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New Release of ePCT – Pilot System Now Available to all PCT Users

On 12 December 2011, a major new release of the ePCT system was deployed at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

Although the system remains a pilot to the extent that a 24/7 systems operation plan is not yet in place, any applicant who wishes to use the pilot system to access their live international applications online is now welcome to do so. This new version (version 2.3) is a significant milestone as it opens up participation in the ePCT production pilot for all types of international applications. You may recall that participation in the ePCT pilot system had previously been limited to unpublished international applications filed electronically at the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) with a WIPO digital certificate (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2011) and for which there had been no changes recorded under PCT Rule 92*bis* before online access was first granted to the international application. However, the new version now enables all PCT users to participate in the pilot. Specifically, it allows applicants to obtain secure online access to any of their international applications filed as of 1 January 2009, including those which were filed without any digital certificate (for example, paper filings) or filed with certificates which are not yet supported by the system (the certificates currently supported in ePCT version 2.3 are: WIPO digital certificates and European Patent Office smart cards, as well as certificates issued by the Korean Intellectual Property Office for the electronic filing of international applications with it as receiving Office).

Since requests in the ePCT system for secure online access to international applications that were filed without any certificate (including those filed electronically but using non-supported certificates, for example, EFS-Web filings at the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office) cannot be matched and validated automatically by the system, the user will be prompted to provide the necessary pieces of information to prove his/her right to online access and an action will be triggered for authorized staff within the Processing Teams at the International Bureau (IB) to validate the request. Note that the ePCT user credentials of the person making the request must match the details of one of the following: applicant, common representative, agent or address for correspondence on record for the international application.

Other features that have been added in ePCT version 2.3 are:

- improved user interface for functional commands using tabs and text labels instead of pictorial icons;
- improved timeline function to follow key time limits for each international application;
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- the possibility to set notification preferences to receive reminder alerts for certain events in respect of your international applications, for example, approaching publication date, priority documents still outstanding, soon-to-expire time limits for certain actions such as submitting PCT Article 19 amendments and entry into the national phase.

For more details about the ePCT system, please go to the ePCT homepage (<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>), where you will find a comprehensive User Guide and a document containing frequently asked questions. If you wish to try out the ePCT system in demo mode before using it on your live applications, there is also a fully functional demonstration version of the system at <https://pctdemo.wipo.int/ePCT>, which you can use by first making a “demo mode” electronic filing to RO/IB (for instructions, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2011).

Some of the features which we expect to add in the next few months include:

- online “actions” whereby, instead of submitting a letter, you can directly specify online the changes that you would like to make, such as corrections to priority claims, withdrawal of the international application or changes to persons, names and addresses under PCT Rule 92*bis*;
- filters to find specific applications or sets of applications, for example, “applications with at least one applicant having a name beginning with ‘Smith’” or “applications with priority documents outstanding”; and
- the ability to specify a WIPO account in PCT-SAFE which will automatically enable the account holder to view the file of the international application online as soon as the IB receives and starts to process it.

In addition, the IB is developing an ePCT web filing system and will be discussing with national Offices (in their various PCT capacities) improvements to electronic communications so that it should become possible to manage all aspects of the international phase through a single online portal, irrespective of whether a particular action is the responsibility of the IB or of a national Office acting as a PCT receiving Office or a PCT International Authority.

As always, we are interested in your feedback on this new version in particular, and on ePCT in general – you are invited to try it out and use the “Contact us” link within the ePCT system to submit your comments.

Denunciation of the Eurasian Patent Convention by the Republic of Moldova

On 26 October 2011, the Republic of Moldova deposited a notification of denunciation of the Eurasian Patent Convention, which will take effect on 26 April 2012.

This denunciation will not affect granted Eurasian patents or PCT applications filed before 26 April 2012 containing the designation of the Republic of Moldova for a Eurasian patent; these patents and applications will continue to have full effect. However, as a result of the denunciation, any international application filed on or after 26 April 2012 will contain the designation of the Republic of Moldova only for a national patent, and will not include the designation of that State for a Eurasian patent.

Furthermore, as from 26 April 2012, the Eurasian Patent Office will no longer be a competent receiving Office for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Republic of Moldova. The remaining competent receiving Offices will be the State Agency on Intellectual

Property (Republic of Moldova) or the International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant.

PCT Information Update

ES Spain (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The address of the Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo (CECT), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, as follows:

Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo (CECT)
Edificio 3 CUE. Parc Científic Universitat de Valencia
Catedrático Agustín Escardino, 9
46980 Paterna (Valencia)
Spain

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

KE Kenya (location; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The location, the telephone and fax numbers, and the e-mail and Internet addresses of the Kenya Industrial Property Institute have changed, as follows:

Location:	Weights and Measures Building Popo Road, off Mombasa Road Nairobi Kenya
Mailing address:	[No change]
Telephone:	(254-2) 600 22 10, 600 22 11, 238 62 20
Fax:	(254-2) 600 63 12
E-mail:	info@kipi.go.ke
Internet:	www.kipi.go.ke

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

MX Mexico (telephone number; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; criterion applicable for requests for restoration of the right of priority; fees)

One of the telephone numbers of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property has changed. The telephone numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (52-5) 334 07 24, 334 07 00 (ext. 10025, 10095)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical medium: CD-ROM.

The Office has also notified the IB under PCT Rule 26bis.3(i) that, in respect of requests for the restoration of the right of priority, it applies the “unintentional” criterion, and that there is no fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

For patent:

Filing fee:MXP 5,711.14¹

.....MXP 3,737.75²

For utility model:

Filing fee:MXP 2,074.99¹

.....MXP 1,213.76²

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (MX), Annex C (MX) and National Chapter, Summary (MX), and the table of “Restoration of the right of priority”)

NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 January 2012, the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand has established a fee for the priority document payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document:..... NZD 30³

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (NZ))

OA African Intellectual Property Organization (telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The telephone and fax numbers of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) have changed, and the Office has notified its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Telephone: (237-2) 220 39 11, 220 57 00

Fax: (237-2) 220 18 44, 220 57 27

E-mail: oapi@oapi.int

Internet: www.oapi.int

¹ Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22. This fee includes a 25% reduction based on the establishment of an international search report.

² Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1). This fee includes a 50% reduction based on the establishment of an international preliminary examination report.

³ Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

	<i>Patent</i>	<i>Utility Model</i>
Filing fee:	XAF 225,000	XAF 20,000
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	XAF 63,000	XAF 25,000
Publication fee:	XAF 365,000	XAF 30,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	XAF 45,000	XAF 40,000
Fee for acceptance of description and drawings:		
– for 11 to 20 sheets	XAF 120,000	None
– for 21 to 30 sheets	XAF 300,000	None
– for 31 to 40 sheets	XAF 600,000	None
– after 40 for each set of 10 sheets.....	XAF 80,000	None
Annual fee for the second year:	XAF 220,000	XAF 20,000
Annual fee for the third year:	XAF 220,000	XAF 35,000

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (OA) and National Chapter, Summary (OA))

PE Peru (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) has specified, with effect from 1 January 2012, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Peru with the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection as receiving Office.

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

SE Sweden (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; fees)

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

There has been a change, with effect from 1 January 2010, in the fee for restoration of the right of priority payable to the Office as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	SEK	1,000
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The amount of the following national fee has also changed with effect from 1 January 2010 (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Annual fee for the first three years:.....	SEK	1,200
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (SE) and National Chapter, Summary (SE), and of the table of "Restoration of the right of priority")

SG Singapore (location and mailing address; means of telecommunication; fees)

The location and mailing address of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	51 Bras Basah Road 04-01, Manulife Centre Singapore 189554
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The Office has informed the IB of changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication – only documents that do not require payment of any official fees may now be transmitted by fax.

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, has changed:

National (filing) fee.....	SGD	200
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (SG) and National Chapter, Summary (SG))

SI Slovenia (telephone and fax numbers; fees)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office have changed, as follows:

Telephone:	(386-1) 620 31 00
Fax:	(386-1) 620 31 11

The amount of the fee for the priority document payable to the Office as receiving Office has changed, as follows:

Fee for priority document.....	EUR	14.28
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (SI) and Annex C (SI))

US United States of America (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has, with effect from 10 January 2012, specified the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the USPTO, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO as receiving Office.

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

Search fee (Swedish Patent and Registration Office (*corrigendum*))

Please note that the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office was erroneously indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2011 (in the Fee Table dated 1 December 2011) as CHF 2,182. The correct amount, applicable from 1 November 2011 until 31 December 2011, was CHF 2,022.

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

Further to the information that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2011, the new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.053.229, dated 1 January 2012) may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

This version (“build 229”) includes the following changes:

- The implementation of fully electronic filing to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office as receiving Office (RO/NO) on 2 January 2012. It also takes into account the fact that, as of 2 February 2012, RO/NO will no longer accept PCT-EASY type filings.
- As of 1 December 2011, the Netherlands Patent Office (RO/NL) no longer accepts PCT-EASY type filings.
- The possibility to request the International Bureau to retrieve a priority document filed with the Danish Patent and Trademark Office (national and international applications) or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (national applications) via the Priority Document Access Service (DAS) (requests can be made for both Offices with effect from 1 November 2011).
- The Firebird database used by the software has been upgraded to a more recent version. It is now possible to use PCT-SAFE and eOLF on the same computer.
- All fee schedules have been updated.
- Other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements and other PCT updates have been made.

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

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

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

IP Offices' closing dates in 2012

The International Bureau (IB) has published the closing dates for a number of intellectual property Offices in 2012. The full collection, which includes all years back to 2008, may be consulted at:

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

This collection is continually being expanded and updated with information as it is received by the IB from the Offices concerned.

Materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE)

In order to assist candidates in the preparation of materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) for prospective European patent attorneys, the IB, with the agreement of the Examination Board for the EQE, has made available on the website four PDF files for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, the International Phase and the National Phase as of 31 December 2011, in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/eqe_collection_ip.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/eqe_collection_np.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/eqe_collection_ip.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/eqe_collection_np.pdf

For printing purposes, please be warned that these PDF files are large – the complete collection in either language requires nearly 900 sheets of paper when printed recto verso – and may be difficult to download over a slow Internet connection. To avoid printing difficulties select “Fit to Printable Area” in the “Page Scaling” options when printing.

PCT Forms

PCT Form PCT/IB/382 (“Request for Indication of Availability for Licensing Purposes”) is now available in Portuguese, in editable PDF format, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/forms/ib/editable/ed_ib382.pdf

Resources in Chinese

The list of PCT Contracting States is now available in Chinese at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/pct_contracting_states.html

and the PCT Resources page in Chinese has been updated to include the PCT map at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/>

Highlighting Updated Information in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*

Since July 2001 the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (the *Guide*) has been regularly updated (now weekly) with information received by the International Bureau. From January 2012, in order to emphasize the latest updates only, the updated information will be highlighted in blue and accompanied by a vertical line in the margin.

In the past, vertical lines in the margin indicated where information had been updated in the *Guide* since the last major update or edition of the *Guide*. Margin marks were accumulated with each update between editions making it difficult after a few updates to identify the latest information. Users of the *Guide* who wish to see when any information was last updated can check the date printed at the foot of that page. Each page in the *Guide* is dated in this way.

Note that this applies only to the English and French versions of the *Guide*, which are available at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/appguide/index.jsp>

The Japanese and Russian versions do not follow the same weekly updating schedule nor do they include the described highlighting, but each page is dated in the same way with the date printed at the foot of that page. They are available at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/appguide/index.jsp>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/appguide/index.jsp>

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 “IOPR – Intellectual Office Property Register”.

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:

Telephone: (41–22) 338 83 38

Fax: (41–22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

Note that a link to a notice published by the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) (Trade Marks and Designs) has been added to the list of other industrial property Offices which have made similar warnings – see the bottom of the above-mentioned PCT page concerning requests for Payment of Fees.

Changes regarding Australian Patent Register

IP Australia has notified WIPO that, with effect from 30 January 2012, a new Personal Properties Securities (PPS) scheme will commence, and the IP Australia's Patent Register will

no longer be a legal securities register. Information on the consequences of this change and the action to be taken by interested parties is available at:

<http://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/official-notices-listing/?doc=securities-register&view=Detail>

Practical Advice

The benefits of requesting supplementary international search

Q: I have seen that it is possible to request that a supplementary international search be carried out on an international application, in addition to the main international search. Before I decide whether or not to incur the additional expense that requesting this service would entail, please could you let me know what the benefits of requesting such a search are?

A: You will need to weigh the benefits of the additional information which you may obtain from one or more supplementary searches against the extra cost that would be incurred. Some of the potential advantages of supplementary search are outlined below.

Even though the main international search is of high quality and covers not only the PCT minimum documentation but also all the additional documentation which would be searched by the International Searching Authority (ISA) in its role as a national Office, a supplementary search should further reduce the risk of new prior art being cited in the national phase for it includes all documentation that the Authority specified for supplementary search (SISA) would search in its role as national or regional Office, enabling you to be better informed about the chances of obtaining a patent before you incur national phase expenses. (Note that the time limit for establishing the supplementary international search report is 28 months from the priority date, and so you should receive it before you have to make a decision about whether or not to enter the national phase in a particular country.)

