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## **New PCT Licensing Feature**

WIPO will launch a new PCT feature in January 2012 whereby applicants interested in licensing the inventions contained in their international applications can request the International Bureau (IB) to make this information available on its PATENTSCOPE website.

This new feature has been developed following a recommendation by the PCT Working Group in June 2010 to establish a system for promoting licensing, including the introduction of a register that encourages applicants to signal their willingness to license their patents (document PCT/WG/3/14 Rev., paragraph 129 (page 29)), and the subsequent noting of the development of this feature by the PCT Assembly in September 2010 (document PCT/A/41/4, paragraph 8).

Applicants who are interested in licensing their invention(s) will be able to submit new Form PCT/IB/382 “Request for indication of availability for licensing purposes”, which is available at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ib/editable/ed\\_ib382.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ib/editable/ed_ib382.pdf)

or send a letter indicating that the claimed invention(s) is (are) available for licensing. They will also be able to include, in the form or in the letter, further licensing terms. It will be possible to submit such licensing indications at any time from the filing of the international application until the expiration of the 30-month time period.

For international applications which have not yet been filed, applicants will be able to submit their Request for indication of availability for licensing purposes (hereinafter, “licensing availability request”) at the time of filing. When filing the application using PCT-SAFE, applicants should attach that request (using the form or letter) to their application as “Other” under “Accompanying items” and label it “Licensing availability request”. Note that this will not form part of the international application itself and should not be included in the page count of the application.

For international applications which have already been filed, applicants will have to wait until the IB has started processing the application, in order to ensure that it will be in a position to place the form or letter in the correct file. For filings with the IB as receiving Office, applicants will be able to submit their request as soon as they have received Form PCT/RO/105 (“Notification of the international application number and of the international filing date”); for PCT filings with other receiving Offices, applicants will have to wait until the IB has received the record copy (its copy of the international application) and informed the applicant of that receipt by way of Form PCT/IB/301 (“Notification of receipt of record copy”).

Applicants submitting their licensing availability request after filing will be able to submit their request via the PCT Online Document Upload Service (and in the near future, via ePCT); alternatively, their request may be submitted via surface mail or by fax to the IB (to the general number: (+41-22) 338 82 70, or to the specific fax number given at the bottom of any PCT forms that the applicant has received).

The licensing indications will be reflected in the bibliographic data relating to the particular application (under the “Bibliographic data” tab on PATENTSCOPE) but will not be part of the published international application itself. A link will be created between the licensing statement on the bibliographic data page and the content of Form PCT/IB/382 or the letter, allowing third parties to directly access its content; in addition, the licensing availability request will also be available under the “Documents” tab on PATENTSCOPE as a separate document. Furthermore, the existence of licensing indications will be added to the list of search criteria within PATENTSCOPE.

Note that this new feature will be available as from 1 January 2012, for any international application in respect of which the period of 30 months from the priority date has not expired.

## **Paris Convention**

### **Accession by Brunei Darussalam**

On 17 November 2011, Brunei Darussalam (country code: BN), deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Convention to 174. Brunei Darussalam will become bound by the Paris Convention on 17 February 2012.

## **Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications**

### **Norwegian Industrial Property Office to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form**

The Norwegian Industrial Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has 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 2 January 2012. The electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, which come into effect on 2 January 2012, are included in Fee Table I(a). Note that the Office will no longer accept the filing of PCT applications using the PCT-EASY mode of the PCT-SAFE software for international applications filed on or after 2 February 2012.

The notification containing the Office’s requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published on 15 December 2011 in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official\\_notices/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (NO))

## **PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots**

### **Icelandic Patent Office and Japan Patent Office; Icelandic Patent Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office**

On 1 December 2011, the Icelandic Patent Office began PCT-PPH pilot programs with the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Under these pilots, faster examination in the national phase in Iceland is available for a PCT application receiving a positive written opinion of either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP (Chapter II)) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable), issued within the framework of the PCT by, respectively, the JPO or the USPTO in their capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the PCT-PPH pilot between the Icelandic Patent Office and the JPO, and between the Icelandic Patent Office and the USPTO, is available at:

<http://www.els.is/media/2010/PCT-PPH-Guidelines----Iceland-and-Japan.pdf>

[http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi\\_e/t\\_torikumi\\_e/japan\\_iceland\\_highway\\_e.htm](http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi_e/t_torikumi_e/japan_iceland_highway_e.htm)

<http://www.els.is/media/2010/PCT-PPH-Guidelines----Iceland-and-United-States-of-America.pdf>

