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## New PCT Contracting State

### Saudi Arabia (country code: SA)

On 3 May 2013, Saudi Arabia deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, thus becoming the 147<sup>th</sup> Contracting State of the PCT, and on 3 August 2013, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 3 August 2013 will automatically include the designation of Saudi Arabia.

Also, because Saudi Arabia 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 2013. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia will be entitled, as from 3 August 2013, to file international applications under the PCT.

## ePCT Update

### First web filing received at RO/IB via ePCT-Filing

A new version of the International Bureau's (IB) ePCT system was deployed on 1 May 2013, which provides a number of new features for applicants and Offices (see below). Also, a restricted group of pilot users may now submit international applications to the IB as receiving Office (RO/IB) via the new ePCT-Filing component. On 2 May 2013, the first ePCT web filing was submitted by one of those pilot users, Carl Oppedahl of the Oppedahl Patent Law Firm (US), on behalf of the applicant and inventor, Donovan Allen (US). Depending on feedback from the pilot, it is expected that ePCT-Filing will be made available to all users in the second half of this year.

ePCT-Filing has better validation features than other electronic filing software. It provides real-time validations against the IB's database, which means that the reference data and online validation messages are always the most up-to-date. There is no need to worry about having the latest version of software installed on your computer – all that is required is a WIPO user account authenticated with a digital certificate, which applicants using ePCT private services will already have. By preparing an international application using ePCT-Filing, most formalities errors will be detected prior to submission and can be corrected by the applicant before the application is filed. For instance, prior to filing, PDF documents are validated at the time they are attached to the draft application in order to detect color/greyscale content, non-embedded fonts, document size and landscape orientation. International applications filed using ePCT-Filing will be immediately available online to the default "eOwner," namely, the person submitting the application, with no need to confirm eOwnership as a separate step. Moreover, it is possible to share access rights to a new international application while it is still being prepared in ePCT prior to filing.

## What's new in ePCT version 2.8?

### *ePCT for Applicants*

- The demand for international preliminary examination may now be prepared as an online action (bibliographic data is automatically completed) and submitted to the IB for transmittal to the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA).
- The “Action” to request the IB to obtain a priority document from the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) now includes a real-time look-up in DAS to check that the priority document is already available in DAS and determine if the IB has been given access rights.
- The Workbench filter has been significantly extended and advanced search criteria added.
- The contents of the “My History” screen and the Workbench may now be downloaded as Excel files.
- It is now possible to subscribe to the ePCT mailing list for updates and user tips about ePCT. All current and new users are automatically added to the list.

### *ePCT for Offices*

- Improved access to ePCT for Offices is now available via the main ePCT Portal: <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>
- The “Recent IAs” tab has been replaced by the “Search IA” tab which includes various search criteria.
- The document types that can be transmitted electronically to the IB by Offices in varying capacities (RO, International Searching Authority (ISA), IPEA)) have been significantly extended.
- Offices can now upload documents electronically to the IB even if they do not act as RO, ISA or IPEA for an international application.
- A PCT form generation prototype has been introduced for Form PCT/IB/105 (Notification of the International Application Number and of the International Filing Date) as a proof of concept.
- A new tab “My History” displays all the actions that have been performed by an Office user in ePCT.
- The “History” tab for a specific international application enables Office users to view all actions performed on an international application.

The “Practical Advice” in this issue discusses the importance of following WIPO's recommendations in respect of names and e-mail addresses when setting up WIPO user accounts with a view to using ePCT (private services).

## **PCT Information Update**

### **AL Albania (location and mailing address; means of telecommunication)**

The location and mailing address of the Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office has changed, as follows:

Blloku Vasil Shanto  
Rr. "Viktor Eftimiu"  
Ish Instituti Energjetikes  
Kati 4  
Tirana  
Albania

The Office has informed the International Bureau (IB) of changes concerning the filing of documents by fax – the original of the document must now be furnished within one month from the date of the transmission.

