

PCT NEWSLETTER

PCT (UK) Fast Track: Accelerated Examination in the United Kingdom National Phase

As of 28 May 2010, patent applicants can request accelerated examination in the United Kingdom (GB) national phase if their international application has received a positive International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP). This service is available whether the IPRP has been issued under Chapter I or Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). The United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) has provided the International Bureau with the following information on this new service.

Requirements

In order to qualify for this service, **all claims** present in the application on entry into the national phase must have been examined and found to meet the requirements for novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability in the international phase. Therefore all claims present in the application on entry into the national phase must have been considered in the IPRP. If the IPRP states in Box III that certain claims have not been examined, or if any objections to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability have been raised in Box V of the IPRP, then acceleration is not available under this service.

This service will apply to existing PCT applications which have already entered the GB national phase as well as to applications entering the GB national phase from 28 May 2010 onwards.

Procedure

Applicants must make a request for accelerated examination in writing to the UK Intellectual Property Office, indicating that their application has received a positive IPRP. No further reasons will be required for accelerated examination to take place.

It is helpful if any correspondence in relation to accelerated applications is clearly marked as such, for example by boldly indicating “URGENT – ACCELERATED PROCESSING REQUESTED”. This will help identify correspondence relating to accelerated applications as early as possible after the Office has received it and will thus ensure that the examiner receives it as quickly as possible.

In the unlikely circumstance that WIPO is delayed in supplying a copy of the IPRP, the applicant may be asked to provide a copy of this document in order to expedite the process.

Each request for accelerated examination will be considered by a patent examiner, who will confirm whether the request for accelerated examination has been allowed or refused. In the event of a refusal, reasons for refusal will be provided. If the request is allowed, accelerated examination will take place. The UK Intellectual Property Office currently aims to issue a substantive examination report within two months of receipt of the request for accelerated examination, for at least 90% of cases.

The usual opportunity for voluntary amendment under rule 31(4) of the UK Patents Rules 2007 will be available after issue of the first examination report.

Further Information

Information on this new service was published by the UK Intellectual Property Office in a press release at:

<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/press-release-20100528>

Information about the other accelerated services offered by the UK Intellectual Property Office is available at:

<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-fastgrantguide.pdf>

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Note that, although the PCT (UK) Fast Track service permits applicants to request accelerated examination in the national phase as does the PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) procedure that was announced in previous issues of the *PCT Newsletter* (notably, the pilot among the Trilateral Offices (the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the European Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2010) and between the USPTO and the Korean Intellectual Property Office which started operating on 1 June 2010 (see below)), the PCT (UK) Fast Track service is different from the PCT-PPH procedure in that it applies to all IPRPs regardless of which authority issued the IPRP, and it has been launched independently, rather than as a bilateral or multilateral agreement.

Entry into Force of PCT-PPH Agreement between USPTO and KIPO

It is recalled that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) announced plans to expand their existing bilateral Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) agreement to include positive international search reports with written opinions and positive international preliminary examination reports issued by one of those Offices within the framework of the PCT (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2010, page 2), but that the starting date of the pilot of the fast-track patent examination procedure which will include such PCT documents was not yet known. It has now been confirmed that the starting date of the pilot at the USPTO was on 1 June 2010. KIPO will publish a notice on its website announcing the commencement of the PCT-PPH pilot program at KIPO at a later date.

The commencement of the pilot program between the USPTO and KIPO was announced on the USPTO website at:

http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/pct_pph_kipo.jsp

and detailed information on the pilot program has been published at:

http://www.uspto.gov/patents/law/notices/pct_pph_kipo.pdf

Secure Online PCT E-Payment System for Certain PCT Fees

In July 2010, the International Bureau (IB) is planning to launch an online PCT E-Payment system, which will enable applicants to pay certain PCT fees to the IB by credit card via an online secure e-payment facility. Initially the PCT E-Payment system will be made available for online credit card payment to the IB of the following fee types (other fee types will be added at a later date):

- fees payable for new PCT filings at the IB as receiving Office (RO/IB);
- fees payable to the IB for filing a request for supplementary international search.

