

PCT NEWSLETTER

www.wipo.int/pct/en

June 2015 | No. 06/2015

PCT Working Group

The eighth session of the PCT Working Group was held in Geneva from 26 to 29 May 2015.

Proposed amendments to the Regulations

The Working Group agreed to forward a number of sets of proposed amendments to the PCT Regulations to the PCT Assembly for approval at its session in October 2015:

- where permitted to do so under national law, receiving Offices would be able to forward details of search or classification results from earlier applications to the International Searching Authority (ISA), in general without the express permission of the applicant, but with the option for receiving Offices to notify the International Bureau (IB) that they will forward those results only with the permission of the applicant (see documents PCT/WG/8/18 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 60 to 70 and Annex I));
- designated Offices would be required to send timely information to the IB concerning national phase entries, national publications and grants (see documents PCT/WG/8/8 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 77 to 83 and Annex II)). That information would be made available in PATENTSCOPE and in bulk format to other patent information service providers, allowing significantly improved information concerning where national rights may be pending or granted;
- applicants would be able to request that information be omitted from the published version of an international application or the associated files if it does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application, it would prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person and there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that information (see documents PCT/WG/8/12 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 132 to 137 and Annex III)). This would allow the removal of certain irrelevant information, normally included accidentally in the international application or associated documents;
- receiving Offices would normally be required to forward to the IB copies of documents submitted in connection with a request for restoration of the right of priority (see documents PCT/WG/8/14 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 138 to 141 and Annex IV)). However, under the same conditions as apply in the proposed amendments described above (concerning omission of information from the international application or public file), the applicant could request that certain documents not be forwarded. The main difference is that it is more likely in this case that the relevant information would have been provided deliberately, to establish that the conditions for “due care” had been met. Applicants should note that if key information is not made available, it is more likely that

their request for restoration of the right of priority will be reviewed and that they will be required to provide equivalent information again to the designated Offices in the national phase;

- the *force majeure* provisions would be extended to allow time limits to be extended where a time limit had been missed because of a general failure of electronic communications services in the area where the interested party resides (see documents PCT/WG/8/22 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 142 to 149 and Annex V)). Such an outage would not automatically excuse a failure to meet a time limit; it would be necessary to provide evidence of the outage, that the outage prevented the time limit being met, and that the relevant action was subsequently taken as soon as reasonably possible; and
- an enabling provision would be included, under which the IB could allow applicants to write to it in languages other than English and French (see documents PCT/WG/8/23 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 150 to 153 and Annex V)). The intention is initially to permit correspondence in the language of publication (or English or French, as at present) where that correspondence is made through ePCT. The arrangements would be extended to all communications once the IB was certain that it had the capacity to handle the work efficiently and that there would be no adverse consequences for designated Offices or third parties.

Setting of International Filing Fee

The Working Group agreed to recommend a new arrangement for the setting of equivalent amounts of the international filing fee. If accepted by the PCT Assembly, equivalent amounts of the international filing fee in all currencies will be set just once per year and the IB would guard against loss of income due to changes in exchange rates between the Swiss franc and the three most important currencies in which international filing fees are collected (euro, Japanese yen and US dollar) using hedging contracts (see documents PCT/WG/8/15 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 21 to 36)). Over the coming year, the IB will investigate the possibility of extending similar arrangements to the search fee, using “netting” arrangements to minimize costs and risks, and opening the door to increased use of centralized credit card payment options.

Electronic Services

The Working Group noted that the ePCT browser-based interface was now available in 10 languages. The underlying infrastructure is now in place for significant improvements to the efficiency of the system, especially for international applications where different Offices act as receiving Office and ISA. The IB set out priorities for work to ensure that the system was able to achieve its potential (see document PCT/WG/8/20).

The Working Group also noted that the IB was preparing a draft interface to assist with national phase entry using ePCT, to allow more concrete discussions of the requirements with interested designated Offices and user groups (see document PCT/WG/8/19).

Other Issues

The Working Group acknowledged that there was little prospect of reaching agreement on the issue of whether or not to allow the replacement of an entire, incorrectly-filed specification under the present “missing parts” arrangements. Nevertheless, this was a real problem facing applicants, particularly in the context of electronic systems where it was easy to attach an

incorrect file without realizing it. Consequently, the Working Group invited the IB to prepare proposals for a new provision specific to this issue. Pending discussions on that point, the IB would propose modifications to the Receiving Office Guidelines to clarify the existing divergent practices and their effects (see documents PCT/WG/8/4 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 112 to 123)).

The Working Group similarly noted a lack of agreement on the closely related issue of whether it should be possible to allow claims of priority from “earlier” applications filed on the same date as the international application. There appeared little prospect of agreement within the Working Group on whether this should be permitted. Many Contracting States considered that, in principle, the Assembly of the Paris Union would be the appropriate body to provide a definitive answer, but referring this matter to that body seemed out of proportion to the number of international applications concerned, especially given that it was not clear that a resolution would be found. The IB was requested to provide a discussion paper for the next session of the Working Group, setting out a proposal to expressly require receiving Offices not to cancel same day priority claims in the international phase, allowing their outcome to be determined in the national phase under the applicable national laws (see document PCT/WG/8/5).

The Working Group invited the IB to seek information on the examiner training activities currently carried out by national Offices for the benefit of examiners from other Offices, with a view to identifying effective ways in which the IB could assist such processes by acting as a coordinating body (see documents PCT/WG/8/7 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 42 to 46)).

The Working Group also noted documents concerning:

- the twenty-second session of the Meeting of International Authorities Under the PCT (see document PCT/WG/8/2 and *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2015);
- a supplemental study, “Estimating a PCT Fee Elasticity”, concerning the extent to which the level of fees affects filing rates by universities, in general and from developing countries (see document PCT/WG/8/11);
- coordination of technical assistance under the PCT (see document PCT/WG/8/16);
- the work being done towards identifying the quality issues relating to criteria for appointment of International Authorities (see document PCT/WG/8/3);
- the use of the “PCT Direct” service at the European Patent Office (EPO), which allows applicants to provide comments on the search opinion provided on an earlier application from which priority was claimed, providing arguments or explaining amendments which had been made in the international application (see document PCT/WG/8/17) – this service was being extended from 1 July 2015 to also be available to applicants at other receiving Offices in cases where the EPO was selected as ISA, and a similar service had been introduced at the Israel Patent Office;
- the implementation at the EPO of a requirement of mandatory response to negative comments made by that Office as ISA on regional phase entry (see document PCT/WG/8/24);
- a review of the supplementary international search system (see document PCT/WG/8/6);
- work towards improving the definition of the patent literature part of the PCT minimum documentation (see document PCT/WG/8/9);

- updating of the PCT sequence listing standard (see document PCT/WG/8/13);
- revision of WIPO Standard ST.14 (recommendation for the inclusion of references in cited patent documents) (see document PCT/WG/8/10); and
- a delay in work towards allowing the effective filing and international phase processing of color drawings (see document PCT/WG/8/21).