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

### **AU Australia (special requirements for entry into the national phase)**

There have been changes, with effect from 15 April 2013, in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Australian Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

- Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application
- Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent
- Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application
- Address for service in Australia (but no representation by an agent is required)
- Verification of translation

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

### **IS Iceland (fees)**

As from 1 July 2013, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ISK of the applicable fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

### **NL Netherlands (Internet address)**

The Internet address of the Netherlands Patent Office has changed, as follows:

Internet: [www.agentschapnl.nl](http://www.agentschapnl.nl)

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

## US United States of America (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

On 26 April 2013, the following depositary institution acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made:

Provasoli-Guillard National Center for Marine Algae and Microbiota (NCMA)  
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences  
60 Bigelow Drive  
East Boothbay, Maine 04544  
United States of America

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

## Search fee and other fees relating to international search (European Patent Office, Israel Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 1 July 2013, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

European Patent Office .....	ISK
Israel Patent Office .....	EUR
Japan Patent Office .....	USD
Nordic Patent Institute .....	ISK
Swedish Patent and Registration Office .....	ISK

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (EP, IL, JP, SE and XN))

## Handling fee (Israel Patent Office)

As from 1 July 2013, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in ILS to the Israel Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as indicated in Fee Table II.

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

## New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

### PCT Regulations

The consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 January 2013, is now available in Portuguese (in addition to Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish) in PDF format at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/pdf/pct\\_reggs.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/pdf/pct_reggs.pdf)

## ISA and IPEA Agreements

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

EG	Egyptian Patent Office (1 April 2013)
JP	Japan Patent Office (1 April 2013)
XN	Nordic Patent Institute (1 May 2013)

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

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_eg.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_eg.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag\\_eg.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_eg.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_jp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag\\_jp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_xn.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xn.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag\\_xn.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_xn.pdf)

## Upcoming PCT Seminars

### PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters

Registration is now open for a PCT seminar at WIPO Headquarters which will be held on 10 and 11 October 2013. Presentations will be given and workshop sessions led by PCT staff at WIPO, and a tour of PCT Operations will be included.

There is no registration fee for this seminar, but it is limited to 45 participants. Interested participants are advised that they are solely responsible for their travel and visa arrangements and that no assistance will be provided by WIPO.

Registration may be done at the following link:

[http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=29925](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=29925)

### PCT webinars on the strategic use of the PCT

Webinars on the strategic use of the PCT system during both the international and national phases will be given on 4 and 11 June 2013, respectively. The presenter for both webinars is Mr. David Reed, a PCT consultant working for WIPO. Mr. Reed previously worked for the Procter & Gamble Company (P&G), where he was responsible for managing P&G's foreign filing operations. Registration details for both webinars may be found in the PCT webinar calendar.

## Free IP Services for Developing Countries

In 2002, Public Interest Intellectual Property Advisors (PIIPA), a US-based international non-profit organization, set up a network of volunteers to provide specialist advice on IP matters.

Over 3,500 attorneys, academics, policymakers and practitioners from 50 countries make up PIIPA's IP Corps, which provides free IP legal services, training, symposia and support for over 130 clients in 35 developing countries.

Further information about criteria for eligibility and PIIPA's full range of services are available at:

<http://www.piipa.org/>

See also an article in the latest issue of the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 2/2013), which highlights examples of PIIPA-assisted projects:

[http://www.wipo.int/wipo\\_magazine/en/2013/02/](http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/2013/02/)

