

# PCT NEWSLETTER

## PCT Filings in 2008

The number of international applications filed under the PCT in 2008 reached nearly 164,000, representing an increase of 2.4% over 2007. Although this growth rate is more modest than in recent years (the previous three years had seen an average growth rate of 9.3%), it was somewhat expected, given the global economic slowdown of recent months, and this figure nevertheless represents the highest number of applications ever received under the PCT. ***This and the following figures for 2008 are estimates*** as the International Bureau continues to receive, throughout the first half of 2009, PCT applications which were filed with national and regional Offices in 2008, and final figures will be available later in the year.

The top five countries of filing remained the same as last year, with applicants from the United States of America filing the largest number of applications (53,521, which represents 32.7% of all applications), followed by Japan (17.5%), Germany (11.3%), the Republic of Korea (4.8%) and France (4.2%). Applicants from the member States of the European Patent Convention, when grouped together, filed about 34.4% of all international applications.

There was continued high growth in filings from north east Asia, in particular from the Republic of Korea (12% increase) and China (11.9% increase), and Sweden enjoyed a particularly high growth compared to other European countries with a 12.5% increase.

For the first time, a Chinese company topped the list of PCT applicants in 2008 – Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd, a major international telecommunications company based in Shenzhen, filed 1,737 PCT applications in 2008, and the Japanese company Panasonic Corporation<sup>1</sup> followed closely behind with 1,729 applications. The top 10 applicants, together with the number of international applications published in their name, were as follows:

1.	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd (CN)	1,737
2.	Panasonic Corporation (JP)	1,729
3.	Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. (NL)	1,551
4.	Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha (JP)	1,364
5.	Robert Bosch GmbH (DE)	1,273
6.	Siemens Aktiengesellschaft (DE)	1,089
7.	Nokia Corporation (FI)	1,005
8.	LG Electronics Inc. (KR)	992
9.	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (SE)	984
10.	Fujitsu Limited (JP)	983

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<sup>1</sup> Matsushita (the top applicant in 2007) changed its name to Panasonic in 2008.

A list of the top PCT applicants (with the most applications published in 2008) will be available shortly on the WIPO website at:

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

Applicants are increasingly submitting their international applications electronically – filings in electronic form made up about 73.3% of all filings in 2008 (compared to 67.4% in 2007), 63.1% being filed fully electronically and 10.2% being filed using the PCT-EASY functionality of the PCT-SAFE software, whereas only 26.6% of applications filed in 2008 were filed entirely on paper (compared to 32.6% in 2007).

The fields of technology in which the highest proportions of PCT applications were published in 2008 related to medical technology (12.0%), computer technology (8.5%) and pharmaceuticals (7.9%). The fastest growing technology areas were information technology methods for management (22.7% increase) and micro-structures and nanotechnology (20.7%).

The figures for 2008 have also revealed an improvement in the timeliness of certain receiving Offices, International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities, in particular the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), which has made extra efforts to improve its delivery of services under the PCT. There was a significant improvement in the timeliness of the transmittal of copies of PCT applications by the USPTO as receiving Office to the IB, with nearly 60% of records copies of international applications being sent to the IB within four weeks from receipt of the application at the receiving Office. There was also a marked improvement in the timeliness of the transmittal of international search reports (ISRs) to the IB with 43% of ISRs being sent to the IB within 18 months from the priority date. For further statistics on the timeliness of Offices operating under the PCT, see the latest Quarterly Statistics Report: “Performance Indicators” at:

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

For further information and statistics on PCT filings in 2008, see Press Release PR/2009/583 on the WIPO website at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2009/article\\_0002.html](http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2009/article_0002.html)

## **Changes to the Publication Schedule**

### **Publication of 23 April 2009**

Due to the fact that Friday, 10 April and Monday, 13 April 2009 will be non-working days at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on 23 April 2009 (publication No. 17/2009) will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 7 April 2009 (instead of on Wednesday, 8 April 2009, the day on which technical preparations would normally have been completed). This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight, Geneva time, on Monday, 6 April 2009.

## **WIPO Webinar on the PCT**

WIPO will broadcast its first webinar (live presentation via the Internet) on the PCT. The webinar presentation will be made by Mr. Matthias Reischle, Deputy Director of the PCT Legal Division. Mr. Reischle will give an update on PCT matters, in particular, the new PCT

Supplementary International Search system. The webinar will also include information on a number of developments, including initiatives to enhance services to the PCT user community.

