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New PCT Contracting State

Islamic Republic of Iran (country code: IR)

On 4 July 2013, the Islamic Republic of Iran deposited its instrument of ratification to the PCT, thus becoming the 148th Contracting State of the PCT, and on 4 October 2013, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 4 October 2013 will automatically include the designation of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Also, because the Islamic Republic of Iran will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 4 October 2013. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran will be entitled, as from 4 October 2013, to file international applications under the PCT.

Paris Convention

Accession by Samoa (WS)

On 21 June 2013, Samoa (country code: WS), 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 175. Samoa will become bound by the Paris Convention on 21 September 2013.

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention.

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of having to provide a certified copy himself/herself or, where the earlier application was filed with the Office which acts as receiving Office for the PCT application, requesting the receiving Office to prepare a certified copy. As from 1 July 2012, a new procedure (the "New Route") was introduced for accessing Offices to retrieve priority documents from the service by using access codes. Applicants can provide the access code directly to the Office of second filing, instead of the more complex procedure of giving that Office authorization to retrieve a priority document.

Australian Patent Office

The Australian Patent Office has notified the IB that, with effect from 8 May 2013, it has extended the scope of DAS as a depositing Office: it will now accept requests from applicants to register PCT applications filed with the Office as receiving Office as certified priority documents in DAS. For further information see:

<http://www.wipo.int/das/en/notifications.html#australia>

United States Patent and Trademark Office and National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland have notified the IB that, with effect from 18 March 2013 and 3 June 2013, respectively, and in accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the modified Framework Provisions that came into effect on 1 July 2012, they will deposit and retrieve priority documents according to the New Route, both as depositing Offices and accessing Offices. This simplifies use of the system for the applicant, particularly when requesting that priority documents be transmitted to or from other Offices which have moved to the New Route. In addition, the USPTO (with effect from 18 March 2013) and the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (with effect from 3 June 2013) will adopt a number of technical and operational options. Further information is available at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/das/en/notifications.html#us>

<http://www.wipo.int/das/en/notifications.html#finland>

Combined August-September Issue

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

<http://www.wipo.int/lists/subscribe/pct-general>

Furthermore, please note that, if there are any changes to the PCT Seminar Calendar or the PCT Fee Tables, they will be updated at the beginning of September at, respectively:

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

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

Changes to the PCT Applications Publication Schedule

Publication of 5 September 2013 (publication date)

Due to the fact that Thursday, 5 September 2013, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications (as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*) which would normally have been published on that day will be published on Friday, 6 September 2013. The date of completion of technical preparations for that publication will, however, remain unchanged. Any changes

which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should therefore be received by the International Bureau (IB) by midnight (Central European Time (CET)) on Tuesday, 20 August 2013.

Publication of 19 September 2013 (technical preparations for publication)

Due to the fact that Thursday, 5 September 2013, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on Thursday, 19 September 2013, will take place earlier than usual. Any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should therefore be received by the IB by midnight (CET) on Monday, 2 September 2013 (instead of by midnight on Tuesday, 3 September 2013).

Modifications to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

A number of modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2013, to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines. The modifications provide detailed guidance to receiving Offices on how to process incoming requests for restoration of the right of priority as well as on the interpretations of the “due care” and “unintentional” criteria.

The consolidated text of the Guidelines (PCT/GL/RO/12) is available in PDF and HTML formats, in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

PCT Information Update

AE United Arab Emirates (name of Office, location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and Internet addresses, fees)

The name of the Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Finance and Industry (United Arab Emirates) has changed to Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates).