The current process for paying the above fees to the IB by credit card requires the applicant to supply certain credit card details to the IB, either by indicating those details in the PCT-SAFE interface at the time of filing an international application electronically with the RO/IB, or by providing them on a separate paper form (Form PCT/RO/197 and/or PCT/IB/380). Using the details provided, the IB subsequently carries out the credit card transaction. However, under the new online PCT E-Payment system, the applicant only has to provide a valid e-mail address to the IB and indicate an intention to pay the fees via the online PCT E-Payment credit card system by selecting either “Credit Card (E-Payment)” in the PCT-SAFE interface (this new option will be available in the July 2010 release of the PCT-SAFE software, for both fully electronic and PCT-EASY type filings), or by checking “credit card” as payment option on the corresponding Fee Sheet of either Form PCT/RO/101 (for new filings at RO/IB) or Form PCT/IB/375 (for requests for supplementary international search).

After initial formalities processing by the IB, the applicant will receive an automated e-mail at the e-mail address provided for this purpose, containing a link to the corresponding transaction in the PCT E-Payment system, where the applicant will complete the online credit card transaction in a secure and confidential environment. Applicants will also be able to access all their PCT E-Payment credit card transactions via a secure link on the PCT Service Center page on WIPO’s PATENTSCOPE® website.

It is the IB’s intention to stop accepting credit card details on paper from PCT applicants as from 1 January 2011, thus providing applicants with a reasonable period to make the transition to the online PCT E-Payment system. As a result, please note that Forms PCT/RO/197 and PCT/IB/380 will be discontinued as of that date.

PCT Distance Learning Course Now Available in All Ten Publication Languages

It is recalled that WIPO launched, in 2009, a distance learning course on the PCT entitled “Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).” This self-study course was developed by PCT specialists using the pedagogical and distance learning methodology of the WIPO

Academy and is aimed at anyone who would like to gain a basic understanding of the PCT system.

The course is now available in ten languages, namely, Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. The new languages are available in PDF format and will be progressively integrated into the online WIPO Learning Management System, which is more user-interactive.

Users should note that while the courses are available in these languages, preliminary information and enrollment is in English only, and that course registrants will be requested to provide certain data for statistical purposes.

The PCT Distance Learning Course in the ten languages can be accessed free of charge at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/distance_learning/index.html

PCT Statistics

The International Patent System in 2009

“The International Patent System – PCT Yearly Review: Developments and Performance in 2009” reviews PCT activities in 2009 and contains statistics relating to 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. This edition contains a special theme on the impact of the economic crisis on PCT filings. It is now available in English, in PDF format, at:

http://www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct/pdf/901e_2009.pdf

French and Spanish translations of the review are under preparation and will be available shortly.

Printed versions will also be available shortly, free of charge, from the Product Marketing and Distribution Unit at WIPO:

Fax: (41–22) 740 18 12
E-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int
Electronic bookshop: <http://www.wipo.int/ebookshop>
Mailing address: 34, chemin des Colombettes
P.O. Box 18, CH-1211 Geneva 20,
Switzerland

PCT Information Update

CR Costa Rica (Internet address; time when name and address of inventor must be given; criteria applicable for requests for restoration of the right of priority)

The Internet address of the Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica) has changed, as follows:

http://www.rnp.go.cr/propiedad_industrial/propiedad_industrial_informacion_general.htm

The Registry has notified a change in its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Costa Rica is designated or elected, as follows:

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

The Registry, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau (IB) that it applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Applicants should refer to the Registry for the applicable fee.

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

DO Dominican Republic (telephone number; types of protection; time when name and address of inventor must be given; criteria applicable for requests for restoration of the right of priority)

The telephone number of the National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic) has changed. The number to be used is now as follows:

Telephone: (809) 567 74 74 (extensions: 3451, 3454)

There has been a change in the types of protection available in the Dominican Republic via the PCT, as follows:

Types of protection available via the PCT:

Patents of invention, utility models

The Office has notified a change in its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Dominican Republic is designated or elected, as follows:

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau (IB) that it applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (DO) and Annex C (DO))

EP European Patent Office (information concerning the Office in its capacity as Supplementary International Searching Authority (SISA))

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2010, page 1, new Annex SISA (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, containing information on the European Patent Office in its capacity as SISA, is now available in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexsisa/ax_sisa_ep.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/fr/gdvol1/annexes/annexsisa/ax_sisa_ep.pdf

GT Guatemala (telephone number; criteria applicable and fees payable for requests for restoration of the right of priority)

The telephone number of the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) has changed. The number to be used is now as follows:

Telephone: (502) 232 470 70 extension: 109

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau (IB) that it also applies the "unintentional" criterion, in addition to the "due care" criterion, to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Applicants should refer to the Office for the applicable fee.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (GT) and Annex C (GT))

OM Oman (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The International Bureau acting for the Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman) has specified, with effect from 17 June 2010, the United States Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Oman with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 August 2010, 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 EUR

Austrian Patent Office SGD

Korean Intellectual Property Office CHF

National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) CHF

and as from 15 August 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Austrian Patent Office.....CHF

Japan Patent OfficeKRW

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, AU, BR, JP and KR))

Handling fee (Korean Intellectual Property Office)

As from 15 August 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee payable in KRW to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as indicated in Fee Table II.