This Webinar will be in English only, and will take place on Wednesday, 25 February 2009, from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time. There is no charge for the webinar, and registration is simple. As capacity is limited, you are advised to register now at:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/680073532>

Note that any future PCT webinars will be announced under the PCT seminar calendar.

## **Note to US Applicants about Choosing the Australian Patent Office as ISA and IPEA**

It is recalled that since 1 November 2008, it has been possible for applicants who are nationals or residents of the United States of America, and who file their international application with either the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office, to choose the Australian Patent Office as International Searching Authority (ISA) and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2008, page 7).

It has come to our attention that a number of US applicants have been choosing the Australian Patent Office as ISA and/or IPEA despite the fact that the claims in their international application relate to fields of technology which have been excluded by that Office. The attention of applicants concerned is drawn to the list of excluded subject matter that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2008, page 3.

## **PCT Information Update**

### **Fees payable in US dollars (various Offices)**

As from 1 April 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in USD to various receiving Offices (see list of two-letter codes of Offices affected, below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the electronic filing 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 (AM, AP, AZ, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CO, CR, CU, DO, EA, EC, EG, GE, GH, IB, IL, IN, KE, KG, KZ, LR, MD, NI, PG, PH, RU, SC, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, ZM and ZW))

### **AU Australia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The Australian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, with effect from 1 March 2009, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Australia.

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

**DK Denmark (time limit for entry into the national phase – corrigendum)**

It was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2009, page 3, that special time limits apply with respect to entry into the national phase in the Faroe Islands and Greenland, and that for these areas, the time limit is 20 months from the priority date (or from the international filing date where there is no priority claim). The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau (IB), however, that, although the time limit for entry into the national phase where a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed is 30 months from the priority date for Greenland, the time limit for the Faroe Islands is 25 months from the priority date.

For the rest of the Danish territory, the time limit is 31 months from the priority date, with the possibility of extending that time limit by two months.

For further information, please contact the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, or visit their website at:

<http://www.dkpto.org/business-services/information-regarding-pct-applications.aspx>

**GB United Kingdom (fees, acceptance of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format)**

As from 1 April 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in GBP to the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) as receiving Office (RO/GB), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in GBP of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a) (noting that the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction will be removed as from 1 April 2009 – see below).

The RO/GB has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 April 2009, it will no longer accept PCT applications in PCT-EASY format (that is, applications filed on paper and accompanied by the request form data and abstract on a physical medium). Moreover, from 1 April 2009, no international application filed with RO/GB will benefit from the fee reduction applicable to PCT-EASY applications (see Item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees).

Therefore, any PCT application filed on or after 1 April 2009 with the RO/GB using the PCT-EASY mode of the PCT-SAFE software will be treated as a paper filing, the full international filing fee will be required, and the diskette will no longer be transmitted to the IB. Moreover, the PCT-SAFE software will be modified accordingly when the RO/GB is selected as receiving Office.

As a result of this change, the options for filing a PCT application at the RO/GB on or after 1 April 2009 will be:

- (1) Paper filing
- (2) Electronic filing:
  - (a) PCT-SAFE (WIPO software) in:
    - PDF format or
    - XML format

or

(b) EPO's Online Filing software in:

- PDF format or
- XML format

The RO/GB has informed the IB that details on how to register at the Intellectual Property Office for PCT-SAFE can be found at:

<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/types/patent/p-os/p-apply-online/p-apply-online-pctsafe.htm>

and details on how to register and apply for a smart card to file PCT applications electronically at the Intellectual Property Office using EPO's Online Filing software can be found at:

<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/types/patent/p-os/p-apply-online/p-apply-online-epoline.htm>

If you require any further information regarding the filing of PCT applications electronically with the RO/GB, please contact the Intellectual Property Office's Central Enquiry Unit at:

telephone: +44 (0)8459 50 05 05

e-mail: [CentralEnquiries@ipo.gov.uk](mailto:CentralEnquiries@ipo.gov.uk)

and if you require any further information regarding any PCT formalities procedures before the Intellectual Property Office, please contact their PCT Information Line at:

telephone: +44 (0)1633 81 45 86

e-mail: [pct@ipo.gov.uk](mailto:pct@ipo.gov.uk)

