–	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 March 2010, 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	
US	USD 240	USD 1,300	15	98	195	–	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,300	15	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 9,590	110	720	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,300	15	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,300	eq USD 15	eq USD 98	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 March 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²¹	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,574	KRW 2,951,000	SGD 3,550	USD 2,515	ZAR 18,560		
AU	AUD 1,600	CHF 1,430	EUR* 944	KRW 1,684,000	NZD 1,937	SGD 1,970		
	USD 1,397	ZAR** 10,310						
	* (from 1.5.10: EUR 1,024)							
	** (from 15.3.10: ZAR 11,060)							
BR ²²	BRL 1,900	CHF 1,076	EUR 711	USD 1,052				
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,533	EUR* 1,012	USD 1,498				
	* (from 15.5.10: EUR 1,119)							
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 314	EUR 208	USD 307				
EP ²³	EUR* 1,700	CHF* 2,574	DKK* 12,650	GBP* 1,536	ISK* 310,000	JPY* 229,000		
	MWK* 352,000	NOK* 14,670	NZD* 3,487	SEK* 17,110	SGD* 3,550	USD* 2,515		
	ZAR* 18,560							
	(from 1.4.10: EUR 1,785	CHF 2,628	DKK 13,290	GBP 1,557	ISK 317,000			
	JPY 225,200	MWK 359,000	NOK 14,590	NZD 3,506	SEK 18,060	SGD 3,510		
	USD 2,485	ZAR 18,620)						
ES ²³	EUR* 1,700	CHF* 2,574	USD* 2,515					
	(from 1.4.10: EUR 1,785	CHF 2,628	USD 2,485)					
FI	EUR* 1,700	CHF* 2,574	USD* 2,515					
	(from 1.4.10: EUR 1,785	CHF 2,628	USD 2,485)					
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,090	EUR* 720	KRW 1,284,000	USD 1,065			
	(from 1.5.10: EUR 782)							
KR	KRW 1,300,000 ²⁴	AUD 1,192 ²⁴	CHF 1,116 ²⁴	EUR 737 ²⁴	NZD 1,464 ²⁴	SGD 1,530 ²⁴		
	USD 1,092 ²⁴							
	KRW 450,000 ²⁵	AUD 428 ²⁵	CHF 382 ²⁵	EUR 252 ²⁵	NZD 517 ²⁵	SGD 530 ²⁵		
	USD 373 ²⁵							
RU	RUB 13,500	CHF 459	EUR 303	USD 449				
SE	SEK* 17,110	CHF* 2,574	DKK* 12,650	EUR* 1,700	ISK* 310,000	NOK* 14,670		
	USD* 2,515							
	(from 1.4.10: SEK 18,060	CHF 2,628	DKK 13,290	EUR 1,785	ISK 317,000			
	NOK 14,590	USD 2,485)						
US	USD 2,080	CHF 2,129	EUR 1,406	NZD 2,880	ZAR 15,350			
XN	DKK* 12,650	CHF* 2,574	EUR* 1,700	ISK* 310,000	NOK* 14,670	USD* 2,515		
	(from 1.4.10: DKK 13,290	CHF 2,628	EUR 1,785	ISK 317,000	NOK 14,590			
	USD 2,485)							

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 March 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee		Supplementary search handling fee
FI	CHF 2,574	(from 1.4.10: CHF 2,628)	CHF 200
RU	Eq in CHF of RUR ²⁶ 9,450	(13,500) ²⁷	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,574	(from 1.4.10: CHF 2,628)	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,574		CHF 200

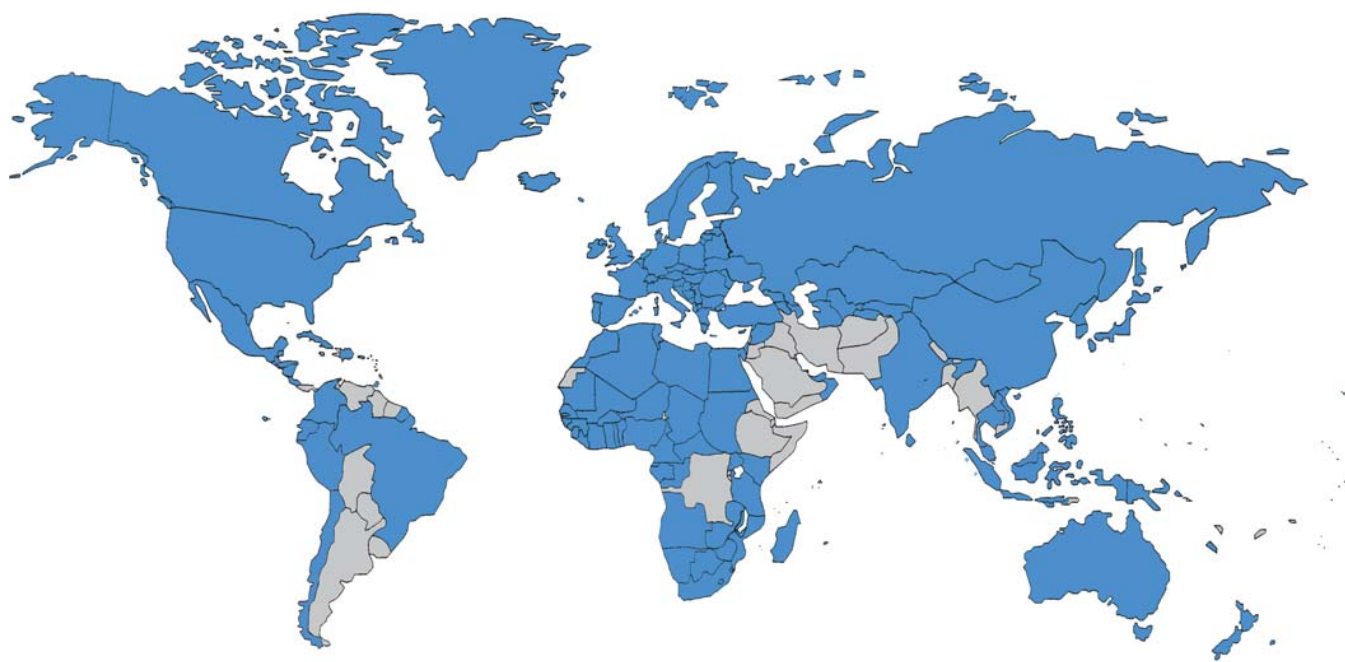
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 March 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁸		Handling fee ^{2, 28} (CHF 200)	
AT ²¹	EUR	1,675	EUR	132
AU	AUD	550 780 ²⁹	AUD	224
BR ²²	BRL	710	BRL	353
CA	CAD	800	CAD	209
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²³	EUR	1,675 (from 1.4.10: EUR 1,760)	EUR	132
ES	EUR	560.88	EUR	132
FI	EUR	550 (from 1.4.10: EUR 600)	EUR	132
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	17,800
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	236,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁰ 8,100 ³¹	USD	195
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,330
US	USD	600 750 ³²	USD	195
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	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 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 for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 22 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.
- 23 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 relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 24 For searches carried out in English.
- 25 For searches carried out in Korean.
- 26 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.
- 27 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).
- 28 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 29 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 30 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 31 In all cases where footnote 30 does not apply.
- 32 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 March 2010)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP) ⁴	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
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AL Albania ¹ (<i>from 1 May 2010: EP</i>)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IT Italy (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
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AO Angola	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MT Malta (EP) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
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AU Australia	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
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BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
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BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia (<i>from 24 March 2010: AP</i>)	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	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
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	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			
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