

# PCT NEWSLETTER

## **PCT Newsletter: Fifteen Years of Topical Updates for PCT Users**

The 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the *PCT Newsletter* was reached recently. The first issue was published in March 1994 as a subscription-based paper publication, and in January 1997, the first issue was published free of charge on the WIPO website. As from January 2008, in line with the publishing trends of many other WIPO publications, it was decided to abandon the paper version and paying subscriptions, and to publish the *Newsletter* in electronic form only. Since then it has been published in HTML format (with links where applicable) as well as in PDF format (particularly suitable for printing), the format in which it is archived. A total of 184 issues have so far been published, 138 of which (that is, all issues published since January 1998) are now available in searchable annual collections at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/year.jsp>

Although readers of the *PCT Newsletter* are welcome at any time to send us their comments on the contents and format of the *Newsletter* (in particular, to submit suggestions for the “Practical Advice” column), we would like to take this opportunity to invite readers’ comments and suggestions for future issues, to be sent to the PCT Legal Division at WIPO:

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## **Changes to the PCT Procedure Which Will Enter into Force on 1 July 2009**

### **Amendments to the PCT Regulations**

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, in September 2008, a number of amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2009. Those amendments include:

- a clarification regarding the procedure to be followed by the receiving Office where it has accorded, albeit mistakenly, an international filing date and intends to issue a declaration under PCT Article 14(4); and
- when filing amendments of the claims under PCT Articles 19 and/or 34, the new requirement for applicants to submit a complete set of claims rather than, as at present, replacement sheets only for those sheets of claims which differ from sheets previously filed (see amended PCT Rules 46.5 and 66.8(c)).

The separate texts containing only the amended PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2009 are reproduced in English, French and Spanish at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/update274\\_2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/update274\\_2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/update274\\_2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf)

The consolidated texts of the PCT Regulations, as in force from 1 July 2009, are available in those languages at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct\\_reg2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_reg2009.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct\\_reg2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_reg2009.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct\\_reg2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct_reg2009.pdf)

### **Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT**

A number of modifications have been made to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT in relation to the filing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings (hereinafter: sequence listings). These modifications will also enter into force on 1 July 2009 and consist of modifications to Sections 101, 207, 208, 513, 610, 702, 707 and 713, Annex C and Annex F (including its Appendices III and IV), as well as the deletion of Part 8 and Annex C-*bis*.

As a consequence of these modifications:

- mixed mode sequence listing filings will no longer be possible;
- there will no longer be a page fee payable for sequence listings filed in accordance with Annex C/WIPO Standard ST.25 **text format** as part of an international application filed in electronic form;
- full page fees will be payable for all pages of a sequence listing filed in **image format** (for example, PDF format) or on paper; and
- there will no longer be any page fee benefits for tables relating to sequence listings – pages containing such tables will count as regular pages of description, irrespective of how they are submitted.

In addition to the page fee change, these modifications concern, in particular:

- the arrangement and numbering of sheets of the international application (Section 207);
- the availability of copies of sequence listings in the ST.25 text format submitted for the purposes of international search (Section 513);
- a clarification of the relationship between Annex C of the Administrative Instructions and WIPO Standard ST.25 (Sections 101, 208, 513 and 610, Annex C and Annex F);
- the deletion of the option of mixed mode sequence listing applications (Sections 702 and 713, and deletion of Part 8 and Annex C-*bis*);
- defining the requirements for the submission of sequence listings in electronic form using physical media (Annex F).

All modifications will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2009.

The consolidated texts of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/9) and of Annex F thereto (PCT/AI/ANF/4), as in force from July 1, 2009, are available on the WIPO website at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai\\_july2009.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai_july2009.html)

## Explanation of the modifications to the request form

As was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2009, the request form (PCT/RO/101) has been revised with effect from 1 July 2009. Modifications have been introduced to implement, as from that date, the discontinuation of mixed mode sequence listing filing, the new fee benefit for sequence listings filed in text format and the change in treatment, as far as the calculation of the page fee is concerned, of tables relating to sequence listings. These changes affect both the structure and content of the check list in Box No. IX, as well as the fee calculation sheet of the request form.