Summary and Documents

The summary by the Chair is available from the same page as the working documents on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/8

A draft report of the meeting will also be made available on that page in due course.

PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation

The twenty-eighth session of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation was held in Geneva during the period from 26 to 29 May 2015, the same period as the PCT Working Group. The Committee discussed the application of the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) to be appointed as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT. The Agreement on the VPI was signed on 26 February 2015 by the four Visegrad countries: the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia and will create an intergovernmental organization for cooperation in the field of patents. The Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of the VPI as ISA and IPEA to the Assembly of the PCT Union.

For further information, see the summary by the Chair at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/pct/en/pct_ctc_28/pct_ctc_28_4.pdf

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Algeria, the Czech Republic and South Africa: the Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property, the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic and the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) will begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property, the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic and the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa), in their capacities as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that they will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 July 2015. The Offices will accept international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal. The amounts in CHF (in the case of Algeria), and the equivalent amounts in EUR (in the case of the Czech Republic) and ZAR (in the case of South Africa) of the applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the CIPC with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 4 June 2015 at:

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

and those of the Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property and the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic will be published shortly.

This information updates *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (CZ, DZ and ZA).

The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by the above-mentioned Office brings to 22 the total number of receiving Offices which do so¹.

Decommissioning of the PCT-EASY Functionality of PCT-SAFE (Third Reminder)

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2014, page 2, the PCT-EASY functionality of PCT-SAFE will be decommissioned as of 1 July 2015. Furthermore, the fee reduction under item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer be applicable as from that date. For further information, see also *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2015, cover page.

The July version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.068.244) will be made available for download from the PCT eServices website before the end of June.

IMPORTANT:

We would like to take this opportunity to ask you to finalize and submit any remaining PCT-EASY type filings, then export all form and address book data, before updating your PCT-SAFE software with the July version.

Furthermore, filers are encouraged to move to ePCT-Filing at their convenience. ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing to a number of receiving Offices¹.

The special EFS-Web functionality for the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office (RO/US) will remain in the software, and filers will continue to be able to prepare and upload the "PCT-EASY.zip" file to the EFS-Web system. For further information on this functionality please see the user guide "Instructions for the use of PCT-SAFE in combination with EFS-Web (e-filing with RO/US)" which is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/user_documentation.htm

Further details on the new version of PCT-SAFE will be available in due course on the PCT eServices website at:

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

For further information on ePCT-Filing and getting started, go to:

<https://pct.wipo.int>

or contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at: epct@wipo.int

¹ ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices: RO/IB, RO/AT, RO/AU, RO/BR, RO/CA, RO/CL, RO/CZ, RO/DZ, RO/EA, RO/EE, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/HU, RO/IN, RO/LV, RO/MY, RO/NZ, RO/SA, RO/SE, RO/SG, RO/TR and RO/ZA.

PCT Statistics 2014

The PCT Yearly Review, 2015 edition

The 2015 edition of the PCT Yearly Review summarizes PCT activities and developments in 2014, and contains a comprehensive set of statistics relating to PCT filings (including filings by top countries of origin, by top applicants and by technical field) and the performance of the international patent system in 2014, as well as statistics relating to national phase entries in 2013. This edition contains a special theme which takes a close look at the most active applicants in the PCT System by analyzing longer-term trends and more recent developments. It provides information on the applicants with the most filings during the international phase of the PCT, during the national phase, and broken down by world regions.

The PCT Yearly Review is available in English, in PDF format, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct/>

where there is also a link to the data and graphs associated with the Review, which contain:

- images of all the graphs and tables (including titles, sources and notes); and
- details of the data behind all graphs and tables.

French and Spanish translations of the Review are under preparation.

IMPORTANT: Reminder about New E-mail Notification System for the PCT Newsletter

As mentioned in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2015, WIPO is moving to a new distribution platform for its newsletters and press releases on 16 June 2015, which means that if you are already subscribed to any of these, including the e-mail which notifies readers of the publication of each issue of the *PCT Newsletter*, and you wish to continue receiving such notifications, you will need to re-subscribe by signing up to the new e-mail platform at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/newsletters/en/>

When you access the new platform, you will see a central subscription page where you can select all your WIPO e-mail and e-newsletter subscriptions, and update your contact information and preferences. The sign-up procedure is simple and will only take a few moments of your time.

If you do not sign up to the *PCT Newsletter* option of the new platform, you will no longer receive e-mails about the publication of the *PCT Newsletter*, and if you delay in signing up, you may miss out on important information!

Combined July-August Issue

The next issue of the *PCT Newsletter* will be a joint July-August issue that will be published in the latter half of July. If, between the publication of that issue and the September issue, there is any important PCT news that users should be aware of, we will announce it by way of the new PCT e-mail updating service. If you have 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 our new e-mail platform mentioned above.

Please note that, if there are any changes to the PCT Seminar Calendar or the PCT Fee Tables before the publication of the September issue, they will be updated in August at, respectively:

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

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

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilot

New pilot starts between the Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic) and the Japan Patent Office

On 1 April 2015, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO). Under this program, faster examination in the national phase in the Czech Republic is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II), issued by the JPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the above-mentioned PCT-PPH agreement is available at:

<http://www.upv.cz/en/ip-rights/patents/pphjpo.html>

http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi_e/t_torikumi_e/japan_czech_highway_e.htm

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on this new pilot at:

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

PCT Information Update

BR Brazil (fees)

The amount of the fee for a priority document on paper, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as receiving Office, has changed to BRL 200.