The location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail and Internet addresses of the Office have also changed, as follows:

Location and mailing
address:

P.O. Box 3625
Sheikh Khalifa Bin Saeed Street
Dubai
United Arab Emirates

P.O. Box 901
Abu Dhabi
United Arab Emirates

Telephone:

Dubai: (971-4) 14 15 81, 14 15 60
Abu Dhabi: (971-2) 613 14 02

Fax: Dubai: (971-4) 385 19 77, 358 13 13
Abu Dhabi: (971-2) 626 36 34

E-mail: kalsuwaidi@economy.ae; raalmoalla@economy.ae

Internet: <http://www.economy.gov.ae>

The Office has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the fee for a utility model, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount is the same as that which is payable in respect of a patent, that is, AED 800, or AED 400 in the case of a filing by an individual.

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

AU Australia (time limits for entry into the national phase)

The Australian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau that the 31-month time limits under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) may be extended, provided the applicant pays the prescribed fee (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter – AU, Annex AU.I).

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

BN Brunei Darussalam (requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam) has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

The applicant may request that a sample only be made available to an expert before the patent is granted or if the application has been withdrawn, or has been treated as having been abandoned, has been refused or is treated as having been refused. The applicant should make such requests to the International Bureau in writing before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application.

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

CO Colombia (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; fees)

The location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address of the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Cra. 13 No. 27-00 Piso 1, 3, 5, 10
Bogotá, D.C.
Colombia

Telephone: (57-1) 587 00 00

Fax: (57-1) 587 02 84

E-mail: contactenos@sic.gov.co

There has been a change in the amount of the transmittal fee payable to the Office as receiving Office, with effect from 11 January 2013. The new amount is now: COP 865,000.

Furthermore, on the same date, there was a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office:

For patent:

Filing fee: COP 500,000

For utility model:

Filing fee: COP 270,000

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

HR Croatia (fees)

The exemption from the filing fee payable to the State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia) as designated (or elected) Office no longer applies. The new consolidated text regarding exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee reads:

- Filing fee, examination fee, publication and maintenance fees are reduced by 50% where the applicant is also the inventor.
- The filing fee is reduced by 50% if the application is furnished in paper form as well as in electronic form.

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

HU Hungary (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2012:

For patent:

— where the Office is a designated Office:HUF 37,400

plus:

per claim for the 11th to the 20th claimHUF 1,900

per claim for the 21st to the 30th claimHUF 3,800

for each claim in excess of 30HUF 5,600

— where the Office is an elected Office:HUF 18,700

plus:

per claim for the 11th to the 20th claimHUF 950

per claim for the 21st to the 30th claimHUF 1,900

for each claim in excess of 30HUF 2,800

For utility model:HUF 18,700

plus, for each claim in excess of 10.....HUF 1,200

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

IN India (location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, means of telecommunication)

There has been a change in the location and mailing address and the telephone and fax numbers of the branch Office of the Patent Office (India) in New Delhi, as follows:

Location and mailing address: The Patent Office Delhi
Intellectual Property Office Building
Sector-14, Block No. 32
Dwarka
New Delhi 110 075
India

Telephone: (91-11) 25 30 02 00, 28 03 43 10

Fax: (91-11) 28 03 43 01

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau that it no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication under PCT Rule 92.4.

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

IS Iceland (provisions concerning international-type search)

There has been a change in the provisions of the law of Iceland concerning international-type search. The relevant provisions are now: Section 9 of the Icelandic Patent Act and Section 25 of the Regulation Concerning Patent Applications.

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

MX Mexico (telephone number)

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property now has an additional telephone number. The numbers which can be used are as follows:

Telephone: (52-5) 334 07 24, 334 07 00 (ext. 10025, 10078, 10095)

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

NO Norway (provisions concerning international-type search)

There has been a change in the provisions of the law of Norway concerning international-type search. The relevant provisions are now: Section 9 of the Patents Act of Norway and Section 29 of the Regulations.

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

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of PCT-SAFE Client Patch

An update patch for the PCT-SAFE Client software, dated 1 July 2013, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

Note that this patch will only update the 1 April 2013 full installation of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.059.235) and must NOT be used to update any other version.

