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

KR Republic of Korea (PCT Rule 51 bis.3(c))

The Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 51 bis.3(c) with effect from 1 January 2015, and that the withdrawal applies in respect of any international application whose date of receipt of the translation under PCT Article 22 is on or after that date.

This means that PCT Rule 51 bis.3(a) (“Opportunity to Comply with National Requirements”) now applies to KIPO. This Rule provides that the designated Office invites applicants to fulfill any national requirements that are outstanding at the time when the application enters the national phase (that is, the requirements under PCT Rule 51 bis.1(a)(i) to (iv) and (c) to (e), or any other requirement of the national law applicable by the designated Office which that Office may apply in accordance with PCT Article 27(1) or (2)) within a minimum time limit of two months from the date of the invitation by the designated Office.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

ePCT-Filing available at RO/DK

As was announced in the *PCT Newsletter* Update of 20 August 2015 (see: http://www.wipo.int/newsletters-archive/en/pct_newsletter.html), which is sent to subscribers to the *PCT Newsletter* e-mail updates, the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/DK), has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 September 2015, it accepts the filing of international applications using ePCT-Filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO Online Filing. Furthermore, with effect from that date, it no longer accepts international applications in electronic form filed on physical media. The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by RO/DK brings to 25 the total number of receiving Offices which do so¹.

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/DK, RO/DZ, RO/EA, RO/EE, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/HU, RO/IN, RO/LV, RO/MX, RO/MY, RO/NZ, RO/QA, RO/SA, RO/SE, RO/SG, RO/TR and RO/ZA.

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 27 August 2015 at:

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

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

ePCT Update

A new release of the ePCT system (version 3.1) was deployed on 31 August 2015. Some of the new features of ePCT for applicants and ePCT for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities are discussed separately, below.

ePCT for applicants

ePCT-Filing

The ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT portal includes the following new features:

- when attaching a single “specification” PDF file, the user can include the drawings in that file, or alternatively, can attach them as a separate PDF file;
- for International Applications (IAs) which have already been submitted to the IB as receiving Office: on the ePCT-Filing screen there is a new direct link to the online payment function;
- on the ePCT-Filing screen, it is now possible to select several new IAs (for which you are the eOwner or eEditor) and either “Manage access rights” or “Delete” them in a single operation;
- when entering the name of a deceased inventor, it is now possible to select which applicant, if any, is associated by succession with the deceased inventor;
- the translation into a language of publication of the title, abstract and any text matter in the drawing to be published with the abstract can (optionally) be typed in the “Accompanying items” screen, when the language of filing of a new application is not a language of publication. Note that, if a translation of the description and claims for international publication is attached via the “Filing Options” screen in text-based PDF format (and not as an image only), the title and abstract text will be extracted by the system and saved to the relevant field on the “Accompanying items” screen; and
- in the case of IAs filed with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, a new fee payment method corresponding to the EPO’s automatic debit procedure can now be selected.

New ePCT Actions

It is now possible to:

- submit amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 to the International Bureau (IB) in text format (.DOCX or text-based .PDF files). Although this Action is available in ePCT public and ePCT private services, note that ePCT private services contains more features, for example, it is possible to save a draft copy prior to submission and to use a

new function that assists with the preparation of the letter that must accompany the amendments;

- prepare a power of attorney and submit it to the IB post-filing (this function is also available in ePCT-Filing); and
- submit a translation for international publication to the IB in .DOCX format for conversion to the required application body XML format (links to templates are available in the ePCT interface).

For further information on the above changes, including relevant screen shots, as well as information on other changes included in this latest release, please see:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_whats_new.pdf

ePCT for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities

A number of new features are also available in ePCT for Offices and International Authorities, including the possibility to transmit priority documents to the IB, and the addition of two new Actions:

- record receipt of a demand for international preliminary examination and transmit it to the IB; and
- withdraw an application.

Furthermore, a number of forms for use by receiving Offices can now be generated automatically through ePCT, further validations are available and several other improvements have been made. For further information, see:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_office_whats_new.pdf

For further information on ePCT in general, including how to get started, please go to:

<https://pct.wipo.int>

or contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at:

e-mail: epct@wipo.int

telephone: (+41–22) 338 9523

or via the

“contact us” link at: <http://www.wipo.int/contact/en/area.jsp?area=patentscope&area2=epct>

Misleading Requests for Payment of Fees

New guidance for making complaints

Reference is made 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 (IB) and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT.

