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### PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

### Danish Patent and Trademark Office and State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China

A new PCT-PPH pilot program began on 1 January 2013, between the Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DKPTO) and the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO). Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in Denmark will be available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable) issued by SIPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the PCT-PPH agreement between the DKPTO and SIPO is available at:

http://internationalcooperation.dkpto.org/patent-prosecution-highways/pphpct-pphbetween-denmark-and-china.aspx

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/ztzl/ywzt/pph/zn/201212/t20121228\_781893.html (although this page is in Chinese, it contains links to documents in English)

#### Danish Patent and Trademark Office and Israel Patent Office

A new PCT-PPH pilot program began on 5 January 2013, between the DKPTO and the Israel Patent Office (ILPO). Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in Denmark will be available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive IPRP (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable) issued by the ILPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the PCT-PPH agreement between the DKPTO and ILPO is available at:

http://internationalcooperation.dkpto.org/patent-prosecution-highways/pphpct-pphbetween-denmark-and-israel-.aspx

http://old.justice.gov.il/mojeng/rashamhaptentim/patents/pph/

ILPO PPH website in Hebrew:

http://index.justice.gov.il/units/rashamhaptentim/units/patent/madrichim/pages/pph.aspx

# National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China

A new PCT-PPH pilot program began on 1 January 2013, between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (NBPR) and SIPO. Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in Finland and/or China is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive IPRP (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable) issued by the other participating Office in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the PCT-PPH agreement between NBPR and SIPO is available at:

http://www.prh.fi/en/uutiset/P\_314.html

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/ztzl/ywzt/pph/zn/201212/t20121228\_781890.html (although this page is in Chinese, it contains links to documents in English)

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on these new pilots at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct\_pph.html

#### ePCT Update

#### Demo version of ePCT-Filing now available to pilot group

In December 2012, the International Bureau (IB) made available to a closed pilot group a demo version of ePCT–Filing, a web-based solution for online preparation and filing of international applications using ePCT private services. This initial phase is for filing demo applications at the Receiving Office of the IB (RO/IB), to verify that the software meets the expectations of applicants.

The demo highlights helpful features of the online filing software, such as an interface for entering bibliographic data and submitting electronic attachments, and real-time validations against the IB's database, which means that the reference data and online validation messages are always the most up-to-date. By preparing an international application using ePCT-Filing, most formalities errors will be detected prior to submission and can be corrected by the applicant before the application is filed. There is no need to worry about having the latest version of software installed on your computer – all that is required is a WIPO user account authenticated with a digital certificate, which applicants using ePCT private services will already have. International applications filed using ePCT-Filing will be immediately available online to the default 'eOwner,' namely, the person submitting the filing, with no need to confirm eOwnership as a separate step.

This current phase of the demo is expected to run until the end of January 2013, after which we will report further on the results of this initial pilot. If you are interested in taking part in this or any further phases of the pilot, please send an e-mail to: epct@wipo.int

#### PCT in the News

The latest issue of the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 6, December 2012) features an article entitled "ePCT: for even easier international patent filing". The article explains how the patent system

as it exists today is still characterized by processes that are largely rooted in the physical exchange of documents, which can cause delays and impede the system's operational efficiency. In May 2011, WIPO launched ePCT, a new online service that will make the process of international patent application filing far easier and more efficient, and offers users and national patent offices a number of advantages. Some ePCT users are heralding it as the greatest innovation in the PCT system over the past 30 years, and it is now being used by applicants from over 80 countries. The article, which outlines the services available under ePCT and highlights some of its main benefits, is available on the WIPO website under "PCT in the News" at:

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

To view the complete issue of the *WIPO Magazine*, click on "WIPO Magazine" in the "related links" box.