Note that in the English version of the request form, there are two alternative last sheets of the form: the one which is headed “**CHECK LIST for PAPER filings**” should be used if the applicant intends to file the international application on paper; the one which is headed “**CHECK LIST for EFS-Web filings**” should only be used if the applicant intends to file the request form online with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as receiving Office via its e-filing system, EFS-Web. Full explanations for completing this part of the form are given in the notes which accompany the request form.

It is recalled that the revised version of the request form, in English and French, is now available in editable PDF format at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/july\\_2009.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/july_2009.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/july\\_2009.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/july_2009.html)

Note that the PCT-SAFE software will be updated accordingly in due course.

## PowerPoint presentation

A PowerPoint presentation containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations, Administrative Instructions and other practice changes as from 1 July 2009 is available at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2009practice\\_changes.ppt](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2009practice_changes.ppt)

## Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (paper version)

Since the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2009 that the paper version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (WIPO Publication No. 274) as in force since 1 January 2009 is available in English and French, the Spanish version as in force since the same date is now also available.

In view of the relatively limited number of amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2009, it is not currently foreseen to print WIPO Publication No. 274 in these three languages updated to 1 July 2009. However, for the convenience of PCT users, a booklet containing only the PCT rules which will enter into force on 1 July 2009, which can be printed out, cut to the appropriate size and inserted in the paper version of that publication, has been prepared in English, French and Spanish, and is available on the PCT Resources page at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/update274\\_2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/update274\\_2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/update274\\_2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf)

A similar updating booklet containing the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 January 2009, and updates the paper version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations in German, is available on the PCT Resources page at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/update274\\_2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/update274_2009.pdf)

It is recalled that the consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2009, is available on the PCT Resources page in English, French and Spanish at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct\\_regs2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct\\_regs2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct\\_regs2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf)

## **PCT Working Group**

The second session of the PCT Working Group was held in Geneva from 4 to 8 May 2009.

The Working Group considered various proposals for the future development of the PCT system, including a draft roadmap by the International Bureau (document PCT/WG/2/3) for improving the use of the PCT essentially within its existing legal framework, as well as proposals from Japan (PCT/WG/2/8), the Republic of Korea (PCT/WG/2/11) and the United States of America (PCT/WG/2/12) for improvement to international search and preliminary examination by various changes to the timing and methodology of those processes.

The Working Group agreed that the PCT system can and should function more effectively within the existing legal framework of the Treaty provisions, and agreed that any changes that are made:

- should be incremental;
- should not affect the freedom of Contracting States to prescribe, interpret and apply substantive conditions of patentability and not seek substantive patent law harmonization or harmonization of national search and examination procedures;
- should take into account various other concerns; and
- should be supported by a more detailed study and consultations with all stakeholder groups.

The Working Group will consider these issues further, together with various related studies and proposals, at its next session, expected to be in the first half of 2010.

The Working Group discussed the issue of eligibility criteria for reductions in certain PCT fees (PCT/WG/2/4) and requested the International Bureau to present further studies, including into possible fee reductions for small and medium sized enterprises and universities.

The Working Group approved proposed amendments of the PCT Regulations and Directives by the Assembly with a view to their submission to the PCT Assembly for adoption at its next session, in September/October 2009, so as to:

- (a) require applicants to indicate the basis for amendments made under Articles 19 and 34 (PCT/WG/2/9);

(b) clarify and improve the efficiency of the process for setting equivalent amounts of certain fees (PCT/WG/2/2); and

(c) clarify the types of limitation which International Searching Authorities may make in relation to supplementary international search services (PCT/WG/2/10).

The Working Group further discussed requirements for presenting revisions (instead of by providing replacement sheets) made in respect of international applications filed in fully electronic form (PCT/WG/2/7) and agreed to continue discussions by way of a written consultation procedure.

Following discussions on a proposal to develop a possible international form for national phase entry (PCT/WG/2/5), the Chair concluded that there was no consensus for further work on this proposal at this time.