### **Norwegian Industrial Property Office and Japan Patent Office**

On 1 December 2011, a new PCT-PPH pilot program began between the Norwegian Industrial Property Office (NIPO) and the JPO. Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in Norway is available for a PCT application receiving a positive written opinion of either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive IPRP (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable), issued within the framework of the PCT by the JPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the PCT-PPH pilot between NIPO and the JPO has been published at:

(in Norwegian, but will be available in English shortly):

<http://www.patentstyret.no/en/Patents/international-patenting/Patent-Prosecution-Highway/>

and

[http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi\\_e/t\\_torikumi\\_e/japan\\_norway\\_highway\\_e.htm](http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi_e/t_torikumi_e/japan_norway_highway_e.htm)

### **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2011 about the signing, by the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the USPTO, of a Joint Statement of Intent to launch two new PPH pilot programs on 1 December 2011, those Offices have confirmed that the said pilot started on that date. The pilot programs apply to qualifying patent applications filed under both the Paris Convention and the PCT. Under the PCT-PPH pilot, faster examination in the national phase in China and/or the United States of America is available for a PCT application receiving a positive written opinion of either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive IPRP (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as

patentable), issued within the framework of the PCT by the other participating Office in its capacity as ISA/IPEA. For further information, see:

[http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init\\_events/pph/pct\\_pph\\_cn.jsp](http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/pct_pph_cn.jsp)

and (in Chinese):

[http://www.sipo.gov.cn/yw/2011/2011111/t20111130\\_633855.html](http://www.sipo.gov.cn/yw/2011/2011111/t20111130_633855.html)

and for general information on PPH pilots at SIPO:

<http://www.sipo.gov.cn/ztzl/ywzt/pph/>

### **Extension of the Trilateral PCT-PPH pilot**

The Trilateral PCT-PPH pilot, which fast-tracks patent examination procedures for PCT applications in the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO), and in the national phase before the JPO or the USPTO, that have received a positive written opinion of either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive IPRP (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable) from the other participating Offices in their capacities as ISAs/IPEAs, will be extended for a further two years, until the end of January 2014. Updated requirements enhancing the user-friendliness and efficiency of the Trilateral PPH pilot program will soon be made available via the websites of the Trilateral Offices.

For further information, see the EPO's press release at:

<http://www.epo.org/news-issues/press/releases/archive/2011/20111110.html>

### **Launch of the Common Citation Document Tool**

The Trilateral Offices (the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)) have agreed, during the Annual Trilateral Conference which was held in November 2011, to launch a new tool that will make it easier to access results from patent searches carried out by multiple offices for the same invention – the so-called Common Citation Document (CCD).

Anyone using the CCD tool will be able to search for and view, on a single screen, the prior art cited by these three patent offices for the patent family members. It is designed to boost the efficiency of the Offices, and is also expected to save considerable time and effort for anyone using patents as a source of information, such as inventors and patent analysts.

The CCD tool includes citation data from all three Trilateral Offices, and has also been extended to include other patent Offices. It is expected that the CCD will be elaborated and updated further to improve its usefulness.

The CCD application uses the EPO's global patent database family system and is hosted by the EPO. It can be accessed on the Trilateral website at:

[www.trilateral.net/ccd](http://www.trilateral.net/ccd)

For further information, see the EPO's press release at:

<http://www.epo.org/news-issues/press/releases/archive/2011/20111110.html>

## PCT Information Update

### DK Denmark (provisional protection after international publication)

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

After the furnishing of a translation into Danish or, if the international application was filed in Danish, of a copy of the international application as filed, or if the international application is filed in English or translated into English when the claims have been filed in Danish, the applicant is given provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. See Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patents Act.

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

### IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 January 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in EUR and USD of the following fees, payable to the International Bureau (IB) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	82
or .....	USD	109
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	41
or .....	USD	55
Supplement for airmail: .....	EUR	8
or .....	USD	11

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

### IE Ireland (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; restoration of the right of priority: criteria applicable)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Patents Office (Ireland) has notified the IB that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical medium: CD-ROM.

The Office has also notified the IB under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i) that, in respect of requests for the restoration of the right of priority, it applies both the "unintentional" and the "due care" criteria.

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

### IL Israel (number of copies required; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; fees)

The Israel Patent Office has changed its requirement concerning the number of copies of the international application to be filed with it as receiving Office: it now requires one copy, instead of three.

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Office has also notified the IB that it no longer accepts 3.5 inch diskettes and that it now accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R and DVD-R.