## Practical Advice

### Requirements regarding user account names in view of eOwnership rights in ePCT

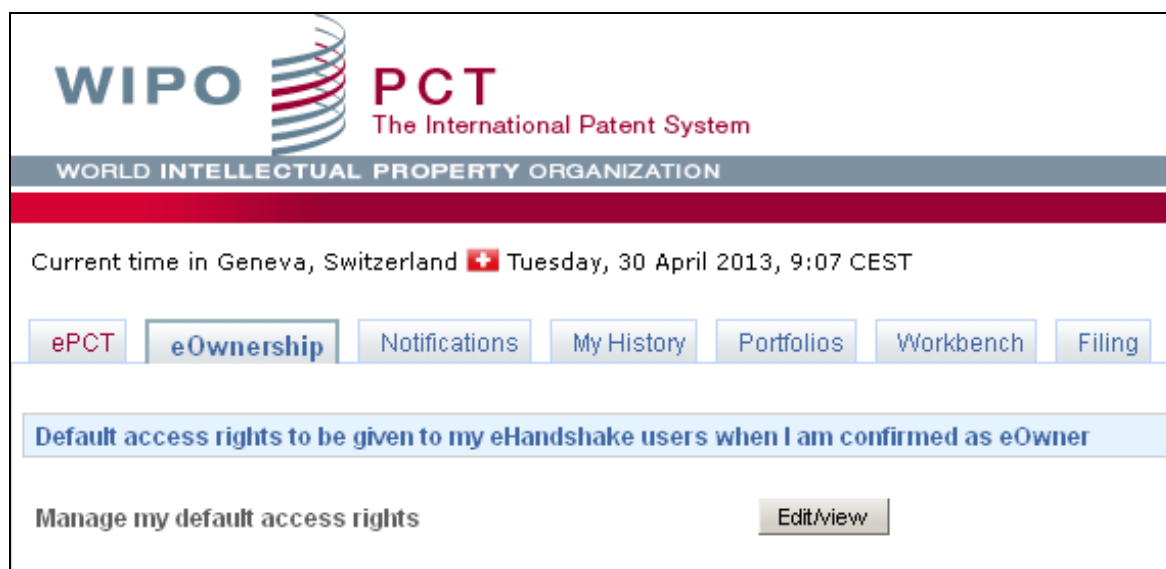
*Q. Our law firm would like to start using ePCT for handling our PCT applications as we are impressed by the number of useful functions that it provides. One of my associates created a WIPO user account for this purpose and uploaded his digital certificate to authenticate it for ePCT private services. However, when he submitted eOwnership requests to the International Bureau (IB) to confirm online secure access to our international applications, those requests were refused because the First Name and Last Name indicated for the user account was not the name of an individual but the name of our law firm, Johndoe Lawyers, as follows: First Name: Johndoe; Last Name: Lawyers. The name of the firm was indicated as there are several attorneys in our firm who will require shared access to these PCT applications in ePCT. Can you please clarify why the name of an individual is required?*

A. It is recalled that by using the ePCT system (private services), you can submit online requests for different actions that you would like to take in relation to an international application, for example, you can submit a demand for international preliminary examination for transmittal to the IPEA, or a withdrawal. You can also review the most up-to-date bibliographic data and documents contained in your application, including those that have not yet been published, as well as certain documents that are not publicly available in PATENTSCOPE after publication (for example, documents relating to international preliminary examination). Any person who needs to access ePCT (private services) to view and perform actions on the contents of an international application should have his/her own digital certificate and WIPO user account. The IB's security approach for ePCT private services is that user accounts must be in the name of natural persons, so that each action taken is traceable to an individual person. In the case of your law firm, the recommended procedure is for each person who is going to be involved in filing and managing those applications to create his/her own user account and to authenticate it with his/her own digital certificate, which is available free of charge from WIPO. Note that it is not possible for the same digital certificate to be uploaded to more than one user account – digital certificates should not be shared.

Once each person has a user account in his/her own name and associated with his/her own digital certificate, you can establish eHandshakes between your accounts in order to indicate to



the system that your accounts are associated. It is then recommended that you all set up default access rights on the eOwnership screen, where you can specify to which eHandshake associates access rights will also be automatically attributed when you are confirmed as the eOwner for an international application (see below):



Using this function, you will avoid having to assign access rights to your associates each time you are confirmed as eOwner for an international application, either by indicating an eOwnership code at the time of filing an international application using compatible software (currently PCT-SAFE, eOLF and ePCT-Filing, which is in pilot phase) or by submitting an eOwnership request to the IB. The above instructions are recommended for ensuring the optimum level of security and integrity when using ePCT private services.

As far as the delivery of notifications is concerned, please note that you should not associate a generic e-mail address with your ePCT user account, as an e-mail address can only be associated to one ePCT user account. Therefore, if you use the generic e-mail address of your company or department, others will not be able to associate that same generic e-mail address with their ePCT account. Furthermore, all ePCT notifications relating to that account will be sent to that generic e-mail address, including e-mails concerning the actual user account itself, such as a forgotten password or username, so this may represent a security issue. It is therefore strongly recommended that an individual or personal e-mail address be specified, and not one that can be accessed by other individuals.