The amount of the following national fees, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property as designated (or elected) Office, has changed:

For patent

Filing fee:[no change] (online);
BRL 260 (on paper)

For utility model

Filing fee:[no change] (online);
BRL 260 (on paper)

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

CZ Czech Republic (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance by the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 July 2015, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that will be applicable, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

DK Denmark (time limit for entry into the national phase; requirements concerning translation of the international application)

It is recalled that in 2009 it was announced that, in respect of PCT applications entering into the national phase in Denmark, a special time limit of 20 months from the priority date applied to the Danish territory of the Faroe Islands, and that, where protection was sought in the Faroe Islands, translations into Danish were required (translations into English were not accepted) (see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 01, 02 and 06/2009 and 07-08/2010). The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 2 May 2015, where protection is sought in the Faroe Islands:

- the time limit for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a) is 31 months from the priority date (the same as that which applies to the rest of the Danish territory);
- the translation may now be furnished into Danish or English (as is the case for the rest of the Danish territory)

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

DZ Algeria (e-mail address; electronic filing; fees)

The e-mail address of the Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property has changed to:

e-pct@inapi.dz

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

For information on the acceptance by the Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 July 2015, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that will be applicable, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

EE Estonia (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Estonian Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2015:

For patent:

| | | | |
|--|-------------|-----|-----------------|
| Application fee:..... | EUR | 225 | 56 ² |
| Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:..... | [no change] | | |

² This amount is applicable where all applicants are natural persons.

| | | |
|--|-----|---------------------|
| Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy: ... | EUR | 32 |
| Annual fees for the first three years: | EUR | 116 |
| For utility model: | | |
| Filing fee: | EUR | 105 26 ² |

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

HU Hungary (fees)

Further to the notification by the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, of its preparedness to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 June 2015 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2015, page 2), the equivalent amounts in HUF of the applicable electronic filing reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees have now been established and are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

MW Malawi (means of telecommunication)

The Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General (Malawi) Office has notified the IB that it has discontinued the use of its teleprinter.

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

NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 September 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in NZD 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 (NZ))

PH Philippines (fees)

A new component to the fee for priority document, payable to the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) as receiving Office, has been introduced to cover the cost of transmittal of the document, as follows:

| | | |
|--|-----|-------|
| Fee for priority document..... | PHP | 500 |
| plus, for transmittal of the priority document | PHP | 1,750 |

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

RU Russian Federation (location and mailing address)

The postcode in the location and mailing addresses of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) has changed to: 125993.

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

SD Sudan (fees; language of filing)

The Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Justice (Sudan), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that it now accepts international applications filed in Arabic (or English) and that there is no longer a fee for the priority document.

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

US United States of America (telephone and fax numbers; Internet address; competent International Authorities; fees)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has notified the IB of changes in its Internet address and telephone and fax numbers, which are now as follows:

| | |
|------------|---|
| Telephone: | (1-571) 272 43 00 (PCT Help Desk) (1-866) 217 91 97 (Toll free technical support for electronic filing) (1-571) 272-41 00 (Local technical support for electronic filing) |
| Fax: | (1-571) 273 32 01 (PCT Operations – only available for certain documents) (1-571) 273 83 00 (USPTO Central Fax – only available for certain documents) (1-571) 273 04 19 (PCT Help Desk) |
| Internet: | http://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/international-protection/international-patent-legal-administration-formerly |

Specification of the Japan Patent Office as a competent International Authority

The USPTO has specified, with effect from 1 July 2015, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Israel Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO, or with the IB, as receiving Office.

Note that the JPO will be a competent ISA and IPEA only for international applications which meet the following conditions:

- the international application is submitted in English;
- the claims of the international application are directed to the field of green technology as defined by certain International Patent Classification classes (to be published shortly in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*); and
- the JPO has not received more than 5,000 international applications from the USPTO during the three year period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2018, not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first year, and not more than 475 applications per quarter during the second and third years.

Note also that the JPO will act as an IPEA only where it acted as the ISA.

Information on the USPTO as ISA and IPEA

The Office, in its capacity as ISA, has clarified the types of documents received free of charge by the applicant in addition to the international search report (ISR): the applicant now receives a copy of each cited document that is not a U.S. patent document or a published international application.

The Office, in its capacity as IPEA, has clarified the types of documents received free of charge by the applicant in addition to the international preliminary examination report: the applicant now receives a copy of each additional document not cited in the ISR which is not a U.S. patent document or a published international application.

The footnotes to Annexes D and E(US) have been revised to clarify the kinds of documents which are no longer mailed to the applicant automatically, and to explain how copies of cited documents can be obtained.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1, C, D and E (US))

ZA South Africa (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance by the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 July 2015, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that will be applicable, see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

Search fee (European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 1 August 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NOK for international searches carried out by the European Patent Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the Nordic Patent Institute, and there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in HUF for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

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

New/updated PCT Resources

Modified PCT Regulations (in Arabic, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish)

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, during its meeting which was held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2015 (for further information on those amendments, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2014).

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2015, are now available in PDF format in Arabic, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish

(in addition to English, French and Chinese). The Arabic, German, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish texts are available on the right hand side of the page at, respectively:

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

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

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

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

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

and the Italian version is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/it/texts/pdf/pct_regs2015.pdf

PCT FAQs (in Chinese and Russian)

Updated versions of the publication “Protecting your Inventions Abroad: Frequently Asked Questions About the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)” are now available in Chinese and Russian in PDF format at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/faqs/faqs.html>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/faqs/faqs.html>

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (Paper Version)

WIPO has published revised paper versions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2015, in English and French.

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

fax: (41–22) 740 18 12

e-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int

mailing address: 34, chemin des Colombettes
P.O. Box 18, CH–1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Other language versions will be available shortly. As mentioned above, the electronic texts of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations under the PCT in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, as in force from 1 July 2015, are also available on the PCT website free of charge.

PATENTSCOPE Search System

National patent collection: Portugal

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2015 that the PATENTSCOPE search system now includes 100,000 bibliographic data records from the national patent collection of Portugal, more than 34,000 records containing fully searchable descriptions and claims (published since 2007) have been added to the collection, which is available at:

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

Practical Advice

Entitlement to reductions in PCT fees for applicants from certain countries

Q: I am a national and resident of Slovenia and I am planning to file an international application (as sole applicant) with the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office. I have heard that Slovenia will be added to the list of States whose nationals and residents are entitled to a 90% reduction in the international filing fee as from 1 July 2015. As I wish to claim priority of an earlier application filed on 20 June 2014, I will have to file my international application by 20 June 2015 at the latest. If I file my application before 1 July 2015, will I be able to pay a reduced fee if I actually make the fee payment after 1 July?

A: As you are aware, revisions to the eligibility criteria for certain fee reductions were made during the 46th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) which was held in September 2014. Slovenia was indeed added, together with the PCT Contracting States of Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Portugal and Saudi Arabia, and the non-PCT Contracting States of the Bahamas, Nauru, Palau and Suriname³, to the list of States, the nationals and residents of which may benefit from a 90% reduction in the international filing fee, the supplementary search handling fee, and the handling fee, as prescribed under item 5(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2014, cover page). The date of entry into force of the amendments to the Schedule of Fees is 1 July 2015.