This update patch relates to:

- New Contracting State, Saudi Arabia (SA) from 3 August 2013.
- Information on Brunei Darussalam as receiving Office (RO/BN).
- Updated PCT fee schedules and other PCT updates.

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

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

Availability of Custom PCT Webinars

WIPO welcomes requests from companies, universities, law firms, and other interested entities for customized PCT training in the form of webinars. Webinars are available free of charge and can be tailored to the specific requirements of the requesting party. Examples of webinars that can be provided are: PCT electronic filing, the use of ePCT for the on-line management of PCT applications, and training on other topics related to the preparation and filing of PCT applications. Requests for webinars, with an indication of the topic of interest proposed, timeframe and the expected number of participants (a minimum of 10 is required), may be submitted by e-mail to:

pct.our@wipo.int

Note that the collection of WIPO training resources on the PCT, including recordings of previous webinars, may be found on the PCT Resources page (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/>) under the heading “Meetings, Training and Documents”.

Advanced PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters

An advanced PCT seminar on the procedural aspects of the international and national phases, including a workshop on file management using ePCT, will be held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva on 10 and 11 October 2013. A visit of the PCT Operations Division will be part of the seminar. The seminar is aimed at patent administrators and paralegals, and the speakers will include experienced staff from the PCT Legal Division, the PCT Business Development Division and the PCT Operations Division of WIPO. Further details about the times of the seminar and the topics to be discussed can be found in the program, which, together with other general information about the seminar and the online registration form, is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=29925

Note that there is no registration fee for the seminar, the number of participants is limited to 45, and the deadline for registrations is 13 September 2013. Further information on the seminar may be also be obtained by sending an e-mail to: pct.our@wipo.int

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

See “Modifications to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines”, above.

Request form in Portuguese

The September 2012 version of the Request form (PCT/RO/101) is now available in editable PDF format in Portuguese at:

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

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, two new invitations have been identified originating from “the European Register of Brands and Patents (REGIPAT)” and “Novislink limited”.

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

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

Practical Advice

Amending the international application in order to address a finding of lack of unity of invention

Q: I have filed an international application in respect of which I have received from the International Searching Authority (ISA) Form PCT/ISA/206 (“Invitation to pay additional fees and, where applicable, protest fee”), along with the results of a partial international search. The form invites me to pay five additional fees due to a finding by the ISA of lack of unity of invention, a finding which I find excessive. Nevertheless, the claims could probably have been drafted differently, in such a way that it would be clearer that there is only one single invention. Is it possible to file amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 following the receipt of this partial search? I would like to address the unity of invention issues by amending the claims, and thereby hopefully avoid the high cost of the additional fees.

A: You cannot achieve a reevaluation of the status of your application in relation to unity of invention at this stage in the procedure. Amending the claims under PCT Article 19 is only possible once you have received the international search report (ISR) (PCT/ISA/210). What you have received is the results of a partial international search¹, the receipt of which does not permit you to make amendments under PCT Article 19. The ISR in respect of your international application will not be issued until the additional fees have been paid, or until the time limit for payment of those fees has expired (one month from the date of the invitation). If you decide not to pay the additional fees, there is nothing to prevent you from informing the ISA that you have no intention of paying the additional fees; in which case the ISA may issue the ISR earlier (albeit only on the basis of the first claimed invention which is covered by the initial international search fee).

It is recalled that, according to PCT Rule 13.1, the international application must relate to only one invention or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept – the requirement of “unity of invention”. Details concerning unity of invention can be found in Chapter 10 of the International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines at:

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

The search fee is intended to cover the cost for the ISA to carry out an international search on the international application, but only to the extent that the application meets the requirement of unity of invention. This is why the ISA is entitled to request the applicant to pay an additional search fee for each additional invention (PCT Rule 40.1). If the additional fees are not paid, the ISA will establish the ISR only on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims, that is, it will contain the same results as those found in Form PCT/ISA/206.