As from 1 January 2012, there will be a change in the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Office as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	ILS	561
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There will also be a change in the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, with effect from the same date:

Filing fee:.....	ILS	1,075
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IL) and National Phase, Summary (IL))

### IT Italy (fees) (*corrigendum*)

Reference is made to the change in the amount of the fee for the priority document payable to the Italian Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, which was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2011, on page 7. Please note that the additional fees that are required in the case of a patent application (EUR 7) or a utility model application (EUR 5) are not payable in fee stamps; they are payable to the Office's postal account.

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

### MA Morocco (fees)

The Industrial and Commercial Property Office of Morocco has established a transmittal fee payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:.....	MAD	600 <sup>1</sup>
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (MA))

### MD Republic of Moldova (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; restoration of the right of priority: criteria applicable and fees; required contents of translation)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) has notified the IB that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD and 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 both the "unintentional" and the "due care" criteria, and that the fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and as designated Office, is EUR 100.

<sup>1</sup> This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)).

There has been a change in the requirements of the Office concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase before it as designated and elected Office under PCT Articles 22 and 39(1), as follows:

Under PCT Article 22:

Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1):

Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

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

### **NO Norway (provisional protection; deposits of microorganisms and other biological material)**

Provisions have been introduced concerning provisional protection in Norway after international publication, where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, as follows:

Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Norwegian of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (Norwegian Patents Act Section 66g).

There has been a change to the text concerning the requirements of the Norwegian Industrial Property Office with regard to the making of deposits of microorganisms and other biological material. The text now reads as follows:

The applicant may request that, as from the time when the application has been laid open to public inspection by the Norwegian Patent Office until a patent has been granted, the application has been finally decided upon without a patent having been granted, or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The request to this effect shall be filed by the applicant with the Norwegian Patent Office not later than at the time when the application is made available to the public under Section 33(3) of the Norwegian Patents Act. If such a request has been filed by the applicant, any request made by a third party for the furnishing of a sample shall indicate the expert to be used. That expert may be a person entered on a list of recognized experts drawn up by the Norwegian Patent Office or any person approved by the applicant in the individual case.

Please see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications" for information about the newly established electronic filing fee reductions.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (NO) and Annex L)

**PL Poland (fees)**

There has been a change in the fee for restoration of the right of priority payable to the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: .....	PLZ	80
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The amount of the following national fee has also changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent or utility model:

– where an international preliminary examination has been carried out: .....	[No change]	
– where no international preliminary examination has been carried out: .....	PLZ	550
– additional fee for each sheet in excess of 20: .....	[No change]	

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

**PT Portugal (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 National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R and DVD-R.

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

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	20.28
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	40.56
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:		
– where the request is filed online:.....	EUR	152.10
– where the request is filed on paper: .....	EUR	304.20

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

	<i>Online</i>	<i>On paper</i>
For patent:		
Filing fee (includes publication and examination):.....	EUR 101.40	EUR 202.80
For utility model:		
Filing fee (includes publication):.....	EUR 101.40	EUR 202.80
Examination fee (whenever examination is requested):..	EUR 76.05	EUR 152.10

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



## RS Serbia (fees)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2011, the amount of the following national fee, payable to the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) as designated (or elected) Office, has changed with effect from 1 October 2011 (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:

Reduced examination fee for international applications<sup>2</sup>: RSD 6,100

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

## ZA South Africa (name of Office; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name and e-mail and Internet addresses of the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (South Africa)

E-mail: ezdravkova@cipc.co.za

Internet: www.cipc.co.za

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

## PCT-SAFE Update

### New version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software, dated 1 January 2012, is due to be released in mid-December. It will include updated fee schedules and PCT changes; full details will be published on the PCT-SAFE website in due course. Subscribed users will receive an e-mail notification when the new version is available.

Applicants who file fully electronic applications online with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) are advised to install this update as soon as possible as it includes new certificate files required for RO/IB (unless the temporary solution available at [http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download\\_client.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.html) has already been applied).

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

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

## PATENTSCOPE Search Service

### National patent collections

The PATENTSCOPE search service now includes the national patent collection of Kenya, and bibliographic data of the national collection of the Russian Federation (including data of the former Soviet Union). The collections are available in the PATENTSCOPE search service at:

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<sup>2</sup> This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

<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 over 10 million patent documents, including nearly two 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.

### **New PCT national phase information**

The PATENTSCOPE search service now includes PCT national phase information for Ukraine, thus bringing the total number of Offices which furnish such information to 46. It is recalled that information on whether an international application has entered the national/regional phase, as well as other information relating to the national/regional phase, can, where the designated or elected Office has furnished the relevant information to the IB, be accessed by clicking on the “national phase” tab of the international application concerned. For a complete list of offices and dates covered by this service, see:

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

### **Korean to English translation tool available through PATENTSCOPE**

Thanks to collaboration between WIPO and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), a new tool for the translation of Korean patent documents filed under the PCT into English is now available through the PATENTSCOPE website. Considering the increasing number of PCT applications that are being filed in Korean – 7,336 in 2010 alone – this service will greatly facilitate access to Korean patent information.

