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Canadian Intellectual Property Office to Start Functioning as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Canadian Commissioner of Patents ("the Commissioner") was appointed as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT during the meeting of the PCT Assembly which was held in October 2002.

The Commissioner has now notified WIPO that the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO), under the authority of the Commissioner, will start functioning as an ISA and an IPEA with effect from 26 July 2004.

Further information on CIPO in its capacity as ISA and IPEA will be published in the *PCT Newsletter* shortly.

Power of Attorney Waivers

Consolidated table of waivers

The table on pages 8 and 9 shows the PCT Offices/Authorities which have notified WIPO that they have waived the requirement to submit a power of attorney under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and/or Rule 90.5(a)(ii).

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 90.4(d), any receiving Office (RO), International Searching Authority (ISA), International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) and the International Bureau (IB) may waive the requirement under PCT Rule 90.4(b) that a separate power of attorney appointing an agent or a common representative be submitted to it. Similarly, under PCT Rule 90.5(c) any RO, any ISA and any IPEA

may waive the requirement under PCT Rule 90.5(a)(ii) that a copy of a general power of attorney be attached to the request, the demand or any separate notice, as the case may be. However, where an agent or a common representative submits a notice of withdrawal referred to in PCT Rules 90bis.1 to 90bis.4, the requirement for a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney may not be waived.

It is also recalled that Sections 336(c), 433(b), 517(c) and 617(c) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT state, respectively, that an RO, the IB, an ISA or an IPEA may require a separate power of attorney, or a copy of a general power of attorney, in particular instances, even if it has waived the requirement in general. The table also lists, for those Offices which have waived the requirement for a power of attorney, the instances (other than where the agent or common representative submits a notice of

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withdrawal) in which a power of attorney is required.

Offices/Authorities which are not included in this table have not notified WIPO that they have waived the requirement to furnish a power of attorney; it is therefore advisable to furnish a power of attorney to those Offices/Authorities if an applicant has not appointed an agent/common representative in the request.

The table is also available on the PCT website from the "shortcuts" box on the right hand side of the PCT welcome page at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html

For further information on the applicability of power of attorney waivers, see the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2004, page 5.

See below for recent notifications about a waiver and a "non-waiver."

Notifications under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) by PCT Offices/Authorities

For background information on the abovementioned notifications, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2.

Waiver

The following Office has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and/or 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a

Reminder

The national Offices of the following States do not yet apply the 30-month time limit for entering the national phase under Chapter I as fixed in PCT Article 22(1) (as modified with effect from 1 April 2002). Note, however, that in respect of the regional designation of those States indicated with an asterisk, the time limit under PCT Article 22(3) of 31 months applies.

CH Switzerland*

FI Finland*

LU Luxembourg*

SE Sweden*

TZ United Republic of Tanzania*

UG Uganda*

YU Serbia and Montenegro

ZM Zambia*

A list of time limits applicable for each designated/ elected Office for entering the national phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/legal_text.htm

copy of a general power of attorney, as follows:

IL Israel Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office (RO), waives the requirement to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing

Non-waivers

The following Office has informed the International Bureau that it *does not waive* the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney and/or copy of a general power of attorney:

MK Industrial Property Protection Office (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) in its capacity as RO

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annexes C (IL and MK))

PCT Information Update

IS Iceland (time limits for entry into the national phase)

The Icelandic Patent Office has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) before the Office as a designated and elected Office. The new time limit, applicable since 14 June 2004, is 31 months from the priority date.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (IS) and *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2004, page 7 (table of time limits for entering national/regional phase under PCT Chapters I and II))

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 September 2004, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in JPY of the reductions under item 3(a) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees, as follows:

international filing fee, fee per sheet in excess of 30; PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing reduction: see Table I(a) and footnotes

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (JP))

NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 September 2004, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NZD of the reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in "PCT-EASY" mode") is used, as follows:

international filing fee, fee per sheet in excess of 30 and PCT-EASY fee reduction: see Table I(a) and footnotes

