

PCT NEWSLETTER

New PCT Contracting State

Qatar (country code: QA)

On 3 May 2011, Qatar deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 3 August 2011, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 3 August 2011 will automatically include the designation of Qatar.

Also, because Qatar will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 3 August 2011. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Qatar will be entitled, as from 3 August 2011, to file international applications under the PCT.

Note that Qatar has, like a number of other States, made a declaration that, pursuant to PCT Article 64(5), it does not consider itself bound by PCT Article 59 (relating to the bringing before the International Court of Justice of disputes between two or more Contracting States concerning the interpretation or application of the Patent Cooperation Treaty or Regulations).

Budapest Treaty

Accession by Morocco

On 20 April 2011, Morocco 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 74. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Morocco on 20 July 2011.

Information about the Budapest Treaty

A document containing a summary of the Budapest Treaty and Regulations, as well as an explanation of the main advantages of the Treaty (WO/INF/12 Rev.18), has recently been updated and is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12_e.pdf

ePCT – Launch of Initial Pilot Phase in Production

Following the launch in January 2011 of a pilot version of the new ePCT system containing test data only (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2011), the International Bureau (IB) is pleased to announce that the ePCT pilot system was launched with live production data on 2 May 2011. This initial production version of the system is still a closed pilot exercise in cooperation with a restricted group of users who file international applications electronically at the IB as receiving Office (RO/IB). Congratulations to Béatrice Orès (Cabinet Orès, Paris, France) who was the very first PCT user to register in the new ePCT system and access an unpublished international application securely online. This was an important milestone in the history of the PCT.

The timing of wider participation in the system will be strongly dependent on the feedback from the pilot users in the coming weeks and months, and there will be opportunities for other PCT users to participate in later pilot phases as the project progresses. This pilot phase offers pre-publication online secure file inspection for international applications filed electronically with the RO/IB as of 1 January 2009, using the PCT-SAFE software and a WIPO digital certificate. As the pilot progresses, participation will gradually be extended to applications filed with other PCT receiving Offices using other types of electronic filing software. Ultimately, when sufficient experience has been gained with electronic filings, the system will be extended to include international applications filed on paper or filed electronically on physical media without the use of digital certificates.

The IB will publish regular updates on the progress of the ePCT project in subsequent issues of the *PCT Newsletter*.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Austrian Patent Office to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

On 11 April 2011, the Austrian 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 June 2011. The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published on 19 May 2011 in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* at:

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

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

HU Hungary (PCT Rules 20.8(a), 20.8(b), 26*bis*.3(j), 49*ter*.1(g), 49*ter*.2(h), 51*bis*.2(c) and 51*bis*.3(c))

The Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) in its capacity as receiving Office, and where applicable, designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn, with effect from 21 December 2010, its notifications of incompatibility under the following PCT Rules with its national law:

- PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(j) — restoration of right of priority by receiving Office
- PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(g) — effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office
- PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(h) — restoration of right of priority by designated Office

and it has withdrawn, with effect from 28 February 2011, its notifications of incompatibility under the following PCT Rules with its national law:

- PCT Rule 20.8(a) and (b) — incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements
- PCT Rule 51*bis*.2(c) — certain circumstances in which documents or evidence may not be required

- PCT Rule 51*bis*.3(c) — opportunity to comply with national requirements

The following PCT Rules therefore apply to the Office with effect from 21 December 2010: 26*bis*.3(a) to (i), 49*ter*.1(a) to (d) and 49*ter*.2(a) to (g), and the following PCT Rules apply with effect from 28 February 2011: 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), 20.6, 51*bis*.2(a)(ii) and 51*bis*.3(a).

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

WIPO Digital Access Service: Finland Commences Services

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (NBPR) has notified the International Bureau that on 15 April 2011, it started offering services as both a depositing Office and accessing Office under the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS).