This service will be available free of charge through PATENTSCOPE for one year. It will also be available for an indefinite period through KIPRIS, an Internet-based patent document search service for the general public managed by KIPO, at:

[http://eng.kipris.or.kr/eng/other\\_service/k2e\\_automatic\\_translation.jsp](http://eng.kipris.or.kr/eng/other_service/k2e_automatic_translation.jsp)

## **Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees**

### **New invitations**

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, three new invitations have been identified originating from:

“RIPT – Registration of International Patent”

“ODM – Patent Trademark Register”

“WDTP – Worldwide Database of Trademarks and Patents”

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.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.html)

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

If they have not already done so, PCT applicants and agents are advised to bring this information to the attention of the people responsible for handling payments of fees within their organizations, as well as to the attention of inventors who might also receive such requests. In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau at:

Telephone: (41–22) 338 83 38  
Fax: (41–22) 338 83 39  
E-mail: [pct.infoline@wipo.int](mailto:pct.infoline@wipo.int)

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

### **PCT Forms**

New form PCT/IB/382 “Request for Indication of Availability for Licensing Purposes”, in force as from 1 January 2012, is now available on the WIPO website under “Forms in force as from January 1, 2012”. For information on this new form, see “New PCT Licensing Feature”, above. Note that this form must not be used before 1 January 2012.

In addition, minor editorial changes have been made to the following forms:

PCT/IB/344 “Notification of Defects with Regard to Correspondence Submitted by Applicant” (French version only)

PCT/IPEA/407 “Notification that Demand Considered Not to Have been Submitted” (French version only)

PCT/IPEA/440 “Invitation to Pay Prescribed Fees Together with Late Payment Fee” (both English and French versions).

All the above-mentioned forms are available at:

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

### **Demand form in Russian**

The July 2011 version of the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) is now available in editable PDF format in Russian at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/demand/ed\\_demand.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/demand/ed_demand.pdf)

### **PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway information**

The PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot page of the PCT website has been updated with information about recent PCT-PPH activities (for details, see “PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots”, above) at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct\\_pph.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html)

## PCT Regulations in Chinese

The consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2011, is now available on the PCT Resources page in Chinese, in addition to English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/pdf/pct\\_regs.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf)

## PCT Applicant's Guide in Japanese

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2011, an updated version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* in Japanese (dated 1 April 2011) is now available, in PDF format, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/appguide/index.jsp>

## PCT presentation

An updated version of the English general presentation on the PCT, entitled "Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)", by Matthew Bryan, Director, PCT Legal Division, is now available at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/presentations/pct\\_presentations.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/presentations/pct_presentations.html)

## Practical Advice

### Including additional information when filing a PCT application using the PCT-SAFE software

*Q: I would like my international application to be treated, in the United States of America, as a continuation-in-part of two earlier applications. However, while completing the relevant part of the PCT/RO/101 electronic request form in the PCT-SAFE software (after clicking on the "Reference to parent application or grant" item on the States tab), I was unable to include reference to more than one parent application. How can I indicate the second parent application?*

**A:** It is recalled that the paper version of the request form (PCT/RO/101) allows applicants (or agents) to include multiple references to parent applications on the Supplemental sheet which is provided for this and other purposes. The electronic request form in the PCT-SAFE software allows applicants (or agents) to easily insert information relating to a parent application or grant, by clicking on the "States" tab, and then clicking on the "Reference to Parent Application or Grant" at the bottom of that screen. A screen will then open containing a list of countries where such reference might be needed. For example, if "United States of America" is selected, a dropdown menu for listing the relationship as a continuation or a continuation-in-part (C-I-P) provides a place for entering the parent application number and filing date. However, the space given provides only for the indication of one parent application.

The best option, for anything that is not specifically provided for on one of the PCT-SAFE screens and which would normally appear on the Supplemental sheet of the paper form, is to do the following:

1) Create a document with the appropriate information, in your case, the date of filing and the application number of the (second) earlier application in respect of which you would like the

international application to be a continuation-in-part (preferably clarifying that this is a second entry of an earlier application).

- 2) Save the document as a PDF file.
- 3) On the Contents>Accompanying Items tab select “Other” from the pull-down menu and type a meaningful name (for example, “Continuation-in-part information”) in the pull-down menu box (to replace the word “specify”). Click on “Add”. (Note that before you type in that name, the “add” box will appear grey, but once you have typed something in the box, it will become active).
- 4) Select the newly created row in the accompanying items table, open and attach the PDF document. (For EFS-Web filing, indicate that the file is “enclosed”.)