Although the date of entry into force of the amended Schedule of Fees, including the revised list of States eligible for the above fee reductions, is 1 July 2015, in the case of the reduction in the international filing fee, the revised Schedule of Fees will apply only in respect of international applications **received by the receiving Office on or after 1 July 2015**. (According to PCT Rule 15.3, the amount of the international filing fee that is payable shall be the amount applicable on the **date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office**.) Therefore, regardless of when you pay the fees, the Schedule of Fees as in force until 30 June 2015 will apply in respect of your application, which means that you will not be entitled to the 90% reduction in the international filing fee. Note that even if an international application is received by the receiving Office before 1 July 2015 but is given a later international filing date which falls on or after 1 July 2015 (for example, in the case where missing drawings are furnished later), the current (pre-July 2015) Schedule of Fees will apply for payment of that fee.

³ It is recalled that applicants from non-PCT Contracting States must file the PCT application together with an applicant who is a national of and/or resides in a PCT Contracting State, and may only benefit from the fee reduction if that applicant is also entitled to the fee reduction.

Note, however, that if you request a supplementary international search or file a demand for international preliminary examination you would, irrespective of when that request or demand is submitted, be able to pay the reduced amount of the fees payable for the benefit of the International Bureau (IB), that is, the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, respectively, if the fee concerned is paid on or after 1 July 2015. (According to PCT Rules 45*bis*.2(c) and 57.3(d), the amounts payable for those fees are the amounts which are applicable on the date of payment of the fees).

For further details, including background information regarding the amendment to the Schedule of Fees, see the following PCT Assembly documents: Proposed Amendments to the PCT Regulations (document PCT/A/46/3) and the Report (document PCT/A/46/6, paragraphs 15 to 17, and Annexes I and II) at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33287

For a full list of States the nationals and residents of which are entitled to the fee reduction indicated under item 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees, see:

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

The above-mentioned web page contains links to the currently applicable list as well as the list which will be applicable on or after 1 July 2015. Note that the list which will become applicable on 1 July 2015 will be applicable for the next five years, subject to possible addition of States to the list in the interim, where the applicable conditions are met and where the State concerned makes a request to the Director General of WIPO to be included in the list.

To benefit from a reduction in the international filing fee for electronic filings (under item 4 of the Schedule of Fees), you may wish to consider filing your international application in electronic form (for example, using the ePCT-Filing system) with the IB or the European Patent Office as receiving Office, subject to any filing restrictions which may apply under your country's national legislation.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>)
(situation on 16 June 2015)

| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
|--|---------------------|--|---|
| 16 June 2015 Tyumen (RU) | English/ Russian | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Natsume | Rospatent (Mr. Brezhnev Mikhail Vladimirovich) Tel/Fax: (7-3452) 390 085, (7-3452) 685 799 E-mail: m.v.brezhnev@yandex.ru; tum_voir@mail.ru |
| 18 June 2015 Khanty-Mansiysk (RU) | English/ Russian | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Natsume | Rospatent (Mr. Efanov Maxim Viktorovich) Tel/Fax: (7-3467) 36 18 78, 36 18 89, 36 18 87 E-mail: tp@tp86.ru; m_efanov@tp86.ru |
| 7 July 2015 Fukuoka (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/ |
| 8 July 2015 Stuttgart (DE) | English | Roving seminar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speakers: Ms. Valdimarsdottir, Mr. Reischle, Mr. Vázquez and Mr. Halfpenny | German Patent and Trade Mark Office and Stuttgart Patent Information Centre Tel: (49-711) 123 25 58 Fax: (49-711) 123 25 60 E-mail: info@patente-stuttgart.de Registration: http://www.patente-stuttgart.de/index.php?page=veranstaltungennseminare |
| 9 July 2015 Hokkaido (JP) | Japanese | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana | University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (see Fukuoka, above) |
| 14 July 2015 Tokyo (JP) | Japanese | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana | University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (see Fukuoka, above) |
| 20-21 July 2015 San Francisco, CA (US) | English | 19 th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty 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 |
| 23-24 July 2015 Alexandria, VA (US) | English | 19 th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell | American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (see San Francisco, above) |
| 4 August 2015 Minneapolis, MN (US) | English | PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell | Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com |
| August 2015 (<i>exact date to be confirmed</i>) Qazvin (IR) | English/ Persian | PCT training workshop within the framework of the Qazvin Invention Innovation Festival (QIIF) (26 to 31 August 2015) WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim | International Federation of Inventors’ Associations (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) Internet: http://www.ifa.com E-mail: bijan.nasiri@ifia.com |
| 9 September 2015 New York, NY (US) | English | PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell | Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com |

[continued on next page]

| PCT Seminar Calendar [continued] | | | |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|
| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 24–25 September 2015 Geneva (CH) | English | Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT): procedural aspects of the international and national phases, recent and future PCT developments, and filing and management of PCT applications in ePCT. Note that attendance is limited to 50 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: Mr. Sandage, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Reischle, Mr. Abidine, Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Sim, Mr. Tachibana, Mr. Thobie, Ms. Chatel, Mr. Marlow, Ms. Metcalfe, Ms. Weiss, Mr. Yu, Ms. Gateau, and others, to be announced | Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters On-line registration and further information: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/registration/form.jsp?registration_id=199 Deadline for registrations: 11 September 2015 E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int |
| 5 October 2015 Zurich (CH) | German | Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle | Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch |
| 8–9 October 2015 Cary, NC (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office) | North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Angela Allen) E-mail: aallen@ncbar.org |
| 13 October 2015 Helsinki (FI) | English | Update Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Olli Ilmarinen) Tel: (358) 9 6939 5236 Fax: (358) 9 6939 5556 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi |
| 14 October 2015 Helsinki (FI) | Finnish/ English | ePCT Training WIPO speaker: Ms. Metcalfe | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (see Helsinki, above) |
| 14–15 October 2015 Munich (DE) | German | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former staff member of the PCT Legal Division, WIPO, former member of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office, now retired) | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de |
| 16 October 2015 Seattle, WA (US) | English | Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center) | PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org |
| 20 October 2015 Washington, DC (US) | English | ePCT Training Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Piriou Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center) | PCT Learning Center (see Seattle, above) |
| 26–27 October 2015 Ottawa/Gatineau (CA) | English | Canadian PCT Roundtable WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim Other speakers: Ms. Auria Lansac (European Patent Office) and others to be announced. | Intellectual Property Institute of Canada E-mail: admin@ipic.ca |
| 29 October – 1 November 2015 Nuremberg (DE) | German | PCT training workshop during the iENA Invention Exhibition WIPO speaker: Ms. Weiss | International Federation of Inventors' Associations (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) E-mail: bijan.nasiri@ifia.com Internet: www.ifia.com |
| 30 October 2015 London (GB) | English | PCT presentation within the framework of the 14th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (29-30 October 2015) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle | Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Sarah Packham) Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: sarah.packham@management-forum.co.uk |

PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]

| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
|--|----------------------------|---|--|
| 4–5 November 2015 Munich (DE) | German | International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de |
| 10 November 2015 Los Angeles/ Glendale, CA (US) | English | PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell | Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com |
| 18 November 2015 Houston, TX (US) | English | Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center) | PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org |
| 24 November 2015 Basel (CH) | English | PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle | Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Sarah Brunner) Tel: (41) 61 324 84 22 E-mail: sarah.brunner@novartis.com |
| 2–3 December 2015 Paris (FR) | French | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and other speaker, to be announced | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr |
| 3–4 December 2015 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT Formalities (including practical presentations on PCT eServices) WIPO speaker: to be announced | Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Sarah Packham) Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: sarah.packham@management-forum.co.uk |
| 8 December 2015 Paris (FR) | French | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above) |

PCT Webinars

| Date and time | Language of webinar | Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers | Registration |
|---|----------------------------|---|---|
| 2 July 2015 15:00 CET 9:00 New York time | English | General Introduction to ePCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim | https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1714199467949349889 |
| 7 July 2015 15:00 CET 9:00 New York time | English | ePCT-Filing WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim | https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/556172930855688193 |

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers

| Dates and location | Language of event | Nature of seminar; Speakers | Organizer and contact numbers |
|---|--------------------------|--|--|
| 15 October 2015 Seattle, WA (US) | English | PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center) | PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org |

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 2015, 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 16. (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 – | BRL | Brazilian real | HUF | Hungarian forint | MXN | Mexican peso | TTD | Trinidad and Tobago dollar |
| IPEA | International Preliminary Examining Authority | BZD | Belize dollar | IDR | Indonesian rupiah | MYR | Malaysian ringgit | UAH | Ukrainian hryvnia |
| ISA | International Searching Authority | CAD | Canadian dollar | ILS | New Israeli sheqel | NOK | Norwegian krone | USD | US dollar |
| RO | receiving Office | CHF | Swiss franc | INR | Indian rupee | NZD | New Zealand dollar | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| | | CLP | Chilean peso | IRR | Iranian Rial | PEN | Nuevo sol | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| | | CNY | Yuan renminbi | ISK | Icelandic krona | PGK | Kina | ZAR | South African rand |
| | | COP | Colombian peso | JPY | Japanese yen | PHP | Philippine peso | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| | | CUC | Cuban convertible peso | KES | Kenyan shilling | PLN | Polish zloty | | |
| | | CZK | Czech koruna | KGS | Kyrgyz som | RON | New leu | | |
| ALL | Albanian lek | DKK | Danish krone | KPW | Won | RSD | Serbian dinar | | |
| AMD | Armenian dram | DZD | Algerian dinar | KRW | Won | RUB | Russian rouble | | |
| AUD | Australian dollar | EGP | Egyptian pound | KZT | Kazakh tenge | SDG | Sudanese pound | | |
| AZN | Azerbaijani manat | EUR | Euro | LSL | Lesotho loti | SEK | Swedish krona | | |
| BAM | Convertible mark | GBP | Pound sterling | LYD | Libyan dinar | SGD | Singapore dollar | | |
| BGN | Bulgarian lev | GHS | Ghanaian cedi | MAD | Moroccan dirham | THB | Baht | | |
| BHD | Bahraini dinar | GTQ | Quetzal | MKD | Macedonian denar | TJS | Tajik somoni | | |
| BND | Brunei dollar | HRK | Croatian kuna | MWK | Malawian kwacha | TND | Tunisian dinar | | |

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 June 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee ¹ | International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330) | Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15) | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: | | | Competent ISA(s) ⁴ |
|----|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100) | Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200) | Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300) | |
| AG | Information not yet available | | | | | | CA |
| AL | ALL 9,000 | CHF 1,330 | 15 | – | – | – | EP |
| AM | AMD 32,000 | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i> | – | – | EP RU |
| AP | USD 50 (or eq in local currency) | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i> | – | – | AT EP SE |
| AT | EUR 52 | EUR 1,273 | 14 | – | 191 | 287 | EP |
| AU | AUD 200 | AUD 1,848 | 21 | – | 278 | 417 | AU KR |
| AZ | AZN 30 ⁹ | USD 1,384 | 16 | – | – | – | EP RU |
| BA | BAM 50 | EUR 1,273 | 14 | 96 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i> | – | – | EP |
| BE | EUR 120 | EUR 1,273 | 14 | 96 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i> | – | – | EP |
| BG | BGN 80 | BGN eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i> | – | – | EP RU |
| BH | BHD 70 | USD 1,384 | 16 | – | – | – | AT EP US |
| BN | BND 150 | BND eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i> | – | – | AU EP |
| BR | BRL ¹⁰ online: 175 on paper: 260 | BRL eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i> | 200 | – | AT BR EP SE US |
| BW | USD 32 | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i> | – | – | EP |
| BY | USD 50 | USD 1,384 | 16 | – | – | – | EP RU |

