

PCT NEWSLETTER

New WIPO Deputy Director General for Patents

Mr. James Pooley took up his functions at WIPO on 1 December 2009 as Deputy Director General for Patents, with responsibilities for the PCT, the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents, innovation promotion and technology transfer.

A national of the United States of America, Mr. Pooley has worked as a lawyer in private practice in Silicon Valley since 1973, where he handled a wide range of patent, trademark and copyright cases in state and federal courts. He has also taught for many years as an Adjunct Professor at Boalt Hall Law School (the University of California at Berkeley), and has authored numerous texts relating to patents and trade secrets. Mr. Pooley also served recently as President of the American Intellectual Property Law Association and as President of the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

Further information on Mr. Pooley's previous experience can be seen in his curriculum vitae, which is reproduced in Annex V of WIPO document WO/CC/61/2 at:



*Mr. James Pooley,
WIPO's new Deputy Director
General for Patents*

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=123292

PCT Billing Scam Stopped by Florida Attorney General

A Florida-based company in the United States of America ("Federated Institute for Patent and Trademark Registry") was last month found by a Florida court to have violated the state's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act by sending misleading "invoices" to patent and trademark applicants – including to PCT users.

The company was requesting payment for a service which in fact had no value – listing PCT applications in its "Register". WIPO cooperated with the Florida authorities in this case. During the trial, a PCT expert from WIPO provided testimony about the misleading nature of the invitations and the harm suffered by PCT applicants. The judgment in this case is a promising step toward curbing this deceptive practice, and WIPO will continue to cooperate with law-enforcement authorities in states and countries which make efforts to curtail these practices. Further details about the case were published in a press release issued by the Office of the Attorney General of Florida at:

<http://www.myfloridalegal.com/newsrel.nsf/newsreleases/1F9988D229725B6B8525769006ADBB4>

It is recalled that warnings have consistently 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. Note that recently two new invitations have been identified originating from "WBIP, Corp. – World Bureau Intellectual Property". To view an example of the new invitations, as well as the

many other examples which have been brought to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

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

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

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

In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, please do not hesitate to contact the PCT Information Service of the International Bureau at:

Telephone: +41 22 338 83 38

Fax: +41 22 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

Entry into Full Production Mode of PCT Online Document Upload Facility

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2009 of the pilot phase of the PCT Online Document Upload facility, the International Bureau (IB) is pleased to announce that this service will be fully operational for all PCT users as of Monday, 18 January, 2010.

The Online Document Upload facility permits PCT applicants and/or their agents to submit to the IB via a web interface electronic documents, in PDF format, relating to international applications. The main advantage of this service is that post-filing electronic documents can be submitted quickly and efficiently to the IB, thus avoiding the costs and delays relating to paper mailing and also overcoming image quality problems that can result from fax transmissions or paper scanning.

IMPORTANT: This service is ***not to be used for the initial filing of international applications*** online, but is limited to the submission of later-filed documents that are normally addressed to WIPO ***in its capacity as International Bureau only*** (and not in its capacity as receiving Office). Note also that documents cannot be uploaded for any international application for which the IB has not already received the Record Copy from the receiving Office and started processing the application.

Examples of the types of documents that can be sent in this way are:

- amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19;
- requests for recording change of person, name, address, etc., under PCT Rule 92*bis*;
- notices of withdrawal;
- requests for Supplementary International Search (SIS), and where applicable, translations of international applications and sequence listings under PCT Rule 13*ter* for SIS purposes;

- informal comments on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority; and
- general correspondence for the attention of the IB.

With regard to the transmittal of such documents online, it is recommended that:

- PDF-text documents be uploaded, that is, documents created in MS Word (or some other word processor) and then printed to PDF, so that the embedded text content can be processed electronically by the IB;
- the document type be clearly identified, especially in the case of a notice of withdrawal; and
- the use of text string signatures be used on letters, for example: “/ John Smith /” (in other words, there is no need to print a letter on paper in order to sign it and then rescan it for submission).

As from 18 January 2010, the Online Document Upload facility, as well as user guidelines, which explain the online upload facility and provide simple instructions for use, can be accessed via WIPO's PATENTSCOPE® website, by clicking on the link “PCT Service Centre” at:

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

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS)

With effect from 1 January 2010, the International Bureau (IB) is able to retrieve priority documents through the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) for use with international applications filed under the PCT. A notification to this effect was made on 30 December 2009 and can be found under the heading “Notification by the International Bureau” at:

<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/pdocforum/participating.html>

This means that a PCT applicant can request the IB to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of having to provide a certified copy, as long as:

- (a) the document in question has been added to DAS by a participating “depositing Office” (see below); and
- (b) the applicant has indicated that the International Bureau should have access to that document, using the applicant portal at: https://webaccess.wipo.int/priority_documents/en/

Background

The Offices (“depositing Offices”) which currently allow applicants to make applications available to DAS are as follows:

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 of WIPO (for PCT applications filed at RO/IB)

JP – Japan Patent Office

KR – Korean Intellectual Property Office

US – United States Patent and Trademark Office

Several more Offices are expected to join this system in the near future. Details of how to request any particular depositing Office to make a document available to DAS are available from the respective websites of those Offices.

The legal basis for recognition of priority documents retrieved by the IB through DAS is PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*)(ii) in conjunction with Sections 715 and 716 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which entered into force on 1 January 2010 (see “Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT”, below).

The service under PCT Rule 17.1(b), whereby the receiving Office, where it has issued a priority document, prepares a copy of the priority document and sends it directly to the IB, continues to apply and is not affected by the addition of this complementary service.

Using DAS for International Applications under the PCT

The IB will recognize requests to obtain documents from DAS for any international application for which the 16-month time limit under PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) has not yet expired on 1 January 2010, provided that the applicant has taken all the necessary steps to ensure that the application has been made available to the IB through the Service. Notably, as well as making sure that the document is available to DAS, the applicant needs to check the box in the applicant Web portal indicating that the IB is permitted access to that document. Otherwise, the IB will not be able to retrieve the document.

The IB does not charge any fee for this service, though the depositing Office may charge a fee for making the priority document available to the system in the first place.

Making the Request

A request for the International Bureau to obtain a priority document from the Digital Access Service can be made in the following ways:

1. Paper applications

Tick the relevant check box(es) in Box No. IV (“Priority Claim”) of the request form (Form PCT/RO/101), as in force from 1 January 2010, available from:

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

2. Electronic applications and PCT-EASY filings

Pending the implementation of equivalent check-boxes in PCT-SAFE, include a letter to the IB, clearly requesting that some or all of the priority documents be retrieved using the Digital Access Service. The content of the letter should preferably be as follows, and should not deal with any other matters:

"The International Bureau is requested to retrieve [the priority document(s)] [the following priority document(s)] for this international application using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents."

If only certain of the documents are available through this system, the letter should specify which priority documents are to be retrieved that way and that the other documents will either be forwarded by the receiving Office or else provided as certified copies in the conventional way.

Such a letter can be included in an application prepared using PCT-SAFE as follows:

- (a) In the “Contents” tab, select “Accompanying Items”.
- (b) Select “Other” from the drop-down list of item types and type “p-doc retrieval” in the box to describe the item.
- (c)
 - (i) If filing a fully electronic application using PCT-SAFE, double-click on the item which appears in the “Content Details” list to open a dialog box allowing the file containing the letter to be attached (this should preferably be in PDF format where this is accepted by the relevant receiving Office, otherwise in JPEG or TIFF format).
 - (ii) If filing a PCT-EASY or PCT EASY/EFS-Web application, double-click on the item and indicate that the document is enclosed.

3. International applications which have already been filed

Send a letter, which must reach the IB prior to 16 months from the priority date, quoting the international application number and clearly requesting that some or all of the priority documents be retrieved using the Digital Access Service. The content of the letter should preferably be as follows and be clearly marked as a separate section if any other issues are dealt with:

"The International Bureau is requested to retrieve [the priority document(s)] [the following priority document(s)] for international application PCT/XXyyyy/nnnnnn using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents."

Help

Support is available from the PCT-SAFE Help Desk (pctsafe.help@wipo.int), which acts as focal point for DAS-related issues as well as for PCT-SAFE.

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT

The Administrative Instructions under the PCT have been revised, with effect from 1 January 2010, in order to implement provisions of the PCT Regulations which permit the applicant to request that priority documents be obtained by receiving Offices and the International Bureau from digital libraries rather than having to be supplied directly by the applicant (for further information, see “WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS)”, above). The modifications consist of the addition of new Sections 715 and 716.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions, as in force from 1 January 2010, which includes those modifications, is available on the WIPO website in English and French, in PDF and HTML formats at, respectively:

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai/ai_index.html

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/ai/ai_index.html

Modifications to the Request Form

The request form (PCT/RO/101) has been revised with effect from 1 January 2010.

The modifications include:

- The addition of check-boxes in Box No. IV (“Priority Claim”) to allow applicants to request the retrieval of priority documents from the receiving Office or the International Bureau from a digital library, in accordance with PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis);
- The possibility to exclude the designation of the Russian Federation has been deleted in order to reflect the change in the national law with effect from 5 June 2009 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2009);
- A new check-box in Boxes II and IV to allow applicants to authorize the International Bureau (as well as the receiving Office and the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority if those offices are willing to do so) to send notices by e-mail exclusively, without a paper copy being sent (please see note about this new check box, below).

Corresponding modifications have also been made to the notes to the request form, and information has also been added to advise applicants to mark-up the request form where the copy submitted is the original of an earlier copy filed by fax.

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

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

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

Note about new Check Box in the Request Form Relating to the Sending of Notifications by E-mail Exclusively

Following the promulgation of the revised PCT request form (PCT/RO/101), which entered into effect on 1 January 2010, it is now possible for applicants to request, by checking the appropriate check-box in Boxes II and IV of that form, that the International Bureau (IB) (as well as the receiving Office and the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority if those offices are willing to do so) send them copies of notifications by e-mail only and no longer also in paper form. ***However, it is recommended that the option to request notifications “exclusively in electronic form (no paper notifications will be sent)” be used initially only by applicants that have already been successfully receiving advance copies of notifications by e-mail from the IB and who are satisfied with the electronic delivery to their given e-mail address, as validated by the subsequent receipt of the paper copy.***

For applicants who do not yet have the experience of receiving notifications by e-mail from the IB and who wish to do so, it is recommended as a first step to begin by requesting electronic “advance copies followed by paper copies” prior to opting to receive forms exclusively by e-mail. Such an approach will allow applicants to validate that delivery of notifications to their chosen e-mail address is sufficiently reliable before requesting that the parallel paper copies be discontinued. This recommendation is made in light of the fact that a certain number of e-mail

addresses supplied to the IB contain typographical errors or are invalid, resulting in “bounced” e-mails back to the IB or otherwise being undelivered. Please note that, in respect of any e-mails that do bounce back to the IB, the applicant will be informed and invited to supply a correct e-mail address.

PCT Information Update

MD Republic of Moldova (types of protection; means of telecommunication; provisional protection after international publication; time when name and address of inventor must be given)

The State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) has informed the International Bureau (IB) of changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication; documents may now be filed by fax, by e-mail and in electronic form on diskette, CD or DVD.

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

Types of protection available via the PCT:

National:	Patents, short-term patents
Eurasian:	[No change]

There have been changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection in the Republic of Moldova after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

The publication of the translation into Moldovan of the international application gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages (see Art. 43(3) and Art. 19 of the Moldovan Law on the Protection of Patents for Inventions). International patent applications shall be published before the expiry of a time limit of six months from the date on which the national phase was entered (see Art. 49(4) of the Moldovan Law on the Protection of Patents for Inventions).

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 Republic of Moldova 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 fixed in the invitation.

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

PT Portugal (criteria applicable and fees payable for requests for restoration of the right of priority)

It was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2009 that applicants should refer to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for requests for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2. The Office has now informed the IB that, as was stated previously, it applies the “due care” criterion to such requests, and that the

fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority is EUR 150 (on-line) or EUR 300 (on paper).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (PT), National Chapter, Summary (PT) and the table of "Restoration of right of priority" (see "Table concerning restoration of the right of priority" under "New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet", below).

TH Thailand (general information; acceptance of international applications filed using the PCT-EASY functionality of the PCT-SAFE software)

General information about Thailand as a PCT Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand) as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annexes B1 and C (TH) on the WIPO website at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexb1/ax_b_th.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexc/ax_c_th.pdf

Note that the DIP has notified the IB that it will accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format, together with PCT-EASY diskettes.

Search fee (Australian Patent Office)

As from 15 March 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in ZAR for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

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

Search and preliminary examination fees (Austrian Patent Office)

It was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2009 that the Austrian Patent Office had notified the International Bureau that, in order to harmonize its search and preliminary examination fees with those charged by the European Patent Office, the fee payable for an international search by the Austrian Patent Office will change to EUR 1,700, and the fee payable for an international preliminary examination by that Office will change to EUR 1,675. The date of effect of the changes in those fees was given as 1 January 2010, or when the law amending the fees is published, if that is later. The Austrian Patent Office has now confirmed to the IB that the date of effect of the fee changes is 1 January 2010. As far as the search fee is concerned, the equivalent amounts in CHF, SGD, USD and ZAR have been established and are published in PCT Fee Table I(b); the equivalent amount in KRW has not yet been established but will be published shortly. Information about the criteria for entitlement to a 75% reduction in both of the fees will be published shortly on the website of the Austrian Patent Office.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D and E (AT))

United States Patent and Trademark Office: Not Open for Business on 21 December 2009

The United States Patent and Trademark Office has informed the International Bureau under PCT Rule 80.5 that, due to bad weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 21 December 2009.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach that Office fell on 21 December 2009, that period was extended so as to expire on the next working day, which was Tuesday, 22 December 2009.

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

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT

A new consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions, applicable with effect from 1 January 2010, is now available – see “Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT”, above.

Modified Request Form

The request form (PCT/RO/101) has been updated in English and French with effect from 1 January 2010 – for details, see “Modifications to the Request Form”, above. Note that other language versions, as well as filled-in versions, are currently under preparation.

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements, in English and French, between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following Authorities as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) and, in the case of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, as International Searching Authority specified for Supplementary Search (SISA):

- CN State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China (24 December 2009)
- ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (1 January 2010)
- FI National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (1 January 2010)
- KR Korean Intellectual Property Office (1 January 2010)
- US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (24 December 2009)

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs, IPEAs and SISAs under the PCT, as in force from the dates indicated in parentheses, have been published in PDF format at:

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

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

Italian version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations

The Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2009, are now available in Italian, in PDF format, at, respectively:

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

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

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

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2009, new Annex SISA (FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, containing information on the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland in its capacity as SISA, is now available in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

Information on PCT fee reductions

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

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

Table concerning restoration of the right of priority

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

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

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

Materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE)

In order to assist candidates in the preparation of materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) for prospective European patent attorneys, the International Bureau, with the agreement of the Examination Board for the EQE, has made available on the website four PDF files for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, the International Phase and the National Phase as of 31 December 2009 in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

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

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

For printing purposes, please be warned that these PDF files are large – the complete collection in either language amounts to some 1,700 recto/verso pages. To avoid printing difficulties select "Fit to Printable Area" in the "Page Scaling" options when printing.

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.044.220), dated 1 January 2010, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

This version (“build 220”) includes the following changes:

- new PCT Contracting State Thailand (TH) as from 24 December 2009;
- information on the National Industrial Property Institute (Chile) (RO/CL), the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property (Peru) (RO/PE) and the Department of Intellectual Property (Thailand) (RO/TH) as receiving Offices;
- improvement in the validation of sequence listing files (for electronic filing) for compliance with Annex C/ST.25;
- enhanced character rendering for certain special characters for fully electronic applications filed in xml format;
- updated fee schedules for all Offices; and
- other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements and PCT updates.

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

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

New numbering system in the 2010 edition of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*

The International Bureau has carried out a critical review of the structure and numbering in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>) to make it more user-friendly.

As a result, a chapter-dependant numbering structure has been introduced and roman figures have been abandoned for the individual chapter numbers. Minor editorial changes were also carried out during this review process and this new edition of the *Guide*, containing all of these changes, will be published on 14 January 2010 in English; the French version will follow. A further update to the text of the *Guide*, which will take into account the changes that entered into force on 1 January 2010, will be published shortly.

Practical Advice

Expiration of a time limit where an Office is situated in more than one locality

Q: I filed a demand for international preliminary examination with the European Patent Office (EPO) in Munich on 7 January 2010. I would normally have filed it with the EPO in The Hague, but, since I had just missed the time limit for filing the demand, which expired on 6 January 2010, I filed it by fax with the Munich Office, which was not open for business on 6 January. By doing this, I knew that, given that the Munich Office was closed on that day, the time limit would be extended by a day, to 7 January, and my demand would be considered to have been

received on time. I wondered whether my demand would have been considered as filed after the applicable time limit if it had been filed with the EPO at The Hague, which was not closed on 6 January, or whether it would have been considered as having being received on time?

A: Any time limits for the filing of a document with, or for the payment of a fee to, the EPO, which would normally have expired on 6 January 2010, will have been extended to 7 January, irrespective of whether the demand was filed with the Office in Munich, The Hague or Berlin. Therefore, even if you had filed your demand at the Office at The Hague, it would have been considered as having being received within the applicable time limit.¹

This situation is covered by PCT Rule 80.5(iii), and also by the European Patent Convention. Since you filed with the Munich Office (that is, the Office which was actually closed), the time limit will have been extended in accordance with PCT Rule 80.5(i), which states that if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee must reach a national Office or intergovernmental organization falls on a day on which such Office or organization is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, the period shall expire on the next day on which none of the circumstances mentioned in PCT Rule 80.5 exist. However, if you had filed with one of the Offices in The Hague or Berlin, this would have fallen under the provisions of PCT Rule 80.5(iii), which states that if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee must reach a national Office or intergovernmental organization falls on a day which, where such Office or organization is situated in more than one locality, is an official holiday in at least one of the localities in which such Office or organization is situated, **and in circumstances where the national law applicable by that Office or organization provides**, in respect of such national applications, that, in such a case, such period shall expire on a subsequent day, the period shall expire on the next day on which none of the circumstances mentioned in PCT Rule 80.5 exist.

In the case of the EPO, the relevant national law is Rule 134(1) of the European Patent Convention, which states that where a time limit expires on a day on which one of the filing offices of the EPO is not open for receipt of documents, the time limit is extended until the first day thereafter on which all the filing offices are open for receipt of documents.

Note that where a Contracting State has more than one Office or address for correspondence, PCT Rule 80.5(iv) may apply where there is an official holiday in part of that Contracting State, as long as the national law applicable by that Office provides, in respect of national applications, that, in such a case, such period shall expire on a subsequent day. For example, as far as Canada is concerned, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) itself is in the province of Quebec, but there are various designated establishments in other parts of the country which receive correspondence addressed to the Commissioner of Patents. One such establishment is Industry Canada in Toronto, which is in the province of Ontario; this may have different official holidays from the province of Quebec, where CIPO is located. PCT Rule 80.5(iv) may therefore be applied at times when designated establishments have different official holidays from CIPO.

¹ The time limit for filing a demand is three months from the date of transmittal to the applicant of the international search report (or the declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a)) and of the written opinion established under PCT Rule 43*bis*.1, or 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later (PCT Rule 54*bis*.1(a)). However, if the applicant wishes to benefit from the time limit for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 39(1) in certain States for which the 30-month time limit under PCT Article 22(1) is not applicable, the demand should be filed prior to the expiration of the 19th month from the priority date.

For specific information about the meeting of time limits which expire on a day on which a statutory holiday falls in Canada, see:

<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr00823.html>

It is recalled that annual lists of closing dates of industrial property Offices, wherever they have been made available to the International Bureau, have been published on the WIPO website at:

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

Where available, the dates for any separate branch Offices are also given.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 January 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
22 January 2010 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs EPO speaker: Mr. Robert Cramer	European Patent Institute (EPI) (Ms. Martina Fromm) Tel: (49-89) 24 20 52 15 Fax: (49-89) 24 20 52 20 E-mail: info@patentepi.com
3 February 2010 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
8-9 February 2010 Dallas (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reed and Ms. Bidwell	KIP Connections, LLC (Ms. Suzanne Kiefer) Tel: (1-214) 683-5662 Fax: (1-214) 853-5237 E-mail: skiefer@kipconnections.com
10 February 2010 Dallas (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reed and Ms. Bidwell	KIP Connections, LLC (Ms. Suzanne Kiefer) Tel: (1-214) 683-5662 Fax: (1-214) 853-5237 E-mail: skiefer@kipconnections.com
18-19 February 2010 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Weiss	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
25 February 2010 Atlanta (US)	English	Advanced seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reed and Mrs. Bidwell	State Bar of Georgia Intellectual Property Law Section Contact: Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) in Georgia E-mail: icle@iclega.org Internet: www.iclega.org/schedule.html
4-5 March 2010 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
8-9 March 2010 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT training WIPO speakers: to be announced	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
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

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
29–30 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 speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
28 May 2010 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33–1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33–1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 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
<i>Currencies:</i>		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 January 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							
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,300	15	98	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	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 January 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
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
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	–	–	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 January 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	18,000	118,000	–	353,000	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 US
TJ	TJS ⁹ –	USD 1,300	15	–	–	–	EP RU

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
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
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 January 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT ²¹	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,574	SGD 3,550	USD 2,515	ZAR 18,560				
	<i>(Equivalent amounts in KRW have not yet been established)</i>								
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 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					
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								
ES ²³	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,574	USD 2,515						
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,574	USD 2,515						
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,090	EUR 720	KRW 1,284,000	USD 1,065				
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								
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			

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 January 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

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

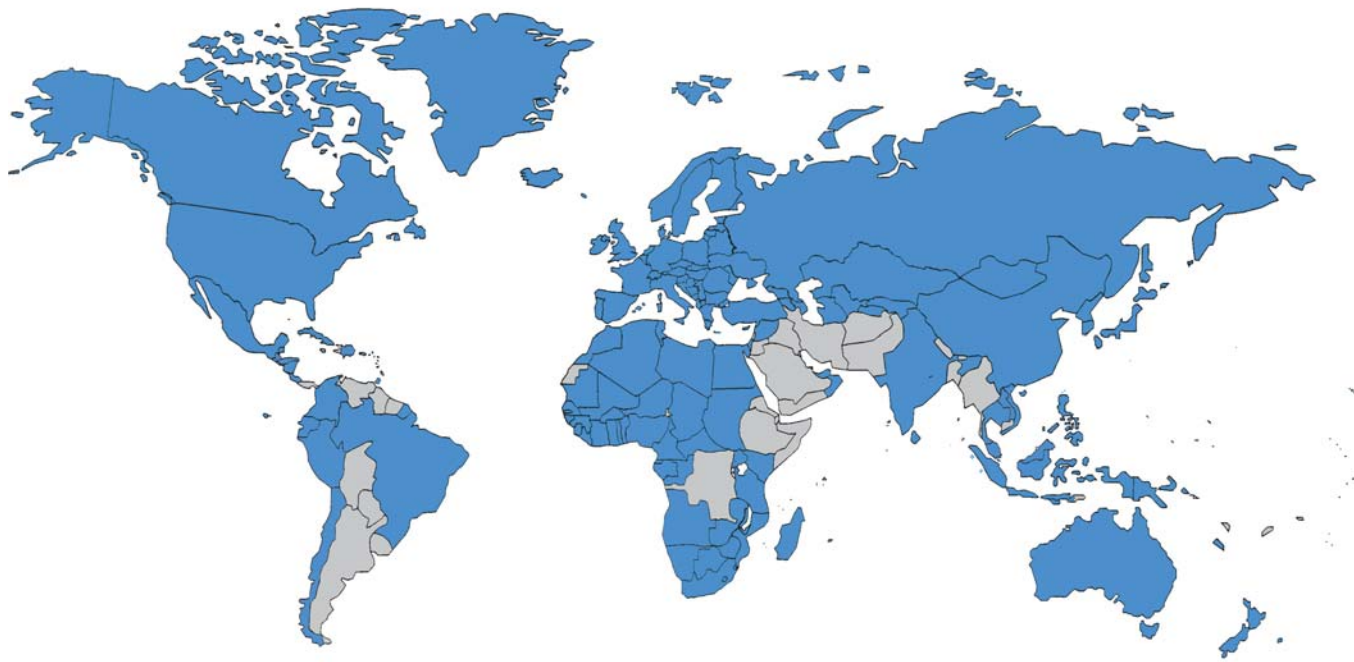
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 January 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

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	1,675	EUR	132
ES	EUR	560.88	EUR	132
FI	EUR	550	EUR	132
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	17,800
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	236,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁰	USD	195
		8,100 ³¹		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,330
US	USD	600	USD	195
		750 ³²		
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(s) meets certain criteria, yet to be established by the Austrian Patent Office. Further information will be published shortly on the website of the Austrian Patent Office.
- 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 January 2010)



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

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

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

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

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

Important:

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated January 2010) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

PCT Filings in 2009

Provisional data indicate that 155,900 international applications were filed under the PCT in 2009, representing a reduction in filings over 2008 of 4.5%. Although this was the first time since PCT operations began that a decrease in filings has been experienced, it was not as sharp as had been originally anticipated given the global economic downturn, and it was still the third highest yearly total since operations began in 1978. It is important to note that **this and the following figures for 2009 are estimates** as the International Bureau continues to receive, throughout the first half of 2010, PCT applications which were filed with national and regional Offices in 2009, and final figures will only be available later in the year.

The top four countries of filing remained the same as for 2008, with applicants from the United States of America filing the largest number of applications (45,790, which represents 29.4% of all applications), followed by Japan (19.1%), Germany (10.7%) and the Republic of Korea (5.2%), however in 2009 China overtook France to take fifth position with 5.1% of filings. Applicants from the member States of the European Patent Convention, when grouped together, filed 34.6% of all international applications. Although certain industrialized countries experienced a significant decline in growth rates, there was continued growth in filings from East Asian countries, in particular from Japan (with a 3.6% increase) the Republic of Korea (2.1%) and China experienced a significant increase (29.7%). A table showing the number of PCT applications filed by country of origin (that is, by country of residence of the first applicant) has been published in WIPO Press Release PR/2010/632, Annex 1, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2010/article_0003.html

A second table, in Annex 2, shows the top 15 countries of origin in ranking order, and includes information on share of filings and percentage growth rates.

The top PCT applicant in 2009 was Panasonic Corporation from Japan, with 1,891 PCT applications published. In second place was the Chinese company which had been the top applicant in 2008, Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd, with 1,847, and in third place was the German company Robert Bosch GmbH with 1,586. It is interesting to note that four Japanese companies featured in the top ten filers, which are listed below, together with the number of international applications published in their names:

1.	Panasonic Corporation (JP)	1,891
2.	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd (CN)	1,847
3.	Robert Bosch GmbH (DE)	1,586
4.	Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. (NL)	1,295
5.	Qualcomm Incorporated (US)	1,280
6.	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (SE)	1,240
7.	LG Electronics Inc. (KR)	1,090
8.	NEC Corporation (JP)	1,069

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| 9. | Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha (JP) | 1,068 |
| 10. | Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha (JP) | 997 |

A list of the top 100 PCT applicants (with the most applications published in 2009) has been published in Annex 3 of the above-mentioned press release.

As in 2008, the fields of technology in which the highest numbers of PCT applications were published in 2009 related to computer technology (12,560 applications), pharmaceuticals (12,200) and medical technology (12,091). However, despite this, these fields of technology also showed a decline in growth: computer technology (10.6% less than in 2008), pharmaceuticals (8.0% less) and medical technology (5.9% less); there was also a decline in telecommunications (8.5% less) and organic fine chemistry (8.7% less). The largest growth rates were experienced in micro-structural and nano-technology (10.2% more than in 2008), semiconductors (10% more) and thermal processes and apparatus (7.2% more). A table showing the number of PCT applications filed by main field of technology has been published in Annex 4 of the above-mentioned press release.

The publication of the final figures for 2009 later in the year will be announced in the *PCT Newsletter*.

The Trilateral Offices commence PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot

Further to the information that was published on the cover page of *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2009 about the Trilateral PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH), which fast-tracks patent examination procedures for PCT applications that have received a positive written opinion of either the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, or an international preliminary examination report from the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO) or the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), it is hereby confirmed that the pilot, which is planned to run for two years, started on 29 January 2010.

For further information on how each Office is implementing the pilot, including information on forms and administrative procedures, see:

European Patent Office:

<http://www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/journal/informationEPO/archive/20100125b.html>

Japan Patent Office:

http://www.jpo.go.jp/cgi/linke.cgi?url=/torikumi_e/t_torikumi_e/patent_highway_e.htm

United States Patent and Trademark Office:

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

Further information on the PCT-PPH will be available shortly on the PCT Resources page at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

Common Application Format

In addition to the standard format requirements of the PCT, applicants may also prepare applications in accordance with the Common Application Format (CAF) developed by the

Trilateral Offices – the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

The Common Application Format streamlines and simplifies direct filings in the Trilateral Offices since applications prepared in accordance with the CAF will not be subject to any additional formality requirements before being processed by the Trilateral Offices.

The CAF is fully compliant with the PCT and provides an additional filing option for applicants.

Additional information on the CAF may be obtained from the Trilateral Cooperation website at:

<http://www.trilateral.net/projects/pct/CAF.html>

An example of the CAF is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/caf_example.html

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Icelandic Patent Office begins receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

On 25 January 2010, the Icelandic Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified WIPO under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 March 2010. The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published on 11 February 2010 in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.htm

Liberia Joins ARIPO

Liberia deposited its instrument of accession to the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) on 24 December 2009, and the Harare protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs Within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization will enter into force with respect to Liberia on 24 March 2010, bringing the number of Contracting States of ARIPO to 17, and the number of States party to the Harare Protocol to 16. Therefore, any international application filed on or after 24 March 2010 will include the designation of Liberia for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent (applicants should be aware that, although any international application filed before that date will include the designation of Liberia for a national patent, it will not include the designation of that State for an ARIPO patent).

Furthermore, as from 24 March 2010, it will be possible for nationals and residents of Liberia to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Archives, Patents, Trade Marks and Copyright (Liberia) or the International Bureau of WIPO.

ARIPO's announcement regarding the accession by Liberia is published at:

http://www.aripo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=1&Itemid=18

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

European Patent Convention

Extension of European Patents to Montenegro

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2009 concerning the signature, on 13 February 2009, of an agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the Government of Montenegro on the extension of European Patents to Montenegro, the European Patent Office (EPO) has announced that the agreement will enter into force on 1 March 2010. From that date, it will be possible to extend to Montenegro the protection conferred by European patent applications and patents. The extension procedure is also available, if the necessary requirements are met, via the PCT.

Note that Montenegro is not party to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and cannot be designated for a European patent (EP). The agreement with Montenegro is similar to those in force in respect of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia.

The extension of a European patent to Montenegro via the PCT route is deemed requested for any PCT application filed on or after 1 March 2010, provided that:

- (i) the designation of Montenegro is not withdrawn; and
- (ii) the international filing fee is paid.