We would like to assure you that WIPO is working closely with its member States with the goal of putting an end to this fraudulent practice, and would also like to encourage PCT applicants,

agents or inventors (PCT users) to take action with their governments or national business protection associations. It is for this purpose that information has recently been added to the PCT website about how PCT users can make a complaint about these misleading requests. This information includes:

- a new text entitled: “How to make a complaint”, including a suggested text for making complaints; and
- a list of “Government authorities and business protection associations receiving complaints” which will assist PCT users in enforcing local laws against the purveyors of these invoices (complaints can be filed through the websites listed in the various countries) at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/complaint.html>

If a PCT user files a complaint, it will hopefully enable investigations to begin, which may in turn result in legal action against these entities. WIPO has already provided expert testimony at trial, describing the harm caused by this practice and the lack of value of the services provided, and is willing to continue to support PCT users in this way.

For further information, see:

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

In case of doubt in relation to any such fee invitation that you have received, please do not hesitate to contact the IB at:

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (+41-22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.legal@wipo.int

PCT Information Update

Please note that some of the fee changes announced below were already included in the PCT Fee Tables that were published separately on the PCT website in August, in advance of the announcement in this section of the *PCT Newsletter*.

GB United Kingdom (fees)

As from 1 November 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in GBP to the Intellectual Property Office² (United Kingdom) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in GBP 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 (GB))

² Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

KR Republic of Korea (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Korean Intellectual Property Office as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (82-42) 481 52 54

Fax: (82-42) 481 85 78

The telephone and fax numbers of the Office as receiving Office (RO) have not changed.

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

MX Mexico (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

On 25 August 2015, the following depository institution acquired the status of International Depository Authority (IDA) under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made:

Colección de Microorganismos del Centro Nacional de Recursos Genéticos (CM-CNRG)
Boulevard de la Biodiversidad No. 400
Col. Rancho las Cruces
Tepatitlán de Morelos
Jalisco, C.P. 47600
Mexico

Further information on this IDA will be published shortly at:

<http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/pdf/ida.pdf>

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

NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 October 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))

PT Portugal (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2015:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	20.82
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	41.63
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:		
– where the request is filed online.....	EUR	156.12
– where the request is filed on paper	EUR	312.25

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

SG Singapore (e-mail address; requirements as International Authority; competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

As was announced in the *PCT Newsletter* Update of 20 August 2015 (see: http://www.wipo.int/newsletters-archive/en/pct_newsletter.html), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that the following e-mail address is no longer in use: epct@ipos.gov.sg. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

pct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries relating to specific international applications)

ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg (for general enquiries)

As was also announced in the above-mentioned Update, information on the requirements of, and fees payable to, IPOS in its new capacity as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is now available in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (SG), SISA (SG) and E (SG) at:

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

Furthermore, IPOS has, with effect from 1 September 2015, specified itself, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Singapore with IPOS (or the International Bureau) as receiving Office.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and C (SG))

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 October 2015, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	NZD, USD
Korean Intellectual Property Office	USD
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	CHF

As from 1 November 2015, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Austrian Patent Office.....	ZAR
European Patent Office	NOK, ZAR
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	CHF, EUR, HUF, USD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	CHF, EUR, USD
United States Patent and Trademark Office	NZD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, AU, BR, EP, RU, US))

Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

There will be a change in the amounts payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) as from 1 October 2015, and there will be a further change in the amounts payable as from 1 November 2015. The new amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

New/updated PCT Resources

Meeting documents

PCT Assembly

Documents which have been prepared for the forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) (PCT Assembly), which will be held in Geneva during the period from 5 to 14 October 2015, are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=36343

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

The Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, as in force from 1 September 2015, relating to the functioning of the Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, has been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf

New guidance for making complaints about misleading requests for payment of fees

See “Misleading Requests for Payment of Fees”, above.