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, 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 2004:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

fee for priority document: EUR 36.16

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (PT))

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 September 2004, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and EUR for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and in CHF for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex D (AU and JP))

Handling fee (Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 September 2004, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent

Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as indicated in Table II.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex E (JP))

PCT Publications

The following special issues of the *PCT Gazette* are available, or will be available shortly:

(1) PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

A modified version of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, as in force from 1 January 2004, has been published as a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* (No. S-03/2004 (E) and (F), dated 17 June 2004). The text, which was established by WIPO, has been modified after consultation with the receiving Offices under the PCT with a view, in particular, to implementing the amendments of the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 January 2004. The modified Guidelines replace those which were published on 31 January 2002 in Special Issue No. S-02/2002 (E) and (F) of the *PCT Gazette*.

(2) Administrative Instructions under the PCT

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as in force from 12 February 2004, has been published in a special issue of the PCT Gazette dated 1 July 2004 (No. S-04/2004 (E) (English) and (F) (French)). This replaces the previous special issues containing consolidated general information, published on 30 August 2001 (No. S-03/2001 (E) and (F)) and 27 December 2001 (No. S-04/2001 (E) and (F)). The new consolidated text takes into account all modifications that have been made since 1 March 2001, the date of entry into force of the previous consolidated text, but does not include the text of Annexes A (the PCT Forms) and F (Standard for Electronic Filing and Processing) of the Administrative Instructions. Annex F and its Appendix I (both dated 17 June 2004) are set out in separate documents at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm

and are also available upon request from the Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO (see below).

(3) General information on Contracting States, national and regional Offices and International Authorities

Consolidated general information relating to PCT Contracting States, national and regional Offices and International Authorities under the PCT will be published in a special issue of the PCT Gazette dated 8 July 2004 (No. S-05/2004 (E) (English) and (F) (French)), which replaces the previous special issue containing consolidated general information, published on 8 January 2004 (No. S-01/2004 (E) (English) and (F) (French)). This helpful resource contains the information that is published in Annexes A to E, L and in the National Chapter Summaries of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

(4) PCT Gazette Index 2003

A bilingual (English/French) 2003 Index of the *PCT Gazette* was published on 17 June 2004. The Index, which in previous years has been available only on paper, is now only available on CD-ROM. It contains, for international applications published in 2003, a consolidated version of the indexes published in Section III and an index to Section IV and to the Special Issues of the *PCT Gazette*.

The indexes relating to Section III are of:

- international application numbers and corresponding international publication numbers;
- (2) names of applicants and corresponding international publication numbers; and
- (3) international publication numbers grouped according to International Patent Classification symbols.

The part relating to Section IV contains indexes of the notices and information of a general character which were published during 2003 in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette*.

The Index has been mailed to subscribers to the *PCT Gazette*. For those who do not subscribe to the *PCT Gazette*, see below.

Subscribers to the *PCT Gazette* automatically receive special issues and the *PCT Gazette* Index. If you are not a subscriber to the *PCT Gazette* but would like to obtain any of the above-mentioned publications, you may order

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The price per special issue, as well as for the *PCT Gazette* Index 2003 on CD-ROM, is 24 Swiss francs or 18 US dollars by regular mail, and 28 Swiss francs or 20 US dollars by priority mail. Note that the special issues (but not the Index) are/will be also available on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/index.jsp

The Receiving Office Guidelines and the Administrative Instructions are also available as WIPO documents from the PCT website, under "PCT Legal Texts."

New/updated PCT Materials on the Internet

PCT Receiving Office Guidelines; Administrative Instructions under the PCT; General information on Contracting States, national and regional Offices and International Authorities

See "PCT publications," above.