As a depositing Office, applicants filing a Finnish national patent application or an international application at the NBPR in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/FI) on or after that date may request the NBPR to make their application available to the service by sending a letter clearly stating the relevant application number and that the application should be made available to DAS. The applicant will then receive a code allowing him/her to set the Offices which are permitted access to the priority document, using the applicant portal at:

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

As an accessing Office, applicants with a Finnish national application, where the period for providing a priority document from another participating Office has not yet expired by that date and where that document is available through DAS, may request the NBPR to retrieve the document by sending a letter to that Office.

Applicants who would like the NBPR to retrieve a copy of the document should ensure that they have already gone to the applicant portal and added FI to the list of Offices permitted to access the document or else the retrieval attempt will fail.

Further information can be found at:

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/priority_documents/offices.html

as well as in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2010, page 1, and in the “practical advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2010, page 7, at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2010/pct_news_2010_03.pdf and

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2010/pct_news_2010_12.pdf

PCT Statistics

PCT Yearly Review (2010)

“The International Patent System – PCT Yearly Review: Developments and Performance in 2010” reviews PCT activities and developments in 2010 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, entitled “The Changing Geography of the PCT System”, which discusses how the shift in the world economy has shaped the geography of the PCT system. It is now available in English, in PDF format, at:

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

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 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

PCT Information Update

EG Egypt (time limit for entry into national phase; fees)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2010 concerning the notification by the Egyptian Patent Office of the possibility of extending the 30-month time limit under PCT Articles 22 and 39(1) for entry into the national phase by three months, subject to the payment of a late filing fee, that Office has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn its notification of extension. The 30-month time limit for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22 and 39(1) may therefore not be extended.

There has been a change in the amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office:

Examination fee:.....	EGP	7,000
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Note that students are exempt from paying this fee.

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

HU Hungary (criterion applicable for requests for restoration of the right of priority)

The Hungarian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected Office) has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 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. Also, the Office does not charge a fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (HU) and National Chapter, Summary (HU), and the table of “Restoration of the right of priority”)

IS Iceland (fees)

There has been a change, with effect from 1 April 2011, in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	ISK	15,000
Fee for priority document:.....	ISK	4,000

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

TR Turkey (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 Office, in its capacity 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 (TR))

Search fee (Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 August 2011, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and in CHF for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

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

PCT Update Webinars

WIPO will broadcast a series of PCT update webinars (live presentations via the Internet) over the next few weeks in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. The first one will be in English and will take place on Monday, 30 May 2011, from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time. Details about all the upcoming PCT webinars are published in the PCT Seminar Calendar in this issue, and will be available shortly at:

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

It is recalled that there is no charge for PCT webinars, and that registration is simple.

The registration link for the webinar in English is as follows:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/870629010>

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en>)**Portuguese version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations**

The Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2011, are now available in Portuguese, in PDF format, at, respectively:

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/pdf/pct_reg2011.pdf

PCT Time Limit Calculator

The PCT Time Limit Calculator, a web-based resource for computing essential PCT time limits, is now available in Arabic, in addition to English, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, at:

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

Documents for the PCT Working Group

Documents which have so far been published for discussion at the next session of the PCT Working Group, which will take place from 6 to 10 June 2011, are available on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=22683

PATENTSCOPE Search Service

National patent collections

The PATENTSCOPE search service now includes the national patent collection of the Dominican Republic. This brings to 25 the number of national or regional Offices whose data are available in the PATENTSCOPE search service at:

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

It is recalled that, by accessing the above-mentioned page, you will be able to carry out searches in nearly 7.8 million patent documents, including nearly 1.9 million published PCT applications. Detailed information about data coverage for each Office can also be found at the above-mentioned web page in the “Help” menu.

CLIR: Searching by keyword in descriptions and claims written in Chinese, Korean, Russian and Portuguese

Chinese, Korean, Portuguese and Russian have recently been added to WIPO’s Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval (CLIR) facility, which is already available in English, French, German, Japanese and Spanish, at:

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

It is recalled that 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>). By using this tool, search queries in one language are translated into several other languages by special software developed by WIPO. Note, however, that the use of Korean, Russian and Portuguese is, for the moment, in a test phase.

