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## New PCT Contracting State

### Kuwait (country code: KW)

On 9 June 2016, Kuwait deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, thus becoming the 149<sup>th</sup> Contracting State of the PCT, and on 9 September 2016, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 9 September 2016 will automatically include the designation of Kuwait. Also, because Kuwait will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 9 September 2016.

Furthermore, nationals and residents of Kuwait will be entitled, as from 9 September 2016, to file international applications under the PCT.

## Upcoming Entry into Force of Amendments to the PCT Regulations

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, during its meeting which was held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2016 and 1 July 2017. The amendments that will enter into force on 1 July 2016, and will apply to international applications filed on or after that date, are as follows:

- *PCT Rules 9, 48 and 94*: Applicants will be able to make a reasoned request that information be omitted from the published version of an international application or the associated files if it does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application, it would prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person and there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that information. This will allow the removal of certain irrelevant information, normally included accidentally in the international application or associated documents.
- *PCT Rules 26bis and 48*: Receiving Offices will normally be required to forward to the International Bureau (IB) copies of documents submitted in connection with a request for restoration of the right of priority. However, under the same conditions as apply in the proposed amendments described above, the applicant will be able to make a reasoned request that certain documents not be forwarded. The main difference is that it is more likely in this case that the relevant information would have been provided deliberately, to establish that the conditions for “due care” had been met. Applicants should note that if key information is not made available, it is more likely that their request for restoration of the right of priority will be reviewed and that they will be required to provide equivalent information again to the designated Offices in the national phase.

- *PCT Rule 82quater*: The *force majeure* provisions will be extended to allow time limits to be extended where a time limit had been missed because of a general failure of electronic communications services in the area where the interested party resides. Such an outage will not automatically excuse a failure to meet a time limit. It will be necessary to provide evidence that the outage took place, allege that the outage prevented the time limit being met, and that relevant action was subsequently taken as soon as reasonably possible. Note that this will also apply to international applications filed before 1 July 2016 where the event occurred on or after that date.
- *PCT Rule 92*: An enabling provision will be included, under which the IB will allow applicants to write to the IB in languages other than English and French. The intention is initially to permit correspondence in the language of publication (or English or French, as at present) where that correspondence is made through ePCT. The arrangements will be extended to all communications once the IB is certain that it has the capacity to handle the work efficiently and that there would be no adverse consequences for designated Offices or third parties. Note that this will also apply to international applications filed before 1 July 2016 where such correspondence is received by the IB on or after that date.

### **Consolidated texts of the PCT Regulations**

It is recalled that the consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT which will enter into force on 1 July 2016, are available in Chinese, English, French and Spanish (on the right hand side of the page) at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/index.html>

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

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/index.html>

The texts in Arabic and Russian have recently been made available (on the right hand side of the page) at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/texts/index.html>

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

Other languages will follow shortly.

### **PowerPoint presentation on amendments to the PCT Regulations**

A PowerPoint presentation describing the amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2016 is now available in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/ppt/rule\\_changes\\_archive.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/rule\\_changes\\_archive.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/ppt/rule\\_changes\\_archive.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/ppt/rule\\_changes\\_archive.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/ppt/rule\\_changes\\_archive.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/ppt/rule\\_changes\\_archive.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/ppt/rule\\_changes\\_archive.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/ppt/rule\\_changes\\_archive.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html)

## **ePCT Update**

A new release of the ePCT system (version 3.3) was deployed on 30 May 2016. This latest version of the ePCT system will be the last version with the current interface, as a new look and feel for ePCT is currently being developed and will be launched before the end of 2016, along with additional options for secure login as a more efficient alternative to digital certificates.

Some of the new features of the latest release of the ePCT system are discussed below.

### **ePCT for applicants**

The ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT portal includes the following new features:

- priority claims – where possible, the date of filing of the earlier application that has been indicated is validated against the year component of the earlier application number. This validation has been introduced to minimize errors in the indication of the date of the earlier application;
- payment of fees – it is now possible to indicate that you intend to pay the fees to the International Bureau (IB) by bank transfer (in which case you will automatically receive an e-mail after filing with the payment details required to make the transfer); and
- it is now possible to add draft international applications to a portfolio prior to filing.

Other new ePCT features include:

- in ePCT private services, the possibility to search by file reference for an international application to which you have access rights;
- the ability to remove all ePCT access rights for an eHandshake user in one operation;
- in ePCT private services, workbench filter options are saved and applied again by default the next time you log in; and
- any draft translations of the title and abstract that are under preparation by the IB are now flagged as being subject to change.