PCT Newsletter e-mail notifications archive

Reference is made to the *PCT Newsletter* e-mail service which informs PCT users about the availability of each issue, as well as providing occasional updates, and which you can sign up for at:

<http://www.wipo.int/newsletters>

You can now view past *PCT Newsletter* e-mails from a new archive page at:

http://www.wipo.int/newsletters-archive/en/pct_newsletter.html

Please note, however, that within those archived e-mails, any link to the HTML version of the *PCT Newsletter* will always take you to the latest issue; earlier issues are only available in PDF format.

Budapest Treaty

General information about the Budapest Treaty

The WIPO-administered Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure plays an important role in the field of biotechnological inventions. Where an invention involves a microorganism or other biological material (hereinafter referred to as “microorganism”), or the use of it, which is not available to the public, it may not be sufficient to provide only a written disclosure of it – it is also necessary, in numerous countries, to deposit a sample of the microorganism with a specialized institution.

The Budapest Treaty facilitates this process by eliminating the need to deposit such a sample in each country in which patent protection is sought. It provides that a deposit with any International Depositary Authority (IDA) would be sufficient for the purposes of patent procedures before national patent Offices of all Contracting States of the Treaty, as well as before any regional patent Office that recognizes the effects of the Treaty. In the case of PCT applications, information about the deposit would also need to be included in the application. The Treaty therefore offers applicants an efficient, streamlined and cost-effective means of meeting the disclosure requirements associated with patenting inventions involving microorganisms.

More information about the Budapest Treaty is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/>

An article about the Budapest Treaty was published in the August 2015 issue of the *WIPO Magazine*. The article explains how the treaty works and discusses some of its key advantages in terms of making microorganisms available for research and enabling biotech companies to capture the value of their innovations. The article is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/2015/04/article_0001.html

Statistics on the Budapest Treaty

On 31 August 2015, there were a total of 79 Contracting States of the Budapest Treaty and 45 IDAs. The institution which most recently became an IDA was the Colección de Microorganismos del Centro Nacional de Recursos Genéticos (CM-CNRG) in Mexico, which

obtained the status of IDA in August 2015 (see “PCT Information Update”, above, for further details).

The statistics relating to deposits and samples furnished under the Budapest Treaty in 2014, which are based on replies received from 40 IDAs, are now available at:

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

Some of the highlights of the 2014 statistics are given below.

Overall deposits in 2014 (4,954) increased by 2.6% compared to 2013 (4,829), and samples furnished totaled 2,448, representing an increase of 17% compared to 2013.

The number of deposits filed with the top seven IDAs in 2014 were as follows (the percentage change compared to 2013 is shown in parentheses):

1. China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC) (CN)	1,595	(-2%)
2. American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) (US)	985	(+25.5%)
3. China Center for Type Culture Collection (CCTCC) (CN)	932	(-3.6%)
4. Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC) (KR)	202	(+4.6%)
5. Leibniz-Institut DSMZ – Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ) (DE)	165	(-6.8%)
6. Korean Culture Center of Microorganisms (KCCM) (KR)	148	(-7.4%)
7. National Collections of Industrial, Food and Marine Bacteria (NCIMB) (GB)	146	(-22.6%)

The total number of deposits made between the year in which the Budapest Treaty became operational (1981) and the end of 2014 amounts to 92,035, the top four being as follows:

1. American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) (US)	30,461
2. China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC) (CN)	10,332
3. International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD), National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE) (JP)	10,182
4. Leibniz-Institut DSMZ – Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ) (DE)	7,768

As far as top countries of deposit are concerned, deposits in China and the United States of America represented 72.9% (51% and 21.9%, respectively) of the deposits in 2014, and 55.8% (18.6% and 37.2%, respectively) of the overall total.

PCT in the News

The following extract from the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 4, 2015) has been added to the “PCT in the News” page of the PCT website:

Using patents to ensure access to pioneering cell technology

Shinya Yamanaka, winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 2012, has revolutionized our understanding of how cells develop and specialize. His pioneering work on induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells makes it possible to reprogram mature cells so they are capable of differentiating into any cell type within the adult body. Professor Yamanaka outlines the research being undertaken at the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application at Kyoto University in Japan, of which he is the Director, and explains how the Center is using patents and the PCT to ensure that their work is widely available to other researchers in the field. When talking about its non-exclusive patent licensing approach, he says: “this effort, we believe, will ensure that iPS cells are widely available for use at reasonable and appropriate licensing fees and that iPS cell research is broadened and accelerated”. He also noted that using the PCT “gives us more time to assess whether we really need to patent a given technology.”