A user guide on CLIR is available at:

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

and information on the provision of feedback about CLIR is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/pctdb/2011/news_0005.html

Practical Advice

Actions which can be taken to maximize the chances of an international application being processed without delay during the international phase

Q: I am acting as agent on behalf of an inventor who wishes to be granted a patent as quickly as possible in a large number of countries. Filing a PCT application would therefore be more advantageous than filing separately in each country under the Paris Convention. In order to accelerate the granting of the patent, I plan on making use of the PCT-PPH upon entry into the national phase. Is there anything I can do to accelerate obtaining an international search report and written opinion to make use of them for PCT-PPH purposes?

A: In general, there is no provision under the PCT to enable accelerated processing during the international phase, whether before the International Bureau (IB), the receiving Office (RO), the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) (subject to a few exceptions which will be discussed below) given that the time limits under the PCT are too tight for that to be feasible. There are, however, a number of actions that you can take to maximize the chances of your application being searched without delay, increasing the likelihood of you entering the national phase as soon as possible with a written opinion on which you may be able to base a PPH (Patent Prosecution Highway) request for fast-track examination. It should be noted that these are good business practice indications only, and cannot guarantee quicker processing.

Filing strategies that will favor accelerated processing in the international phase

(1) If you have not filed an earlier national application, start with a PCT application

You do not say whether you already filed a national application, but in the case where there is no earlier application and it is your intention to file an international application under the PCT, you could start with an international application rather than a regular national application. Using the PCT in this manner will allow you to obtain the international search report (ISR) and written opinion as early as possible. This is because, according to PCT Rules 42 and 43bis, the ISR and written opinion should be established nine months from the priority date or three months from the receipt of the international application by the ISA (that is the search copy), whichever is the latest. For example, if you were to file your first application under the PCT on 1 June 2011, the ISR and written opinion would be due on 1 March 2012. If you were to file a national application on 1 June 2011, and then filed your international application, say, ten months later, on 1 April 2012, the ISR and written opinion would only be due on 1 July 2012 at the earliest.

(2) Choice of RO and ISA

Requesting accelerated processing in the national phase under the PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) program can only be done once a (positive) written opinion has been issued. Since no international application can be searched until the ISA has received a copy of the international application from the receiving Office (the “search copy”), you could reduce the possibility of delays in the transmission to the ISA of the search copy by the receiving Office by filing your international application with a receiving Office which also acts as an ISA.

If your choice of receiving Office(s) does not include one that also acts as an ISA, you could choose a receiving Office which has a good record for transmitting the search copy to the ISA quickly. Statistics on the timeliness of selected receiving Offices to transmit copies of the international application to the IB (and thus presumably also to the ISA) are available on pages

8 to 9 of the document entitled “The International Patent System: Performance Indicators” (see table entitled: “Timeliness of Receiving Offices (RO) to transmit copies of PCT application to the International Bureau: Selected Receiving Offices”) on the WIPO website at:

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

It should be noted here that although the International Bureau as RO (RO/IB) is among the quickest to transmit the search copy where there are no problems with the international application (shown by the very steep initial rise of the curve), they do, however, receive a significant number of problem cases which can take a long time to resolve, including some very late transfers from non-competent ROs under PCT Rule 19.4 (shown by the very long tail end of the curve).

If you have a choice of more than one ISA (your choice of ISA is, in accordance with PCT Rule 35, determined by the receiving Office with which you file the international application), you could choose an ISA which has a tendency to deliver the ISR more rapidly, and thereby increase your chances of receiving an ISR and written opinion earlier (the written opinion is normally established at the same time as the ISR). The timeliness statistics which are available in the above-mentioned document may be helpful for determining this; see the table on pages 16 to 21 entitled “Timeliness of International Searching Authorities (ISAs) to transmit International Search Reports (ISRs) to the International Bureau”. Note, however, that such statistics may be biased by any delays which may occur at the various receiving Offices from which the ISAs receive the search copies with which they work, and also, the time that it takes for an ISA to establish a written opinion might depend on the technical field of the invention.