No special entry concerning the extension should be made on the PCT Request Form. Within 31 months (Chapter I or Chapter II) from the priority date, the applicant must enter the regional phase before the EPO and pay to the EPO the extension fee (currently EUR 102) for the extension of the European patent to Montenegro. If the 31-month time limit is missed, the extension fee may still be validly paid within a two-month period of grace, provided that within that period a surcharge of 50% is also paid. If the extension fee is not paid in due time, the request for an extension is deemed withdrawn. Further information about the extension of European patent applications and patents to Montenegro will be published in the EPO brochure "National law relating to the EPC", as soon as it is available, at:

<http://www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/national-law-epc.html>

Note that the extension procedure is not available for applications filed prior to 1 March 2010, or for any European patents resulting from such applications. As to the effects of these older applications and patents, please refer to the *Official Journal of the EPO* No. 11/2004, page 563, and the information in the *Official Journal of the EPO* No. 6/2007, page 406, on the effects of Montenegro's declaration of independence of 3 June 2006 on the implementation of the cooperation and extension agreement between the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the European Patent Organisation at, respectively:

http://archive.epo.org/epo/pubs/oj004/11_04/11_5634.pdf and

http://archive.epo.org/epo/pubs/oj007/06_07/06_4067.pdf

Further information on the extension of European patents to Montenegro has been published in the *Official Journal of the EPO* No. 1/2010, page 10, at:

http://archive.epo.org/epo/pubs/oj010/01_10/01_0100.pdf

(Updating of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (ME), B2 (EP), C (EP) and National Chapter, Summary (EP))

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 15 April 2010

Due to the fact that Friday, 2 April and Monday, 5 April 2010 will be non-working days at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on 15 April 2010 (publication No. 15/2010) will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 30 March 2010 (instead of on Wednesday, 31 March 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, 29 March 2010.

Forms from International Bureau to be Printed Recto-Verso

In line with WIPO's aim to reduce the environmental impact of the services that it provides in general, it has been decided that, as from 1 April 2010, all PCT forms sent out by the International Bureau (IB) to PCT Offices and applicants (for example, PCT Forms PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy), 304 (Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document), 306 (Notification of the Recording of a Change) – see <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ib/index.htm> for a full list of the forms sent out by the IB) will be printed on both sides of the page. This will considerably reduce the quantity of paper used for mailing such forms (at the moment, approximately 40,000 sheets per week are mailed by the IB).

Furthermore, the IB forms may also be received electronically in the following ways:

For Offices, via the Internet: those Offices which are interested in receiving the forms via a secure Internet connection should contact either Ms. Viviane Gross (viviane.gross@wipo.int) or Ms. Nathalie Beard (nathalie.beard@wipo.int).

For applicants, by e-mail: it is recalled that it is now also possible to request, by indicating in Boxes II and IV of the request form (PCT/RO/101), that the IB (as well as the receiving Office and the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, if those offices are willing to do so) send copies of notifications by e-mail only and no longer also in paper form. However, it is recommended that the option to request notifications “exclusively in electronic form (no paper notifications will be sent)” be used only once applicants have successfully received advance copies of notifications by e-mail from the IB and are satisfied with the electronic delivery to their given e-mail address, as validated by the subsequent receipt of the paper copy (for further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2010, page 6).

PCT Information Update

AT Austrian Patent Office (requirements concerning agent; fees)

In relation to the information concerning how to obtain a list of those persons who can act as agent before the Austrian Patent Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, there has been a change in the Internet address of the Patentanwaltskammer, as follows:

<http://www.patentanwalt.at>

The amount of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2010:

For patent:

Fee for entry into national phase.....	EUR	50
Search and examination fee, including 10 claims	EUR	180
Claims fee from the 11 th claim, for each group of 10 claims	EUR	100

For utility model:

Fee for entry into national phase.....	EUR	50
Search fee, including 10 claims.....	EUR	50
Claims fee from the 11 th claim, for each group of 10 claims	EUR	100

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

No fee for entry into the national phase is payable if the international application was filed with the Austrian Patent Office as receiving Office.

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

CR Costa Rica (fees)

The Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica) has notified a reduction of 70% in the national filing fee for a patent, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, where the application is filed by an inventor who is a natural person, by a small or medium-sized enterprise, by a public academic institution or by a public sector scientific and technological research institute. This reduction has been applicable since 25 April 2008.

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

CN China (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The address of the China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, as follows:

China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC)
Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
No. 1 West Beichen Road
Chaoyang District
Beijing 100 101
China

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

EG Egypt (extension of time limit for entry into national phase)

It is recalled that the time limit under PCT Articles 22 and 39(1) for entry into the national phase before the Egyptian Patent Office is, in both cases, 30 months from the priority date. The Egyptian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 February 2010, international applications entering the national phase within three months after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date will be accepted, subject to the payment of a late filing fee, to be determined in accordance with the applicable schedule below.

If entry into the national phase takes place between:

30 and 31 months from the priority date:	1,500 Egyptian pounds
31 and 32 months from the priority date:	3,000 Egyptian pounds
32 and 33 months from the priority date:	4,500 Egyptian pounds

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

As from 1 April 2010, there will be a change in the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, as indicated in PCT Fee Table I(a), as well as a change in the following fees:

Fee for priority document:	EUR	45
Fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority:	EUR	580

As from 1 April 2010, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the EPO as designated (or elected) Office:

Filing fee:

- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online:	EUR	105
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online:	EUR	190

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35: for the 36 th and each subsequent page	EUR	13
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Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated:	EUR	525
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Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro ¹ or Serbia):	[no change]
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¹ For international applications filed on or after 1 March 2010.

Claims fee:

- for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:.....	EUR	210
- for the 51 st and each subsequent claim:	EUR	525

Search fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	800
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	1,105

Fee for further processing:

- in the event of late payment of a fee:	[no change]	
- other cases:	EUR	225

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	210
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Examination fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,645
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:.....	EUR	1,645
- for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	1,480

Renewal fee for the third year:	EUR	420
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As from 1 April 2010, there will also be a change in the amount of the reduction in the search fee payable in the following situation (other reductions not indicated will not change):

The search fee is reduced by EUR 940² for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on centralization by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

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

GB United Kingdom (fees)

As from 1 April 2010, there will be a change in the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) as receiving Office, as indicated in PCT Fee Table I(a). The Office has also notified the fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority, as follows:

² This amount is applicable to international applications filed up to and including 30 June 2013, where the fee for the supplementary European search is paid on or after 1 April 2010 (see *OJ EPO* 12/2009, pages 587 *et seq.*)

Fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority: GBP 150

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

PH Philippines (fees)

The Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) has notified a change in the definition of a small entity to which the reduced amounts of the national filing fee for a patent and for a utility model are applicable (which appears in footnote 5 of the Summary of the Philippine National Chapter in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*), as follows:

A small entity is any natural or legal person whose assets are worth 100,000,000 Philippine pesos (PHP) or less; or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, State universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

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

PT Portugal (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

There has been a change in the special requirement under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) as designated (or elected) Office concerning the appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Portugal: a footnote has been added to clarify that the appointment of an agent is not necessary if an e-mail address or fax number is furnished.

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

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2010, the equivalent amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office has been established in KRW and is published in PCT Fee Table I(b). Furthermore, the Austrian Patent Office has notified its criteria for entitlement to the 75% reduction in the search fee, as follows:

The search fee is 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.

The Office has changed one of the conditions for refund of the search fee, as follows (the other conditions not indicated have not changed):

Where the search fee has not been reduced³ and where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, the search fee shall, upon request, be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search:

where the earlier search was made by the Authority: refund of 75%

³ This fee is 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.

where the earlier search was made by another International Searching Authority:
refund of 50%

where the earlier search was made by another Patent Office: refund of 25%

As from 1 April 2010, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b). The equivalent amounts in other currencies are not yet known, but will be notified as soon as possible. There will also be a change in the amounts of the following fees payable to that Office:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per page:	EUR	0.75
Protest fee:		
For international applications still pending on 13 December 2007:.....	EUR	1,180
For international applications filed on or after 13 December 2007:.....	EUR	790
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	210

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

Preliminary examination fee and fees relating to international preliminary examination (Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office)

The Austrian Patent Office has notified its criteria for entitlement to the 75% reduction in the preliminary examination fee, as follows:

The preliminary examination fee is 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 Preliminary Examining Authority.

As from 1 April 2010, there will be a change in the preliminary examination fee payable to the European Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table II. There will also be a change in the amounts of the following fees payable to that Office:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, for elected Offices:.....	EUR	0.75
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per A4 page or smaller (delivery charge should be added if the copies are to be sent by air mail):	EUR	0.75
Protest fee:		
For international applications still pending on 13 December 2007:.....	EUR	1,180
For international applications filed on or after 13 December 2007:.....	EUR	790

Late furnishing fee: EUR 210

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (AT and EP))

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

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2009 regarding the criteria applicable for entitlement to the 60% reduction in the search fee, the additional search fee, the fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, the preliminary examination fee, the additional preliminary examination fee, the fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report and the fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, please note that in addition to natural persons, small or medium enterprises or academic institutions, the reduction is also applicable in respect of cooperatives, non-profit-making entities or public institutions (see footnote 1 of Annexes D (BR) and E (BR) to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*).

United States Patent and Trademark Office: Not Open for Business from 8 to 11 February 2010

The United States Patent and Trademark Office has informed the International Bureau under PCT Rule 80.5 that, due to weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from Monday, 8 February to Thursday, 11 February 2010, inclusive.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach that Office fell on any of those days, that period was extended so as to expire on the next working day, which was Friday, 12 February 2010.

For further information on the consequences of the closure on patent-related matters, see the notice on the USPTO website at:

http://www.uspto.gov/news/index_emergency.jsp

It is recalled that the International Bureau has published the closed dates in 2010 for a number of industrial property Offices. The full collection, which includes all years back to 2005, may be consulted at:

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

PCT Update Webinars

WIPO will broadcast a new series of PCT update webinars (live presentations via the Internet) over the next few weeks in several languages. The first one will be in English and will take place on Tuesday, 23 February 2010, from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time. It is recalled that there is no charge for PCT webinars, and that registration is simple. Once the details about future PCT webinars have been confirmed they will be included in the PCT seminar calendar. Further information on this and the other webinars that are going to take place is available at:

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

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

Request form

The January 2010 version of the request form is now available in editable PDF format in German and Spanish, as well as in English and French.

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2009, two additional continuation sheets have been added for the German and Spanish versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101), in addition to the English and French versions, for applicants who use the editable PDF versions of this form and have difficulties where there are more than 6 applicants. The forms and additional continuation sheets can be found at, respectively:

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

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

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

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

PCT Receiving Office Guidelines in Spanish

The July 2009 version of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (RO/GL/RO/8) is now available in Spanish, in PDF format, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/gdlines.htm>

Administrative Instructions in Spanish

The consolidated version of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as in force from 1 January 2010, is now available in Spanish, in PDF format, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/ai.pdf>

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 modified invitation has been identified originating from “IBIP – International Bureau for Intellectual Property”. 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

Adding a priority claim which extends the period between the earliest priority date and the international filing date to over 12 months

Q: I filed an international application on 25 January 2010, claiming the priority of an earlier national application filed on 11 May 2009. I have now realized that I omitted to claim the priority of an application I filed earlier than the date of the other claim, on 5 January 2009. Is it possible to add that priority claim under PCT Rule 26bis.1, even though the period between the filing date of that earlier application and the international filing date exceeds 12 months?

A: You are permitted under PCT Rule 26bis.1 to add a priority claim within a specified time limit (see below), even if the resulting new priority date would not fall within the 12-month priority period (that is, it would be more than 12 months prior to the international filing date), provided that the time limit of 14 months from the (earliest) priority date has not expired. In such a case, your new priority claim would remain in the application during the international phase, and all time limits which had not already expired would be calculated on the basis of that earlier priority claim. However, whether that priority claim would be recognized by the designated/elected Offices (hereinafter: “designated Offices”) in the national/regional phase would depend on your making a request for restoration of the right of priority, and how successful that request ultimately would be before those Offices.

Before you take any action to request the restoration of the right of priority (or at least at the same time as requesting the restoration of the right of priority), you must submit a notice under PCT Rule 26bis.1 requesting the addition of the missing priority claim. In general, the time limit for submission of the notice is whichever of the following time limits expires later:

- (a) four months from the international filing date; or
- (b) 16 months from the priority date, or, where the addition of the missing priority date would cause a change in the priority date, 16 months from the priority date as so changed (whichever expires first).

In your case, the time limit under (a) (25 May 2010) expires later than the time limit under (b) (5 May 2010) therefore you would normally have until 25 May 2010 to add the missing claim. However, it is important to note that if you are going to request the restoration of the right of priority before the receiving Office in the international phase, such a request must be filed within two months from the date on which the priority period will expire, which in your case, is by 5 March 2010. Since you need to add the priority claim before, or at the same time as, you request the restoration of the right of priority, it is recommended that you request the addition of the priority claim as soon as possible, and in any case, before 5 March 2010 (see PCT Rules 26bis.3(c) and (e)). It is recalled that the PCT Time Limit Calculator can be very useful when calculating time limits under the PCT. It is available at:

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

Note that, as well as adding a priority claim, PCT Rule 26*bis*.1 can also be used to correct a priority claim, or to add any missing indication in a priority claim, for example, the date on which the earlier application was filed, the number of the earlier application or the country in which, or the Office with which, the earlier application was filed. For further information on adding or correcting priority claims under PCT Rule 26*bis*.1, see the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/1998, and the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, paragraphs 6.038 to 6.040 at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/1998/pct_news_1998_9.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/ip06.html#_chapt6

As far as requesting the restoration of the right of priority is concerned, it is important to note that you may do this either during the international phase under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3 (“Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office”) before the receiving Office within the above-mentioned two-month time limit, provided your receiving Office will accept requests for restoration of the right of priority, or you may request restoration in the national phase under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2 (“Restoration of Right of Priority by Designated Office”) directly with designated Offices which accept such requests. As this is a complex subject, reference is made to the detailed explanations that were given in the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 04/2007, 09/2009 and 10/2009 at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2007/pct_news_2007_4.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2009/pct_news_2009_09.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2009/pct_news_2009_10.pdf

as well as to the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, paragraphs 5.062 to 5.069, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/ip05.html#_boxVI

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 February 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
3 February 2010 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
8–9 February 2010 Dallas (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reed and Ms. Bidwell	KIP Connections, LLC (Ms. Suzanne Kiefer) Tel: (1–214) 683-5662 Fax: (1–214) 853-5237 E-mail: skiefer@kipconnections.com
10 February 2010 Dallas (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reed and Ms. Bidwell	KIP Connections, LLC (Ms. Suzanne Kiefer) Tel: (1–214) 683-5662 Fax: (1–214) 853-5237 E-mail: skiefer@kipconnections.com
18–19 February 2010 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Weiss	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
25 February 2010 Atlanta (US)	English	Advanced seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reed and Mrs. Bidwell	State Bar of Georgia Intellectual Property Law Section Contact: Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) in Georgia E-mail: icle@iclega.org Internet: www.iclega.org/schedule.html
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

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
29–30 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

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
23 February 2010 4.00 to 5.00 pm central European time	English	WIPO webinar on the latest PCT developments and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT user community WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/782226355

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 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		
		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	DZD	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 February 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								
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]

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						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 (from 1.4.10: 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	55 (from 1.4.10: 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	–	–	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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				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	18,000	118,000	–	353,000	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 US
TJ	TJS ⁹ –	USD 1,300	15	–	–	–	EP RU

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				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
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
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 February 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
	EUR	CHF	KRW	SGD	USD	JPY	ISK	NOK	ZAR	Other
AT ²¹	1,700	2,574	2,951,000	3,550	2,515					
AU	AUD 1,600 USD 1,397 * (from 15.3.10: 18,560)	CHF 1,430 ZAR* 10,310 ZAR 11,060	EUR 944	KRW 1,684,000	NZD 1,937	SGD 1,970				
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						
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 314	EUR 208	USD 307						
EP ²³	EUR* 1,700 MWK 352,000 ZAR 18,560 (from 1.4.10: 373 ²⁵)	CHF 2,574 NOK 14,670 EUR 1,785	DKK 12,650 NZD 3,487 (amounts in other currencies not yet established))	GBP 1,536 SEK 17,110	ISK 310,000 SGD 3,550	JPY 229,000 USD 2,515				
ES ²³	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,574	USD 2,515							
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,574	USD 2,515							
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,090	EUR 720	KRW 1,284,000	USD 1,065					
KR	KRW 1,300,000 ²⁴ USD 1,092 ²⁴ KRW 450,000 ²⁵ USD 373 ²⁵	AUD 1,192 ²⁴ AUD 428 ²⁵	CHF 1,116 ²⁴ CHF 382 ²⁵	EUR 737 ²⁴ EUR 252 ²⁵	NZD 1,464 ²⁴ NZD 517 ²⁵	SGD 1,530 ²⁴ SGD 530 ²⁵				
RU	RUB 13,500	CHF 459	EUR 303	USD 449						
SE	SEK 17,110 USD 2,515	CHF 2,574	DKK 12,650	EUR 1,700	ISK 310,000	NOK 14,670				
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				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 February 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

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

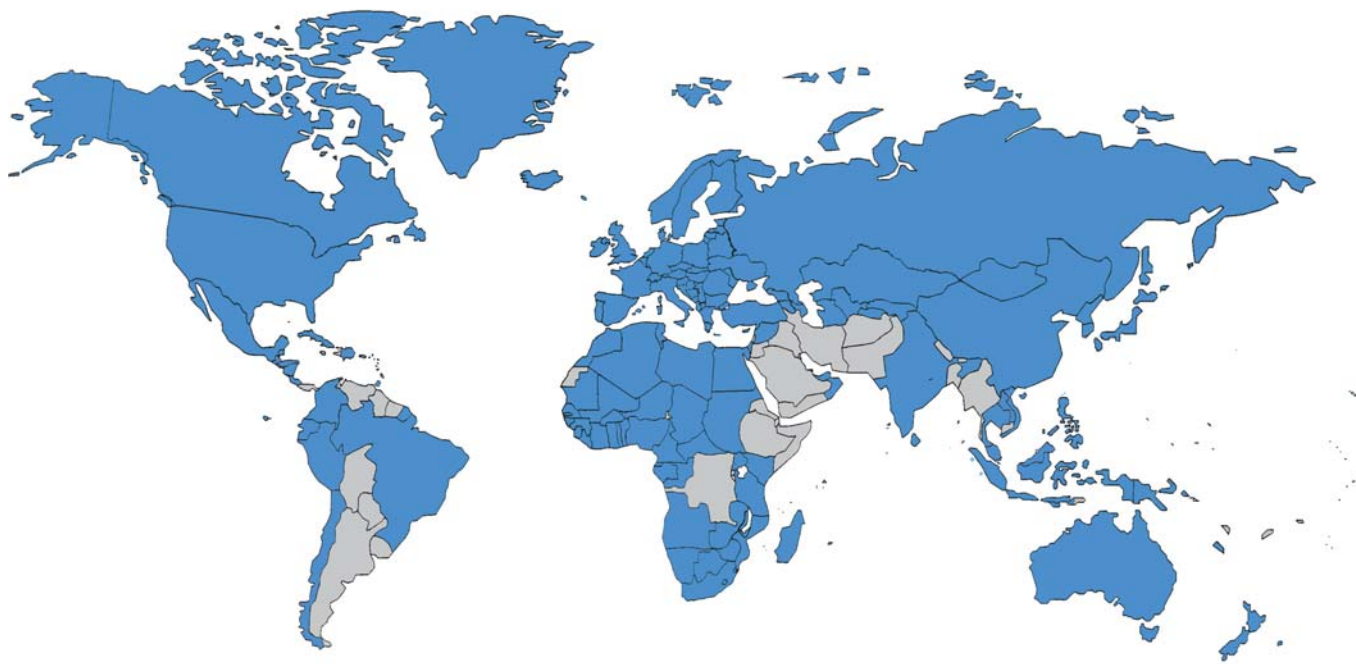
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 February 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

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	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 February 2010)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP) ¹	MG Madagascar	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IT Italy (EP) ²	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP) ⁴	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania ¹	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	ML Mali (OA) ²	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SM San Marino (EP) ⁵
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LR Liberia (<i>from 24 March 2010: AP</i>)	NO Norway (EP) ³	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LT Lithuania (EP)	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PE Peru	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PG Papua New Guinea	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PH Philippines	UA Ukraine
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	PL Poland (EP)	UG Uganda (AP)
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	PT Portugal (EP)	US United States of America
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RO Romania (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	ME Montenegro	RS Serbia ¹	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²		RU Russian Federation (EA)	VN Viet Nam
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras		SC Seychelles	ZA South Africa
CN China	HR Croatia (EP) ³		SD Sudan (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SE Sweden (EP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia			
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			
	IL Israel			
	IN India			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

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

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

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

Important:

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated January 2010) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

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		
Currencies:		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	DZD	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 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
						Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available								
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,300	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]

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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 1,567,000 (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

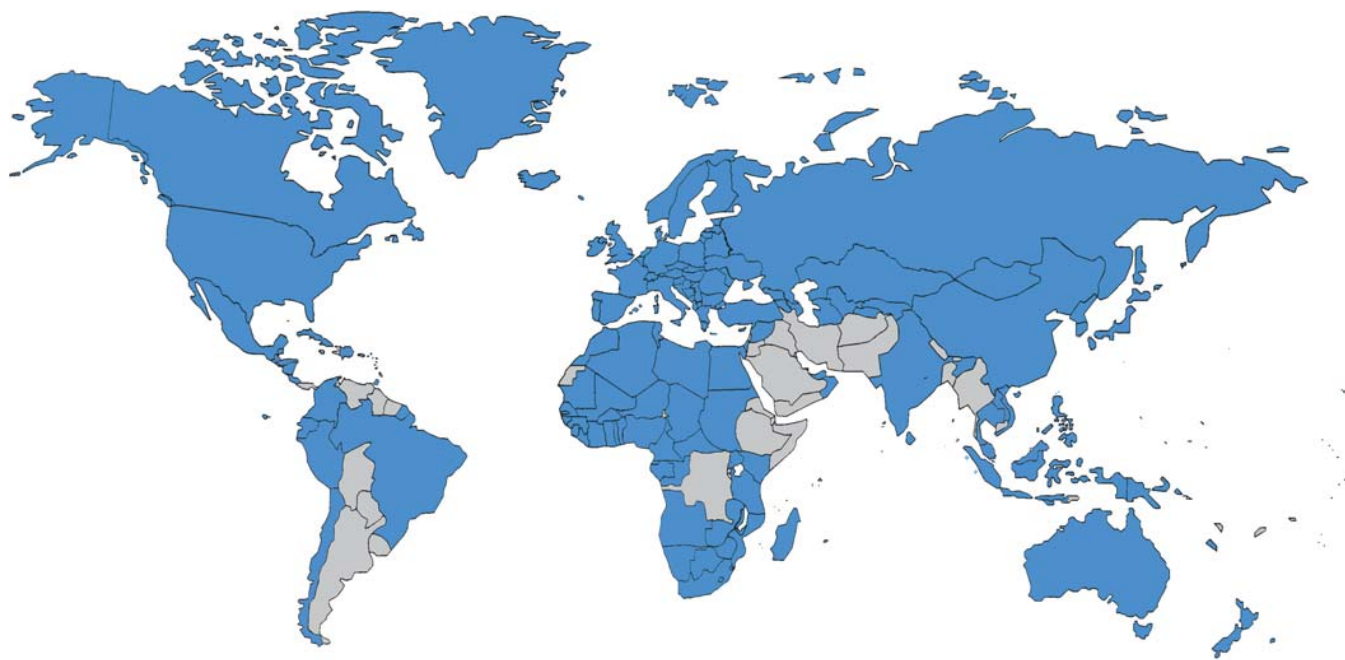
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 March 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

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
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania ¹ (from 1 May 2010: EP)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IT Italy (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SM San Marino (EP) ⁵
AO Angola	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MT Malta (EP) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
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
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Egypt	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NO Norway (EP) ³	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LR Liberia (from 24 March 2010: AP)	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GD Grenada	LT Lithuania (EP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RS Serbia ¹	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia (EP) ³		SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SE Sweden (EP)	
	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			
	IL Israel			

¹ Extension of European patent possible; in the case of Albania, only for international applications filed before 1 May 2010.

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

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

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

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

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

Important:

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated January 2010) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

European Patent Office to Offer Supplementary International Search

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 July 2010, it will carry out supplementary international searches, and it will thus be possible for applicants to choose it as an Authority specified for Supplementary International Search (SISA).

New Annex SISA (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, containing information on the EPO in its capacity as SISA, will be published shortly.

Important Information about Requesting that PCT Notifications be sent to the Applicant by E-mail

It is recalled that it is now possible to request, by indicating in Boxes II and IV of the request form (PCT/RO/101), that the International Bureau (IB) (as well any receiving Office, International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority that is willing to do so) send copies of notifications either:

- by e-mail as advance copies followed by paper notifications, or
- exclusively by e-mail.

Note that such an indication can also be made in Boxes II and III of the demand for international preliminary examination (Form PCT/IPEA/401) and in Boxes II and III of the supplementary search request (Form PCT/IB/375).

It is important to note that, as far as notifications issued by the IB are concerned, if an international application is filed in respect of which the applicant has requested that notifications be sent exclusively by e-mail, all subsequently-filed international applications which include that same e-mail address will also be the subject of notifications sent exclusively by e-mail.

You are also reminded of the following information concerning this service to applicants:

(1) By “notifications”, it is meant everything that the IB would normally send to the applicant on paper, including invitations and the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I of the PCT) (Form PCT/IB/373). Examples of notifications/invitations sent by the IB, which generally carry the code PCT/IB/3.. are:

PCT/IB/301	Notification of Receipt of Record Copy
PCT/IB/304	Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document
PCT/IB/306	Notification of the Recording of a Change
PCT/IB/307	Notification of Withdrawal of International Application or Designations
PCT/IB/308	Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to Designated Offices (first and second and supplementary notices)
PCT/IB/311	Notification Concerning Availability of the Publication of the International Application

PCT/IB/313 Notification of Defects in the International Application

PCT/IB/314 Invitation to Request Rectification

The rest of the many PCT/IB forms that exist, which can be sent by e-mail if requested by the applicant, can be seen at:

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

(2) For applicants who have not yet received notifications by e-mail from the IB, it is recommended, as a first step, to begin by requesting electronic “advance copies followed by paper copies” prior to opting to receive forms exclusively by e-mail. The second option of requesting notifications “exclusively in electronic form” (no paper notifications will be sent) should be used only once applicants have successfully received advance copies of notifications by e-mail from the IB and are satisfied with the electronic delivery to their given e-mail address, as validated by the subsequent receipt of the paper copy.

(3) Note that if “e-mail exclusively” is requested, the date of mailing indicated on the electronic copy will commence any time limit within the meaning of PCT Rule 80, whereas if “e-mail plus paper” is requested, the paper copy of the notification is considered the legal copy of the notification and only the date of mailing of that paper copy will commence any such time limit.

(4) Note that it is the applicant’s responsibility to keep any e-mail address details up-to-date and to ensure that incoming e-mails are not blocked for any reason on the recipient’s side. Please note that, in respect of any e-mails that do bounce back to the IB, the applicant will be informed and invited to supply a correct e-mail address. In the case of a change to the e-mail address indicated in the request, demand or supplementary search request, applicants should request the change to be recorded, preferably directly at the IB, under PCT Rule 92*bis*.

(5) Where the e-mail authorization is given both in respect of the applicant and in respect of an agent or common representative, the IB will send e-mail communications only to the appointed agent or common representative.

(6) So far, in addition to the IB, only the National Industrial Property Institute (Chile) and the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand) have informed the IB that they are prepared to send notifications to applicants in this way. The IB is not yet aware of any other receiving Office, International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority which has indicated that it is willing to send notifications in this manner, although it is expected that more will be added to the list shortly.

Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia): Not Open for Business from 29 to 31 March 2010

The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) has informed the International Bureau under PCT Rule 80.5 that, due to the automation of its documents system, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from Monday, 29 March to Wednesday, 31 March 2010, inclusive.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach that Office fell on any of those days, that period was extended so as to expire on the next working day, that is, on Monday, 5 April 2010.

It is recalled that the International Bureau has published the closed dates in 2010 for a number of industrial property Offices. The full collection, which includes all years back to 2005, may be consulted at:

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

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 July 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in AUD of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

CA Canada (fees)

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

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

TH Thailand (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Department of Intellectual Property (Thailand) has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property 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, with effect from 15 April 2010.

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 May 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and as from 1 June 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.....	CHF
Canadian Intellectual Property Office	CHF
Korean Intellectual Property Office	EUR

National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....EUR

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

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.045.221, dated 1 April 2010, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

This version ("build 221") includes the following changes:

- The implementation of fully electronic filing at the Icelandic Patent Office (1 March 2010).
- January 2010 request form modifications relating to the e-mail authorization and the possibility to request the International Bureau to retrieve priority documents via the Digital Access Service (DAS). Please note that, for technical reasons, the priority document retrieval functionality is not yet available for the following receiving Offices: DE, DK, EP, ES, FI, GB, IS, MY, NL, PH, PL, RO, SE and SK (although it is recalled that, in any case, the DAS is currently available only for the receiving Offices of: AU, ES, GB, IB, JP, KR, US) – for information on alternative ways of requesting the IB to retrieve the priority document, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2010, pages 4 and 5).
- Reduction of the international search fee payable to the Austrian Patent Office, applicable in respect of applicants from certain States.
- Liberia (LR) is included in the designation for an ARIPO patent (with effect from 24 March 2010).
- Albania (AL) is included in the designation for a European patent (with effect from 1 May 2010)
- Updated fee schedules, where applicable.
- Other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements.

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

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

Saving PCT Forms in Editable PDF Format

It has come to our attention that some applicants have had problems saving their completed editable PDF forms, for example the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401). Your attention is drawn to the detailed instructions for completing and printing editable PCT Forms in PDF format on our website, which are available, in English, French, German and Spanish, on the right hand side of the page at:

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

Note, in particular, that opening the forms using Adobe Acrobat Reader will only allow you to fill in and print out the form, but not to save the completed form. You will only be able to save the completed form if you use Adobe Acrobat (which must be purchased—see <http://www.adobe.com>). Occasionally, users who have purchased this software have nevertheless encountered problems when they open, complete and try to save the document online. This seems to be due to the fact that they have not integrated their version of Adobe Acrobat into their web browser and their web browser is referring to the Adobe Acrobat Reader version of the software. To avoid this, it is recommended that you save the form locally (right click on the link and select “save target as” and then open it with the full Adobe Acrobat version of the software – you may then use and re-use this file as required, noting that the issue of new revisions to these editable forms are publicized well in advance in the *PCT Newsletter*).

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

Filled-in Request Form

The filled-in January 2010 version of the Request Form (PCT/RO/101) in English, French, German and Spanish is now available at, respectively:

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

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

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

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

Request form (Arabic and Korean)

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

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

and in Korean at:

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

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 Receiving Office Guidelines in Russian

The July 2009 version of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (RO/GL/RO/8) is now available in Russian, in PDF format, at:

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

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

This table has been revised with effect from 18 March 2010 to reflect the fact that: in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 March 2010, it is possible to extend European patent applications and patents to Montenegro; international applications filed on or after 24 March

2010 include the designation of Liberia for an ARIPO patent as well as a national patent; international applications filed on or after 1 May 2010 will include the designation of Albania for a European patent as well as a national patent; and international applications filed on or after 1 July 2009 include the designation of San Marino for a European patent as well as a national patent. The table is available in English and Russian at, respectively:

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

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

and will soon be available in French and Spanish.

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements, in English and French, between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs):

EP European Patent Office (1 April 2010)

ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (1 April 2010)

FI National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (1 April 2010)

JP Japan Patent Office (15 April 2010)

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs, IPEAs and SISAs under the PCT, as in force from the dates indicated in parentheses, have been published, in English and French, at:

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

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

PCT Webinars

The PCT webinars page has been updated with webinar recordings and presentations in all ten PCT publication languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. These recordings and presentations concern PCT updates on latest news, developments and services which were broadcast between February and April 2010. The recorded webinars can be consulted at:

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

It is recalled that customized webinars on particular PCT topics can be organized on request for interested firms, companies or organizations. Requests for customized webinars should be sent by e-mail to: pct.our@wipo.int. There is no charge for this service.