For further information on the above changes, including relevant screen shots, as well as information on other changes included in this latest release, please see:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct\\_whats\\_new.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_whats_new.pdf)

### **ePCT for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities**

The new version of ePCT for Offices (version 3.3) offers a number of new features for receiving Offices (ROs), designated Offices (DOs) and International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs), as well as various improvements to existing modules. Some of the new features are:

- ROs: a new Office action allowing the RO to manage fees through one single screen, and the possibility to carry out a search of international applications filed at the receiving Office which have not yet been received by the IB;
- DOs: the addition of an action allowing national Offices to notify the IB about national phase events, such as publication, grant, refusal, withdrawal and expiration, so that this information can be made available on PATENTSCOPE, as well as in the IB's national phase information databases;
- ISAs: the possibility to prepare through ePCT Office actions the international search report and the written opinion of the ISA, as well as other ISA forms; and
- IPEAs: a new management report enabling IPEAs to identify outstanding international preliminary examination reports.

For further details on these and other changes, please see:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct\\_office\\_whats\\_new.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_office_whats_new.pdf)

For further information on ePCT in general, including how to get started, please go to:

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

or contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at:

e-mail: [epct@wipo.int](mailto:epct@wipo.int)

telephone: (+41–22) 338 9523

or via the

“contact us” link at: <http://www.wipo.int/contact/en/area.jsp?area=patentscope&area2=epct>

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

### **United States of America: reminder about new use of the ePCT system for preparing the request form as part of an international application filed with the USPTO**

It is recalled that it is now possible to use ePCT for the preparation, validation and download of an e-filing zip file for subsequent submission of the request form to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as receiving Office via EFS-Web (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2016, page 5, for further information).

### **China: new electronic filing software accepted by the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**

On 1 April 2016, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO), in its capacity as receiving Office, started accepting international applications filed using its own “CEPCT software”, in addition to PCT-SAFE.

A revised notification containing the requirements and practices of SIPO with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official\\_notices/officialnotices.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf)

This information will update the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (CN).

## Israel – use of the ePCT system for preparing the request form as part of an international application filed with the Israel Patent Office

As from 20 July 2016, the Israel Patent Office (ILPO) in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/IL) will be prepared to receive and process international applications filed using ePCT-Filing (in addition to the PCT-SAFE software) in accordance with the Israel Patent Law and Regulations. Applicants filing international applications with RO/IL will be able to use ePCT to generate a .zip file containing a validated request form, and then submit the .zip file electronically as part of an international application filed using the ILPO's electronic filing website. Applicants will have full online inspection, as well as ability to further correspond electronically.

A revised notification containing the requirements and practices of RO/IL with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official\\_notices/officialnotices.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf)

This information will update the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IL).

## Australia and Slovakia: the Australian Patent Office and the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) will no longer accept PCT-SAFE filings

The Australian Patent Office, which has been accepting international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal since April 2014, and the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia), which will start accepting such filings with effect from 1 July 2016, have notified the International Bureau that they will no longer accept international applications in electronic form which have been filed using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 September 2016 and 1 October 2016, respectively. Furthermore, the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) will no longer accept EPO online filing with effect from 1 October 2016.

This information updates *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (AU and SK).

## Combined July-August Issue

The next issue of the *PCT Newsletter* will be a joint July-August issue that will be published at the end of July. If, between the publication of that issue and the September issue, there is any important PCT news that users should be aware of, we will announce it by way of the PCT e-mail updating service. If you have not already subscribed to this service, which notifies PCT users when each issue of the *PCT Newsletter* becomes available and makes other *ad hoc* announcements when necessary, you can subscribe to it, free of charge, at our e-mail platform at:

[https://www3.wipo.int/newsletters/en/#pct\\_newsletter](https://www3.wipo.int/newsletters/en/#pct_newsletter)

Please note that, if there are any changes to the PCT Seminar Calendar or the PCT Fee Tables before the publication of the September issue, they will be updated in August at, respectively:

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.pdf>

## PCT Information Update

### AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), have changed with effect from 1 January 2016 (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:

Filing fee:

- online: .....	USD	200
- on paper:.....	USD	250

For utility model:

Filing fee:

- online: .....	USD	80
- on paper:.....	USD	100

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

### AU Australia (electronic filing)

For information on the non-acceptance by the Australian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, of international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software, see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications," above.

### CN China (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance by the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO), in its capacity as receiving Office, of international applications filed using its own "CEPCT software", see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications," above.

### IL Israel (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance by the Israel Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, of .zip files containing validated request forms prepared using ePCT-Filing, see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications," above.