### **Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications**

# State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 December 2012. The electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are included in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published shortly in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official\_notices/index.html

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

### **PCT Information Update**

#### EA Eurasian Patent Office (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2013 (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Claim fee for each claim in excess of five:	RUB	3,200
Examination fee:		
-for one invention:	[No change]	
-additional fee for second invention:	RUB	19,000
<ul> <li>additional fee for third, fourth and fifth invention, per invention:</li> </ul>	RUB	9,500
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(Updating of PCT Applicant's Guide, National Chapter, Summary (EA))

#### ES Spain (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2013:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	73.51
Fee for priority document:	EUR	29.40

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

#### JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 March 2013, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in JPY of the fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

#### TH Thailand (requirements for entry into the national phase)

Information on the requirements of the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand) as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see National Chapter, Summary (TH)) on the PCT website at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/th.pdf

# Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (European Patent Office, Israel Patent Office, Japan Patent Office)

The Israel Patent Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that the change in the amount, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority, of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2012 as being applicable with effect from 1 January 2013, will enter into effect only on 1 February 2013 (please see that issue for details of the amounts).

As from 1 March 2013, 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 .....JPY

Japan Patent Office......CHF, EUR, KRW, USD

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

(Updating of PCT Applicant's Guide, Annexes D (EP, IL, JP))

# International preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (Israel Patent office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

The Israel Patent Office has notified the IB that the change in the amounts, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2) and the fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2), announced

in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2012 as being applicable with effect from 1 January 2013, will enter into effect only on 1 February 2013 (please see that issue for details of the amounts).

There has been a change in the amount payable in EUR, with effect from 1 January 2013, for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office Patent Office, as well as in the amount of the additional fee, as indicated in Fee Table II.

(Updating of PCT Applicant's Guide, Annex E (ES, IL))

#### Handling fee (Japan)

As from 1 March 2013, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as indicated in Fee Table II.

(Updating of PCT Applicant's Guide, Annex E (JP))

#### **New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet**

#### **ISA and IPEA Agreements**

Updated versions of the Agreements, in English and French, between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following Authorities as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs):

- ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (1 January 2013)
- IL Israel Patent Office (1 February 2013)

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from the dates indicated in parentheses, have been published in PDF format at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\_es.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag\_es.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa\_ipea\_agreements.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa\_ipea\_agreements.html

#### **IPO Closed Dates search engine**

A new search engine for intellectual property Offices' closed dates is now available in Chinese, English, French and Spanish at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/page/index.xhtml?lang=ZH

http://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/faces/page/index.xhtml

http://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/page/index.xhtml?lang=FR

http://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/page/index.xhtml?lang=ES

The advantage of the new search engine is that it permits users to search an Office by twoletter code or country name, and then it displays the 2013 closed dates for the Office concerned, as well as all those available for the previous four years.

### Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

#### **New invitation**

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from "WIPT - Registration of International Patent".

To view an example of the invitation, as well as the many other examples which have been brought to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

#### http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct\_warning.html

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the International Bureau of WIPO alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (see PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29.

If they have not already done so, PCT applicants and agents are advised to bring this information to the attention of the people responsible for handling payments of fees within their organizations, as well as to the attention of inventors who might also receive such requests. In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau at:

Telephone:	(41-22) 338 83 38
Fax:	(41-22) 338 83 39
E-mail:	pct.infoline@wipo.int

### **Practical Advice**

# Requesting the recording of a change in respect of multiple international applications using ePCT

Q: I am an agent in respect of a number of international applications which were filed after 16 September 2012. I inadvertently used the out-of-date July 2012 version of the request form, and, as I was unaware of the changes to the U.S. national law which entered into force on 16 September 2012, I indicated the inventors as applicants for the designation of the United States of America (US) and the corporate applicant as applicant for all designated States except US. I received notices from the receiving Office (PCT/RO/132) drawing my attention to the fact that it is no longer necessary in all cases to indicate the inventor(s) as applicant(s) for the purposes of the US designation. In respect of all of those international applications, I would now like to change the status of the applicant/inventors for the purposes of the US designation to inventor only, and to change the status of the corporate applicant to applicant only for the purposes of all designated States. Please could you tell me whether I can make such a request for multiple international applications using ePCT, and if so, how?

A: First of all, you should only request the recording of those changes if the rights to those international applications (IAs) have already been transferred from the inventors to the

corporate applicant. Even though the International Bureau (IB), in those cases, would not require any proof or evidence about such a transfer, you need to keep in mind that designated Offices are entitled to ask you to furnish relevant proof or evidence in the national phase.