PCT legal text index

The PCT legal text index has been updated to take into account the January 2004 changes to the PCT system. The index is a useful tool to help PCT users find the relevant provisions in all of the PCT legal texts (Treaty, Regulations, Administrative Instructions, Forms and the various Guidelines) corresponding to a particular topic, and is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ legal_index04.pdf

The previous index, as updated in April 2003, has been maintained as a reference tool for international applications filed before 1 January 2004, and is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/legal_index03.pdf

Consolidated table of power of attorney waivers

See "Power of Attorney Waivers," on the cover page.

Reminder: Warning about Requests for Payment of Fees

Further to the warnings that were published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 09/2002 and 09/2003 ("Practical Advice"), it has come to our attention that PCT applicants and agents are continuing to receive invitations to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT. Whatever registration services might be offered in such invitations, they bear no connection to WIPO or to any of its official publications.

The invitations often identify a particular PCT application by its international publication number (for example: WO 03 xxxxxx), publication date, title of the invention, international application number, priority information and IPC symbols. The invitations typically refer to a payment, which is to be made in euro or US dollars, by cheque and/or money transfer to an address in Germany or Switzerland. The invitations appear to come from different sources—the ones we have been informed about have come from:

"Central Data-Register of International Patents"

"Register of International Patent Bulletin/ Registre des données bulletin europeén des brevetes"

"Institut of Commerce for Industry, Trade, Commerce/Wirtschaftsinstitut für Industrie, Handel, Handwerk AG"

"Register of International Patents"

Examples of the invitations from these sources are available on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct warning.htm

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the International Bureau of WIPO alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the

priority date (see PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29.

In case of doubt in relation to such an invitation, please contact the PCT Information Service at WIPO:

telephone: (41-22) 338 83 38

fax: (41-22) 338 83 39

e-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

PCT Rule 49.6: Withdrawal of Notification of Incompatibility

Singapore

Further to its notification of the incompatibility of PCT Rule 49.6, as in force since 1 January 2003, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2003, page 5), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified WIPO that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 July 2004. PCT Rule 49.6, concerning reinstatement of rights after failure to perform the acts referred to in PCT Article 22 (entry into the national or regional phase) therefore applies as from that date.

Information Relating to the National Phase

Singapore: Electronic filing of certain forms

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has informed WIPO that, with effect from 1 July 2004, it will introduce electronic filing for the following forms through its Electronic Online System (EOS):

Patent Forms: 9, 11A, 11B, 12, 17, 19,

20, 24, 28, 37, 40, 42

and 46.

Patents Form 37 is the form that can be used for the purposes of national phase entry into Singapore.

For further information, see the Patents (Amendment) Rules 2004, and visit the following Internet addresses:

www.ipos.gov.sg

www.epatents.gov.sg

Practical Advice

Requirement for the furnishing of powers of attorney under certain circumstances when submitting Article 19 amendments

Q: I am the agent for an international application filed on behalf of a US corporate applicant; several inventors are also named in the application as applicants for the purposes of the US designation. The application was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, and since that Office has waived the requirement under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to furnish powers of attorney. I have not yet furnished any powers of attorney. Having recently received the international search report, I now wish to file amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 with the International Bureau (IB). However, I understand that the IB (as distinct from the IB in its capacity as receiving Office) has not waived the requirement to furnish powers of attorney. Do I need to submit a power of attorney together with the amendments?

A: As you correctly state, the IB has not waived the requirement to furnish powers of attorney (although the IB in its capacity as receiving Office has made conditional waivers of the requirement to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 3)).

Whether a power of attorney should be submitted to the IB together with the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 ("Article 19 amendments") is a function of:

- (1) who signed the request; and
- (2) who signs the letter which must be submitted together with the replacement sheets containing the amended claims (see PCT Rule 46.5).

Four possible scenarios are described below, only the last one of which requires the furnishing of a power of attorney. In all four scenarios, the agent was indicated as being appointed in Box No. IV of the request.