A growing problem in finding relevant prior art is that the range of languages in which original technical disclosures are made is constantly increasing, and even though machine translation can be used to a certain extent to translate disclosures, this is not as reliable as having access to the results of a search carried out by an examiner who understands the original language. Therefore, given that no single Office is capable of searching the whole of the PCT minimum documentation in its original language (nor indeed the large volume of other patent and non-patent literature containing original disclosures), supplementary search permits the applicant to have a search carried out by an ISA which specializes in documents in a particular language or languages. For example, if the main international search has been carried out by the Japan Patent Office, but there are a large number of patent documents in Russian which cover the technology relevant to the international application, it may be useful to request that the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) (SISA/RU) carry out a supplementary search.

One advantage of the supplementary search system is that, unlike the requirements for the choice of ISA, the choice of SISA is not limited to a specific International Authority (or Authorities) which has been specified by the receiving Office – the applicant is free to request any of the International Authorities which carry out supplementary searches. The following Offices offer supplementary search in respect of international applications filed in, or translated into, the languages indicated:

Austrian Patent Office	English, French, German
European Patent Office	English, French, German
National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	English, Finnish, Swedish
Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)	English, Russian
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	Danish, English, Norwegian, Swedish
Nordic Patent Institute	Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish

You will need to think carefully about which SISA you wish to request to carry out the supplementary search. This decision may be based on the scope of the supplementary search as well as the cost of the search. It is up to the individual Authorities offering supplementary search to define the scope of the service which they are offering, and for the applicant to decide which (if any) of those services meets the needs of the particular application (for information on the scope of the supplementary search before each SISA, see the relevant Annex SISA in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>). Some SISAs may offer a search which is focused on documentation in languages in which they specialize, while others may offer a full search, covering their entire documentation as they would do if they were conducting a main international search. Note also that, although the supplementary search handling fee, payable for the benefit of the International Bureau (IB), is the same in the case of all SISAs (200 Swiss francs), each SISA sets its own supplementary search fee for the service, therefore some may be more expensive than others (see the PCT fee tables in this issue for details about the fees payable in respect of the different SISAs). You may also incur translation costs where the international application is not available in a language in which that Authority will carry out supplementary search.

The amount you are willing to spend on obtaining a comprehensive search before entry into the national phase may also depend on the commercial viability of a particular application, and the number of countries in which you would like your invention to be protected. The more countries in which you wish to have protection, the more you may be willing to spend on obtaining complete search results before incurring the relatively high costs of entering the national phase in each country. Furthermore, whether or not you decide to request supplementary search may depend on whether you already have results from other searches which may already have been made by national or regional patent Offices, independent search services or your own search efforts.

Note that once the international application has been published, and the supplementary international search report has been received, it is made available for public inspection by the IB on PATENTSCOPE (<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/search/en/structuredSearch.jsf>).

It is not expected that supplementary search be requested routinely, but strategically after consideration of the results of the main international search, the commercial importance of the particular application and the amount of prior art in the particular technical field which is known to be published in a language in which the main ISA is not skilled, or which does not fall within the scope of the ISA concerned. It is a way of providing extra information where the additional expense in the international phase is worthwhile.

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 1 January 2012)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
20 January 2012 Rome (IT)	English	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu
26 January 2012 San Diego, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: 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: www.pctlearningcenter.org
31 January–1 February 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT course	IP for IP GmbH
<i>[moved to "PCT Events Without WIPO Speakers", below, and location changed to Dusseldorf (DE)]</i>			
1 February 2012 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
1–2 February 2012 Espoo (FI)	English/ Finnish	Seminar for patent administrators on the PCT and e-filing WIPO speaker: Ms. Metcalfe	Aalto University Professional Development (Mrs. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358-50) 352 46 69 Fax: (358-9) 47 02 40 60 E-mail: arja.andsten@aalto.fi Internet: www.aalto.fi
8–9 February 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
6 March 2012 London (GB)	English	"WIPO Patents Symposium" (previously entitled: "WIPO British Day for Patents") – An opportunity for UK patent attorneys and other PCT users to discuss practice and policy concerning the PCT and related areas with a WIPO representative WIPO speaker: Mr. Richardson	United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) Advance registration is required. Requests for registration, which must be received by 20 January 2012, should be sent to Mr. Lee Deakin at: E-mail: Lee.Deakin@ipo.gov.uk Tel: (44-1633) 81 38 07
3–4 April 2012 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
16–17 April 2012 Austin, TX (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
(situation on 1 January 2012)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
18 April 2012 Houston, TX (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: www.pctlearningcenter.org
26–27 April 2012 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim 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
3–4 May 2012 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
22 May 2012 [date(s) to be confirmed] Bucharest (RO)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the epi-CEIPI Basic Training WIPO speakers: to be confirmed	Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (epi) and Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Teodorescu) E-mail: mteodorescu@rominvent.ro
22 June 2012 Paris (FR) <i>[previously indicated as 31 May 2012]</i>	French	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
12 October 2012 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 11 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
4–5 December 2012 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
6 December 2012 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Lille, above)
6–7 December 2012 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
30 January 2012 9.30 am to 10.30 am, New York time (3.30 pm to 4.30 pm, central European time)	English	“PCT-SAFE for USPTO filings” for PCT applicants with little or no PCT-SAFE experience who file electronically with the USPTO using EFS-Web WIPO speaker: Ms. Lombardi	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/830602818

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
31 January–1 February 2012 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	Basic PCT course Speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs (PCT Consultant)	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

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

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
					Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)							
AT	EUR	50	EUR 1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,507	17	113	227	340	AU KR
AZ	AZN	10	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BR	BRL ⁹	200	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,518	17	114	228	342	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 1,453	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 109	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP	812,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU

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

(amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	8,150	90	610	1,220	1,840	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR	115.04	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	115	EUR	1,094	12	–	165	247	EP
ES	EUR	72.06	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,094	12	–	165	247	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	939	11	–	141	212	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹³	100	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 16
	or EUR ¹⁵	82	or EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	
	or USD ¹⁵	109	or USD	1,453	16	109	219	328	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	561	USD	1,453	16	109	219	328	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	15,000	ISK	171,800	1,900	12,900	25,800	38,700	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	111,400	1,300	8,400	–	25,100	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available								
KN	Information not yet available								
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,716,000	19,000	129,000	–	387,000	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT	8,243 ¹⁸	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰	–	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
LV	LVL	48.80	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	600 ¹⁹	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 ²⁰	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	238,300	2,700	17,900	–	–	EP
MX	MXN eq USD	323.70 ²¹	MXN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing)		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,094	12	–	165	247	EP
NO	NOK	750	NOK	8,520	100	640	1,280	1,920	EP SE XN
			(from 2.2.12: 8,520)		(100)	(–)	(1,280)	(1,920)	
NZ	NZD	180 ²³	NZD	1,907	22	143	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	eq USD 109	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,453	16	109	219	328	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	20.28	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
QA	Information not yet available								
RO	ROL	360	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD	6,100 ²⁴	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	600	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	9,970	110	750	1,500	2,250	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,905	21	143	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁵	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	240 ²⁷	USD	1,453	16	109	219	–	AU EP KR US (from 10.1.12: RU)
UZ	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	11,910	130	900	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	eq USD 109	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

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Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,169	KRW	2,799,000	SGD	3,110	USD	2,370	ZAR	19,430
AU	AUD	1,900	CHF	1,677	EUR	1,380	KRW	2,165,000	NZD	2,404	SGD	2,400
	USD	1,833	ZAR	15,020								
BR ²⁹	BRL	1,900	CHF	922	EUR	759	USD	1,007				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,402	EUR	1,154	USD	1,532				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	301	EUR	248	USD	329				
EP ³⁰	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,169	DKK	13,280	GBP	1,532	ISK	280,000	JPY	181,700
	MWK	389,000	NOK	13,890	NZD	3,109	SEK	16,250	SGD	3,110	USD	2,370
	ZAR	19,430										
ES ³⁰	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,169	USD	2,370						
FI	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,169	USD	2,370						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	1,158	EUR	953	KRW	1,494,000	USD	1,265		
KR	For searches carried out in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,141	CHF	1,007	EUR	829	NZD	1,444	SGD	1,440
	USD	1,101										
KR	For searches carried out in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	395	CHF	349	EUR	287	NZD	500	SGD	500
	USD	381										
RU	RUB	13,500	CHF	380	EUR	313	USD	415				
SE	SEK	16,250	CHF	2,169	DKK	13,280	EUR	1,785	ISK	280,000	NOK	13,890
	USD	2,370										
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,904	EUR	1,566	NZD	2,730	ZAR	17,050		
XN	DKK	13,310	CHF	2,169	EUR	1,785	ISK	280,000	NOK	13,890	USD	2,370

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,033	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,446	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,066	
EP	CHF 2,169	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,169	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³¹ 9,450 (13,500) ³²	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,169	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,169	CHF 200

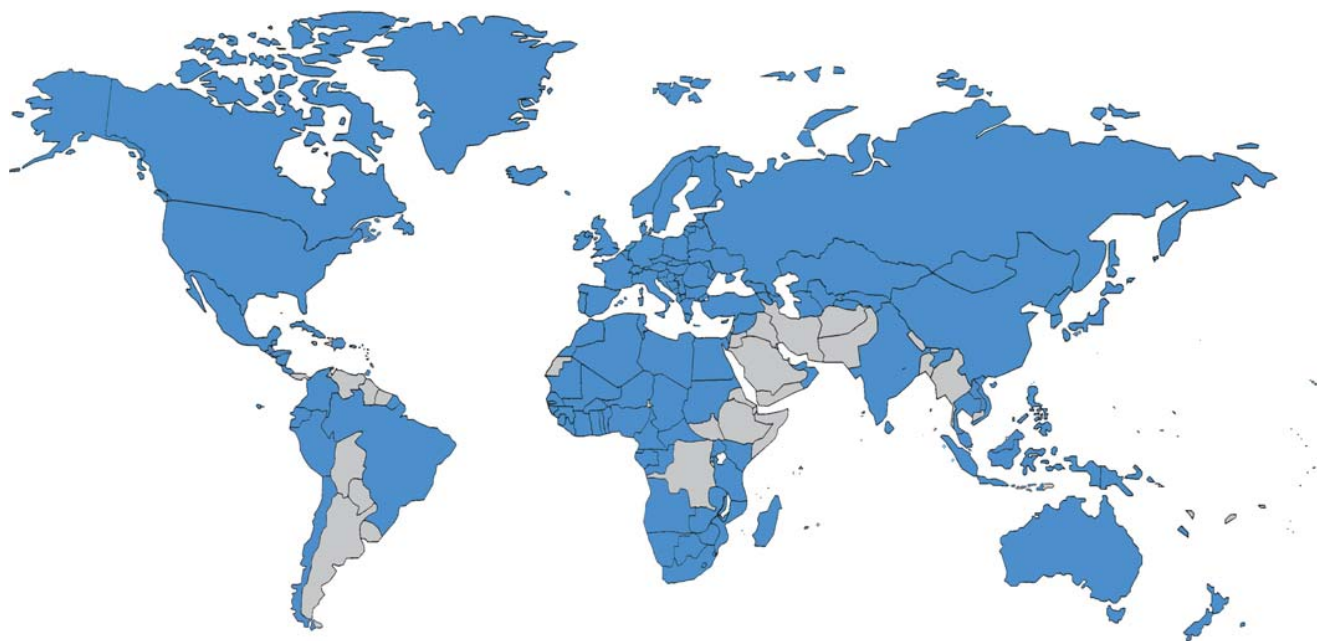
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³³		Handling fee ^{2, 33} (CHF 200)
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,675	EUR 165
AU	AUD	550 780 ³⁴	AUD 227
BR ²⁹	BRL	710	BRL 412
CA	CAD	800	CAD 228
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EP ³⁰	EUR	1,760	EUR 165
ES	EUR	566.49	EUR 165
FI	EUR	600	EUR 165
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY 16,800
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW 258,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁵ 8,100 ³⁶	USD 219
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,500
US	USD	600 750 ³⁷	USD 219
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK 1,220

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.
- 19 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).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 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.
- 23 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 24 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 non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 27 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.
- 28 The fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 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 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 32 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 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 34 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 35 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 36 In all cases where footnote 35 does not apply.
- 37 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (144 on 1 January 2012)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ³	IT Italy (EP) ³	MR Mauritania (OA) ³	SM San Marino (EP) ⁸
AL Albania (EP) ^{1,2}	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) ³	SN Senegal (OA) ³
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ³
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ³
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ²	EC Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ³	TG Togo (OA) ³
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BE Belgium (EP) ³	EG Egypt	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ³	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ³	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway (EP)	TN Tunisia
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ³	LK Sri Lanka	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BJ Benin (OA) ³	GA Gabon (OA) ³	LR Liberia (AP) ⁴	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LT Lithuania (EP)	PH Philippines	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ³	PT Portugal (EP)	US United States of America
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LY Libya	QA Qatar	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) ³	GN Guinea (OA) ³	MA Morocco	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CG Congo (OA) ³	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ³	MC Monaco (EP) ³	RS Serbia (EP) ^{2,6}	VN Viet Nam
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova (EA) ⁵	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ³	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ³	ME Montenegro ²	RW Rwanda (AP) ⁷	ZM Zambia (AP)
CL Chile	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ³	HR Croatia (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SD Sudan (AP)	
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ³	SE Sweden (EP)	
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) ³		SI Slovenia (EP) ³	
	IL Israel		SK Slovakia (EP)	
	IN India			

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

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

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

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

5 Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

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

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

8 Only international applications filed on or after 1 July 2009 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

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

Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

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 January 2010 and July 2011, respectively) 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.