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

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

Modified PCT Regulations

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2010, are now available in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2010.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs2010.pdf

PowerPoint presentation

A PowerPoint presentation explaining the impact of the changes to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2010 is now available in English, French, German and Spanish at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2010changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/ppt/2010changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/ppt/2010changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/ppt/2010changes.ppt>

PCT Glossary

The PCT Glossary, which provides PCT users with definitions of PCT terminology, is now available in Spanish at:

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

It is recalled that the English and French versions are available at, respectively:

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

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

ISA and IPEA Agreements

The text of the revised Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the European Patent Office (EPO) relating to the functioning of the EPO as International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and Supplementary International Searching Authority under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2010, has been published in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep_01_07_2010.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_ep_01_07_2010.pdf

PCT Applicant's Guide: New Annex SISA (EP)

See "EP European Patent Office" under "PCT Information Update", above.

Budapest Treaty

Accession by Luxembourg

On 29 April 2010, Luxembourg deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 73. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Luxembourg on 29 July 2010.

Practical Advice

Filing amendments under PCT Article 19 after the publication of the international application; language requirements for such amendments.

Q: I recently received an international search report (ISR) and a written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA) which were transmitted by the ISA late, after the publication of the international application. I understand that, even though the international application has been published, the ISR will be the subject of a later publication. If I submit amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19, will they also be published later? Also, given that the original application was filed in Dutch with the Netherlands Patent Office, and was translated into a publication language, namely, English, for the purposes of international publication, will the amendments also have to be translated into English?

A: Amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 can be filed with the International Bureau (IB) within two months from the date of transmittal of the ISR or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later (PCT Rule 46.1). In your case, since the ISR was transmitted after the publication of the international application, and therefore later than 16 months from the priority date, the applicable time limit is two months from the date of transmittal of the ISR. Provided that the amendments to the claims are received in the correct language (see below) and within the above-mentioned time limit, they will be published together with a revised "front page" (that is, the page containing the bibliographic data, the title and the abstract) (PCT Rule 48.2(h)).

If, at the time of the completion of the technical preparations for publication in respect of a given international application, no amended claims have been submitted yet, and the time limit for

amending the claims under PCT Article 19 has not yet expired, third parties will be alerted to this fact by way of an indication in the published international application that the time limit for submitting claims under PCT Article 19 has not yet expired, and that, should the claims be amended within the applicable time limit, the amended claims and any statement under PCT Rule 46.4 (see below) will be published separately.

Any amendments under PCT Article 19 must be submitted in the language of publication (in your case, English) (see PCT Rule 46.3) – you should not submit them in another language (even if you do intend to file a translation). The amendments must comprise a replacement sheet or sheets containing a complete set of claims in replacement of all the claims originally filed (PCT Rule 46.5(a)). You should also submit a letter which identifies the claims which differ from the claims originally filed, and draws attention to the differences between the claims originally filed and the claims as amended (PCT Rule 46.5(b)(i)) and identifies the claims which have been cancelled (PCT Rule 46.5(b)(ii)). In addition, as from 1 July 2010, you will also need to indicate the basis for the amendments, in other words, to indicate where in the application as filed there is support for the amendments (new PCT Rule 46.5(b)(iii)). Note that the accompanying letter should be in English, or if the language of the international application is French, in French (PCT Rule 92.2(d)).

You may also submit a brief statement (up to 500 words) regarding the amendments (see PCT Rule 46.4), explaining them, and indicating any impact they might have on the description and drawings. Any such statement will be published together with the amended claims. The statement should also be in the language of publication (that is, in your case, English).

It is important to note that, although having PCT Article 19 amendments published may help secure provisional protection in the countries offering this, making use of PCT Article 19 to correct any negative findings in the written opinion of the ISA will NOT affect the contents of the subsequent international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I of the PCT) (IPRP Chapter I). Such amendments will not be examined in substance in the international phase unless a demand for international preliminary examination is filed. Applicants who file a demand have the possibility of requesting that the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) use the PCT Article 19 amendments as a basis for the international preliminary examination, and if this results in negative objections in the IPRP Chapter I being overcome, this may lead to a positive IPRP Chapter II. If it is your intention to file a demand, and you would like the PCT Article 19 amendments to be taken into account for international preliminary examination, the corresponding indications should be made in Box No. IV (“basis for international preliminary examination”) of the demand form (Form PCT/IPEA/401)), and a copy of the amendments should preferably be submitted with the demand (PCT Rule 53.9(a)(i)).

