

PCT NEWSLETTER

Assembly of the PCT Union

The 42nd session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) was held in Geneva during the period from 26 September to 5 October 2011, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

The Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations, set out in the Annex to the report of the session (document PCT/A/42/4), which will all enter into force on 1 July 2012. The documents from the PCT Assembly (they presently include the draft report but will include the final report once it is published) are available from the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/42

The amendments consist of the following:

- PCT Rule 17.1 (supplying a copy of the priority document): The current time limits for supplying priority documents from a digital library (in practice, the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS)) will be relaxed. At present, applicants must take all steps necessary both to request the priority document to be downloaded and to ensure that it is available by 16 months from the priority date. They are often unaware of or unable to carry out all of the steps necessary to make the priority document available through DAS before 16 months (see the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2010), and corrections made to allow the document to be retrieved after that time are considered late, even though a paper priority document can still be accepted until the date of international publication. Under the amended provisions, applicants will meet the time limits as long as they both request the International Bureau (IB) to obtain the document from a digital library and take all necessary steps to ensure that the priority document is accessible to the IB from that library before the date of international publication. The change will also remove the theoretical possibility of requesting the receiving Office to obtain the priority document from the digital library. No receiving Office offers that service at present, but Form PCT/RO/101 nevertheless makes provision for it, which is confusing for applicants.
- PCT Rule 20.7 (time limits in relation to correcting defects under PCT Article 11): The amendment clarifies which cases this Rule applies to.
- PCT Rule 34 (minimum documentation): The patent documents of China will be incorporated into the PCT minimum documentation used in carrying out international searches. In addition to making the relevant documentation, including English language abstracts and machine translations, available to International Authorities, the English versions of the documentation as well as the Chinese versions are searchable by the public through the website of the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China at: http://59.151.93.237/sipo_EN/search/tabSearch.do?method=init
- New PCT Rule 82^{quater} (excuse of delay in meeting time limits) / PCT Rule 82.2 (irregularities in the mail service): Current PCT Rule 82.2 will be replaced with a new, broader rule allowing the relevant Office to excuse the delay in meeting any time limit set in the Regulations in case of *force majeure*. It should be noted that this new rule will

not apply to the priority period nor to the period for entry into the national phase, since those time limits are not set in the Regulations but in the Paris Convention and the Articles of the PCT, respectively.

The Assembly also noted reports on the work being undertaken by the PCT Working Group and the PCT Meeting of International Authorities, to find ways to improve the delivery of PCT services to stakeholders (documents PCT/A/42/1 and 3). These matters were reported in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 06 and 04/2011, respectively.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Israel Patent Office to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

On 20 September 2011, the Israel Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified WIPO under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 November 2011. The electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, which come into effect on 1 November 2011, are included in Fee Table I(a). The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published on 6 October 2011 in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html

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

ePCT Demo System Available to Users who Submit a Demo PCT E-Filing to RO/IB

As of 1 October 2011, users who submit a demo PCT e-filing to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), and who request notifications by e-mail from the IB, will receive an e-mail inviting them to start using the new ePCT system in demo mode. The ePCT system provides secure online access before international publication for applicants/agents to international applications filed or managed by them. Therefore, such users will be able to access the content of their RO/IB demo filings online and familiarize themselves with the online functions that the ePCT system provides so far. Comments and feedback on the features of the ePCT system are most welcome, as are suggestions for additional functions that PCT users would like to have in the future.

In parallel, a wide range of additional new online functions are currently under development at the IB and will be added progressively to the ePCT system over the course of the next 12 months. These include online actions, such as withdrawing the international application or priority claim(s), submitting changes under PCT Rule 92*bis*, and also the initial filing of international applications via a new ePCT web filing interface.

Although the production version of the ePCT system is still in a restricted pilot phase, it is being extended to additional pilot users in stages, with a view to becoming available to all PCT users in the course of 2012. If you wish to submit any comments or questions regarding the ePCT system, please go to the "Contact Us" page on WIPO's website (<http://www.wipo.int/contact/en/>) and select "Patents" as the Topic and "ePCT" as the Sub-topic.

For further details about the ePCT system and the benefits it offers to PCT users, please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2011 at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2011/pct_news_2011_01.pdf

Instructions for submitting a demo filing to RO/IB using the PCT-SAFE demo environment are available at:

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

Publication Schedule and Non-Working Days at the IB at the end of the year

Non-working days at the IB

The non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during November and December 2011 and January 2012, in addition to the weekends, will be:

Monday, 7 November 2011

Monday, Tuesday and Friday 26, 27 and 30 December 2011 and

Monday, 2 January 2012.

The IB will therefore be open for business on Wednesday and Thursday, 28 and 29 December 2011, and will then be open as usual as from Tuesday, 3 January 2012.

Closing dates of the PCT Information Service

The PCT Information Service will be closed on Monday, 7 November 2011, and from Monday, 26 December 2011 to Monday, 2 January 2012, inclusive. It will reopen on Tuesday, 3 January 2012, at 9.00 a.m., Geneva (local) time.