### KR Republic of Korea (e-mail notifications)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has clarified the procedure that applicants should follow to obtain notifications from the Office by e-mail. Applicants who provide an e-mail authorization in their international application will now be sent by e-mail:

- an encrypted copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) which can be opened using a password which appears at the bottom of the Notification of Receipt of Search Copy (PCT/ISA/202); and

- an encrypted copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) (PCT/IPEA/409) which can be opened using a password which appears at the bottom of the Notification of Receipt of Demand by Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (PCT/IPEA/402).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (KR) (new footnote 1) and E (KR) (new footnote 1))

### **MX Mexico (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, with effect from 1 July 2016, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, or with the International Bureau (IB), as receiving Office.

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

### **OM Oman (general information)**

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2016, information on the requirements of the Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman) as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (Annex C (OM)) on the PCT website at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexc/ax\\_c\\_om.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexc/ax_c_om.pdf)

### **PA Panama (summary of requirements for entry into the national phase)**

Information on the requirements of the Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (National Chapter, Summary (PA)) on the PCT website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/pa.pdf>

### **SK Slovakia (electronic filing)**

For information on the non-acceptance by the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia), in its capacity as receiving Office, of international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software or EPO online filing, see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications," above.

### **SY Syrian Arab Republic (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic) has specified, with effect from 30 May 2016, the Egyptian Patent Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Syrian Arab

Republic with the Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property, or with the IB, as receiving Office.

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

### **XV Visegrad Patent Institute (fees, information on requirements of the Office as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority)**

Further to the notification by the Visegrad Patent Institute that it would begin functioning as an International Searching Authority, an Authority specified for supplementary search and an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 July 2016 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2016), information on the fees payable to the Office, as well as the requirements of the Office, will be available shortly in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (XV), SISA (XV) and E (XV) at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexd/ax\\_d\\_xv.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexd/ax_d_xv.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexsisa/ax\\_sisa\\_xv.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexsisa/ax_sisa_xv.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexe/ax\\_e\\_xv.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexe/ax_e_xv.pdf)

### **Search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)), Japan Patent Office)**

As from 1 August 2016, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) .....	CHF, EUR
Japan Patent Office .....	SGD

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (JP, RU))

### **Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))**

As from 1 August 2016, there will be a change in the amounts payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation). The new amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

### **Advanced PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters**

An advanced PCT seminar on the procedural aspects of the international and national phases, recent and future PCT developments, the filing and management of PCT applications in ePCT, as well as information on PATENTSCOPE, will be held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva on 26 and 27 September 2016. The seminar is aimed at patent administrators, paralegals and other users who are already familiar with the PCT System, and the speakers will include experienced staff from across the PCT sector at WIPO.



There is no registration fee for the seminar, which is limited to 50 participants, and the registration deadline is 12 September 2016. Further details and information about on-line registration will be available shortly on the PCT website, and information may also be obtained by sending an e-mail to: [pct.our@wipo.int](mailto:pct.our@wipo.int)

## New/updated PCT Resources

### Modified PCT Regulations (in Arabic and Russian)

See “Upcoming Entry into Force of Amendments to the PCT Regulations”, above.

### PowerPoint presentation on amendments to the PCT Regulations

See “Upcoming Entry into Force of Amendments to the PCT Regulations”, above.

## Practical Advice

### Requests for recording of changes under PCT Rule 92*bis* using ePCT: situations where access to the international application will be suspended, and the extent to which access will be blocked

Q: The practical advice of *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2016 mentions that, when carrying out an ePCT Action to request the recording of a change under PCT Rule 92*bis*, access to the full contents of the international application may be suspended pending the processing of the PCT Rule 92*bis* change request by the IB. Is this the case for all 92*bis* changes? Also, will the suspension completely block all access to the international application?

A: Depending on the type of change, the recording of which is requested under PCT Rule 92*bis* (“92*bis* request”) using the dedicated Action in ePCT, all online access to that international application, including to anyone who already had ePCT access rights, may be automatically suspended by the system as soon as the request is submitted. The suspension of access to all users who have access rights to the international application in ePCT will remain in effect only for the time that is required for the International Bureau (IB) to process the change and check whether any individual access rights need to be deactivated due to the change requested, for example, a request to remove an applicant or agent from the record. The types of change which will result in automatic suspension of online access in ePCT are:

- a change in the name, person and/or the address of an applicant or applicant/inventor;
- a change of name and/or person of an inventor only;
- a change in the name, person and/or address of the agent; and
- a change in the type of party (legal entity/natural person); or
- the deletion of an applicant, inventor or an agent

However, the following types of change will **not** result in an automatic suspension of online access to the international application:

- the addition of a new party;
- a change of address of an inventor only; or

- a change in relation to:
  - nationality;
  - residence;
  - country of address;
  - telephone number, fax number or e-mail address;
  - notification method;
  - applicable designations; or
  - the file reference of the international application.