The summary by the Chair (PCT/WG/2/13) and the draft report of the session (PCT/WG/2/14 Prov.) are available from the same page as the working documents on the WIPO website at:

[http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_code=pct/wg/2](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/2)

## European Patent Convention

### Accession by San Marino

San Marino deposited its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 21 April 2009, and will become bound by that Convention on 1 July 2009. This will bring the number of Contracting States of the EPC to 36.

Therefore, any international application filed on or after 1 July 2009 will include the designation of San Marino for a European patent in addition to a national patent (applicants should be aware that, although any international application filed before that date will include the designation of San Marino for a national patent, it **will not include the designation of San Marino for a European Patent**).

Furthermore, as from 1 July 2009, it will be possible for nationals and residents of San Marino to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) or the International Bureau of WIPO.

Further information on the accession to the EPC by San Marino has been published on the EPO website at:

<http://www.epo.org/patents/updates/2009/20090508.html>

(Updating of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (SM), B2 (EP) and C (EP))

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

### FR France (PCT Rule 26bis.3(j))

Further to its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (restoration of right of priority by receiving Office), as modified with effect from 1 April 2007, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2006), the National Institute of Industrial Property (France), in its

capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 June 2009. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) therefore applies with respect to the Office with effect from that date.

Furthermore, that Office has notified the IB that it will apply the “due care” criterion, and that the fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority will be EUR 150.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (FR), and the tables of “Restoration of right of priority” and “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” (see “Updated tables” under “New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet”, below).

## **PCT Information Update**

### **CL Chile (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) has specified the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed on or after 2 June 2009 by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office.

### **DK Denmark (time limit for entry into the national phase; required contents of the translation)**

It is recalled that when a PCT application enters the national phase in Denmark, special time limits apply to the Faroe Islands and Greenland. 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 that the time limit for entry into the national phase, where a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, is 30 months for Greenland, however, in the case of the Faroe Islands it is 20 months.

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 see the homepage of the Danish Patent and Trademark Office at:

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

Note that this information supersedes the information that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2009, on page 4.

Furthermore, there has been a change regarding the required contents of the translation. The translation may now be furnished in Danish or English, however if protection is sought in the Faroe Islands and/or Greenland, the applicant must furnish a translation into Danish.

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



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

### **ZA South Africa (fees)**

As from 15 August 2009, 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))

### **Search fee (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office)**

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

European Patent Office	ISK
Nordic Patent Institute	ISK
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	ISK

As from 15 August 2009, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

European Patent Office	NOK, NZD
Japan Patent Office	KRW
Nordic Patent Institute	NOK
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	NOK
United States Patent and Trademark Office	ZAR

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

Australian Patent Office	KRW
European Patent Office	ZAR

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

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



## **New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet ([www.wipo.int/pct/en](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en))**

### **PCT Regulations**

*July 2009 rule changes in English, French and Spanish*

See “Changes to the PCT Procedure Which Will Enter into Force on 1 July 2009”, above.

*January 2009 final edition and July 2009 provisional edition in German*

The provisional consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT in German, as in force from 1 January 2009, has been replaced by a final text at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/pct\\_regs.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf)

and a provisional consolidated text, as in force from 1 July 2009, is now available at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/pct\\_regs2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf)

*January 2009 final edition and July 2009 provisional edition in Portuguese*

The provisional consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT in Portuguese, as in force from 1 January 2009, has been replaced by a final text at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/pdf/pct\\_regs.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf)

and a provisional consolidated text, as in force from 1 July 2009, is now available at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/pdf/pct\\_regs2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf)

### **PowerPoint presentation**

See “Changes to the PCT Procedure Which Will Enter into Force on 1 July 2009”, above.