The full article and other extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/pct_news.html

The *WIPO Magazine*, Issue No. 4/2015 is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/pdf/2015/wipo_pub_121_2015_04.pdf

Practical Advice

How to make a request for restoration of the right of priority, and the furnishing of declarations and evidence relating to such requests

Q: I am the agent for a soon-to-be-filed international application in which we would like to claim the priority of an earlier application. Unfortunately, for reasons beyond our control, we have not been able to file the international application within the 12-month priority period, which expired a week ago. We therefore intend to file a request for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3 with the receiving Office (which is prepared to consider such requests). Please could you explain how to make such a request, and what information must be given to support our request?

A: You can make a request for restoration of the right of priority at the time of filing the application, or later, provided that it is made within two months from the date of the expiration of the priority period (PCT Rule 26bis.3(e)). You must also ensure that your international application claims the priority of the earlier application (if it does not, you can submit, within the above-mentioned time limit, a notice under PCT Rule 26bis.1(a) adding the priority claim (PCT Rule 26bis.3(c)).

You can request restoration of the right of priority at the time of filing, directly on the request form (PCT/RO/101) (see the option under Box No. VI), in the ePCT-Filing system or in the PCT-SAFE software. In the case of the paper request form, if you include multiple priority claims, you should clarify in the Supplemental Box the priority claim in respect of which you wish to request restoration. Alternatively, you may file a separate request for restoration of the right

of priority, by way of a letter to the receiving Office, within the time limit under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(e).

The receiving Office (RO) with which you file your request for restoration of the right of priority may charge a fee for making such a request, payable within two months from the date on which the priority period expired (but subject to a possible extension of up to two months), and so you should check with your Office whether such a fee is payable – see the information contained in the table entitled “Restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices and designated Offices under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2” (restoration table) at:

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

or contact the Office concerned directly.

In addition to your request for restoration, you should furnish the following information, either in the same document as the request for restoration, or in a separate document, provided that it is filed within the time limit under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(e):

- an indication (for example on a cover sheet) of the international application number and international filing date (if known), the name(s) of the applicant(s) and agent, and the title of the invention;
- details of the earlier application, the priority of which is being claimed, if it is not obvious from the request form;
- the reasons for the failure to file the international application within the priority period (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(b)(ii)) (“statement of reasons”); and
- preferably a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(b)(iii)), including, where applicable, actions that were taken to prepare and file the international application (“declaration/evidence”).

Statement of reasons

The way in which you prepare your statement of reasons may depend on which criterion your receiving Office applies to requests for restoration of the right of priority, that is, in ascertaining whether the failure to file the international application within the priority period:

- occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken; or
- was unintentional

noting that some Offices may apply both criteria, looking first at whether the most stringent criterion, “due care”, applies to your situation. Information on the criteria applied by Offices, where the Offices concerned have so notified the International Bureau, is available in the above-mentioned restoration table.

In order to meet the “due care” criterion, the statement should describe in detail the facts and circumstances that led to the late filing, as well as any remedial or alternative steps taken to attempt a timely filing of the international application. The requirements to be met under the criterion of “unintentionality” are usually less stringent than this, and for many Offices, it may be sufficient to simply furnish a statement indicating that the failure to comply with the priority period did not occur on purpose (if that is indeed the case). Some Offices which apply this criterion may, nevertheless, require that the statement be submitted in the form of a declaration,

and may require that the statement provide the reasons for the failure, supported by evidence if necessary.

Declaration/evidence

As mentioned above, the RO may require that the statement of reasons be supported by a declaration or other evidence which would enable it to determine whether the failure to file the international application within the priority period occurred in spite of due care. In most cases, such declarations or evidence will not be required where the RO applies the “unintentional” criterion.