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

JP Japan (PCT Rule 49.6)

The Japan Patent Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it will withdraw, with effect from 1 April 2012, its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 49.6(f) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2003, page 5). This means that PCT Rule 49.6(a) to (e) (reinstatement of rights after failure to perform the acts referred to in PCT Article 22), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, applies to that Office with effect from 1 April 2012, in respect of any international application for which the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 expires on or after that date and in respect of which the acts referred to in PCT Article 22(1) have not yet been performed by the applicant.

The table of “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html) has been updated accordingly.

Lithuania: Closing of the National Route via the PCT

Lithuania, which became bound by the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 1 December 2004, has informed WIPO that it will close the national route via the PCT on 4 September 2014. Therefore, as from that date, applicants desiring protection in Lithuania will no longer be able to enter the national phase in that country; they will only be able to enter the regional phase before the European Patent Office.

It is recalled that an international application currently includes the designation of the following States, which are party to the EPC and which have also closed the national route, for a European Patent only: Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands and Slovenia.

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 18 May 2012 (publication date)

Due to the fact that Thursday, 17 May 2012, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications and any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* which would normally have been published on that day will be published on Friday, 18 May 2012. The completion of technical preparations for that publication will therefore take place 16 days before publication (which is more than the usual 15 days before publication), on Wednesday, 2 May 2012 (meaning that any changes

which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau (IB) by midnight on Tuesday, 1 May 2012).

Publication of 31 May 2012 (technical preparations for publication)

Due to the fact that Thursday, 17 May 2012, will, as mentioned above, be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on Thursday, 31 May 2012, will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 15 May 2012 (instead of on Wednesday, 16 May 2012, the day on which technical preparations would normally have been completed). This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the IB by midnight on Monday, 14 May 2012.

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 April 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in AUD of the PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

DK Denmark (fees)

There has been a change in the fee for a priority document, payable to the Danish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, with effect from 1 February 2012 – the Office no longer requires an additional fee per page.

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

As from 1 April 2012, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	125
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	EUR	610

As from the same date, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the EPO as designated (or elected) Office:

Filing fee:

– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online:	EUR	115
– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online:	EUR	200

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35: for the 36 th and each subsequent page	EUR	14
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated:.....	EUR	555
Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro or Serbia):	[No change]	
Claims fee:		
– for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:.....	EUR	225
– for the 51st and each subsequent claim:	EUR	555
Search fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	840
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	1,165
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee:	[No change]	
– other cases:	EUR	240
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	220
Examination fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,730
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	1,730
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,555
Renewal fee for the third year:.....	EUR	445

As from 1 April 2012, there will also be a change in the amount of the reduction in the search fee payable in the following situation (other reductions not indicated will not change):

The search fee is reduced by EUR 990¹ for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on centralization by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

¹ This amount is applicable to international applications filed up to and including 30 June 2013, where the fee for the supplementary European search is paid on or after 1 April 2012 (see *OJ EPO* 12/2011, pages 616 *et seq.*)

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

ES Spain (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The name of the *Banco Nacional de Algas* (BNA), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed to *Banco Español de Algas* (BEA).

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

HU Hungary (fees)

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable with effect from 1 January 2012 to the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, has changed to HUF 11,800.

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

KZ Kazakhstan (types of protection)

The National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan) has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available under the PCT in Kazakhstan – patents, innovative patents and utility models are now available.

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

LT Lithuania (evidence of mailing a document; provisional protection after international publication; language of filing; fees; requirements concerning agent; special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The following changes took effect on 3 February 2012.

There has been a change in the requirements as to whether the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania would accept evidence of mailing of a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used; it continues to accept such evidence, but has removed the requirement that the delivery service should be DHL or Federal Express.

The Office has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication. The text regarding provisional protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent should now refer to Article 66 of the Patent Law of the Republic of Lithuania, and the text regarding provisional protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent should now refer to Article 78 of that Law.

The State Patent Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office has notified a change in its requirements concerning the language of filing of international applications – it will now accept international applications filed in Lithuanian, in addition to English or Russian. It has also notified the IB that it now charges a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	LTL	400
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There has been a change in the requirement of the Office as to whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office, as follows:

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?

- No, if the applicant resides in the EEA (European Economic Area)
- Yes, if he is a non-resident of the EEA

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the State Patent Bureau as designated (or elected) Office, has changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Claims fee for each claim in excess of 15:..... LTL 50

There has also been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Office as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office:

- Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the EEA
- Correspondence address in Lithuania if the applicant is not resident in Lithuania

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

MD Republic of Moldova (means of telecommunication)

The State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) has informed the International Bureau (IB) of changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication – the only means of telecommunication by which documents may now be filed is by fax. Note that the original of the document must be furnished within one month from the date of the transmission only if the transmitted document is the international application, or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (MD))

SI Slovenia (fees)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2012, the amount of the fee for the priority document payable to the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office has changed with effect from 1 January 2012, as follows:

Fee for priority document..... EUR 15.40

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (SI))

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Nordic Patent Institute, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

All of the following fees are applicable with effect from 1 April 2012.

There will be changes in the amounts and/or in the equivalent amounts, as the case may be, payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	CHF
European Patent Office	EUR
Japan Patent Office	JPY, CHF, EUR, KRW, USD
National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	EUR
Nordic Patent Institute	EUR
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.....	EUR
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	EUR

The above-mentioned changes are indicated in Fee Table I(b). Note that the equivalent amounts in other currencies of the fee payable for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office have not yet been established and will be published in the March issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

There will also be a change in the amount of the additional search fee payable to the Japan Patent Office. The new amount will be JPY 60,000.

Furthermore, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees payable to the European Patent Office:

Protest fee:	EUR	830
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	220

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (AU, EP, ES, FI, JP, SE, XN))

Fees relating to the supplementary search (European Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2012, there will be a change in the following fees payable to the European Patent Office:

Review fee:.....	EUR	830
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	220

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

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to the international preliminary examination (European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2012, there will be changes in the amounts payable in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by the European Patent Office and in JPY for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table II. As from that date, there will also be a change in the additional preliminary examination fee payable to those Offices, as follows:

European Patent Office:	EUR	1,850
Japan Patent Office:	JPY	15,000

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

Handling fee (Australian Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), as indicated in Fee Table II.

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

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

Time limits for entering the national phase

The table of time limits for entering the national phase has been revised to include the full name of each State in English, French and Russian, and is available at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/time_limits.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/time_limits.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/time_limits.html

The Chinese version is currently under preparation and will be available shortly.

The table indicates, for each designated/elected Office, the time limits for entering the national (or regional) phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT.

PCT Forms

PCT Form PCT/IB/382 ("Request for Indication of Availability for Licensing Purposes") is now available in Spanish and German, in editable PDF format, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/ib/editable/ed_ib382.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/ib/editable/ed_ib382.pdf

ISA and IPEA Agreements

An updated version of the Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as in force from 1 January 2012, relating to the functioning

of this Authority as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, has been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf

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

PCT in the News

The latest issue of the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 6, December 2011) includes an article entitled “The Future of Publishing – A Veteran's Perspective.” The article describes an invention known as the “Espresso Book Machine”, licensed by On Demand Books from the inventor, Jeffrey Marsh, which is the subject of a PCT application. It can print, bind and trim a library-quality paperback within minutes at a point of sale and is licensed to retailers, libraries and universities around the world.

In an article entitled, “YikeBike Spells Urban Freedom”, the October 2011 issue of the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 5) traces the development of the world’s most compact electric bike, the mini-farthing which is the subject of a PCT application. Craig Ryan, inventor of the mini-farthing and co-founder of YikeBike which markets it, shares his experiences as an inventor and as a user of the PCT.

These and other extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* are available at:

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

The complete editions of issues Nos. 5 and 6 are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/2011/

PCT meetings

Meeting of International Authorities

The 19th session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT will be held from 8 to 10 February 2012 in Canberra, Australia. The working documents for this meeting have been published on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=24745

Tokyo International Meeting

The meeting documents archive has been expanded to include documents issued for the PCT Union - Tokyo International Meeting which was held in Tokyo, Japan, from 25 to 29 May 1981. They can be found on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=700

PCT Regulations

The History of the PCT Regulations, a resource which charts chronologically, for each PCT Rule, any changes that have been made to that Rule, has been updated to include the July 2011 changes, and is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regulations_history.pdf

PATENTSCOPE Search Service

Three new languages available in CLIR

Dutch, Italian and Swedish are now available in beta mode in CLIR (Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval), the multilingual tool of the PATENTSCOPE search system. This brings to 12 the number of languages available in CLIR. It is recalled that CLIR finds synonyms for a search query and translates both the search query and the retrieved synonyms into 11 languages, thereby expanding the scope of the search.

CLIR is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/search/clir/clir.jsp>

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitations

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, two new invitations have been identified originating from “RIPT – Registration of International Patent”.

To view examples of the invitations, 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:

Telephone: (41–22) 338 83 38

Fax: (41–22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

Practical Advice

Options for recording a change of applicant around the time of national phase entry

(Prepared in collaboration with Mr. David Reed, former Senior Patent Advisor, The Procter & Gamble Company, and current PCT Consultant)

Q: I am an agent for an international application which I am preparing for entry into the national phase. My client (a corporate applicant) has just sold the invention and application to another

legal entity, and the new owner, which would like me to continue in my functions as agent for the application, would like to ensure that the application is processed and granted in its name. I only have two weeks before the 30-month deadline for national phase entry. What is the best way to proceed? Should I enter the national phase in the name of the new applicant, or enter it in the name of the company which is currently named as applicant (the “original applicant”) and change the name before the national offices after entry into the national phase?”

A: Either of these approaches will achieve the desired result. It may save you considerable work and/or expense, however, especially if you intend to enter the national phase in a large number of countries, if you make use of PCT Rule 92*bis* and record the change before the completion of the international phase. The change would then have effect in all designated Offices (DOs) or elected Offices (EOs) and you would be able to enter the national phase in the name of the new applicant.

PCT Rule 92*bis* allows you to record a number of changes in the bibliographic information of an international application, including a change in the person, name, residence, nationality or address of the applicant, as well as a change in the person, name or address of the agent, the common representative or the inventor. If the change of applicant is requested by the original applicant, or by the agent representing that applicant, no additional documentation is required by the International Bureau (IB). Any recorded change will be communicated to the applicant and each DO/EO on Form PCT/IB/306 (“Notification of the recording of a change”). As far as the publication of this information in PATENTSCOPE is concerned, while, in this situation, there will be no republication of the front page of the international application under the “document tab”, the bibliographic data under the “PCT bibliographic data” tab will be amended to reflect the change.

Although you can also submit the request to record a change under PCT Rule 92*bis* to your receiving Office, this may delay the arrival of the request at the IB. It is therefore strongly recommended that you file the request directly with the IB. Even by filing the request directly with the IB, you would have to act quickly in your case, however, as a request to record a change under PCT Rule 92*bis* must be received by the IB before midnight, Geneva time, on the day of the expiration of 30 months from the priority date. Nevertheless, as long as the request reaches the IB in time, it will be recorded, even if certain evidence that might be required by the IB in a particular case is only furnished after the 30 month time limit.

The IB will not record the change if it is received after the 30-month deadline and, as a result, the application would enter the national phase in the name of the original applicant, and you would then have to proceed with requesting the change before each DO/EO where you wish to enter the national phase. Note that, although the request for recording a change under PCT Rule 92*bis* can be sent to the IB by mail or courier, the quickest ways are by fax or, preferably, by using the PCT Online Document Upload service at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/service_center/

or ePCT (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2012 for further information) at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

Even if you do request the recording of a change immediately, your international application must enter the national phase in the countries of commercial interest within two weeks (30 months); in peak periods, two weeks may not be sufficient time for the IB to record the change and issue the Form PCT/IB/306 before you enter the national phase (although, in the case of many DOs/EOs, you will have at least an extra month where a later time limit for entry

into the national phase applies under PCT Article 22(3) or 39(1)(b) in respect of the those Offices). It may help, if you are working to a tight deadline, if you contact the processing team at WIPO which is responsible for your international application, and ask them if, given the approaching deadline and your desire for the information to reach the DOs/EOs as soon as possible, it would be possible to give priority to your request for recording the change of applicant. The contact details for the relevant authorized officer are indicated at the bottom of Form PCT/IB/301. Also, as far as getting feedback on whether the change has been recorded by the IB is concerned, if you request to receive notifications by e-mail or by advance e-mail from the IB, you will receive your copy of Form PCT/IB/306 quicker than if you just receive a paper notification.

Although most DOs/EOs will accept the change recorded under PCT Rule 92*bis* without requiring further evidence, some may request a copy of the assignment (or other document) attesting to the transfer of the application to the new owner from the applicant listed in the published international application. Any specific requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* ("Certain national requirements allowed under Article 27") are indicated in the respective National Chapters (Summary) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>

Please ensure that any document that may be required by a particular DO/EO is sent directly to that DO/EO, and not to the IB.