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 June 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee ¹ | | International filing fee ^{1,2} | | Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: | | | Competent ISA(s) ⁴ |
|----|---|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | | | Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ | Item 4(c) ⁷ | Item 4(d) ⁸ | |
| BZ | BZD | 300 | USD | 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | CA EP |
| CA | CAD | 300 | CAD | 1,799 | 20 | 135 (from 1.7.15:–) | 270 | 406 | CA |
| CH | CHF | 100 | CHF | 1,330 | 15 | 100 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | EP |
| CL | CLP eq USD ¹¹ | 130 | CLP eq USD ¹¹ | 1,384 | eq USD ¹¹ 16 | eq USD ¹¹ 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | 208 | 312 | CL EP ES KR US |
| CN | CNY | 500 | CNY eq CHF | 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–) | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | CN |
| CO | COP | 865,000 ¹² | COP eq CHF | 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, RU |
| CR | USD | 250 | USD | 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | CL EP ES |
| CU | CUC | 200 | CUC | 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | AT BR CL EP ES RU |
| CY | EUR | 163 | EUR | 1,273 | 14 | – | – | – | EP |
| CZ | CZK | 1,500 | EUR | 1,273 | 14 | 96 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | EP |
| DE | EUR | 90 | EUR | 1,273 | 14 | 96 (from 1.7.15:–) | 191 | 287 | EP |
| DK | DKK | 1,500 | DKK | 9,480 | 110 | 710 (from 1.7.15:–) | 1,430 | 2,140 | EP SE XN |
| DM | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | |
| DO | USD | 275 | USD | 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | EP ES US |
| DZ | DZD | None | CHF | 1,330 | 15 | 100 (from 1.7.15:–) | (from 1.7.15:–) eq CHF 200) | (from 1.7.15:–) eq CHF 200) | AT EP |
| EA | RUB | 1,600 | USD | 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | 208 | 312 | EP RU |
| EC | USD ¹³ | – | USD | 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | CL EP ES |
| EE | EUR | 120 | EUR | 1,273 | 14 | – | 191 | 287 | EP |
| EG | USD | 142 | USD | 1,384 | 16 | – | – | – | AT EG EP US |
| EP | EUR | 130 | EUR | 1,273 | 14 | 96 | 191 | 287 | EP |
| ES | EUR | 74.99 | EUR | 1,273 | 14 | 96 (from 1.7.15:–) | 191 | 287 | EP ES |
| FI | EUR | 135 | EUR | 1,273 | 14 | – | 191 | 287 | EP FI SE |
| FR | EUR | 60 | EUR | 1,273 | 14 | 96 (from 1.7.15:–) | 191 | 287 | EP |
| GB | GBP | 75 | GBP | 948 | 11 | – | 142 | 214 | EP |
| GD | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | |
| GE | USD ¹⁴ | 100 | USD | 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | AT EP IL RU US |
| GH | GHS ¹⁵ | 2,500 or 5,000 | USD | 1,384 | 16 | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE |
| GR | EUR | 115 | EUR | 1,273 | 14 | 96 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | EP |
| GT | GTQ eq USD | 250 | USD | 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | AT BR EP ES US |
| HN | USD | 200 | USD | 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | EP ES |
| HR | HRK | 200 | HRK eq CHF | 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–) | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | EP |
| HU | HUF | 11,800 | HUF | 392,000 | HUF 4,400 | HUF 29,500 (from 1.7.15:–) | 59,000 | 88,400 | EP RU |
| IB | CHF ¹⁶ or EUR ¹⁶ or USD ¹⁶ | 100 96 104 | CHF or EUR or USD | 1,330 1,273 1,384 | 15 14 16 | 100 96 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | 200 191 208 | 300 287 312 | See footnote 17 |
| ID | IDR | 1,000,000 | IDR eq CHF | 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | AU EP JP KR RU |
| IE | EUR | 76 | EUR | 1,273 | 14 | – | – | – | EP |

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

(amounts on 1 June 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee ¹ | International filing fee ^{1,2} | Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: | | | Competent ISA(s) ⁴ |
|----|--|---|--|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ | Item 4(c) ⁷ | Item 4(d) ⁸ | |
| IL | ILS 554 | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:—) | 208 | 312 | EP IL US |
| IN | INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800) | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:—) | 208 | 312 | AT AU CN EP IN SE US |
| IR | IRR ¹³ — | IRR eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | — | — | — | CN EP IN RU |
| IS | ISK 15,000 | ISK 190,800 | 2,200 | — | 28,700 | 43,000 | EP SE XN |
| IT | EUR 30.99 | EUR 1,273 | 14 | — | — | — | EP |
| JP | JPY 10,000 ¹⁸ | JPY 164,300 | 1,900 | 12,400 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | 37,100 | EP JP |
| KE | USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | AT AU CN EP SE |
| KG | KGS eq USD 100 | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | EP RU |
| KN | Information not yet available | | | | | | EP |
| KP | KPW eq CHF 50 | KPW eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | AT CN RU |
| KR | KRW 45,000 | CHF 1,330 | 15 | 100 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | 300 | AT AU JP ¹⁹ KR |
| KZ | KZT 10,264.80 | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | EP RU |
| LR | USD 45 | USD 1,384 | 16 | — | — | — | AT AU CN EP SE |
| LS | LSL ¹³ — | LSL eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | — | — | — | AT EP |
| LT | EUR 92 | EUR 1,273 | 14 | 96 (from 1.7.15:—) | 191 | 287 | EP RU |
| LU | EUR 19 | EUR 1,273 | 14 | — | — | — | EP |
| LV | EUR 68.87 | EUR 1,273 | 14 | 96 (from 1.7.15:—) | 191 | 287 | EP RU |
| LY | LYD ¹³ — | CHF 1,330 | 15 | 100 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | AT EP |
| MA | MAD 600 ²⁰ | CHF 1,330 | 15 | — | — | — | AT EP RU SE |
| MC | EUR 54 ²¹ | EUR 1,273 | 14 | — | — | — | EP |
| MD | EUR 100 | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | EP RU |
| MK | MKD 2,700 | MKD eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | EP |
| MN | None | CHF 1,330 | 15 | 100 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | EP KR RU |
| MT | EUR 55 | EUR 1,273 | 14 | 96 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | EP |
| MW | MWK 6,000 | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | EP |
| MX | USD 323.70 ²² | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | CL EP ES SE US |
| MY | MYR 500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³ | MYR eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | — | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | AU EP JP KR |
| NI | USD 200 | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | EP ES |
| NL | EUR 50 | EUR 1,273 | 14 | — | 191 | 287 | EP |
| NO | NOK 800 | NOK 10,990 | 120 | — | 1,650 | 2,480 | EP SE XN |
| NZ | NZD 207 | NZD 1,945 (from 1.7.15: 1,797) (from 1.9.15: 1,926) | 22 (20) (22) | 146 (—) (—) | 293 (270) (290) | 439 (405) (434) | AU EP KR US |
| OA | XAF ¹³ — | XAF eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | — | — | — | AT EP RU SE |
| PA | USD 200 | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | BR CL EP ES US |
| PE | PEN 233.35 | PEN eq USD 1,384 | eq USD 16 | eq USD 104 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | AT BR CL EP ES KR US |
| PG | PGK 250 | USD 1,384 | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:—) | — | — | AU |