If you are filing with the RO/US via EFS-Web you will need to remember to upload the “other” accompanying item PDF file.

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<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b>			
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(situation on 12 December 2011)			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>20 January 2012 Rome (IT)</b>	English	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: <a href="mailto:christiane.melz@ceipi.edu">christiane.melz@ceipi.edu</a>
<b>26 January 2012 San Diego, CA (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: <a href="mailto:contact@pctlearningcenter.org">contact@pctlearningcenter.org</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.pctlearningcenter.org">www.pctlearningcenter.org</a>
<b>31 January–1 February 2012 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Basic PCT course WIPO speakers: Ms. Weiss and Ms. Coeckelbergs	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: <a href="mailto:info@ipforip.de">info@ipforip.de</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.ipforip.de">www.ipforip.de</a>
<b>1 February 2012 Ecully (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
<b>1–2 February 2012 Espoo (FI)</b>	Finnish	Seminar for patent administrators on the PCT and e-filing WIPO speaker: Ms. Metcalfe	Aalto University Professional Development (Mrs. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358-50) 352 46 69 Fax: (358-9) 47 02 40 60 E-mail: <a href="mailto:arja.andsten@aalto.fi">arja.andsten@aalto.fi</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.aaltopro.fi">www.aaltopro.fi</a>
<b>8–9 February 2012 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Advanced PCT course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	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: <a href="mailto:info@ipforip.de">info@ipforip.de</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.ipforip.de">www.ipforip.de</a>
<b>6 March 2012 London (GB)</b>	English	"WIPO Patents Symposium" (previously entitled: "WIPO British Day for Patents") – An opportunity for UK patent attorneys and other PCT users to discuss practice and policy concerning the PCT and related areas with a WIPO representative WIPO speaker: Mr. Richardson	United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) Advance registration is required. Requests for registration, which must be received by 20 January 2012, should be sent to Mr. Lee Deakin at: E-mail: <a href="mailto:Lee.Deakin@ipo.gov.uk">Lee.Deakin@ipo.gov.uk</a> Tel: (44-1633) 81 38 07
<b>3–4 April 2012 Lille (FR)</b>	French	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: <a href="mailto:fchauvin@inpi.fr">fchauvin@inpi.fr</a>
<b>16–17 April 2012 Austin, TX (US)</b>	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: <a href="mailto:contact@pctlearningcenter.org">contact@pctlearningcenter.org</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.pctlearningcenter.org">www.pctlearningcenter.org</a>

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<b>18 April 2012</b> <b>Houston, TX (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: <a href="mailto:contact@pctlearningcenter.org">contact@pctlearningcenter.org</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.pctlearningcenter.org">www.pctlearningcenter.org</a>
<b>26–27 April 2012</b> <b>London (GB)</b>	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Gateau	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: <a href="mailto:josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk">josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk</a>
<b>3–4 May 2012</b> <b>Paris (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Lille, above)
<b>22 May 2012</b> <b>Bucharest (RO)</b>	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the epi-CEIPI Basic Training WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Coeckelbergs	Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (epi) and Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Teodorescu) E-mail: <a href="mailto:mteodorescu@rominvent.ro">mteodorescu@rominvent.ro</a>
<b>31 May 2012</b> <b>Paris (FR)</b>	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: <a href="mailto:pheuze@fnde.asso.fr">pheuze@fnde.asso.fr</a>
<b>12 October 2012</b> <b>London (GB)</b>	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)

<b>PCT Webinars</b>			
<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Language of webinar</b>	<b>Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>30 January 2012</b> 9.30 am to 10.30 am, New York time (3.30 pm to 4.30 pm, central European time)	English	"PCT-SAFE for USPTO filings" for PCT applicants with little or no PCT-SAFE experience who file electronically with the USPTO using EFS-Web WIPO speaker: Ms. Lombardi	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/830602818">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/830602818</a>

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 December 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 5.189. 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 15. (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	SGD	Singapore dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	SKK	Slovak koruna
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	THB	Baht
RO	receiving Office	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CHF	Swiss franc	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol		
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KPW	KP won	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KRW	KR won	QAR	Qatar riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KZT	Kazakh tenge	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	LSL	Lesotho loti	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	RUB	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	RWF	Rwanda franc		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SDG	Sudanese pound		
		GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SEK	Swedish krona		

### Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 December 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1, 2</sup> (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
					Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup> (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup> (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,758 <i>(from 1.1.12: 1,453)</i>	20 <i>(16)</i>	132 <i>(109)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,758 <i>(from 1.1.12: 1,453)</i>	20 <i>(16)</i>	132 <i>(109)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR 1,174 <i>(from 1.1.12: 1,094)</i>	13 <i>(12)</i>	88 <i>(82)</i>	177 <i>(165)</i>	265 <i>(247)</i>	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,699 <i>(from 1.1.12: 1,507)</i>	19 <i>(17)</i>	128 <i>(113)</i>	256 <i>(227)</i>	383 <i>(340)</i>	AU KR
AZ	AZN	10	USD 1,758 <i>(from 1.1.12: 1,453)</i>	20 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,174 <i>(from 1.1.12: 1,094)</i>	13 <i>(12)</i>	88 <i>(82)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 1,174 <i>(from 1.1.12: 1,094)</i>	13 <i>(12)</i>	88 <i>(82)</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 1,758 <i>(from 1.1.12: 1,453)</i>	20 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP US
BR	BRL <sup>9</sup>	200	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD 1,758 <i>(from 1.1.12: 1,453)</i>	20 <i>(16)</i>	132 <i>(109)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,758 <i>(from 1.1.12: 1,453)</i>	20 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,758 <i>(from 1.1.12: 1,453)</i>	20 <i>(16)</i>	132 <i>(109)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 December 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
							Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup>	
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,546 (from 1.1.12: 1,518)	17 (17)	116 (114)	233 (228)	348 (342)	CA	
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
CL	CLP eq USD <sup>11</sup>	130	CLP eq USD <sup>11</sup>	1,758 <sup>11</sup> (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	eq USD <sup>11</sup> 20 (16)	eq USD <sup>11</sup> 132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	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	812,000 <sup>12</sup>	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES RU	
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP	
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	8,750 (from 1.1.12: 8,150)	100 (90)	660 (610)	1,320 (1,220)	1,970 (1,840)	EP SE XN	
DM	Information not yet available									
DO	USD	275	USD	1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES US	
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP	
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
EC	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
EE	EUR	115.04	EUR	1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
EG	USD	142	USD	1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US	
EP	EUR	115	EUR	1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (–)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP	
ES	EUR	72.06	EUR	1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP ES	
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (–)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP	
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,046 (from 1.1.12: 939)	12 (11)	– (–)	157 (141)	236 (212)	EP	
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	USD <sup>13</sup>	100	USD	1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
GH	GHS <sup>14</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR EP ES US	
HN	USD	200	USD	1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	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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				Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup>	
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF <sup>15</sup> 100 or EUR <sup>15</sup> 88 (from 1.1.12: 82) or USD <sup>15</sup> 132 (from 1.1.12: 109)	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094) or USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	15 13 (12) 20 (16)	100 100 88 (82) 132 (109)	– 200 177 (165) 264 (219)	– 300 265 (247) 397 (328)	See footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
IL	ILS 556 (from 1.1.12: 561)	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	264 (219)	397 (328)	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 184,200	2,100	13,800	27,700	41,500	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 125,000	1,400	9,400	–	28,200	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	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 1,827,000 (from 1.1.12: 1,716,000)	21,000 (19,000)	137,000 (129,000)	– (–)	412,000 (387,000)	AT AU JP <sup>17</sup> KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 <sup>18</sup>	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL <sup>10</sup> –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
LV	LVL 48.80	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LY	LYD <sup>10</sup> –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 <sup>19</sup>	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 <sup>20</sup>	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	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 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 210,800 (from 1.1.12: 238,300)	2,400 (2,700)	15,800 (17,900)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MX	MXN eq USD 323.70 <sup>21</sup>	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	Eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) <sup>22</sup> 550 (paper filing)	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (82)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP
NO	NOK 750	NOK 8,690 (from 1.1.12: 8,520) (from 2.1.12: 8,520) (from 2.2.12: 8,520)	100 (100) (100) (100)	650 (640) (640) (–)	– (–) (1,280) (1,280)	– (–) (1,920) (1,920)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 <sup>23</sup>	NZD 1,844 (from 1.1.12: 1,907)	21 (22)	139 (143)	– (–)	– (–)	AU EP KR US

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

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RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup>	
OA	XAF <sup>10</sup> –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	eq USD 20 (16)	eq USD 132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	264 (219)	397 (328)	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 2028	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	ROL 360	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD 6,100 <sup>24</sup>	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 600	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SC	USD <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 10,240 (from 1.1.12: 9,970)	120 (110)	770 (750)	1,540 (1,500)	2,310 (2,250)	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,973 (from 1.1.12: 1,905)	22 (21)	148 (143)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SK	EUR 66 <sup>25</sup>	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
SY	USD10 –	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	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 <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TN	TND <sup>10</sup> –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD <sup>26</sup> 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD 240 <sup>27</sup>	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	264 (219)	– (–)	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	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 12,200 (from 1.1.12: 11,910)	140 (130)	920 (900)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	Eq USD 20 (16)	eq USD 132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