If you cannot submit the request for the recording of a change to the IB before the 30-month deadline, then in order to effect the desired change, you will have to proceed, under a variety of national laws, before each DO/EO where you wish to enter the national phase. The procedures involved should be detailed under the country's national law. They may be somewhat laborious and may require country-specific, dual language assignments, transfer taxes, or other country-specific formalities, as well as agent's fees, to effect the change.

In view of the last-minute nature of the change, whichever of the two procedures is followed, you would be advised to work with the local agents to ensure that the proper procedure has been followed.

It is important to note that, for the purpose of entering the national phase in the United States of America (US), the applicant(s) must be the inventor(s), thus, presuming that your international application included one or more applicant/inventors for the purposes of the US designation, the applicant/inventors must remain as applicants for US.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 6 February 2012)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
8–9 February 2012 Munich (DE) (CANCELLED)	German	Advanced PCT course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
6 March 2012 London (GB)	English	“WIPO Patents Symposium” (previously entitled: “WIPO British Day for Patents”) – An opportunity for UK patent attorneys and other PCT users to discuss practice and policy concerning the PCT and related areas with a WIPO representative WIPO speaker: Mr. Richardson	United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) Advance registration is required. Requests for registration, which must be received by 20 January 2012, should be sent to Mr. Lee Deakin at: E-mail: Lee.Deakin@ipo.gov.uk Tel: (44-1633) 81 38 07
3–4 April 2012 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
16–17 April 2012 Austin, TX (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
18 April 2012 Houston, TX (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: www.pctlearningcenter.org
26–27 April 2012 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim 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
3–4 May 2012 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
15–16 May 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Basic 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

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
22–23 May 2012 Bucharest (RO)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the epi-CEIPI Basic Training WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Coeckelbergs	Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (epi) and Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Teodorescu) E-mail: mteodorescu@rominvent.ro
14–15 June 2012 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT course WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Silke Weiss	Trona Patentrådgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjörnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@trona.se
21 June 2012 Paris (FR)	French	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
12 October 2012 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 11 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
25–26 October 2012 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
7–8 November 2012 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update 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
4–5 December 2012 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
6 December 2012 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Lille, above)
6–7 December 2012 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

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

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 February 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available									CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)									
AT	EUR	50	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,507 (from 1.4.12: 1,375)	17 (16)	113 (103)	227 (207)	340 (310)	–	AU KR
AZ	AZN	10	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	–	AT EP US
BR	BRL ⁹	200	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,518	17	114	228	342	–	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹	1,453	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 109	–	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	–	CN
CO	COP	812,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU

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

(amounts on 1 February 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	8,150	90	610	1,220	1,840	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR	115.04	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	115 (from 1.4.12: 125)	EUR	1,094	12	–	165	247	EP
ES	EUR	72.06	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,094	12	–	165	247	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	939	11	–	141	212	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹³	100	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ or EUR ¹⁵ or USD ¹⁵	100 82 109	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,094 1,453	15 12 16	100 82 109	200 165 219	300 247 328	See footnote 16
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	561	USD	1,453	16	109	219	328	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	15,000	ISK	171,800	1,900	12,900	25,800	38,700	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	111,400	1,300	8,400	–	25,100	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available								
KN	Information not yet available								
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,716,000	19,000	129,000	–	387,000	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT	8,243 ¹⁸	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰	–	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 February 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
LV	LVL 48.80	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²⁰	EUR 1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 238,300	2,700	17,900	–	–	EP
MX	MXN eq USD 323.70 ²¹	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing) ²²	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,094	12	–	165	247	EP
NO	NOK 750	NOK 8,520 (from 2.2.12: 8,520)	100 (100)	640 (–)	1,280 (1,280)	1,920 (1,920)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²³	NZD 1,907	22	143	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	eq USD 109	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,453	16	109	219	328	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 20.28	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	ROL 360	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD 6,100 ²⁴	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 600	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,970	110	750	1,500	2,250	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,905	21	143	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁵	EUR 1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹⁰ –	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 240 ²⁷	USD 1,453	16	109	219	–	AU EP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 11,910	130	900	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	eq USD 109	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

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Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 February 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,169	KRW	2,799,000	SGD	3,110	USD	2,370	ZAR	19,430
AU	AUD	1,900	CHF*	1,677	EUR	1,380	KRW	2,165,000	NZD	2,404	SGD	2,400
	USD	1,833	ZAR	15,020								
	* (from 1.4.12:		CHF	1,838)								
BR ²⁹	BRL	1,900	CHF	922	EUR	759	USD	1,007				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,402	EUR	1,154	USD	1,532				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	301	EUR	248	USD	329				
EP ³⁰	EUR*	1,785	CHF	2,169	DKK	13,280	GBP	1,532	ISK	280,000	JPY	181,700
	MWK	389,000	NOK	13,890	NZD	3,109	SEK	16,250	SGD	3,110	USD	2,370
	ZAR	19,430										
	* (from 1.4.12:		EUR	1,875)	(equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been established)							
ES ³⁰	EUR*	1,785	CHF	2,169	USD	2,370						
	* (from 1.4.12:		EUR	1,875)	(equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been established)							
FI	EUR*	1,785	CHF	2,169	USD	2,370						
	* (from 1.4.12:		EUR	1,875)	(equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been established)							
JP	JPY*	97,000	CHF*	1,158	EUR*	953	KRW*	1,494,000	USD*	1,265		
	* (from 1.4.12:		JPY	70,000	CHF	836	EUR	688	KRW	1,078,000	USD	913)
KR	For searches carried out in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,141	CHF	1,007	EUR	829	NZD	1,444	SGD	1,440
	USD	1,101										
	For searches carried out in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	395	CHF	349	EUR	287	NZD	500	SGD	500
	USD	381										
RU	RUB	13,500	CHF	380	EUR	313	USD	415				
SE	SEK	16,250	CHF	2,169	DKK	13,280	EUR*	1,785	ISK	280,000	NOK	13,890
	USD	2,370										
	* (from 1.4.12:		EUR	1,875)	(equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been established)							
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,904	EUR	1,566	NZD	2,730	ZAR	17,050		
XN	DKK	13,310	CHF	2,169	EUR*	1,785	ISK	280,000	NOK	13,890	USD	2,370
	* (from 1.4.12:		EUR	1,875)	(equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been established)							

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 February 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,033 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,446 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,066	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,169	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,169	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³¹ 9,450 (13,500) ³²	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,169	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,169	CHF 200

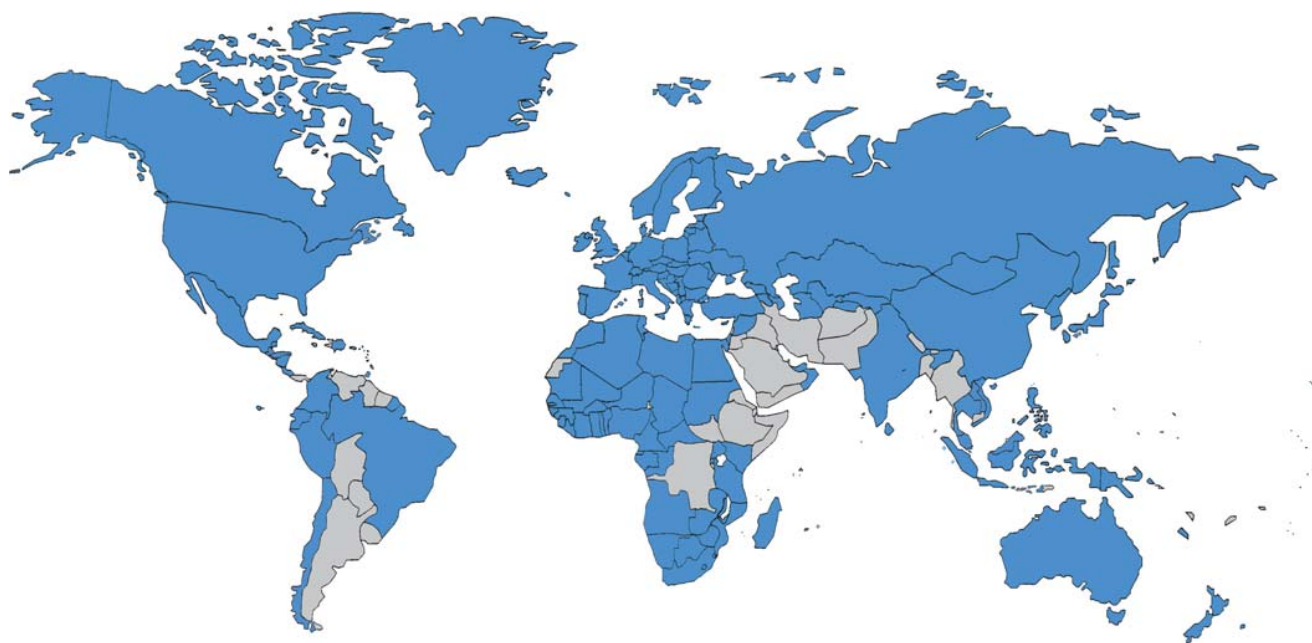
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 February 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³³		Handling fee ^{2, 33} (CHF 200)	
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,675	EUR	165
AU	AUD	550	780 ³⁴	AUD 227 (from 1.4.12: 207)
BR ²⁹	BRL	710	BRL	412
CA	CAD	800	CAD	228
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ³⁰	EUR	1,760	(from 1.4.12: 1,850)	EUR 165
ES	EUR	566.49	EUR	165
FI	EUR	600	EUR	165
JP	JPY	36,000	(from 1.4.12: 26,000)	JPY 16,800
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	258,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁵	8,100 ³⁶	USD 219
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,500
US	USD	600	750 ³⁷	USD 219
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,220

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.
- 19 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).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 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.
- 23 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 24 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 non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 27 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.
- 28 The fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 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 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 32 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 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 34 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 35 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 36 In all cases where footnote 35 does not apply.
- 37 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (144 on 1 February 2012)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ³	IT Italy (EP) ³	MR Mauritania (OA) ³	SM San Marino (EP) ⁸
AL Albania (EP) ^{1,2}	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) ³	SN Senegal (OA) ³
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ³
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ³
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ²	EC Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ³	TG Togo (OA) ³
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BE Belgium (EP) ³	EG Egypt	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ³	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ³	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway (EP)	TN Tunisia
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ³	LK Sri Lanka	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BJ Benin (OA) ³	GA Gabon (OA) ³	LR Liberia (AP) ⁴	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LT Lithuania (EP)	PH Philippines	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ³	PT Portugal (EP)	US United States of America
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LY Libya	QA Qatar	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) ³	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ³	MA Morocco	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CG Congo (OA) ³	GR Greece (EP) ³	MC Monaco (EP) ³	RS Serbia (EP) ^{2,6}	VN Viet Nam
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova (EA) ⁵	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ³	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ³	ME Montenegro ²	RW Rwanda (AP) ⁷	ZM Zambia (AP)
CL Chile	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ³	HR Croatia (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SD Sudan (AP)	
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ³	SE Sweden (EP)	
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) ³		SI Slovenia (EP) ³	
	IL Israel		SK Slovakia (EP)	
	IN India			

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

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

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

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

5 Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

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

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

8 Only international applications filed on or after 1 July 2009 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

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

Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

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 January 2010 and July 2011, respectively) 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.

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PCT Filings in 2011

In a period characterized by difficult economic conditions, a new record in the number of PCT filings was set in 2011, with approximately 181,900 applications filed. This represents growth of 10.7% over 2010, and the largest increase since 2005. It is important to note that ***this and the following figures for 2011 are provisional***, due to the fact that a number of PCT applications that were filed with national and regional Offices in 2011 have not yet been received at the International Bureau, and final figures will only be available later in the year.

The top five countries of filing in 2011 were: the United States of America, with 48,596 international applications filed (representing 26.7% of all applications), followed by Japan with 38,888 (21.4%), Germany with 18,568 (10.2%), China with 16,406 (9.0%) and the Republic of Korea with 10,447 (5.7%). Applicants from the member States of the European Patent Convention, when grouped together, filed 30.2% of all international applications, a slightly lower share than in 2010 (32.4%).

In terms of growth among the top filing countries, China experienced the largest growth with an increase of 33.4%, followed by Japan (+21%), Canada (+8.3%), the Republic of Korea (+8%) and the United States of America (+8%). Also, some large middle-income economies experienced double-digit growth: the Russian Federation (+20.8%), Brazil (+17.2%) and India (+11.2%). A table showing the top 15 countries of origin in ranking order, which includes information on share of filings and percentage growth rates, has been published in Annex 1 of WIPO Press Release PR/2012/703, which is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2012/article_0001.html

and another table, Annex 5 of the press release, shows the number of PCT applications filed by country of origin (that is, by country of residence of the first applicant), for all countries.

It is recalled that 2011 also saw the milestone filing of the two millionth PCT application, by US-based mobile technology company, Qualcomm. The applicant with the most PCT applications published in 2011, moving up from second place in 2010, was the Chinese company, ZTE Corporation, with 2,826 applications. ZTE Corporation is a global provider of telecommunications equipment and network solutions. In second place was the Japanese company, Panasonic Corporation (2,463) (first place in 2010) and in third place was the Chinese company, Huawei Technologies (1,831) (fourth place in 2010). The top ten filers, which, apart from Toyota, were also in the top ten in 2010, are listed below, together with the number of international applications that were published in their names:

1.	ZTE Corporation (CN)	2,826
2.	Panasonic Corporation (JP)	2,463
3.	Huawei Technologies (CN)	1,831
4.	Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha (JP)	1,755
5.	Robert Bosch Corporation (DE)	1,518
6.	Qualcomm Incorporated (US)	1,494
7.	Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha (JP)	1,417
8.	LG Electronics Inc. (KR)	1,336
9.	Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. (NL)	1,148
10.	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (SE)	1,116

A list of the top 100 PCT applicants (with the most applications published in 2011) has been published in Annex 2 of the above-mentioned press release.