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (paper version in Italian)

The International Bureau has published a revised paper version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2009, in Italian. This printed and bound edition includes all amendments to the PCT Regulations which have entered into force since the last edition was published in 1995.

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

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Switzerland

It is recalled that the electronic texts of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2009, are also available on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/it/texts/pdf/pct.pdf>
http://www.wipo.int/pct/it/texts/pdf/pct_reg.pdf

Power of Attorney Waivers

Notification under PCT Rule 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) (European Patent Office)

Following the announcement by the European Patent Office (EPO) that, with effect from 1 July 2010, it will carry out supplementary international searches (see European Patent Office to Offer Supplementary International Search, above), it has modified the text of its power of attorney waiver, with effect from that date, to include its capacity as Supplementary International Searching Authority (SISA).

The EPO, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, and, with effect from 1 July 2010, as SISA, has informed the International Bureau, having waived the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney, that the particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required are as follows:

- where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or
- in case of doubt as to the agent's or common representative's entitlement to act.

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

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

This will update the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C (EP), D (EP) and E (EP), and will be included in Annex SISA (EP) once it is published.

Amendments to the Implementing Regulations to the European Patent Convention

A number of amendments have been made to the Implementing Regulations to the European Patent Convention with effect from 1 April 2010. The attention of applicants is drawn, in particular, to EPC Rule 161, which relates to the obligatory response after European phase entry to a written opinion drawn up by the European Patent Office (EPO) as International Searching Authority, or an International Preliminary Examination Report drawn up by the EPO as International Preliminary Examining Authority. Information on this, as well as other changes, can be seen on the EPO website at:

http://archive.epo.org/epo/pubs/oj009/11_09/11_5339.pdf

http://archive.epo.org/epo/pubs/oj009/10_09/10_4819.pdf

<http://www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/epc/changes-2010.html>

Note that the *PCT Applicant's Guide* has been revised accordingly (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>). The attention of applicants is also drawn to the fact that a new version of Form F1200 (Entry into the European phase (EPO as designated or elected Office)) is now available on the EPO website at:

<http://www.epo.org/patents/Grant-procedure/Filing-an-application/European-applications/forms.html>

Practical Advice

Factors to be considered when deciding whether or not to file a demand for international preliminary examination

(Views of David Reed, former Senior Patent Advisor, The Procter & Gamble Company, and current PCT Consultant).

Q: I have just received the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority. What should I consider when deciding whether to file a demand for international preliminary examination under PCT Chapter II?

A: International preliminary examination is an optional procedure under the PCT, and the decision whether or not to make use of it must be reviewed for each international application. Examples of different situations in which applicants may find themselves are:

- 1) the applicant receives the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA) indicating that all claims appear to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable. Additionally, the examiner has not noted any formality defects or other issues;
- 2) the applicant receives the written opinion of the ISA indicating that all claims appear to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable; however, the examiner has noted one or more formality defects;
- 3) the applicant receives the written opinion of the ISA and the examiner has concluded that one or more of the claims lack novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;

- 4) the applicant receives the written opinion of the ISA and the examiner has concluded that one or more of the claims lack novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, but the information arrived late; or
- 5) the applicant does not receive an ISR or a written opinion of the ISA, but receives a declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) that no ISR will be established.

To give full consideration to all of these situations, this “Practical Advice” will be split over two issues of the *PCT Newsletter*. This issue will deal with a more positive ISR and written opinion of the ISA (situations (1) and (2)) and next month’s issue will deal with more negative situations (situations (3) to (5)).

Background on international preliminary examination

Regardless of whether a demand for international preliminary examination (hereinafter “demand”) is filed, the applicant will receive a written opinion of the ISA (see PCT Rule 43*bis*) which gives a preliminary, non-binding opinion on the novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability of the claimed invention as defined in PCT Article 33. Additionally, the written opinion of the ISA may also point out any formality defects or other issues the examiner discovers during the initial review (the extent of review for such matters is at the discretion of the examiner and varies between International Authorities). If the applicant decides not to file a demand for international preliminary examination, the International Bureau (IB) will attach a cover sheet to the written opinion of the ISA and issue it as the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) (IPRP Chapter I) and send it to the designated Offices (DOs) for their use.

If, following a review of the prior art cited in the ISR and opinions and comments in the written opinion of the ISA, the applicant decides to take issue with these findings under the PCT, a demand for international preliminary examination (hereinafter “demand”) must be filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), together with arguments and/or amendments, as well as payment of the requisite fees (PCT Rules 57 and 58). Alternatively, the applicant can submit informal comments in response to the ISA’s written opinion to the IB but these will neither be published nor sent to the ISA or to the IPEA, even if a demand is filed (if the applicant wants the IPEA to consider his previously-filed “informal comments”, he/she will have to re-submit them directly to the IPEA). The informal comments will simply be kept in the file of the international application and, in the case where no demand is filed, forwarded to the DOs.

The deadline for filing a demand is three months from the date of transmittal to the applicant of the ISR (or the declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a)), and of the written opinion, or 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later. In addition to allowing applicants to formally respond to an unfavorable written opinion, filing a demand also allows them to amend the description, claims and/or drawings under PCT Article 34(2)(b).

The outcome of this procedure is the issuance of an international preliminary examination report (IPER) (entitled “international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) (IPRP Chapter II)”) by the IPEA examiner, which will be sent by the IB to the elected Offices (EOs) for their use.

As indicated earlier, the decision to file a demand must be made for each international application, and a primary consideration, before doing so, is whether or not the value an applicant expects to receive from the procedure justifies the time and expense required.

The cost of filing a demand varies depending on the IPEA used by the applicant. The IPEA available for use is determined by the applicant's receiving Office (RO), and, in some cases, which Office acted as ISA, and an applicant may have the choice of more than one IPEA. Two fees are due for filing a demand: an examination fee, which covers the costs incurred during the examination procedure, and a handling fee which offsets the IB's cost of translating and distributing the IPER. The overall cost of the procedure consists of these fees plus the applicant's or agent's time to prepare and submit the arguments in response to the written opinion and/or amendments. It is this total cost that must be weighed against the benefits received from obtaining an IPER when deciding whether to use this procedure.

1) The applicant receives the written opinion of the ISA indicating that all claims appear to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable. Additionally, the examiner has not noted any formality defects or other issues.

In this situation, the searching examiner has neither discovered any prior art that negatively impacts the novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability of the claimed invention, nor found any formality defects. The written opinion of the ISA is "positive" in all aspects and the final IPRP Chapter I will show that the claimed invention meets these three generally accepted criteria for patentability (as set forth in PCT Article 33).

Unless case-specific circumstances require the applicant to amend one or more parts of the application, there is little value to be obtained from filing a demand, given that the only remaining States where this still extends the period for entering the national phase are ones also covered by regional systems where the time limit is at least 30 months whether a demand is filed or not. In fact, if a demand is filed without the applicant submitting arguments and/or amendments to the application, the written opinion of the ISA will, typically, simply be re-issued in the form of an IPER. The IPRP Chapter I will convey the positive findings to all DOs/EOs and the national examiners can take these findings into consideration during national examination and the applicant will receive whatever benefits are given by each national office in light of a positive IPRP Chapter I. It is recalled that, in the case of PCT applications that have received a positive written opinion of either the ISA or the IPEA, or an IPER from the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office or the United States Patent and Trademark Office, patent examination procedures in the national phase before those Offices can be fast-tracked under the Trilateral PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH), the pilot of which started in January 2010 and is planned to run for two years (see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 12/2009, cover page, and 02/2010, page 2, for further information). Other Offices, such as the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office), are also expected to offer this accelerated processing in the near future.

2) The applicant receives the written opinion of the ISA indicating that all claims appear to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable; however, the examiner has noted one or more formality defects.

Under the PCT, all national (or regional) offices are required to accept the formal requirements set out under the PCT. An office may apply a standard different from the requirements under the PCT only if the national standard is more favorable to the applicant. It is recalled that the receiving Office only objects to formalities defects if compliance "is necessary for the purpose of reasonably uniform international publication". Similarly, some designated Offices may not be concerned by some of the requirements of PCT Rule 11 and will either not include the relevant requirements in their law, or else not enforce them.

In this situation, the search examiner has concluded that the claimed invention satisfies the criteria under PCT Article 33, but there are formal defects that need correcting. The applicant must look at the formal defects raised and decide:

- a) whether correction of the formal defects will be required by the national offices of interest during the national phase; and
- b) whether it is more cost effective or strategically viable to make the correction once under Chapter II or to make the correction before each office upon national phase entry.

The answer to the question will depend on the nature of the formality defect noted and the States in which it is intended to enter the national phase. In most cases, perhaps the formality defect would better be corrected by preliminary amendment when entering the national phase and there may be little value in making the correction under Chapter II. This will especially be so if you will be relying on translations in most States rather than the original language of the international application. Each case should be individually examined and either the most cost-effective route should be used to make any corrections that will be required during national processing, or the route which best suits the problem strategically. For example, it may be more beneficial for the applicant to fix certain issues earlier during the international phase, rather than before the designated Offices during the national phase, where, in the case of certain countries, addressing these issues may be more cumbersome or else it is particularly beneficial to enter the national phase with a "clean" report. In such a case, even if the issue relates only to a limited number of Offices, and even if it adds some costs to the procedure as a whole, it might be worthwhile filing a demand.

This "Practical Advice" will be continued in next month's issue of the *PCT Newsletter* with information and advice relating to situations 3 to 5, above.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 April 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
14 April 2010 Lima (PE)	Spanish	Roving seminar on the PCT (for academics, universities, research centers, inventors, etc.) WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Ms. Largo	National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI) (Mr. Bruno Mércor Valderrama) Tel: (511) 224 78 00
14–15 April 2010 Lille (FR)	French	Training on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
16 April 2010 Trujillo (PE)	Spanish	Roving seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Ms. Largo	See Lima, above
19 April 2010 Cusco (PE)	Spanish	Roving seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Ms. Largo	See Lima, above
19 April 2010 Istanbul (TR)	English	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	CEIPI International (Ms. Selda Arkan) Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42 Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21 E-mail: alfa@alfapatent.com.tr
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@pctllearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctllearningcenter.org
21 April 2010 Iquitos (PE)	Spanish	Roving seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Ms. Largo	See Lima, above
23 April 2010 Lima (PE)	Spanish	Roving seminar on the PCT (for patent attorneys) WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Ms. Largo	See Lima, above
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. Priscilla Byfield) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41 ext. 1223 Fax: (1-603) 225 96 47 E-mail: PByfield@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php
29–30 April 2010 London (GB) [CANCELLED]	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
25 May 2010 Zurich (CH)	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pieter Spierenburg) Tel: (41-56) 485 94 94 Fax: (41-56) 485 94 95 E-mail: ceipi@patent-anwalt.ch

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued] (situation on 1 April 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
26-27 May 2010 Podgorica (ME)	English and Montenegrin	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Ms. Trpkovska	Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro (Snežana Džuverović) Tel: (382) 20 246 499 Fax: (382) 20 246 499 E-mail: snezana.ziscg@gmail.com
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
28 May 2010 Kanazawa (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jaiiptm.jp
1 June 2010 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	(See Kanazawa, above)
3 June 2010 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	(See Kanazawa, above)
26-27 July 2010 Alexandria (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	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
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
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
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: 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 April 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 April 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						
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,300	15	98	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,300	15	98	–	–	AT EP SE
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 April 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	USD	1,300	15	98	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
	(filing by indiv:	2,000)							
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 April 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 April 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 April 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 11,060						
	* (from 1.6.10: CHF 1,553)							
	** (from 1.5.10: EUR 1,024)							
BR ²²	BRL 1,900	CHF 1,076	EUR* 711	USD 1,052				
	* (from 1.6.10: EUR 788)							
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF* 1,533	EUR* 1,012	USD 1,498				
	* (from 1.6.10: CHF 1,666)		EUR 1,119)					
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* 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							
	* (from 1.6.10: EUR 834)							
	** (from 1.6.10: EUR 290)							
RU	RUB 13,500	CHF 459	EUR 303	USD 449				
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* 1,406	NZD 2,880	ZAR 15,350			
	(from 1.5.10: EUR 1,534)							
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 April 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
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

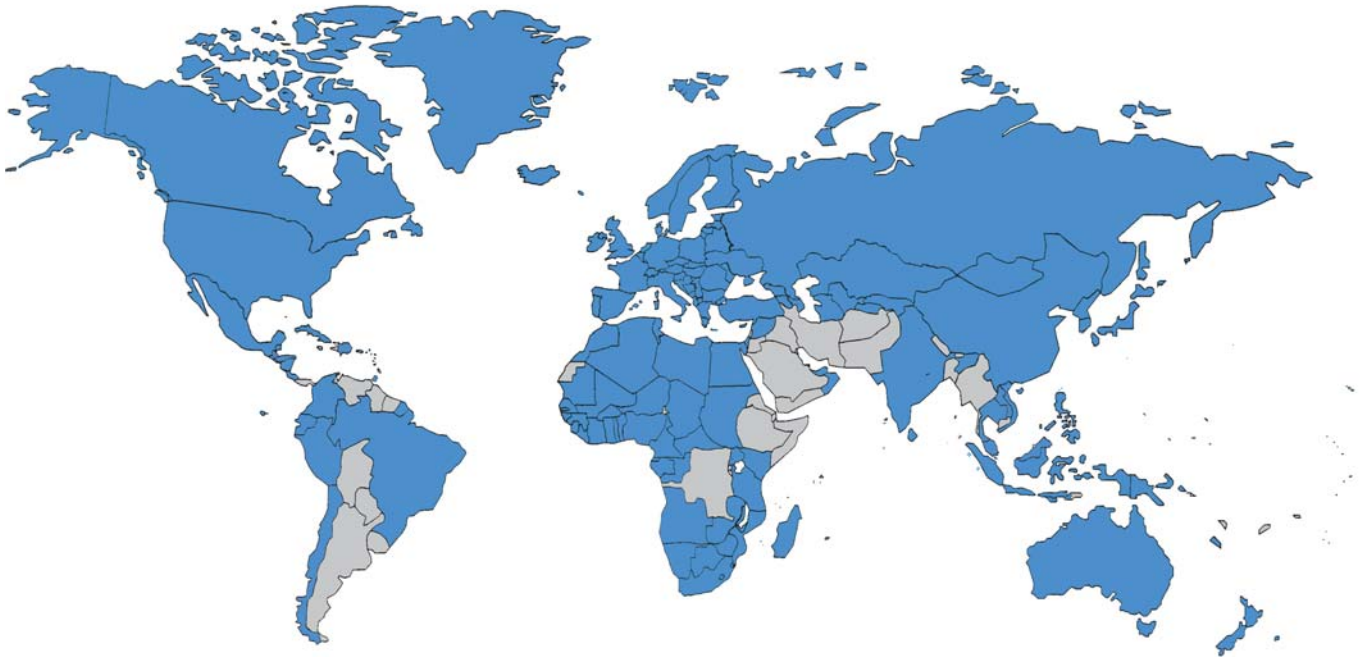
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 April 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

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	1,760	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
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 April 2010)



AE United Arab Emirates	CO Colombia	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MG Madagascar	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP) ⁵	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania ¹ (from 1 May 2010: EP)	CU Cuba	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SM San Marino (EP) ⁶
AT Austria (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TG Togo (OA) ²
BG Bulgaria (EP)	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BH Bahrain	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BR Brazil	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway (EP) ³	TN Tunisia
BW Botswana (AP)	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BZ Belize	GD Grenada	LR Liberia (AP) ⁴	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
CA Canada	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CG Congo (OA) ²	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CH Switzerland (EP)	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CL Chile	GR Greece (EP) ²	MA Morocco	RS Serbia ¹	VN Viet Nam
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
	HN Honduras	ME Montenegro ¹	SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	HR Croatia (EP) ³		SE Sweden (EP)	
	HU Hungary (EP)			
	ID Indonesia			

1 Extension of European patent possible; in the case of Albania, only for international applications filed before 1 May 2010.

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

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

4 Only international applications filed on or after 24 March 2010 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated January 2010) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

New WIPO Logo



As readers will probably have already noticed when navigating on the WIPO website, the WIPO logo has changed. WIPO unveiled its new logo on 26 April 2010 – a date which marked the 40th anniversary of the entry into force of the WIPO Convention, and which was also the 10th World Intellectual Property Day. For further information on the background of the new design of the WIPO logo, see Press Release PR/2010/638 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2010/article_0011.html

Amendments to the PCT Regulations (entry into force: 1 July 2010)

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, in September 2009, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2010. The amendments provide for:

- (a) clarification as to the different types of limitations and conditions which an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority may wish to set in the applicable agreement under PCT Article 16(3)(b) with regard to its preparedness to carry out supplementary searches, as to the conditions of refund of the supplementary search handling fee and the supplementary search fee, and as to the currency and the inclusion in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations of the fees referred to in PCT Rule 45*bis*.2 (amendments to PCT Rules 45*bis*.1, 45*bis*.2, 45*bis*.3, 45*bis*.5, 45*bis*.6, 45*bis*.9 and 96.1);
- (b) the obligation for applicants, when making amendments to the description, claims or drawings, to indicate the basis for those amendments in the application as filed (PCT Rules 46.5 and 66.8, and new PCT Rule 70.2(*c-bis*));
- (c) amendment of the procedure for the establishment of equivalent amounts of the search fee, the supplementary search fee, the international filing fee and the handling fee (PCT Rules 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 16.1, 16*bis*.1, 19.4, 57.2, 57.4, 57.5 and 57.6).

The text of the amendments was reproduced, in English and French, in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 21 January 2010 at:

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

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

and the new consolidated version of the PCT Regulations, as in force from 1 July 2010, will be published on the PCT Resources page shortly.

Modification of the Directives of the PCT Assembly Relating to the Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Certain Fees

In addition to the above-mentioned amendments to the PCT Regulations, the PCT Assembly approved, in September 2009, modifications to the Directives of the Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees. These modifications will enter into force on 1 July 2010 and concern the procedure for the establishment of equivalent amounts in other currencies of the international filing fee, the search fee, the supplementary search fee and the handling fee. The text of the modified Directives is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts_01_07_2010.html

Expansion of Patent Prosecution Highway Agreement Between USPTO and KIPO to Include PCT Products

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) have 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 within the framework of the PCT.

It is recalled that PPH agreements streamline the patent system and fast-track the patent examination procedure by allowing patent examiners to make use of the work products from other participating patent Offices. By requesting that their applications be processed under this program, applicants can generally obtain patents more quickly before participating Offices. The inclusion in this bilateral PPH of PCT international phase work generated by either the USPTO or KIPO will greatly expand the usefulness of the PPH program to applicants and Offices.

Initially, the PCT/PPH will operate in the form of a pilot program, similar to the one which started on 29 January 2010 among the Trilateral Offices (the USPTO, the European Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office) – see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2010 for further information. The starting date of the PCT/PPH pilot between the USPTO and KIPO, as well as details of the program, will be announced in due course on the USPTO and KIPO websites at, respectively:

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

<http://www.kipo.go.kr/kpo/user.tdf?a=user.english.html.HtmlApp&c=60622&catmenu=ek60600>

For further information on this announcement, see the USPTO's press release at:

http://www.uspto.gov/news/pr/2010/10_12.jsp

PCT-SAFE Update

Clarification regarding requests to retrieve documents via DAS

Reference is made to the text relating to the release of a new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software which was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2010. That text mentioned the new possibility to request, using PCT-SAFE, the International Bureau to retrieve priority documents via the Digital Access Service (DAS), and the fact that, for technical reasons, the priority document retrieval functionality is not yet available for the following receiving Offices: DE, DK, EP, ES, FI, GB, IS, MY, NL, PH, PL, RO, SE and SK. If you file PCT-SAFE applications with

any of these Offices, please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2010, pages 4 and 5, for information on alternative ways of requesting the IB to retrieve the priority document.

Please note that, in any case, it is possible to request the retrieval of the priority document via DAS only if the earlier application is available in the digital library of one of the following DAS-participating Offices: AU, ES, GB, IB, JP, KR or US.

PCT Information Update

AG Antigua and Barbuda (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (Antigua and Barbuda), in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, with effect from 14 April 2010, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda.

AT Austria (fees)

As from 1 July 2010, there will be a change in the amount of the fee for priority document, which will change from a page-dependent fee to a flat-rate fee, payable to the Austrian Patent Office as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	100
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The amount of the following fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, will also change with effect from the same date:

For patent:

Document fee (<i>Schriftengebühr</i>):	EUR	50
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For utility model:

Document fee (<i>Schriftengebühr</i>):	EUR	50
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (AT) and National Chapter, Summary (AT))

EP European Patent Office (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The European Patent Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified a new special requirement under PCT Rule 51*bis*: the Office may require the address, nationality and residence of the applicant if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application.

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

GB United Kingdom (requirements concerning agent; deposits of microorganisms and other biological material; fees)

There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) as receiving Office, as follows:

Any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or another Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA). A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 95 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1DT

The text of Annex L concerning the requirements of the Office with regard to the making of deposits of microorganisms and other biological material has changed, as follows:

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office with “any depositary institution anywhere in the world.” It is the responsibility of the applicant to select the depositary institution with which he wishes to make his deposit and to ensure that samples of the culture deposited will be made available in accordance with Rule 13(1) of and Schedule 1 to the UK Patents Rules 2007. The applicant may give notice in writing to the International Bureau before technical preparations for publication of the international application are completed that a sample should be made available only to an expert.

Warning: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the applicant must supply, earlier than 16 months from the priority date (or, if earlier, not later than a request for early publication), the name and address of the depositor and must file a statement by the depositor authorizing the applicant to refer to the deposited material in the application and giving his unreserved and irrevocable authorization to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with Schedule 1 to the UK Patents Rules 2007.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

Search fee:

– where a search has already been made by an International Searching Authority in accordance with the PCT:.....	GBP	120
– in other cases:	GBP	150
Substantive examination fee:.....	GBP	100

The following text has been added regarding reductions in the national fee:

GBP 20 reduction in the search fee or examination fee where the request for search or substantive examination is filed in electronic form using a method of electronic communication accepted by the Office.¹

¹ See <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-apply-online.htm> for further details of the methods of electronic filing accepted by the Office.

The Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has deleted the following requirement under PCT Rule 51*bis*:

Translation of priority document into English, or declaration that the international application is a complete translation of the priority document into English.

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

IS Iceland (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; restoration of the right of priority: criterion applicable and fees)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media:

- 3.5 inch diskette
- CD-R
- CD-ROM
- DVD
- DVD-R

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, has also notified the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that, in respect of requests for the restoration of the right of priority, it applies the “due care” criterion, and that the fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office or designated (or elected) Office is ISK 20,000.

In accordance with a special agreement, the Danish Patent and Trademark Office carries out search and examination on Icelandic patent applications. The Icelandic Patent Office has informed the IB that it may also take into consideration searches and examinations carried out by other patent Offices.

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office (*corrigendum*), Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent))

As from 1 July 2010, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	NZD
Austrian Patent Office	KRW
Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent).....	EUR

Furthermore, as from 1 August 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office.

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

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

Please note that the change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office will enter into effect on 15 May 2010, and not on 1 June 2010, as was indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2010, page 3.

Supplementary search fee (European Patent Office)

The equivalent amount payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the European Patent Office has been established, with effect from 1 July 2010:

Supplementary search fee.....	CHF	2,628
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New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

Request form

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

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

PCT Applicant's Guide

The *PCT Applicant's Guide* web page (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>) has been modified to enable users to navigate more quickly to an Office of interest by clicking on the initial letter of the two-letter country code of the Office concerned. Also, a table of paragraph concordances has been prepared to enable users to update any references they may have to the old chapters and paragraph numbering in the International and National Phases of the *Guide*, and is available in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/pdf/concordance_ip.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/pdf/concordance_np.pdf

PCT Receiving Office Guidelines in French

A fully hyperlinked HTML version of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, applicable with effect from 1 July 2009, has been prepared in French and is available at:

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

ISA and IPEA Agreements

An updated version of the Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the European Patent Office, as in force from 1 July 2010, relating to the functioning of this Office as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, which includes

provisions concerning supplementary international search, will be published shortly in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

PCT in the News

The latest edition of the *WIPO Magazine* includes an article entitled “Better Drawings Make a Better Patent”, written by Bernadette Marshall, President of NB Graphics and Associates, Inc., who heads a creative team which specializes in the preparation of design and utility patent drawings and trademark illustrations. The article explains why it is so important to have good quality drawings in patent applications, and discusses the requirements that should be met when preparing such drawings.

In another article of the *WIPO Magazine*, entitled “Economic Downturn Hits WIPO Registration and Filing Services” WIPO’s Director General, Mr. Francis Gurry, explains how “the decline in PCT filings is not as sharp as originally anticipated – last year’s results bring us back to just under 2007 levels, when 159,886 international applications were filed”.

These and other extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* are available at:

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

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

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

New possibility of carrying out multilingual searches

A new Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval (CLIR) facility is now available under the PATENTSCOPE® search service for public testing at:

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

This tool allows PATENTSCOPE® users to enhance the power of their searches in the PCT and national patent collections (<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/search/en>). Using this tool, search queries in one language are translated into several other languages by special software developed by WIPO on the basis of statistical analysis of terminology in patent application texts. Performing a search based on a multilingual query can enhance the comprehensiveness of search results. It is hoped that CLIR will open up a new way of carrying out searches of patent databases in different languages, such as the PATENTSCOPE® search service, and will significantly enhance access to patent information throughout the world. Currently, cross-lingual search is available in the following languages:

- English
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Spanish

A user guide on CLIR is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/search/en/help/CLIR_DOC.pdf

For information on the provision of feedback about CLIR see:

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/general/2010/news_0003.html

Practical Advice

Factors to be considered when deciding whether or not to file a demand for international preliminary examination – Part 2

(Views of David Reed, former Senior Patent Advisor, The Procter & Gamble Company, and current PCT Consultant)

Q: I have just received the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority. What should I consider when deciding whether to file a demand for international preliminary examination under PCT Chapter II?

A: Filing a demand for international preliminary examination is an optional procedure under the PCT, which must be reviewed for each international application. The “Practical Advice” that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2010 dealt with the following situations, where the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA) is more positive:

- 1) the applicant receives the written opinion of the ISA indicating that all claims appear to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable. Additionally, the examiner has not noted any formality defects or other issues; and
- 2) the applicant receives the written opinion of the ISA indicating that all claims appear to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable; however, the examiner has noted one or more formality defects.

This issue will deal with the following, more negative, situations:

- 3) the applicant receives the written opinion of the ISA and the examiner has concluded that one or more of the claims lack novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
- 4) the applicant receives the written opinion of the ISA and the examiner has concluded that one or more of the claims lack novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, but the information arrived late; and
- 5) the applicant does not receive an International Search Report (ISR) or a written opinion of the ISA, but receives a declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) that no ISR will be established.

It is recalled that the written opinion of the ISA provides the applicant with an examiner's opinion on the novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability of the claimed invention. Any negative findings, substantive or formal, will be placed before the national (or regional) examiner in every country where the national phase is entered. At some point in the patenting process, it is reasonable to conclude that an applicant will have to respond to each negative finding contained in the written opinion with amendments and/or arguments. The Chapter II procedure gives the applicant the opportunity to respond to these once, during the international phase, as opposed to writing and filing multiple responses in all national offices where national phase entry is made. For cases where the written opinion of the ISA contains negative findings, the savings in the applicant's/agent's time and, where applicable, agent's fees, required by multiple responses to national offices may well justify the use of the Chapter II procedure.

3) The applicant receives a written opinion of the ISA and the examiner has concluded that one or more of the claims appear to lack novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability.

In this situation an applicant is faced with an opinion that one or more claims do not meet the basic requirements for patentability (as defined in PCT Article 33). If the documents cited in the ISR are applicable under national law and a national examiner agrees with the findings stated in the written opinion of the ISA, a patent will probably not be issued for the claims affected. If, after careful analysis, the applicant concludes that the negative findings in the written opinion of the ISA have merit and an amendment to the claims and/or an argument is needed to restore novelty or inventiveness to the claims, the PCT offers two options:

(a) An amendment to the claims (only) may be filed under PCT Article 19 (information on the filing of amendments will be the subject of a separate "Practical Advice" in the near future). Any amendments under PCT Article 19 and the accompanying statement will be published with the international application. It is important to note that 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). The IPRP Chapter I will still set forth the opinion given in the written opinion of the ISA. (It is possible to file an amendment under PCT Article 19 and to also use the Chapter II procedure. This allows an applicant to have amended claims published to help secure provisional protection in the countries offering it and, under Chapter II, to submit arguments and/or further amendments in favor of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability to an IPEA examiner before the issuance of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) (IPRP Chapter II).

(b) An amendment to the claims, description and/or drawings as well as a complete argument in favor of novelty, inventive step and/or industrial applicability can be submitted under PCT Article 34. This is a procedure under PCT Chapter II and requires the timely filing of a demand for international preliminary examination and payment of the fees mentioned in Part 1 of this "Practical Advice".

The advantages of a favorable IPRP Chapter II are numerous. Individual case experience has shown that many patent Offices give considerable weight (up to full faith and credit) to an IPRP Chapter II positive for novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. All PCT national or regional Offices will use the IPRP Chapter II findings to assist them in carrying out their national or regional examination of an application. Patent Offices having a strong examination staff or those with national laws differing from the standards set out in PCT Article 33 (such as "grace periods") will take the non-binding opinions in the IPRP Chapter II into consideration, but will

continue to conduct their full, normal examination. Offices with a smaller examining staff and those without examiners tend to rely more heavily on the results in the IPRP Chapter II.

When evaluating the usefulness of the Chapter II procedure, the savings realized in reduced national prosecution time and expense in those countries relying heavily on the IPRP Chapter II should be considered. Some practitioners have estimated that for an application being filed broadly (in 50 or more countries), a favorable IPRP Chapter II can save two to three weeks of foreign prosecution time during the national phase. Additionally, national or regional prosecution in the Office conducting the international preliminary examination may also be more rapid and/or incur reduced national fees. Following examination under Chapter II, the applicant will also have a better idea of the chances of obtaining meaningful patent protection in the countries of the world. This information can be very valuable for making the national phase entry decision.

When receiving a written opinion of the ISA reporting that some or all of the claims lack novelty and/or inventive step, an applicant must weigh the cost and effort of responding to the findings in the written opinion of the ISA under Chapter II versus the cost of responding to the same rejections (plus perhaps others) before each national office in the national phase. If the countries of interest to the applicant are known to give significant weight to a favorable IPRP Chapter II, then Chapter II processing will be a cost-effective option. If the countries of interest generally use the IPRP Chapter II in only an advisory capacity, then the overall value of a favorable IPRP Chapter II may be less. It is important to note that even in the face of an IPRP Chapter II which still reports that some claims lack novelty or inventive step, any substantive negativities eliminated from the findings in the written opinion of the ISA during Chapter II processing will reduce the costs of prosecution during the national phase.

In general, for applications which are expected to enter the national phase in a large number of countries, advancing prosecution of the international application under Chapter II is a cost-effective option. As the number of countries of interest decreases, the value of Chapter II decreases. The point at which responding to any negative findings in the national phase becomes the more cost-effective option depends on the countries of interest and how they use the IPRP Chapter II.

Note that if the written opinion of the ISA also reports formality defects, the value of filing a demand, as discussed in point 2, in Part 1 of this "Practical Advice", needs to be added to the equation.