(3) Formality requirements

In order to minimize delays in processing, you should, before filing, ensure that the international application meets all the necessary requirements under PCT Article 11, and you should check the application carefully to ensure that it does not contain any defects under PCT Article 14, to avoid loss of time through correction. If you file the international application electronically, you will be able to benefit from e-filing software validations that will possibly prevent some formality errors. Moreover, if you e-file the international application with RO/IB, the step of scanning the international application is bypassed, which could potentially speed up RO processing. Where you are notified that the international application needs to be corrected before the receiving Office (whether filed electronically or on paper), you should respond quickly, sending documents by fax rather than post, or, in the case of filings with the RO/IB, take advantage of the PCT Online Document Upload service (<https://webaccess.wipo.int/pctservice/en/>). Using Online Document Upload further reduces the processing time as the IB can omit the scanning step and automatically route the document in question to the correct person.

If the international application contains sequence listings, it is preferable for them to be filed as a text file as part of the electronically-filed international application – in addition to being cheaper to file them in this way (see Section 707(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT), it eliminates the risk that there will be problems relating to a second copy needed for the purposes of international search.

Ensure that you file the international application in a language that is accepted by the ISA (as well as the RO), or else supply the required translation at the time of filing – if the international application is not in a language accepted by the ISA, the ISA will not be able to start the international search until it has received the necessary translation (for further information on the language of the international application, see PCT Rule 12).

(4) *Unity of invention*

To avoid delays in the carrying out of the international search (and, where applicable, the preliminary examination), ensure that your application does not lack unity of invention (see PCT Rules 40 and 68). If it does lack unity of invention, this will lengthen the procedure as an invitation to pay additional fees will have to be issued and the applicant will have to pay the fees before further processing can take place.

(5) *Prompt payment of fees*

You should pay the transmittal fee, international filing fee and search fee at the time of filing and make sure that you have paid the currently applicable amounts. Note, in particular, that the search copy will only be sent to the ISA once the search fee has been paid (PCT Rule 23.1(a)). Take special care with fees that you will be paying in currencies in which the fees were not established, as fluctuations in exchange rates result in fairly frequent changes in the equivalent amounts of those fees. (For the latest fees, see the PCT Fee Tables in the *PCT Newsletter*, or contact the receiving Office directly.) If filing at RO/IB, payment by credit card (PCT E-payment) accelerates the fee payment process; as does payment by charging a deposit or current account, provided that there are sufficient funds in the account.

Specific actions for “accelerated processing” in the international phase

You may initiate some actions that permit certain aspects of the international phase to be processed more rapidly:

- If you intend to file a demand for international preliminary examination (which may be of particular interest to you if the written opinion of the ISA does not provide a positive report on a sufficient number of claims and you want to make use of the possibility of amending the claims under PCT Article 34), it is possible to make use of one form of acceleration – you can check item number 4 of Box No. IV of the demand (Form PCT/IPEA/401) (“The applicant expressly wishes the international preliminary examination to start earlier than at the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a)”). If you do not check this box, the IPEA may wait until 22 months from the priority date before starting work, and you will want to be in possession of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) before entry into the national phase.
- It is possible to request early publication of the international application under PCT Article 21(2)(b) and Rule 48.4. However, this will not affect the time at which the national processing can commence under PCT-PPH if the ISR and written opinion are not yet available. Note also that where the ISR is not available for publication at the same time as the international application, the request for early publication will be subject to a special publication fee, as indicated in the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B2 (IB).
- Once the ISR and written opinion have been issued, you could consider already entering the national phase by making an express request to the designated (or elected) Office(s) concerned for early national processing, provided that you have performed the acts prescribed in PCT Article 22 (or 39) (see PCT Article 23(2)). Note that normally, the IB transmits the written opinion to the designated Office (in the form of the “international preliminary report on patentability by the International Searching Authority” (IPRP Chapter I)) only after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (see PCT

Rule 44*bis*.2(a)). However, if you request early national processing under PCT Article 23(2), the IB will transmit the IPRP (Chapter I) promptly to the designated Office if requested to do so by either you or the designated Office (see PCT Rule 44*bis*.2(b)). (Please refer to PCT Rule 44*bis*.3 in the case where translations into English are required by the designated Office.)