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

### **GT Guatemala (general information; special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)**

General information about Guatemala as a PCT Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Registry of Industrial Property (Guatemala) as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (GT) and Annex C (GT)) on the PCT Resources page at:

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

The Office has specified the following special provision concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material:

Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned: to the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics of the microorganism and/or other biological material

Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Registry of Intellectual Property with any depository institution having acquired the status of international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

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

**IB International Bureau (fees)**

As from 1 April 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the following fees, payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	USD	83
Fee for priority document.....	USD	41
Supplement for airmail .....	USD	8

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

**IS Iceland (fees)**

As from 1 April 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ISK 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 (IS))

**KR Republic of Korea (languages accepted for the filing of requests; competent International Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The Korean Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(c), it accepts Korean, in addition to English and Japanese, as a language in which a request (Form PCT/RO/101) may be filed.

The Korean Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, with effect from 1 March 2009, the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Republic of Korea. It is recalled that the Australian Patent Office was already a competent International Searching Authority for the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

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

**LV Latvia (fees)**

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Latvian Patent Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2009:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Fee Table I(a)
Fee for priority document:.....	LVL 12.10

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

**NZ New Zealand (fees)**

As from 1 April 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of

New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NZD 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 (NZ))

## US United States of America (fees)

See "Fees payable in USD", above.

## Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Nordic Patent Institute, State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified a new equivalent amount in AUD for an international search carried out by that Office, with effect from 1 March 2009. It is recalled that there are now two different amounts, depending on whether the international application has been filed in English or Korean.

As from 1 April 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office .....	CHF
Austrian Patent Office.....	KRW
European Patent Office .....	ISK, NZD, SGD
Japan Patent Office .....	KRW, USD
Nordic Patent Institute .....	ISK
State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China .....	CHF
Swedish Patent and Registration Office .....	ISK

As from 15 April 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in GBP for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, and there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

As from 1 May 2009, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in ISK and NOK for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, and in ISK for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (AT), (AU), (CN), (EP), (JP), (KR), (SE), (US), (XN))

## Handling fee (Swedish Patent and Registration Office, Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2009, 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, and as from 15 April 2009 there will be a change in the equivalent amount of that fee payable in SEK to the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as indicated in Fee Table II.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes E (JP) and (SE))

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

### Materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE)

In order to assist candidates in the preparation of materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) for prospective European patent attorneys, the International Bureau, with the agreement of the Examination Board for the EQE, has made available on the website a single PDF file of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as of 31 December 2008, in English and French at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/eqe\\_collection.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/eqe_collection.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/eqe\\_collection.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/eqe_collection.pdf)

For printing purposes, ***please be warned that this single PDF file contains nearly 900 recto/verso printed pages***. The PDF file is nearly 22MB and may be difficult to download over a slow Internet connection.

### Request and Demand forms

Following requests from several applicants who use the editable PDF versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) and have difficulties where there are more than 6 applicants, two additional continuation sheets have been added for the English and French versions of these forms. They can be found at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ro/index.htm>

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

The same will be done for the German and Spanish versions very shortly.

The July 2008 version of the request form is now available in Arabic at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/forms/pdf/request.pdf>

### PCT Regulations (January 2009 edition in Spanish)

A provisional text of the Regulations under the PCT in Spanish, as in force from 1 January 2009, is now available at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct\\_reg.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct_reg.pdf)

### Power of Attorney Waivers

A fully hyperlinked table showing 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) has been created, replacing the previous PDF version, and is available at:

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

### ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Australian Patent Office, as in force from 1 January 2009, and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as in force from 1 February 2009, relating to the functioning of these Offices

as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT, have been published in English and French at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa\\_ipea\\_agreements.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa\\_ipea\\_agreements.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html)

### **PowerPoint presentation in German**

The German version of “Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PCT Supplementary International Search Service” is now available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/ppt/sis.ppt>

### **WIPO webinar on the PCT**

See separate item, above.