4) The applicant receives the ISR and written opinion of the ISA and the examiner has concluded that one or more of the claims lack novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, but the information arrived late.

Under the PCT, the ISR and the written opinion of the ISA are due to be sent to the applicant either three months from the receipt of the copy of the international application by the ISA (search copy) or nine months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. Due to the backlogs experienced by some ISAs, these time limits are not always met. If an applicant receives the ISR/written opinion of the ISA late, Chapter II processing is still available, and the demand must be filed within three months of the mailing of the ISR (or 22 months from the priority date, if this is later). However, in this case, it must be asked whether, at this stage, Chapter II processing is still worthwhile.

The answer will depend on how late the ISR/written opinion of the ISA are. If the IPRP Chapter II will not be issued until after the decisions on national phase entry need to be made,

the applicant will not have the benefit of the IPRP Chapter II when making those decisions. If the IPRP Chapter II will not be issued until after the national offices have started their processing and examination, the value of the IPRP Chapter II is even further reduced. In general, if the written opinion of the ISA is not sent in time to allow the IPRP Chapter II to be issued before national processing begins, it may be best to work directly with the national offices, rather than incur the cost of Chapter II processing. If this is the selected route, it is recommended that preliminary arguments and amendments be filed with the Office as soon as possible after national phase entry and receiving the written opinion of the ISA. In this way the national examiner will have your response to the issues raised in the written opinion of the ISA when the national examination begins.

5) The applicant does not receive an ISR or written opinion of the ISA, but receives a declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) that no ISR will be established.

If an applicant receives a “Declaration of Non-establishment of International Search Report” (Form PCT/ISA/203) from the ISA, either the application relates to subject matter which the ISA was not required to search (see PCT Rule 39), or the description, claims or drawings did not comply with PCT requirements to such an extent that a meaningful search could not be carried out (see PCT Article 17(2)(a)(ii)). In either case, the ISA will issue a written opinion of the ISA but the written opinion of the ISA will not include any statements as to the novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability of the claimed invention. In this situation filing a demand and paying the fees related thereto has very limited value, as, according to PCT Rule 66.1(e), the IPEA is not obliged to examine the claims relating to inventions in respect of which no ISR has been established.

If an applicant wishes to make amendments under PCT Article 34, a demand may be filed within 22 months from the priority date or three months from the issuance of the declaration of non-establishment of the ISR, whichever expires later. Any amendment submitted will be entered and sent to the elected Offices, but no opinion on novelty or inventive step would normally be made. If the applicant wishes to make a correction during the international phase, even though making amendments under Chapter II is available, it is important to remember that new matter cannot be added. In general, it would probably be more cost-effective to address the issues in the national phase.

International preliminary examination under Chapter II can be a cost-effective way to advance the prosecution of an application in all PCT Contracting States with the applicant/agent effort of responding to a single official action. For applications destined to enter the national phase in a large number of countries, the effort and cost savings resulting from the elimination of all or even some of the issues raised in the ISR and written opinion of the ISA can prove beneficial in both cost and effort savings, as well as possibly shortened pendency/faster grants. For each PCT application with an ISR and a written opinion of the ISA, the key consideration comes down to an analysis of the costs of filing a demand and submitting a response versus the value received from the Chapter II procedure.

Note that, regardless of whether the ISR/written opinion of the ISA is positive or negative, some applicants file a demand with an IPEA which is not the same as the ISA that carried out the international search in order to obtain a “second opinion”, with the goal of identifying all relevant prior art and facilitating the national/regional phase processing. Alternatively, a supplementary review of the prior art can be obtained by requesting a supplementary international search by a different ISA.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 May 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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
25 May 2010 Zurich (CH)	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pieter Spierenburg) Tel: (41-56) 485 94 94 Fax: (41-56) 485 94 95 E-mail: ceipi@patent-anwalt.ch
26-27 May 2010 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Chatel	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
26-27 May 2010 Podgorica (ME)	English and Montenegrin	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Ms. Trpkovska	Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro (Snežana Džuverović) Tel: (382) 20 246 499 Fax: (382) 20 246 499 E-mail: snezana.ziscg@gmail.com
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
28 May 2010 Kanazawa (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jaiiptm.jp
1 June 2010 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	(See Kanazawa, above)
3 June 2010 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	(See Kanazawa, above)
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

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued] (situation on 1 May 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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
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
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
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: 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 May 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
		BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone		
		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
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLN	Polish zloty	ZAR	South African rand
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	RON	New leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GEL	Georgian lari	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Item 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available									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 <i>(from 1.7.10: 1,370)</i>	17 <i>(15)</i>	112 <i>(103)</i>	224 <i>(206)</i>	336 <i>(309)</i>	–	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 <i>(from 1.7.10: 1,278)</i>	16 <i>(14)</i>	104 <i>(96)</i>	209 <i>(192)</i>	313 <i>(288)</i>	–	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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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 1,567,000 (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 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]

(amounts on 1 May 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

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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 May 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹						
AT ²¹	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.7.10: <i>CHF 2,574</i>)	CHF 2,574 <i>KRW 2,601,000</i>	KRW* 2,951,000	SGD 3,550	USD 2,515	ZAR 18,560	
AU	AUD 1,600 USD 1,397 * (from 1.6.10: <i>CHF 1,553</i>) ** (from 1.8.10: <i>EUR 1,123</i>) *** (from 1.7.10: <i>NZD 2,062</i>)	CHF* 1,430 ZAR 11,060 <i>CHF 1,553</i> <i>EUR 1,123</i> <i>NZD 2,062</i>	EUR** 1,024	KRW 1,684,000	NZD*** 1,937	SGD 1,970	
BR ²²	BRL 1,900 * (from 1.6.10: <i>CHF 1,076</i>)	CHF 1,076 <i>EUR 788</i>	EUR* 711	USD 1,052			
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 1.6.10: <i>CHF 1,666</i>) ** (from 15.5.10: <i>EUR 1,119</i>)	CHF* 1,533 <i>CHF 1,666</i> <i>EUR 1,119</i>	EUR** 1,012	USD 1,498			
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 314	EUR 208	USD 307			
EP ²³	EUR 1,785 MWK 359,000 ZAR 18,620	CHF 2,628 NOK 14,590	DKK 13,290 NZD 3,506	GBP 1,557 SEK 18,060	ISK 317,000 SGD 3,510	JPY 225,200 USD 2,485	
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		
KR	KRW 1,300,000 ²⁴ USD 1,092 ²⁴ KRW 450,000 ²⁵ USD 373 ²⁵ * (from 1.6.10: <i>EUR 834</i>) ** (from 1.6.10: <i>EUR 290</i>)	AUD 1,192 ²⁴ AUD 428 ²⁵ <i>EUR 834</i> <i>EUR 290</i>	CHF 1,116 ²⁴ CHF 382 ²⁵	EUR* 737 ²⁴ EUR** 252 ²⁵	NZD 1,464 ²⁴ NZD 517 ²⁵	SGD 1,530 ²⁴ SGD 530 ²⁵	
RU	RUB 13,500 * (from 1.7.10: <i>CHF 459</i>)	CHF 459 <i>EUR 344</i>	EUR* 303	USD 449			
SE	SEK 18,060 USD 2,485	CHF 2,628	DKK 13,290	EUR 1,785	ISK 317,000	NOK 14,590	
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 May 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
EP	(from 1.7.10: <i>CHF 2,628</i>)	(from 1.7.10: <i>CHF 200</i>)
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

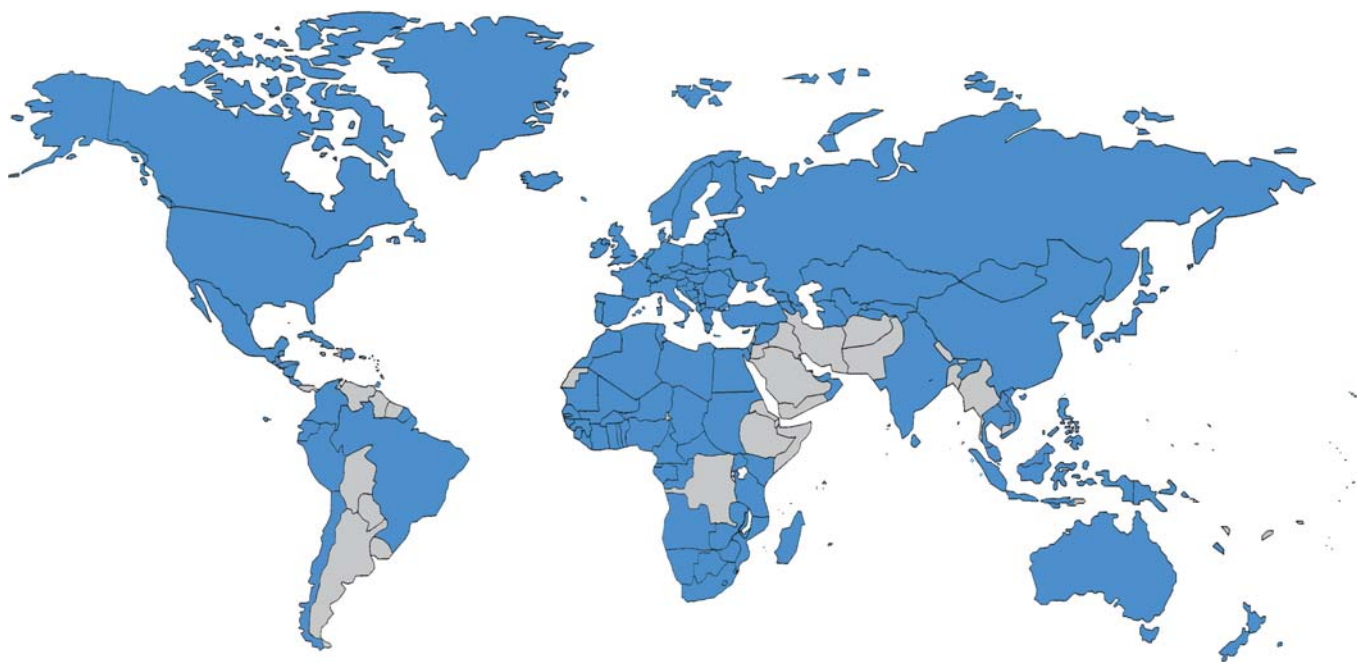
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 May 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

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	1,760	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
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.
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- 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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- 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 May 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
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CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ³		SG Singapore	

1 Only international applications filed on or after 1 May 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

2 Extension of European patent possible; in the case of Albania, only for international applications filed before 1 May 2010.

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

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

5 Only international applications filed on or after 24 March 2010 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated January 2010) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

PCT (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 Office	KRW

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		
		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	DZD	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
					Item 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							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}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸		
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]

(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	
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]

(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	
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

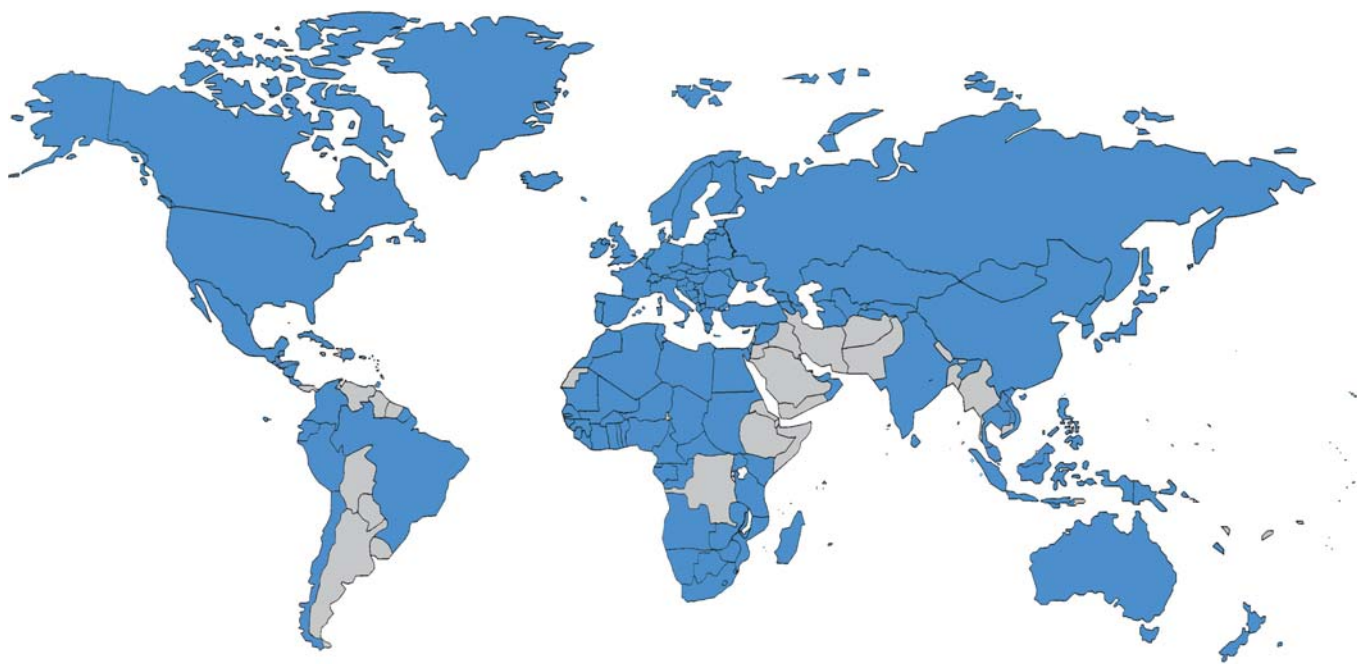
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 June 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

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

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 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
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
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
CG Congo (OA) ³	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ³	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ³	MA Morocco	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ³	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ³	RS Serbia ²	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ³	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ³	HN Honduras	ME Montenegro ²	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
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			

1 Only international applications filed on or after 1 May 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

2 Extension of European patent possible; in the case of Albania, only for international applications filed before 1 May 2010.

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

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

5 Only international applications filed on or after 24 March 2010 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

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

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PCT NEWSLETTER

Combined July-August issue

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

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

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

Austrian Patent Office to Offer Supplementary International Search

The Austrian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 August 2010, it will carry out supplementary international searches, and it will thus be possible for applicants to choose it as an Authority specified for supplementary search (SISA).

Further information concerning the Austrian Patent Office in its capacity as SISA will be published shortly.

PCT Working Group

The third session of the PCT Working Group was held in Geneva from 14 to 18 June 2010. The documents referred to in the summary of the meeting below can be found on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/3

The Working Group endorsed a series of recommendations based on a study by the International Bureau (IB) entitled "The Need for Improving the Functioning of the PCT System" (document PCT/WG/3/2). These recommendations cover a variety of actions which should be undertaken by the IB, applicants, Contracting States and national Offices (acting in both their national and international capacities) to make the PCT system more effective both for processing patent applications and for supporting technology transfer and technical assistance for developing countries.

Many of the proposals relating to improving the quality of international search and preliminary examination reports seek to build on the work already under way within Offices which act as International Authorities (both in their national and international capacities) to improve their ability to search prior art from a wide range of sources and in a wide range of languages, and share the results of those searches with other Offices.

New steps to be implemented in the near future in accordance with these recommendations include the development of online systems to:

- accept third party observations (more details included in documents PCT/WG/3/6 and 11) as well as to allow quality feedback from designated Offices to International Authorities (PCT/WG/3/7);
- support technology transfer by indicating the willingness of the applicant to license any patent which might be granted; and
- receive better information from national Offices about the entry into the national phase of international applications and their subsequent status, and to integrate this information into search systems to allow easier identification of where patents do and do not apply.

To follow up on some of the recommendations, the Working Group also commissioned a series of studies to assess how successful the PCT system has been in disseminating technical information, in facilitating access to technology and in providing technical assistance to developing countries. These studies will include recommendations on ways to boost the PCT's performance in these areas and will also explore the possibility of extra-budgetary funding arrangements to finance PCT technical assistance projects.

The Working Group did not agree on proposed changes to the criteria for establishing the list of countries whose nationals and residents may be eligible for reduction in certain PCT fees (PCT/WG/3/4 Rev.). Until agreement is reached, the list of States established with effect from 1 July 2008 will continue to apply.

The Working Group recommended that a number of minor changes to the PCT Regulations (based on document PCT/WG/3/8 with further changes noted in the report) be forwarded to the PCT Assembly for approval at its session in September 2010. These relate to the processes for ensuring that details of rectifications of obvious mistakes and letters accompanying amendments made under Articles 19 and 34 are properly available to national Offices. The amendments should not affect applicants, except to reduce the risk of being asked by a national Office to supply copies of documents which, in unusual circumstances, might not be automatically transferred between the relevant Offices.

The Working Group recognized the value of photographs and color drawings in making a clear and effective disclosure of certain types of invention (PCT/WG/3/9), but needed to obtain further information on technical and legal issues before deciding how to provide for these in international applications.

The Working Group agreed that concern expressed about the legal basis for a receiving Office correcting any errors which it made (PCT/WG/3/10) was best addressed by indicating in the Receiving Office Guidelines that receiving Offices have an inherent right to make such corrections.

The report of the session (PCT/WG/3/14) is available at the above-mentioned Internet address.

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and Certain PCT Forms

Minor modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2010, to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and to certain Forms relating to the receiving Office, the

International Searching Authority (also in its function as Authority specified for supplementary search), the International Bureau (IB), and the International Preliminary Examining Authority, most of which are consequential to amendments of the Regulations under the PCT adopted by the PCT Assembly in October 2009.

The modifications to the Administrative Instructions are as follows:

- Section 411 has been modified in line with the modifications which entered into force on 1 January 2010 to implement PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis), allowing the applicant to request that priority documents be obtained by receiving Offices and the IB from digital libraries; and
- Section 613 has been modified as a consequence of amendments of the Regulations under the PCT (namely, the renumbering of PCT Rule 57.6 to 57.4).

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/11) as in force from 1 July 2010 is available, in English and French, on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

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

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

As far as the forms are concerned, PCT/IB/381 (Notification of Refund of Fees concerning Supplementary International Search) has been created, and the following forms have been modified:

PCT/RO/102	(Notification Concerning Payment of Prescribed Fees)
PCT/RO/147	(Notification Concerning Failure to Forward Record Copy and Search Copy for National Security Reasons)
PCT/IB/301	(Notification of Receipt of Record Copy)
PCT/IB/304	(Notification Concerning Submission, Obtention or Transmittal of Priority Document)
PCT/IB/337	(Notification Concerning Written Opinion of International Searching Authority, Amendments of Claims and Supplementary International Search)
PCT/IB/375	(Supplementary Search Request)
PCT/IB/379	(Notification that Supplementary Search Request is Considered not to Have Been Submitted)
PCT/ISA/220	(Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, or the Declaration)
PCT/IPEA/401	(Demand)
PCT/IPEA/407	(Notification that Demand Considered Not to Have Been Submitted)
PCT/IPEA/408	(Written Opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority)
PCT/IPEA/409	(International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty))
PCT/SISA/501	(Supplementary International Search Report)

PCT/SISA/507 (Declaration that Supplementary Search Request is Considered not to Have been Submitted)

The modified forms, in PDF and editable PDF formats, where appropriate, are available at:

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

Note that a collection of forms, in English and French, has been prepared containing those PCT forms that were in force until 30 June 2010 and which remain valid for certain international applications filed before 1 July 2010. They are available on the right-hand side of the above-mentioned page under the heading "Forms in force until 30 June 2010".

Further Information on the Secure Online PCT E-Payment System for Certain PCT Fees

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2010 of the intended launch of the PCT E-Payment Service, the International Bureau (IB) is pleased to announce that this service is now fully operational, and is available at:

https://webaccess.wipo.int/epayment_pct/

The PCT E-Payment Service permits applicants to pay fees by credit card via an online secure e-payment facility in respect of fees payable to the IB as receiving Office (RO/IB) for new international applications filed with it, and also, irrespective of the receiving Office with which the international application was filed, fees payable to the IB for filing a request for supplementary international search. In the case of the RO/IB filing fees, the July 2010 version of the PCT-SAFE software has been updated to reflect this change.

The main advantage of this service is that applicants no longer have to supply their credit card details to the IB on separate forms, but can now make the online credit card transaction themselves in a secure and confidential environment. The only requirement is to provide the IB with a valid e-mail address to which instructions for online credit card payment will be sent. E-mails sent by the PCT E-Payment Service will be from no.reply@wipo.int, in line with WIPO's e-mail policy, and it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that incoming e-mails from this address are not blocked for any reason on the recipient's side, for example, by spam filters.

Applicants may also access all their pending PCT E-Payment credit card transactions on an ad hoc basis via a link on the PCT Service Center webpage on WIPO's PATENTSCOPE® website at the following address, where a user guide is also available:

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/service_center/

Applicants are reminded that, as of 1 January 2011, the IB will no longer receive and process credit card details using PCT Forms PCT/ROIB/197 and PCT/IB/380, which are now only available with the collection of forms in force until 30 June 2010. As of 1 January 2011, payment of the above-mentioned PCT fees by credit card will only be possible via the online PCT E-Payment Service. In addition to the fee types mentioned above, other PCT fees will gradually become payable also by credit card via this service.

Expansion of PCT Online Document Upload Service

It is recalled that, in January 2010, WIPO launched the PCT Online Document Upload Service (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2010) to enable applicants to submit post-filing documents

electronically via a web interface to WIPO in its capacity as International Bureau (IB). The service has now been expanded to enable applicants to upload post-filing documents destined for the International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/IB).

Examples of the types of documents that can be sent to RO/IB using the PCT Online Document Upload Service are:

- requests for restoration of right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3;
- correction or addition of priority claims under PCT Rule 26*bis*.1;
- requests for incorporation by reference of elements and parts under PCT Rule 20.6;
- replacement sheets under PCT Rule 26;
- powers of attorney submitted to the RO/IB under PCT Rule 90.4;
- translations for the purposes of international search under PCT Rule 12.3 and/or for the purposes of international publication under PCT Rule 12.4; and
- declarations under PCT Rule 4.17.

IMPORTANT: This service is not to be used for the initial filing of international applications online. Note also that documents may only be uploaded once RO/IB has started processing the international application. The receipt of Form PCT/RO/105 is an indication that processing by RO/IB is underway and that documents can be uploaded to RO/IB using this service.

PCT Information Update

Fees payable in euro (various Offices)

As from 1 September 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in EUR to various receiving Offices (see list of two-letter codes of Offices affected, below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in EUR of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (AT, BA, BE, CY, CZ, DE, EP, ES, FI, FR, GR, IB, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MT, NL, PT, SI, SK and SM))

Fees payable in US dollars (various Offices)

As from 1 September 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in USD to various receiving Offices (see list of two-letter codes of Offices affected, below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

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

As from 15 August 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in DKK to the Danish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in DKK of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

It is recalled that in 2009, it was announced that a special time limit of 20 months from the priority date (or from the international filing date where there is no priority claim) applies to the Faroe Islands and Greenland when a PCT application enters the national phase in Denmark (see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 01, 02 and 06/2009). The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 July 2010, the time limit for entry into the national phase in respect of Greenland will be the same as that which applies to the rest of the Danish territory, that is 31 months from the priority date. The Faroe Islands, however, continues to apply a time limit of 20 months. Note also that even where a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the time limit for entry into the national phase in the case of the Faroe Islands remains 20 months.

As far as the required contents of the translation are concerned, if protection is sought in Greenland, the application may be furnished in Danish or English. However, if protection is sought in the Faroe Islands, the applicant must furnish a translation of the application into Danish.

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

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

There has been a change in the requirements of the European Patent Office with regards to the making of deposits of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

If the applicant wishes that, until the publication of the mention of the grant of a European patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, the biological material shall be made available as provided in Rule 33(1) EPC only by the issue of a sample to an expert nominated by the requester (Rule 32(1) EPC), the applicant must, by a written statement, inform the International Bureau accordingly before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application where such publication takes place in one of the EPO official languages (English, French or German).

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

GT Guatemala (requirements for entry into the national phase)

Information on the requirements of the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see National Chapter, Summary (GT)) on the PCT Resources page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/gt.pdf>

HN Honduras (general information)

General information about Honduras as a PCT Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras) as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annexes B1 and C (HN) on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexb1/ax_b_hn.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexc/ax_c_hn.pdf

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 September 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in EUR and USD of the following fees, payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office:

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

Priority document:.....EUR 36 or USD 43

Supplement for airmail :EUR 7 or USD 9

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

IL Israel (fees)

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, has changed with effect from 1 July 2010:

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

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

Filing fee:ILS 1,024

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

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 October 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ISK of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

JP Japan (fees)

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

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

KR Republic of Korea (fees; special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:

Fee for request for examination:	KRW	130,000
plus, for each claim:	KRW	40,000
Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW	15,000
plus, for each claim:	KRW	13,000

For utility model:

Fee for request for examination:	KRW	65,000
plus, for each claim:	KRW	17,000
Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW	12,000
plus, for each claim:	KRW	4,000

The Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has deleted the following requirement under PCT Rule 51*bis*:

Translation into Korean of the priority document where it is not identical with the international application and is necessary for examination or appeal; otherwise a written statement confirming identity is sufficient.

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

MX Mexico (fees)

There has been a change to the transmittal fee and to the national fee payable to the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively, with effect since 2 January 2010. These fees are now subject to a national tax of 16%.

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

NI Nicaragua (requirements for entry into the national phase)

Information on the requirements of the Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua) as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see National Chapter, Summary (NI)) on the PCT Resources page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/ni.pdf>

SG Singapore (fees)

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

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Nordic Patent Institute, State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 August 2010, there will be a change in the amount payable in AUD for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office. The equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been established but will be published shortly.

As from 1 September 2010, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Austrian Patent Office.....	USD
Canadian Intellectual Property Office	EUR
European Patent Office	NZD, SGD
Japan Patent Office	CHF, EUR
State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China	EUR
United States Patent and Trademark Office	CHF, EUR

As from 15 September 2010, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	EUR
European Patent Office	ISK, JPY, USD, ZAR
National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	USD
Nordic Patent Institute	USD

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.....	USD
State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China	CHF
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	USD

As from 1 October 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in KRW for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office.

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

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

Handling fee (Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 September 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in CAD to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), and as from 1 October 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in USD to the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) as IPEAs, as indicated in Fee Table II.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (CA, RU and US))

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 9 September 2010

Due to the fact that Thursday, 9 September 2010, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications which would normally have been published on that day, as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* which would normally have been published on that day, will be published on Friday, 10 September 2010. The completion of technical preparations for that publication will therefore take place 16 days before publication (which is earlier than the usual 15 days before publication), on Wednesday, 25 August 2010 (meaning that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Tuesday, 24 August 2010).

Publication of 23 September 2010

Due to the fact that Thursday, 9 September 2010, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on Thursday, 23 September 2010, will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 7 September 2010 (instead of on Wednesday, 8 September 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 on Monday, 6 September 2010.

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.047.223, dated 1 July 2010) may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

This version (“build 223”) includes the following:

- January 2010 request form modifications relating to e-mail authorizations and to the possibility of requesting the International Bureau to retrieve priority documents via the Digital Access Service (DAS) which are now available for filers with all receiving Offices that accept PCT applications in fully electronic and/or PCT-EASY format;
- modifications relating to credit card payment with RO/IB. For further information on credit card payments (e-payments) see “Further Information on the Secure Online PCT E-Payment System for Certain PCT Fees”, above, and *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2010, as well as a user guide at: http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/user_documentation.htm;
- relaxed signature requirement of the request form for PCT-EASY/EFS-Web applications filed with RO/US;
- a pop-up message to draw attention to the “Continue” button at the bottom of the PDF preview screen during the signature/submission process;
- the addition of validation checks to the priority document retrieval functionality;
- the introduction of validation checks to e-mail addresses;
- the new WIPO logo;
- updated fee schedules, where applicable; and
- other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements.

Please note that the “PCT-SAFE Unit” has been renamed as the “PCT e-Services Unit”. In addition to PCT-SAFE support, the Unit also provides customer support for other PCT electronic services.

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

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

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

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

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

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

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

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

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

PCT forms

Forms PCT/IPEA/408 and PCT/IPEA/409 are now available in German at:

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

The International Bureau is grateful to the European Patent Office for preparing these translations.

See also “Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and Certain PCT Forms”, above.

PCT fees

The tables showing the applicability of the 75% reduction in certain fees payable to the European Patent Office and of the 75% reduction in the search fee payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office have been updated in accordance with the revisions to the World Bank list. See:

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

Revised directives for the establishment of equivalent amounts

Directives of the PCT Assembly Relating to the Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Certain Fees, as in force from 1 July 2010, are now available in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

Archive of PCT Assembly documents

The reports of all meetings of the PCT Assembly have been available for a long time now, however, in an effort to expand the archives of PCT documents available on the Internet, a historical archive of PCT Assembly documents from 1978 to 1996, containing all documents issued for a given meeting, has recently been made available on the PCT Resources page at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=135

These documents span close to 20 years of PCT history and provide insight and perspective on the early beginnings and development of the PCT system. Additional historical collections of PCT documents will progressively be added to the PCT Resources page.

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements, in English and French, between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following Authorities as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs):

- AU Australian Patent Office (1 July 2010)
- JP Japan Patent Office (1 July 2010)
- US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (17 June 2010)

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from the dates indicated in parentheses, have been published in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

It is recalled that, with effect from 1 July 2010, the European Patent Office carries out supplementary international searches, and it will thus be possible for applicants to choose it as an Authority specified for supplementary search (SISA).

Additional resources in German

Information concerning the Trilateral Offices commencing the PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot will be available shortly in German at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/filing/pct_pph.html

and information concerning the Common Application Format is now available in German at:

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

PCT Glossary

The PCT Glossary, which provides PCT users with definitions of PCT terminology, will be available shortly in Portuguese at:

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

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

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

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

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

Time limits for entering the national phase

The table of time limits for entering the national phase has been updated with effect from 1 July 2010 and is available in English, French and Russian at, respectively:

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/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.

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (paper version)

The International Bureau has published a revised paper version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2010, in English and French.

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

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Switzerland

Italian, Portuguese and Spanish versions of the publication will be available shortly. Note that the electronic texts of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations under the PCT in English, French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish, as in force from 1 July 2010, are also available on the PCT Resources page (see “New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet”, above).

WIPO GOLD: new WIPO Global IP Information Resource

WIPO recently launched WIPO GOLD – a free, on-line global intellectual property (IP) reference resource that provides quick and easy access to a broad collection of searchable IP data and tools relating to, for example, technology (via PATENTSCOPE®), brands, domain names, designs, statistics, WIPO standards, IP classification systems and IP laws and treaties.

WIPO GOLD, which is intended to be a dynamic and evolving information tool that will continue to be expanded and improved over time, is available at:

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

Practical Advice

Recording of an e-mail address for PCT notifications issued by the International Bureau

Q: In an effort to move away from paper files, the company of patent attorneys that I work for, which is acting as agent for over 100 international applications, would like to request that notifications issued by the International Bureau be sent by e-mail instead of by mail. I have seen that this can be done by marking the appropriate check-box in the request form, but would like to know how I can request this change in respect of international applications where that form has already been filed and the e-mail address has not yet been furnished. Can I make a single request for the recording of the e-mail address that will cover all international applications where we act as agent?

A: Such a request may be dealt with in the same way as any other requests under PCT Rule 92*bis* "Recording of Changes in Certain Indications in the Request or the Demand", for example requests to record a change in the person, name, residence, nationality or address of the applicant or requests to record a change in the person, name or address of the agent, the common representative or the inventor. In other words, the request should be made in a letter signed by the applicant or the agent of record. This would also be the case if you wished to change an e-mail address which had been given earlier.