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

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>							
AT <sup>28</sup>	EUR 1,785 * (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,169)	CHF* 2,022 CHF 2,169	KRW* 2,166,000 KRW 2,799,000	SGD* 3,210 SGD 3,110	USD* 2,443 USD 2,370	ZAR* 17,380 ZAR 19,430)		
AU	AUD 1,900 USD* 2,084 * (from 1.1.12: CHF 1,677 USD 1,833)	CHF* 1,787 ZAR* 14,090 CHF 1,677 USD 1,833	EUR* 1,461 EUR 1,380 ZAR 15,020)	KRW* 2,204,000 KRW 2,165,000	NZD* 2,478 NZD 2,404	SGD* 2,410 SGD 2,400		
BR <sup>29</sup>	BRL 1,900 * (from 1.1.12: CHF 922)	CHF* 1,003 CHF 922	EUR* 820 EUR 759	USD* 1,122 USD 1,007)				
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 1.1.12: CHF 1,402)	CHF* 1,376 CHF 1,402	EUR* 1,143 EUR 1,154	USD* 1,687 USD 1,532)				
CN	CNY 2,100 * (from 1.1.12: CHF 301)	CHF* 285 CHF 301	EUR* 229 EUR 248	USD* 314 USD 329)				
EP <sup>30</sup>	EUR 1,785 MWK* 377,000 ZAR* 17,380 * (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,169 MWK 389,000 SGD 3,110)	CHF* 2,022 NOK* 14,350 CHF 2,169 MWK 389,000 SGD 3,110	DKK* 13,310 NZD* 2,975 DKK 13,280 NOK 13,890 USD 2,370	GBP* 1,543 SEK* 16,530 GBP 1,532 NZD 3,109 ZAR 19,430)	ISK* 294,000 SGD* 3,210 ISK 280,000 SEK 16,250	JPY* 203,700 USD* 2,443 JPY 181,700		
ES <sup>30</sup>	EUR 1,785 * (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,169)	CHF* 2,022 CHF 2,169	USD* 2,443 USD 2,370)					
FI	EUR 1,785 * (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,169)	CHF* 2,022 CHF 2,169	USD* 2,443 USD 2,370)					
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.1.12: CHF 1,158)	CHF* 1,034 CHF 1,158	EUR* 850 EUR 953	KRW* 1,306,000 KRW 1,494,000	USD* 1,163 USD 1,265)			
KR	For searches carried out in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD* 1,233 * (from 1.1.12: AUD 1,141 USD 1,101)	AUD* 1,121 AUD 1,141 USD 1,101)	CHF* 946 CHF 1,007	EUR* 846 EUR 829	NZD* 1,487 NZD 1,444	SGD* 1,520 SGD 1,440		
	For searches carried out in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD* 427 * (from 1.1.12: AUD 395 USD 381)	AUD* 388 AUD 395 USD 381)	CHF* 328 CHF 349	EUR* 293 EUR 287	NZD* 515 NZD 500	SGD* 530 SGD 500		
RU	RUB 13,500 * (from 1.1.12: CHF 380)	CHF* 400 CHF 380	EUR* 324 EUR 313	USD* 477 USD 415)				
SE	SEK* 16,530 USD* 2,443 * (from 1.1.12: SEK 16,250 USD 2,370)	CHF* 2,182 SEK 16,250 USD 2,370)	DKK* 13,310 CHF 2,169	EUR 1,785 DKK 13,280	ISK* 294,000 ISK 280,000	NOK* 14,350 NOK 13,890		
US	USD 2,080 * (from 1.1.12: CHF 1,904)	CHF* 1,820 CHF 1,904	EUR* 1,520 EUR 1,566	NZD* 2,620 NZD 2,730	ZAR* 14,550 ZAR 17,050)			
XN	DKK 13,310 * (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,169)	CHF* 2,022 CHF 2,169	EUR* 1,785 ISK 280,000	ISK* 294,000 NOK 13,890	NOK* 14,350 USD 2,370)	USD* 2,443		

**Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees**  
(amounts on 1 December 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 963 (from 1.1.12: CHF 1,033) – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,348 (from 1.1.12: CHF 1,446) – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,925 (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,066)	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,022 (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,169)	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,022 (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,169)	CHF 200
RU	Eq in CHF of RUB <sup>31</sup> 9,450 (13,500) <sup>32</sup>	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,022 (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,169)	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,022 (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,169)	CHF 200