There is no specific format for the accompanying declaration under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(b)(iii), nor is there any prescribed wording to substantiate or provide evidence relating to it. However, it is advisable to provide any documentation that you may have that, in your view, shows that the failure to file the application within the priority period occurred in spite of all reasonable care required by the circumstances having been taken to ensure that the priority period would not be missed. In general, in order to meet the “due care” criterion, a declaration and evidence may be required, whereas in order to meet the “unintentional” criterion, a statement is usually sufficient. (See the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, paragraphs 166F and 166G at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html>)

Opportunity to provide further observations, evidence or declarations

The RO decides, on a case-by-case basis, whether a restoration criterion is fulfilled or not, taking into account the specificities of the case. If the RO intends to refuse to restore the right of priority, it will give you the opportunity to make observations on the intended refusal, and where appropriate, it may, under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(f), request you to file a declaration or other evidence, or further observations, declarations or evidence, as the case may be (see Form PCT/RO/158).

Although it is possible to request restoration during the national phase before any DOs in respect of which PCT Rule 49*ter*.2 applies under the applicable national law, in general it is preferable that, whenever possible, you request the restoration of the right of priority before the RO in the international phase. This is the most simple and cost-effective way, and in many cases will have effect before the designated Offices in the national phase. However, you should be aware that some DOs may not accept the decision of the RO, in particular where the RO has applied the “unintentional” criterion and the DO applies the “due care” criterion (please refer to the restoration table mentioned above for information about which criterion is applied by each Office concerned), or where the DO has filed a notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(g). For information about which Offices have filed such a notification, please refer to the table entitled “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

The situation where a RO or DO has filed a notification of incompatibility with the PCT Rules relating to the restoration of the right of priority, as well as the implications in the national phase of a decision of the RO about whether or not to restore the right of priority in respect of an international application, are discussed in the Practical Advice articles published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 04/2007, and 09, 10 and 11/2009 at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2007/pct_news_2007_4.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2009/pct_news_2009_09.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2009/pct_news_2009_10.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2009/pct_news_2009_11.pdf

For further information on requesting the restoration of the right of priority see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 5.062 to 5.069 at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>

Information in the form of guidelines for the use of ROs may also be of use to applicants, and is available in paragraphs 166A to O of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines at:

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

Applicants are always strongly advised to file international applications within a reasonable period of time before the end of the 12-month priority period. This helps to avoid situations where the priority period is missed due to unforeseen problems.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 14 September 2015)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
14 September 2015 Mexico City (MX)	Spanish	PCT WIPO-ASIFI Regional Roving Seminars on the PCT and ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy ASIFI speaker: Mr. Díaz Mucharraz (Goodrich, Riquelme & Asociados) Other speakers: Mrs. Solis Alvarez (Mexican Institute of Industrial Property), Mr. Mathoi (European Patent Office)	Inter-American Association of Intellectual Property (ASIFI) (Mr. Enrique A. Díaz Mucharraz) E-mail: ediazvocal3@asifi.org
15 September 2015 Monterrey (MX)	Spanish	PCT WIPO-ASIFI Regional Roving Seminars on the PCT and ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy ASIFI speaker: Mr. Díaz Mucharraz (Goodrich, Riquelme & Asociados) Other speakers: Ms. Molina (Mexican Institute of Industrial Property), Mr. Mathoi (European Patent Office)	Inter-American Association of Intellectual Property (ASIFI) (see Mexico City, above)
17 September 2015 New York, NY (US)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. MacStravic, Mr. Vázquez-López, Mr. Datri	WIPO, in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA), in cooperation with the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Further information and registration: http://www.nyipla.org/assnfe/ev.asp?ID=144
18 September 2015 Bogota (CO)	Spanish	PCT WIPO-ASIFI Regional Roving Seminars on the PCT and ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy ASIFI speaker: Mr. Triana Soto (Triana, Uribe & Michelsen) Other speakers: Mr. Lemus Giraldo (Superintendence of Industry and Commerce), Mr. Foncillas Garrido (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)	Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio (Ms. Paola A. Carrillo Zuluaga) E-mail: pcarrillo@sic.gov.co
21 September 2015 Havana (CU)	Spanish	PCT WIPO-ASIFI Regional Roving Seminars on the PCT and ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy ASIFI speaker: Mr. Vanrel (President of ASIFI; Vanrell Propiedad Intelectual Abogados) Other speakers: Ms. Pérez Díaz (Cuban Industrial Property Office), Mr. Foncillas Garrido (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)	Inter-American Association of Intellectual Property (ASIFI) E-mail: ocpi@ocpi.cu
21 September 2015 Madrid (ES)	Spanish	Training Course on Industrial Property Administrative Management for paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Largo	Industrial Organization School and Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (Mr. Ascensión Vázquez Pérez and Mr. Sergio González) E-mail: Ascenvazquez@eoi.es, Sergio.Gonzalez@eoi.es