In order to facilitate the sending and processing of requests for the recording of changes in respect of multiple applications, the International Bureau (IB) encourages the sending of a single letter in which all the international application numbers concerned are listed, rather than the sending of a separate letter for each application. It is important, however, to list the numbers concerned, and not to simply request that the change be made "in respect of all international applications filed by the applicant/agent". Note also that only agents who have been authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant may send such a request, therefore, separate letters may need to be sent by other agents in your firm if you are not authorized to sign on behalf of the applicants in respect of the international applications that are being handled by the other agents. Of course, if the company itself (rather than an individual) has been authorized to sign for the applicants, anyone authorized to sign for the company may sign for all international applications concerned.

In order to ensure that the change is recorded promptly, and in view of the fact that not all receiving Offices may be prepared to accept a request for recording of a change in respect of multiple applications in a single letter, it is generally recommended that any request for the recording of a change be sent direct to the IB, rather than to the receiving Office. Such requests may be sent to the IB by mail, by fax (to the general PCT fax number: (+41-22) 338 82 70), or, preferably, using the PCT Online Document Upload Service. The latter, which permits PCT applicants or their agents to submit electronic documents (in PDF format) to the IB via a web interface, is particularly recommended as it allows post-filing documents to be submitted quickly and efficiently to the IB (for further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2010, page 2, and the user guidelines for the PCT Online Document Upload Service at: http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/service_center/). Note that any request for change which is received after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date in respect of a particular application will not be recorded in respect of that application (PCT Rule 92*bis*.1(b)).

It is important to specify in your letter whether you wish e-mails to be sent as "**advance copies followed by paper notifications**", or whether you wish them to be sent "**exclusively in electronic form**", in which case no paper notifications would be sent. If you have not already

been receiving notifications by e-mail from the IB, it is recommended, as a first step, to begin by requesting advance copies followed by paper copies. The second option of requesting notifications exclusively in electronic form should be used only when you have successfully received advance copies of notifications by e-mail from the IB and are satisfied with the electronic delivery to your e-mail address, as confirmed by the subsequent receipt of the paper copy.

It is recalled that, although the IB is prepared to send notifications to the applicant by e-mail, it is not possible for applicants to reply to such e-mails received from the IB (they are sent from the e-mail address: "no.reply@wipo.int"), and the IB is not prepared to accept documents sent by applicants by e-mail. It will, however, receive documents sent electronically by document upload, and it will reply to general enquiries (that is, not relating to specific international applications) received by e-mail.

For further information on the new check-box in the request form relating to the sending of notifications by e-mail, see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 01 and 04/2010, and for further information on the requesting of recording of changes, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 11.018 to 11.022.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 July 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5–6 July 2010 Beijing (CN)	Chinese and English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Yu	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (Ms. Yin Yanling) Tel: (86-10) 620 838 01 Fax: (86-10) 620 196 15 E-mail: yinyanling@sipo.gov.cn or (Ms. Qiu Junchang) Tel: (86-10) 620 868 68 E-mail: qiujunchang@sipo.gov.cn
8–9 July 2010 Hefei (CN)	Chinese and English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Yu	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (see Beijing, 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
4–5 October 2010 Geneva (CH)	English	Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for patent administrators and paralegals on the procedural aspects of the international phase, electronic filing and processing. A visit of the PCT Operations Division will also be included. Note that attendance is limited to 50 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs, Ms. Bonvallet, Ms. Chatel and others	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters. To register, please send an e-mail to the following address before 20 September 2010: pct.seminars@wipo.int Provisional program available at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/program_october_4_5_2010.pdf
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

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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 July 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		
		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	PKG	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	DZD	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 July 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 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR 878 (from 1.9.10: 950)	10 (11)	66 (71)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,370	15	103	206	309	AU KR
AZ	AZN	55,000	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 878 (from 1.9.10: 950)	10 (11)	66 (71)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 878 (from 1.9.10: 950)	10 (11)	66 (71)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US
BR	BRL	305	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 July 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸		
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,278	14	96	192	288	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	350	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	1,300 <i>(from 1.9.10: 1,147)</i>	eq USD ¹⁰ 15 <i>(13)</i>	eq USD ¹⁰ 98 <i>(86)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 <i>(from 1.9.10: 1,147)</i>	eq USD 15 <i>(13)</i>	eq USD 98 <i>(86)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,300 <i>(from 1.9.10: 1,147)</i>	15 <i>(13)</i>	98 <i>(86)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,300	15	98	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	878 <i>(from 1.9.10: 950)</i>	10 <i>(11)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	878 <i>(from 1.9.10: 950)</i>	10 <i>(11)</i>	66 <i>(71)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	878 <i>(from 1.9.10: 950)</i>	10 <i>(11)</i>	66 <i>(71)</i>	132 <i>(143)</i>	198 <i>(214)</i>	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,540 <i>(from 15.8.10: 7,060)</i>	70 <i>(80)</i>	490 <i>(530)</i>	980 <i>(1,060)</i>	1,470 <i>(1,590)</i>	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,300 <i>(from 1.9.10: 1,147)</i>	15 <i>(13)</i>	98 <i>(86)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,300 <i>(from 1.9.10: 1,147)</i>	15 <i>(13)</i>	98 <i>(86)</i>	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,300 <i>(from 1.9.10: 1,147)</i>	15 <i>(13)</i>	98 <i>(86)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,300 <i>(from 1.9.10: 1,147)</i>	15 <i>(13)</i>	98 <i>(86)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP US
EP	EUR	115	EUR	878 <i>(from 1.9.10: 950)</i>	10 <i>(11)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	132 <i>(143)</i>	198 <i>(214)</i>	EP
ES	EUR	71.35	EUR	878 <i>(from 1.9.10: 950)</i>	10 <i>(11)</i>	66 <i>(71)</i>	132 <i>(143)</i>	198 <i>(214)</i>	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	878 <i>(from 1.9.10: 950)</i>	10 <i>(11)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	132 <i>(143)</i>	198 <i>(214)</i>	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	878 <i>(from 1.9.10: 950)</i>	10 <i>(11)</i>	66 <i>(71)</i>	132 <i>(143)</i>	198 <i>(214)</i>	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	794	9	–	119	179	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹¹	10	USD	1,300 <i>(from 1.9.10: 1,147)</i>	15 <i>(13)</i>	98 <i>(86)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,300 <i>(from 1.9.10: 1,147)</i>	15 <i>(13)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	878 <i>(from 1.9.10: 950)</i>	10 <i>(11)</i>	66 <i>(71)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,300 <i>(from 1.9.10: 1,147)</i>	15 <i>(13)</i>	98 <i>(86)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,300 <i>(from 1.9.10: 1,147)</i>	15 <i>(13)</i>	98 <i>(86)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	293 <i>(259)</i>	EP ES

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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	
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	
	(from 1.9.10: 71)	(from 1.9.10: 950)	(11)	(71)	(143)	(214)	
	or USD ¹³ 98	or USD 1,300	15	98	195	293	
	(from 1.9.10: 86)	(from 1.9.10: 1,147)	(13)	(86)	(173)	(259)	
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
		(from 1.9.10: 950)	(11)	(71)	(–)	(–)	
IL	ILS 534	USD 1,300	15	98	–	–	EP US
		(from 1.9.10: 1,147)	(13)	(86)	(–)	(–)	
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,300	15	98	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
		(from 1.9.10: 1,147)	(13)	(86)	(–)	(–)	
IS	ISK 7,700	ISK 160,100 (from 1.10.10:151,800)	1,800 (1,700)	12,000 (11,400)	24,000 (22,800)	36,100 (34,200)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 878	10	–	–	–	EP
		(from 1.9.10: 950)	(11)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 118,400	1,300	8,900	–	26,700	EP JP
		(from 1.9.10: 104,900)	(1,200)	(7,900)	(–)	(23,700)	
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	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
		(from 1.9.10: 1,147)	(13)	(86)	(–)	(–)	
LR	USD 45	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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
		(from 1.9.10: 950)	(11)	(71)	(–)	(–)	
LU	EUR 19	EUR 878 (from 1.9.10: 950)	10 (11)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
LV	LVL 48.40	EUR 878 (from 1.9.10: 950)	10 (11)	66 (71)	– (–)	– (–)	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
		(from 1.9.10: 950)	(11)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	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
		(from 1.9.10: 950)	(11)	(71)	(–)	(–)	
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 181,900	2,100	13,700	–	–	EP

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				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
MX	MXN eq USD 323.70 ¹⁸	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 878 (from 1.9.10: 950)	10 (11)	66 (71)	132 (143)	198 (214)	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,580	90	570	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²⁰	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 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	eq USD 15 (13)	eq USD 98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	195 (173)	293 (259)	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 (from 1.9.10: 950)	10 (11)	66 (71)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	–	–	–	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 (from 1.9.10: 1,633)	21 (18)	138 (123)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 878 (from 1.9.10: 950)	10 (11)	66 (71)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SK	EUR 66	EUR 878 (from 1.9.10: 950)	10 (11)	66 (71)	132 (143)	198 (214)	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 878 (from 1.9.10: 950)	10 (11)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²¹ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	195 (173)	– (–)	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	98 (86)	– (–)	– (–)	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

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

(amounts on 1 July 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	
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	9,590	110	720	—	—	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	15 (13)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,300 (from 1.9.10: 1,147)	Eq USD 15 (13)	eq USD 98 (86)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 July 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²²	EUR 1,700 * (from 15.8.10: CHF 2,381) ** (from 1.8.10: SGD 3,160) *** (from 1.9.10: USD 2,094)	CHF* 2,574 CHF 2,381 SGD 3,160 USD 2,094	KRW 2,601,000	SGD** 3,550	USD*** 2,515	ZAR 18,560		
AU	AUD* 1,600 USD* 1,397 * (from 1.8.10)	CHF* 1,553 ZAR* 11,060 AUD 1,900	EUR* 1,024	KRW* 1,684,000	NZD* 2,062	SGD* 1,970		
BR ²³	BRL 1,900 * (from 1.8.10: CHF 1,192) ** (from 15.9.10: EUR 869)	CHF* 1,076 CHF 1,192 EUR 869	EUR** 788	USD 1,052				
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 1.9.10: EUR 1,210)	CHF 1,666 EUR 1,210	EUR* 1,119	USD 1,498				
CN	CNY 2,100 * (from 15.9.10: CHF 351) ** (from 1.9.10: EUR 249)	CHF* 314 CHF 351 EUR 249	EUR** 208	USD 307				
EP ²⁴	EUR 1,785 MWK 359,000 ZAR* 18,620 * (from 15.9.10: ISK 278,000) ** (from 1.9.10: NZD 3,305)	CHF 2,628 NOK 14,590	DKK 13,290 NZD** 3,506	GBP 1,557 SEK 18,060	ISK* 317,000 SGD** 3,510	JPY* 225,200 USD* 2,485		
ES ²⁴	EUR 1,785 * (from 15.9.10: USD 2,185)	CHF 2,628 USD 2,185	USD* 2,485					
FI	EUR 1,785 * (from 15.9.10: USD 2,185)	CHF 2,628 USD 2,185	USD* 2,485					
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.9.10: CHF 1,230) ** (from 15.8.10: KRW 1,151,000) *** (from 1.10.10: KRW 1,295,000)	CHF* 1,090 CHF 1,230 KRW 1,151,000 KRW 1,295,000	EUR* 782 EUR 878)	KRW**, ***1,284,000	USD 1,065			
KR	KRW 1,300,000 ²⁵ USD 1,092 ²⁵ KRW 450,000 ²⁶ USD 373 ²⁶ * (from 1.8.10: CHF 1,262) ** (from 1.8.10: CHF 437)	AUD 1,192 ²⁵ AUD 428 ²⁶ CHF 1,262 CHF 437	CHF* 1,116 ²⁵ CHF** 382 ²⁶	EUR 834 ²⁵ EUR 290 ²⁶	NZD 1,464 ²⁵ NZD 517 ²⁶	SGD 1,530 ²⁵ SGD 530 ²⁶		
RU	RUB 13,500	CHF 459	EUR 344	USD 449				
SE	SEK 18,060 USD* 2,485 * (from 15.9.10: USD 2,185)	CHF 2,628 USD 2,185	DKK 13,290	EUR 1,785	ISK 317,000	NOK 14,590		
US	USD* 2,080 * (from 1.9.10: CHF 2,411)	CHF* 2,129 CHF 2,411	EUR* 1,534 EUR 1,736)	NZD 2,880	ZAR 15,350			
XN	DKK 13,290 * (from 15.9.10: USD 2,185)	CHF 2,628 USD 2,185)	EUR 1,785	ISK 317,000	NOK 14,590	USD* 2,485		

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 July 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
EP	CHF 2,628	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,628	CHF 200
RU	Eq in CHF of RUB ²⁷ 9,450 (13,500) ²⁸	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,628	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,574	CHF 200

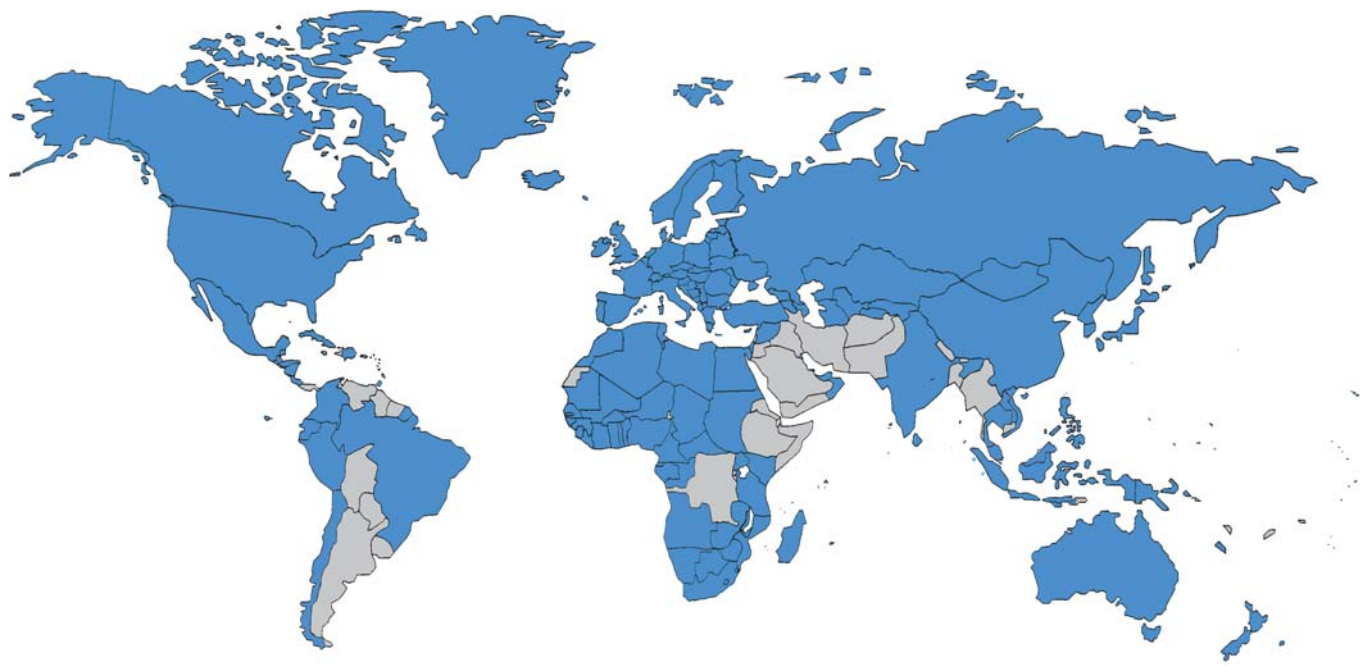
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 July 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁹		Handling fee ^{2, 29} (CHF 200)	
AT ²²	EUR	1,675	EUR	132
AU	AUD	550	780 ³⁰	AUD 224
BR ²³	BRL	710	BRL	353
CA	CAD	800	CAD	209 (from 1.9.10: 185)
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁴	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 ³¹	8,100 ³²	USD 195 (from 1.10.10: 175)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,330
US	USD	600	750 ³³	USD 195 (from 1.10.10: 175)
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 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 19 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 20 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 21 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%.
- 22 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).
- 23 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.
- 24 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>
- 25 For searches carried out in English.
- 26 For searches carried out in Korean.
- 27 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.
- 28 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).
- 29 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 30 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 31 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 32 In all cases where footnote 31 does not apply.
- 33 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 July 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	CU Cuba	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ³	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP) ^{1,2}	CY Cyprus (EP) ³	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ³	SM San Marino (EP) ⁷
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MT Malta (EP) ³	SN Senegal (OA) ³
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ²	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ³
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ³
BE Belgium (EP) ³	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ³	TG Togo (OA) ³
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ³	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ³	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NL Netherlands (EP) ³	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ³	GA Gabon (OA) ³	LK Sri Lanka	NO Norway (EP) ⁴	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia (AP) ⁵	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)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ³	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ³	GN Guinea (OA) ³	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ³	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ³	MA Morocco	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ³	MC Monaco (EP) ³	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ³	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RS Serbia ²	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	HU Hungary (EP)	ME Montenegro ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ³	ID Indonesia	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	IE Ireland (EP) ³		SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia			SE Sweden (EP)	
			SG Singapore	

1 Only international applications filed on or after 1 May 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

2 Extension of European patent possible; in the case of Albania, only for international applications filed before 1 May 2010.

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

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

5 Only international applications filed on or after 24 March 2010 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated January 2010 and July 2010, respectively) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

European Patent Convention

Accession by Serbia

Serbia deposited its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 15 July 2010, and will become bound by that Convention on 1 October 2010. This will bring the number of Contracting States of the EPC to 38.

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

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

Effect on the extension agreement between the EPO and Serbia

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

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

<http://www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/journal/informationEPO/archive/20100730.html>

(Updating of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (RS), B2 (EP) and C (EP) and the table entitled "PCT Contracting States for which a Regional Patent can be Obtained via the PCT" at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reg_des.html)

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

ES Spain (PCT Rule 20.8(a) and (b))

Further to its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 20.8(a) and (b) (incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements), as modified with effect from 1 April 2007, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2006), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, and where applicable, designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 October 2010.

PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6 will therefore apply with respect to the Office with effect from that date. The table of “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” has been updated accordingly at:

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

PCT Information Update

Fees payable in US dollars (various Offices)

As from 1 November 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in USD to various receiving Offices (see list of two-letter codes of Offices affected, below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

AU Australia (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; fees)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media:

- 3.5 inch diskette
- CD-ROM
- DVD

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

Filing fee:AUD 340

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

DE Germany (e-mail address; provisional protection after international publication; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; deposits of microorganisms and other biological material; fees)

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office has notified its e-mail address, as follows:

E-mail: info@dpma.de

There have been changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection in Germany after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, as follows:

- (1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: compensation appropriate to the circumstances, on condition that the national requirements (that a

translation of the claims in the application be published or transmitted to a possible user) have been met (see Art. II, Sections 1 and 2, of the Law on International Patent Treaties).

(2) [no change]

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Office as receiving Office has notified the IB that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media:

- 3.5 inch diskette
- CD-R
- CD-ROM
- DVD
- DVD-R

There has been a change in the requirements of the Office with regard to the making of deposits of microorganisms and other biological material – the provisions relating to the time (if any) earlier than 16 months from the priority date by which the applicant must furnish the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) are now contained in Sections 1(1), No. 3, and 3(2) of the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material [*BioMatHintV*].

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:

Filing fee:

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|---|--------|
| – international application with up to 10 claims: | EUR 60 |
| – international application with over 10 claims: | EUR 60 |
| plus, for each claim in excess of 10: | EUR 30 |

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

DO Dominican Republic (requirements for entry into the national phase)

Information on the requirements of the National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic) as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see National Chapter, Summary (DO)) on the PCT Resources page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/do.pdf>

FI Finland (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The following depositary institution has acquired, with effect from 25 August 2010, the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made:

VTT Culture Collection (VTTCC)
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland
Tietotie 2
Espoo
Finland

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

GB United Kingdom (telephone number; e-mail address)

One of the telephone numbers and one of the e-mail addresses of the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) have changed with effect from 2 August 2010. The telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (44-1633) 81 45 86 (for international applications)
(44-1633) 81 40 00 (operator service)
(44-3000) 20 00 15 (Minicom number for deaf or hard of hearing)

E-mail: pct@ipo.gov.uk (for PCT enquiries only)
information@ipo.gov.uk (for general enquiries only)

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

KR Republic of Korea (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Korean Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office has notified the IB that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical medium:

– 3.5 inch diskette

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

SG Singapore (fees)

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

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

SV El Salvador (telephone and fax numbers; time when name and address of inventor must be given; requirements for entry into the national phase)

The telephone and fax numbers of the National Center of Registries (El Salvador) have changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (503) 2261 86 08, 2261 84 64, 2261 86 57

Fax: (503) 2260 77 48, 2261 08 13

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 El Salvador is designated or elected, as follows:

May be in the request or may be furnished later. 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.

Information on the requirements of the National Center of Registries as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see National Chapter, Summary (SV)) on the PCT Resources page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/sv.pdf>

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

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The International Bureau (IB) acting for the Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) has, with effect from 1 April 2010, specified the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the IB as receiving Office.

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

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

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2010 about the change, with effect from 1 August 2010, in the fee payable for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, equivalent amounts have now been established in CHF, EUR, KRW, NZD, SGD, USD and ZAR.

As from 15 September 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in ISK for international searches carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the Nordic Patent Institute.

As from 1 October 2010, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Austrian Patent Office.....	ZAR
European Patent Office	CHF, SEK
National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	CHF
Nordic Patent Institute	CHF
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.....	CHF
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	CHF, SEK
United States Patent and Trademark Office	EUR

As from 1 November 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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

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

Supplementary search fee (Austrian Patent Office)

Further to the announcement by the Austrian Patent Office that it commenced operations as an Authority specified for supplementary search on 1 August 2010 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2010, page 1), the Office has established the amounts in CHF of the fee for a supplementary international search carried out by it, as indicated in Fee Table I(c). There are three different amounts, depending on the documentation on which the supplementary international search is based (that is, whether a search is made of at least: the European and North American documentation, the German-language documentation or the PCT minimum documentation).

Handling fee (United States Patent and Trademark Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent))

As from 1 November 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in USD to the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) as International Preliminary Examining Authorities, as indicated in Fee Table II.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (RU) and (US))

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

Filled-in Demand Form

The filled-in July 2010 version of the Demand Form (PCT/IPEA/401) in English, French, German and Spanish is now available at, respectively:

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

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

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

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

Additional Resources in German

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2010, is available in German at:

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

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

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

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

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

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/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 German at:

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

Payment of fees during the international phase

Additional resources about PCT fees, in particular regarding modes of payment of fees during the international phase, have been added to the PCT Resources site in German at:

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

Additional Resources in Japanese

Additional resources about PCT fees, in particular regarding modes of payment of fees during the international phase, have been added to the PCT Resources site in Japanese at:

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

Seminar materials

Seminar materials covering all aspects of the PCT procedure have been updated in English, French, German and Spanish on 15 July 2010 at, respectively:

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

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

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

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

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

This table has been revised to reflect the fact that international applications filed on or after 1 October 2010 will include the designation of Serbia for a European patent and is available, in English, at:

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

The French version of the table is under preparation, and the revised version of the table in Russian will be available shortly at:

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

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements, in English and French, between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following Authorities as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs):

- AT Austrian Patent Office (1 July 2010)
- AU Australian Patent Office (1 August 2010)
- CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office (1 July 2010)
- CN State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (1 July 2010)
- ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (1 July 2010)
- FI National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (1 July 2010)
- KR Korean Intellectual Property Office (1 July 2010)
- SE Swedish Patent and Registration Office (1 July 2010)
- US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (1 July 2010)
- XN Nordic Patent Institute (1 July 2010)

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from the dates indicated in parentheses, have been published in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

Machine translation of descriptions and claims of patent documents within PATENTSCOPE®

As a result of a better integration of “Google™ Translate” within the PATENTSCOPE® search service, it is now possible to view an on-the-fly translation of the description and claims of patent documents (published PCT applications as well as national patents in national collections) in all languages supported by Google™ Translate. To try this additional feature, go to the new PATENTSCOPE® search page at:

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

Carry out a search and once you have found a particular application, click on either the “Description” or “Claims” tab, and a box followed by the words “Powered by Google™ Translate” will appear at the top of the text, inviting you to select a language (there are currently over 50 language options) into which you wish to view a translation of the text.

For further information on this new feature, as well as the implication of its integration with WIPO’s own CLIR (Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval) tool, which translates search queries that are made in one language into several other languages, thus enhancing the comprehensiveness of search results, see

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/pctdb/2010/news_0005.html

It is recalled that information on CLIR was also published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2010.

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

The PATENTSCOPE® search service now supports keyword searches in Chinese and English where international applications were filed electronically in XML format on or after 1 January 2010 with the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China as receiving Office in Chinese or English.

The searchable text data includes the descriptions and claims of international applications fulfilling the above-mentioned conditions which are published on or after 15 July 2010. Note that if an international application is the subject of an amendment to the claims under PCT Article 19, of modifications under PCT Rules 26, 37.2 or 91, or of incorporation by reference under PCT Rule 20.6, the XML data of the international application will be updated.

It is recalled that full-text data searches are already possible in the following languages: English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish, however, in the case of those languages which use Latin characters (English, French, German and Spanish), where the original text is not in XML format, the searchable text format is obtained by applying Optical Character Recognition (OCR) procedures to the scanned images of the document. This format may, therefore, contain discrepancies with the original and should not be accorded a legal value (the top of the document will specify that the text has been obtained by OCR if this is the case). As a consequence, only the PDF version of the PCT application documents, which contain error-free scanned images, should be considered as an electronic copy of the original document.

National patent collections

The PATENTSCOPE® search service now includes more than 40,000 records of the national patent collection of Argentina. The collection, containing information on applications filed between 30 January 2003 and 27 May 2010, can be searched, along with other national collections which were added earlier this year, at:

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

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 modified invitation has been identified originating from “RIPT s.r.o.”. 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

PCT-SAFE: Information for certain applicants using the Australian Patent Office as International Searching Authority

Reference is made to the changes in the equivalent amounts in various currencies of the fee payable for an international search by the Australian Patent Office with effect from 1 August 2010, mentioned under “PCT Information Update”, above. Please note that these amounts were not established in sufficient time to be incorporated into the latest version of the PCT-SAFE software (version 3.51.047.223, dated 1 July 2010), which contains the amounts applicable prior to 1 August 2010. The new amounts will be included in the next release of the PCT-SAFE software. In the meantime, users of PCT-SAFE are reminded that they can manually enter the new amounts applicable in their case (see PCT Fee Tables in this issue).

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (paper version in Italian, Portuguese and Spanish)

The Italian, Portuguese and Spanish paper versions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2010, are now available. The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate the language in which the publication is required, should be addressed to the Outreach Services Section 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

It is recalled that the English and French versions are also available, and that the electronic texts of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations under the PCT in English, French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish, as in force from 1 July 2010, are available at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html> (English and Italian)
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.html>
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/index.html>
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/index.html>

Comprehensive PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters

A comprehensive seminar on the procedural aspects of the international phase, electronic filing and processing of the application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) will be held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva on 4 and 5 October 2010. A visit of the PCT Operations Division will also be included. The seminar is aimed at patent administrators and paralegals, and the speakers will include experienced staff from the PCT Legal Division, the PCT Operations Division, the receiving Office of the International Bureau (RO/IB) and the PCT e-services Help Desk. Further details about the times of the seminar and the topics to be discussed can be found in the program which is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/program_october_4_5_2010.pdf

Note that there is no registration fee. To register, please send an e-mail before 30 September 2010 to: pct.seminars@wipo.int. In view of the fact that attendance is limited to 50 people, early registration is recommended as confirmation of registration will be made in the order of receipt of e-mail requests.

Practical Advice

Indicating the basis for amendment of the international application

Q: Further to the entry into force of the amendment to PCT Rule 46.5 concerning the additional requirement to indicate in a letter the basis for the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19, please could you explain how such indications should be made. What is the difference between this letter, and the statement under PCT Rule 46.4?

A: First of all, it is recalled that when filing amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 or, if a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed, under PCT Article 34(2)(b), the applicant is required to submit, in the language of publication, replacement sheet(s) containing a full set of claims in replacement of all the claims originally filed (PCT Rules 46.5(a) and 66.8(c)).

On 1 July 2010, amendments to both PCT Rule 46.5, concerning amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19, and PCT Rule 66.8, concerning amendments to the claims, the description and the drawings under PCT Article 34, entered into force. As a result of these amendments, the applicant is required to include in the letter accompanying the amendments, an explanation of the basis for the amendments in the application as filed, in other words, an indication of where in the application as filed there is support for the amendments. This is required in addition to the previously existing requirements for an accompanying letter which, in the case of the claims, indicates the differences between the claims as filed and those as amended (PCT Rules 46.5 and 66.8(c)).

As far as the basis for the amendment is concerned, the letter must make specific references to particular parts of the description or the drawings. This is so that the examiner may, by consulting those precise references in the application, assess whether the amendments contain subject-matter which extends beyond the disclosure of the application as filed (see PCT Articles 19(2) and 34(2)(b)). Therefore, non-specific indications such as “see the description as filed” or “see the claims as filed” are generally not considered sufficient for an indication of the basis for the amendment.

The following is an example of an explanation of the basis for some amendments to claims:

“Claim 1 amended; claims 2 to 7 unchanged; claims 8 and 9 amended; claims 10 to 14 cancelled; claims 15 to 17 unchanged; new claim 18 added.

- (i) Basis for the amendment: Claim 1 has been amended at lines 4 and 11 to 14 and now indicates that the filter comprises a periodic backwashing means serially coupled to a first and second chamber. The basis for this amendment can be found in original claims 2 and 4 as filed.
- (ii) Basis for the amendment: Concerning amended claims 8 and 9, the indication of ‘quick-fire piston’ is in paragraphs Nos. 2 and 19 in the description as filed.
- (iii) Basis for the amendment: Claim 18 is new, the indication is in drawing no. III of the original application.”

Note that, in the case of amendments under PCT Article 19, which should be filed with the International Bureau (IB), where the international application is not in the same language as the accompanying letter (which should be furnished in English or French – see PCT Rule 92.2(d)),

references may be made to the international application in the language of the application where to do so will facilitate the work of the examiner in finding the reference, for example:

“Basis for the amendment: Concerning amended claim 2, the indication of “請求項1に基づくパーキングアシストシステム” is in paragraphs Nos. 23, 46 and 85 in the description as filed.”

Note that substantive compliance with the requirement to submit a letter indicating the basis for amendments in the application is not checked during the international phase unless the applicant requests international preliminary examination. If the IPEA finds that the replacement sheets were either not accompanied by such a letter or that the letter failed to indicate the basis for the amendment, it is not obliged to invite correction, and may establish the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) as if such amendment had not been made (PCT Rule 70.2(c-bis)). Compliance with this requirement may also be important during the national phase, when it may be checked by the designated Offices, and failure to comply may result in disallowance of the amendments.

The *PCT Applicant's Guide* will be updated shortly with guidance on how to include information on the basis of the amendments in the accompanying letter.

With regard to your question concerning the difference between the letter accompanying the amendments and the statement under PCT Rule 46.4: whereas the purpose of the accompanying letter is to help examiners understand exactly what the amendments consist of, and to give the examiner a tool to help him/her verify that no new matter was added, any amendment to the claims under PCT Article 19 may be accompanied by a brief statement by the applicant explaining why the amendments were made and indicating any impact it might have on the description and the drawings.