For further information on obtaining digital certificates, see:

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

and for further information on creating a user account for ePCT and information on ePCT in general, see “Getting Started”, the “ePCT User Guide” and” PCT FAQ”, available at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b>			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 May 2013)			
<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>28 May 2013 Copenhagen (DK)</b>	English	PCT Update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Eva Berthinus Pedersen) Tel: (45-43) 50 80 00 E-mail: EBP@dkpto.dk
<b>30 May 2013 Oslo (NO)</b>	English	PCT Update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Norwegian Industrial Property Office (Ms. Bente Fjeldberg) Tel: (47-22) 38 73 44/38 73 00 E-mail: bfj@patentstyret.no
<b>4 June 2013 Brussels (BE)</b>	French	PCT presentation, within the framework of the "Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets" WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu
<b>4 June 2013 Nagoya (JP)</b>	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05
<b>5 June 2013 Tokyo (JP)</b>	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Nagoya, above)
<b>7 June 2013 Osaka (JP)</b>	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Nagoya, above)
<b>11 June 2013 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	PCT Update seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Charlott Galant) E-mail: charlott.galant@prv.se
<b>12–13 June 2013 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Gateau	Trona Patentrådgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
<b>13 June 2013 Munich (DE)</b>	English	"PCT at the EPO" – an advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and IP professionals from industry interested in prosecuting PCT applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan Other speakers from the EPO, other patent Offices, as well as from private practice and industry	European Patent Academy (Professional Representatives Unit) Tel: (49-89) 23 99 51 23 E-mail: profrep@epo.org Deadline for registration: 21 May 2013. For further information and registration, go to: http://www.epo.org/pct-conference
<b>17 June 2013 Beijing (CN)</b>	Chinese/ English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Yu	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) Mr. Sun Jinsong Tel: (86-10) 62 08 65 04 E-mail: sunjinsong@sipo.gov.cn
<b>19 June 2013 Cologne (DE)</b> <i>[previously announced as Munich]</i>	German	PCT presentation, within the framework of the "Annual Conference about Recent Developments in the EP and PCT Procedures" WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs Other speaker: Mr. Naumann (formerly EPO)	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

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<b>20 June 2013 Xi'an (Shaanxi Province) (CN)</b>	Chinese/ English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Yu	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) (Mr. Sun Jinsong) Tel: (86-10) 62 08 65 04 E-mail: sunjinsong@sipo.gov.cn
<b>27 June 2013 Dalian (Liaoning Province) (CN)</b>	Chinese/ English	PCT Seminar on recent developments and practice WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Yu	All-China Patent Attorneys Association Tel: (86-10) 58 57 27 23 Fax: (86-10) 58 57 27 28 E-mail: mail@acpaa.cn Internet: www.acpaa.cn
<b>22–23 July 2013 St. Paul, MN (US)</b>	English	17 <sup>th</sup> Annual PCT Training Program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
<b>25–26 July 2013 Alexandria, VA (US)</b>	English	17 <sup>th</sup> Annual PCT Training Program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (See St. Paul, above)
<b>7 October 2013 Zurich (CH)</b>	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
<b>7 October 2013 Augsburg (DE)</b>	German	Presentation on the PCT System, within the framework of "PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants" (7–8 October 2013) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (see Cologne, above)
<b>10–11 October 2013 Geneva (CH)</b>	English	Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) on the procedural aspects of the international and national phases, with workshops on file management using ePCT or on the correction of mistakes. A visit of the PCT Operations Division is also included. 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: <a href="http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=29925">http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=29925</a> E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int
<b>11 October 2013 London (GB)</b>	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (10-11 October 2013) 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
<b>23–24 October 2013 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
<b>7–8 November 2013 [previously announced as 6–7 November 2013] Munich (DE)</b>	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)

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<b>22 November 2013 Basel (CH)</b>	English	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (see Brussels, above)
<b>4 December 2013 Paris (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: fchauvin@inpi.fr
<b>5–6 December 2013 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar 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>7 May 2013</b> 10.00 am to 11.00 am, Central European Time (5.00 pm to 6.00 pm Tokyo time)	English	ePCT overview WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/773035562">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/773035562</a>
<b>7 May 2013</b> 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time (10.00 am to 11.00 am New York time)	English	ePCT overview WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/266302122">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/266302122</a>
<b>28 May 2013</b> 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time (10.00 am to 11.00 am New York time)	English	Preparing a PCT-SAFE application for upload to a receiving Office's e-filing service WIPO speaker: Ms. Lombardi	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/626396306">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/626396306</a>
<b>4 June 2013</b> 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time (10.00 am to 11.00 am New York time)	English	Strategies for using the PCT system during the international phase from a user's perspective WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/521966970">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/521966970</a>
<b>11 June 2013</b> 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time (10.00 am to 11.00 am New York time)	English	Strategies for using the PCT system during the national phase from a user's perspective WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/501714578">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/501714578</a>