After clicking on the “Submit 92*bis* Change Request” button, the user is warned in the case where access will be temporarily suspended, with the message:

“Due to confidentiality reasons, submitting a Rule 92*bis* request will temporarily suspend online access to the IA via ePCT pending processing by the IB”

and is given the opportunity to add another change, before continuing with the submission which will suspend access.

Note that, even if access to the full contents of the international application is suspended pending processing of the change request by the IB, under the “File View” you may consult any documents that you yourself previously uploaded to the file of the international application in ePCT, including the document relating to your 92*bis* request.

Please note that if a 92*bis* request is submitted using the “Upload Documents” function in the ePCT system, online access will be automatically suspended pending processing by the IB ***in all cases, regardless of the type of change requested***. It is therefore preferable to use the Actions tab to submit a 92*bis* request.

The suspension of online access to an international application takes place as a security measure for the protection of the applicant. For example, in the case of a change of person of the applicant or agent, this suspension removes any potential problem which may arise, for example, where the appointment of an agent has been revoked by the applicant or his/her new agent, but that agent might still have online access rights to the international application via ePCT. As long as online access is suspended, no external user will be able to access that application online via ePCT until such time as the request for change has been fully processed by the IB, including the verification of ePCT access rights. The IB prefers to err on the side of caution and suspend all access rights until it has had the opportunity to examine the nature of the change requested, and, where necessary, carry out a follow-up investigation, for example by contacting the applicant, agent or common representative, as the case may be, directly.

When access to the contents of the international application via ePCT has been suspended, the “IA Status” column of the Workbench shows “access suspended”. If you try to view the contents of an international application in the “IA Number” tab while access is suspended, the international application will appear showing only the international filing date and the IA Status “Access suspended”. No other confidential data or documents will be available. Also, the only documents that will be visible in the File View are those which were previously uploaded by you.

Even though you will not be able to make use of any of the ePCT Actions while access is suspended, it is still possible to use the “Send ePCT Message” feature, or to upload documents to the IA concerned using the “Upload Documents” tab.

Once the *92bis* request has been properly checked by the IB, it will reset the access rights accordingly in the system. If the *92bis* request is straightforward, and is made during a period of normal workload at the IB, this process should be completed within two working days.

For further information on *92bis* requests made using ePCT, as well as on the suspension of access to the international application in ePCT, please see the “ePCT User Guide” at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/pct\\_wipo\\_accounts\\_user\\_guide.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/pct_wipo_accounts_user_guide.pdf)

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b> ( <a href="http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf">http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf</a> ) (situation on 14 June 2016)			
<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>16 June 2016 Moscow (RU)</b>	Russian	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Largo	Innopraktika (Ms. Anastasia Moskina) Tel: (7-495) 932 92 39 (Ms. Tatiana Istomina) Tel: (7-916) 722 62 88 E-mail: for registration (deadline 14 June 2016): ip@cnir.msu.ru; ip@cnir.ru
<b>16-17 June 2016 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced PCT Formalities seminar, including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Weiss	Management Forum Ltd. (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
<b>17 June 2016 Madrid (ES)</b> <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic PCT training course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Francisco Bernardo) E-mail: fbernardo@abgpatentes.com
<b>22-24 June 2016 San Salvador (SV)</b>	Spanish	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernández Vigaud	Registro de la Propiedad Intelectual –Centro National de Registros (CNR) Tel: (503) 259 35 000
<b>25-26 July 2015 Alexandria, VA (US)</b>	English	20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	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>4 August 2016 Oak Brook, IL (US)</b>	English	PCT Practice Lecture Speaker on behalf of WIPO: Mr. Oppedahl	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: <a href="http://www.patentresources.com">http://www.patentresources.com</a>
<b>16 September 2016 Lisbon (PT)</b> <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. João Amaral) Tel: (351) 218 818 100 Fax: (351) 218 878 508 E-mail: jamaral@inpi.pt Internet: www.inpi.pt
<b>22 September 2016 Philadelphia, PA (US)</b>	English	PCT Practice Lecture Speaker on behalf of WIPO: Mr. Oppedahl	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: <a href="http://www.patentresources.com">http://www.patentresources.com</a>
<b>26-27 September 2016 Geneva (CH)</b>	English	Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT): procedural aspects of the international and national phases; recent and future PCT developments; filing and management of PCT applications in ePCT; PATENTSCOPE. Note that attendance is limited to 50 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: to be announced	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters Information about on-line registration will follow shortly Deadline for registrations: 12 September 2016 E-mail: <a href="mailto:pct.our@wipo.int">pct.our@wipo.int</a>