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
24 September 2015 Freiburg im Breisgau (DE)	German/ English	WIPO Special in the framework of the GRUR Annual Meeting 2015: "Recent developments in WIPO administered IP services" (including the PCT) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR) (Ms. Sandra von Lingen) Tel: (49-221) 650 65 155 Fax: (49-221) 650 65 205 E-mail: s.vonlingen@grur.de Internet: http://www.grur.org/en/grur-calendar/annual-meetings/veranstaltungen/veranstaltungen/detail/jahrestagung-2015.html
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 Other speaker (by video conference): Mr. Neas, United States Patent and Trademark Office	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
27–29 September 2015 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Presentation on recent and future developments in the PCT to the IPO European Practice Committee, within the framework of the 2015 Annual Meeting of the IPO WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) Further information and registration: http://www.ipso.org/AM2015
1–2 October 2015 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bidwell	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
3–5 October 2015 Tehran (IR) (postponed)	English/ Persian	PCT training workshop WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	International Federation of Inventors' Associations (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) E-mail: bijan.nasiri@ifia.com Internet: http://www.ifia.com
5–6 October 2015 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bidwell	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
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

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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 Mr. Michael Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	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
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

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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
1–2 December 2015 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities (including practical presentations on PCT eServices) for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Weiss	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
2 December 2015 San Diego (Del Mar), CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Houston, above)
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
8 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
17 December 2015 Riga (LV) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic training seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Arvis Grinbergs, Latvian Patent Office) Tel: (371) 67 22 00 38 Fax: (371) 67 21 07 67 E-mail: arvis.grinbergs@lrpv.gov.lv
3 February 2016 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
9 May 2016 Istanbul (TR)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the second year of basic training WIPO speaker: to be announced	CEIPI International (Ms. Selda Arkan) Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42 Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21 E-mail: selda.arkan@alfapatent.com.tr; alfa@alfapatent.com.tr

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
22 September 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 24 September 2015 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Result list and analysis tools WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8089625283101021953
20 October 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 22 October 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: How to search using PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8157685052860390913
24 November 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 26 November 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: How to build complex queries in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1937483891740913153
15 December 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 17 December 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Retrospective of 2015 and plans for 2016 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6065860882481709057

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
17 September 2015 Dresden (DE)	German	PCT seminar: an overview of the individual procedures: from the application to the grant Speaker: Ms. Huppertz	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
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
17 November 2015 Houston, TX (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Seattle, above)
1 December 2015 San Diego (Del Mar), CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Seattle, above)

PCT Fee Tables

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 September 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
					Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (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	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)							
AT	EUR	52	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD 1,848	21	–	278	417	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30 ⁸	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	120	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP
BR	BRL ⁹	online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	USD	50	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,799	20	–	270	406	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,384	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	208	312	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN

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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	
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷		
CO	COP 865,000 ¹¹	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD 250	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CL EP ES	
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES RU	
CY	EUR 163	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP	
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP	
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP	
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,480	110	–	1,430	2,140	EP SE XN	
DM	Information not yet available							
DO	USD 275	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CL EP ES US	
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP	
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,384	16	–	208	312	EP RU	
EC	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	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	–	191	287	EP ES	
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP	
GB	GBP 75	GBP 948 (from 1.11.15: 867)	11 (10)	– (–)	142 (130)	214 (196)	EP	
GD	Information not yet available							
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP IL RU US	
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT BR EP ES US	
HN	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP ES	
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP	
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 392,000	HUF 4,400	–	59,000	88,400	EP RU	
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	See footnote 16	
	or EUR ¹⁵ 96	or EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287		
	or USD ¹⁵ 104	or USD 1,384	16	–	208	312		
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU	
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP	
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,384	16	–	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	–	208	312	AT AU CN EP IN SE US	
IR	IRR ¹² –	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 ¹⁷	JPY 178,100	2,000	–	–	40,200	EP JP	
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU	
KN	Information not yet available							
KN								EP
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU	
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR	
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU	
LR	USD 45	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
LS	LSL ¹² –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP	
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	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
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹² –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²⁰	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²¹	USD 1,384	16	–	208	312	CL 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 1,384	16	–	–	–	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 1,926 (from 1.10.15: 2,111)	22 (24)	– (–)	290 (317)	434 (476)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹² –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,384	16	–	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 20.82	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 208	eq USD 312	EG EP US
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,140 ²³	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,384	16	–	208	312	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD ¹² –	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	–	1,820	2,720	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,953	22	–	294	441	AT AU EP JP KR (from 1.9.15: SG)
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁴	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹² –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁵ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 240 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 120 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 60 ²⁶	USD 1,384	16	104	208	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	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	–	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	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

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

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,864 <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	CHF 1,947 ZAR 26,610)	KRW 2,316,000	SGD 2,790	USD 2,112	ZAR* 24,470			
AU	AUD 2,200 USD* 1,789	CHF 1,583 ZAR 19,930	EUR 1,525 <i>*(from 1.10.15:</i>	KRW 1,882,000 NZD 2,468	NZD* 2,311 USD 1,622)	SGD 2,290			
BR ²⁹	Online: <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	BRL 1,685 CHF 473	CHF* 519 EUR 437	EUR* 484 USD 484)	USD* 540				
	On paper: <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	BRL 2,525 CHF 708	CHF* 778 EUR 654	EUR* 726 USD 725)	USD* 809				
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 ³⁰ :		USD 300	CHF 288	EUR 265				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 297	USD 342					
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000	CHF 483	EUR 480	USD 525					
EP ³²	EUR 1,875 JPY 251,600 USD 2,125	CHF 1,958 NOK* 15,850 ZAR* 24,620	DKK 13,960 NZD 3,068 <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	GBP 1,365 SEK 17,040 NOK 17,070	HUF 577,000 SGD 2,800 ZAR 26,770)	ISK 287,000			
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 145	EUR 142	USD 163					
	In case of filing by an individual:	INR 2,500	CHF 36	EUR 36	USD 41				
JP ¹⁷	JPY 70,000	CHF 523	EUR 522	KRW 638,000	SGD 766	USD 577			
KR	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD* 422 <i>*(from 1.10.15:</i>	AUD 526 USD 389)	CHF 378	EUR 362	NZD 596	SGD 540			
	For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD* 1,219 <i>*(from 1.10.15:</i>	AUD 1,519 USD 1,125)	CHF 1,093	EUR 1,046	NZD 1,722	SGD 1,560			
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 <i>*(from 1.10.15:</i>	CHF* ** 121 CHF 109)	EUR** 108	HUF** 35,300	USD** 127				
	<i>***(from 1.11.15:</i>	CHF 102	EUR 82	HUF 28,800	USD 106)				
	For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 <i>*(from 1.10.15:</i>	CHF* ** 502 CHF 453)	EUR** 448	HUF** 146,400	USD** 525				
	<i>***(from 1.11.15:</i>	CHF 422	EUR 341	HUF 119,600	USD 440)				
SE	SEK 17,040 USD 2,125	CHF 1,958	DKK 13,960	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK 15,850			
SG	SGD 2,240	CHF 1,571	EUR 1,487	USD 1,632					
US	USD 2,080 <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	CHF 1,998 NZD 3,140)	EUR 1,835	NZD* 2,970	ZAR 25,250				
	For small entity ²⁷ : <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	USD 1,040 NZD 1,570)	CHF 999	EUR 918	NZD* 1,490	ZAR 12,620			
	For micro entity ²⁷ : <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	USD 520 NZD 790)	CHF 500	EUR 459	NZD* 740	ZAR 6,310			
XN	DKK 13,960 USD 2,125	CHF 1,958	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK 15,850	SEK 17,040			