You can make a request for change under PCT Rule 92*bis* in respect of multiple IAs using ePCT. Note that, since it is possible to use ePCT public services to make such a request, it is not necessary to have access rights to any of those IAs in ePCT private services. In order to do this, you can prepare a letter, as you would do if you were submitting such a request by mail or by fax, in which you describe the requested change and list all the IA numbers to which the change should apply. You can then use the "Upload Documents" function of ePCT to submit the request. To do this, the request can be submitted in respect of only one of the applications on the list of IA numbers concerned by the requested change. You should select the document type "Request for Change under Rule 92*bis* (for multiple IAs)" and upload a PDF version of the letter making the request, including the list of all the IA numbers that are also affected by the change. The processing team at the IB will then make an electronic copy of the multiple request for the recording of a change under PCT Rule 92*bis* for each of the IAs concerned.

If you have access to ePCT private services for at least one of the IAs on the list, requesting a change under PCT Rule 92*bis* is one of a variety of online actions that can be taken directly on the file of an IA by using the "Actions" tab. Although this would allow you to fill in a simple web form online that is tailored to the action selected, and would eliminate the need to prepare separate correspondence and convert it into PDF for upload, note that you would have to do a separate action in respect of each IA number concerned – it is not currently possible in ePCT private services to submit one such request in respect of multiple IAs, unlike the "multiple request" mentioned in the paragraph above. Whether or not this course of action is practical for you would depend on the number of IAs in respect of which the change is to be made; if you have a long list of IAs, the uploading of a single letter as described in the second paragraph of this answer would take you much less time.

Any applicants wishing to request such changes by fax or by mail should note that, although the IB (including the IB as receiving Office (RO/IB)) accepts a single letter requesting a change which concerns multiple applications, not all receiving Offices may be prepared to accept a request in such a form. It is therefore recommended that you send such a request directly to the IB (or the RO/IB, if applicable) and not to any other receiving Office (unless you know that the Office concerned accepts such multiple requests). But in any case, it is generally recommended to submit any requests for changes under PCT Rule 92*bis* directly to the IB in order to avoid any additional delay in processing the request.

Note that the time limit for requesting such a change is 30 months from the priority date (PCT Rule 92*bis*.1(b)). Beyond this date, any changes would have to be made separately before each designated (or elected) Office upon entry into the national phase.

It is recalled that, also in accordance with the new requirements under U.S. national law, the wording of the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America (PCT Rule 4.17(iv)) was amended with effect from 16 September 2012. If, together with any of the above-mentioned applications, you submitted such a declaration containing the wording that was applicable before 16 September 2012, you will have to resubmit a declaration containing the correct wording in respect of each IA concerned, either during the international phase or upon entry into the national phase. Note that if you have access rights to the IAs in question in ePCT private services, there is now an "Action" for preparing the new version of the declaration of inventorship by way of a convenient web form.

For further information on the consequences of the entry into force of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act on PCT applicants, see the cover pages of *PCT Newsletters* Nos. 07-08/2012 and 09/2012. For further information on how to use ePCT, see the User Guide and FAQs at:

https://pct.wipo.int/LoginForms/epct.jsp

	(htt	PCT Seminar Calendar p://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar/ (situation on 1 January 2013)	
Dates and location	Language of seminar		Organizer and contact numbers
29 January 2013 Irvine, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith, PCT Learning Center	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
6 February 2013 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
8 February 2013 San Jose, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
5 March 2013 Tokyo (JP)	English/ Japanese	Seminar on the strategic use of the PCT system WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed Other speakers from the Japan Patent Office and the Japan Patent Intellectual Property Association (to be announced)	WIPO Japan Office Tel: (81–3) 55 32 50 30
6 March 2013 Osaka (JP)	English/ Japanese	Seminar on the strategic use of the PCT system WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed Other speakers from the Japan Patent Office and the Japan Patent Intellectual Property Association (to be announced)	WIPO Japan Office Tel: (81–3) 55 32 50 30
22 March 2013 Greensboro, NC (US)	English	PCT update WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Tina M. Hughes) Tel: (1-919) 657 15 56 E-mail: thughes@NCBAR.org
17–18 April 2013 Dallas, TX (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (see Irvine, above)
19 April 2013 Austin, TX (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith, PCT Learning Center	PCT Learning Center (see Irvine, above)
24–25 April 2013 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Weiss	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
25–26 April 2013 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Gateau	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management- forum.co.uk

	PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]										
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers								
26–27 April 2013 Concord, NH (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property, UNH School of Law (Ms. Jacquiline Lawrie) Tel: (1-603) 513 52 46 E-mail: jacquiline.lawrie@law.unh.edu								
4 June 2013 Brussels (BE)	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the "Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets" WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu								
7 October 2013 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41–52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41–52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch								
11 October 2013 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (10-11 October 2013) 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								
23–24 October 2013 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de								
6–7 November 2013 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)								
22 November 2013 Basel (CH)	English	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (see Brussels, above)								
5–6 December 2013 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)								

#### **PCT Fee Tables**

#### (amounts on 1 January 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the International filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 15. (Note that if the 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 -	BYR	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago
IPEA	International Preliminary	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit		dollar
	Examining Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
ISA	International Searching	CHF	Swiss franc	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
	Authority	CLP	Chilean peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
RO	receiving Office	CNY	Yuan renminbi	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
Currei	ncies:	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
AUD	Australian dollar	EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BAM	Convertible mark	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni		
BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar		

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

	(amounts on 1 January 2013, unless otherwise indicated) Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup> International Fee per E-filing reductions according to Competent											
RO	Transmitt	Transmittal fee1International filing fee1, 2 (CHF 1,330)Fee per sheet over 301, 2, 3 (CHF 15)			Fee per sheet		ductions ac nedule of Fe		Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>			
				ltems 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 n	ot yet availa	ble						CA			
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	_	-	-	EP			
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,419	16	107	-	-	EP RU			
AP	USD	50	USD	1,419	16	107	-	-	AT EP SE			
	(or eq in local	currency)										
AT	EUR	50	EUR	1,100	12	83	165	248	EP			
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,367	15	103	206	308	AU KR			
ΑZ	AZN	10	USD	1,419	16	-	-	-	EP RU			
ва	BAM	50	EUR	1,100	12	83	-	-	EP			
BE	EUR	40	EUR	1,100	12	83	-	-	EP			
BG	BGN	80	BGN	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	eq <b>CHF</b> 100	-	-	EP RU			
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,419	16	_	-	-	AT EP US			
BN	Information no	ot yet availab	ole									
BR	BRL <sup>9</sup>	200	BRL	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	eq <b>CHF</b> 100	_	_	AT BR EP SE US			
BW	USD <sup>10</sup>	_	USD	1,419	16	107	-	-	EP			
ВΥ	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,419	16	_	-	-	EP RU			

RO	Trance	nittal fee <sup>1</sup>	Inte	(amounts on 1 J ernational	lanuary 2013, un Fee per			Competent	
RU	Transi	iiiilai iee	fili	ing fee <sup>1, 2</sup>	sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>		ductions ac nedule of Fe	es:	ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
					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>	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,419	16	107	-	-	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,394	16	105	210	314	CA
СН	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	-	-	EP
CL	CLP eq l	<b>JSD</b> <sup>11</sup> 130	CLP e	eq <b>USD</b> <sup>11</sup> 1,419	eq <b>USD</b> <sup>11</sup> 16	eq <b>USD</b> <sup>11</sup> 107	-	-	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	eq <b>CHF</b> 100	eq <b>CHF</b> 200	eq <b>CHF</b> 300	CN
со	СОР	812,000 <sup>12</sup>	СОР	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	eq <b>CHF</b> 100	-	-	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,419	16	107	-	-	EP ES
си	cuc	200	CUC	1,419	16	107	_	-	AT EP ES RU
СҮ	EUR	128.15	EUR	1,100	12	_	_	-	EP
cz	СZК	1,500	EUR	1,100	12	83	-	-	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,100	12	83	165	248	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	8,200	90	620	1,230	1,850	EP SE XN
DM	Informatio	n not yet availat	ole						
DO	USD	275	USD	1,419	16	107	_	-	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	_	-	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,419	16	107	-	_	EP RU
EC	USD <sup>10</sup>	_	USD	1,419	16	107	_	-	EP ES
EE	EUR	115.04	EUR	1,100	12	83	_	-	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,419	16	107	_	-	AT EP US
EP	EUR	125	EUR	1,100	12	_	165	248	EP
ES	EUR	73.51	EUR	1,100	12	83	165	248	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,100	12	_	165	248	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,100	12	83	165	248	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	879	10	-	132	198	EP
GD	Informatio	n not yet availat	ole						
GE	USD <sup>13</sup>	100	USD	1,419	16	107	_	-	EP RU
GH	GHS <sup>14</sup> 2,	500 or 5,000	USD	1,419	16	-	-	-	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,100	12	83	-	-	EP
GT	GTQ eq	<b>USD</b> 250	USD	1,419	16	107	_	-	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,419	16	107	_	-	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	eq <b>CHF</b> 100	eq <b>CHF</b> 200	eq <b>CHF</b> 300	EP
ΗU	HUF	11,800	HUF	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	eq <b>CHF</b> 100	-	-	EP RU
IB	CHF <sup>15</sup> or EUR <sup>15</sup>	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 16
	or EUR or USD <sup>15</sup>	83 107	or EUR or USD		12 16	83 107	165 213	248 320	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	eq <b>CHF</b> 100	_	_	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,100	12	83	_	_	EP
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 Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued] (amounts on 1 January 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