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

(amounts on 1 June 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee ¹ | | International filing fee ^{1,2} | | Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} | | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: | | | Competent ISA(s) ⁴ |
|----|---|--|---|--------------|--|-----------|--|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| | | | | | | | Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ | Item 4(c) ⁷ | Item 4(d) ⁸ | |
| PH | PHP | 3,500 | USD | 1,384 | | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | 208 | 312 | 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 | 20.90 | EUR | 1,273 | | 14 | 96 (from 1.7.15:–) | 191 | 287 | EP |
| QA | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | |
| RO | RON | 360 | EUR | 1,273 | | 14 | 96 (from 1.7.15:–) | 191 | 287 | EP RU |
| RS | RSD | 7,140 ²⁴ | RSD | eq CHF 1,330 | | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | EP |
| RU | RUB | 850 | USD | 1,384 | | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | EP RU |
| RW | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | |
| SA | USD | 100 | USD | 1,384 | | 16 | – | 208 | 312 | CA EG EP KR RU |
| SC | USD ¹³ | – | USD | 1,384 | | 16 | – | – | – | EP |
| SD | SDG | 50 | SDG | eq CHF 1,330 | | eq CHF 15 | – | – | – | EG EP |
| SE | SEK | 1,200 | SEK | 12,070 | | 140 | 910 (from 1.7.15:–) | 1,820 | 2,720 | EP SE XN |
| SG | SGD | 150 | SGD | 1,953 | | 22 | – | 294 | 441 | AT AU EP JP KR |
| SI | EUR | 91 | EUR | 1,273 | | 14 | 96 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | EP |
| SK | EUR | 66 ²⁵ | EUR | 1,273 | | 14 | 96 (from 1.7.15:–) | 191 | 287 | EP |
| SM | EUR | 70 | EUR | 1,273 | | 14 | – | – | – | EP |
| SV | USD | 200 | USD | 1,384 | | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | CL EP ES |
| SY | USD ¹³ | – | USD | 1,384 | | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | AT EP RU |
| TH | THB | 3,000 | THB | eq CHF 1,330 | | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | AU CN EP JP KR US |
| TJ | TJS ¹³ | – | USD | 1,384 | | 16 | – | – | – | EP RU |
| TM | USD ¹³ | – | USD | 1,384 | | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | EP RU |
| TN | TND ¹³ | – | CHF | 1,330 | | 15 | – | – | – | EP |
| TR | None | | CHF | 1,330 | | 15 | 100 (from 1.7.15:–) | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | EP |
| TT | TTD | 750 | USD | 1,384 | | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | AT EP SE US |
| UA | UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶ | 1,300 | USD (or eq UAH or EUR) | 1,384 | | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | EP RU |
| US | USD small entity ²⁸ : micro entity ²⁸ : | 240 ²⁷ 120 ²⁷ 60 ²⁷ | USD | 1,384 | | 16 | 104 | 208 | – | AU EP IL KR RU US (from 1.7.15 : JP) |
| UZ | USD ¹³ | – | USD | 1,384 | | 16 | 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | 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 | 16,720 | | 190 | 1,260 (from 1.7.15:–) | – (2,510) | – (3,770) | AT AU EP US |
| ZM | USD | 50 | USD | 1,384 | | 16 | – | – | – | AT SE |
| ZW | ZWD | 6,000 | ZWD | eq USD 1,384 | | eq USD 16 | eq USD 104 (from 1.7.15:–) | – | – | AT AU CN EP RU |

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 June 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee ¹ | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| AT ²⁹ | EUR 1,864 | CHF 1,947 | KRW 2,316,000 | SGD* 3,000 | USD 2,112 | ZAR 24,470 | | | | | |
| | *(from 1.7.15: SGD 2,790) | | | | | | | | | | |
| AU | AUD 2,200 | CHF 1,583 | EUR 1,525 | KRW 1,882,000 | NZD 2,311 | SGD* 2,460 | | | | | |
| | USD 1,789 | ZAR 19,930 | | | | | | | | | |
| | *(from 1.7.15: SGD 2,290) | | | | | | | | | | |
| BR ³⁰ | Online: | BRL 1,685 | CHF* 560 | EUR 484 | USD 540 | | | | | | |
| | *(from 1.7.15: | CHF 519) | | | | | | | | | |
| | On paper: | BRL 2,525 | CHF* 840 | EUR 726 | USD 809 | | | | | | |
| | *(from 1.7.15: | CHF 778) | | | | | | | | | |
| CA | CAD 1,600 | CHF 1,183 | EUR 1,137 | USD 1,284 | | | | | | | |
| CL | USD 2,000 | CHF 1,922 | EUR 1,765 | | | | | | | | |
| | In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity ² : | | | USD 400 | CHF 384 | EUR 353 | | | | | |
| | In case of filing by a university ³¹ : | | | USD 300 | CHF 288 | EUR 265 | | | | | |
| CN | CNY 2,100 | CHF 310 | EUR 297 | USD 342 | | | | | | | |
| EG ³² | EGP 4,000 | CHF 483 | EUR 480 | USD 525 | | | | | | | |
| EP ³³ | EUR 1,875 | CHF 1,958 | DKK 13,960 | GBP 1,365 | HUF 577,000 | ISK 287,000 | | | | | |
| | JPY 251,600 | NOK* 17,000 | NZD 2,761 | SEK 17,040 | SGD** 3,020 | | | | | | |
| | USD 2,125 | ZAR 24,620 | | | | | | | | | |
| | *(from 1.8.15: NOK 15,850) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | **(from 1.7.15: SGD 2,800) | | | | | | | | | | |
| ES ³³ | EUR 1,875 | CHF 1,958 | USD 2,125 | | | | | | | | |
| FI | EUR 1,875 | CHF 1,958 | USD 2,125 | | | | | | | | |
| IL | ILS 3,554 | CHF 875 | EUR 809 | USD 909 | | | | | | | |
| IN | INR 10,000 | CHF 157 | EUR 142 | USD 163 | | | | | | | |
| | In case of filing by an individual: | | | INR 2,500 | CHF 39 | EUR 36 | USD 41 | | | | |
| JP ¹⁸ | JPY 70,000 | CHF 567 | EUR 522 | KRW 638,000 | SGD 766 | USD 577 | | | | | |
| KR | For international applications in Korean: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KRW 450,000 | AUD 526 | CHF 378 | EUR 362 | NZD 539 | SGD 540 | | | | | |
| | USD 422 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | For international applications in English: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KRW 1,300,000 | AUD 1,519 | CHF 1,093 | EUR 1,046 | NZD 1,558 | SGD 1,560 | | | | | |
| | USD 1,219 | | | | | | | | | | |
| RU | For international applications in Russian: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | RUB 6,750 | CHF** 109 | EUR 102 | HUF* ** 27,900 | USD* 108 | | | | | | |
| | *(from 1.7.15: HUF 31,800 | | USD 127) | | | | | | | | |
| | **(from 1.8.15: CHF 121 | | HUF 35,300) | | | | | | | | |
| | For international applications in English: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | RUB 28,000 | CHF** 453 | EUR 425 | HUF* ** 115,800 | USD* 450 | | | | | | |
| | *(from 1.7.15: HUF 132,100 | | USD 525) | | | | | | | | |
| | **(from 1.8.15: CHF 502 | | HUF 146,400) | | | | | | | | |
| SE | SEK 17,040 | CHF 1,958 | DKK 13,960 | EUR 1,875 | ISK 287,000 | NOK* 17,000 | | | | | |
| | USD 2,125 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | *(from 1.8.15: NOK 15,850) | | | | | | | | | | |
| US | USD 2,080 | CHF 1,998 | EUR 1,835 | NZD 2,660 | ZAR* 23,410 | | | | | | |
| | *(from 1.7.15: ZAR 25,250) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | For small entity ²⁸ : USD 1,040 CHF 999 EUR 918 NZD 1,330 ZAR* 11,700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | *(from 1.7.15: ZAR 12,620) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | For micro entity ²⁸ : USD 520 CHF 500 EUR 459 NZD 660 ZAR* 5,850 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | *(from 1.7.15: ZAR 6,310) | | | | | | | | | | |
| XN | DKK 13,960 | CHF 1,958 | EUR 1,875 | ISK 287,000 | NOK* 17,000 | SEK 17,040 | | | | | |
| | USD 2,125 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | *(from 1.8.15: NOK 15,850) | | | | | | | | | | |