Please be aware that in any country in which the national phase has already been entered at the time of publication of the amended claims, the designated Office concerned need not take into account the claims as amended.

It is recalled that the claims, as well as the description and drawings, may also be amended when filing a demand (PCT Article 34.2(b)) or before the national/regional Offices (PCT Articles 28 and 41).

Detailed instructions concerning the filing of PCT Article 19 amendments are contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 9.004 to 9.011.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 4 June 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25 June 2010 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi and Mr. Yoshiura	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05
29 June 2010 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi and Mr. Yoshiura	(see Tokyo, above)
30 June 2010 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi and Mr. Yoshiura	(see Tokyo, above)
26-27 July 2010 Alexandria (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 E-mail: meetings@aipla.org
28-29 July 2010 Nashville (US)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of a three-day international patent law program at Vanderbilt University School of Law WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell	Vanderbilt University School of Law (Ms. Susan Button) E-mail: Susan.Button@Vanderbilt.edu
29-30 September 2010 Cary, North Carolina (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	North Carolina Bar Association (Contact person: Mrs. Lorna Selvaggio, Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP) Tel: (1-336) 378 54 74 Fax: (1-336) 378 54 00 E-mail: lorna.selvaggio@smithmoorelaw.com
7-8 October 2010 Seattle (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
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
28-29 October 2010 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and second 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
1-2 November 2010 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and second 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
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

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 June 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		
<i>Currencies:</i>		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	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	PLN	Polish zloty	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	EZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	RON	New leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
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 June 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
					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							CA
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
	(or eq in local currency)							
AT	EUR	50	EUR 878	10	66	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,489 (from 1.7.10: 1,370)	17 (15)	112 (103)	224 (206)	336 (309)	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 (from 1.7.10: 1,278)	16 (14)	104 (96)	209 (192)	313 (288)	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 June 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	115	EUR	878	10	–	132	198	EP
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	75	GBP	794	9	–	119	179	EP
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]

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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	
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 1,453,000	16,000	109,000	–	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 JP 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]

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				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 June 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		
	* (from 15.8.10: CHF 2,381)	CHF 2,381						
	** (from 1.7.10: KRW 2,601,000)	KRW 2,601,000						
	*** (from 1.8.10: SGD 3,160)	SGD 3,160						
AU	AUD 1,600	CHF 1,553	EUR* 1,024	KRW 1,684,000	NZD** 1,937	SGD 1,970		
	USD 1,397	ZAR 11,060						
	* (from 1.8.10 EUR 1,123)	EUR 1,123						
	** (from 1.7.10 NZD 2,062)	NZD 2,062						
BR ²²	BRL 1,900	CHF* 1,076	EUR 788	USD 1,052				
	* (from 1.8.10: CHF 1,192)	CHF 1,192						
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,666	EUR 1,119	USD 1,498				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 314	EUR 208	USD 307				
EP ²³	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 1,785	CHF 2,628	USD 2,485					
FI	EUR 1,785	CHF 2,628	USD 2,485					
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,090	EUR 782	KRW* 1,284,000	USD 1,065			
	* (from 15.8.10: KRW 1,151,000)	KRW 1,151,000						
KR	KRW 1,300,000 ²⁴	AUD 1,192 ²⁴	CHF* 1,116 ²⁴	EUR 834 ²⁴	NZD 1,464 ²⁴	SGD 1,530 ²⁴		
	USD 1,092 ²⁴							
	KRW 450,000 ²⁵	AUD 428 ²⁵	CHF** 382 ²⁵	EUR 290 ²⁵	NZD 517 ²⁵	SGD 530 ²⁵		
	USD 373 ²⁵							
	* (from 1.8.10: CHF 1,262)	CHF 1,262						
	** (from 1.8.10: CHF 437)	CHF 437						
RU	RUB 13,500	CHF 459	EUR* 303	USD 449				
	* (from 1.7.10: EUR 344)	EUR 344						
SE	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 1,534	NZD 2,880	ZAR 15,350			
XN	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 June 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
EP	(from 1.7.10: CHF 2,628)	(from 1.7.10: CHF 200)
FI	CHF 2,628	CHF 200
RU	Eq in CHF of RUB ²⁶ 9,450 (13,500) ²⁷	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,628	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,574	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