(1) If the request was signed by the deemed common representative (the first-named applicant who is entitled to file with the compe-

tent receiving Office, which in your case is presumably the corporate applicant) and the letter is also signed by the deemed common representative: no power of attorney would be required by the IB since Article 19 amendments can be submitted directly by the deemed common representative;

- (2) If the request was signed by the deemed common representative and the letter is signed by the agent indicated in Box IV: no power of attorney would be required by the IB. This is because the signature of the deemed common representative on the request completes the appointment of the agent, at least as the agent of the deemed common representative, and thus removes the need for a power of attorney;
- (3) If the request was signed by the agent indicated in Box IV and the letter is signed by the deemed common representative: no power of attorney would be required, again because Article 19 amendments can be submitted directly by the deemed common representative:

Therefore, if, as in scenarios (1) and (3), the deemed common representative signs the letter accompanying the Article 19 amendments, or if, as in scenario (2), the deemed common representative has signed the request, a power of attorney would not be required. *However*:

(4) If both the request and the letter are signed by the agent indicated in Box IV, **a power of attorney would be required by the IB** in order to complete the appointment of the agent under the PCT and thus for the IB to act on the submitted Article 19 amendments. That power of attorney would require the signature of only one of the applicants, that is, the deemed common representative.

The above would also apply, for example, in cases where requests for recording changes under PCT Rule 92*bis* or requests for the correction of priority claims under PCT Rule 26*bis* are submitted to the IB.

However, it is recalled that any notice of withdrawal under PCT Rule 90*bis* would have to be signed by all applicants or must be signed by the agent or common representative and be accompanied by powers of attorney signed by all applicants, even if the Office with which the notice is filed has waived the power of attorney requirement.

For information on filing Article 19 amendments, see PCT Rule 46 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 296 to 303. For information on power of attorney waivers in general, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2004, page 5. For a list of Offices which have made such waivers, see pages 8 and 9.

Offices (or Authorities) which have Notified WIPO of Waiver(s) of the Power of Attorney Requirement under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and/or 90.5(a)(ii)

(status on 1 July 2004)

Abbreviations used in table: P/A = power of attorney; RO = receiving Office; ISA = International Searching Authority; IPEA = International Preliminary Examining Authority; for two-letter codes, see last page of *PCT Newsletter*

Two- letter code of Office	Capacity of Office in which waiver was made	Waiver of separate P/A (PCT Rule 90.4(d))?	Waiver of copy of general P/A (PCT Rule 90.5(c))?	Particular instances in which a separate P/A and/or a copy of a general P/A is required*
AT	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	None
AU	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s)
BY	RO	Yes	Yes	Where there is a change in representation, that is, where any action before the Office is performed by an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing
DK	RO	Yes	Yes	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing
EP	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act
GB	RO	Yes	Yes	Where an agent or common representative, who is not indicated on the Request Form at the time of filing, performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant
IB	RO only	Yes	Yes	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing
IL	RO	Yes	Yes	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing
JP	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing
KG	RO	No	Yes	None
LT	RO	No	Yes	None

^{*} Other than where the agent or the common representative submits any notice of withdrawal referred to in PCT Rules 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4.

Offices (or Authorities) which have Notified WIPO of Waiver(s) of the Power of Attorney Requirement under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and/or 90.5(a)(ii)

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Two- letter code of Office	Capacity of Office in which waiver was made	Waiver of separate P/A (PCT Rule 90.4(d))?	Waiver of copy of general P/A (PCT Rule 90.5(c))?	Particular instances in which a separate P/A and/or a copy of a general P/A is required					
MD	RO	Yes	Yes	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing					
NL	RO	Yes	Yes	None					
NZ	RO	Yes	Yes	Where there is a change in representation, that is, where an applicant is represented by a new agent or representative					
PH	RO	Yes	Yes	Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent or common representative; or the Office receives notices or communications from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of, or in addition to the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the Request Form					
PT	RO	Yes	Yes	If the applicant is not represented by an official industrial property agent					
TR	RO	Yes	Yes	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing					
US	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where it is unclear whether a purported agent has the power to act on behalf of the applicant, and for certain changes under PCT Rule 92 <i>bis</i>					