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 June 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Supplementary search fee | Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 34} |
|-----|---|--|
| AT | – for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 888 | CHF 200 |
| | – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,243 | |
| | – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,776 | |
| EP | CHF 1,958 | CHF 200 |
| FI | CHF 1,958 | CHF 200 |
| RU | CHF 191 (305) ³⁵ (from 1.8.15: 212 (339) ³⁵) | CHF 200 |
| SE | CHF 1,958 | CHF 200 |
| XN | – for a full search: CHF 1,958 | CHF 200 |
| | – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 560 | |

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

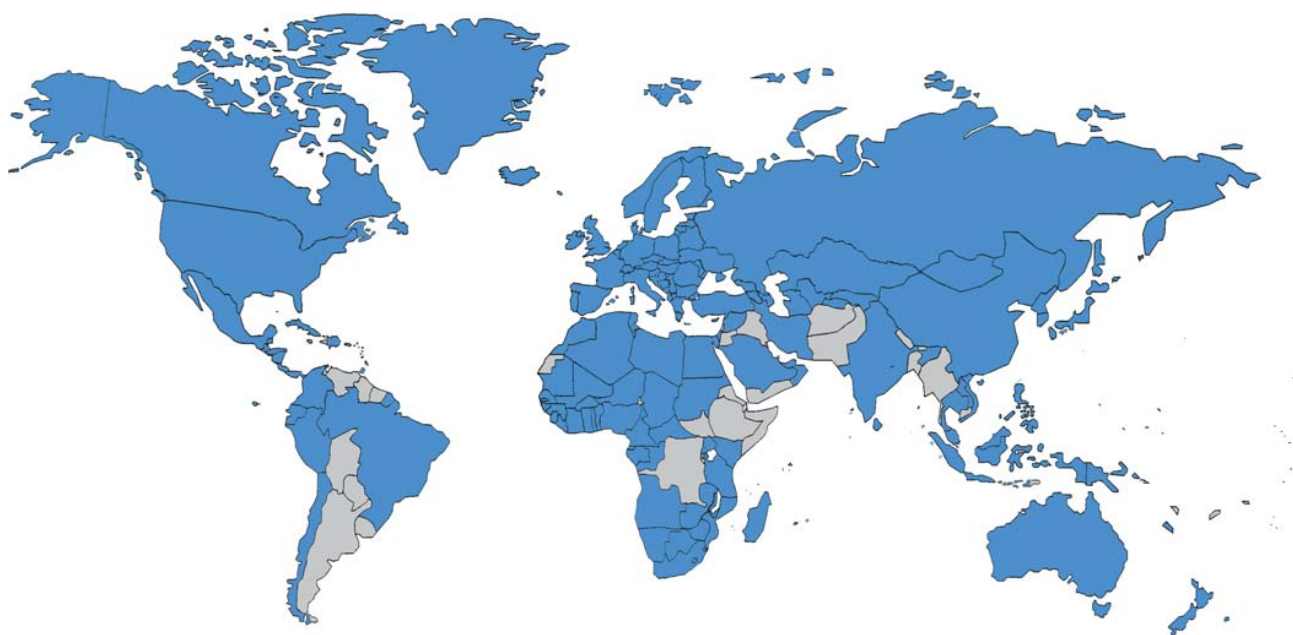
(amounts on 1 June 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee ³⁶ | Handling fee ^{2, 36} (CHF 200) |
|------------------|--|---|
| AT ²⁹ | EUR 1,749 | EUR 191 |
| AU | AUD 590 820 ³⁷ | AUD 278 |
| BR ³⁰ | Online: BRL 630 | BRL eq CHF 200 |
| | On paper: BRL 945 | |
| CA | CAD 800 | CAD 270 |
| CL | USD 1,500 | USD 208 |
| | in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 | |
| | in case of filing by a university ³¹ : USD 300 | |
| CN | CNY 1,500 | CNY eq CHF 200 |
| EG ³² | EGP 3,000 | USD 208 |
| EP ³³ | EUR 1,930 | EUR 191 |
| ES | EUR 589.49 | EUR 191 |
| FI | EUR 600 | EUR 191 |
| IL | ILS 1,523 | ILS 766 |
| IN | INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000 | USD 208 |
| JP | JPY 26,000 ¹⁸ | JPY 24,700 |
| KR | KRW 450,000 | KRW 238,000 |
| RU | For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁸ 4,050 ³⁹ | USD 208 |
| | For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁸ 15,750 ³⁹ | |
| SE | SEK 5,000 | SEK 1,820 |
| US | USD 600 760 ⁴⁰ | USD 208 |
| | For small entity ²⁸ : USD 300 380 ⁴⁰ | |
| | For micro entity ²⁸ : USD 150 190 ⁴⁰ | |
| XN | DKK 5,000 | DKK 1,430 |

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 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. The reduction under Item 4(a) of the Schedule of fees will no longer be available in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 July 2015.
- 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 subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.
- 10 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.
- 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 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.
- 14 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 15 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.
- 16 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 17 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).
- 18 This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm
- 19 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 20 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>).
- 21 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 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.
- 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 other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 28 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 29 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).
- 30 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.
- 31 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 32 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".
- 33 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>
- 34 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 35 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).
- 36 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 39 In all cases where footnote 38 does not apply.
- 40 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 (148 on 1^R} ^ 2015)

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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

⁴ Only international applications filed on or after 19 August 2014 include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 16 September 2012 and 1 January 2015, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.