Information on filings by educational institutions is also available in the press release (Annex 3). The largest filer in this category is the University of California, with 277 international applications published in 2011. This, and other US universities account for 30 of the top 50 educational institutions, followed by institutions in Japan and the Republic of Korea.

As far as fields of technology are concerned, digital communications remained the field of technology accounting for the largest share of total PCT applications in 2011 with 11,574 (or 7.1% of the total) published international applications in that field, followed closely by electrical machinery, apparatus, energy (6.9%), medical technology (6.6%) and computer technology (6.4%). Unlike 2010, most fields of technology experienced growth in the filing of PCT applications in 2011. Electrical machinery, apparatus, energy saw the fastest growth with a 23.2% growth rate, but 11 other fields also experienced double-digit growth, and only four fields saw a decline in filings. For further details, see Annex 4 of the press release.

For further information, please refer to the above-mentioned press release. Please note that the publication of the final figures for 2011 will be announced in the *PCT Newsletter* later in the year.

Meeting of International Authorities

The 19th session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Canberra, Australia, from 8 to 10 February 2012. The report and working documents, including the PowerPoint presentations mentioned below, can be found on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=24745

The Meeting:

- agreed to begin gathering certain metrics concerning the documents cited by different International Searching Authorities (ISAs), as well as investigating possibilities to more directly measure the use of the international search in the national phase;

- agreed to continue work studying standard clauses used by different International Authorities in written opinions, with a view to producing a common model set of clauses which could be used directly by International Authorities which wished to do so and help to assist discussion of best practices in ensuring that observations on matters such as novelty, inventive step and clarity could be easily understood by applicants or by examiners in Offices other than the one which acted as ISA;
- agreed to strengthen the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines on providing comments in relation to clarity and support, as well as considering a number of other proposals aimed at improving the quality and utility of international search reports and written opinions (PCT/MIA/19/2);
- noted reports on developments in the Patent Prosecution Highway (see PowerPoint presentation); the second stage of a pilot project to assess the viability of collaboration between Offices on search and examination (PCT/MIA/19/4); and the new European Patent Office Handbook of Quality Procedures Before the EPO (see PowerPoint presentation);
- noted that the PCT third party observation system was intended to commence operation in July 2012 (PCT/MIA/19/3);
- agreed that International Authorities willing to provide their search strategies should submit them to the International Bureau (IB) for publication on PATENTSCOPE in whatever form they might be available, and that the IB should also publish any information provided by such Authorities on the contents of their search strategy documents and how best to understand and use them (PCT/MIA/19/5);
- noted and discussed a preliminary oral report on a consultation concerning the use of the supplementary international search system, focusing largely on the low uptake by applicants (the results will be presented in more detail to the PCT Working Group in May–June 2012);
- agreed to study the technical requirements which would underlie a future proposal to amend PCT Rule 34, which would aim at making sure that patent documentation becomes available from a wider range of Contracting States and is used effectively in international search (PCT/MIA/19/7 and 7 Add.);
- recommended that further analysis should be made on how effectively it would be possible to convert sequence listings between existing WIPO Standard ST.25 and a proposed new XML based standard before the latter was finalized (PCT/MIA/19/8 and 8 Add.);
- discussed the importance of and barriers to work relating to accepting color drawings as part of international applications (PCT/MIA/19/9);
- noted an update on the development of and proposals for future work on ePCT (PCT/MIA/19/10);
- recommended that the IB should propose the creation of a task force under the Committee on WIPO Standards to revise WIPO Standard ST.14 concerning presentation of citations, including to distinguish clearly between documents which are considered relevant to novelty and those which, taken on their own, are considered relevant to inventive step (PCT/MIA/19/11).

Priority Document Access Service

It is recalled that, by using the Priority Document Access Service (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of having to provide a certified copy himself/herself or, where the earlier application was filed with the Office which acts as receiving Office for the PCT application, requesting the receiving Office to prepare a certified copy. Information about the new participation of three Offices is given below.

Danish Patent and Trademark Office and Swedish Patent and Registration Office

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DKPTO) and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (PRV) have notified the IB that on 1 November 2011 they became participating Offices in the Priority Document Access Service (DAS) as depositing Offices only. They are able to upload priority documents to DAS in respect of national patent applications or PCT applications filed with them as receiving Offices, but are not yet able to retrieve documents from DAS.

The DKPTO makes available priority documents (including utility model priority documents) in respect of all national applications filed with it on or after 1 October 2010 and all PCT applications filed with it in its capacity as receiving Office on or after that date, and the PRV makes available priority documents in respect of all national applications filed with it on or after 1 November 2011 and all PCT applications filed with it in its capacity as receiving Office on or after that date provided that the applicant has specifically requested that the document concerned be made available to the service.

For further information, see the relevant notifications which follow the table of participating Offices at:

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/priority_documents/offices.html

as well as the DKPTO website at:

[http://www.dkpto.dk/ansoeg-online/internationale-patentansoegninger-\(epct\).aspx](http://www.dkpto.dk/ansoeg-online/internationale-patentansoegninger-(epct).aspx)

and the PRV website at:

<http://www.prv.se/en/About-us/News/Priority-Document-Access-Service-PDAS/>

State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China

The State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) has notified the IB that on 1 March 2012, it started offering services as both a depositing Office and an accessing Office under DAS.

Therefore, applicants filing a Chinese national application with SIPO (but not, at present, international applications filed with SIPO as receiving Office) may request the Office to make that application available in its digital library, provided that the time limit for claiming the priority of that application in other Offices has not expired by 1 March 2012.

As an accessing Office, SIPO will recognize priority documents filed in other countries, available from WIPO through DAS, for the purpose of later applications filed on or after 1 March 2012.

Applicants wishing to request the Office to make a national application available through the service, or wishing to request the Office as an accessing Office to retrieve a document from the service, should use the DAS Request Form, available from the SIPO website at:

<http://www.sipo.gov.cn/pdoc/das>

Note that if the Office has neither received a conventional certified copy by the relevant date nor been able to access the document from the service, it will, provided that the applicant has taken all the necessary actions, contact the applicant, offering a period of at least two months to rectify the problem. Further details on the Office's participation in the service can be found at the above-mentioned web page.

Reminder of steps to be taken when retrieving priority documents

Applicants who wish to request the IB to retrieve a priority document from DAS should check whether the Office with which the earlier application was filed uses this service (for a list of these Offices, see: http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/priority_documents/offices.html) and then should complete all of the following steps within 16 months from the priority date:

- (1) Request the Office with which the earlier application was filed to make the priority document available to DAS.
- (2) Go to the DAS web portal at:

https://webaccess.wipo.int/priority_documents/en/

and use the "Update Access Control List" tab to give the IB access to that priority document.

- (3) Request the IB to retrieve the document either using the checkbox on the request form (PCT/RO/101), or by sending a letter clearly stating the request to retrieve.

Further information on DAS, including information on any requirements imposed by DAS participating Offices, can be found at:

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/priority_documents/offices.html

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2010/pct_news_2010_03.pdf (see page 1)

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2010/pct_news_2010_12.pdf
(see "Practical Advice")

PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

Danish Patent and Trademark Office and Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)

On 1 February 2012, a new PCT-PPH pilot program began between the Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DKPTO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent). Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in Denmark is available for a PCT application receiving a positive written opinion of either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive IPRP (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable), issued within the framework of the PCT by Rospatent in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the PCT-PPH pilot between the DKPTO and Rospatent has been published at:

[http://www.dkpto.org/updates/2012/new-pph-programs-between-the-danish-patent-and-trademark-office-and-the-russian-federal-service-for-intellectual-property-\(rospatent\).aspx](http://www.dkpto.org/updates/2012/new-pph-programs-between-the-danish-patent-and-trademark-office-and-the-russian-federal-service-for-intellectual-property-(rospatent).aspx)

and the PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on this new pilot at:

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

PCT Information Update

AE United Arab Emirates (means of telecommunication)

The Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Finance and Industry (United Arab Emirates) has discontinued the use of its teleprinter.

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

AU Australian Patent Office (means of telecommunication)

The Australian Patent Office has discontinued the use of its teleprinter.

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

DE Germany (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The corporate name of DSMZ-Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, with effect from 31 October 2011, to Leibniz-Institut DSMZ-Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH. The official English name is Leibniz Institute DSMZ-German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures.

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

ES Spain (location and mailing address; fax number)

The location and mailing address and the fax numbers of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office have changed. The address and the fax number to be used are now as follows:

Location and
mailing address: Paseo de la Castellana 75,
28071 Madrid, Spain

Fax: (34-91) 349 55 97

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

JP Japan (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; fees; institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Japan Patent Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it accepts, with effect from 1 April 2012, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette and CD-R.

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable with effect from the same date to the Office as receiving Office, has changed to JPY 10,000.

As from that date, the name of the International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD), National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, will change to International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD), National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE).

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

NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 May 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NZD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

QA Qatar (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Intellectual Property Center (Qatar) have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (974) 4484 2292

Fax: (974) 4483 5423

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

RW Rwanda (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda) has specified, with effect from 31 January 2012, the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Rwanda with the Office of the Registrar General as receiving Office.

TH Thailand (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand) has specified, with effect from 1 February 2012, the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China 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 Thailand with the DIP as receiving Office.

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Nordic Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2012 about the change, with effect from 1 April 2012, in the fee payable for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, equivalent amounts have now been established in CHF, DKK, GBP, ISK, JPY, MWK, NOK, NZD, SEK, SGD, USD and ZAR. There has also been a change in the amount of the additional search fee payable to that Office, as indicated below:

Additional search fee: EUR 1,875

As from 1 April 2012, there will also be changes in the amounts payable in:

– DKK and in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF, EUR, ISK, NOK and USD for an international search carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute, as well as a change in the amount of the additional search fee payable to that Office, as indicated below:

Additional search fee: DKK 13,940

– EUR and in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and USD for international searches carried out by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as a change in the amount of the additional search fee payable to those Offices, as indicated below:

Additional search fee: EUR 1,875

– SEK and in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF, DKK, EUR, ISK, NOK and USD for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as well as a change in the amount of the additional search fee payable to that Office, as indicated below:

Additional search fee: SEK 16,460

As from 1 April 2012, there will also be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Korean Intellectual Property OfficeEUR

National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....CHF, EUR

Federal Service for Intellectual Property,
Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent).....CHF, EUR

As from 1 May 2012, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	USD, SGD
Austrian Patent Office.....	KRW, SGD, ZAR
United States Patent and Trademark Office	NZD

As from 1 June 2012, 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, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent).....	USD
United States Patent and Trademark Office	ZAR

All of the above-mentioned amounts, apart from the ones which are specified above, are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, AU, BR, EP, ES, FI, KR, RU, SE, US, XN))

Supplementary search fee (European Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 1 April 2012, there will be a change in the amount payable in CHF for supplementary international searches carried out by the European Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(c).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex SISA (EP, FI, SE, XN))

Fees relating to the international preliminary examination (European Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2012, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees payable in EUR to the European Patent Office as an International Preliminary Examining Authority:

Protest fee:	EUR	803
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	220

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

Handling fee (National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

As from 1 May 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee payable in BRL to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as indicated in Fee Table II.

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

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

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) and, in the case of the European Patent

Office and the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, as International Searching Authorities specified for Supplementary Search (SISAs):

EP	European Patent Office
ES	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
FI	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland
JP	Japan Patent Office

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs, IPEAs and SISAs under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2012, have been published in PDF format at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep_4_2012.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es_4_2012.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi_4_2012.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp_4_2012.pdf

PCT Forms

PCT Form PCT/IB/382 (“Request for Indication of Availability for Licensing Purposes”) is now available in Chinese, in editable PDF format, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/forms/ib/editable/ed_ib382.pdf

PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities

The table of “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” is now available in Chinese at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

Seminar materials

Seminar materials covering all aspects of the PCT procedure have been updated in English and German on 20 February 2012, and in Spanish on 7 March 2012, at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf

Modified PCT Regulations

The consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2012, is now available in PDF format in English at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2012.pdf

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitations

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, two new invitations have been identified originating from “European Central Register of Brands and Patents” and “Euro IP Register.”

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:

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

PATENTSCOPE Search Service

PCT licensing feature

As was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2011, the new PCT licensing feature has been available in the PATENTSCOPE search system since January 2012. To access PCT applications containing such licensing information, please go to the “Field Combination” search at:

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

and tick the “Licensing availability box.”

By subscribing to the RSS feed, your search results will be automatically updated in your RSS reader every Thursday, when new PCT applications containing licensing information become available. More information on the PCT licensing feature is available on the cover page of *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2011.

Three new PCT Backfile products now available

To complete the collection of PCT data products offered by WIPO, three new data products have just been released:

- the PCT Backfile Asian Languages containing full-text description and claims (OCR output) for international applications published in Chinese, Japanese and Korean, from 1978 to 2011;
- the PCT Backfile XML containing international applications filed in XML format in all PCT languages, from 1978 to 2011 (XML format); and
- the PCT Backfile Bibliographic containing a snapshot in XML of the PCT bibliographic data contained in the PATENTSCOPE database.