		PCT Seminar Calendar				
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers			
15–16 July 2004 Nouakchott (MR)	French	Roving seminar: "Towards a more Beneficial Protection of Intellectual Property Including the PCT" WIPO speaker: Mrs. Simon-Vianes Other speakers from EPO, INPI (France) and OAPI	European Patent Office (EPO), National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France) and African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (Mr. Pascal Phlix, EPO) Tel: (49–89) 23 99 58 31 E-mail: pphlix@epo.org			
19-20 July 2004 Dakar (SN)	French	See Nouakchott, above	See Nouakchott, above			
21-22 July 2004 Niamey (NE)	French	See Nouakchott, above	See Nouakchott, above			
7–8 October 2004 Minneapolis (US)	English	PCT update in the framework of the meeting of the Midwest Intellectual Property Institute WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speakers: Ms. Chasser (USPTO), Mr. Godici (USPTO), Ms. Peters (US Copyright Office)	Midwest Intellectual Property Institute Tel: (1–800) 759 88 40 Fax: (1–651) 227 62 62 (addressed to "Registrar") E-mail: registrar@minncle.org			
13–14 October 2004 Paris (FR) —POSTPONED— dates to be announced	French	Seminar on the PCT and on the January 2004 amendments to the PCT Regulations WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de			
4–5 November 2004 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Maassel	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1–415) 331 60 68 E-mail: IPI@IPISeminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com			
8–9 November 2004 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced training course on the PCT, including PCT-SAFE training (which was previously indicated for 10 November 2004) WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Maassel	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			
17–18 November 2004 Paris (FR)	French	Seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 42 93 63 52			
17–18 November 2004 Dedham, Massachusetts (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speakers: Ms. Bidwell (USPTO) and Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company (US))	Boston Patent Law Association Ms. Christine O'Day Tel: (1–617) 517 55 58 Fax: (1–617) 439 41 70 E-mail: coday@edwardsangell.com Internet: www.bpla.org			
19 November 2004 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation at the Annual Senior Patent Administrators' Conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk			

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 July 2004, 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*, Vol. I/B, 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 under certain circumstances where the request is prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software or by CHF 200 or 300 where the international application is filled in electronic form, as prescribed; see footnotes 2 and 5 for details. A 75% reduction in the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 3 and **Error! Bookmark not defined**. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% 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 -	BGL	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSM	Lesotho loti	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary	BRR	Brazilian real	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SGD	Singapore dollar
	Examining Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SIT	Slovenian tolar
ISA	International Searching	BZD	Belize dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
	Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	TJS	Tajik somoni
n a	not applicable	CHF	Swiss franc	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CNY	Yuan renminbi	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago
		COP	Colombian peso	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso		dollar
Curre	ncies:	CUP	Cuban convertible peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
AED	United Arab Emirates	CYP	Cyprus pound	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
	dirham	CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PHP	Philippine peso	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDP	Sudanese pound		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 July 2004, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 1,400)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
ΑE	AED ⁷	_	AED	eq CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT AU
AG	Information no	t yet availab	ole				
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,400	15	n a	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,134	12	81	EP RU
AP	USD (or eq in local o	50 currency)	USD	1,134	12	81	AT EP SE
АТ	EUR	50	EUR	902	10	64	EP
AU	AUD	100	AUD	1,525	16	109	AU
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD	1,134	12	n a	EP RU
ВА	EUR	25.56	EUR	902	10	64	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	902	10	64	EP
BG	BGL	60	BGL	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP RU
BR	BRR	236	BRR	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT EP SE US
BW	Information no	t yet availab	ole				
ву	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,134	12	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD	220	USD	1,134	12	81	EP