### **Information on PCT fee reductions**

Since 1 February 2009, the international search fee payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office is reduced by 75% if the application is filed in Spanish and the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income". The States concerned by this reduction are listed in a new table at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/oepm\\_fee\\_reduction.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/oepm_fee_reduction.html)

### **Filled-in Request and Demand Forms in Spanish**

The filled-in July 2008 versions of the Request Form (PCT/RO/101) and Demand Form (PCT/IPEA/401) are now available in Spanish, in PDF format, at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/request/filled\\_request.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/request/filled_request.pdf) and

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/demand/filled\\_demand.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/demand/filled_demand.pdf)

## Updated tables

### *Restoration of the right of priority*

The table of restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices (RO) and designated Offices (DO) under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2, in English, French and Russian has been updated at:

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

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

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

### *PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities*

The table of PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish has been updated at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html)

## PCT Webinars

The PCT webinars page has been updated to include archived recordings and PowerPoint presentations about “PCT-SAFE Electronic Filing” in English and an “Update on PCT matters”, in Russian. See:

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

## Practical Advice

### **International application considered withdrawn by receiving Office after having been accorded an international filing date**

*Q: I was notified six weeks ago of the receipt of an international application by the receiving Office, and of the according of an international filing date for that application. However, I have just received from that Office a notification under PCT Rule 29.4 that it now intends, in accordance with PCT Article 14(4), to declare the international application withdrawn due to its non-compliance with PCT Article 11(1)(i) (namely, because the applicants do not have the right to file an international application since they are neither nationals nor residents of a PCT Contracting State). If, within one month from the invitation, I cannot find arguments which are accepted by the receiving Office that the applicants have the right to file, the international application will be considered withdrawn. Should this check not have been carried out by the receiving Office before it accorded the international filing date? Can an international filing date once accorded subsequently be taken away so long after the filing of the international application?*

A: At the time of receipt of the international application, the receiving Office should indeed check whether the requirements for according an international filing date are fulfilled, including whether the applicant does not obviously lack, for reasons of residence or nationality, the right to file an international application with the receiving Office (see PCT Article 11(1)(i) and PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, paragraphs 39 and 40). There may, however, be rare cases where the Office concerned fails to detect this defect, or any other defect under PCT Article 11(1), at the time of receipt, and thus erroneously accords an international filing date to the application. Under PCT Article 14(4), the receiving Office is entitled to later declare that the application should be considered withdrawn. Note that, under PCT Rule 29.3, if the receiving Office fails to detect the defect, but the International Bureau or the International Searching Authority does detect the defect and therefore considers that the receiving Office should have made a finding under PCT Article 14(4), it will bring the relevant facts to the attention of the receiving Office.

The receiving Office has up to four months from the international filing date to find that any of the requirements listed in items (i) to (iii) of PCT Article 11(1) was not complied with at the international filing date (PCT Rule 30). After the expiration of this four-month period, the receiving Office may no longer raise this issue.

Before issuing any declaration that the international application is considered withdrawn, the receiving Office notifies the applicant of its intention to issue such a declaration and of the reasons therefor (see PCT Article 14(1)(b)). Under the PCT Regulations currently in force, this permits the applicant to submit arguments within one month from the notification (see PCT Rule 29.4). As from 1 July 2009, however, the time limit given to the applicants for submitting arguments will increase from one month to two months from the date of the notification of the receiving Office's intention to make the above-mentioned declaration (see PCT Rule 29.4, new sub-paragraph (a)).

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b>			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 11 June 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>22 June 2009 Tokyo (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05
<b>24 June 2009 Nagoya (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Tokyo, above)
<b>25 June 2009 Osaka (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Tokyo, above)
<b>30 June 2009 Cologne (DE)</b>	German	PCT update WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
<b>16-17 July 2009 Arlington, VA (US)</b>	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
<b>17 September 2009 London (GB)</b>	English	Online Filing Using PCT-SAFE, a practical course for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speaker: 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 Internet: www.management-forum.co.uk
<b>1-2 October 2009 Philadelphia, PA (US)</b>	English	PCT Comprehensive 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
<b>9 October 2009 London (GB)</b>	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 8th 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
<b>21 October 2009 Savannah, GA (US)</b>	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Intellectual Property Retreat of the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA) for members of ALA and non-members who meet the eligibility requirements for ALA membership (see: www.alanet.org/join) WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	ALA Management Encyclopedia (Ms. Rosemary Shiels) Tel: (1-847) 267 13 95 Fax: (1-847) 267 13 29 E-mail: rshiels@alanet.org Internet (for information and on-line registration (available shortly): http://www.alanet.org/meetingsevents/ip/index.aspx
<b>29-30 October 2009 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and other speaker to be announced	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