Unlike the letter, the statement is optional and is published together with the international application itself. Whereas the letter accompanying the amendments under PCT Article 19 must be in either English or French, the statement must be in the language in which the international application is published (for further information on the drafting of the statement, see PCT Rule 46.4). The statement explaining the amendments must therefore not be confused with and must be clearly distinguished from the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and those as amended and the basis for the amendments (it is also distinct from the “statement concerning amendments” in Box No. IV of the demand form which should be completed when filing a demand for international preliminary examination). This is why it must be identified as such by a heading “Statement under Article 19(1)”, and presented on a separate sheet.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 September 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
16 September 2010 Istanbul (TR)	English	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	CEIPI International (Ms. Selda Arkan) Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42 Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21 E-mail: alfa@alfapatent.com.tr
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
4–5 October 2010 Geneva (CH)	English	Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for patent administrators and paralegals on the procedural aspects of the international phase, electronic filing and processing. A visit of the PCT Operations Division will also be included. Note that attendance is limited to 50 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs, Ms. Bonvallet, Ms. Chatel and others	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters. To register, please send an e-mail to the following address before 30 September 2010: pct.seminars@wipo.int Program available at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/pro gram_october_4_5_2010.pdf
7–8 October 2010 Seattle (US)	English	PCT comprehensive seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Fimmel 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: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management- forum.co.uk
11 October 2010 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Mr. Magnus Leijel) E-mail: Magnus.Leijel@prv.se
13 October 2010 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Mrs. Mette Raaschou-Nielsen) Tel: (45-43) 50 83 14 E-mail: mnrn@dkpto.dk
15 October 2010 Oslo (NO)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Norwegian Industrial Property Office (Mr. Bente Fjeldberg) Tel: (47-22) 38 73 44/38 73 00 E-mail: bfj@patentstyret.no
18 October 2010 Helsinki (FI)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Olli Ilmarinen) Tel: (358) 9 6939 5236 Fax: (358) 9 6939 5322 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
(situation on 1 September 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
28–29 October 2010 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Ms. Coeckelbergs	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 Ms. Coeckelbergs	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
4–5 November 2010 Boston, MA (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Ms. Coeckelbergs	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Giordana Belenchia-Sauer) E-mail: GBelenchia@nutter.com
4–5 November 2010 Düsseldorf (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and other speaker to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
9–10 December 2010 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities course WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

PCT Webinars			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars.html)			
(situation on 1 September 2010)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
7 September 2010 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time	English	PCT-SAFE update WIPO speaker: to be announced	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/197515147
8 September 2010 10.00 am to 11.00 am, central European time	English	PCT-SAFE update WIPO speaker: to be announced	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/129405067
14 September 2010 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE® search service WIPO speaker: to be announced	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/608643451
15 September 2010 10.00 am to 11.00 am, central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE® search service WIPO speaker: to be announced	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/796852931

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 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		
Currencies:		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	DZD	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 September 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) 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 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,370	15	103	206	309	AU KR
AZ	AZN	55,000	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP

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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	
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,278	14	96	192	288	CA	
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	350	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>	eq USD ¹⁰ 13 <i>(14)</i>	eq USD ¹⁰ 86 <i>(96)</i>	–	–	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	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>	eq USD 13 <i>(14)</i>	eq USD 86 <i>(96)</i>	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	–	–	EP ES	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,300	15	98	–	–	AT EP ES RU	
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	950	11	–	–	–	EP	
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	950	11	71	–	–	EP	
DE	EUR	90	EUR	950	11	71	143	214	EP	
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	7,060	80	530	1,060	1,590	EP SE XN	
DM	Information not yet available									
DO	USD	275	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	–	–	EP ES US	
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP	
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	–	–	EP RU	
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	–	–	EP ES	
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
EG	USD	142	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	–	–	AT EP US	
EP	EUR	115	EUR	950	11	–	143	214	EP	
ES	EUR	71.35	EUR	950	11	71	143	214	EP ES	
FI	EUR	135	EUR	950	11	–	143	214	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR	60	EUR	950	11	71	143	214	EP	
GB	GBP	75	GBP	794	9	–	119	179	EP	
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	GEL ¹¹	10	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	–	–	EP RU	
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR	950	11	71	–	–	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	–	–	AT EP ES US	
HN	USD	200	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	–	259 <i>(288)</i>	EP ES	
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP	

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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	
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 71	or EUR 950	11	71	143	214	
	or USD ¹³ 86	or USD 1,147	13	86	173	259	
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(192)	(288)	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 534	USD 1,147	13	86	–	–	EP US
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,147	13	86	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
IS	ISK 7,700	ISK 160,100	1,800	12,000	24,000	36,100	EP SE XN
		(from 1.10.10:151,800)	(1,700)	(11,400)	(22,800)	(34,200)	
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 950	11	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 104,900	1,200	7,900	–	23,700	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,147	13	86	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,147	13	86	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
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 1,147	13	86	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
LR	USD 45	USD 1,147	13	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
LS	LSL ⁹ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 950	11	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL 48.40	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	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 950	11	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,147	13	86	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
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 950	11	71	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 181,900	2,100	13,700	–	–	EP
MX	MXN eq USD 323.70 ¹⁸	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,147	13	86	–	–	EP ES
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
NL	EUR 50	EUR 950	11	71	143	214	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,580	90	570	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²⁰	NZD 1,802	20	135	–	–	AU EP KR US

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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	
OA	XAF ⁹ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN ⁹ –	PEN eq USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	eq USD 13 (14)	eq USD 86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	173 (192)	259 (288)	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 950	11	71	–	–	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 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 1,633 (from 1.11.10: 1,737)	18 (20)	123 (131)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66	EUR 950	11	71	143	214	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 950	11	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	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 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²¹ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	173 (192)	– (–)	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
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 (from 1.10.10: 8,990)	110 (100)	720 (680)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	Eq USD 13 (14)	eq USD 86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 September 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²²	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.10.10: ZAR 15,730)	CHF 2,381	KRW 2,601,000	SGD 3,160	USD 2,094	ZAR* 18,560		
AU	AUD 1,900 USD 1,605	CHF 1,730 ZAR 12,300	EUR 1,311	KRW 1,970,000	NZD 2,334	SGD 2,240		
BR ²³	BRL 1,900 * (from 15.9.10: EUR 869)	CHF 1,192	EUR* 788	USD 1,052				
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,666	EUR 1,210	USD 1,498				
CN	CNY 2,100 * (from 15.9.10: CHF 351)	CHF* 314	EUR 249	USD 307				
EP ²⁴	EUR 1,785 MWK 359,000 ZAR** 18,620 * (from 1.10.10: CHF 2,375) ** (from 15.9.10: ISK 278,000)	CHF* 2,628 NOK 14,590	DKK 13,290 NZD 3,305	GBP 1,557 SEK* 18,060	ISK** 317,000 SGD 3,070	JPY** 225,200 USD** 2,485		
ES ²⁴	EUR 1,785 * (from 1.10.10: CHF 2,375) ** (from 15.9.10: USD 2,185)	CHF* 2,628	USD** 2,485					
FI	EUR 1,785 * (from 1.10.10: CHF 2,375) ** (from 15.9.10: USD 2,185)	CHF* 2,628	USD** 2,485					
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.10.10: KRW 1,295,000)	CHF 1,230	EUR 878	KRW* 1,151,000	USD 1,065			
KR	For searches carried out in English: NZD 1,464 SGD 1,530 For searches carried out in Korean: NZD 517 SGD 530		KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,092 KRW 450,000 USD 373	AUD 1,192 AUD 428	CHF 1,262 CHF 437	EUR 834 EUR 290		
RU	RUB 13,500	CHF 459	EUR 344	USD 449				
SE	SEK* 18,060 USD** 2,485 * (from 1.10.10: SEK 16,830) ** (from 15.9.10: ISK 278,000)	CHF* 2,628	DKK 13,290	EUR 1,785	ISK** 317,000	NOK 14,590		
US	USD 2,080 * (from 1.11.10: CHF 2,166) ** (from 1.10.10: EUR 1,629)	CHF* 2,411	EUR** 1,736	NZD 2,880	ZAR 15,350			
XN	DKK 13,290 * (from 1.10.10: CHF 2,375) ** (from 15.9.10: ISK 278,000)	CHF* 2,628	EUR 1,785	ISK** 317,000	NOK 14,590	USD** 2,485		

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 September 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of at least the German-language documentation: CHF 1,190 – for a search of at least the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,667 – for a search of at least the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,381	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,628	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,628	CHF 200
RU	Eq in CHF of RUB ²⁵ 9,450 (13,500) ²⁶	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,628	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,574	CHF 200

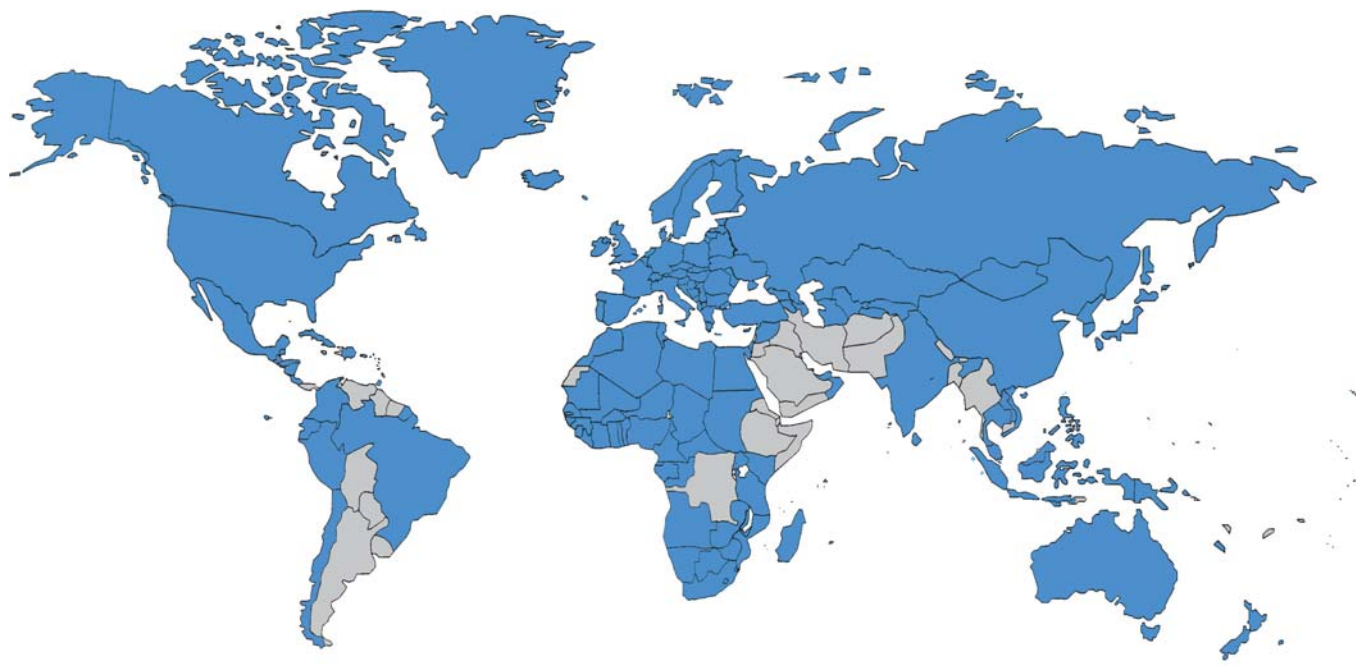
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 September 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁷		Handling fee ^{2, 27} (CHF 200)	
AT ²²	EUR	1,675	EUR	132
AU	AUD	550 780 ²⁸	AUD	224
BR ²³	BRL	710	BRL	353
CA	CAD	800	CAD	185
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁴	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	206,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ²⁹ 8,100 ³⁰	USD	195 (from 1.10.10: 175) (from 1.11.10: 192)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,330
US	USD	600 750 ³¹	USD	195 (from 1.10.10: 175) (from 1.11.10: 192)
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
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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.
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- 23 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.
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- 25 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 26 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 27 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 28 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 29 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 30 In all cases where footnote 29 does not apply.
- 31 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP) ⁵	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ³	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ³	SI Slovenia (EP) ³
AL Albania (EP) ^{1,2}	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ³	MR Mauritania (OA) ³	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) ³	SM San Marino (EP) ⁶
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ³
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
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BJ Benin (OA) ³	GA Gabon (OA) ³	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LR Liberia (AP) ⁴	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UA Ukraine
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CG Congo (OA) ³	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ³	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PT Portugal (EP)	US United States of America
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ³	MA Morocco	RO Romania (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
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	ID Indonesia			
	IE Ireland (EP) ³			

1 Only international applications filed on or after 1 May 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

2 Extension of European patent possible; in the case of Albania and Serbia, only for international applications filed before 1 May 2010 and 1 October 2010, respectively.

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

4 Only international applications filed on or after 24 March 2010 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated January 2010 and July 2010, respectively) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

Tribute to Mr. Daniel Bouchez

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the death of Mr. Daniel Bouchez on 25 September 2010. Mr. Bouchez, who joined WIPO in 1973 and worked in the PCT for a large part of his career, served as Director of the PCT Administration Division from 1988 until his retirement in 1995. He showed great professionalism and dedication to the PCT, and played a key role in the starting of PCT operations in 1978, and in the growth years which followed.

PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Programs

New PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway Agreements

A number of bilateral agreements have been signed between patent Offices to enable patent applicants to request a fast-track examination procedure where patent examiners can make use of the work products from the other Office(s). These work products can include positive results of the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report issued within the framework of the PCT. By requesting that their applications be processed under this procedure, applicants can generally obtain patents more quickly before participating Offices, and the inclusion in the PPH programs of PCT international phase work products generated by the respective Offices greatly expands the usefulness of the PPH program to applicants and Offices.

It is recalled that PCT-PPH agreements among the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and between the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) and the USPTO were already announced in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 02/2010 and 06/2010, respectively. Further PCT-PPH agreements have also been signed between the following Offices (the date of entry into force of each agreement is shown in parentheses and references to information on the respective websites are shown below):

Austrian Patent Office and National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (1 July 2010)

http://www.patentamt.at/Das_Oesterreichische_Patentamt/News/PPH_Agreement_mit_Finnland/

http://www.prh.fi/en/uutiset/P_209.html

Japan Patent Office and National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (1 July 2010)

http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi_e/t_torikumi_e/pph_pct/pct_e.htm

http://www.prh.fi/en/uutiset/P_203.html

Austrian Patent Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office (1 October 2010)

http://www.patentamt.at/Das_Oesterreichische_Patentamt/News/PPH_Agreement_mit_den_USA/

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

Federal Service on Intellectual Property, Patents & Trademarks of Russia and United States Patent and Trademark Office (1 October 2010)

http://www.rupto.ru/mejd_sotr/sod/pph/usa/3.htm and
http://www.fips.ru/sitedocs/PPH_US_RU_Eng.pdf

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

Japan Patent Office and Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (1 October 2010)

http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi_e/t_torikumi_e/pph_pct/pct_e.htm

http://www.oepm.es/cs/OEPMSite/contenidos/PPH/PPH_en.htm and
http://www.oepm.es/cs/OEPMSite/contenidos/PPH/Ventajas_requisitos_procedimiento_PPH.pdf

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office (1 October 2010)

http://www.oepm.es/cs/Satellite?c=Page&canal=CAN1&cid=1144260495926&classIdioma=_en_us&idContenido=1284622340648&idPageAnt=1144260495151&pagename=OEPM_Site%2FPage%2FtplContenidoEditorial&tplContenido=tplNoticia

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

Note that initially, the PCT-PPH collaboration will be in the form of pilot programs in the case of all the above-mentioned Offices. If you are interested in requesting accelerated national processing under one of the pilots, you should visit the respective websites to find out what are the requirements of the Offices concerned and how to request PCT-PPH processing before those Offices.

Note that, even though the United Kingdom's "PCT (UK) Fast Track" system (which was announced on the cover page of *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2010) is not part of any PCT-PPH pilot program, the result is similar in that applicants can request accelerated examination in the United Kingdom national phase if their international application has received a positive International Preliminary Report on Patentability (either Chapter I or Chapter II) (regardless of which authority has issued that report) (for further information, see: <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-pn-fasttrack>).

Your attention is drawn to the fact that a number of PPH agreements between patent Offices have been signed which do not include PCT products – these are not mentioned here.

The PCT-PPH page is being updated to include the revised list of Offices that offer this procedure and will be available shortly on the PCT Resources page at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

Invitation to PCT Users to Submit their PCT-PPH Experiences

In order to share experiences and strategies in relation to PCT-PPH, we invite PCT users to submit to WIPO their PCT-PPH experiences which we will post on the WIPO website for the information of other PCT users. Users of the UK fast track system are also invited to submit their experiences.

Submissions can either be anonymous or not, can include contact details (in case other users have questions) or not, and should be sent by e-mail to: pct.legal@wipo.int

Assembly of the PCT Union

The 41st session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) was held in Geneva during the period from 20 to 29 September 2010, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

The Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations, set out in the Annex to the report of the session (document PCT/A/41/4), which will all enter into force on 1 July 2011. The amendments consisted of minor changes and clarifications relating to the following:

- how rectifications of obvious mistakes authorized by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) are made available to designated Offices and the public;
- the translations which may be required in relation to amendments under Articles 19 and 34 and accompanying letters;
- the sanction which may be applied by an IPEA for failing to provide a letter indicating the basis for an amendment; and
- the sheets which should be included as annexes to the international preliminary examination report.

The Assembly also noted reports (documents PCT/A/41/1 Rev. and 3) on the work being undertaken by the PCT Working Group and the PCT Meeting of International Authorities to find ways to improve the delivery of PCT services to stakeholders. At the most recent session of the PCT Working Group, member states had unanimously endorsed a series of recommendations based on a WIPO study entitled “The Need for Improving the Functioning of the PCT System” (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2010). These cover a variety of measures designed to improve the functioning of the PCT system, in particular, to improve the quality of international search and examination reports, and to develop IT systems to allow third parties to bring prior art to the attention of patent offices and assist licensing. Other measures agreed include a series of studies aimed at reviewing and assessing how well the PCT system has been functioning in terms of realizing the Treaty’s aims of disseminating technical information and facilitating access to technology, as well as organizing technical assistance for developing countries.

Documents

The documents from the PCT Assembly (presently including the draft report but will include the final report once it is published) are available from the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/41

PCT Information Update

CR Costa Rica (fees)

The Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica) has notified a change in the amount of the reduction in the national filing fee for a patent, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, where the application is filed by an inventor who is a natural person, by a small or medium-sized enterprise, by a public academic institution or by a public sector scientific and technological research institute. This fee is now reduced by 30%.

The Office has also notified a condition for refund of the national fee, as follows:

Refunds of up to 50% may be possible (see Article 14 of the Regulations, Law No. 6867)
(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (CR))

HN Honduras (special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras) has specified special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as indicated below:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish the indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii), or the additional matter specified below:

- at the time of filing, either in the description or separately

Additional indications which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned:

- to the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Directorate General of Intellectual Property with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex L, and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/) and with any depositary institution recognized by the Office.

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 November 2010, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the following fees, payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Fee Table I(a)
Priority document:.....	USD 48
Supplement for airmail :	USD 10

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

NA Namibia (mailing address)

The mailing address of the Registration of Companies, Close Corporations and Industrial Property Rights Office (Namibia) has changed as follows:

Mailing address: Private Bag 13340, Windhoek, Namibia

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

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

Non-working days at the IB

The non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during November and December 2010 and January 2011, in addition to the weekends, will be 16 November 2010, and 24, 27, 30 and 31 December 2010. The IB will therefore be open for business on 28 and 29 December 2010, and will then be open as usual as from Monday, 3 January 2011.

Closing dates of the PCT Information Service

The PCT Information Service will be closed on Tuesday, 16 November 2010, and from Friday, 24 December to Sunday, 2 January 2011, inclusive. It will reopen on Monday, 3 January 2010, at 9.00 a.m., Geneva (local) time.

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

Publication schedule and technical preparations for publication

During the end-of-year holiday period, PCT applications which would normally have been published on Thursday, 30 December 2010, which is a non-working day at WIPO, will be published a day earlier, on Wednesday, 29 December 2010.

As from the publication date of 23 December 2010, the completion of technical preparations for publication will take place earlier than the usual 15 days before publication; the schedule for the completion of technical preparations will return to normal for international applications that will be published on 20 January 2011. For further details about the schedule for the publications that will be affected, and the respective dates by which any changes should be received by the IB, see below:

International publication: dates affected by end-of-year holiday period

<i>Date of international publication</i>	<i>Last day on which applicants' communications must reach WIPO</i>
Thursday, 16 December 2010	Tuesday, 30 November 2010 (normal schedule)
Thursday, 23 December 2010	Monday, 6 December 2010
Wednesday, 29 December 2010	Friday, 10 December 2010
Thursday, 6 January 2011	Thursday, 16 December 2010
Thursday, 13 January 2011	Wednesday, 22 December 2010
Thursday, 20 January 2011	Tuesday, 4 January 2011 (normal schedule)

Any applicant who, in respect of an international application to be published during the above-mentioned period, wishes to make any change which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication, should be aware of the above-mentioned dates. For example, if the applicant wishes to withdraw the international application, a designation or a

priority claim under PCT Rules 90*bis*.1(c), 90*bis*.2(e) or 90*bis*.3(e), in sufficient time to prevent international publication thereof, or if the applicant wishes to submit amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 and the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1 will expire soon, or wishes to change an indication concerning the applicant, agent, common representative or inventor under PCT Rule 92*bis* – any such notice must reach the IB by the date indicated on the right hand side if the changes are to be reflected in the international publication.

It is, as always, strongly recommended that applicants notify the IB of any change as early as possible before completion of technical preparations for publication. Such notices can be sent by mail, but should preferably be sent by fax (to the general PCT fax number: (+41-22) 338 82 70) or via the PCT Online Document Upload Service (<https://webaccess.wipo.int/pctservice/en/>) (for further information on this service, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2010, page 2, and the user guidelines for the PCT Online Document Upload Service at: http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/service_center/).

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

Updating of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*

The Introduction to the International Phase and the Index have been updated in English, in PDF format (text that has been modified is indicated by a vertical line on the right hand side of the page), and are now available at:

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

The French version will be available shortly at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/fr/index.html>

It is recalled that users of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* may subscribe to an e-mail updating service at the above-mentioned addresses which sends out weekly e-mails informing users which *Guide* information has been updated that week, and containing links to those updated elements.

PCT in the News

Issue No. 4 of the *WIPO Magazine* includes an article entitled “Water from Air – A Life-changing Innovation”. In an effort to bring safe drinking water to those most in need, a French inventor and entrepreneur, Marc Parent, has invented a windmill which produces water by harvesting the air’s humidity through a process of condensation. A PCT application has been filed in respect of this invention.

Another article, entitled “Goal-line Technology – Getting it Right”, describes two inventions, in respect of which PCT applications have been filed, which are possible goal-line technology candidates to support referees in officiating football matches.

Issue No. 5 includes an article entitled “Milestones in Solar Aviation” which discusses two inventions: the “Solar Impulse”, the first manned aircraft able to fly day and night propelled solely by solar energy, and the “Zephyr”, which can fly non-stop for weeks or months at a time without the need to refuel, and which broke the endurance flight record for unmanned aerial vehicles. The company which built the Zephyr (QinetiQ) and one of the companies which has licensed technology to it (United Solar Ovonic LLC (Uni-Solar)) have both filed PCT applications.

Another article, “Innovation Promotion in Brazil”, discusses how the country’s intellectual property policy is supporting innovation promotion, and highlights the increase in PCT filings at the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).

The article, “Anyone for coffee? The story behind the coffee capsule”, explores the technology behind espresso coffee capsules, which has been the subject of a number of PCT applications, and tells the story of Eric Favre, a successful inventor in the field.

These and other extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* are available at:

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

The complete editions of issues Nos. 4 and 5 are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/2010/

Frequently asked questions: amendments under PCT Articles 19 and 34

Frequently asked questions about filing amendments to the claims under PCT Articles 19 and 34 have been published in English at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/faqs/amendments_19_and_34.html

Other language versions will be available shortly.

PCT Regulations

July 2010 edition in Arabic and Chinese

The Arabic and Chinese versions of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2010, are now available in PDF format at, respectively:

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

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

PCT Resources in Russian

Demand form

The July 2010 version of the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) in Russian is now available in editable PDF format at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/demand/ed_demand.pdf

Seminar materials

Seminar materials in Russian, covering all aspects of the PCT procedure, were updated in Russian on 15 July 2010 and are available at:

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

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of

WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, new invitations have been identified originating from:

WPTI – World Patent and Trademark Index;

WOIP – Globex World Organisation Intellectual Property;

WIPD – World Intellectual Property Database; and

RIPT – Register of International Patents

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the logo used in the WIPD invitation bears a confusingly similar resemblance to the WIPO logo. To view examples of the invitations, as well as the many other examples which have been brought to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

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

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

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

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (paper version in German)

The German paper version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2010, is now available. The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate the language in which the publication is required, should be addressed to the Outreach Services Section 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

It is recalled that the electronic text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations under the PCT in German, as in force from 1 July 2010, is also available at:

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

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of PCT-SAFE Client Patch

An update patch, dated 1 October 2010, for the PCT-SAFE Client software may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

The main purpose of this patch is to update PCT fees, where relevant.

Note that this patch will only update the 1 July 2010 full installation of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.047.223); please make sure, therefore, that you have the July build installed before applying the patch.

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

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

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

New on-line tool to facilitate green technology patent searches

WIPO has launched an on-line tool that is linked to its International Patent Classification (IPC) system to facilitate searches for patent information relating to environmentally sound technologies (ESTs), as listed by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The tool, the “IPC Green Inventory”, contains some 200 topics that are directly relevant to ESTs, and each topic is linked with the most relevant IPC symbols. It is recalled that the IPC system divides all fields of technology into hierarchical sets of sections, classes, subclasses and groups, and is an indispensable tool for industrial property offices in conducting searches to establish the novelty of an invention, or to determine the state of the art in a particular area of technology.

In addition to being linked to the IPC system, the IPC Green Inventory is hyperlinked to WIPO’s PATENTSCOPE® search service to automatically search and display all “green” international applications filed under the PCT. It should be noted, however, that, depending on the technology, the scope of the corresponding IPC place might be broader, which may reduce the precision of patent searches in such cases.

The IPC Green Inventory will help in identifying existing and emerging green technologies, as well as potential partners for further R&D and commercial exploitation. To access the IPC Green Inventory, and for further information on how to use it, see:

http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/en/est/ipc_patentscope.html

New IP Resources on the WIPO website

Search and Reference Tool for IP Laws and Treaties

WIPO recently launched WIPO Lex, an on-line global intellectual property (IP) reference resource which provides up-to-date information on national IP laws and treaties. It currently features the complete IP legal texts for over 60 countries with substantial coverage for a further 100 legal systems, and provides, especially for countries that do not yet have their own

database of laws, an Internet platform to make available information concerning their respective IP legislation.

This centralized search facility serves as a world reference source for IP information and analysis and will be a valuable research tool for policy-makers, researchers, users of the IP system and the general public.

WIPO Lex has been integrated into WIPO GOLD, a free, on-line global IP reference resource allowing access to a broad collection of searchable IP data and tools which was launched earlier this year (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2010), but is also available directly at the following address:

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

Database of IP case studies

WIPO recently launched “IP Advantage”, a new database which profiles the IP experiences of inventors, creators, entrepreneurs and researchers. The case studies featured in the database demonstrate how IP works in the real world and how IP rights - such as patents, marks and copyright - can be used to promote innovation in both developed and developing countries.

IP Advantage is free, user-friendly and currently features over 100 case studies covering 48 different countries. The database offers an intuitive interface that allows for searches to be made according to type of IP, the object of protection (inventions, commercial names, artistic works) and/or the focus of the case study (branding, IP management, R&D, etc.). An expansion of the database is in progress, with French and Spanish versions under development. The database will be regularly updated with new case studies.

IP Advantage is available at:

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

For further information see:

http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2010/article_0037.html

PCT and Patent Statistics

The International Patent System in 2009 (in French and Spanish)

The French and Spanish versions of “The International Patent System – PCT Yearly Review: Developments and Performance in 2009”, in PDF format, are now available at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/activity/pct_2009.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/activity/pct_2009.pdf

Printed versions are also available, free of charge, from the Outreach Services Section 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

World Intellectual Property Indicators 2010

The “World Intellectual Property Indicators 2010” has recently been published by WIPO. This annual report offers a comprehensive overview of the use of patents, as well as other intellectual property (IP) rights, around the world. This year’s edition is based on 2008 figures (or 2009 figures where they are available) and expands on last year’s reporting in several areas. Notably, it presents statistics on microorganisms for the first time, and introduces a variety of new patent-based indicators (for example, academic patents by field of technology, trends in internationalization and trends in patent applications for selected fields of technology). A new “special theme” feature offers analytical background on the impact of the economic crisis and recovery on innovation. In addition to analyzing IP filing trends for 2009, it describes the historical relationship between IP filings and the business cycle.

The report, which is currently available in English but will soon be available in French and Spanish, is available free of charge on WIPO’s IP statistics website at:

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

Practical Advice

The importance of maintaining the standardized wording of declarations under PCT Rule 4.17

Q: I will be submitting a declaration under PCT Rule 4.17(iii) (that is, the declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim the priority of the earlier application) together with my international application, but am unsure what to do because the wording of the declaration as provided in the standardized wording given in the request form would need to be modified to clarify the circumstances of the international application concerned. Is it possible to modify the text accordingly?

A: All declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Sections 211 to 215 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (and also included in Box No. VIII or the Notes to Box No. VIII or generated by the PCT-SAFE software). Except in the case of the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, which is a pre-printed standardized text, the applicant must choose those items and elements from the standardized wording that apply and place them in the appropriate order, taking into account the facts of the case, the chronology of events, etc. For example, regarding the text of the declaration under PCT Rule 4.17(iii), you can include, omit, repeat, or re-order the matters listed in items (i) to (viii), as is necessary, to explain the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application. You cannot introduce any new text, however, other than what is listed in those items.

According to PCT Rule 26ter.2(a), where the receiving Office or the International Bureau (IB) finds that any declaration is not worded as required, it may invite the applicant to correct the declaration within a time limit of 16 months from the priority date. If the declaration is not subsequently corrected so as to conform to the standardized wording, it will not lead to any loss of rights and the IB will, nevertheless, publish the declaration. It will then be up to each

designated Office concerned to determine whether it can accept the declaration or not, and the designated Office(s) would be entitled to require you to furnish a new declaration or further evidence in the national phase.

It is recalled that the filing of declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 is an optional procedure during the international phase. By filing such declarations, the applicant makes use of a simpler, centralized procedure for providing information required on entry into the national phase only once, in the international phase, which may be more advantageous than filing different national-type declarations with the designated (or elected) Offices in the national phase, or, if applicable, furnishing documentary evidence to those Offices (for example, assignment documents).

In conclusion, if the circumstances of your application are such that the standardized wording of a particular declaration cannot be used, it may be preferable for you to comply with the applicable national law requirements before each designated Office in the national phase.