## PCT Fee Tables

### (amounts on 1 May 2013, 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 –	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty		
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AUD	Australian dollar	EGP	Egyptian pound	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		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni		

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**  
(amounts on 1 May 2013, 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	1,419	16		107	–	–	EP RU	
AP	USD	50	USD	1,419	16		107	–	–	AT EP SE	
	(or eq in local currency)										
AT	EUR	50	EUR	1,100	12		83	165	248	EP	
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,367	15		103	206	308	AU KR	
AZ	AZN	10	USD	1,419	16		–	–	–	EP RU	
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,100	12		83	–	–	EP	
BE	EUR	40	EUR	1,100	12		83	–	–	EP	
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,419	16		–	–	–	AT EP US	
BN	Information not yet available										
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	1,419	16		107	–	–	EP	
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,419	16		–	–	–	EP RU	

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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>		
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	CA EP	
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,394		16	105	210	314	CA	
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	EP	
CL	CLP eq USD <sup>11</sup>	130	CLP eq USD <sup>11</sup>	1,419	eq USD <sup>11</sup>	16	eq USD <sup>11</sup>	107	–	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, BR, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	EP ES	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,419		16	107	–	–	AT EP ES RU	
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	1,100		12	–	–	–	EP	
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,100		12	83	–	–	EP	
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,100		12	83	165	248	EP	
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	8,200		90	620	1,230	1,850	EP SE XN	
DM	Information not yet available										
DO	USD	275	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	EP ES US	
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	AT EP	
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	EP RU	
EC	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	EP ES	
EE	EUR	115.04	EUR	1,100		12	83	–	–	EP	
EG	USD	142	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	AT EG EP US	
EP	EUR	125	EUR	1,100		12	–	165	248	EP	
ES	EUR	73.51	EUR	1,100		12	83	165	248	EP ES	
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,100		12	–	165	248	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,100		12	83	165	248	EP	
GB	GBP	75	GBP	879		10	–	132	198	EP	
			(from 1.6.13: 939)			(11)	(–)	(141)	(212)		
GD	Information not yet available										
GE	USD <sup>13</sup>	100	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	EP RU	
GH	GHS <sup>14</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,419		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,100		12	83	–	–	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	AT BR EP ES US	
HN	USD	200	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	EP ES	
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF <sup>15</sup>	100	CHF	1,330		15	100	200	300	See footnote 16	
	or EUR <sup>15</sup>	83	or EUR	1,100		12	83	165	248		
	or USD <sup>15</sup>	107	or USD	1,419		16	107	213	320		
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,100		12	83	–	–	EP	

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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>	
IL	ILS 546	USD 1,419	16	107	213	320	EP IL US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 186,300 (from 1.7.13: 173,100)	2,100 (2,000)	14,000 (13,000)	28,000 (26,000)	42,000 (39,000)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,100	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000	JPY 135,500	1,500	10,200	–	30,600	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	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	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	300	AT AU JP <sup>17</sup> KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 <sup>18</sup>	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,419	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 1,100	12	83	165	248	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,100	12	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL 48.40	EUR 1,100	12	83	–	–	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 1,100	12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	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 1,100	12	83	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 424,700	4,800	31,900	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 <sup>21</sup>	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) <sup>22</sup> 550 (paper filing) <sup>22</sup>	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,100	12	–	165	248	EP
NO	NOK 750	NOK 8,130	90	–	1,220	1,830	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 <sup>23</sup>	NZD 1,712	19	129	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF <sup>10</sup> –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	Information not yet available						
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,419	eq USD 16	eq USD 107	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,419	16	107	213	320	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 20.28	EUR 1,100	12	83	165	248	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,100	12	83	165	248	EP RU