For further information on PCT-PPH, see the “practical advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2011.

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 1 May 2011)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
9-10 May 2011 San Diego (La Jolla), CA (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT 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
11 May 2011 Hachioji, Tokyo (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.jauiptm.jp
11-12 May 2011 Orange County, CA (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (see San Diego (La Jolla), above)
12 May 2011 Waseda, Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	(See Hachioji, above)
16 May 2011 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	(See Hachioji, above)
17 May 2011 Shizuoka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	(See Hachioji, above)
18-19 May 2011 Stockholm (SE)	English	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Sim	IP Akademin (The Swedish IP Academy) (Mr. David Holm) E-mail: david.holm@ipakademin.se
19-20 May 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Fourné-Godbersen	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de Internet (for information and registration): www.forum-institut.de/veranstaltungen/gewerblicher-rechtsschutz/category/patentrecht
23 May 2011 Zurich (CH)	German	Training course on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pieter Spierenburg) Tel: (41-56) 485 94 94 Fax: (41-56) 485 94 95 E-mail: ceipi@patent-anwalt.ch
23-24 May 2011 Muscat (OM)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Trpkovska and Mr. Roy	Intellectual Property Department (IPD) Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Mrs. Fatima Al-Ghazali, Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman) Tel: (41-22) 758 96 64 Fax: (41-22) 758 13 59
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: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu

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30–31 May 2011 Bangkok (TH)	English	National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Aeri	Intellectual Property Promotion and Development Division, Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce (DIP) and WIPO (Mr. Thanit Ngansampantrit, International Cooperation Section 2 (Europe)) Tel: (66-2) 547 46 52 Fax: (66-2) 547 46 51
31 May 2011 Paris (FR)	French	Presentation on the PCT 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
1 June 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Seminar on the PCT for paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	European Patent Institute (EPI) (Ms. Martina Fromm) Tel: (49–89) 24 20 52 15 Fax: (49–89) 24 20 52 20 E-mail: info@patentepi.com
6–7 June 2011 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	PCT advanced course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	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
16 June 2011 Prein an der Rax (AT)	English	Training course on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	EPI/CEIPI HU-Seminar-Group (Mrs. Noémi Rosenich-Markó) E-mail: marko@rosenich.com
28 June 2011 Würzburg (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT in the framework of the "Patentforum Nordbayern" WIPO speaker: Ms. Giffo-Schmitt	Technologie- und Gründerzentrum Würzburg (Ms. Nadja Ludwig) Tel: (49–931) 419 43 50 Fax: (49–931) 419 42 05 E-mail: nadja.ludwig@wuerzburg.ihk.de
1 July 2011 Weimar (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Sächsischen Patentanwaltvereins e.V. (SPAV) (Patentanwaltkanzlei Dr. Steiniger) Tel: (49-371) 464 00 66 Fax: (49-371) 464 00 67 Email: office@steiniger-patent.de
28–29 September 2011 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs 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
29–30 September 2011 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com

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6 October 2011 Mannheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	AH Akademie für Fortbildung Heidelberg GmbH (Mr. Stephen Haas) Fax: (49-6221) 650 33 29 E-mail: s.haas@akademie-heidelberg.de
14 October 2011 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 10th 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
17–18 October 2011 Atlanta (GA) (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT 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
17–18 October 2011 Geneva (CH)	English	Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for patent administrators and paralegals on the procedural aspects of the international phase, and electronic filing and processing. Note that attendance is limited to 45 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: to be announced	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters. On-line registration and information: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/registration/form.jsp?meeting_id=23222
20–21 October 2011 Munich (DE) <i>[previously announced as 5-6 October]</i>	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Fourné-Godbensen	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
26–27 October 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Annual conference WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
7–8 December 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
8–9 December 2011 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities course WIPO speakers: 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
9 December 2011 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced 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