## **Practical Advice**

### **The appointment of agents having the right to practice before an Authority specified for supplementary international search**

*Q: I am the agent in respect of an international application, and have appointed a sub-agent to act specifically for the purposes of the procedure before the International Searching Authority (ISA), and will be appointing that same agent to act specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), which will be the same Office as the ISA. Because of the nature of the technology and the potential importance of the invention, I feel that the international application would benefit from a supplementary international search, and would therefore like to know whether the above-mentioned sub-agent can also act as agent for the purposes of the procedure before the Authority specified for supplementary international search?*

A: Although it is not really necessary to appoint an agent specifically for the purpose of supplementary international search (SIS) (there would not normally be any dialogue between that Authority and an agent, and only a limited number of documents, if any, may need to be submitted to that Authority (for example, where required, a copy of any sequence listing in electronic form or a translation into a language accepted by the Authority which is to carry out the SIS)), you do have the option of appointing such a sub-agent, and may wish to, especially if you have already appointed such a sub-agent for the purposes of international search and preliminary examination.

Note, however, that according to PCT Rule 90.1(d)(ii), you may only appoint a sub-agent to act as agent specifically for the purposes of the procedure before the Authority specified for supplementary international search (SIS) if that sub-agent has the right to practice before the national Office or the intergovernmental organization (henceforth referred to as “Office”) which acts in that capacity. If this is the case, you will be able to widen the scope of the existing sub-agent’s appointment to cover the procedure before the Authority specified for SIS. To do this, you should mark the third check-box under Box No. III of the supplementary search request form (PCT/IB/375) and fill in that agent’s details in that Box.

If the existing sub-agent does not have the right to practice before the Office which acts as an Authority specified for SIS, you would be able to act as general agent for the purposes of the procedure before that Authority (as, unless otherwise specified by the applicant, you have the right to practice in respect of the whole of the international procedure), since, according to PCT Rule 90.1, a person having the right to practice before the Office with which the international application is filed (or, where the international application is filed with the International Bureau (IB), having the right to practice in respect of the international application before the IB (see PCT Rule 83.1 *bis*)), may be appointed by the applicant as his agent to represent him before the receiving Office, the IB, the International Searching Authority, any Authority specified for SIS and the International Preliminary Examining Authority. In this situation, you would mark the first check-box under Box No. III of the supplementary search request and fill in the necessary parts of that Box.

If you wish, you also have the option of appointing a further sub-agent who has the right to practice before the Office or organization which acts as the Authority specified for SIS (PCT Rule 90.1(d)(ii)), in which case you should mark the third check-box under Box No. III of the supplementary search request and provide the necessary details of that new agent. Since you, as appointed agent of the international application, would be appointing the sub-agent, the signature of the applicant would not be required. Note that the sub-agent would only be able to take action concerning the SIS procedure, and would not be entitled to take action on any other matters.

For information on who has the right to practice before a national or regional Office, see the relevant National Chapter (Summary) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>) or contact the Office concerned; for further information on the appointment of sub-agents, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 81 and 413; and for further information on the new SIS service, see PCT Rule 45*bis* and *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008, pages 1-3 and 14-15.

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b> (situation on 5 February 2009)			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>5–6 February 2009 Gaborone (BW)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Ms. Nyalleng Pii	Department of the Registrar of Companies, Business Names, Trade Marks, Patents and Designs Forum (Mr. Timothy Leatile Moalusi) Tel: (267) 318 87 54 E-mail: rocmci@gov.bw
<b>10–11 February 2009 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Mülhausen	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
<b>26–27 February 2009 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bidwell	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
<b>2–3 March 2009 Chicago (US)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs 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
<b>10–11 March 2009 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
<b>26–27 March 2009 Montreal (CA)</b>	English	Third Annual Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reed and Ms. Bidwell	University of Ottawa (Ms. Stephanie Planchak (MBM)) Tel: (1–613) 567-0762 Fax: (1–613) 563-7671 E-mail: splanchak@mbm.com
<b>30–31 March 2009 Dallas (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reed and Ms. Bidwell	KIP Connections, LLC (Ms. Suzanne Kiefer) Tel: (1–214) 683-5662 Fax: (1–214) 853-5237 E-mail: skiefer@kipconnections.com
<b>6–7 April 2009 Lille (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	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
<b>23–24 April 2009 London (GB)</b>	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Gateau	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

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**PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]**

(situation on 5 February 2009)