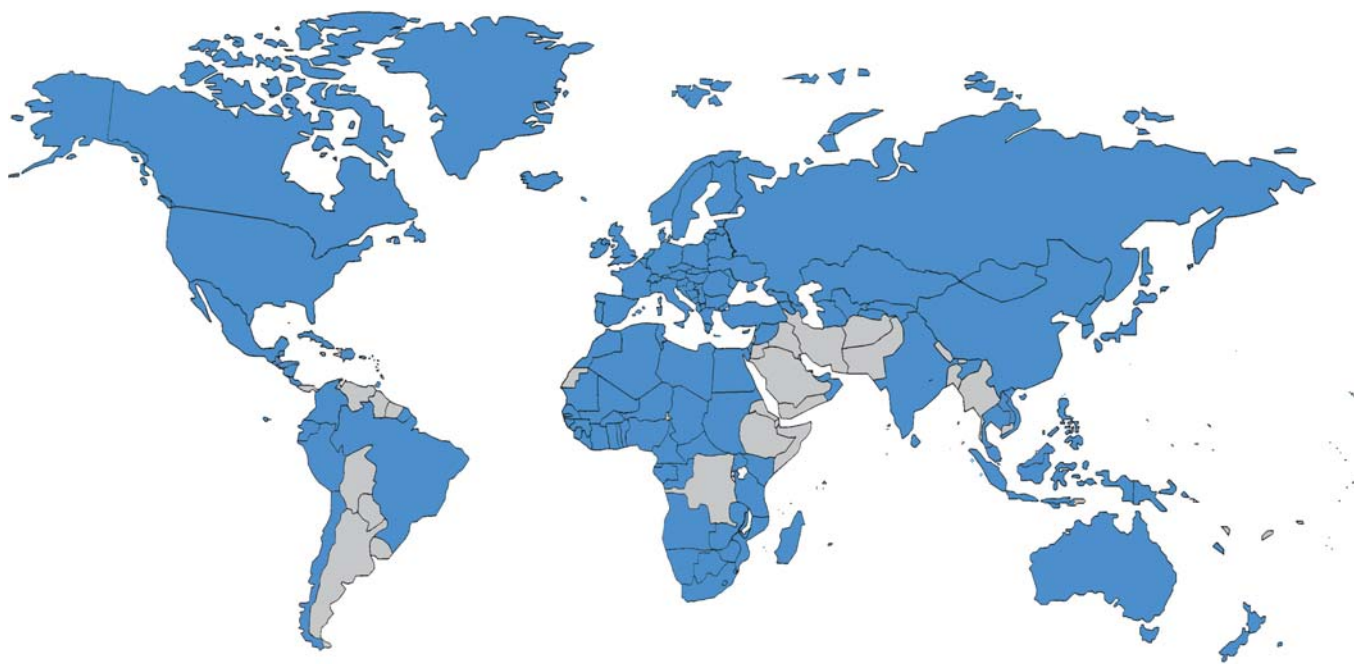
(amounts on 1 June 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁸		Handling fee ^{2, 28} (CHF 200)	
AT ²¹	EUR	1,675	EUR	132
AU	AUD	550	AUD	224
BR ²²	BRL	710	BRL	353
CA	CAD	800	CAD	209
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²³	EUR	1,760	EUR	132
ES	EUR	560.88	EUR	132
FI	EUR	600	EUR	132
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	17,800
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	236,000 (from 15.8.10: 206,000)
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁰	USD	195
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,330
US	USD	600	USD	195
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	980

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- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
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- 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.
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- 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 June 2010)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP) ⁶	SI Slovenia (EP) ³
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ³	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ³	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP) ^{1,2}	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ³	MR Mauritania (OA) ³	SM San Marino (EP) ⁷
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) ³	SN Senegal (OA) ³
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ²	EC Ecuador	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ³
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ³
BE Belgium (EP) ³	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ³	TG Togo (OA) ³
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ³	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ³	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ³	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ³	GA Gabon (OA) ³	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway (EP) ⁴	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LR Liberia (AP) ⁵	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
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CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ³	GN Guinea (OA) ³	LV Latvia (EP) ³	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
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CN China	HR Croatia (EP) ⁴	MG Madagascar	SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	IU Hungary (EP)		SE Sweden (EP)	
	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
	IE Ireland (EP) ³			

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

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