For further information on furnishing declarations, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 5.074 to 5.083, and to find out what are the requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the various designated States, refer to the relevant Summaries in the National Chapters of that publication at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>

Before preparing a declaration, it is also strongly recommended to read the notes to Box No. VIII of the request form at:

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

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 October 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
11 October 2010 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Mr. Magnus Leijel) E-mail: Magnus.Leijel@prv.se
13 October 2010 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Mrs. Mette Raaschou-Nielsen) Tel: (45-43) 50 83 14 E-mail: mrrn@dkpto.dk
15 October 2010 Oslo (NO)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Norwegian Industrial Property Office (Mr. Bente Fjeldberg) Tel: (47-22) 38 73 44/38 73 00 E-mail: bfj@patentstyret.no
18 October 2010 Helsinki (FI)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Olli Ilmarinen) Tel: (358) 9 6939 5236 Fax: (358) 9 6939 5322 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
28–29 October 2010 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Ms. Coeckelbergs	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 Ms. Coeckelbergs	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
4–5 November 2010 Boston, MA (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Ms. Coeckelbergs	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Giordana Belenchia-Sauer) E-mail: GBelenchia@nutter.com
4–5 November 2010 Düsseldorf (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Fourné-Godberson	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
29 November 2010 Munich (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
30 November 2010 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division Tel: (81-3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 Internet: www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/ibento/ibento2/jitumusya.htm
1 December 2010 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	Japan Patent Office (see Osaka, above)
2 December 2010 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	Japan Patent Office (see Osaka, above)
8 December 2010 London (GB)	English	Lecture on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, University of London E-mail (for information and registration): s.b.watson@qmul.ac.uk Tel: (44-20) 78 82 80 98 Fax: (44-20) 78 82 81 01
9–10 December 2010 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities course WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management- forum.co.uk
14–15 December 2010 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
2 February 2011 Ecully (FR)	French	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
17–18 February 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 October 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		
		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	DZD	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 October 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) ⁵ (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 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,370	15	103	206	309	AU KR
AZ	AZN 55,000	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 October 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	
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,278		14	96	192	288	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	350	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>		eq USD ¹⁰ 13 <i>(14)</i>	eq USD ¹⁰ 86 <i>(96)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>		eq USD 13 <i>(14)</i>	eq USD 86 <i>(96)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>		13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,300		15	98	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	950		11	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	950		11	71	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	950		11	71	143	214	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	7,060		80	530	1,060	1,590	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available									
DO	USD	275	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>		13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>		13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>		13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>		13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP US
EP	EUR	115	EUR	950		11	–	143	214	EP
ES	EUR	71.35	EUR	950		11	71	143	214	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	950		11	–	143	214	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	950		11	71	143	214	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	794		9	–	119	179	EP
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	GEL ¹¹	10	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>		13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>		13 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	950		11	71	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>		13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,147 <i>(from 1.11.10: 1,277)</i>		13 <i>(14)</i>	86 <i>(96)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330		eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 October 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	
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 71	or EUR 950	11	71	143	214	
	or USD ¹³ 86	or USD 1,147	13	86	173	259	
	(from 1.11.10: 96)	(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(192)	(288)	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 534	USD 1,147	13	86	–	–	EP US
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,147	13	86	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
IS	ISK 7,700	ISK 151,800	1,700	11,400	22,800	34,200	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 950	11	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 104,900	1,200	7,900	–	23,700	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,147	13	86	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,147	13	86	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
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 1,147	13	86	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
LR	USD 45	USD 1,147	13	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
LS	LSL ⁹ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 950	11	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL 48.40	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ⁹ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
		CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	
MA	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁷	EUR 950	11	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,147	13	86	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
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 950	11	71	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 181,900	2,100	13,700	–	–	EP
MX	MXN eq USD 323.70 ¹⁸	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,147	13	86	–	–	EP ES
		(from 1.11.10: 1,277)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	
NL	EUR 50	EUR 950	11	71	143	214	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,580	90	570	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²⁰	NZD 1,802	20	135	–	–	AU EP KR US

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

(amounts on 1 October 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	
OA	XAF ⁹ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN ⁹ –	PEN eq USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	eq USD 13 (14)	eq USD 86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	173 (192)	259 (288)	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 950	11	71	–	–	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 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 1,633 (from 1.11.10: 1,737)	18 (20)	123 (131)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66	EUR 950	11	71	143	214	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 950	11	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	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 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²¹ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	173 (192)	– (–)	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	Eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 8,990	100	680	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,147 (from 1.11.10: 1,277)	Eq USD 13 (14)	eq USD 86 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²²	EUR	1,700	CHF	2,381	KRW	2,601,000	SGD	3,160	USD	2,094	ZAR	15,730
AU	AUD	1,900	CHF	1,730	EUR	1,311	KRW	1,970,000	NZD	2,334	SGD	2,240
	USD	1,605	ZAR	12,300								
BR ²³	BRL	1,900	CHF	1,192	EUR	869	USD	1,052				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,666	EUR	1,210	USD	1,498				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	351	EUR	249	USD	307				
EP ²⁴	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,375	DKK	13,290	GBP	1,557	ISK	278,000	JPY	195,800
	MWK	359,000	NOK	14,590	NZD	3,305	SEK	16,830	SGD	3,070	USD	2,185
	ZAR	16,600										
ES ²⁴	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,375	USD	2,185						
FI	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,375	USD	2,185						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	1,230	EUR	878	KRW	1,295,000	USD	1,065		
KR	For searches carried out in English:				KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,192	CHF	1,262	EUR	834
	NZD	1,464	SGD	1,530	USD	1,092						
	For searches carried out in Korean:				KRW	450,000	AUD	428	CHF	437	EUR	290
	NZD	517	SGD	530	USD	373						
RU	RUB	13,500	CHF	459	EUR	344	USD	449				
SE	SEK	16,830	CHF	2,375	DKK	13,290	EUR	1,785	ISK	278,000	NOK	14,590
	USD	2,185										
US	USD	2,080	CHF*	2,411	EUR	1,629	NZD	2,880	ZAR	15,350		
		* (from 1.11.10)	CHF	2,166)								
XN	DKK	13,290	CHF	2,375	EUR	1,785	ISK	278,000	NOK	14,590	USD	2,185

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,190	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,667	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,381	
EP	CHF 2,628	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,628	CHF 200
RU	Eq in CHF of RUB ²⁵ 9,450 (13,500) ²⁶	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,628	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,574	CHF 200

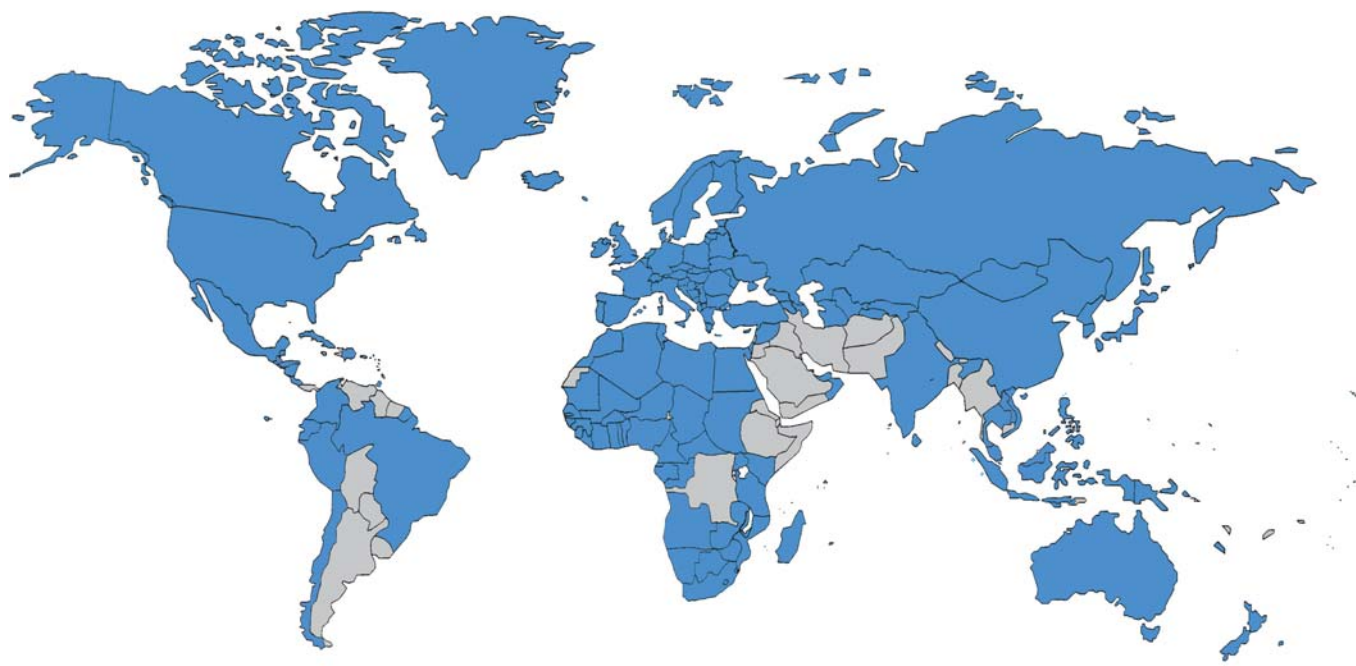
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 October 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁷		Handling fee ^{2, 27} (CHF 200)	
AT ²²	EUR	1,675	EUR	132
AU	AUD	550	AUD	224
BR ²³	BRL	710	BRL	353
CA	CAD	800	CAD	185
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁴	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	206,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ²⁹	USD	175 (from 1.11.10: 192)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,330
US	USD	600	USD	175 (from 1.11.10: 192)
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 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 19 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 20 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 21 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%.
- 22 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).
- 23 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.
- 24 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>
- 25 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 26 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 27 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 28 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 29 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 30 In all cases where footnote 29 does not apply.
- 31 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (142 on 1 October 2010)



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

1 Only international applications filed on or after 1 May 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

2 Extension of European patent possible; in the case of Albania and Serbia, only for international applications filed before 1 May 2010 and 1 October 2010, respectively.

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

4 Only international applications filed on or after 24 March 2010 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated January 2010 and July 2010, respectively) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

PCT NEWSLETTER

Reminder re Payment of Fees by Credit Card to the International Bureau

Applicants are reminded that, following the launching of the online PCT E-Payment system in July 2010, the International Bureau (IB) will, as of 1 January 2011, no longer receive and process credit card details submitted using PCT Forms PCT/ROIB/197 and PCT/IB/380. As of this date, the IB will no longer handle any credit card details on behalf of applicants. Payment by credit card of fees payable to the IB as receiving Office (RO/IB) for new international applications filed with it, as well as fees payable to the IB for filing a request for supplementary international search, irrespective of the receiving Office with which the international application was filed, may be effected by credit card only via the PCT E-Payment Service.

The main advantage of this service is that applicants no longer have to supply their credit card details to the IB on separate forms but can make the online credit card transaction themselves in a secure and confidential environment. The only requirement is that they provide the IB with a valid e-mail address to which instructions for online credit card payment will be sent, and either select "Credit Card (E-Payment)" in PCT-SAFE or check "credit card" as the 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), whichever is applicable.

Note that e-mails sent by the PCT E-Payment Service will be from a "no.reply@wipo.int" address that does not allow return mail. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that incoming e-mails from this address are not blocked for any reason on the recipient's side, for example, by spam filters. Applicants may also access all their pending PCT E-Payment credit card transactions on an *ad hoc* basis via a link on the PCT Service Center webpage on WIPO's PATENTSCOPE® website at the following address, where a user guide is also available:

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/service_center/

PCT Information Update

International filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee (various Offices)

From 1 January 2011, there will be changes in the amounts, in certain currencies, of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30, the PCT-EASY and electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, the search fee, the supplementary search fee and the handling fee, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

These changes update the following annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

- Annex C (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BE, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CL, CO, CR, CU, CY, CZ, DE, DK, DO, EA, EC, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GH, GR, GT, HN, IB, IE, IL, IN, IS, IT, JP, KE, KG, KR, KZ, LR, LT, LU, LV, MC, MD, MT, MW, NI, NL, NO, NZ, PE, PG, PH, PT, RU, SC, SE, SG, SI, SK, SM, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, ZA, ZM, ZW;

- Annex D (International Searching Authorities): AT, AU, BR, CA, CN, EP, ES, FI, JP, KR, RU, SE, US, XN;
- Annex SISA (International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)): AT, EP, FI, SE, XN; and
- Annex E (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): AT, AU, BR, CA, EP, ES, FI, JP, KR, RU, SE, US, XN

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

CL Chile (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Industrial Property Institute (Chile) has, with effect from 1 October 2010, specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Industrial Property Institute as receiving Office. (The European Patent Office is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office or by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.)

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

EP European Patent Office (special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The EPO has notified the International Bureau (IB) of changes in its requirements as designated and elected Office with regard to deposits of microorganisms and other biological material. This notification has been published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 28 October 2010 at:

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

The warning contained in the European Patent Organisation part of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* has been updated as follows:

WARNING: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the reference to such a deposit must include the name and address of the depositor and a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with Rule 31(1)(d) of the European Patent Convention (EPC).

If any of these indications (the name and address of the depositor, and the statement) is not included in a reference to deposited biological material in the international application as filed, it may still be furnished to the International Bureau within a period of 16 months after the date of filing of the international patent application or, if priority is claimed, after the priority date; this time limit is deemed to have been met if the indication reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed (PCT Rule 13bis.4(a)). Where the applicant makes a request for early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b), the indications must be furnished to the

International Bureau at the latest before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (PCT Rule 13bis.4(c)). 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 Article 97(2) EPC in the course of examination proceedings for insufficient disclosure (Article 83 EPC).

For more detailed information, see the "Notice from the European Patent Office dated 7 July 2010 concerning inventions which involve the use of or concern biological material" in *OJ EPO* 10/2010, page 498, at:

http://archive.epo.org/epo/pubs/oj010/10_10/10_4980.pdf

ES Spain (requirements and practices regarding the filing of international applications in electronic form)

Changes to the notification of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, regarding the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, have been published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 14 October 2010 at:

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

The changes concern, in particular, electronic document formats and methods of online payment and are applicable with effect from 15 October 2010.

GB United Kingdom (telephone number)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2010, the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) has notified the IB of the telephone number of the Information Centre, to be used within the United Kingdom, as follows:

Telephone: 0300 300 2000 (within the United Kingdom)

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

PT Portugal (e-mail address; fees)

The e-mail address of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: atm@inpi.pt

In addition, the Office has discontinued the use of its teleprinter.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 13 July 2010:

	<i>Online</i>	<i>On paper</i>
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For patent:

Filing fee (includes publication and examination):	EUR 100	EUR 200
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For utility model:

Filing fee (includes publication):	EUR 100	EUR 200
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Examination fee (whenever examination is requested):	[no change]	[no change]
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (PT) and National Chapter, Summary (PT))

Supplementary search fee (European Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

On 1 October 2010, there was a change in the equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee payable to the European Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office. Note that, although the new amount was later indicated in an updated version of the PCT Fee Tables dated 15 October 2010, and is included in the PCT Fee Tables (Table I(c)) in this issue, it was not included in the PCT Fee Tables dated 1 October 2010 which were published with *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2010.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex SISA (EP, FI, SE and XN))

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

PCT Time Limit Calculator

The PCT Time Limit Calculator, a web-based resource for the computing of essential PCT time limits, is now available in Japanese and Korean at, respectively:

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

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

It is recalled that the Calculator is available in English at:

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

Other language versions are under preparation and will be announced in the *PCT Newsletter* shortly.

PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot

The PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot page has been updated to include links to PCT-PPH Request Forms and additional information on bilateral agreements between patent Offices for fast-track examination procedures where PCT work products are used, as well as links to separate PPH agreements which do not include PCT work products.

For further information concerning forms and administrative procedures of each participating Office see:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

PCT Assembly Report for 2010

The latest PCT Assembly Report has been added to the searchable collection of PCT Assembly Reports 1978 – 2010 in English and French and is available at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/assemblies/reports.html>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/meetings/assemblies/reports.html>

Patent Cooperation Treaty (in German)

A fully hyperlinked HTML version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in German is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/articles/atoc.html>

ISA and IPEA Agreements

The text of the revised Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) relating to the functioning of KIPO as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, as in force from 19 October 2010, has been published in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, new invitations have been identified originating from **WIPD - World Intellectual Property Database** (15 October 2010) and **ITPD - International Trademarks & Patents Database** (11 October 2010).

To view examples of the invitations, as well as the many other examples which have been brought to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

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

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

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

Payment of fees by an “agent” who is not entitled to represent the applicant in respect of an international application

Q: I have filed an international application with the National Institute of Industrial Property (France) as receiving Office (RO/FR) on behalf of a sole applicant who is neither a resident nor a national of France, with the consequence that the application is being transmitted under PCT Rule 19.4(a)(i) to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) for processing on the grounds that RO/FR is not competent under PCT Rule 19.1 to receive the international application. Since I cannot represent the applicant as I am not entitled to practice before the Office of the country of residence/nationality of the applicant, the applicant wishes to find an agent in the country in which he resides. In the meantime, the applicant would like me to proceed with the payment of the fees to avoid any late payment fee being charged, or even the withdrawal of the international application. I had intended to pay the fees for the filing of the international application to RO/FR using my company’s deposit account with the Office, but would now like to pay the fees, which are now payable to the RO/IB, by credit card. Am I entitled to pay the fees on behalf of the applicant, given that I will not be considered an appointed agent for the application?

A: If an international application is filed with the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office (RO/IB), or transmitted to the RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.4, the RO/IB does not require that the applicant be represented by an agent. However, if an agent is appointed, it must be an agent who is entitled to practice before the RO/IB (that is, a person who has the right to practice before the national Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant is a resident or national) (PCT Rule 83.1bis(a)). As you are not entitled to practice before the Office of the country of residence/nationality of the applicant, or which is acting for such a country, the RO/IB will make an *ex officio* correction to the request form and change your status from “agent” to “address for correspondence” (see PCT Rule 4.4(d)). As an address for correspondence, you would receive any correspondence which would normally be sent to the applicant or agent (including Form PCT/RO/102 (Notification Concerning Payment of Prescribed Fees)), but any correspondence from the applicant to the receiving Office would need to be signed by the applicant in accordance with PCT Rule 92.1. The payment of fees in respect of the international application does not require the applicant’s signature, however, so you are entitled to pay the fees. This is particularly beneficial for the applicant as it may take longer for the applicant to appoint a new agent than the time remaining for the payment of the fees.

The RO/IB will assign a new international application number (PCT/IB2010/.....) to the application. Therefore, before paying the fees, you should wait until that new number is communicated so that you can refer to it, noting that, because the time limit for payment of fees in the case of a transmission to the IB under PCT Rule 19.4 is one month from the date of receipt of the application by the IB (see PCT Rule 19.4(c)) (as opposed to one month from the

date of receipt of the application by the Office with which it was initially filed) you should have a bit more time for paying the fees.

As you wish to pay the fees by credit card to the RO/IB, you should use the PCT E-payment Service. For this, you must furnish an e-mail address to the IB to which instructions for online credit card payment will be sent, and include an indication that you wish to pay the fees by credit card. When filing international applications with the RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.1(iii), this is normally done by including an e-mail address in Box No. IV of the request form (Form PCT/RO/101), and by checking the box marked "credit card" under "mode of payment" on the fee calculation sheet annexed to the request form, or by making the corresponding indications in the PCT-SAFE software. However, as you will probably not have done this, you can furnish the relevant information separately via fax (+41-22 910 06 10), mail or preferably by means of the Online Document Upload System (using the "General Correspondence" indexation type – for other post-filing correspondence with the RO/IB to be uploaded via the Online Document Upload System, more specific indexation types should be chosen wherever possible). Please note that the RO/IB will not accept the fee calculation sheet or correspondence regarding E-payment by e-mail.

The RO/IB will send the necessary instructions for payment to you by e-mail, regardless of whether you have the right to represent the applicant. The e-mail will contain a link to the corresponding online transaction in the PCT E-payment system where you will be able to complete the transaction in a secure and confidential manner.

Once the agent who is entitled to represent the applicant has been appointed, the applicant or the newly appointed agent should send a request for recording of a change under PCT Rule 92*bis* to the IB, which will then issue Form PCT/IB/306 "Notification of the recording of a change", a copy of which will be sent to you. Subsequently, your address will no longer be regarded as the "address for correspondence". Any further correspondence relating to the application will be sent to the newly appointed agent, and not to you.

For further information on the filing of international applications with RO/IB, see:

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

and for further information on the payment of fees using the PCT E-payment service, see the User Guide at:

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/service_center

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>)
(situation on 8 November 2010)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
15 November 2010 Warsaw (PL)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu
29 November 2010 Munich (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
30 November 2010 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division Tel: (81-3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 Internet: www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/ibento/ibento2/jitumusya.htm
1 December 2010 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	Japan Patent Office (see Osaka, above)
2 December 2010 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	Japan Patent Office (see Osaka, above)
2 December 2010 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
8 December 2010 London (GB)	English	Lecture on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, University of London E-mail (for information and registration): s.b.watson@qmul.ac.uk Tel: (44-20) 78 82 80 98 Fax: (44-20) 78 82 81 01
9–10 December 2010 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities course WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
13–14 December 2010 Lille (FR)	French	Seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
14–15 December 2010 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
2 February 2011 Ecully (FR)	French	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
17–18 February 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
21–22 March 2011 New York (NY) (US)	English	PCT Comprehensive Seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed Other speaker: Mr. Helfgott (Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP, New York)	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
5–6 April 2011 Lille (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
7–8 April 2011 London (UK)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
7–8 April 2011 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and second speaker to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
24 May 2011 Brussels (BE)	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the “Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets” WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu
31 May 2011 Paris (FR)	French	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
14 October 2011 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 10th 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

Other IP events**Intellectual Property in the International Arena: WIPO Comes to Stanford, Stanford Law School, Stanford (US), 19 November 2010**

A one-day conference to bring to the fore current issues relating to intellectual property and the growing importance of intellectual property in today's global technology and knowledge driven economy. The event will feature Robert L. Stoll, the Commissioner for Patents, a delegation of senior officials from WIPO – including James Pooley (Deputy Director General, Innovation and Technology Sector) – and other leading experts from industry and academia.

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PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 November 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		
		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
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLN	Polish zloty	ZAR	South African rand
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	RON	New leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GEL	Georgian lari	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 November 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 1,277 <i>(from 1.1.11: 1,367)</i>	14 <i>(15)</i>	96 <i>(103)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
AP	USD 50 <i>(or eq in local currency)</i>	USD 1,277 <i>(from 1.1.11: 1,367)</i>	14 <i>(15)</i>	96 <i>(103)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 950 <i>(from 1.1.11: 999)</i>	11 <i>(11)</i>	71 <i>(75)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,370 <i>(from 1.1.11: 1,414)</i>	15 <i>(16)</i>	103 <i>(106)</i>	206 <i>(213)</i>	309 <i>(319)</i>	AU KR
AZ	AZN 55,000	USD 1,277 <i>(from 1.1.11: 1,367)</i>	14 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 950 <i>(from 1.1.11: 999)</i>	11 <i>(11)</i>	71 <i>(75)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 950 <i>(from 1.1.11: 999)</i>	11 <i>(11)</i>	71 <i>(75)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,277 <i>(from 1.1.11: 1,367)</i>	14 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 1,277 <i>(from 1.1.11: 1,367)</i>	14 <i>(15)</i>	96 <i>(103)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,277 <i>(from 1.1.11: 1,367)</i>	14 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,277 <i>(from 1.1.11: 1,367)</i>	14 <i>(15)</i>	96 <i>(103)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	CA EP

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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	
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,278 (from 1.1.11: 1,398)	14 (16)	96 (105)	192 (210)	288 (315)	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	350	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	eq USD ¹⁰ 14 (15)	eq USD ¹⁰ 96 (103)	–	–	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 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	eq USD 14 (15)	eq USD 96 (103)	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK 7,060 (from 1.1.11: 7,450)	80 (80)	530 (560)	1,060 (1,120)	1,590 (1,680)	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available							
DO	USD	275	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD 1,277 (from 1.01.10: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	115	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	–	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP
ES	EUR	71.35	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	–	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP 794 (from 1.1.11: 864)	9 (10)	–	119 (130)	179 (195)	EP
GD	Information not yet available							
GE	GEL ¹¹	10	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	AT EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP

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				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
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 71	or EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	143 (150)	214 (225)	
	or USD ¹³ 96	or USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	192 (206)	288 (308)	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
IL	ILS 534	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 7,700	ISK 151,800 (from 1.1.11: 153,800)	1,700 (1,700)	11,400 (11,600)	22,800 (23,100)	34,200 (34,700)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 104,900 (from 1.1.11: 114,000)	1,200 (1,300)	7,900 (8,600)	– (–)	23,700 (25,700)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.1.11: 1,535,000)	16,000 (17,000)	109,000 (115,000)	– (–)	328,000 (346,000)	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360 ¹⁶	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ⁹ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
LV	LVL 48.40	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	– (–)	– (–)	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 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	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 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 181,900 (from 1.1.11: 210,800)	2,100 (2,400)	13,700 (15,800)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MX	MXN eq USD 323.70 ¹⁸	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US

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					Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
MY	MYR	375 ¹⁹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP
NO	NOK	550	NOK 7,580 (from 1.1.11: 8,030)	90 (90)	570 (600)	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ²⁰	NZD 1,802 (from 1.1.11: 1,844)	20 (21)	135 (139)	–	–	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 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	eq USD 14 (15)	eq USD 96 (103)	–	–	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK	250	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	192 (206)	288 (308)	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 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	–	–	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 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK 8,840 (from 1.1.11: 9,250)	100 (100)	660 (700)	1,330 (1,390)	1,990 (2,090)	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD 1,737 (from 1.1.11: 1,797)	20 (20)	131 (135)	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	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 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹	–	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²¹	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	240	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	192 (206)	–	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF 1,330	Eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR 8,990 (from 1.1.11: 9,570)	100 (110)	680 (720)	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	Eq USD 14 (15)	eq USD 96 (103)	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 November 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²²	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,381	KRW 2,601,000	SGD 3,160	USD 2,094	ZAR 15,730		
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 2,263)		KRW 2,613,000	SGD 3,060	USD 2,326	ZAR 16,280		
AU	AUD 1,900	CHF 1,730	EUR 1,311	KRW 1,970,000	NZD 2,334	SGD 2,240		
	USD 1,605	ZAR 12,300						
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 1,787)	EUR 1,343	KRW 2,063,000	NZD 2,478	SGD 2,410			
	USD 1,837	ZAR 12,860)						
BR ²³	BRL 1,900	CHF 1,192	EUR 869	USD 1,052				
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 1,092)	EUR 820	USD 1,122)					
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,666	EUR 1,210	USD 1,498				
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 1,522)	EUR 1,143	USD 1,564)					
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 351	EUR 249	USD 307				
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 305)	EUR 229	USD 314)					
EP ²⁴	EUR 1,785	CHF 2,375	DKK 13,290	GBP 1,557	ISK 278,000	JPY 195,800		
	MWK 359,000	NOK 14,590	NZD 3,305	SEK 16,830	SGD 3,070	USD 2,185		
	ZAR 16,600							
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 2,376)	DKK 13,310	GBP 1,543	ISK 275,000	JPY 203,700			
	MWK 377,000	NOK 14,350	NZD 3,295	SEK 16,530	SGD 3,210	USD 2,443		
	ZAR 17,090)							
ES ²⁴	EUR 1,785	CHF 2,375	USD 2,185					
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 2,376)	USD 2,443)						
FI	EUR 1,785	CHF 2,375	USD 2,185					
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 2,376)	USD 2,443)						
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,230	EUR 878	KRW 1,295,000	USD 1,065			
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 1,132)	EUR 850	KRW 1,306,000	USD 1,163)				
KR	For searches carried out in English:							
	KRW 1,300,000	AUD 1,192	CHF 1,262	EUR 834	NZD 1,464	SGD 1,530		
	USD 1,092							
	(from 1.1.11: AUD 1,197)	CHF 1,126	EUR 846	NZD 1,562	SGD 1,520			
	USD 1,157)							
For searches carried out in Korean:								
KRW 450,000	AUD 428	CHF 437	EUR 290	NZD 517	SGD 530			
USD 373								
(from 1.1.11: AUD 414)	CHF 390	EUR 293	NZD 541	SGD 530				
USD 401)								
RU	RUB 13,500	CHF 459	EUR 344	USD 449				
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 431)	EUR 324	USD 443)					
SE	SEK 16,830	CHF 2,375	DKK 13,290	EUR 1,785	ISK 278,000	NOK 14,590		
	USD 2,185							
	(from 1.1.11: SEK 16,530)	CHF 2,376	DKK 13,310	EUR 1,785	ISK 275,000			
	NOK 14,350	USD 2,443)						
US	USD 2,080	CHF 2,166	EUR 1,629	NZD 2,880	ZAR 15,350			
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 2,023)	EUR 1,520	NZD 2,810	ZAR 14,550)				
XN	DKK 13,290	CHF 2,375	EUR 1,785	ISK 278,000	NOK 14,590	USD 2,185		
	(from 1.1.11: DKK 13,310)	CHF 2,376	EUR 1,785	ISK 275,000	NOK 14,350			
	USD 2,443)							

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 November 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,190	CHF 200
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 1,132)	
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,667	
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 1,584)	
EP	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,381	CHF 200
	(from 1.1.11: CHF 2,263)	
EP	CHF 2,375 (from 1.1.11: CHF 2,376)	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,375 (from 1.1.11: CHF 2,376)	CHF 200
RU	Eq in CHF of RUB ²⁵ 9,450 (13,500) ²⁶	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,375 (from 1.1.11: CHF 2,376)	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,375 (from 1.1.11: CHF 2,376)	CHF 200

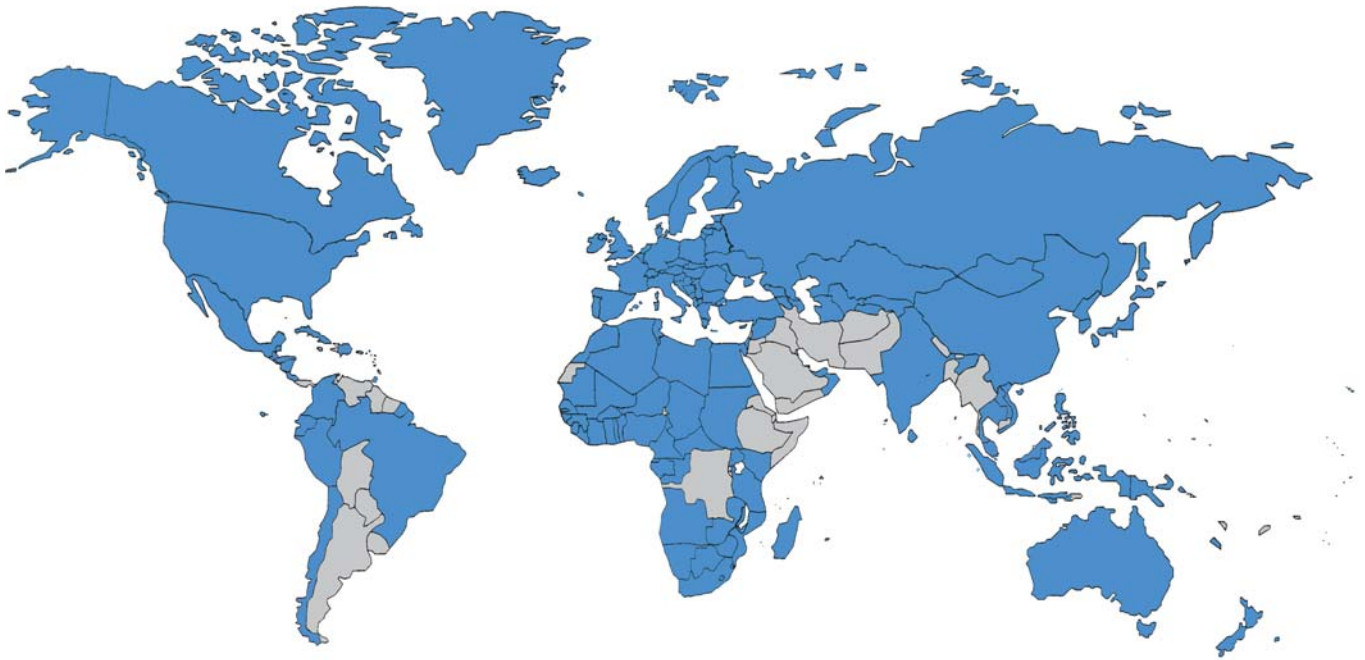
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 November 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁷		Handling fee ^{2, 27} (CHF 200)	
AT ²²	EUR	1,675	EUR	132 (from 1.1.11: 150)
AU	AUD	550 780 ²⁸	AUD	224 (from 1.1.11: 213)
BR ²³	BRL	710	BRL	353 (from 1.1.11: 348)
CA	CAD	800	CAD	185 (from 1.1.11: 210)
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁴	EUR	1,760	EUR	132 (from 1.1.11: 150)
ES	EUR	560.88	EUR	132 (from 1.1.11: 150)
FI	EUR	600	EUR	132 (from 1.1.11: 150)
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	17,800 (from 1.1.11: 17,100)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	206,000 (from 1.1.11: 231,000)
RU	RUB	5,400 ²⁹ 8,100 ³⁰	USD	192 (from 1.1.11: 206)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,330 (from 1.1.11: 1,390)
US	USD	600 750 ³¹	USD	192 (from 1.1.11: 206)
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	980 (from 1.1.11: 1,120)

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 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 19 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 20 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 21 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%.
- 22 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).
- 23 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.
- 24 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>
- 25 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 26 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 27 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 28 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 29 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 30 In all cases where footnote 29 does not apply.
- 31 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (142 on 1 November 2010)



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

1 Only international applications filed on or after 1 May 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

2 Extension of European patent possible; in the case of Albania and Serbia, only for international applications filed before 1 May 2010 and 1 October 2010, respectively.