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RO	Transm	hittal fee <sup>1</sup>	Inte fili	ernational ng fee <sup>1, 2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	Sch	ductions ac nedule of Fe	es:	Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>	
					over 30 <sup>-, -, •</sup>	Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup>		
IL	ILS	546	USD	1,419	16	107	213	320	EP IL US	
IN	INR (filing by ind	8,000 liv: 2,000)	USD	1,419	16	107	-	_	AT AU CN EP SE US	
IS	ISK	15,000	ISK	175,600	2,000	13,200	26,400	39,600	EP SE XN	
ΙТ	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,100	12	_	_	_	EP	
JP	JPY	10,000	JPY	110,700	1,200	8,300	_	25,000	EP JP	
			(from 1.	3.13: 121,400)	(1,400)	(9,100)	(-)	(27,400)		
KE	USD 250 ( plus cost of	(or <b>KES</b> equiv) mailing	USD	1,419	16	107	-	-	AT AU CN EP SE	
KG	KGS eq U	<b>SD</b> 100	USD	1,419	16	107	-	_	EP RU	
КM	Information	not yet availab	ble		•					
KN	Information	not yet availab	ole							
KP	KPW eq C	<b>:HF</b> 50	KPW	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	eq <b>CHF</b> 100	-	_	AT CN RU	
KR	KRW	45,000	CHF	1,330	15	100	_	300	AT AU JP <sup>17</sup> KR	
кz	KZT	8,243 <sup>18</sup>	USD	1,419	16	107	-	-	EP RU	
LR	USD	45	USD	1,419	16	-	-	-	AT AU CN EP SE	
LS	LSL <sup>10</sup>	-	LSL	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq CHF 15	_	-	-	AT EP	
LT	LTL	320	EUR	1,100	12	83	165	248	EP RU	
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,100	12	-	-	-	EP	
LV	LVL 10	48.40	EUR	1,100	12	83	-	-	EP RU	
LY		_ 600 <sup>19</sup>	CHF	1,330	15	100	-	-	AT EP	
MA MC	MAD EUR	600 54 <sup>20</sup>	CHF EUR	1,330	15 12	_	-	-	AT EP RU SE EP	
MD	EUR	54 100	USD	1,100 1,419	12	107			EP RU	
МК	MKD	2,700		eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	eq <b>CHF</b> 100	_	_	EP	
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	100	_	_	EP KR RU	
мт	EUR	55	EUR	1,100	12	83	_	-	EP	
мw	MWK	6,000	MWK	424,700	4,800	31,900	-	-	EP	
МХ	MXN eq U	<b>SD</b> 323.70 <sup>21</sup>	MXN	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	eq <b>CHF</b> 100	-	-	EP ES SE US	
MY		(e-filing) <sup>22</sup> per filing) <sup>22</sup>	MYR	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	-	eq <b>CHF</b> 200	eq <b>CHF</b> 300	AU EP KR	
NI	USD	200	USD	1,419	16	107	-	-	EP ES	
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,100	12	-	165	248	EP	
NO	NOK	750 180 <sup>23</sup>	NOK	8,130	90	-	1,220	1,830	EP SE XN	
NZ OA	NZD XAF <sup>10</sup>	180	NZD	1,712 eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	19 eq <b>CHF</b> 15	129	_	_	AU EP KR US AT EP RU SE	
PA		not yet availab		54 <b>011</b> 1,330			_		AT LI NO GE	
PE	PEN	233.35	n	eq <b>USD</b> 1,419	eq <b>USD</b> 16	eq <b>USD</b> 107	_	_	AT EP ES KR US	
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,419	16	107 107	_	_	AU	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,419	16	107	213	320	AU EP JP KR US	
PL	PLN	300	PLN	eq CHF 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	_	eq <b>CHF</b> 200	eq <b>CHF</b> 300	EP	
РТ	EUR	20.28	EUR	1,100	. 12	83	_	_	EP	
QA	Information	not yet availab	ble			•				
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,100	12	83	165	248	EP RU	
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### Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued] (amounts on 1 January 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