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(amounts on 1 May 2013, 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>	
RS	RSD 6,300 <sup>24</sup>	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SC	USD <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,419	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,330	110	700	1,400	2,100	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,743	20	131	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,100	12	83	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66 <sup>25</sup>	EUR 1,100	12	83	165	248	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 1,100	12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,419	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND <sup>10</sup> –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD <sup>26</sup> 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 240 <sup>27</sup>	USD 1,419	16	107	213	–	AU EP KR RU US
UZ	USD <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 13,070	150	980	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,419	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,419	eq USD 16	eq USD 107	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU



**Table I(b) — Search fees**  
(amounts on 1 May 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT <sup>28</sup>	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,159	KRW	2,566,000	SGD	2,830	USD	2,303	ZAR	21,560
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	2,140	EUR	1,769	KRW	2,543,000	NZD	2,754	SGD	2,800
	USD	2,282	ZAR	20,470								
BR <sup>29</sup>	BRL	1,900	CHF	879	EUR	727	USD	938				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,527	EUR	1,186	USD	1,629				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	313	EUR	259	USD	334				
EG <sup>30</sup>	EGP	4,000	CHF	559	EUR	456	USD	593				
EP <sup>31</sup>	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	DKK	13,980	GBP	1,619	ISK*	321,000	JPY	234,800
	MWK	724,000	NOK	13,860	NZD	2,919	SEK	15,900	SGD	2,970	USD	2,419
	ZAR	22,650										
	*(from 1.7.13:		ISK	290,000)								
ES <sup>31</sup>	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	USD	2,419						
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	USD	2,419						
IL	ILS	3,500	CHF*	839	EUR**	694	USD**	895				
	*(from 1.6.13:		CHF	902)								
	**(from 1.7.13:		EUR	737	USD	959)						
JP	JPY	70,000	CHF	687	EUR	559	KRW	842,000	SGD	955	USD*	756
	*(from 1.7.13:		USD	710)								
KR	For searches carried out in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,125	CHF	1,094	EUR	904	NZD	1,408	SGD	1,430
	USD	1,167										
	For searches carried out in Korean:											
KRW	450,000	AUD	389	CHF	379	EUR	313	NZD	487	SGD	500	
USD	404											
RU	RUB	6,750	CHF	204	EUR	168	USD	217				
SE	SEK	15,900	CHF	2,268	DKK	13,980	EUR	1,875	ISK*	321,000	NOK	13,860
	USD	2,419										
	*(from 1.7.13:		ISK	290,000)								
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,950	EUR	1,612	NZD	2,510	ZAR	18,510		
XN	DKK	13,980	CHF	2,268	EUR	1,875	ISK*	321,000	NOK	13,860	USD	2,419
	*(from 1.7.13:		ISK	290,000)								

**Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees**  
(amounts on 1 May 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee <sup>2, 32</sup>
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,028	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,439	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,056	
EP	CHF 2,268	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,268	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB <sup>33</sup> 11,800 (18,880) <sup>34</sup>	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,268	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,268	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 650	