Following the release of these three products, the former PCT Backfile is renamed PCT Backfile non-Asian languages and contains full-text description and claims (OCR output) for international applications published in English, French, German, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, from 1978 to 2011.

More information on these products is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/data/products.html>

Practical Advice

Recording a change of applicant when there is also a change of agent

Q: I refer to the “Practical Advice” that was published in PCT Newsletter No. 02/2012 concerning the recording of a change of applicant. In the example cited, it was the agent of record who requested the change of applicant. What would be required if the new applicant wished to appoint a different agent?

A: This reply presumes that there is one corporate applicant and one or more applicant/inventors for the purposes of the US designation. Where there is to be a change of agent at the same time as a change of applicant, the new agent could request the International Bureau (IB) to record the change. In his or her request to the IB, the agent should make it clear that there is both a change of agent as well as a change of applicant. Please note, however, that where no correspondence about the transfer of ownership of the application has been received from the agent of record or the original applicant, the following documents would be required by the IB:

1. a copy of an assignment or other documentary evidence supporting the change of applicant; and
2. a power of attorney signed by the new applicant in favor of the new agent (even if the receiving Office with which the international application was filed has waived the requirement that a power of attorney be submitted).

An alternative way of requesting the recording of the change, if, for example, it proves difficult to obtain a copy of the assignment, would be for the (original) applicant or (original) agent to submit a request for change of applicant. However, it would still be necessary for the new agent to be appointed – for this, the new agent could, once the original applicant or agent has submitted his/her request under PCT Rule 92*bis*, submit to the IB a request for the recording of a change of agent, together with a power of attorney signed by the new applicant.

The following additional information applies to requests under PCT Rule 92*bis* in general. If the applicant wishes that a particular change be taken into account for the international publication of the international application, any missing document(s) must reach the IB before the

completion of technical preparations for international publication (normally 15 days before the actual date of publication). If the missing document(s) reaches the IB too late for the change to be reflected in the international publication, it will nevertheless be reflected in the bibliographic data on PATENTSCOPE, and the IB will notify, subject to PCT Rule 93*bis*, all designated or elected Offices concerned of the change, by means of Form PCT/IB/306.

Note that, as long as a request for recording a change is received by the IB prior to the 30-month time limit for such requests under PCT Rule 92*bis*, any documents that may be required, if the designated Offices are to be notified of the change, may be submitted later – the IB normally sends an invitation to furnish any missing documents within the time limit prescribed under PCT Rule 92*bis*, or within one month from the date of mailing of that invitation, whichever time limit expires later.

It is recalled that, although most designated or elected Offices will accept the change of applicant recorded under PCT Rule 92*bis* without requiring further evidence, some may request a copy of the assignment (or other document) attesting to the transfer of the application to the new owner from the applicant listed in the published international application. Any specific requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (“Certain national requirements allowed under Article 27”) are indicated in the respective National Chapters (Summary) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>

For further information on requesting the recording of changes under PCT Rule 92*bis*, please see the practical advice that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2012, and the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 11.018 to 11.022.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 6 March 2012)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
3–4 April 2012 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
16–17 April 2012 Austin, TX (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
18 April 2012 Houston, TX (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: www.pctlearningcenter.org
26–27 April 2012 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim 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
27–28 April 2012 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of New Hampshire School of Law (Ms. Jacqueline Lawrie) E-mail: jacquiline.lawrie@law.unh.edu Internet: http://law.unh.edu/pct
3–4 May 2012 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
15–16 May 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Basic 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
22–23 May 2012 Bucharest (RO)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the epi-CEIPI Basic Training WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Coeckelbergs	Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (epi) and Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Teodorescu) E-mail: mteodorescu@rominvent.ro
24 May 2012 Philadelphia, PA (US)	English	PCT Comprehensive Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed Other speaker: Mr. Smith, PCT Learning Center	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
14–15 June 2012 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT course WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Silke Weiss	Trona Patentrådgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjörnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@trona.se
21 June 2012 Paris (FR)	French	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Ms. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
13 – 14 August 2012 Highland Heights, KY (US)	English	Comprehensive Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	NKU Chase Law and Informatics Institute, and CincylP (Ms. Lindsey L. Jaeger) Tel: (1-859) 572 78 53 Fax: (1-859) 572 53 42 E-mail: jaegerl1@nku.edu
13–14 September 2012 Cary, North Carolina (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	North Carolina Bar Association (Contact person: Ms. Melanie Bostic) Tel: (1-919) 657 15 69 Toll free in the US: (1-800) 228 34 02 ext. 201 E-mail: MBostic@ncbar.org
12 October 2012 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 11 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
22–23 October 2012 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
25–26 October 2012 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Intellectual Property International (see San Francisco, above)
25–26 October 2012 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 November 2012 Cologne (DE)	German	Seminar on the PCT System, within the framework of PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants (5–6 November 2012) WIPO speaker: to be announced	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
7–8 November 2012 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update 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

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(situation on 6 March 2012)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
4–5 December 2012 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
6 December 2012 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Lille, above)
6–7 December 2012 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers

Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
3 May 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Recent Developments in the EP and PCT Procedures – update for senior patent administrators and patent professionals Speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs (PCT Consultant) and Mr. Naumann (former Head of Central Unit FO, European Patent Office, Munich)	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
6 June 2012 Copenhagen (DK)	English	Recent Developments in the EP and PCT Procedures – update for senior patent administrators and patent professionals Speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs (PCT Consultant) and Mr. Naumann (former Head of Central Unit FO, European Patent Office, Munich)	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

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

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 March 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
					Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR 1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,507 (from 1.4.12: 1,375)	17 (16)	113 (103)	227 (207)	340 (310)	AU KR
AZ	AZN	10	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BR	BRL ⁹	200	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,518	17	114	228	342	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 1,453	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 109	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP	812,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU

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

(amounts on 1 March 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CR	USD 250	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,150	90	610	1,220	1,840	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR 115 (from 1.4.12: 125)	EUR 1,094	12	–	165	247	EP
ES	EUR 72.06	EUR 1,094	12	82	165	247	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,094	12	–	165	247	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 939	11	–	141	212	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 82 or USD ¹⁵ 109	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,094 or USD 1,453	15 12 16	100 82 109	200 165 219	300 247 328	See footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 561	USD 1,453	16	109	219	328	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 171,800	1,900	12,900	25,800	38,700	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 13,000 (from 1.4.12: 10,000)	JPY 111,400	1,300	8,400	–	25,100	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,716,000	19,000	129,000	–	387,000	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ¹⁸	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,094	12	–	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 March 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴		
							Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸			
LV	LVL	48.80	EUR	1,094		12		82		–	EP RU	
LY	LYD ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330		15		100		–	AT EP	
MA	MAD	600 ¹⁹	CHF	1,330		15		–		–	AT EP RU SE	
MC	EUR	54 ²⁰	EUR	1,094		12		–		–	EP	
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453		16		109		–	EP RU	
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100		–	EP	
MN		None	CHF	1,330		15		100		–	EP KR RU	
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,094		12		82		–	EP	
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	238,300		2,700		17,900		–	EP	
MX	MXN eq USD	323.70 ²¹	MXN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100		–	EP ES SE US	
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing) ²²		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15		–	eq CHF	200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453		16		109		–	EP ES	
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,094		12		–	165	247	EP	
NO	NOK	750	NOK	8,520		100		–	1,280	1,920	EP SE XN	
NZ	NZD	180 ²³	NZD	1,907 (from 1.5.12: 1,768)		22 (20)		143 (133)		– (–)	– (–)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15		–		–	AT EP RU SE	
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD	16	eq USD	109		–	AT EP ES KR US	
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453		16		109		–	AU	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,453		16		109	219	328	AU EP JP KR US	
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15		–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP	
PT	EUR	20.28	EUR	1,094		12		82		–	EP	
QA	Information not yet available											
RO	ROL	360	CHF	1,330		15		100	200	300	EP RU	
RS	RSD	6,100 ²⁴	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100		–	EP	
RU	RUB	600	USD	1,453		16		109		–	EP RU	
RW	Information not yet available											
SC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453		16		–	–	–	EP	
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15		–	–	–	EP	
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	9,970		110		750	1,500	2,250	EP SE	
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,905		21		143		–	AT AU EP KR	
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,094		12		82		–	EP	
SK	EUR	66 ²⁵	EUR	1,094		12		82	165	247	EP	
SM	EUR	50	EUR	1,094		12		–		–	EP	
SV	USD	200	USD	1,453		16		109		–	EP ES	
SY	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453		16		109		–	AT EP RU	
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100		–	AU CN EP JP KR US	
TJ	TJS ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453		16		–		–	EP RU	
TM	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453		16		109		–	EP RU	
TN	TND ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330		15		–		–	EP	
TR		None	CHF	1,330		15		100		–	EP	
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453		16		109		–	AT EP SE US	
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,453		16		109		–	EP RU	
US	USD	240 ²⁷	USD	1,453		16		109	219		AU EP KR RU US	
UZ	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453		16		109		–	EP RU	
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15		–		–	AT AU EP KR RU SE	
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	11,910		130		900		–	AT AU EP US	
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,453		16		–		–	AT SE	
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,453	eq USD	16	eq USD	109		–	AT AU CN EP RU	

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Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 March 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹						
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,785 * (from 1.5.12:	CHF 2,169 KRW 2,642,000	KRW* 2,799,000 SGD 2,950	SGD* 3,110 ZAR 18,400)	USD 2,370	ZAR* 19,430	
AU	AUD 1,900 USD* 1,833 * (from 1.4.12: * (from 1.5.12:	CHF* 1,677 ZAR 15,020 CHF 1,838) SGD 2,550	EUR 1,380	KRW 2,165,000	NZD 2,404	SGD 2,400	
BR ²⁹	BRL 1,900 * (from 1.4.12:	CHF* 922 CHF 995	EUR* 759 EUR 826)	USD 1,007			
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,402	EUR 1,154	USD 1,532			
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 301	EUR 248	USD 329			
EP ³⁰	EUR* 1,785 MWK* 389,000 ZAR* 19,430 * (from 1.4.12: JPY 186,800 USD 2,426	CHF* 2,169 NOK* 13,890 EUR 1,875 MWK 406,000 ZAR 19,260)	DKK* 13,280 NZD* 3,109 CHF 2,264 NOK 14,380	GBP* 1,532 SEK* 16,250 DKK 13,940 NZD 3,012	ISK* 280,000 SGD* 3,110 GBP 1,562 SEK 16,460	JPY* 181,700 USD* 2,370 ISK 301,000 SGD 3,090	
ES ³⁰	EUR* 1,785 * (from 1.4.12:	CHF* 2,169 EUR 1,875	USD* 2,370 CHF 2,264	USD 2,426)			
FI	EUR* 1,785 * (from 1.4.12:	CHF* 2,169 EUR 1,875	USD* 2,370 CHF 2,264	USD 2,426)			
JP	JPY* 97,000 * (from 1.4.12:	CHF* 1,158 JPY 70,000	EUR* 953 CHF 836	KRW* 1,494,000 EUR 688	USD* 1,265 KRW 1,078,000	USD 913)	
KR	For searches carried out in English: KRW 1,300,000 AUD 1,141 CHF 1,007 EUR* 829 NZD 1,444 SGD 1,440 USD 1,101 * (from 1.4.12: EUR 878) For searches carried out in Korean: KRW 450,000 AUD 395 CHF 349 EUR* 287 NZD 500 SGD 500 USD 381 * (from 1.4.12: EUR 304)						
RU	RUB 13,500 * (from 1.4.12: ** (from 1.6.12:	CHF* 380 CHF 407 USD 453)	EUR* 313 EUR 338)	USD 415			
SE	SEK* 16,250 USD* 2,370 * (from 1.4.12: NOK 14,380	CHF* 2,169 SEK 16,460 USD 2,426)	DKK* 13,280 CHF 2,264	EUR* 1,785 DKK 13,940	ISK* 280,000 EUR 1,875	NOK* 13,890 ISK 301,000	
US	USD 2,080 * (from 1.5.12: ** (from 1.6.12:	CHF 1,904 NZD 2,490 ZAR 15,930)	EUR 1,566	NZD* 2,730	ZAR 17,050		
XN	DKK* 13,310 * (from 1.4.12: USD 2,426)	CHF* 2,169 DKK 13,940	EUR* 1,785 CHF 2,264	ISK* 280,000 EUR 1,875	NOK* 13,890 ISK 301,000	USD* 2,370 NOK 14,380	

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 March 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,033 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,446 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,066	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,169 (from 1.4.12: CHF 2,264)	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,169 (from 1.4.12: CHF 2,264)	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³¹ 9,450 (13,500) ³²	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,169 (from 1.4.12: CHF 2,264)	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,169 (from 1.4.12: CHF 2,264)	CHF 200