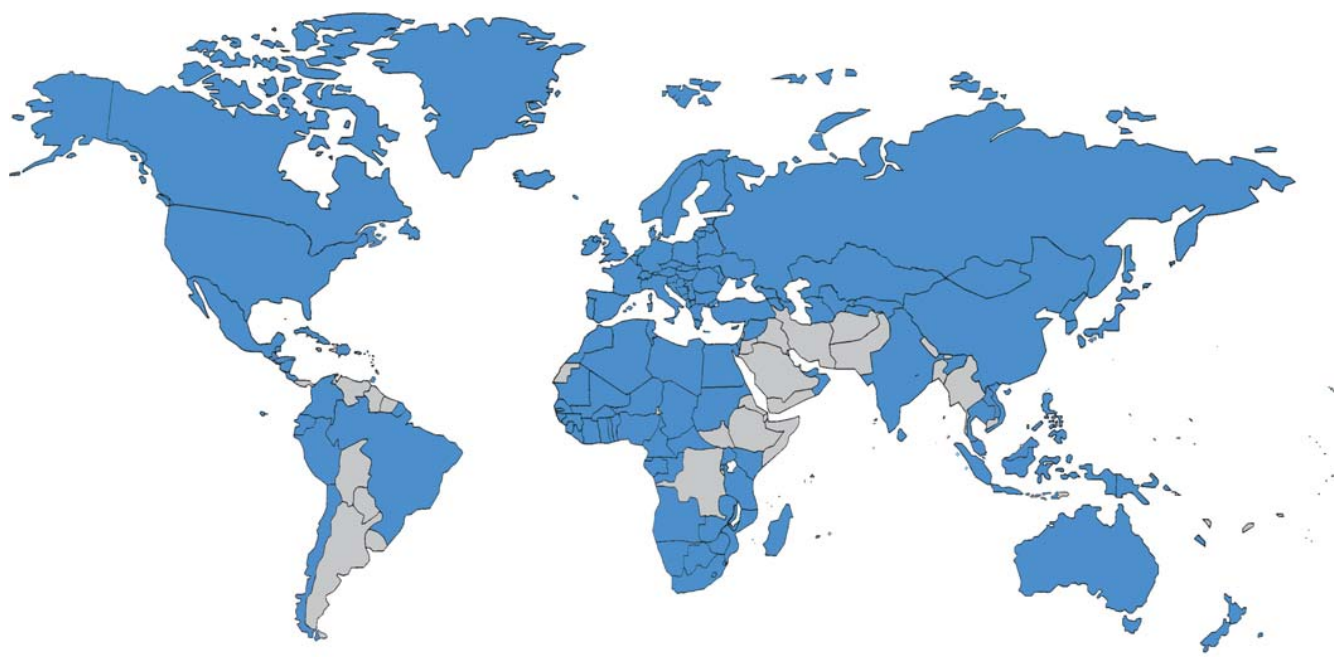
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 December 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>33</sup>		Handling fee <sup>2, 33</sup> (CHF 200)	
AT <sup>28</sup>	EUR	1,675	EUR	177 (from 1.1.12: 165)
AU	AUD	550 780 <sup>34</sup>	AUD	256 (from 1.1.12: 227)
BR <sup>29</sup>	BRL	710	BRL	379 (from 1.1.12: 412)
CA	CAD	800	CAD	233 (from 1.1.12: 228)
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP <sup>30</sup>	EUR	1,760	EUR	177 (from 1.1.12: 165)
ES	EUR	566.49	EUR	177 (from 1.1.12: 165)
FI	EUR	600	EUR	177 (from 1.1.12: 165)
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	18,800 (from 1.1.12: 16,800)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	275,000 (from 1.1.12: 258,000)
RU	RUB	5,400 <sup>35</sup> 8,100 <sup>36</sup>	USD	264 (from 1.1.12: 219)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,540 (from 1.1.12: 1,500)
US	USD	600 750 <sup>37</sup>	USD	264 (from 1.1.12: 219)
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,320 (from 1.1.12: 1,220)

Footnotes to fee tables:

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- 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](http://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](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 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 2111/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 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.
- 15 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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 16 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).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 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.
- 19 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
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- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 26 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%.
- 27 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed on or after 15 November 2011 other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities: USD 200.
- 28 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).
- 29 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.
- 30 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>
- 31 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 32 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).
- 33 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 34 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 35 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 36 In all cases where footnote 35 does not apply.
- 37 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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AL Albania (EP) <sup>1,2</sup>	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) <sup>3</sup>	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>3</sup>
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
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5 Only international applications filed on or after 1 October 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

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