Please note, however, that if you call the PCT Information Service (telephone number: (+41-22) 338 83 38) during the holiday period, there will be a message service and a telephone number will be provided for cases requiring urgent attention. It is recalled that the PCT Information Service answers inquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure to be followed during the international phase of the PCT. Correspondence relating to specific applications should be addressed to the PCT Processing Service (for further details, see "Reorganization of the PCT Processing Service at WIPO", below).

Publication schedule and technical preparations for publication

During the forthcoming holiday period, PCT applications will be published on the usual publication day, Thursday. However, as from 22 December 2011, the completion of technical preparations for publication will take place earlier than the usual 15 days before publication; the schedule for the completion of technical preparations will return to normal for international applications that will be published on 19 January 2012. For further details about the schedule for the publications that will be affected, and the respective dates by which any changes should be received by the IB, see below:

International publication: dates affected by end-of-year holiday period

<i>Date of international publication</i>	<i>Last day on which applicants' communications must reach WIPO</i>
Thursday, 15 December 2011	Tuesday, 29 November 2011 (normal schedule)
Thursday, 22 December 2011	Monday, 5 December 2011
Thursday, 29 December 2011	Friday, 9 December 2011
Thursday, 5 January 2012	Thursday, 15 December 2011
Thursday, 12 January 2012	Wednesday, 21 December 2011
Thursday, 19 January 2012	Tuesday, 3 January 2012 (normal schedule)

Any applicant who, in respect of an international application to be published during the above-mentioned period, wishes to make any change which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication, should be aware of the above-mentioned dates. For example, if the applicant wishes to withdraw the international application, a designation or a priority claim under PCT Rules 90*bis*.1(c), 90*bis*.2(e) or 90*bis*.3(e), in sufficient time to prevent international publication thereof, or if the applicant wishes to submit amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 and the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1 will expire soon, or wishes to change an indication concerning the applicant, agent, common representative or inventor under PCT Rule 92*bis* – any such notice must reach the IB by the date indicated on the right hand side if the changes are to be reflected in the international publication.

It is, as always, strongly recommended that applicants notify the IB of any change as early as possible before completion of technical preparations for publication. Such notices can be sent by mail, but should preferably be sent:

- via the PCT Online Document Upload Service: <https://webaccess.wipo.int/pctservice/en/> (for further information on this service, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2010, page 2, and the user guidelines for the PCT Online Document Upload Service at: http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/service_center/), or
- by fax to: (+41-22) 338 82 70

Reorganization of the PCT Processing Service at WIPO

The PCT Processing Service of the International Bureau (IB) of WIPO consists of several Processing Teams that process international applications once they have been transmitted to the IB by the receiving Office (whether it is the receiving Office of the IB or of a national or regional Office). We would like to inform PCT users that, with effect from 6 September 2011, the number of Processing Teams has been reduced and renumbered as Processing Teams 1 to 9 (PT01 to PT09); the Receiving and Processing Team, which acts as receiving Office (RO/IB), being the 10th team.

Since each Processing Team deals with international applications received from specific receiving Offices, this means that, in a number of cases, the team that dealt with your application(s) in the past may not be the same one that deals with your application(s) now. It is for this reason that we remind you, when calling the PCT Processing Service, to check carefully the contact details in respect of each international application, which are indicated at the bottom of the forms that the IB sends out to you (for example, Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy)), and can also be found at:

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

by typing in the PCT number of your application.

It is recalled that correspondence relating to specific applications may be sent by mail, but should preferably be uploaded via the PCT Online Document Upload Service (<https://webaccess.wipo.int/pctservice/en/>) or faxed to the general number of the PCT Processing Service at: (+41–22) 338 82 70. The Processing Teams should be contacted for queries relating to a specific international application, whereas for general or legal questions about the PCT, you can call the PCT Information Service at: (+41–22) 338 83 38, from Monday to Friday, 9.00 am – 6.00 pm Central European time, or send your question by e-mail to: pct.infoline@wipo.int

PCT Information Update

AM Armenia (types of protection; fees; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; requirements concerning agent)

Provisional patents may no longer be obtained in Armenia via the PCT. The types of protection that are available in Armenia are now:

National:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent)
Eurasian:	Patents

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, applicable with effect from 1 January 2009, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	AMD	10,000
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For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Office has also notified the International Bureau (IB) that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD and DVD-R.

There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows: the agent can be any person who is a resident of Armenia.