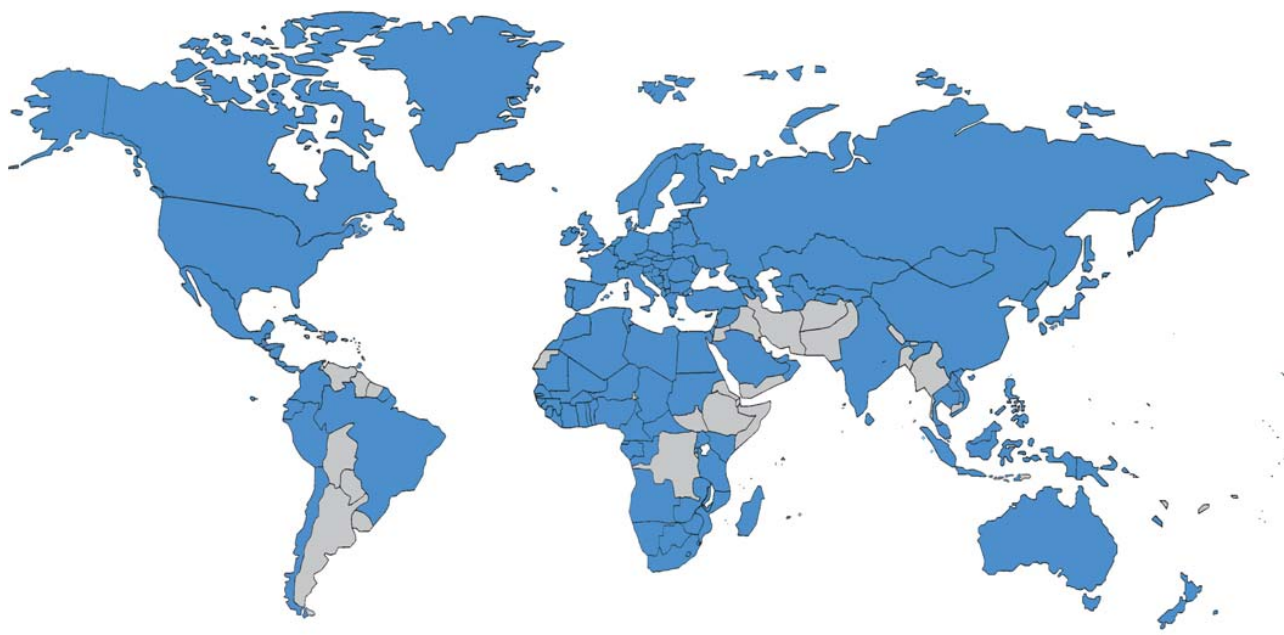
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 May 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>35</sup>		Handling fee <sup>2, 35</sup> (CHF 200)	
AT <sup>28</sup>	EUR	1,675	EUR	165
AU	AUD	590	AUD	206
BR <sup>29</sup>	BRL	710	BRL	432
CA	CAD	800	CAD	210
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EG <sup>30</sup>	EGP	3,000	EGP	1,432
EP <sup>31</sup>	EUR	1,850	EUR	165
ES	EUR	577.87	EUR	165
FI	EUR	600	EUR	165
IL	ILS	1,500	ILS	834 (from 1.7.13: 776)
JP	JPY	26,000	JPY	20,400
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	238,000
RU	RUB	2,700 <sup>37</sup>	USD	213
		4,050 <sup>38</sup>		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,400
US	USD	600	USD	213
		750 <sup>39</sup>		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,230

## 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 website 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. 211/09 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 website 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.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 23 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 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 is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (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 Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 31 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>
- 32 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 33 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.
- 34 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).
- 35 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 36 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 38 In all cases where footnote 37 does not apply.
- 39 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

## PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (147 on 3 May 2013)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	ML Mali (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SE Sweden (EP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IN India	MN Mongolia	SG Singapore
AL Albania (EP)	CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>2</sup>	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SI Slovenia (EP) <sup>2</sup>
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>2</sup>	MT Malta (EP) <sup>2</sup>	SK Slovakia (EP)
AO Angola	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	SM San Marino (EP)
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MZ Mozambique (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup>	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SV El Salvador
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BE Belgium (EP) <sup>2</sup>	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	SZ Swaziland (AP) <sup>2</sup>
BF Burkina Faso (OA) <sup>2</sup>	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TD Chad (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) <sup>2</sup>	TG Togo (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TH Thailand
BJ Benin (OA) <sup>2</sup>	FR France (EP) <sup>2</sup>	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TN Tunisia
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (EA)	PE Peru	TR Turkey (EP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) <sup>2</sup>	PL Poland (EP)	UA Ukraine
CF Central African Republic (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GN Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	UG Uganda (AP)
CG Congo (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MA Morocco	QA Qatar	US United States of America
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) <sup>2</sup>	MC Monaco (EP) <sup>2</sup>	RO Romania (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova <sup>3</sup>	RS Serbia (EP) <sup>2</sup>	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) <sup>2</sup>	ME Montenegro <sup>1</sup>	RU Russian Federation (EA)	VN Viet Nam
CM Cameroon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP) <sup>4</sup>	ZA South Africa
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	<b>SA Saudi Arabia</b> (from 3 August 2013)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	ID Indonesia		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>			

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<sup>3</sup> Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

<sup>4</sup> Only international applications filed on or after 24 September 2011 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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