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(situation on 11 June 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>2–3 November 2009 Chicago (US)</b>	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and other speaker to be announced	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>5–6 November 2009 Boston, MA (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and other speaker to be announced	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Kristine Ferrigno) E-mail: Kristine.Ferrigno@hbsr.com Tel: (1-978) 341 00 36
<b>20 November 2009 Eindhoven (NL)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	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
<b>3 December 2009 Paris (FR)</b>	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
<b>10 December 2009 London (GB)</b>	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

**PCT Webinars**

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<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Language of webinar</b>	<b>Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>3 June 2009 11.00 am to 12.00 am Moscow time (9.00 am to 10.00 am central European time)</b>	Russian	Update on PCT matters, including the new Supplementary International Search system and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT community WIPO speaker: Mr. Gavrikov	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/483782674">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/483782674</a>
<b>17 June 2009 10 am to 11 am Santiago time (4.00 pm to 5.00 pm central European time)</b>	Spanish	PCT update for Spain and Latin America, including the new Supplementary International Search system and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT community WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernandez-Vigaud	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/834202171">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/834202171</a>

**Other IP events**

**Conference on Intellectual Property and Public Policy Issues, International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland, 13–14 July 2009. Deadline for registration: June 30, 2009.**

The Conference will address issues relating to the interface of intellectual property with other areas of public policy, notably health, the environment, climate change and food security, and will serve as a global forum to discuss issues and solutions to some of the major challenges in relation to intellectual property that the world faces today. The event is open to the general public and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

For further information see: [http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2009/ip\\_gc\\_ge/](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2009/ip_gc_ge/)

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 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
		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	DZD	Algerian dinar	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
				LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		

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

(amounts on 1 June 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>			
							Item 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	1,184	13	89	–	–	–	EP RU			
AP	USD	50	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	–	AT EP SE			
	(or eq in local currency)												
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	1,184	13	–	–	–	–	EP RU			
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	1,184	13	–	–	–	–	AT EP US			
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	–	AT EP SE US			
BW	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	–	EP			
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,184	13	–	–	–	–	EP RU			
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	–	CA EP			
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,494	17	112	225	337	–	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	1,184	eq USD	13	eq USD	89	–	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	–	EP ES			