<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>24–25 April 2009 Concord, New Hampshire (US)</b>	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1-603) 225 96 47 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php
<b>27–28 April 2009 Falls Church, Virginia (US)</b>	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP (Ms. Elizabeth Richards) Tel: (1-703) 205 80 00 Fax: (1-703) 205 80 50 E-mail: ClientRelations@bskb.com Internet: www.bskb.com
<b>11-12 May 2009 San Diego (La Jolla), CA (US)</b>	English	PCT Comprehensive seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed Other speaker: Dr. Nicolaou (UCSD Technology Transfer Office)	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
<b>27–28 May 2009 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	See Lille, above
<b>30 June 2009 Cologne (DE)</b>	German	PCT update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
<b>3 December 2009 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	See Lille, above

**PCT Webinars**

<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Language of webinar</b>	<b>Subject of webinar; WIPO speaker</b>	<b>Internet address for registration</b>
<b>25 February 2009 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time</b>	English	Update on PCT matters, in particular, the new PCT Supplementary International Search system WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/680073532">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/680073532</a>

**Other IP events****Conference on Intellectual Property and Global Challenges, International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), 13–14 July 2009. Save the Date!**

The Conference will address issues relating to the interface of intellectual property with other areas of public policy, notably health, the environment, climate change, food security and disability.

Further information will be published in due course.

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 2009, 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 202(A). 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 12. (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 –	BGL	Bulgarian lev	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDP	Sudanese pound
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona
ISA	International Searching Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar
RO	receiving Office	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
		BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
<i>Currencies:</i>		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu		
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**  
(amounts on 1 February 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
						Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup> (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup> (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available								
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
AP	USD	50	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)		(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
AT	EUR	50	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,645	19	124	247	371	AU KR
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BA	BAM	50	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL	80	BGL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	AT EP
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,210	14	–	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	CA EP
			(from 1.4.09:	1,102)	(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	

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

(amounts on 1 February 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>	
				Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup>		
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,289	15	97	194	291	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP <sup>9</sup>	–	COP eq USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	eq USD 14 (12)	eq USD 91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,320	70	480	950	1,430	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR	1,600	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
EC	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US
EP	EUR	110	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP
ES	EUR	69.25	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	675 (from 1.4.09: 745)	8 (8)	51 (–)	101 (112)	152 (168)	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL <sup>10</sup>	10	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
GH	GHC <sup>11</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES US
HN	Information not yet available								
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 February 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
						Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup>	
IB	CHF <sup>12</sup>	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 13
	or EUR <sup>12</sup>	64	or EUR	848	10	64	128	191	
	or USD <sup>12</sup>	91	or USD	1,210	14	91	182	273	
	(from 1.4.09: USD 83)		(from 1.4.09: 1,102)		(12)	(83)	(166)	(248)	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	517	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP US
			(from 1.4.09: 1,102)		(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
			(from 1.4.09: 1,102)		(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK	129,500 (from 1.4.09: 152,800)	1,500 (1,700)	9,700 (11,500)	– (–)	– (–)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	113,200	1,300	8,500	–	25,500	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) <sup>250</sup> plus cost of mailing		USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
			(from 1.4.09: 1,102)		(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
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	1,327,000 (from 15.2.09: 1,614,000)	15,000 (18,000)	100,000 (121,000)	– (–)	299,000 (364,000)	AT AU JP <sup>14</sup> KR
KZ	KZT	7,360 <sup>15</sup>	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL <sup>9</sup>	–	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL	48.40	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD <sup>9</sup>	–	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 <sup>16</sup>	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
MD	USD	40	USD	1,210	14	91	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.4.09: 1,102)		(12)	(83)	(–)	(–)	
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	848	10	64	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	182,500	2,100	13,700	–	–	EP
MX	MXP eq USD	323.70	MXP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR	375 <sup>17</sup>	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,210 (from 1.4.09: 1,102)	14 (12)	91 (83)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK	550	NOK	7,740	90	580	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 <sup>18</sup>	NZD	1,888	21	142	–	–	AU EP KR US
			(from 1.4.09: 2,082)		(23)	(157)	(–)	(–)	
OA	XAF <sup>9</sup>	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE

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

(amounts on 1 February 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
						Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup>	
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	182 <i>(166)</i>	273 <i>(248)</i>	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ	300	PLZ eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	34.34	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD	3,000	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUR	600	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
SC	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
SD	SDP	50	SDP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	7,960 <i>(from 1.3.09: 8,800)</i>	90 <i>(100)</i>	600 <i>(660)</i>	1,200 <i>(1,320)</i>	1,790 <i>(1,980)</i>	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,708	19	128	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
SK	SKK	2,000	SKK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES
SY	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
TN	TND <sup>9</sup>	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH)	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
US	USD	240	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	182 <i>(166)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available								
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	10,030 <i>(from 1.3.09: 11,230)</i>	110 <i>(130)</i>	750 <i>(840)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	14 <i>(12)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,210 <i>(from 1.4.09: 1,102)</i>	eq USD 14 <i>(12)</i>	eq USD 91 <i>(83)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**  
(amounts on 1 February 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>							
AT	EUR 200 * (from 1.4.09:	CHF 330 KRW 366,000)	KRW* 306,000	SGD 420	USD 257	ZAR 2,380		
AU	AUD 1,600 USD 1,091 * (from 1.4.09:	CHF* 1,425 ZAR 10,540 CHF 1,294)	EUR** 919 KRW 1,418,000	KRW** 1,590,000 NZD 1,825	NZD** 2,029 SGD 1,650)	SGD** 1,870		
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,587	EUR 995	USD 1,309				
CN	CNY 2,100 * (from 1.4.09:	CHF* 328 CHF 366)	EUR 241	USD 280				
EP <sup>19</sup>	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR 21,720 * (from 1.3.09:	CHF* 2,726 NOK****14,830 CHF 2,525 GBP 1,619)	DKK 12,670 NZD*** 3,652 SEK 17,000	GBP** 1,352 SEK* 15,830 USD 2,164)	ISK*****255,000 SGD*** 3,530 USD* 2,410)	JPY**** 268,800 USD* 2,410		
	** (from 15.4.09:	GBP 1,619)						
	*** (from 1.4.09:	ISK 318,000	NZD 4,178	SGD 3,270)				
	**** (from 15.2.09:	JPY 212,600)						
	***** (from 1.5.09:	ISK 284,000	NOK 15,910)					
ES <sup>19</sup>	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.3.09:	CHF* 2,726 CHF 2,525	USD* 2,410 USD 2,164)					
FI	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.3.09	CHF 2,525 USD 2,164)	USD* 2,410					
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.4.09:	CHF 1,140 KRW 1,459,000	EUR 752 USD 1,084)	KRW* 1,331,000	USD* 949			
KR	KRW 900,000 <sup>20</sup> KRW 450,000 <sup>21</sup> (from 1.3.09:	CHF 735 <sup>20</sup> CHF 367 <sup>21</sup> AUD 976 <sup>20</sup>	EUR 475 <sup>20</sup> EUR 237 <sup>21</sup> AUD 488 <sup>21</sup> )	NZD 1,109 <sup>20</sup> NZD 554 <sup>21</sup>	SGD 919 <sup>20</sup> SGD 460 <sup>21</sup>	USD 609 <sup>20</sup> USD 304 <sup>21</sup>		
RU <sup>22</sup>	USD 500	CHF* 573	EUR* 390					
SE	SEK* 15,830 USD* 2,410 * (from 1.3.09:	CHF* 2,726 CHF 2,525 ISK 318,000)	DKK 12,670 SEK 17,000	EUR 1,700 USD 2,164)	ISK**, ***255,000	NOK 14,830		
	** (from 1.4.09:	ISK 318,000)						
	*** (from 1.5.09:	ISK 284,000)						
US	USD 2,080 * (from 15.4.09:	CHF* 2,467 CHF 2,323)	EUR 1,596	NZD 3,808	ZAR 20,434			
XN	DKK 12,670 * (from 1.4.09:	CHF 2,525 ISK 318,000)	EUR 1,700	ISK* 255,000	NOK 14,830	USD** 2,410		
	** (from 1.3.09:	USD 2,164)						