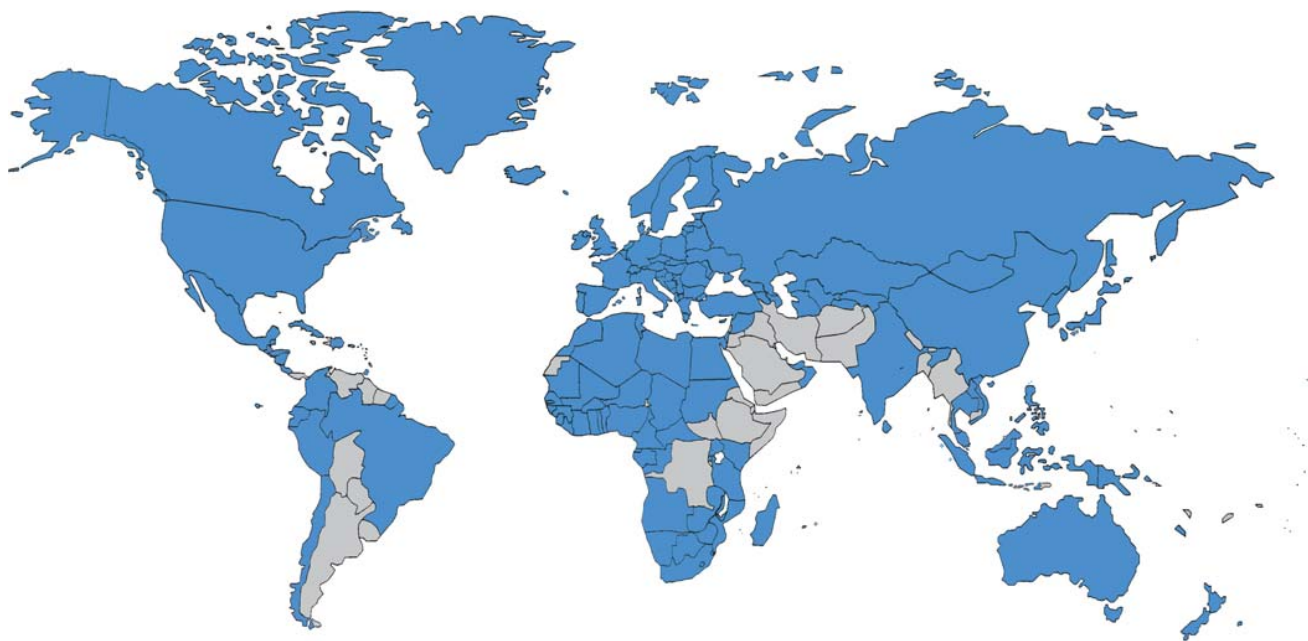
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 March 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³³		Handling fee ^{2, 33} (CHF 200)	
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,675	EUR	165
AU	AUD	550 780 ³⁴	AUD	227 (from 1.4.12: 207)
BR ²⁹	BRL	710	BRL	412 (from 1.5.12: 382)
CA	CAD	800	CAD	228
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ³⁰	EUR	1,760 (from 1.4.12: 1,850)	EUR	165
ES	EUR	566.49	EUR	165
FI	EUR	600	EUR	165
JP	JPY	36,000 (from 1.4.12: 26,000)	JPY	16,800
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	258,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁵ 8,100 ³⁶	USD	219
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,500
US	USD	600 750 ³⁷	USD	219
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,220

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.
- 19 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).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 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.
- 23 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 24 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 non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 27 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.
- 28 The fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 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 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 32 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 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 34 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 35 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 36 In all cases where footnote 35 does not apply.
- 37 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (144 on 1 March 2012)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ³	IT Italy (EP) ³	MR Mauritania (OA) ³	SM San Marino (EP)
AL Albania (EP) ^{1,2}	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) ³	SN Senegal (OA) ³
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ³
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ³
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ²	EC Ecuador	NE Niger (OA) ³	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ³
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BE Belgium (EP) ³	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NL Netherlands (EP) ³	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ³	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ³	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BJ Benin (OA) ³	GA Gabon (OA) ³	LK Sri Lanka	PE Peru	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia (AP) ⁴	PG Papua New Guinea	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	US United States of America
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ³	QA Qatar	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) ³	GN Guinea (OA) ³	LY Libya	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CG Congo (OA) ³	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ³	MA Morocco	RS Serbia (EP) ^{2,6}	VN Viet Nam
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ³	MC Monaco (EP) ³	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ³	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova (EA) ⁵	RW Rwanda (AP) ⁷	ZM Zambia (AP)
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ³	ME Montenegro ²	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ³	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	SD Sudan (AP)	
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SE Sweden (EP)	
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ³	SG Singapore	
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia		SI Slovenia (EP) ³	
	IE Ireland (EP) ³		SK Slovakia (EP)	
	IL Israel			
	IN India			

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

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

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

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

5 Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

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

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

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

Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

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 January 2010 and July 2011, respectively) 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.

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ePCT Update

Decommissioning of the PCT Service Center in July 2012

Following the announcement of the extension of the ePCT pilot system to all PCT users (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2012), the International Bureau (IB) is pleased to announce that, as of July 2012, the PCT Online Document Upload Service, which is currently available at http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/service_center/, will be decommissioned in favor of the document upload functionality that is integrated in ePCT, which also enables you to subsequently view and track the processing of the documents that you have successfully uploaded. Moreover, this change will also eliminate the need to provide a covering letter where such a letter was traditionally needed simply to meet the signature requirements, since a cover sheet is automatically generated by the system using the text string signature that is typed as part of the upload process.

The IB therefore invites users to visit the ePCT Homepage at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

and to create an ePCT user account in order to make the transition to the document upload function in ePCT sufficiently in advance of July 2012. The online document upload function can still be used via ePCT **public** services, without any need for additional authentication of your user account by way of a digital certificate. However, in order to benefit from the many additional services that are available in ePCT private services, you are encouraged to create a user account that is authenticated with a digital certificate.

Further information about the ePCT system can be found on the ePCT homepage in the “ePCT User Guide”, which includes information on all the additional features of ePCT private services. There is also a simple, step-by-step document to help users make a smooth transition to using ePCT public services for document upload.

Setting eOwnership rights to an international application at the time of filing using the PCT-SAFE software

The April release of the PCT-SAFE software contains a new optional feature in the Signature box for setting ePCT eOwnership access rights to the international application already at the time of filing. By indicating both the ePCT Customer ID and a new eOwnership confirmation code which is generated on-the-fly via a new function on the eOwnership screen in ePCT private services, applicants who file international applications using PCT-SAFE in either fully electronic or PCT-EASY mode (including EFS-Web mode) will no longer have to go through the later step of claiming eOwnership with the PCT/IB/301 confirmation code.

As soon as the international application is loaded into the IB's electronic processing system (either immediately after filing, in the case of international applications filed at RO/IB, or after receipt of the Record Copy, in the case of international applications filed with other receiving Offices), online access to the international application via ePCT private services will be automatically granted to the holder of the user account corresponding to the Customer ID indicated at the time of filing. To offset the risk of an incorrect Customer ID being indicated in error, the additional eOwnership confirmation code indicated at the time of filing must have been generated by the holder of the Customer ID in question, and the ePCT system will check that both codes match before setting eOwnership access rights.

For further information concerning this new feature, please refer to the brief user guide on how to assign eOwnership in ePCT at the time of filing using PCT-SAFE, which includes helpful screenshots, at:

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

Importance of authorizing the use of e-mail notifications

PCT users are encouraged to authorize the use of e-mail for notifications to be sent by the IB (either exclusively in electronic form or as advance copies followed by paper notifications), especially in light of the wider deployment of the ePCT system. In particular, in situations where a new ePCT confirmation code for confirming access rights in the ePCT system needs to be sent to the address for service, the code will be delivered more quickly if e-mail notifications are authorized. Note that a practical advice on requesting e-mail notifications was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2010, page 15.

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and Certain PCT Forms

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2012, to Sections 111, 715 and 716 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT as a consequence of amendments to the Regulations under the PCT (Rule 17.1(b-bis) and new PCT Rule 82*quater*) which will enter into force on 1 July 2012 (see the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 15 March 2012, pages 47 *et seq*). The modifications relate to the excuse of delay in meeting certain PCT time limits due to "force majeure" circumstances (Section 111), the availability of priority documents from digital libraries (Section 715) and the request by the applicant for the retrieval of a priority document from a digital library (Section 716).

The modifications relating to amended PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis) (Sections 715 and 716) are applicable to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the time limit under that Rule expires on or after 1 July 2012. The modifications relating to new PCT Rule 82*quater* (Section 111) are applicable to any international application (regardless of its international filing date) in respect of which the six-month time limit for the submission of evidence referred to in that Rule expires on or after 1 July 2012.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions, as in force from 1 July 2012, which includes those modifications, is available on the PCT website in English and French, in PDF format at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_14.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/ai_14.pdf

The following forms have also been modified with effect from 1 July 2012:

PCT/RO/101	(Request) (the modifications are consequential to the amendments to PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))
PCT/RO/104	(Notification that the Purported International Application is not and Will not Be Treated as an International Application)
PCT/RO/106	(Invitation to Correct Defects in the International Application)
PCT/IB/304	(Notification Concerning Submission, Obtention or Transmittal of Priority Document)

The modified forms, in PDF and editable PDF formats (where appropriate), are available at:

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

Modifications to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

A number of modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2012, to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines. The modifications are consequential to amendments of the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2012.

The consolidated text of the Guidelines (PCT/GL/RO/10) is available in PDF format, in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ro_10.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/ro_10.pdf

Israel Patent Office to Begin Operating as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

It is recalled that the Israel Patent Office (ILPO) was appointed as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT at the 40th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union which was held in September 2009. The ILPO has notified WIPO that it will begin operating as an ISA and an IPEA with effect from 1 June 2012. Initially, it will operate as an ISA/IPEA for international applications filed with the ILPO as receiving Office (RO/IL), or with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) by applicants who are eligible to file with RO/IL.

Furthermore, the ILPO has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 June 2012 with RO/IL, or with RO/IB by applicants who are eligible to file international applications with RO/IL.

For information on the fees that will be payable to that Office in its capacity as ISA and IPEA, see "PCT Information Update", below. Other information on the Office in its capacity as ISA and IPEA will be published shortly in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D and E.

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

LT Lithuania (PCT Rule 49ter.2(h))

Further to its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office), as modified with effect from 1 April 2007, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2006), the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 3 February 2012. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies with respect to the Office with effect from that date. Furthermore, the Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has informed the IB that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, and that the fee for making such requests is LTL 400.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (LT), and the tables of “Restoration of right of priority” and “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” at, respectively:

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

Korean Intellectual Property Office and State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China

A new PCT-PPH pilot program began on 1 March 2012 between the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) and the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO). Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in the Republic of Korea 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), issued within the framework of the PCT by the other participating Office in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

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

http://www.kipo.go.kr/kpo/user.tdf?a=user.english.html.HtmlApp&c=100016&catmenu=ek02_02_03#_

and (in Chinese) at:

<http://www.sipo.gov.cn/ztl/ywzt/pph/>

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/ztl/ywzt/pph/zn/201202/t20120229_647556.html

Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) and Japan Patent Office

On 12 March, a new PCT-PPH pilot program began between the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) (IPOP HL) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO). Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in the Philippines 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 within the framework of the PCT by the JPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the PCT-PPH pilot between IPOPHL and the JPO has been published at:

<http://www.ipophil.gov.ph/viewwhatsnew.php?id=235>

and

http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2012/0209_02.html

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

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (provisional protection after international publication)

There have been changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection in Australia after international publication, as follows:

The applicant enjoys the rights defined in Section 57 of the Patents Act 1990 from the date on which the international application is published under PCT Article 21 or otherwise becomes open to public inspection under Section 90(a) of the Patents Act 1990 (the rights are generally the same as he would have had if the patent had been granted on the day that the specification is published except that he cannot institute proceedings for infringement until the patent has been granted)

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

CL Chile (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

On 26 March 2012, the following depositary institution acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made:

Colección Chilena de Recursos Genéticos Microbianos (CChRGM)
Avenida Vicente Méndez 515
Chillán, Region VIII
Chile

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

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 June 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ISK of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 June 2012, 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 amount in JPY of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reduction listed under item 4(a) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

NZ New Zealand (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media, in addition to 3.5 inch diskettes: CD-R, CD-ROM, CD-RW.

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

PT Portugal (fax number)

The fax number of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) has changed, as follows:

Fax number: (351-21) 886 98 59

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

US United States of America (Internet address)

The Internet address of the United States Patent and Trademark Office has changed, as follows:

http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pct/index.jsp

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 June 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the international filing fee, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction listed in item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), Israel Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office)

As from 15 May 2012, there will be change in the amounts of the following fees payable to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) as an International Searching Authority:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report: the applicant receives together with the international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:

For a patent document, per page:.....	RUB	23.60
For a non-patent document, per page:.....	RUB	59

The Israel Patent Office has notified the amount which will be payable in ILS, as from 1 June 2012, for an international search carried out by it, and the equivalent amounts in CHF, EUR and USD have been established, as indicated in Fee Table I(b). The Office has also notified the amounts of the following fees payable from the same date:

Additional search fee:	ILS	3,500
Late furnishing fee:	ILS	450
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per page:	ILS	3.20

As from 1 June 2012, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Japan Patent Office	CHF, EUR, KRW, USD
European Patent Office	JPY
Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)	USD
Korean Intellectual Property Office	AUD

The amounts of the above-mentioned fees are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

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

Supplementary search fee and other fees relating to the supplementary search (Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent))

As from 15 May 2012, there will be a change in the amounts of the supplementary search fee payable in the equivalent amount in CHF to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), as indicated in Fee Table I(c). The following fees payable to that Office as an Authority specified for supplementary search will also change from that date:

Review fee:.....	RUB	4,130
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Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report: the applicant receives together with the supplementary international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:

For a patent document, per page:.....	RUB	23.60
For a non-patent document, per page:.....	RUB	59

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

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (European Patent Office—*corrigendum*, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), Israel Patent Office)

The protest fee, payable with effect from 1 April 2012 to the European Patent Office as an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), was incorrectly indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2012, page 9, as EUR 803. The correct amount is EUR 830.