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

AZ Azerbaijan (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses; fees)

The name and the location and mailing address of the State Agency of Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan) have changed, and the Office has notified additional telephone and fax numbers, as well as e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)
	Azərbaycan Respublikasının Standartlaşdırma, Metrologiya və Patent üzrə Dövlət Komitəsi

Location and mailing address: Mardanov gardashlar 124, AZ1147 Baku, Azerbaijan
 Telephone: (99-412) 440 37 98, 449 99 59
 Fax: (99-412) 440 52 24, 440 37 98
 E-mail: azs@azstand.gov.az
 Internet: www.azstand.gov.az

There has been a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable in AZN to the Office as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....AZN 10
 Fee for priority document:.....AZN 7

The amounts of the following national fees, for a patent or a utility model, payable in AZN to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have also changed:

Filing fee (including examination):AZN 10
 Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one: ...AZN 7
 Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:AZN 7
 Annual fee for the 3rd year:AZN 5

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

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; means of telecommunication; evidence of mailing a document; types of protection; furnishing of copies of international applications)

The location and mailing address, and the telephone and fax numbers of the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address:

Head Office: Kneza Domagoja bb, 88000 Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Branch Offices: Banja Luka: Kralja Petra Prvog karadjordjevica 83A, 78000 Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sarajevo: Hamdije Ćemerlića 2/9, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Telephone:

Head Office: [No change]

Branch Offices: (387-51) 22 68 40 (Banja Luka)
 [No change] (Sarajevo)

Fax:

Head Office: [No change]

Branch Offices: (387-51) 22 68 41 (Banja Luka)
[No change] (Sarajevo)

The Office has informed the IB of changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication – documents may now be filed by fax and e-mail. The original of the document must be furnished in all cases, within 15 days from the date of the transmission.

There has been a change in the requirements as to whether the Office would accept evidence of mailing of a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used; it will now accept such evidence provided that the delivery service is a recognized courier service.

There has been a change in the types of protection available in Bosnia and Herzegovina via the PCT: patents of addition may no longer be obtained, however consensual patents are now available. The types of protection available via the PCT are now:

National: Patents, consensual patents

European: Extended European patents

The Office has changed its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is to be furnished to it as designated (or elected) Office: it now requires a copy of the international application.

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

BE Belgium (telephone number; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media)

The telephone number of the Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) has changed. The number to be used is now as follows:

Telephone: (32–2) 277 90 11

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Office in its capacity as receiving Office has notified the IB that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD and DVD-R.

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

BG Bulgaria (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; criteria applicable for requests for restoration of the right of priority; fees)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria as receiving Office has notified the IB that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that, in respect of requests for the restoration of the right of priority, it applies both the “due care” and the “unintentional” criteria.

There has been a change in the following fee payable to the Office as receiving Office, with effect from 10 March 2010:

Fee for priority document:..... BGL 20

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

BR Brazil (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; fees)

The location and mailing address, and the telephone and fax numbers of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Praça Mauá 7 / 3º andar Centro, CEP 20.081-240, Rio de Janeiro/RJ Brazil

Telephone: (55-21) 3037 36 86, 3037 37 42, 3037 33 18, 3037 33 49

Fax: (55-21) 3037 33 19, 3037 34 93

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee:¹ BRL 200

Fee for priority document: BRL 150

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

CL Chile (telephone numbers)

The telephone numbers of the National Industrial Property Institute (Chile) have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (56-2) 887 05 50, 887 05 51

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

CZ Czech Republic (telephone numbers; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media)

One of the telephone numbers of the Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic) has changed. The telephone numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (420) 220 383 111 (operator service)
(420) 220 383 459 (PCT Department)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Office in its capacity as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD and DVD-R.

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

¹ 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.

DK Denmark (provisional protection after international publication; fees; language of filing)

There have been changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection in Denmark after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

After the furnishing of a translation into Danish or English or, if the international application was filed in Danish or English, of a copy of the international application as filed, the applicant is given provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. See Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patents Act.

As from 1 November 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in DKK to the Danish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in DKK of the fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The Office has also added Icelandic as a language of filing of international applications. The Office will now accept the following languages for the filing of international applications:

Danish, English, French, German, Icelandic, Norwegian or Swedish

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (DK) and Annex C (DK))

GR Greece (fees)

The amount of the fee for the priority document payable to the Industrial Property Organization (Greece) as receiving Office, has changed with effect from 1 April 2010, as follows:

Fee for priority document.....	EUR	50
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (GR))

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

As from 1 November 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in KRW to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in KRW of the 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 (KR))

LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (name of country)

The IB has been notified that the name "Libya" shall be used instead of the name "Libyan Arab Jamahiriya"; the two-letter code "LY" has not changed.

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

QA Qatar (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Intellectual Property Center (Qatar) has specified the European Patent Office, with effect from 3 August 2011, and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, with effect from 20 October 2011, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Qatar with the Intellectual Property Center as receiving Office.

RW Rwanda (general information; competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority)

General information about Rwanda as a PCT Contracting State has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* – see Annex B1 (RW) on the PCT Resources page at:

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

The Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda) has specified the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 31 August 2011 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Rwanda with the Office of the Registrar General as receiving Office.