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

4 Only international applications filed on or after 24 March 2010 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated January 2010 and July 2010, respectively) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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The name of the “E-mail updating service” mailing list has been changed to “*PCT Newsletter Mailing List*” to reflect the fact that, although the service is also used for informing PCT users on an *ad hoc* basis of any important updates, its chief purpose is to notify them that a new issue of the *PCT Newsletter* has been published. People who already subscribe to the E-mail updating service do not need to take any action. Anyone who has not yet subscribed to this service, which is free of charge, is invited to sign up by simply typing their e-mail address in the corresponding box at:

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

Possible problems for new subscribers to the *PCT Applicant’s Guide Mailing List*

It is recalled that users of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* may subscribe to an e-mail updating service which sends out e-mails informing users of the latest updated information. It has come to our attention that, due to a technical problem, some people have recently been experiencing difficulties when trying to subscribe to this service. If you have recently tried to subscribe to this service, and have not received any e-mails (they are sent out weekly), please try and subscribe again by going to:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>

and typing your e-mail address in the box under “*PCT Applicant’s Guide Mailing List*” on the right hand side of the page. It is recalled that you should ensure that the e-mail address from which the updating service e-mails are sent (pct.guide@wipo.int) is recognized as a “safe” address and will not be blocked by your spam filter.

Non-Working Days at the IB at the End of the Year (*Corrigendum*)

Reference is made to the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2010 of the non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during December 2010 and January 2011. Please note that, in addition to the dates that were given (that is, 24, 27, 30 and 31 December 2010, as well as weekends), Monday, 3 January 2011 will also be a non-working day at the IB. This means that the IB will be open for business on 28 and 29 December 2010, and will then be open again on Tuesday, 4 January 2011, and not on Monday, 3 January 2011, as had been announced earlier.

Also, please note that the ***PCT Information Service*** will be closed from Friday, 24 December to Monday, 3 January 2011, inclusive. It will reopen on Tuesday, 4 January 2011, at 9.00 a.m., Geneva (local) time, and not on Monday, 3 January 2011, as had been announced earlier.

PCT Information Update

AL Albania (name of office; e-mail and Internet addresses; fees)

The name of the Albanian Patent Office has changed, and the Office has notified its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office
E-mail:	mailinf@alpto.gov.al
Internet:	www.alpto.gov.al

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, has changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:

Filing fee:	ALL	7,000
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (AL) and National Chapter, Summary (AL))

AT Austria (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media)

For the purposes of filing, under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions, PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Austrian Patent Office as receiving Office is prepared to receive the following PCT-EASY physical media in addition to the 3.5 inch diskette: CD and DVD.

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

CL Chile (fax number)

The fax number of the National Industrial Property Institute (Chile) has been deleted.

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

EE Estonia (fees)

As from 1 January 2011, there will be a change in the currency of payment from Estonian kroon (EEK) to Euro (EUR) for the following fees payable to the Estonian Patent Office (any fees currently payable in Swiss francs (CHF) will continue to be payable in CHF):

As receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	See Fee Table I(a)
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR 15.97

As designated (or elected Office):

For patent:

Basic fee:	EUR	223.69
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:.....	EUR	12.78
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:...	EUR	31.95

Annual fees for the first three years:EUR 115.03

For utility model:

Filing fee:EUR 102.25

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

GT Guatemala (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Guatemala with the Registry of Intellectual Property as receiving Office, with effect from 16 September 2010.

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 January 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in EUR and USD of the following fees, payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office:

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

Priority document:.....EUR 38 or USD 51

Supplement for airmail :EUR 8 or USD 10

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

KZ Kazakhstan (name of office; location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Committee of Intellectual Property Rights, National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan), will henceforth be referred to as the National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Republic of Kazakhstan) (or, in Kazakh (Latin transcription): Ul'tyik ziyatkerlik menshik instituty (UZMI Kazakstan Respublikasy)).

The location and mailing address, the telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail address of the Office have changed, and one of its Internet addresses has been deleted, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriligi Ziyatkerlik menshik kuckygy komiteti, Sol zhagalau, Orynbor 8, Kireberis 13, Astana 010000, Kazakhstan (general matters)

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

MY Malaysia (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers)

The location and mailing address and the telephone and fax numbers of the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia have changed with effect from 22 November 2010, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Unit 1-7, Ground Floor
Menara UOA Bangsar
No. 5, Jalan Bangsar Utama 1
59000 Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia

Telephone: (603) 2299 8400

Fax: (603) 2299 8989

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

SM San Marino (fees)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) as designated (or elected) Office, has changed:

Basic fee:EUR 170

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

Preliminary examination fee and fees related to international preliminary examination (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 January 2011, there will be a change in the amount of the preliminary examination fee and the additional preliminary examination fee, payable for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. The new amount, in both cases, will be EUR 566.49.

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

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

Japanese interface of national and PCT collections

It is now possible to access the “Search International and National Patent Collections” page of PATENTSCOPE® via a Japanese interface. To do this, select the language “日本語” (Japanese) under the “Option” menu at:

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

The web pages available in Japanese include the search interface, search results, search help and supporting pages. Other languages will be added shortly. It is recalled that, by accessing the above-mentioned page, you will be able to carry out searches in about 1.8 million published PCT applications and 5.3 million granted patents and patent applications contained in national and regional collections.

Reminder about the Filing of Sequence Listings in Electronic Form

The European Patent Office (EPO) has informed the International Bureau (IB) that it has been receiving international applications containing sequence listings in both text format and image format (for example, in PDF format), and would like the IB to remind applicants that it is not necessary to furnish them in both formats.

It is recalled that, regardless of the receiving Office with which an international application is filed (provided that the Office concerned accepts electronic filings), where the application is filed in electronic form and contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences in the form of a sequence listing as a separate part of the description under PCT Rule 5.2(a), it is sufficient that such sequence listing be furnished in one single file in text format in accordance with paragraph 40 of Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. Consequently there is no need to file with the receiving Office any other copy of the sequence listing in image format or on paper. It is also recalled that no page fees are due for sequence listings filed in text format (see Section 707(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions). On the other hand, page fees are due for each page of sequence listings filed in image format or on paper (see Section 707(a)).

For further information about the filing of sequence listings under the PCT, see Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 5.099–5.104, and the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2009 at: respectively:

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/ip05.html#_5.099

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2009/pct_news_2009_07.pdf

The EPO would like to draw the attention of applicants filing with it in its capacity as receiving Office to the Decision of the President of the EPO dated 26 March 2010 concerning the furnishing of sequence listings to the EPO acting as international authority under the PCT and the related Notice from the EPO dated 26 March 2010 (see *OJ EPO* 5/2010, pages 328 and 330, respectively) at:

<http://www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/journal/2010/05.html>

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (paper version in Arabic)

The Arabic paper version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2010, is now available. The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate the language in which the publication is required, should be addressed to the Outreach Services Section at WIPO:

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mailing address: 34, chemin des Colombettes
P.O. Box 18, CH-1211 Geneva 20,
Switzerland

It is recalled that the electronic text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations under the PCT in Arabic, as in force from 1 July 2010, is also available at:

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

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

PCT Time Limit Calculator

The PCT Time Limit Calculator, a web-based resource for computing essential PCT time limits, is now available in French, German, Russian and Spanish, in addition to English, Japanese and Korean at, respectively:

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

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

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

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

Other language versions are under preparation and will be announced in the *PCT Newsletter* shortly.

IP Offices' closing dates in 2011

The International Bureau (IB) will shortly be publishing the closing dates for a number of intellectual property Offices in 2011. The full collection, which includes all years back to 2007, may be consulted at:

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

This collection is continually being expanded and updated with information as it is received by the IB from the Offices concerned.

PCT Forms

RO, ISA and IPEA Forms (in Spanish)

The collection of editable Receiving Office forms in Spanish has been expanded and updated to include forms revised in July 2010. Similar updates have been made to the Spanish ISA and IPEA forms.

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

Request form (PCT/RO/101) and Demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (in Portuguese)

The January 2010 version of the request form and the July 2010 version of the demand form are now available in editable PDF format in Portuguese.

All the above-mentioned forms are available at:

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

Updating of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*

The Introduction to the International Phase has been updated to include information on the use of the WIPO Priority Document Access Service (DAS) in the framework of the PCT (see paragraphs 5.070–5.070C), and is available at:

HTML: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/ip05.html#_5.070

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

The French version will be available shortly.

Practical Advice

The different options available for furnishing priority documents

Q: I am going to file an international application claiming priority from two earlier applications, one filed in the United States of America and one filed in Canada. I have the choice of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO), the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) or the International Bureau (IB) as receiving Office (RO). How does my choice of RO affect the options available to me for meeting the requirement to furnish copies of the priority documents? Are there any special considerations that I should take into account?

A: There are basically three ways of meeting the priority document requirements:

1. Send a conventional certified copy of the earlier application to either the RO or the IB. This option is always available. (PCT Rule 17.1(a))
2. Request the RO to prepare and transmit a certified copy of the earlier application to the IB. This option is available if the Office where the earlier application was filed is also acting as RO. (PCT Rule 17.1(b))
3. Request the IB to retrieve a copy of the earlier application from a digital library. This option is available when the earlier application was filed in an Office participating in

the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”, also known as “PDAS”)¹, irrespective of the RO chosen. (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))

Note that the paper request form (PCT/RO/101) also mentions the possibility of the RO obtaining a priority document from a digital library, but at present no RO offers that service (even Offices which have priority document exchange for national applications) so this should be disregarded. In the PCT-SAFE interface, this option is grayed out and you cannot select it.

If you choose to file your international application with **CIPO as RO** (RO/CA), the most practical option would be to request the RO to furnish a copy of the earlier Canadian application, and then either obtain a conventional certified copy of the earlier US application from the USPTO or request the IB to obtain it through DAS.

If you choose to file your application with the **USPTO as RO** (RO/US), you may request the USPTO to furnish a copy of the earlier US application. Canada does not yet participate in DAS, so your only choice for the Canadian document is to obtain a conventional certified copy from CIPO and send it to either RO/US or, preferably, the IB if it is received after the filing of the international application.

If you choose to file your application with the **IB as RO** (RO/IB), you will need to obtain a certified copy of the Canadian application from CIPO, but then have the choice of either obtaining a conventional certified copy of the US application from the USPTO or requesting the IB to obtain it through DAS.

You should only check a single box (if any) relating to transmission or retrieval of a particular priority document and ensure that the option which you select is actually available for that document. If you check more than one box, or your selected option is not available, you are likely to have to deal with additional correspondence from either the RO or the IB to clarify what was intended.

Choosing between DAS and a conventional certified copy

If you have used the priority document exchange (“PDX”) system between the USPTO, the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the prospect of using DAS to meet your priority document requirements probably looks quite appealing. The service is free and you do not have to worry about requesting, receiving and forwarding a conventional certified copy. However, it is essential to understand DAS procedures because **the process is not the same as PDX and the provision under PCT Rule 17.1(a) deeming the time limit to have been met as long as the IB receives the certified copy before the international publication date does not apply to requests under PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis)**.

The PDX system operates based on bilateral arrangements between Offices, largely on the basis of trust. Although DAS can be used for PCT applications, it was designed primarily for Paris route applications between Offices which may have no special working relationship and includes additional security features to ensure that the applicant has specifically authorized transmission of a particular document. Even though the core system of DAS is operated by the

¹ At the time of writing, the DAS-participating Offices are: the Australian Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office), the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau (for PCT applications filed with RO/IB). Some of these Offices only allow certain types of applications (for example, electronically-filed applications) to be transmitted using DAS.

IB, it will not be able to obtain or deliver a document for PCT purposes without all of the relevant steps being taken just as if the IB were any other national Office.

If you decide to request the IB to obtain the priority document from a digital library, you need to take **all of the following steps** in order to satisfy the requirement under PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis) that the request be made **within the time limit of 16 months from the (earliest) priority date**:

(a) 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 – applicants should check on the Office’s website for details, but since in this case the first filing was with the USPTO, you should file Form PTO/SB/39 (or check the relevant box of Form PTO/SB/01) with the USPTO. Further information about the written authorization to permit access to US priority documents via DAS is available at:

http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/pdx/permitting_access.pdf

(b) *[This step is specific to USPTO as Office of first filing – for most other Offices, the equivalent processes are done automatically as part of step (a) without any further user interaction.]* Go to the WIPO DAS web portal at:

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

and enter the relevant information to register the application with the WIPO Digital Access Service. The “access code” is the confirmation number for the US application, which appears on the EFS-Web Electronic Acknowledgment Receipt document and the filing receipt. Wait for an e-mail to indicate whether the application has been successfully registered into DAS by the USPTO – this will generally take one working day. Care should be taken when entering the required e-mail address during the registration process because an invalid e-mail address will prevent registration.

(c) Go to the web portal again² and use the “Update Access Control List” tab to give the IB access to that earlier application.

(d) Request the IB to retrieve the document, either by checking the box in Box No. VI of the paper request form or the corresponding box in PCT-SAFE, or by requesting the IB to do so separately (for an example of the wording which may be used for this purpose, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2010, pages 4 and 5).

Steps (a) to (c) depend on one another and can only be taken in that order. It is also strongly recommended that steps (a) to (c) be completed before step (d) in order to avoid having to enter into additional correspondence with the IB because they are not able to access the document when they first try. To avoid all risk of problems, you should perform steps (a) to (c) before filing the international application, or at least before the record copy is likely to be received by the IB from the receiving Office. Compliance with PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis) requires a timely request to obtain the priority document, including steps (a) to (d).

It is expected that DAS will become an increasingly popular method of priority document retrieval in the future as more Offices participate in the service, especially for Paris route applications where applicants need to deal with multiple priority documents, rather than the PCT

² For priority applications filed with other DAS participating Offices, this will be the first visit to the web portal. The access code will have been supplied to you by either the Office of first filing or the IB, depending on the way that the system has been implemented by the Office of first filing.

system where only a single certified copy is required, which can often be provided by the RO simply by checking the relevant box on the request form. The IB is seeking to simplify the process of using DAS and also intends to propose a change to Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) to provide the same flexibility on the 16-month time limit as applies under Rule 17.1(a), whereby the time limit is deemed to have been met as long as the IB actually receives the priority document before the date of international publication, but for the moment it is essential for applicants to be fully aware of the DAS procedures which apply in relation to the Office where the earlier application was filed and to strictly observe the time limits.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 8 December 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
8 December 2010 London (GB)	English	Lecture on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, University of London E-mail (for information and registration): s.b.watson@qmul.ac.uk Tel: (44-20) 78 82 80 98 Fax: (44-20) 78 82 81 01
9–10 December 2010 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities course WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
13–14 December 2010 Lille (FR)	French	Seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet <i>[Please note that this seminar is now fully booked]</i>	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
14–15 December 2010 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
27 January 2011 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar Speaker: Ms. Monika Huppertz	Monika Huppertz Seminars & Trainings (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-202) 97 47 93 22 Fax: (49-202) 7 99 06 00 E-mail: info@monika-huppertz.de Internet: www.monika-huppertz.de
2 February 2011 Ecully (FR)	French	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
17–18 February 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
21–22 March 2011 New York (NY) (US)	English	PCT Comprehensive Seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed Other speaker: Mr. Helfgott (Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP, New York)	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 March 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Annual PCT conference WIPO speaker: to be announced	Monika Huppertz Seminars & Trainings (See Dusseldorf, above)
24 March 2011 Copenhagen (DK)	English	Annual PCT conference WIPO speaker: to be announced	Monika Huppertz Seminars & Trainings (see Dusseldorf, above)
5–6 April 2011 Lille (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued] (situation on 8 December 2010)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
7–8 April 2011 London (UK)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
7–8 April 2011 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and second speaker to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
9-10 May 2011 San Diego (La Jolla), CA (US)	English	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: to be announced	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
11-12 May 2011 Orange County, CA (US)	English	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: to be announced	PCT Learning Center (see San Diego (La Jolla), above)
24 May 2011 Brussels (BE)	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the “Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets” WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d’études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu
31 May 2011 Paris (FR)	French	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l’Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33–1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33–1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
7 June 2011 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	PCT advanced course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Monika Huppertz Seminars & Trainings (see Dusseldorf, above)
5–6 October 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Monika Huppertz Seminars & Trainings (see Dusseldorf, above)
14 October 2011 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 10th 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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 December 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
		BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone		
		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
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLN	Polish zloty	ZAR	South African rand
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	RON	New leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GEL	Georgian lari	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 December 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) 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 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,370 (from 1.1.11: 1,414)	15 (16)	103 (106)	206 (213)	309 (319)	AU KR
AZ	AZN	55,000	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (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 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 December 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

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							Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,278 (from 1.1.11: 1,398)	14 (16)	96 (105)	192 (210)	288 (315)	CA	
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	350	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	eq USD ¹⁰ 14 (15)	eq USD ¹⁰ 96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES KR 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	1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	eq USD 14 (15)	eq USD 96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	AT, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES RU	
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
DE	EUR	90	EUR	950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP	
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	7,060 (from 1.1.11: 7,450)	80 (80)	530 (560)	1,060 (1,120)	1,590 (1,680)	EP SE XN	
DM	Information not yet available									
DO	USD	275	USD	1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES US	
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP	
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,277 (from 1.01.10: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
EE	EEK	1,800 (from 1.1.11: EUR 115.04)	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
EG	USD	142	USD	1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US	
EP	EUR	115	EUR	950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	– (–)	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP	
ES	EUR	71.35	EUR	950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP ES	
FI	EUR	135	EUR	950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	– (–)	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR	60	EUR	950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP	
GB	GBP	75	GBP	794 (from 1.1.11: 864)	9 (10)	– (–)	119 (130)	179 (195)	EP	
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	GEL ¹¹	10	USD	1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR	950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR EP ES US	
HN	USD	200	USD	1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP	

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

(amounts on 1 December 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

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				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
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 71	or EUR 950	11	71	143	214	
	(from 1.1.11: 75)	(from 1.1.11: 999)	(11)	(75)	(150)	(225)	
	or USD ¹³ 96	or USD 1,277	14	96	192	288	
	(from 1.1.11: 103)	(from 1.1.11: 1,367)	(15)	(103)	(206)	(308)	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP
		(from 1.1.11: 999)	(11)	(75)	(–)	(–)	
IL	ILS 534	USD 1,277	14	96	–	–	EP US
		(from 1.1.11: 1,367)	(15)	(103)	(–)	(–)	
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,277	14	96	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
		(from 1.1.11: 1,367)	(15)	(103)	(–)	(–)	
IS	ISK 7,700	ISK 151,800	1,700	11,400	22,800	34,200	EP SE XN
		(from 1.1.11: 153,800)	(1,700)	(11,600)	(23,100)	(34,700)	
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 950	11	–	–	–	EP
		(from 1.1.11: 999)	(11)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 104,900	1,200	7,900	–	23,700	EP JP
		(from 1.1.11: 114,000)	(1,300)	(8,600)	(–)	(25,700)	
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,277	14	96	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
		(from 1.1.11: 1,367)	(15)	(103)	(–)	(–)	
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,277	14	96	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.1.11: 1,367)	(15)	(103)	(–)	(–)	
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
		(from 1.1.11: 1,535,000)	(17,000)	(115,000)	(–)	(346,000)	
KZ	KZT 7,360 ¹⁶	USD 1,277	14	96	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.1.11: 1,367)	(15)	(103)	(–)	(–)	
LR	USD 45	USD 1,277	14	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
		(from 1.1.11: 1,367)	(15)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
LS	LSL ⁹ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.1.11: 999)	(11)	(75)	(–)	(–)	
LU	EUR 19	EUR 950	11	–	–	–	EP
		(from 1.1.11: 999)	(11)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
LV	LVL 48.40	EUR 950	11	71	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.1.11: 999)	(11)	(75)	(–)	(–)	
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 950	11	–	–	–	EP
		(from 1.1.11: 999)	(11)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,277	14	96	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.1.11: 1,367)	(15)	(103)	(–)	(–)	
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 950	11	71	–	–	EP
		(from 1.1.11: 999)	(11)	(75)	(–)	(–)	
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 181,900	2,100	13,700	–	–	EP
		(from 1.1.11: 210,800)	(2,400)	(15,800)	(–)	(–)	
MX	MXN eq USD 323.70 ¹⁸	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US

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

(amounts on 1 December 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	
MY	MYR	375 ¹⁹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP
NO	NOK	550	NOK 7,580 (from 1.1.11: 8,030)	90 (90)	570 (600)	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ²⁰	NZD 1,802 (from 1.1.11: 1,844)	20 (21)	135 (139)	–	–	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 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	eq USD 14 (15)	eq USD 96 (103)	–	–	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK	250	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	192 (206)	288 (308)	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 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	–	–	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 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK 8,840 (from 1.1.11: 9,250)	100 (100)	660 (700)	1,330 (1,390)	1,990 (2,090)	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD 1,737 (from 1.1.11: 1,797)	20 (20)	131 (135)	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	71 (75)	143 (150)	214 (225)	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR 950 (from 1.1.11: 999)	11 (11)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SV	USD	200	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	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 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹	–	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²¹	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD	240	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	192 (206)	–	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	96 (103)	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF 1,330	Eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR 8,990 (from 1.1.11: 9,570)	100 (110)	680 (720)	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,277 (from 1.1.11: 1,367)	Eq USD 14 (15)	eq USD 96 (103)	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 December 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²²	EUR 1,700 (from 1.1.11:	CHF 2,381 CHF 2,263	KRW 2,601,000 KRW 2,613,000	SGD 3,160 SGD 3,060	USD 2,094 USD 2,326	ZAR 15,730 ZAR 16,280		
AU	AUD 1,900 USD 1,605 (from 1.1.11: USD 1,837	CHF 1,730 ZAR 12,300 CHF 1,787 ZAR 12,860)	EUR 1,311 EUR 1,343	KRW 1,970,000 KRW 2,063,000	NZD 2,334 NZD 2,478	SGD 2,240 SGD 2,410		
BR ²³	BRL 1,900 (from 1.1.11:	CHF 1,192 CHF 1,092	EUR 869 EUR 820	USD 1,052 USD 1,122)				
CA	CAD 1,600 (from 1.1.11:	CHF 1,666 CHF 1,522	EUR 1,210 EUR 1,143	USD 1,498 USD 1,564)				
CN	CNY 2,100 (from 1.1.11:	CHF 351 CHF 305	EUR 249 EUR 229	USD 307 USD 314)				
EP ²⁴	EUR 1,785 MWK 359,000 ZAR 16,600 (from 1.1.11: MWK 377,000 ZAR 17,090)	CHF 2,375 NOK 14,590 CHF 2,376 NOK 14,350	DKK 13,290 NZD 3,305 DKK 13,310 NZD 3,295	GBP 1,557 SEK 16,830 GBP 1,543 SEK 16,530	ISK 278,000 SGD 3,070 ISK 275,000 SGD 3,210	JPY 195,800 USD 2,185 JPY 203,700 USD 2,443		
ES ²⁴	EUR 1,785 (from 1.1.11:	CHF 2,375 CHF 2,376	USD 2,185 USD 2,443)					
FI	EUR 1,785 (from 1.1.11:	CHF 2,375 CHF 2,376	USD 2,185 USD 2,443)					
JP	JPY 97,000 (from 1.1.11:	CHF 1,230 CHF 1,132	EUR 878 EUR 850	KRW 1,295,000 KRW 1,306,000	USD 1,065 USD 1,163)			
KR	For searches carried out in English: KRW 1,300,000 AUD 1,192 CHF 1,262 EUR 834 NZD 1,464 SGD 1,530 USD 1,092 (from 1.1.11: AUD 1,197 CHF 1,126 EUR 846 NZD 1,562 SGD 1,520 USD 1,157) For searches carried out in Korean: KRW 450,000 AUD 428 CHF 437 EUR 290 NZD 517 SGD 530 USD 373 (from 1.1.11: AUD 414 CHF 390 EUR 293 NZD 541 SGD 530 USD 401)							
RU	RUB 13,500 (from 1.1.11:	CHF 459 CHF 431	EUR 344 EUR 324	USD 449 USD 443)				
SE	SEK 16,830 USD 2,185 (from 1.1.11: NOK 14,350	CHF 2,375 SEK 16,530 USD 2,443)	DKK 13,290 CHF 2,376	EUR 1,785 DKK 13,310	ISK 278,000 EUR 1,785	NOK 14,590 ISK 275,000		
US	USD 2,080 (from 1.1.11:	CHF 2,166 CHF 2,023	EUR 1,629 EUR 1,520	NZD 2,880 NZD 2,810	ZAR 15,350 ZAR 14,550)			
XN	DKK 13,290 (from 1.1.11: USD 2,443)	CHF 2,375 DKK 13,310	EUR 1,785 CHF 2,376	ISK 278,000 EUR 1,785	NOK 14,590 ISK 275,000	USD 2,185 NOK 14,350		

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 December 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: (from 1.1.11: CHF 1,190 CHF 1,132) – for a search of the European and North American documentation: (from 1.1.11: CHF 1,667 CHF 1,584) – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: (from 1.1.11: CHF 2,381 CHF 2,263)	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,375 (from 1.1.11: CHF 2,376)	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,375 (from 1.1.11: CHF 2,376)	CHF 200
RU	Eq in CHF of RUB ²⁵ 9,450 (13,500) ²⁶	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,375 (from 1.1.11: CHF 2,376)	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,375 (from 1.1.11: CHF 2,376)	CHF 200

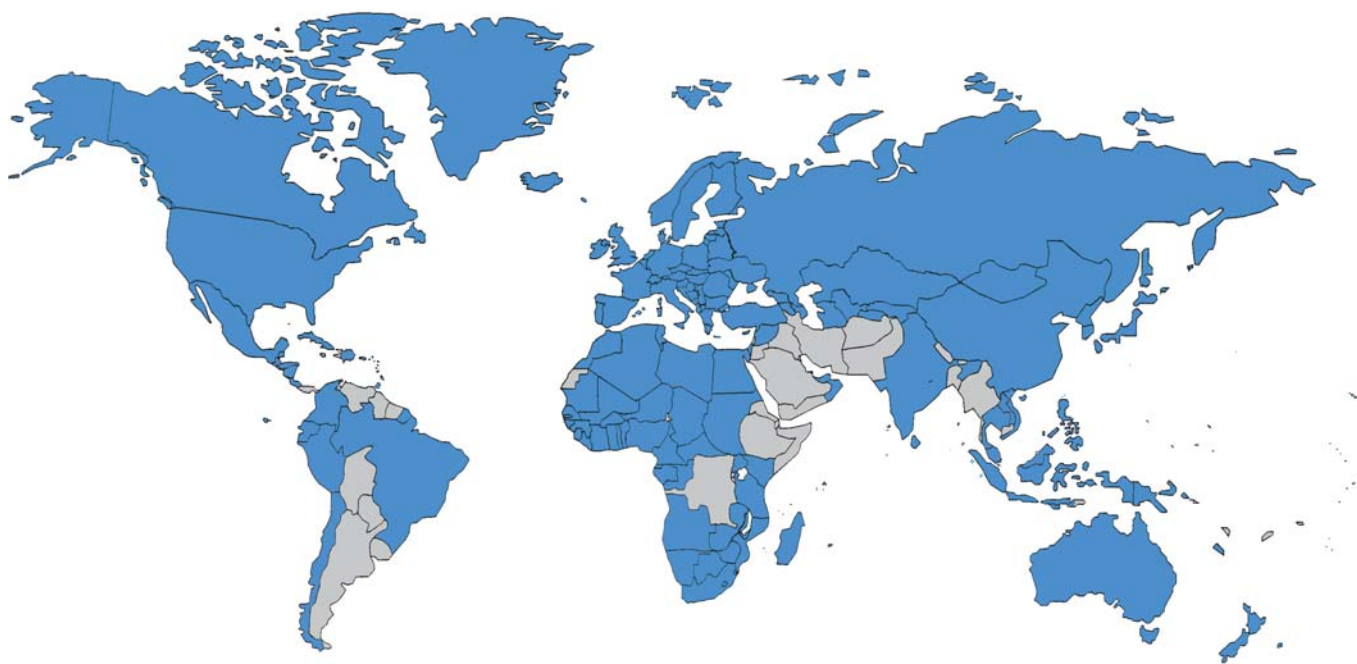
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 December 2010, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁷		Handling fee ^{2, 27} (CHF 200)	
AT ²²	EUR	1,675	EUR	132 (from 1.1.11: 150)
AU	AUD	550 780 ²⁸	AUD	224 (from 1.1.11: 213)
BR ²³	BRL	710	BRL	353 (from 1.1.11: 348)
CA	CAD	800	CAD	185 (from 1.1.11: 210)
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁴	EUR	1,760	EUR	132 (from 1.1.11: 150)
ES	EUR	560.88 (from 1.1.11: 566.49)	EUR	132 (from 1.1.11: 150)
FI	EUR	600	EUR	132 (from 1.1.11: 150)
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	17,800 (from 1.1.11: 17,100)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	206,000 (from 1.1.11: 231,000)
RU	RUB	5,400 ²⁹ 8,100 ³⁰	USD	192 (from 1.1.11: 206)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,330 (from 1.1.11: 1,390)
US	USD	600 750 ³¹	USD	192 (from 1.1.11: 206)
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	980 (from 1.1.11: 1,120)

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 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 19 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 20 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
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- 22 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).
- 23 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.
- 24 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>
- 25 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 26 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 27 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 28 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 29 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 30 In all cases where footnote 29 does not apply.
- 31 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (142 on 1 December 2010)



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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)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ³	SM San Marino (EP) ⁶
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MT Malta (EP) ³	SN Senegal (OA) ³
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
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CM Cameroon (OA) ³	HR Croatia (EP)		SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)		SE Sweden (EP)	
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
	IE Ireland (EP) ³			

1 Only international applications filed on or after 1 May 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

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