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

(amounts on 1 June 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>	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,184	13	89	–	–	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	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR	1,600	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	110	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP
ES	EUR	70.64	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	808	9	–	122	182	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL <sup>10</sup>	10	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHC <sup>11</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,184	13	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	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
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>	89	or USD	1,184	13	89	178	267	
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	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK	152,800 (from 15.6.09:129,200) (from 15.8.09:150,600)	1,700 (1,500) (1,700)	11,500 (9,700) (11,300)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	103,900 (from 1.7.09: 116,300)	1,200 (1,300)	7,800 (8,700)	– (–)	23,400 (26,200)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 June 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>	
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 1,614,000	18,000	121,000	–	364,000	AT AU JP <sup>14</sup> KR
KZ	KZT 7,360 <sup>15</sup>	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,184	13	–	–	–	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	EUR 100	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	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 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 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 8,200	90	620	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 <sup>18</sup>	NZD 2,082	23	157	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF <sup>9</sup> –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,184	13	89	178	267	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 5,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD <sup>9</sup> –	USD 1,184	13	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,800 (from 1.7.09: 9,780)	100 (110)	660 (740)	1,320 (1,470)	1,980 (2,210)	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,708	19	128	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD <sup>9</sup> –	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS <sup>9</sup> –	USD 1,184	13	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>9</sup> –	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND <sup>9</sup> –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 June 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>	
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD <sup>19</sup> 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,184	13	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 1,184	13	89	178	–	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD <sup>9</sup> –	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	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 11,230 (from 15.8.09: 9,830)	130 (110)	840 (740)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,184	13	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,184	eq USD 13	eq USD 89	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 June 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>							
AT	EUR 200	CHF 330	KRW 366,000	SGD 420	USD 257	ZAR 2,380		
AU	AUD* 1,600 USD 1,091 * (from 1.9.09: 1,525,000)	CHF 1,294 ZAR 10,540 KRW 1,525,000	EUR 855	KRW* 1,418,000	NZD 2,002	SGD 1,650		
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 15.6.09: 1,475)	CHF* 1,587 CHF 1,475	EUR 995	USD 1,309				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 366	EUR 241	USD 280				
EP <sup>20</sup>	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR**** 21,720 * (from 15.6.09: 244,000) ** (from 1.8.09: 285,000) *** (from 15.8.09: 14,760) **** (from 1.9.09: 19,190)	CHF 2,525 NOK*** 15,910 GBP 1,530 ISK 285,000 NOK 14,760 ZAR 19,190	DKK 12,670 NZD*** 4,178	GBP* 1,619 SEK 18,280	ISK*, ** 284,000 SGD 3,270	JPY 212,600 USD 2,164		
ES <sup>20</sup>	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,525	USD 2,164					
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,525	USD 2,164					
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.7.09: 1,110) ** (from 15.7.09: 737) *** (from 15.8.09: 1,255,000)	CHF* 1,241 CHF 1,110 EUR 737 KRW 1,255,000	EUR** 812 USD 987	KRW*** 1,459,000	USD** 1,084			
KR	KRW 900,000 <sup>21</sup> USD 609 <sup>21</sup> KRW 450,000 <sup>22</sup> USD 304 <sup>22</sup>	AUD 976 <sup>21</sup> AUD 488 <sup>22</sup>	CHF 735 <sup>21</sup> CHF 367 <sup>22</sup>	EUR 475 <sup>21</sup> EUR 237 <sup>22</sup>	NZD 1,109 <sup>21</sup> NZD 554 <sup>22</sup>	SGD 919 <sup>21</sup> SGD 460 <sup>22</sup>		
RU <sup>23</sup>	USD 500	CHF 573	EUR 390					
SE	SEK 18,280 USD 2,164 * (from 15.6.09: 244,000) ** (from 1.8.09: 285,000) *** (from 15.8.09: 14,760)	CHF 2,525 ISK 244,000 ISK 285,000 NOK 14,760	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK*, ** 284,000	NOK*** 15,910		
US	USD 2,080 * (from 15.8.09: 17,400)	CHF 2,323 ZAR 17,400	EUR 1,596	NZD 3,808	ZAR* 20,434			
XN	DKK 12,670 * (from 15.6.09: 244,000) ** (from 1.8.09: 285,000) *** (from 15.8.09: 14,760)	CHF 2,525 ISK 244,000 ISK 285,000 NOK 14,760	EUR 1,700	ISK*, ** 284,000	NOK*** 15,910	USD 2,164		