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued] (amounts on 1 July 2004, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmit	tal fee ¹	fi	ternational ling fee ^{1,2,3} CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,489	16	106	EP
СН	CHF	100	CHF	1,400	15	100	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	CN
со	COP ⁷	_	СОР	eq USD 1,134	eq USD 12	eq USD 81)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	175	USD	1,134	12	81	EP ES
CU	USD (or eq	CUP)200	USD (or	eq CUP) 1,134	12	81	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP	75	CYP	526	6	n a	EP
cz	CZK	1,500	CZK	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	902	10	64	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,700	70	480	EP SE
DM	Information no	ot yet availal	ble				
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,400	15	100	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USI	o 50	USD	1,134	12	81	EP RU
EC	USD ⁷	_	USD	1,134	12	81	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	EEK	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
EG	Information no	ot yet availal	ble				
EP ⁵	EUR	100	EUR	902	10	64 ⁵	EP
ES	EUR	63.99	EUR	902	10	64	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	902	10	64	EP SE
FR ⁵	EUR	60	EUR	902	10	64	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	628	7	45	EP
GD	Information no	ot yet availal	ble				
GE	GEL ⁸	10	USD	1,134	12	81	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,134	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	902	10	64	EP
HR	HRK	200	HRK	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
HU	HUF	10,000	HUF	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP RU
IB ⁵	CHF ¹⁰	100	CHF	1,400	15	100	See footnote 11
	or EUR ¹⁰ or USD ¹⁰	64 81	or EUR or USD	902 1,134	10 12	64 81	
ID		500,000	IDR	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AU EP RU
IE	EUR	76.00		902	10	64	EP RO
IL	ILS	476	USD	1,134	12	81	EP US
IN	INR (filing by indiv:	5,000	USD	1,134	12	81	AT AU CN EP SE US

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued] (amounts on 1 July 2004, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transm	nittal fee ¹	fi	ternational ling fee ^{1,2,3} CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶	
IS	ISK	6,500	ISK	80,000	900	5,700	EP SE	
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	902	10	na	EP	
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY (from 1.9.	116,000 04: 123,200)	1,200 <i>(1,300)</i>	8,300 (8,800)	EP JP	
KE	USD (or KE plus cost of	S equiv)250 mailing	USD	1,134	12	81	AT AU CN EP SE	
KG	KGS eq U	ISD 100	USD 1,134		12	81	EP RU	
KP	KPW eq 0	CHF 50	KPW	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT RU	
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,329,000	14,000	95,000	AT AU JP ¹² KR	
KZ	KZT ⁷	_	USD	1,134	12	81	EP RU	
LR	USD	45	USD	1,134	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE	
LS	LSM ⁷	_	LSM	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	na	AT EP	
LT	LTL	320	EUR	902	10	64	EP RU	
LU	EUR	19	EUR	902	10	n a	EP	
LV	LVL	47.20	USD	1,134	12	81	EP RU	
MA		None	CHF	1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE	
MC	EUR	49 ¹³	EUR	902	10	n a	EP	
MD	MDL	180	USD	1,134	12	81	EP RU	
MK	MKD	2,750	MKD	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP	
MN		None	CHF	1,400	15	100	EP RU	
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	111,100	1,200	7,900	EP	
MX	MXP ³ eq	USD 200	MXP	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US	
NA	Information	not yet availal	ole		1			
NI	USD	200	USD	1,134	12	81	EP ES	
NL	EUR	50	EUR	902	10	64	EP	
NO	NOK	500	NOK	7,370	80	530	EP SE	
NZ	NZD	180 ¹⁴	NZD	1,624	17	116	AU EP US	
			(from 1.9.	04: 1,772)	(19)	(127)		
OA		not yet availal						
ОМ		not yet availal						
PG		not yet availal			1	П	П	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,134	12	81	AU EP JP KR US	
PL	PLZ	300	PLZ	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP	
PT	EUR	30.99		902	10	64	EP	
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF	1,400	15	100	AT EP RU	
RU	RUR	294	USD	1,134	12	81	EP RU	
sc	Information not yet available							
SD	SDP	50	SDP	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP	
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	8,140	90	580	EP SE	
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,926	21	138	AT AU EP	
SI	SIT	22,000	SIT	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP	
SK	SKK	1,600	SKK	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP	
SY	Information	not yet availal	ole				tinuad on novt nago	