PCT Webinars			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars.html) (situation on 1 May 2011)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
30 May 2011 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time	English	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/870629010
14 June 2011 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time	French	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/604282451
15 June 2011 9.00 am to 10.00 am, central European time	Chinese	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Yu	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/706650210
15 June 2011 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time	Spanish	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Ms. Largo	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/806785818
21 June 2011 8.00 am to 09.00 am, central European time	Japanese	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/850271210
24 June 2011 9.00 am to 10.00 am, central European time	Korean	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Park	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/551736187
24 June 2011 3.00 pm to 04.00 pm, central European time	Arabic	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Abdulaziz	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/429545891
27 June 2011 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time	Portuguese	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Storni	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/558744603
29 June 2011 11.00 am to 12.00 noon, central European time	Russian	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Gavrikov	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/958063675
30 June 2011 3.00 pm to 04.00 pm, central European time	German	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/624982803

PCT Events Without WIPO Speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
21 July 2011 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	Basic PCT Seminar Speaker: Ms. Monika Huppertz	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 May 2011, 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	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CHF	Swiss franc	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KPW	KP won	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KRW	KR won	RON	New leu		
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
		GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 May 2011, 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	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR	999	11	75	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,414	16	106	213	319	AU KR
AZ	AZN	55,000	USD	1,367	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	999	11	75	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	999	11	75	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,367	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	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,367	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,398	16	105	210	315	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	1,367	eq USD ¹⁰ 15	eq USD ¹⁰ 103	–	–	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	1,367	eq USD 15	eq USD 103	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU

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

(amounts on 1 May 2011, 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	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,367	15	103	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	999	11	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	999	11	75	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	999	11	75	150	225	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	7,450	80	560	1,120	1,680	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR	115.04	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	115	EUR	999	11	–	150	225	EP
ES	EUR	72.06	EUR	999	11	75	150	225	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	999	11	–	150	225	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	999	11	75	150	225	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	864	10	–	130	195	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹¹	100	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,367	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	999	11	75	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP ES
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	75	or EUR	999	11	75	150	225	
	or USD ¹³	103	or USD	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	999	11	75	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	546	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	15,000	ISK	153,800 (from 1.6.11: 168,800)	1,700 (1,900)	11,600 (12,700)	23,100 (25,400)	34,700 (38,100)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	999	11	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	114,000	1,300	8,600	–	25,700	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,367	15	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	1,535,000	17,000	115,000	–	346,000	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR

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

(amounts on 1 May 2011, 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	
KZ	KZT 7,360 ¹⁶	USD 1,367	15	103	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,367	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ⁹ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 999	11	75	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 999	11	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL 48.80	EUR 999	11	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 999	11	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,367	15	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 999	11	75	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 210,800	2,400	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
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ¹⁹ 550 (paper filing) ¹⁹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,367	15	103	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 999	11	75	150	225	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 8,030	90	600	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²⁰	NZD 1,844	21	139	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,367	eq USD 15	eq USD 103	–	–	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,367	15	103	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,367	15	103	206	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 999	11	75	–	–	EP
RO	RON 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD 5,340 ²¹	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 600	USD 1,367	15	103	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,367	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,250	100	700	1,390	2,090	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,797	20	135	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 999	11	75	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66	EUR 999	11	75	150	225	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 999	11	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,367	15	103	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,367	15	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 1,367	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,367	15	103	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,367	15	103	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²² 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,367	15	103	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 1,367	15	103	206	–	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,367	15	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 9,570	110	720	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,367	15	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,367	Eq USD 15	eq USD 103	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 May 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²³	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,376	KRW	2,166,000	SGD	3,210	USD	2,443	ZAR	17,380
AU	AUD	1,900	CHF	1,787	EUR	1,461	KRW	2,063,000	NZD	2,478	SGD	2,410
	USD	1,837	ZAR	12,860								
BR ²⁴	BRL	1,900	CHF	1,092	EUR	820	USD	1,122				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,522	EUR	1,143	USD*	1,564				
	* (from 1.8.11:		USD	1,687)								
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	305	EUR	229	USD	314				
EP ²⁵	EUR	1,785	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	17,380										
ES ²⁵	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,376	USD	2,443						
FI	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,376	USD	2,443						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF*	1,132	EUR	850	KRW	1,306,000	USD	1,163		
	* (from 1.8.11:		CHF	1,034)								
KR	For searches carried out in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	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	414	CHF	390	EUR	293	NZD	541	SGD	530
	USD	401										
RU	RUB	13,500	CHF	431	EUR	324	USD*	443				
	* (from 1.6.11)		USD	477)								
SE	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	2,023	EUR	1,520	NZD	2,810	ZAR	14,550		
XN	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 May 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,132 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,584 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,263	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,376	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,376	CHF 200
RU	Eq in CHF of RUB ²⁶ 9,450 (13,500) ²⁷	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,376	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,376	CHF 200