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]</b>			
<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>3 October 2016 Zurich (CH)</b>	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel : (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
<b>6 October 2016 Barcelona (ES)</b> <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Antonio López-Carrasco Comajuncosas) Tel : (34-93) 123 31 01 E-mail: antonio.lopez-carrascocomajuncosas@telefonica.com
<b>12-13 October 2016 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former staff member of the PCT Legal Division, WIPO, former member of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office, now retired)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: s.schilling@forum-institut.de
<b>17 October 2016 Boston, MA (US)</b>	English	ePCT Training Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim Other speaker: Mr. Smith	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
<b>19 October 2016 Washington, DC (US)</b>	English	ePCT Training Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim Other speaker: Mr. Smith	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
<b>20-21 October 2016 Chicago (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Speaker on behalf of WIPO: Mr. Oppedahl	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>21 October 2016 Chicago, IL (US)</b>	English	ePCT Training Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim Other speaker: Mr. Smith	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
<b>28 October 2016 London (GB)</b>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (27-28 October 2016) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Management Forum Ltd. (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
<b>2-3 November 2016 Munich (DE)</b>	German	PCT update/conference WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
<b>23-24 November 2016 Cracow (PL)</b> <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Lukasz Bodgan) Tel: (48) 604 406 432 E-mail: lukasz.bogdan@agh.edu.pl

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<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>24-25 November 2016 Dresden (DE)</b>	German	PCT presentation on recent developments in the PCT within the framework of the PAFA-Tagung 2016 conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
<b>1-2 December 2016 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced PCT Formalities seminar, including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Weiss	Management Forum Ltd. (see London, above)
<b>6-7 December 2016 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Chatel	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>8 December 2016 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)

**PCT Webinars**

(<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html>)  
(<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/>)

<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Language of webinar</b>	<b>Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>28 June 2016</b> 15:00–16:00 CET (09:00–10:00 New York time)	English	July 2016 PCT Rule Changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2820671011892979970">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2820671011892979970</a>
<b>28 June 2016</b> 17:30–18:30 CET or <b>30 June 2016</b> 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Translation tools in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/49533371491012609">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/49533371491012609</a> <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/913982607409326852">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/913982607409326852</a>
<b>19 July 2016</b> 17:30–18:30 CET or <b>21 July 2016</b> 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: The browse menu in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3702900449420654083">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3702900449420654083</a> <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5793677884729792771">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5793677884729792771</a>

**PCT Events Without WIPO speakers<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of event</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; Speakers</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>22 June 2016 Cleveland, OH (US)</b>	English	PCT Boot Camp 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
<b>24 June 2016 Chicago, IL (US)</b>	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Cleveland, above)

1. Views and opinions of speakers at these events do not necessarily represent the views of WIPO.

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 2016, 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) and (c) 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), the supplementary search handling fee 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 14. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MXN	Mexican peso	TJS	Tajik somoni
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	OMR	Omani rial	USD	US dollar
RO	receiving Office	CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	QAR	Qatari riyal		
ALL	Albanian lek	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
AMD	Armenian dram	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AUD	Australian dollar	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BAM	Convertible mark	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SEK	Swedish krona		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	THB	Baht		
BND	Brunei dollar								

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

(amounts on 1 June 2016, 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> (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup> (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD 1,922 (from 1.7.16: 1,811)	22 (20)	– (–)	289 (272)	434 (408)	AU KR
AZ	AZN	35.40	USD 1,363	15	–	205	307	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	120	EUR 1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU JP EP
BR	BRL <sup>8</sup>	online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP
BY	USD	50	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,782	20	–	268	402	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD <sup>9</sup>	130	CLP eq USD <sup>9</sup> 1,363	eq USD <sup>9</sup> 15	–	eq USD 205	eq USD 307	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN

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

(amounts on 1 June 2016, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>		
					Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>		Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	
CO	COP	952,000 <sup>10</sup>	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,363		15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,363		15	–	205	307	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,219		14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,219		14	–	183	275	EP (from 1.7.16: XV)
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,219		14	–	183	275	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,090		100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available									
DO	USD	275	USD	1,363		15	–	–	–	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330		15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,363		15	–	205	307	EP RU
EC	USD <sup>11</sup>	–	USD	1,363		15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,219		14	–	183	275	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,363		15	–	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	130	EUR	1,219		14	92	183	275	EP
ES	EUR	74.99	EUR	1,219		14	–	183	275	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,219		14	–	183	275	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,219		14	–	183	275	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	899 (from 1.7.16: 980)		10 (11)	– (–)	135 (147)	203 (221)	EP
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	USD <sup>12</sup>	100	USD	1,363		15	–	–	–	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS <sup>13</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,363		15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,219		14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,363		15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,363		15	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330		eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	380,800		HUF 4,300	–	57,300	85,900	EP RU (from 1.7.16: EP XV)
IB	CHF <sup>14</sup>	100	CHF	1,330		15	–	200	300	See footnote 15
	or EUR <sup>14</sup>	92	or EUR	1,219		14	–	183	275	
	or USD <sup>14</sup>	102	or USD	1,363		15	–	205	307	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330		eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,219		14	–	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	551	USD	1,363		15	–	205	307	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600	USD	1,363		15	–	205	307	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
	(filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)									
IR	IRR <sup>11</sup>	–	IRR eq CHF	1,330		eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK	15,000	ISK	172,800		1,900	–	26,000	39,000	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,219		14	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	10,000 <sup>16</sup>	JPY	151,300		1,700	–	–	34,100	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,363		15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,363		15	–	–	–	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available									
KN	EP									
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330		eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	300	AT AU JP <sup>17</sup> KR
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,363		15	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,363		15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL <sup>11</sup>	–	LSL eq CHF	1,330		eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,219		14	–	183	275	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 June 2016, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>	
				Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>		
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,219	14	–	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD <sup>11</sup>	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	600 <sup>18</sup>	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 <sup>19</sup>	EUR	1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
ME	EUR <sup>11</sup>	–	EUR	1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,363	15	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 <sup>20</sup>	USD	1,363	15	–	205	307	CL EP ES SE SG US (from 1.7.16: KR)
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) <sup>21</sup> 550 (paper filing) <sup>21</sup>		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,363	15	–	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,219	14	–	183	275	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	11,460	130	–	1,720	2,590	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,094	24	–	315	472	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF <sup>11</sup>	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,363	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 205	eq USD 307	AT AU EP US
PA	USD	200	USD	1,363	15	–	–	–	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,363	eq USD 15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,363	15	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,363	15	–	205	307	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP (from 1.7.16: XV)