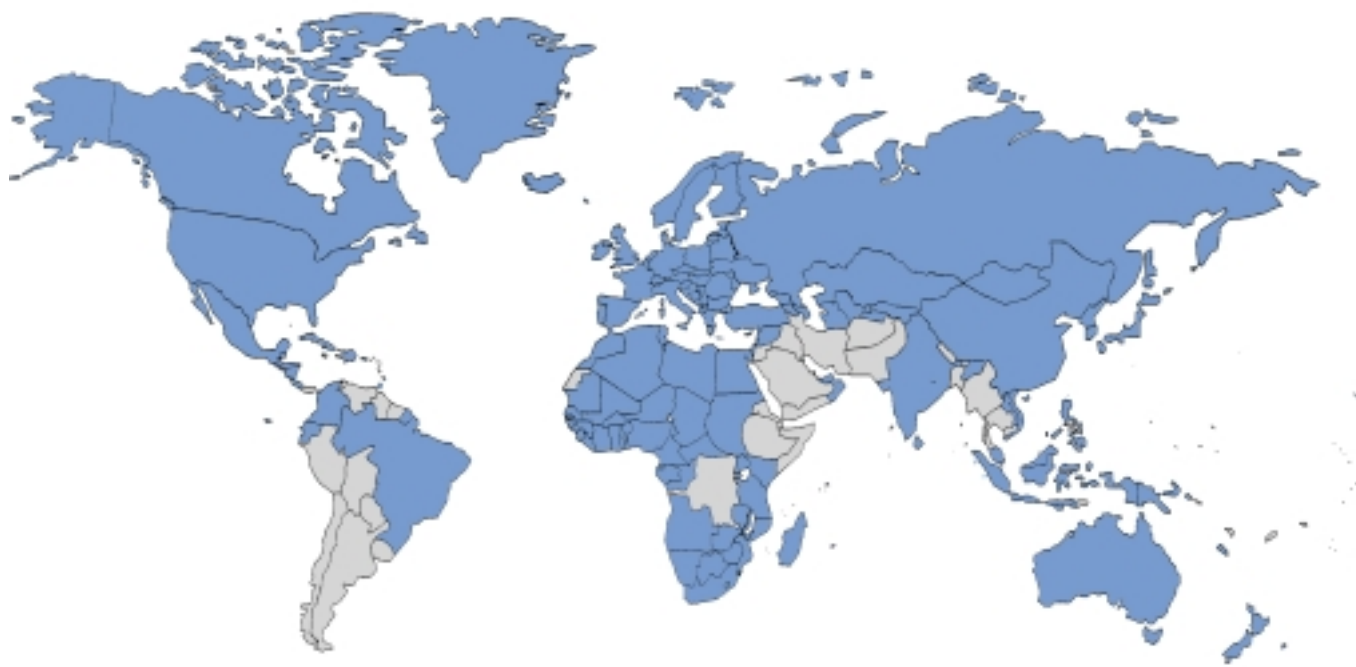
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 February 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>23</sup>		Handling fee <sup>2, 23</sup> (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121
AU	AUD	550	AUD	196 (from 1.3.09: 247)
CA	CAD	800	CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP <sup>19</sup>	EUR	1,675	EUR	121
ES	EUR	555.33	EUR	121
FI	EUR	550	EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	19,600 (from 1.4.09: 16,000)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	157,000
RU <sup>22</sup>	USD	200 <sup>25</sup>	USD	171
		300 <sup>26</sup>		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,110 (from 15.4.09: 1,490)
US	USD	600	USD	171
		750 <sup>27</sup>		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	900

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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 3 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*).
- 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 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.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
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- 12 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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 13 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).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 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.
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- 19 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 the conditions applicable in respect of international applications or demands filed prior to 1 January 2009 in the case of the EPO, and in respect of applications filed prior to 1 February 2009 in the case of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, see the decision of the EPO Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, page 446, at: [www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj000/10\\_00/10\\_4460.pdf](http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj000/10_00/10_4460.pdf)) and the PCT Resources page at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/epo\\_fee\\_reduction.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/epo_fee_reduction.html). For the conditions applicable at the EPO in respect of applications or demands filed on or after 1 January 2009, see item in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008 entitled "EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees". For the conditions applicable at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office in respect of applications filed on or after 1 February 2009, see item in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2009 entitled "Spanish Patent and Trademark Office: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in PCT Search Fee".
- 20 For international applications filed in English.
- 21 For international applications filed in Korean.
- 22 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.
- 23 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 24 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 25 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 26 In all cases where footnote 25 does not apply.
- 27 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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AL Albania <sup>1</sup>	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>2</sup>	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>4</sup>	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	ML Mali (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MN Mongolia	SM San Marino
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AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MT Malta (EP) <sup>2</sup>	ST Sao Tome and Principe
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	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>	MX Mexico		
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<sup>2</sup> May only be designated for a regional patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed).

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<sup>4</sup> Only international applications filed on or after 1 January 2009 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

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