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued] (amounts on 1 July 2004, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmitta	al fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 1,400)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
TJ	TJS ⁷		USD	1,134	12	n a	EP RU
тм	USD ⁷	_	USD	1,134	12	81	EP RU
TN	TND^7	_	CHF	1,400	15	n a	EP
TR	CHF	100	CHF	1,400	15	100	EP
тт	TTD	750	USD	1,134	12	81	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or e	eq UAH) 1,134	12	n a	EP RU
us	USD	300	USD	1,134	12	81	EP US
UZ	USD ⁷	_	USD	1,134	12	81	EP RU
vc	Information not	t yet availal	ble				
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD	3,000	YUD	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	7,490	80	530	AT AU EP US
ZM	Information not	t yet availal	ble				
zw	ZWD	6,000	ZWD	eq USD 1,134	eq USD 12	eq USD 81	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees (amounts on 1 July 2004, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA						Search	fee ¹					
AT	EUR	159	CHF	247	KRW	235,000	SGD	310	USD	182	ZAR	1,320
AU	AUD	1,200	CHF*	1,157	EUR*	738	KRW	1,014,000	NZD	1,370	SGD	1,490
	USD	865	ZAR	5,800								
	* (fro	om 1.9.04:	CHF	1,050	EUR	684)						
CN	CNY	1,500	CHF	245	EUR	158	USD	181				
EP ¹⁵	EUR	1,550	CAD	2,520	CHF	2,432	CYP	905	DKK	11,520	GBP	1,078
	ISK	138,000	JPY*	213,700	MWK	194,000	NOK	13,450	NZD	2,884	SEK	13,870
	SGD	3,130	USD	1,920	ZAR	12,000						
	* (fro	om 1.8.04:	JPY	200,100)								
ES ¹⁵	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,432	USD	1,920						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF*	1,168	EUR	752	KRW	1,066,000	USD	887		
	* (fro	om 1.9.04:	CHF	1,097)				,,				
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	238	EUR	151	USD	194				
RU ¹⁶	USD	300	CHF	406	EUR	262						
SE	SEK	13,870	CHF	2,432	DKK	11,520	EUR	1,550	ISK	138,000	NOK	13,450
	USD	1,920										
US	USD ZAR*	1,000 6,600	300 ¹⁷ 2,000 ¹⁷	CHF	1,318	395 ¹⁷	EUR	787	254 ¹⁷	NZD	1,570	470 ¹⁷

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 July 2004, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA		Prelimi	nary examination fee ¹⁸		Handling fee ^{3,18} (CHF 200)								
AT	EUR	159		EUR	129								
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ¹⁹	AUD	218								
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CH	F 200								
EP ¹⁵	EUR	1,530		EUR	129								
ES	EUR	502.97		EUR	129								
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	16,600	(from 1.9.04:	17,600)						
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW	190,000								
RU ¹⁶	USD	200 ²⁰	300 ²¹	USD	162								
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,160								
US	USD	600	750 ²²	USD	162								

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on page 27 of PCT Newsletter No. 12/2003, or on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the Administrative Instructions).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/EP, ES, FI, FR, IB and KR. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: CHF 200=EUR 129, KRW 190,000, USD 162; CHF 300=EUR 193, JPY 24,900 (from 1.9.04: JPY 26,400), KRW 285,000, USD 243.
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 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.
- 10 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on page 27 of *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2003, or on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee reduction.pdf.
- 11 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*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (IB).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 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% 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 not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in PCT Newsletter No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in part 1 of the table on page 27 of PCT Newsletter No. 12/2003 or on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf, with the exception of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 16 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 17 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a), the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid, and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application.
- 18 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 19 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 21 In all cases where footnote 20 does not apply.
- 22 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*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US)).