Note that the additional fees can be paid under protest (PCT Rule 40.2(c)), but they will still have to be paid in advance, along with any applicable protest fee (to find out whether a protest fee is payable, see the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex D, for the ISA concerned), within the time limit fixed by the ISA in Form PCT/ISA/206. For further information on paying the fees under protest, see paragraphs 7.019 and 7.020 of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, International Phase.

¹ It should be noted that not all ISAs will issue the results of a partial international search when sending out the invitation to pay additional fees.

An alternative to paying all the additional search fees would be to pay only some of them, which would result in certain parts of the international application not being searched by the ISA as it will only search the number of inventions covered by the payment. It should be possible, however, for you to specify to the ISA which claims you wish to be searched.

The lack of an international search report in respect of any unsearched parts of the international application does not, of itself, have any influence on the validity of the international application, the processing of which, including its communication to the designated Offices, continues. Nevertheless, under PCT Articles 17(3)(b) and 34(3)(c), the national law of any designated (or elected) State may provide that such unsearched parts of the international application are considered withdrawn as far as that State is concerned unless a special fee is paid by the applicant to its national Office. There are only a few Offices which apply such provisions, however. Details of special fees are given in the respective National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

Further opportunities to amend the claims (as well as the description and drawings) are available during the international phase under PCT Article 34 (provided that the applicant files a demand for international preliminary examination) and upon entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 28 and 41. Please note, however, that the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) need not, and generally will not, examine any claims relating to unsearched inventions (see PCT Rule 66.1(e)), even where the applicant has requested the IPEA to base the examination on any amendments under PCT Article 19 and/or 34. Similarly, in the case where an applicant requests supplementary international search to be carried out on an international application, the Authority specified for supplementary search may exclude from the supplementary search any claims which were not the subject of the international search (PCT Rule 45bis.5(d)).

For further details about the consequences of finding of lack of unity of an international application on the international preliminary examination and on the national phase, see the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2008.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 July 2013)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
4 July 2013 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: http://unitt.jp/
9 July 2013 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (see Tokyo, above)
11 July 2013 Saga (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (see Tokyo, above)
22–23 July 2013 St. Paul, MN (US)	English	17 th Annual AIPLA Advanced PCT Seminar 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
25–26 July 2013 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	17 th Annual AIPLA Advanced PCT Seminar for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (See St. Paul, above)
30 July 2013 San Diego, CA (US)	English	PCT seminar: Recent and Future Developments in the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	San Diego Intellectual Property Law Association Registration at: http://www.sdipla.org
16 August 2013 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	PCT seminar: "Practical Information for Using the PCT" WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association (MIPLA) (Ms. Debbie Norton) Tel: (1-952) 564 30 76 E-mail: dnorton@mipla.net
20 August 2013 Perth (AU)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the "WIPO Breakfast Seminar Series" WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wilbers	WIPO and IP Australia (Ms. Natalia Reynolds) Tel: (61-2) 62 83 23 37 E-mail: natalia.reynolds@ipaaustralia.gov.au Registration: e-mail: customer.engagement@ipaaustralia.gov.au by 16 August 2013
22 August 2013 Melbourne (AU)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the "WIPO Breakfast Seminar Series" WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wilbers	WIPO and IP Australia (see Perth, above)
23 August 2013 Sydney (AU)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the "WIPO Breakfast Seminar Series" WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wilbers	WIPO and IP Australia (see Perth, above)