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 September 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 33}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 888 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,243 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,776	CHF 200
EP	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
RU	CHF 212 (339) ³⁴ (from 1.10.15: 191 (306) ³⁴) (from 1.11.15: 178 (285) ³⁴)	CHF 200
SE	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,571	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,958 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 560	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 September 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

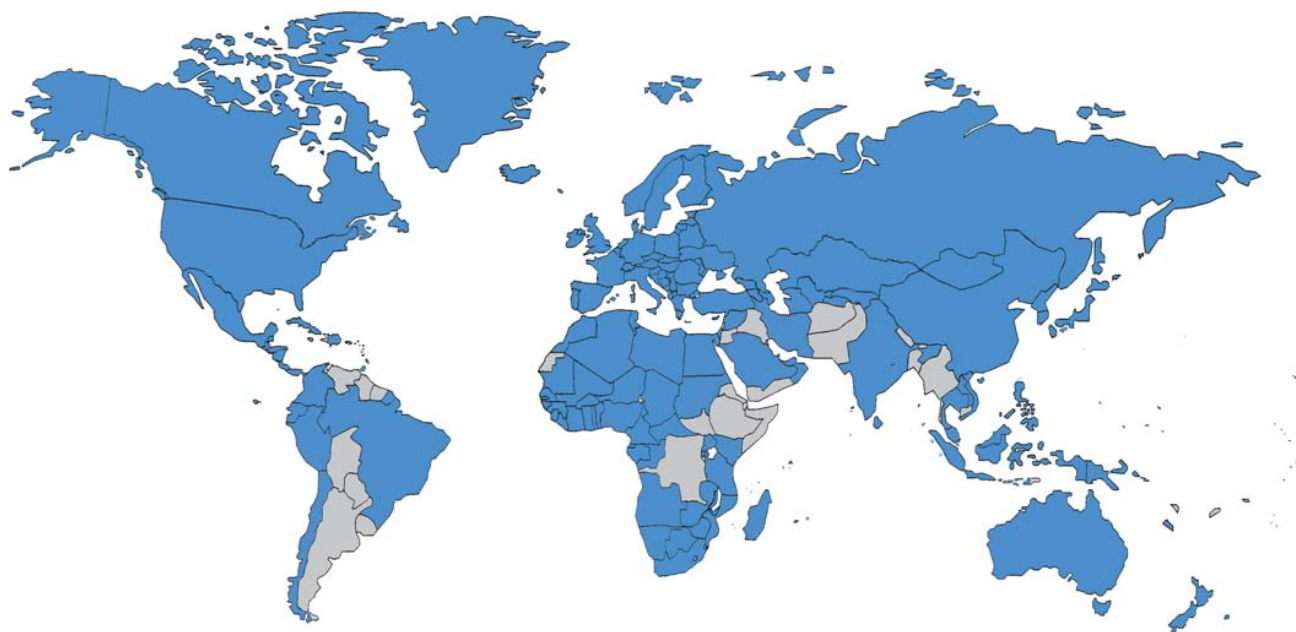
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁵	Handling fee ^{2, 35} (CHF 200)
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,749	EUR 191
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁶	AUD 278
BR ²⁹	Online: BRL 630 On paper: BRL 945	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 800	CAD 270
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300	USD 208
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³¹	EGP 3,000	USD 208
EP ³²	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 ¹⁷	JPY 26,800
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 238,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁷ 4,050 ³⁸ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁷ 15,750 ³⁸	USD 208
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,820
SG	SGD 830	SGD 285
US	USD 600 760 ³⁹ For small entity ²⁷ : USD 300 380 ³⁹ For micro entity ²⁷ : USD 150 190 ³⁹	USD 208
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 in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.
- 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 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 This fee is reduced by 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.
- 12 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.
- 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 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 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
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 25 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%.
- 26 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.
- 27 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
- 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 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>
- 31 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".
- 32 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>
- 33 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 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	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
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AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP) ⁴
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros (OA) ²	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BN Brunei Darussalam	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
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BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
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	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	
			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 will include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe for an ARIPO patent.

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