_	(amounts on 1 January 2013, unless otherwise indicated)										
RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		Inte fili	ernational ing fee <sup>1, 2</sup>	Fee per sheet	Sch	ductions ac nedule of Fe	es:	Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>		
					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>			
RS	RSD	6,100 <sup>24</sup>	RSD	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	eq <b>CHF</b> 100	-	-	EP		
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,419	16	107	_	_	EP RU		
RW	Information not	yet availat	ole								
sc	USD <sup>10</sup>	-	USD	1,419	16	-	-	-	EP		
SD	SDG	50	SDG	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	-	-	-	EP		
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	9,330	110	700	1,400	2,100	EP SE XN		
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,743	20	131	-	-	AT AU EP JP KR		
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,100	12	83	-	-	EP		
sк	EUR	66 <sup>25</sup>	EUR	1,100	12	83	165	248	EP		
SM	EUR	50	EUR	1,100	12	_	-	-	EP		
sv	USD	200	USD	1,419	16	107	_	-	EP ES		
SY	USD <sup>10</sup>	-	USD	1,419	16	107	-	-	AT EP RU		
тн	THB	3,000	тнв	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	eq <b>CHF</b> 100	-	-	AU CN EP JP KR US		
ТJ	<b>TJS</b> <sup>10</sup>	-	USD	1,419	16	-	-	-	EP RU		
тм	USD <sup>10</sup>	_	USD	1,419	16	107	-	-	EP RU		
ΤN	<b>TND</b> <sup>10</sup>	_	CHF	1,330	15	-	-	-	EP		
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	100	-	-	EP		
тт	TTD	750	USD	1,419	16	107	-	-	AT EP SE US		
UA	UAH or 26		USD (						EP RU		
	eq EUR or USD <sup>26</sup>			l or <b>EUR</b> )1,419	16	107	-	-			
US	<b>USD</b>	240 <sup>27</sup>	USD	1,419	16	107	213	-	AU EP KR RU US		
UZ	<b>USD</b> <sup>10</sup>	-	USD	1,419	16	107	-	-	EP RU		
VN	<b>VND</b> eq USD	150	VND	eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	_	_	_	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE		
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	11,850	130	890	-	-	AT AU EP US		
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,419	16	-	-	-	AT SE		
zw	ZWD	6,000	ZWD	eq <b>USD</b> 1,419	eq <b>USD</b> 16	eq <b>USD</b> 107	-	-	AT AU CN EP RU		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 January 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