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ΑE	United Arab	_	Costa Rica	IL	Israel	ML	Mali (OA) ²	SY	Syrian Arab
	Emirates		Cuba	IN	India	MN	Mongolia		Republic
AG	Antigua and		Cyprus (EP) ²	IS	Iceland	MR	Mauritania (OA) ²	SZ	Swaziland (AP) ²
	Barbuda		Czech Republic (EP)	ΙT	Italy (EP) ²	MW	Malawi (AP)	TD	Chad (OA) ²
	Albania ¹		Germany (EP)	JΡ	Japan	MX	Mexico	TG	Togo (OA) ²
	Armenia (EA)		Denmark (EP)	ΚE	Kenya (AP)	ΜZ	Mozambique (AP)	TJ	Tajikistan (EA)
AT	Austria (EP)		Dominica	KG	Kyrgyzstan (EA)	NΑ	Namibia (AP)	TM	Turkmenistan (EA)
ΑU	Australia		Algeria	ΚP	Democratic	ΝE	Niger (OA) ²	ΤN	Tunisia
ΑZ	Azerbaijan (EA)		Ecuador		People's Republic	NI	Nicaragua	TR	Turkey (EP)
BA		EE	Estonia (EP)		of Korea	NL	Netherlands (EP) ²	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
	Herzegovina		Egypt (FP)	KR	Republic of Korea	NO	Norway	ΤZ	United Republic of
BB	Barbados		Spain (EP)	ΚZ	Kazakhstan (EA)	ΝZ	New Zealand		Tanzania (AP)
BE	Belgium (EP) ²	FI	Finland (EP)	LC	Saint Lucia	OM	Oman	UA	Ukraine ` ´
BF	Burkina Faso (OA) ²		France (EP) ²	LI	Liechtenstein (EP)	PG	Papua New Guinea	UG	Uganda (AP)
BG			Gabon (OA) ²	LK	Sri Lanka	PΗ	Philippines	US	United States of
BJ BR	Benin (OA) ² Brazil	_	3 ,	LR	Liberia	PL	Poland (EP)		America
	Botswana (AP)		Georgia	LS	Lesotho (AP)	PΤ	Portugal (EP)	UΖ	Uzbekistan
BY	Belarus (EA)		Ghana (AP)	LT	Lithuania ¹			VC	Saint Vincent and
	Belize		Gambia (AP)	LU	Luxembourg (EP)	RU	Russian		the Grenadines
CA			Guinea (OA) ²	LV	Latvia ¹		Federation (EA)	VN	Viet Nam
CF	Central African		Equatorial	MA	Morocco	SC	Seychelles	YU	Serbia and
٠.	Republic (OA) ²		Guinea (OA) ²	MC	Monaco (EP)2	SD	Sudan (AP)		Montenegro
CG	Congo (OA) ²	GR	Greece (EP) ²	MD	Republic of	SE	Sweden (EP)	ZA	•
	Switzerland (EP)		Guinea-Bissau (OA)2		Moldova (EA)	SG	Singapore	ZM	Zambia (AP)
CI	Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²		Croatia ¹	MG	Madagascar	SI	Slovenia (EP) ²		Zimbabwe (AP)
_	Cameroon (OA) ²	HU	Hungary (EP)	MK	The former	SK	Slovakia (EP)		
	China	ID	Indonesia		Yugoslav Republic	SL	Sierra Leone (AP)		
CO	Colombia	ΙE	Ireland (EP)2		of Macedonia ¹	SN	Senegal (OA) ²		

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