**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**

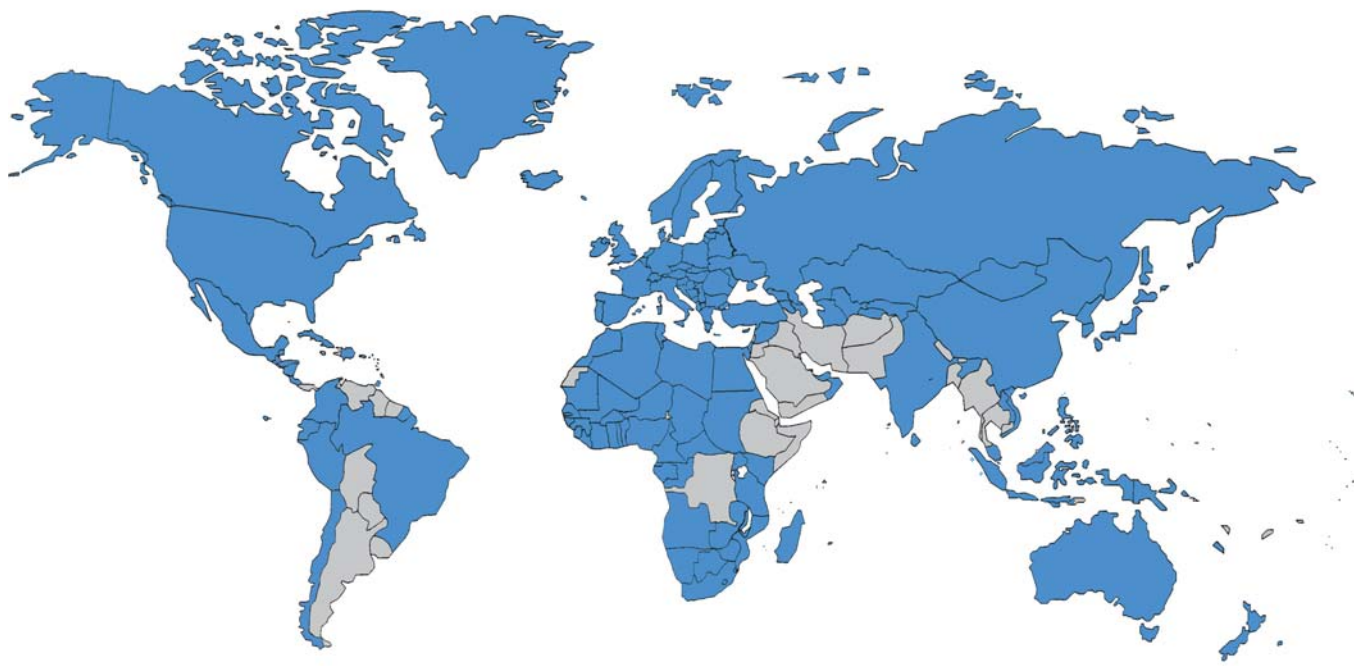
(amounts on 1 June 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>24</sup>		Handling fee <sup>2, 24</sup> (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	200	EUR 121
AU	AUD	550 780 <sup>25</sup>	AUD 247
CA	CAD	800	CAD 171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EP <sup>20</sup>	EUR	1,675	EUR 121
ES	EUR	555.33	EUR 121
FI	EUR	550	EUR 121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY 16,000
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW 157,000
RU <sup>23</sup>	USD	200 <sup>26</sup> 300 <sup>27</sup>	USD 171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,490
US	USD	600 750 <sup>28</sup>	USD 171
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.
- 11 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.
- 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.
- 16 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 17 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 18 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 19 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%.
- 20 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". Links to the lists of States concerned are available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/index.html>
- 21 For international applications filed in English.
- 22 For international applications filed in Korean.
- 23 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.
- 24 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 25 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 26 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 27 In all cases where footnote 26 does not apply.
- 28 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>	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MT Malta (EP) <sup>2</sup>	SM San Marino <sup>5</sup>
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup>	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) <sup>2</sup>
BE Belgium (EP) <sup>2</sup>	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) <sup>2</sup>	TD Chad (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BF Burkina Faso (OA) <sup>2</sup>	FI Finland (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FR France (EP) <sup>2</sup>	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	GA Gabon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NL Netherlands (EP) <sup>2</sup>	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	NO Norway (EP) <sup>3</sup>	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LR Liberia	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	<b>PE Peru (from 6 June 2009)</b>	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LV Latvia (EP) <sup>2</sup>	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GT Guatemala	MA Morocco	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MC Monaco (EP) <sup>2</sup>	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) <sup>2</sup>	HN Honduras	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RS Serbia <sup>1</sup>	VN Viet Nam
<b>CL Chile (from 2 June 2009)</b>	HR Croatia (EP) <sup>3</sup>	ME Montenegro	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	HU Hungary (EP)	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	ID Indonesia		SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IL Israel			

<sup>1</sup> Extension of European patent possible.

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

<sup>3</sup> Only international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

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

<sup>5</sup> International applications filed on or after 1 July 2009 will include the designation of this State for a European patent.

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

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