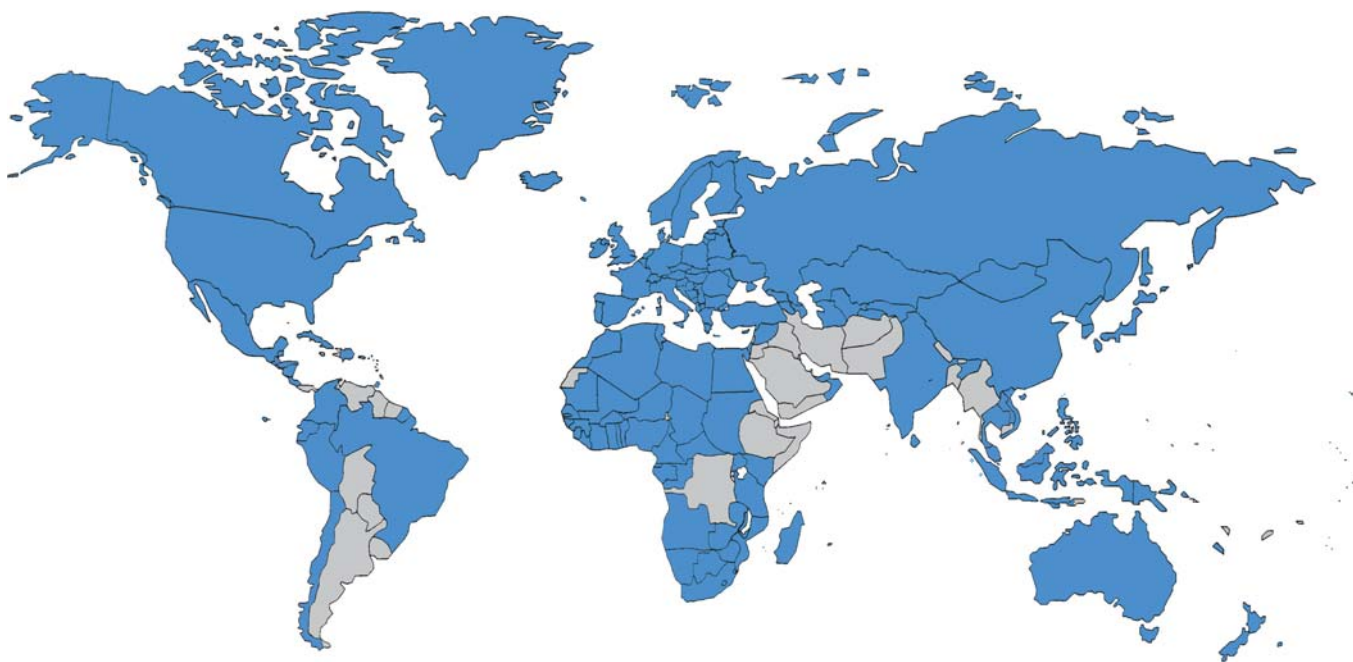
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 May 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁸		Handling fee ^{2, 28} (CHF 200)	
AT ²³	EUR	1,675	EUR	150
AU	AUD	550	780 ²⁹	AUD 213
BR ²⁴	BRL	710	BRL	348
CA	CAD	800	CAD	210
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁵	EUR	1,760	EUR	150
ES	EUR	566.49	EUR	150
FI	EUR	600	EUR	150
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	17,100
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	231,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁰	8,100 ³¹	USD 206
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,390
US	USD	600	750 ³²	USD 206
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	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 70% 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).
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