US United States of America (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 26 September 2011:

Basic national fee:²USD 380 (190)³

Search fee:⁴

- IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): [No change]
- International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA: USD 120 (60)³
- Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO: USD 490 (245)³
- All other situations: USD 620 (310)³

Examination fee:⁴

- IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): [No change]

² Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a “small entity.” “Small entity” status can be established by a simple written assertion of entitlement to “small entity” status, or by payment of the exact amount of the “small entity” basic national fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(a) (see 37 CFR 1.27, and Annex US.VI).

⁴ If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

– All other situations:	USD	250 (125) ³
For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium): ⁴	USD	310 (155) ³
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: ⁴	USD	250 (125) ³
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: ⁴	USD	60 (30) ³
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: ⁴	USD	450 (225) ³
Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage: ⁴	[No change]	
Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): ⁴	[No change]	

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

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Internet address; means of telecommunication)

The Internet address of the Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) has changed, as follows:

Internet: <http://www.cipo.gov.vc/>

The Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it now accepts the filing of documents by fax.

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 November 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

Handling fee (Nordic Patent Institute, Korean Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 November 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee, payable in DKK to the Nordic Patent Institute and in KRW to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as International Preliminary Examining Authorities, as indicated in Fee Table II.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (KR and XN))

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.051.227, dated 1 October 2011, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

This version (“build 227”) includes the following:

- The implementation of fully electronic filing (on physical medium) at the Israel Patent Office (RO/IL) as from 1 November 2011.
- The addition of Rwanda (RW) to the ARIPO designation following Rwanda's accession to the Harare Protocol from 24 September 2011.
- Modification of the installation default filing mode to “Fully electronic, online”.
- Recent PCT fee changes.
- Other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements.

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

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

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en>)

Administrative Instructions under the PCT in Spanish

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions, as in force from 1 July 2011, has been updated in Spanish, in PDF format, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/ai.pdf>

Demand Form in Chinese, Korean and Portuguese

The July 2011 version of the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) is now available in editable PDF format in Chinese, Korean and Portuguese at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/forms/demand/demand.pdf>

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ko/forms/demand/ed_demand.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/forms/demand/ed_demand.pdf

ISA and IPEA forms in German and Spanish

Form PCT/ISA/237 and forms PCT/IPEA/408, 409 and 443, which were issued in July 2011, are now available in German and Spanish at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/isa/index.htm>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/ipea/index.htm>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/isa/index.htm>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/ipea/index.htm>

The Spanish version of form PCT/ISA/207 is also available.

ISA and IPEA Agreements

An updated version of the Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks, as in force from 1 July 2010, relating to the functioning of this Authority as 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_ru.pdf

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

Working Group Report

The report (document PCT/WG/4/17) for the fourth session of the PCT Working Group, which took place from June 6 to 10, 2011, has been adopted by correspondence. The report is available, in English and French, at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/pct/en/pct_wg_4/pct_wg_4_17.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/pct/fr/pct_wg_4/pct_wg_4_17.pdf

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (Paper Version in Arabic)

The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2011, is now available in Arabic, in addition to English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

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

fax: (41–22) 740 18 12

e-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int

electronic bookshop: <http://www.wipo.int/ebookshop>

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

New Version of PATENTSCOPE

After 8 years of service, the "classic" PATENTSCOPE search interface will be phased out on 13 October 2011 and all search requests made to the old interface will be redirected to the new PATENTSCOPE system. The two systems have been running in parallel since September 2009

to give end users the time to switch to the new system and most of the requests are now executed by the new system.

The new system is designed to support all the "classic" PATENTSCOPE features, fields and search syntax, therefore the migration of the remaining users is expected to be straightforward.

Making use of the latest developments in open source search and web technologies, the new system also offers new functionality and improved collections coverage.

For further details, please consult the FAQs at:

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/faqs_patentscope.html

News from the EPO

Revision of the EPO's practice under PCT Rule 66.4

It is recalled that PCT Rule 66.4 provides for the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) to issue one or more additional written opinions before the international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP Chapter II) (IPER) is established. The European Patent Office (EPO) has announced that it has revised its practice under PCT Rule 66.4, to provide a further opportunity for dialogue between the applicant and the EPO as IPEA, thereby giving applicants more scope to enter the national phase before the elected Offices with a positive IPER.

The new practice applies to international applications for which, pursuant to PCT Rule 69.2, the time limit for establishing the IPER expires on or after 1 December 2011, unless the IPER is established before 1 October 2011 (the applicable time limit for establishing the IPER is in most cases 28 months from the priority date, however, under certain circumstances this time limit may expire later – see PCT Rule 69.2). It is described in detail in the EPO's announcement at:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20111004a.html>

EPO Guide for Applicants: PCT procedure before the EPO

Part 2 of the European Patent Office's (EPO) *Guide for Applicants*, the "Euro-PCT Guide", is aimed at those interested in pursuing the procedure under the PCT. It focuses on those elements specific to the PCT procedure before the EPO, and aims to cover the important points to note when the EPO acts in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority Specified for Supplementary Search, International Preliminary Examining Authority, and/or designated or elected Office. The Euro-PCT Guide has recently been updated and is available at:

<http://www.epo.org/applying/international/guide-for-applicants.html>

Practical Advice

Entering the national phase early where the international application has not yet been published

Q: My company is relatively new, and we are interested in getting our latest products onto the global market as soon as possible, as well as encouraging investment by demonstrating a growing international patent portfolio. We have filed a number of international applications for which the international search report (ISR) and written opinion have been issued, but which have not yet been published. May we request early entry into the national phase in respect of those applications, or do we have to wait until they have been published?