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ISA						Searc	h fee'					
<b>AT</b> <sup>28</sup>	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,159	KRW	2,566,000	SGD	2,830	USD	2,303	ZAR	19,240
AU	AUD USD	2,200 2,282	CHF ZAR	2,140 19,070	EUR	1,769	KRW	2,543,000	NZD	2,754	SGD	2,800
BR <sup>29</sup>	BRL	1,900	CHF	879	EUR	727	USD	938				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,527	EUR	1,263	USD	1,629				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	313	EUR	259	USD	334				
<b>EP</b> <sup>30</sup>	EUR MWK ZAR	1,875 724,000 20,210	CHF NOK	2,268 13,860	DKK NZD	13,980 2,919	GBP SEK	1,499 15,900	ISK SGD	299,000 2,970	JPY* USD	188,700 2,419
	*(from	1.3.13:	JPY	206,700)								
<b>ES</b> <sup>30</sup>	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	USD	2,419						
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	USD	2,419						
IL	ILS	3,500	CHF	839	EUR	694	USD	895				
JP	JPY *(from	70,000 1.3.13:	CHF* <i>CHF</i>	841 767	EUR* <i>EUR</i>	696 <i>635</i>	KRW* <i>KRW</i>	1,000,000 <i>917,000</i>	SGD USD	1,057 <i>834)</i>	USD*	897
KR	For sea KRW USD	arches carried 1,300,000 1,167	d out in E AUD	nglish: 1,125	CHF	1,094	EUR	904	NZD	1,408	SGD	1,430
	For sea KRW USD	arches carried 450,000 404	d out in K <b>AUD</b>	orean: 389	CHF	379	EUR	313	NZD	487	SGD	500
RU	RUB	6,750	CHF	204	EUR	168	USD	217				
SE	SEK USD	15,900 2,419	CHF	2,268	DKK	13,980	EUR	1,875	ISK	299,000	NOK	13,860
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,950	EUR	1,612	NZD	2,510	ZAR	17,380		
XN	DKK	13,980	CHF	2,268	EUR	1,875	ISK	299,000	NOK	13,860	USD	2,419

Table I(b) — Search fees (amounts on 1 January 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

### Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees (amounts on 1 January 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee					Supplementary search handling fee <sup>2, 31</sup>		
AT	language o – for a sea and North	rch of the German- locumentation: rch of the European American documentation: rch of the PCT minimum ation:	CHF CHF CHF	1,028 1,439 2,056	CHF	200		
EP	CHF	2,268			CHF	200		
FI	CHF	2,268			CHF	200		
RU	eq in CHF	of <b>RUB</b> <sup>32</sup> 11,800	(18,880	) <sup>33</sup>	CHF	200		
SE	CHF	2,268			CHF	200		
XN	CHF	2,268			CHF	200		

#### Table II — Preliminary examination fees (amounts on 1 January 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA		Prelim	ninary examination fee <sup>34</sup>		Handling fee <sup>2, 34</sup> (CHF 200)				
<b>AT</b> <sup>28</sup>	EUR	1,675		EUR	165				
AU	AUD	590	820 <sup>35</sup>	AUD	206				
BR <sup>29</sup>	BRL	710		BRL	432				
CA	CAD	800		CAD	210				
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CH	200				
<b>EP</b> <sup>30</sup>	EUR	1,850		EUR	165				
ES	EUR	577.87		EUR	165				
FI	EUR	600		EUR	165				
IL	ILS	1,500		ILS	834				
JP	JPY	26,000		JPY	16,600	(from 1.3.13:	18,300)		
KR	KRW	450,000		KRW	238,000				
RU	RUB	2,700 <sup>36</sup>	4,050 <sup>37</sup>	USD	213				
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,400				
US	USD	600	750 <sup>38</sup>	USD	213				
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	1,230				

Footnotes to fee tables:

Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it. This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\_reduction.pdf

3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett\_09.pdf). For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.

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.

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If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format. If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format. If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.

This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial q Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.

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

When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before 11 the date of payment.

12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.

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- This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person. The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to 14 entities employing 25 persons or more.
- This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\_reduction.pdf 15
- The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the 16 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). The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.
  19 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\_reduction.pdf). Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy
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- This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%
- Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
   Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
  26 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

Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed on or after 15 November 2011 other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities: USD 200. 27

- The fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary 28 Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 29 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
  30 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
  31 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the 32 date of payment.
- This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment). 33

- 34 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
  35 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
  36 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 37 In all cases where footnote 36 does not apply.
- 38 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see PCT Applicant's Guide, Annex C (US)).



#### PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (146 on 1 January 2013)

May only be designated for a regional patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed). Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent. Only international applications filed on or after 1 October 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent. Only international applications filed on or after 24 September 2011 include the designation of this State for a ARIPO patent.

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

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Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401)(the latest versions are dated 16 September 2012) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.