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19-20 September 2013 Ghent (BE)	English	PCT seminar WIPO Speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs and another to be announced	Brantsandpatents (Ms. Wendy Van den Berge) Tel: (32-9) 230 83 38 Fax: (32-9) 230 12 82 E-mail: info@brantsandpatents.com
7 October 2013 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	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
7 October 2013 Augsburg (DE)	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)
10 October 2013 Budapest (HU)	English	Presentation on the PCT in the framework of the CEIPI-HCPA European Patent Law Basic Course WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Office of the Hungarian Chamber of Patent Attorneys (Ms. Noémi Rosenich-Markó) E-mail: marko@rosenich.com
10–11 October 2013 Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) on the procedural aspects of the international and national phases, with a workshop on file management using ePCT. 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: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=29925 E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int
11 October 2013 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 12 th 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
11-12 October 2013 Monrovia, IA (US)	English	PCT presentation about recent and future developments relating to the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association (Mr. Ryan N. Carter) Tel: (1-319) 286 70 04 Fax: (1-319) 286 70 50 E-mail: rncarter@nyemaster.com Internet: http://www.iipla.com
23–24 October 2013 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former member of the PCT Legal Division of WIPO and of the Boards of Appeal of the EPO)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
28-29 October 2013 Ottawa (CA)	English	Canadian PCT Roundtable WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Mr. Reed Other speaker: Mr. Hesper (European Patent Office)	Intellectual Property Institute of Canada E-mail: admin@ipic.ca
7–8 November 2013 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Ms. Weiss	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
22 November 2013 Basel (CH)	English	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (see Brussels, above)
4 December 2013 Paris (FR)	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
5–6 December 2013 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
10 January 2014 Rome (IT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu
12 February 2014 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 July 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		
		DKK	Danish krone	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
		EGP	Egyptian pound	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
		EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
		GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
		GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
		HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available								CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,419	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 ⁹	online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,419	16	107	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,419	16	–	–	–	EP RU

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
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 ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹	1,419	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 107	–	–	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	865,000 ¹²	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 ¹⁰	–	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	939	11	–	141	212	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹³	100	USD	1,419	16	107	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴	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 ¹⁵	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 16
	or EUR ¹⁵	83	or EUR	1,100	12	83	165	248	
	or USD ¹⁵	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 JP 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 ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
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 173,100	2,000	13,000	26,000	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
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 ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ¹⁸	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,419	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	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 ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²⁰	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 ²¹	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing) ²²	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 ²³	NZD 1,712	19	129	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰ –	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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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
RS	RSD 6,300 ²⁴	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 ¹⁰ –	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 ²⁵	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 ¹⁰ –	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 ¹⁰ –	USD 1,419	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰ –	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 ²⁶ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 240 ²⁷	USD 1,419	16	107	213	–	AU EP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹⁰ –	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 July 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²⁸	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								
	*(from 1.9.13: EUR 1,572 KRW 2,352,000 USD 2,084)											
BR ²⁹	BRL*	1,900	CHF*	879	EUR*	727	USD*	938				
	*(from 1.8.13: BRL 2,250 CHF 1,054 EUR 849 USD 1,098)											
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,527	EUR	1,186	USD	1,629				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	313	EUR	259	USD	334				
EG ³⁰	EGP	4,000	CHF	559	EUR	456	USD	593				
EP ³¹	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	DKK	13,980	GBP	1,619	ISK	290,000	JPY	234,800
	MWK	724,000	NOK	13,860	NZD	2,919	SEK	15,900	SGD	2,970	USD	2,419
	ZAR	22,650										
ES ³¹	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	USD	2,419						
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	USD	2,419						
IL	ILS	3,500	CHF	902	EUR	737	USD	959				
JP	JPY	70,000	CHF	687	EUR	559	KRW*	842,000	SGD*	955	USD	710
	*(from 1.8.13: KRW 776,000 SGD 878)											
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										
	*(from 1.9.13: AUD 1,216)											
	For searches carried out in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD*	389	CHF	379	EUR	313	NZD	487	SGD	500
	USD	404										
	*(from 1.9.13: AUD 421)											
RU	RUB	6,750	CHF	204	EUR	168	USD	217				
SE	SEK	15,900	CHF	2,268	DKK	13,980	EUR	1,875	ISK	290,000	NOK	13,860
	USD	2,419										
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,950	EUR	1,612	NZD	2,510	ZAR*	18,510		
	*(from 1.9.13: ZAR 21,120)											
XN	DKK	13,980	CHF	2,268	EUR	1,875	ISK	290,000	NOK	13,860	USD	2,419