A: According to PCT Articles 23(1) and 40(1), designated/elected Offices may not start national processing before the time limits indicated under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1) (in most cases, this is at least 30 months from the priority date, but for details of exceptions, see the table of time limits at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/time_limits.html).

However, PCT Articles 23(2) and 40(2) provide that any designated/elected Office may, at the express request of the applicant, process or examine the international application at any time. You are, therefore, entitled to enter the national phase earlier than at the expiration of the above-mentioned time limits; there is no requirement that an international application be published in order to enter the national phase.

Since your international applications have not yet been published, the designated Office will usually require copies of the international applications concerned. In some cases, however, this will not be necessary for Offices which have notified the International Bureau (IB), under PCT Article 13, that they do not wish to receive copies of the international application (see the relevant National Chapter Summary of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>) for this information). In all other cases, when you make an express request to a designated Office under PCT Article 23(2) prior to international publication of the international application, your request will be considered only if you have furnished a copy of the international application. For this, you may request the IB to transmit a copy of the international application to the designated Office(s) concerned in accordance with PCT Rule 47.4.

The other acts prescribed for entering the national phase under PCT Article 22 (furnishing of a translation, where necessary, and payment of the national fee, if any, for each international application in respect of which you are requesting early entry into the national phase) must naturally also be complied with before your request for early entry into the national phase will be considered. Also, where the name and address of the inventor(s) were not included in the request form, the national law of the designated State may require that you furnish these indications upon entry into the national phase (for details, see the relevant Annex B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*). Note that it is not sufficient to simply fulfill all the requirements for entry into the national phase – you must also specifically request immediate processing, otherwise the designated Office may wait until the usual time limit of 30 months from the priority date, or longer, before it starts processing the application.

Note also that normally, the IB transmits the written opinion of the ISA to the designated Office (in the form of the “international preliminary report on patentability by the International Searching Authority” (IPRP Chapter I)) only after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (see PCT Rule 44*bis*.2(a)). However, if you request early national processing under PCT

Article 23(2), the IB will transmit a copy of the written opinion of the ISA promptly to the designated Office if requested to do so by either you or the designated Office (see PCT Rule 44**bis**.2(b)). (Please refer to PCT Rule 44**bis**.3 in the case where translations of the written opinion into English are required by the designated Office.)

Please note that, although the PCT provides for the making of express requests for early entry into the national phase, it is up to the designated Office concerned to decide when it will actually begin processing such an application. In fact, certain Offices may not process the application before international publication has taken place. Also note that if such a request is made only in respect of certain designated Offices, the international phase for that international application will continue in respect of all the other designated States.

Once you have entered the national phase, you may also be able to request accelerated processing under the PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) program before some of the designated Offices, provided that you have, in respect of the international application concerned, written opinions of either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or an international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT), which are positive at least in relation to some claims, and that the ISA/IPEA has entered into a PCT-PPH agreement with the designated Offices concerned. For further information on the PCT-PPH program, see the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2011 and the relevant page of the PCT website at:

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

For further information on PPH programs in general, see:

<http://www.jpo.go.jp/ppph-portal/index.htm>

If you are going to file more international applications in the future, or in case you have pending international applications for which the ISR and written opinion have not yet been established, you may be interested in consulting the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2011 which gives information on actions that can be taken to maximize the chances of an international application being processed without delay during the international phase.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 10 October 2011)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
13 October 2011 London (GB) <i>[POSTPONED – new date to be announced shortly]</i>	English	“WIPO British Day for Patents” – An opportunity for UK patent attorneys and other PCT users to discuss practice and policy concerning the PCT and related areas with WIPO representatives WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Richardson	United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) Advance registration is required. Requests for registration, which must be received by 5 October 2011, should be sent to Mr. Lee Deakin at: E-mail: Lee.Deakin@ipo.gov.uk Tel: (44-1633) 81 38 07
14 October 2011 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 10th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
17–18 October 2011 Atlanta, GA (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
17–18 October 2011 Geneva (CH)	English	Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for patent administrators and paralegals on the procedural aspects of the international phase, and electronic filing and processing. Note that attendance is limited to 45 people. No registration fee.	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters. On-line registration and information: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/registration/form.jsp?meeting_id=23222
20–21 October 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	Monika Huppertz Seminars & Trainings (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-202) 97 47 93 22 Fax: (49-202) 7 99 06 00 E-mail: info@monika-huppertz.de Internet: www.monika-huppertz.de
27–28 October 2011 Ottawa (CA)	English	Canadian PCT Administrators' Roundtable WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Mr. Reed	Intellectual Property Institute of Canada Tel: (1-613) 234 05 16 Fax: (1-613) 234 06 71 E-mail: admin@ipic.ca
3–4 November 2011 Boston, MA (US) <i>[previously announced as 10-11 November]</i>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bidwell	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Bo Han) Tel: (1-617) 526 60 41 Fax: (1-617) 526 50 00 E-mail: bo.han@wilmerhale.com
7–8 November 2011 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT 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
8–9 November 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Annual conference WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
15 November 2011 Arlington, VA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed 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: www.pctlearningcenter.org
18 November 2011 Berlin (DE)	German	Seminar on the PCT for paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	European Patent Institute (EPI) (Ms. Martina Fromm) Tel: (49-89) 24 20 52 15 Fax: (49-89) 24 20 52 20 E-mail: info@patentepi.com
21-22 November 2011 Santo Domingo (DO)	Spanish	Advanced Workshop on Patents and the PCT (for patent attorneys) WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Ms. Largo	National Industrial Property Office (ONAPI), Patent Department (Mrs. Luisa A. Castillo Bautista) E-mail: l.castillo@onapi.gob.do
23-25 November 2011 Santo Domingo (DO)	Spanish	Workshop on Patents and the PCT (for staff of research and technological centers, universities, start-up companies and officials from the IP Office) WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Ms. Largo	National Intellectual Property Academy of ONAPI (Mrs. Josefina Aquino) E-mail: j.aquino@onapi.gob.do
25 November 2011 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division Tel: (81-3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 Internet: http://www.jpo.go.jp/cgi/link.cgi?url=/torikumi/ibento/ibento2/chiteki_setumeikai.htm
28 November 2011 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	Japan Patent Office (see Osaka, above)
2 December 2011 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	Japan Patent Office (see Osaka, above)
7-8 December 2011 Lille (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
8-9 December 2011 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities course, including a presentation on ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Featherby	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
9 December 2011 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
20 January 2012 Rome (IT)	English	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu
26 January 2012 San Diego, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Arlington, above)
1 February 2012 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
22 May 2012 Bucharest (RO)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the epi-CEIPI Basic Training WIPO speaker: to be announced	Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (epi) and Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Teodorescu) E-mail: mteodorescu@rominvent.ro

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
6 December 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators: "PCT in der Praxis" Speaker: Mr. Wilhelm Worofka (Continental Automotive GmbH, Munich)	AH Akademie für Fortbildung Heidelberg GmbH (Mr. Stephen Haas) Fax: (49-6221) 650 33 29 E-mail: s.haas@akademie-heidelberg.de

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 October 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 15. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of –	BHD	Bahraini dinar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	SGD	Singapore dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	SKK	Slovak koruna
		BYR	Belarussian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	THB	Baht
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol		
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KPW	KP won	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KRW	KR won	QAR	Qatar riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KZT	Kazakh tenge	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	LSL	Lesotho loti	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	RUB	Russian rouble		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	RWF	Rwanda franc		
BAM	Convertible mark	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SEK	Swedish krona		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 October 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
					Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR 1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	82 (88)	164 (177)	245 (265)	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,414 (from 1.11.11: 1,699)	16 (19)	106 (128)	213 (256)	319 (383)	AU KR
AZ	AZN	10	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	82 (88)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	82 (88)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US
BR	BRL ⁹	200	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 October 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸		
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,546	17	116	233	348	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ^{1,520} ¹¹ (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	eq USD ¹¹ 17 (20)	eq USD ¹¹ 114 (132)	–	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	–	CN
CO	COP	812,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	82 (88)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	82 (88)	164 (177)	245 (265)	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	8,120 (from 1.11.11: 8,750)	90 (100)	610 (660)	1,220 (1,320)	1,830 (1,970)	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
EE	EUR	115.04	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US
EP	EUR	115	EUR	1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	– (–)	164 (177)	245 (265)	EP
ES	EUR	72.06	EUR	1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	82 (88)	164 (177)	245 (265)	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	– (–)	164 (177)	245 (265)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	82 (88)	164 (177)	245 (265)	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	929 (from 1.11.11: 1,046)	10 (12)	– (–)	140 (157)	209 (236)	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹³	100	USD	1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	82 (88)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 October 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 16
	or EUR ¹⁵ 82	or EUR 1,088	12	82	164	245	
	(from 1.11.11: 88)	(from 1.11.11: 1,174)	(13)	(88)	(177)	(265)	
	or USD ¹⁵ 114	or USD 1,520	17	114	229	343	
	(from 1.11.11: 132)	(from 1.11.11: 1,758)	(20)	(132)	(264)	(397)	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,088	12	82	–	–	EP
		(from 1.11.11: 1,174)	(13)	(88)	(–)	(–)	
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,520	17	114	–	–	EP US
		(from 1.11.11: 1,758)	(20)	(132)	(264)	(397)	
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 184,200	2,100	13,800	27,700	41,500	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,088	12	–	–	–	EP
		(from 1.11.11: 1,174)	(13)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 125,000	1,400	9,400	–	28,200	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,520	17	114	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
		(from 1.11.11: 1,758)	(20)	(132)	(–)	(–)	
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,520	17	114	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.11.11: 1,758)	(20)	(132)	(–)	(–)	
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,647,000	19,000	124,000	–	371,000	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
		(from 1.11.11: 1,827,000)	(21,000)	(137,000)	(–)	(412,000)	
KZ	KZT 7,360 ¹⁸	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,088	12	82	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.11.11: 1,174)	(13)	(88)	(–)	(–)	
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,088	12	–	–	–	EP
		(from 1.11.11: 1,174)	(13)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
LV	LVL 48.80	EUR 1,088	12	82	–	–	EP RU
		(from 1.11.11: 1,174)	(13)	(88)	(–)	(–)	
LY	LYD ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁹	EUR 1,088	12	–	–	–	EP
		(from 1.11.11: 1,174)	(13)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,088	12	82	–	–	EP
		(from 1.11.11: 1,174)	(13)	(88)	(–)	(–)	
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 210,800	2,400	15,800	–	–	EP
MX	MXN eq USD 323.70 ²⁰	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²¹ 550 (paper filing) ²¹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,520	17	114	–	–	EP ES
		(from 1.11.11: 1,758)	(20)	(132)	(–)	(–)	
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,088	12	82	164	245	EP
		(from 1.11.11: 1,174)	(13)	(88)	(177)	(265)	
NO	NOK 750	NOK 8,690	100	650	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²²	NZD 1,844	21	139	–	–	AU EP KR US