PT	EUR	20.82	EUR	1,219	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,363	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 205	eq USD 307	EG EP US
RO	RON	441	EUR	1,219	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,300 <sup>22</sup>	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,363	15	–	205	307	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,363	15	–	205	307	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD <sup>11</sup>	–	USD	1,363	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	11,380	130	–	1,710	2,570	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,934	22	–	291	436	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 <sup>23</sup>	EUR	1,219	14	–	183	275	EP (from 1.7.16: XV)
SM	EUR	70	EUR	1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,363	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD <sup>11</sup>	–	USD	1,363	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS <sup>11</sup>	–	USD	1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>11</sup>	–	USD	1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND <sup>11</sup>	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,363	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD <sup>24</sup>	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU UA
US	USD small entity <sup>25</sup> : micro entity <sup>26</sup>	240 <sup>25</sup> 120 <sup>25</sup> 60 <sup>25</sup>	USD	1,363	15	102	205	–	AU EP IL JP KR SG RU US
UZ	USD <sup>11</sup>	–	USD	1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	20,680	230	–	3,110	4,670	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,363	15	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,363	eq USD 15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 June 2016, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT <sup>27</sup>	EUR	1,864	CHF	2,034	KRW	2,419,000	SGD	2,960	USD	2,084	ZAR	31,450
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,616	EUR	1,481	KRW	1,963,000	NZD	2,397	SGD	2,210
	USD*	1,560	ZAR	23,900								
	* (from 1.7.16:		USD	1,674)								
BR <sup>28</sup>	Online:	BRL	1,685	CHF	449	EUR	411	USD*	432			
	On paper:	BRL	2,525	CHF	673	EUR	617	USD*	647			
	* (from 1.7.16:											
	Online:	USD	468			On paper:		USD	701)			
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,194	EUR	1,094	USD*	1,147				
	* (from 1.7.16:		USD	1,261)								
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,952	EUR	1,789						
	In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> :				USD	400	CHF	390	EUR	358		
	In case of filing by a university <sup>29</sup> :				USD	300	CHF	293	EUR	268		
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	323	EUR	296	USD	330				
EG <sup>30</sup>	EGP	4,000	CHF*	499	EUR*	457	USD*	511				
	* (from 1.7.16:		CHF	430	EUR	395	USD	451)				
EP <sup>31</sup>	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,046	DKK	13,990	GBP*	1,384	HUF	585,800	ISK	266,000
	JPY	233,900	NOK	17,640	NZD	3,222	SEK	17,500	SGD	2,980		
	USD	2,097	ZAR	31,640								
	* (from 1.7.16:		GBP	1,503)								
ES <sup>31,32</sup>	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,046	USD	2,097						
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,046	USD	2,097						
IL	ILS	3,529	CHF	905	EUR	837	USD	912				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	150	EUR	137	USD	154				
	In case of filing by an individual:				INR	2,500	CHF	37	EUR	34	USD	38
JP <sup>16</sup>	For international applications in Japanese:											
	JPY	70,000	CHF	615	EUR	561	KRW*	769,000	USD	618		
	* (from 1.7.16:		KRW	725,000)								
	For international applications in English:											
	JPY	156,000	CHF	1,371	EUR	1,251	SGD*	1,839	USD	1,378		
	* (from 1.8.16:		SGD	1,968)								
KR	For international applications in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	504	CHF	379	EUR	347	NZD	559	SGD	520
	USD	388										
	For international applications in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,457	CHF	1,093	EUR	1,002	NZD	1,616	SGD	1,490
	USD	1,120										
RU	For international applications in Russian:											
	RUB	6,750	CHF*	92	EUR*	85	HUF	26,800	USD**	93		
	* (from 1.8.16:		CHF	99	EUR	92						
	** (from 1.7.16:		USD	101)								
	For international applications in English:											
	RUB	28,000	CHF*	383	EUR*	353	HUF	111,100	USD**	388		
	* (from 1.8.16:		CHF	409	EUR	381)						
	** (from 1.7.16:		USD	420)								
SE	SEK	17,500	CHF	2,046	DKK	13,990	EUR	1,875	ISK	266,000	NOK	17,640
	USD	2,097										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,540	EUR	1,411	JPY	186,300	USD	1,578		
UA	EUR	300	CHF	325	USD	328						
US	USD	2,080	CHF	2,030	EUR	1,860	NZD	3,200	ZAR	31,430		
	For small entity <sup>26</sup> :				USD	1,040	CHF	1,015	EUR	930	NZD	1,600
	For micro entity <sup>26</sup> :				USD	520	CHF	508	EUR	465	NZD	800
									ZAR	15,710	ZAR	7,860
XN	DKK	13,990	CHF	2,046	EUR	1,875	ISK	266,000	NOK	17,640	SEK	17,500
	USD	2,097										
(from 1.7.16:)												
(XV	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,046	HUF	585,800	USD	2,097)				

**Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees**

(amounts on 1 June 2016, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee <sup>2, 33</sup>
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 928	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,299	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,855	
EP	CHF 2,046	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,046	CHF 200
RU	CHF 162 (259) <sup>34</sup> (from 1.8.16: 172 (276) <sup>34</sup> )	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,046	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,540	CHF 200
UA	– for a search of only the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 108	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 163	
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 217	
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,046	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 590	
<i>(from 1.7.16:)</i>		
(XV)	– for a full search: CHF 2,046	CHF 200)
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 546	

**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**

(amounts on 1 June 2016, unless otherwise indicated)

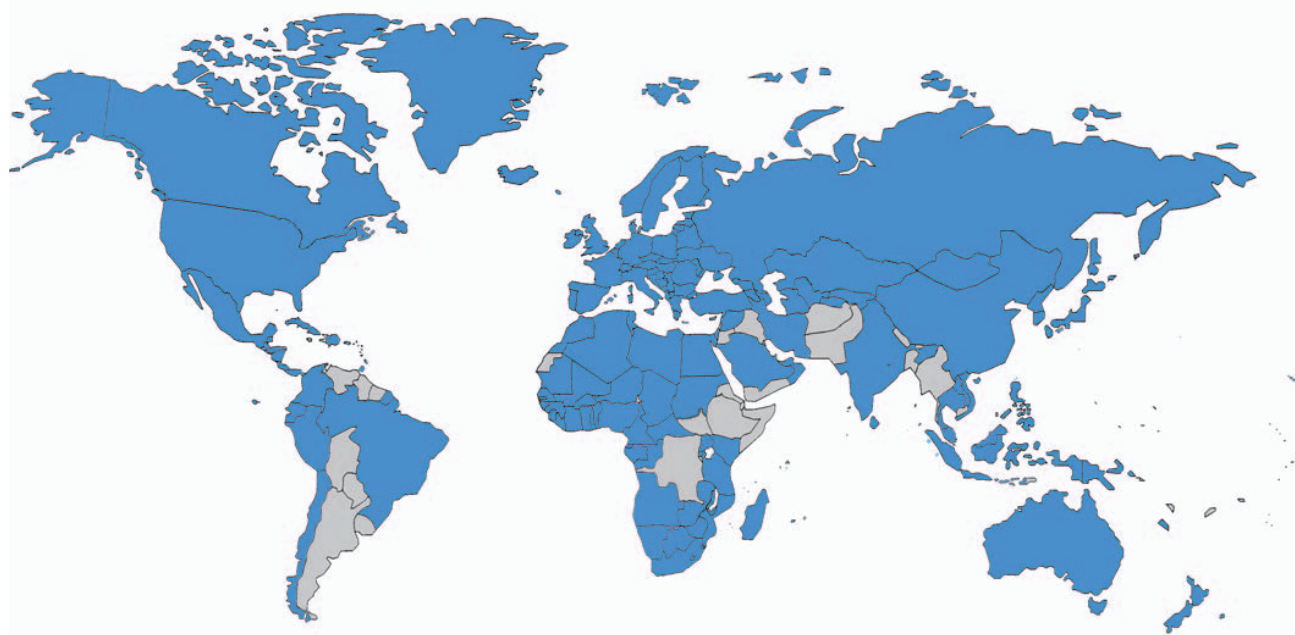
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>35</sup>	Handling fee <sup>2, 35</sup> (CHF 200)
AT <sup>27</sup>	EUR 1,749	EUR 183
AU	AUD 590 820 <sup>36</sup>	AUD 289 (from 1.7.16: 272)
BR <sup>28</sup>	Online: BRL 630	BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL 945	
CA	CAD 800	CAD 268
CL	USD 1,500	USD 205
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> : USD 400 in case of filing by a university <sup>29</sup> : USD 300	
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG <sup>30</sup>	EGP 3,000	USD 205
EP <sup>31</sup>	EUR 1,930	EUR 183
ES	EUR 589.49 <sup>32</sup>	EUR 183
FI	EUR 600	EUR 183
IL	ILS 1,512	ILS 794
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 205
JP	For international applications in Japanese: JPY 26,000 <sup>16</sup>	JPY 22,800
	For international applications in English: JPY 58,000	
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 238,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 <sup>37</sup> 4,050 <sup>38</sup>	USD 205
	For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 <sup>37</sup> 15,750 <sup>38</sup>	
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,710
SG	SGD 830	SGD 291
UA	– if the international search report has been prepared by this ISA: EUR 160	EUR 183
	– if the international search report has been prepared by another ISA: EUR 180	
US	USD 600 760 <sup>39</sup>	USD 205
	For small entity <sup>26</sup> : USD 300 380 <sup>39</sup>	
	For micro entity <sup>26</sup> : USD 150 190 <sup>39</sup>	
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,370
<i>(from 1.7.16:)</i>		
(XV)	EUR 1,930	EUR 183)

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

**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 website at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf)).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 13 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.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 15 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).
- 16 This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: [http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho\\_keigen.htm](http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm)
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>).
- 19 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 25 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 26 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: [http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated\\_rules.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf)
- 27 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 28 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.
- 29 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 30 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where 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 which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 31 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>
- 32 Public universities in Spain are exempt from paying this fee.
- 33 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 34 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).
- 35 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 36 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 38 In all cases where footnote 37 does not apply.
- 39 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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AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SE Sweden (EP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>2</sup>	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	ML Mali (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SG Singapore
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SI Slovenia (EP) <sup>2</sup>
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>2</sup>	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SK Slovakia (EP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) <sup>2</sup>	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	SM San Marino (EP)
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Comoros (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MY Malaysia	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP) <sup>5</sup>
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup>	EC Ecuador	KM Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SV El Salvador
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BE Belgium (EP) <sup>2</sup>	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SZ Swaziland (AP) <sup>2</sup>
BF Burkina Faso (OA) <sup>2</sup>	ES Spain (EP)	<b>KW Kuwait</b> (from 9 September 2016)	NG Nigeria	TD Chad (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TG Togo (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) <sup>2</sup>	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) <sup>2</sup>	TH Thailand
BJ Benin (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GA Gabon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BN Brunei Darussalam	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TN Tunisia
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TR Turkey (EP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP) <sup>2</sup>	PG Papua New Guinea	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UA Ukraine
CF Central African Republic (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LV Latvia (EP) <sup>2</sup>	PL Poland (EP)	UG Uganda (AP)
CG Congo (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GR Greece (EP) <sup>2</sup>	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	US United States of America
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MA Morocco <sup>3</sup>	QA Qatar	UZ Uzbekistan
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MC Monaco (EP) <sup>2</sup>	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CL Chile	HN Honduras	MD Republic of Moldova <sup>4</sup>	RS Serbia (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CM Cameroon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	HR Croatia (EP)	ME Montenegro <sup>1</sup>	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SA Saudi Arabia	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>		SC Seychelles	
	IL Israel		SD Sudan (AP)	

<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> Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

<sup>4</sup> Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2015.

<sup>5</sup> Only international applications filed on or after 19 August 2014 will include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe for an ARIPO patent.

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