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

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

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

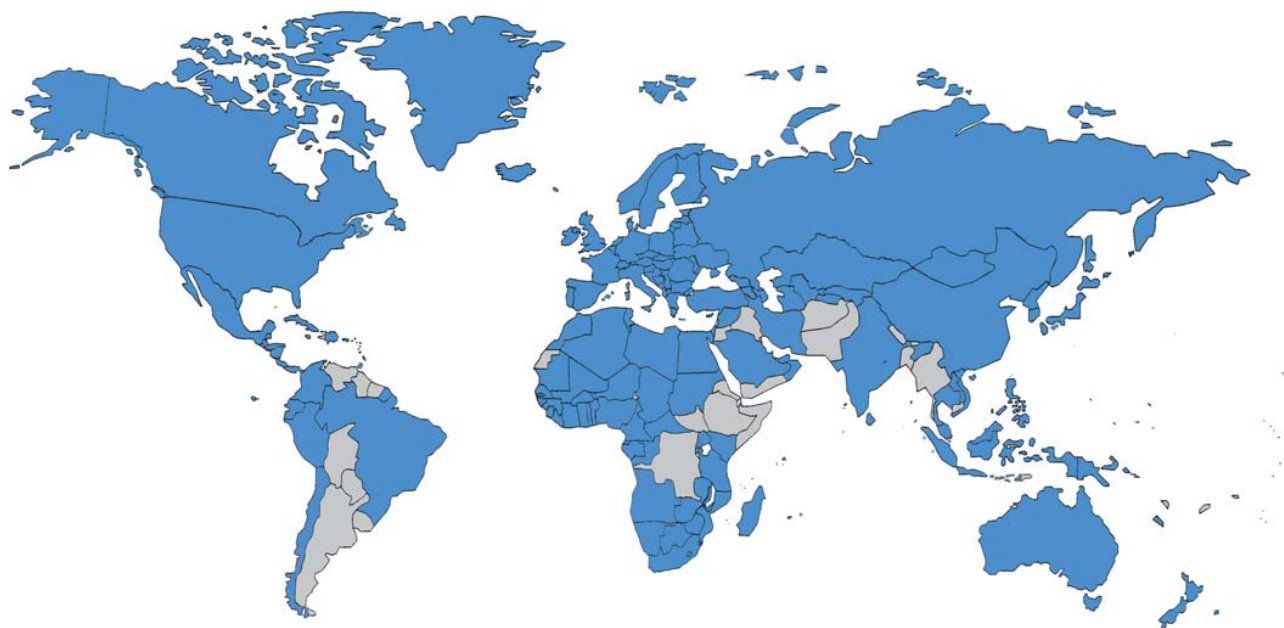
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IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁵		Handling fee ^{2, 35} (CHF 200)
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,675	EUR 165
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁶	AUD 206
BR ²⁹	BRL	710 *(from 1.8.13: 840)	BRL 432
CA	CAD	800	CAD 210
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³⁰	EGP	3,000	EGP 1,432
EP ³¹	EUR	1,850	EUR 165
ES	EUR	577.87	EUR 165
FI	EUR	600	EUR 165
IL	ILS	1,500	ILS 776
JP	JPY	26,000	JPY 20,400
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW 238,000
RU	RUB	2,700 ³⁷ 4,050 ³⁸	USD 213
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,400
US	USD	600 750 ³⁹	USD 213
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
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 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
- 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).
- 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)).

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AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IR Islamic Republic of Iran (from 4 October 2013)	MN Mongolia	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MT Malta (EP) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SM San Marino (EP)
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros (OA) ^{2,3}	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
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BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TH Thailand
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BN Brunei Darussalam	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	UA Ukraine
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MA Morocco	QA Qatar	UG Uganda (AP)
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	US United States of America
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	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	

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