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

(amounts on 1 October 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
OA	XAF ¹⁰ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	eq USD 17 (20)	eq USD 114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	229 (264)	343 (397)	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	EUR 1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	82 (88)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	ROL 360	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD 5,340 ²³	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 600	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 10,240	120	770	1,540	2,310	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,973	22	148	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	82 (88)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SK	EUR 66	EUR 1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	82 (88)	164 (177)	245 (265)	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 1,088 (from 1.11.11: 1,174)	12 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
SY	USD10 –	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹⁰ –	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁴ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	229 (264)	– (–)	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	Eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 10,530 (from 1.11.11: 12,200)	120 (140)	790 (920)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	17 (20)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,520 (from 1.11.11: 1,758)	Eq USD 17 (20)	eq USD 114 (132)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²⁵	EUR	1,785	CHF*	2,182	KRW	2,166,000	SGD	3,210	USD	2,443	ZAR	17,380
	*	(from 1.11.11:	CHF	2,022)								
AU	AUD	1,900	CHF	1,787	EUR	1,461	KRW	2,204,000	NZD	2,478	SGD	2,410
	USD	2,084	ZAR	14,090								
BR ²⁶	BRL	1,900	CHF	1,003	EUR	820	USD	1,122				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,376	EUR	1,143	USD	1,687				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	285	EUR	229	USD	314				
EP ²⁷	EUR	1,785	CHF*	2,182	DKK	13,310	GBP	1,543	ISK	294,000	JPY	203,700
	MWK	377,000	NOK	14,350	NZD*	3,295	SEK	16,530	SGD	3,210	USD	2,443
	ZAR	17,380										
	*	(from 1.11.11:	CHF	2,022)	NZD	2,975)						
ES ²⁷	EUR	1,785	CHF*	2,182	USD	2,443	*	(from 1.11.11:	CHF	2,022)		
FI	EUR	1,785	CHF*	2,182	USD	2,443	*	(from 1.11.11:	CHF	2,022)		
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	1,034	EUR	850	KRW	1,306,000	USD	1,163		
KR	For searches carried out in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,121	CHF*	1,050	EUR	846	NZD	1,487	SGD	1,520
	USD*	1,157										
	*	(from 1.11.11:	CHF	946)	USD	1,233)						
	For searches carried out in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	388	CHF*	363	EUR	293	NZD	515	SGD	530
	USD*	401										
	*	(from 1.11.11:	CHF	328)	USD	427)						
RU	RUB	13,500	CHF	400	EUR	324	USD	477				
SE	SEK	16,530	CHF*	2,182	DKK	13,310	EUR	1,785	ISK	294,000	NOK	14,350
	USD	2,443										
	*	(from 1.11.11:	CHF	2,022)								
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,820	EUR	1,520	NZD	2,620	ZAR	14,550		
XN	DKK	13,310	CHF*	2,182	EUR	1,785	ISK	294,000	NOK	14,350	USD	2,443
	*	(from 1.11.11:	CHF	2,022)								

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,039 (from 1.11.11: CHF 963) – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,455 (from 1.11.11: CHF 1,348) – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,078 (from 1.11.11: CHF 1,925)	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,182 (from 1.11.11: CHF 2,022)	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,182 (from 1.11.11: CHF 2,022)	CHF 200
RU	Eq in CHF of RUB ²⁸ 9,450 (13,500) ²⁹	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,182 (from 1.11.11: CHF 2,022)	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,182 (from 1.11.11: CHF 2,022)	CHF 200

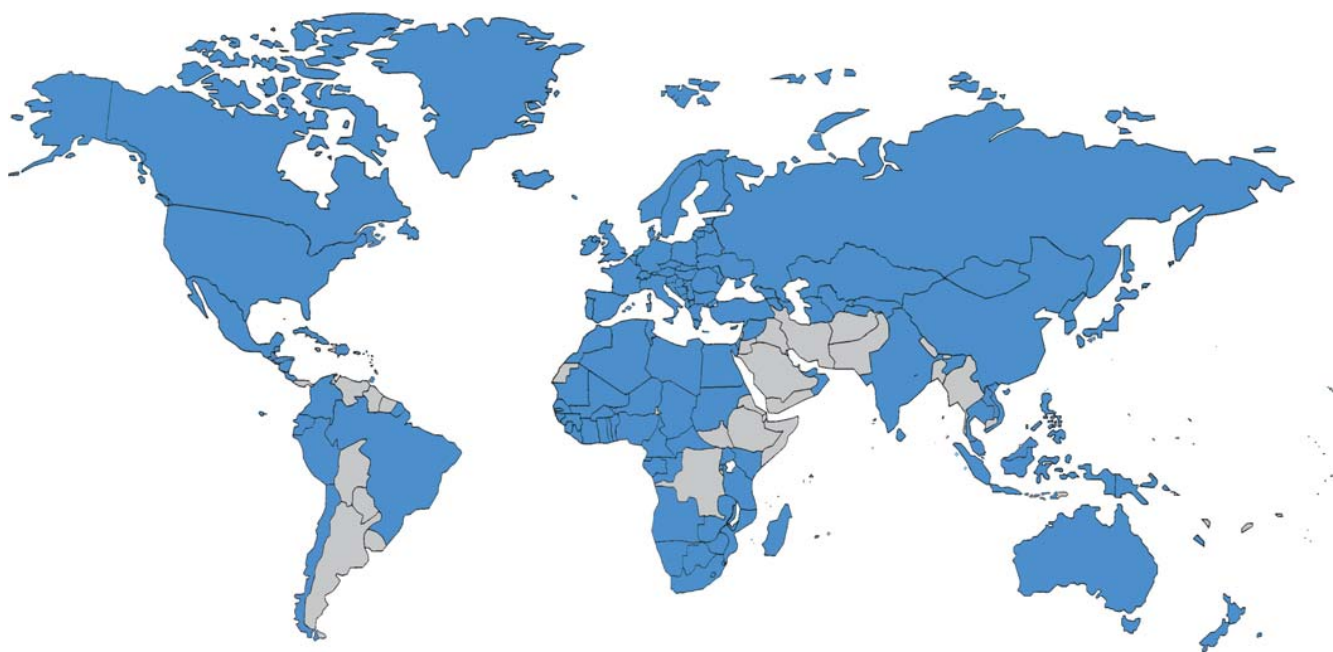
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 October 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁰		Handling fee ^{2, 30} (CHF 200)	
AT ²⁵	EUR	1,675	EUR	164 (from 1.11.11: 177)
AU	AUD	550 780 ³¹	AUD	213 (from 1.11.11: 256)
BR ²⁶	BRL	710	BRL	379
CA	CAD	800	CAD	233
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁷	EUR	1,760	EUR	164 (from 1.11.11: 177)
ES	EUR	566.49	EUR	164 (from 1.11.11: 177)
FI	EUR	600	EUR	164 (from 1.11.11: 177)
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	18,800
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	248,000 (from 1.11.11: 275,000)
RU	RUB	5,400 ³² 8,100 ³³	USD	229 (from 1.11.11: 264)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,540
US	USD	600 750 ³⁴	USD	229 (from 1.11.11: 264)
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,220 (from 1.11.11: 1,320)

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 Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.
- 19 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 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.
- 22 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 24 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%.
- 25 The fee will be 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).
- 26 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.
- 27 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>
- 28 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 29 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).
- 30 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 31 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 32 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 33 In all cases where footnote 32 does not apply.
- 34 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (144 on 1 October 2011)



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AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ³	IT Italy (EP) ³	MR Mauritania (OA) ³	SM San Marino (EP) ⁷
AL Albania (EP) ^{1,2}	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) ³	SN Senegal (OA) ³
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ³
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CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) ³		SI Slovenia (EP) ³	
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	IN India			

1 Only international applications filed on or after 1 May 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

2 Extension of European patent possible; in the case of Albania and Serbia, only for international applications filed before 1 May 2010 and 1 October 2010, respectively.

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

4 Only international applications filed on or after 24 March 2010 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

5 Only international applications filed on or after 1 October 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

6 Only international applications filed on or after 24 September 2011 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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