As from 15 May 2012, there will be a change in the amount of the following fee payable to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) in RUB relating to an international preliminary examination carried out by the Office:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report: the applicant receives together with the international preliminary examination report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:

For a patent document, per page:.....	RUB	23.60
For a non-patent document, per page:.....	RUB	59
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per page:	RUB	94.40

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

The Israel Patent Office has notified the amount which will be payable in ILS, as from 1 June 2012, for an international preliminary examination carried out by it, as indicated in Fee Table II. The amounts of the following fees have also been established with effect from that date:

Additional preliminary examination fee:	ILS	1,500
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, per page:	ILS	3.20

Handling fee (Israel Patent Office, Japan Patent Office)

The equivalent amount in ILS of the handling fee, payable as from 1 June 2012 to the Israel Patent Office as an IPEA, has been established, and as from that date, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee in JPY payable to the Japan Patent Office as an IPEA. Both amounts are indicated in Fee Table II.

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

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

PCT Newsletter index 2011

The 2011 annual index for the *PCT Newsletter*, which contains two separate indexes, one by alphabetical order of subject and one by alphabetical order of countries and Offices, is now available in PDF format at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2011/pct_news_2011_14.pdf

FAQs about the PCT

An updated version of the publication “Protecting your Inventions Abroad: Frequently Asked Questions About the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)”, dated March 2012, is now available in English at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

Other languages are under preparation.

PCT Forms in Russian

PCT Form PCT/IB/382 (“Request for Indication of Availability for Licensing Purposes”) is now available in Russian, in editable PDF format, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/ib/editable/ed_ib382.pdf

PCT Regulations in French

The consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2012, is now available in PDF format in French (in addition to English) at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs2012.pdf

Updating of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*

The Introduction to the International Phase and the Index of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* have been updated in English and French, in PDF and HTML formats (the text that has been modified is highlighted in blue and is accompanied by a vertical line on the right hand side of the page), and are available at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/ipindex.jsp>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/fr/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/appguide/ipindex.jsp>

It is recalled that users of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* may subscribe to an e-mail updating service which sends out weekly e-mails informing users which *Guide* information has been updated that week, and containing links to those updated elements. To subscribe, go to:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>

PowerPoint presentations

PowerPoint presentations concerning the changes that will enter into force on 1 July 2012 are available in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

PCT Working Group

Documents which have been produced for discussion at the next session of the PCT Working Group, which will be held in Geneva from 29 May to 1 June 2012, are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=25017

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.054.230, dated 1 April 2012) is available from the download page at:

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

This version (“build 230”) includes the following:

- The possibility to request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a priority document filed with the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China (SIPO) (national applications) via the Priority Document Access Service (DAS) (with effect from 1 March 2012).
- The possibility to indicate a Customer ID and eOwnership code for ePCT purposes on the Signature screen, for all filing modes (see “ePCT Update,” above, for further details).
- The possibility to disable the automatic integration with the Acrobat PDF viewer, in order to specify which PDF viewer should be used for previewing.
- Updated fee schedules, where applicable.
- Other PCT updates, including additional International Searching Authorities for the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Department of Intellectual Property (Thailand) as receiving Offices.
- Other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements.

Further details are available on the PCT e-Services website at:

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

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

The web page “WARNING: Requests for Payment of Fees” has been updated to include thumbnails of the invoices which should make it easier for applicants to identify fraudulent invoices:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.html

New invitations

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, four modified invitations have been identified originating from “ODM - Patent Trademark Register” and “RIPT - Registration of International Patent.”

To view examples of the invitations, 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:

Telephone: (41–22) 338 83 38

Fax: (41–22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters

Registration is now open for a PCT seminar at WIPO Headquarters which will be held on 15 and 16 October 2012. Presentations will be given and workshop sessions led by PCT staff at WIPO, and a tour of PCT Operations will be included.

There is no registration fee for this seminar, but it is limited to 45 participants. Interested participants are advised that they are solely responsible for their travel and visa arrangements and that no assistance will be provided by WIPO.

Registration may be done at the following link:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/registration/form.jsp?meeting_id=26342

New WIPO Publication: Madrid Highlights

Our colleagues who manage the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks have recently launched *Madrid Highlights*, a quarterly publication focusing on keeping the Madrid System's stakeholders up-to-date with the latest developments within the Madrid System and providing information on their activities. *Madrid Highlights* also offers subscribers the opportunity to raise issues and concerns and to seek responses from our in-house experts.

The first issue of the *Madrid Highlights* is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/madrid/en/highlights/2012/pdf/madrid_highlights_1_2012.pdf

and you can subscribe to all future issues, free of charge, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/madrid/en/subscribe.html>

General information on the Madrid System can be found at:

<http://www.wipo.int/madrid/en/general/#intro>

Handbook of Quality Procedures before the EPO

The European Patent Office (EPO) has recently published, for the first time, a *Handbook of Quality Procedures before the EPO*. The *Handbook* aims to provide a guide to preferred practices endorsed by both the EPO and user representatives. Its intention is to help to increase the quality of incoming applications, communications from examiners and submissions from parties, as well as to provide for an efficient prosecution. It may also serve as an orientation for attorneys who have less experience with the procedures at the European Patent Office and for candidates preparing for the European Qualifying Examination. The *Handbook* is available at:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/handbook.html>

Practical Advice

Changing access rights in ePCT when there is a change of agent

Q: I am the agent of record for an international application, and have been informed by the applicant that a new agent will be taking over representation of the application. The new agent will be submitting a request under PCT Rule 92bis for the recording of a change of agent, together with a power of attorney signed by the applicant in favor of the new agent. I currently have access rights to the international application via ePCT. Please could you tell me what I should do with those eOwnership rights? Can I assign the ePCT access rights to the new agent?

A: When recording changes under PCT Rule 92bis in respect of international applications to which applicants or agents have online access rights via ePCT, the recommended procedure is for one of the persons with “eOwner” access rights to the international application to modify, **prior to the submission of the PCT Rule 92bis request**, the ePCT access rights in the ePCT system in accordance with the transmittal of the request for change. For instance, in the case of a change of agent, the outgoing agent who has eOwner access rights in ePCT can already assign access rights to the new agent in the ePCT system, provided that the new agent has created an ePCT account, authenticated it with a digital certificate and concluded an eHandshake with the original agent. For further information on these procedures, please see the “ePCT User Guide” which is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/service_center/pdf/pct_wipo_accounts_user_guide.pdf

Note, however, that as soon as any request for recording a change under PCT Rule 92bis has been received in the internal processing system of the International Bureau (IB), whether it has been sent via the ePCT system (<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>), via the PCT Document Upload Service (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/service_center/) (which will, as of 1 July 2012, move under the ePCT umbrella), or on paper or by fax, all online access in ePCT to that international

application, including to anyone who already had ePCT access rights, is automatically suspended by the system until the PCT Rule 92*bis* change has been processed by the IB. This automatic 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. Therefore, regardless of the nature of the change which has been requested under PCT Rule 92*bis*, even if the change does not concern a change of person, 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.

As part of the processing of PCT Rule 92*bis* changes, the IB will, in any case, check whether ePCT access rights need to be modified. For example, if the appointment of an agent is revoked or renounced, and that agent had access rights to the international application in ePCT, the IB will deactivate any corresponding access rights in ePCT, as necessary. Therefore, as the change, in your case, involves a revocation of your appointment, your ePCT rights will be automatically deactivated by the IB once the change of agent has been processed, whether or not you expressly remove your rights in ePCT. However, if you have already assigned your ePCT access rights to the new agent before the ePCT rights are suspended and the PCT Rule 92*bis* change is recorded, this would save the new agent from having to submit a new online eOwnership request via the ePCT system. The ePCT User Guide contains full details of how to assign eOwnership rights, including helpful screenshots.

Note that the IB does not have the authority in the ePCT system to set new access rights for any new person who previously did not have any access rights – the IB can only deactivate and/or reactivate existing access rights.

In the case where an agent renounces his/her appointment and is not in a position to modify the ePCT access rights because he/she does not know who will represent the applicant from that moment onwards, and in the absence of any other existing persons with eOwner access rights for the international application concerned, the ePCT rights in respect of that application concerned will be deactivated by IB.

For further information on the submission of requests for recording changes under PCT Rule 92*bis*, see the “Practical advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 02/2012 and 03/2012, and the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 11.018 to 11.022.

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 1 April 2012)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
3–4 April 2012 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
16–17 April 2012 Austin, TX (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
18 April 2012 Houston, TX (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: www.pctlearningcenter.org
26–27 April 2012 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim 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
27–28 April 2012 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of New Hampshire School of Law (Ms. Jacqueline Lawrie) E-mail: jacquiline.lawrie@law.unh.edu Internet: http://law.unh.edu/pct
3–4 May 2012 Paris (FR)	French	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
9 May 2012 Hiroshima (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jauiptm.jp
11 May 2012 Sendai (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	(See Hiroshima, above)
14 May 2012 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	(See Hiroshima, above)
15–16 May 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Weiss and Ms. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued] (situation on 1 April 2012)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
22–23 May 2012 Bucharest (RO)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the epi-CEIPI Basic Training WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Coeckelbergs	Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (epi) and Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Teodorescu) E-mail: mteodorescu@rominvent.ro
24 May 2012 Philadelphia, PA (US)	English	PCT Comprehensive Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed Other speaker: Mr. Smith, PCT Learning Center	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
4 June 2012 Zurich (CH)	German	Presentation on recent developments concerning the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pieter Spierenburg) Tel: (41-56) 485 94 94 Fax: (41-56) 485 94 95 E-mail: ceipi@patent-anwalt.ch
11–12 June 2012 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Silke Weiss	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Olli Ilmarinen) Tel: (358) 9 6939 5236 Fax: (358) 9 6939 5556 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
14–15 June 2012 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT course WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Silke Weiss	Trona Patentrådgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjörnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@trona.se
21 June 2012 Paris (FR)	French	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Ms. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
13 – 14 August 2012 Highland Heights, KY (US)	English	Comprehensive Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	NKU Chase Law and Informatics Institute, and CincylIP (Ms. Lindsey L. Jaeger) Tel: (1-859) 572 78 53 Fax: (1-859) 572 53 42 E-mail: jaegerl1@nku.edu
13–14 September 2012 Cary, North Carolina (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	North Carolina Bar Association (Contact person: Ms. Melanie Bostic) Tel: (1-919) 657 15 69 Toll free in the US: (1-800) 228 34 02 ext. 201 E-mail: MBostic@ncbar.org
12 October 2012 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 11 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (11–12 October) 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

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
15–16 October 2012 Geneva (CH)	English	Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for Patent Administrators and Paralegals on the procedural aspects of the PCT, including practical workshops on the use of the PATENTSCOPE database and the new ePCT service. A visit of the PCT Operations Division will also be included. Note that attendance is limited to 45 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: to be announced	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters. Information and Online registration (by 14 September 2012): http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=26342 E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int
22–23 October 2012 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
23–24 October 2012 Munich (DE) <i>[previously indicated as 25–26 October 2012]</i>	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
25–26 October 2012 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Intellectual Property International (see San Francisco, above)
6 November 2012 Cologne (DE)	German	Seminar on the PCT System, within the framework of PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants (5–6 November 2012) WIPO speaker: to be announced	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
7–8 November 2012 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update 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
4–5 December 2012 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
6 December 2012 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Lille, above)
6–7 December 2012 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
16 April 2012 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time (10.00 am to 11 noon, New York time)	English	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2012 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/895649586
17 April 2012 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time	Spanish	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2012 rule changes WIPO speaker: Ms. Largo	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/896636466
19 April 2012 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm, Central European Time (11.00 am to 12 noon, New York time)	English	“PCT-SAFE fully electronic filing with WIPO’s receiving Office RO/IB” WIPO speaker: Ms. Lombardi	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/321040090
24 April 2012 8.00 am to 9.00 am, Central European Time (3.00 to 4.00 pm, Tokyo time)	Japanese	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2012 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/911561522

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
3 May 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Recent Developments in the EP and PCT Procedures – update for senior patent administrators and patent professionals Speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs (PCT Consultant) and Mr. Naumann (former Head of Central Unit FO, European Patent Office, Munich)	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
6 June 2012 Copenhagen (DK)	English	Recent Developments in the EP and PCT Procedures – update for senior patent administrators and patent professionals Speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs (PCT Consultant) and Mr. Naumann (former Head of Central Unit FO, European Patent Office, Munich)	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 April 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

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

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 April 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available								CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)								
AT	EUR	50	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,375	16	103	207	310	AU KR
AZ	AZN	10	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BR	BRL ⁹	200	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,518	17	114	228	342	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹	1,453	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 109	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP	812,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 April 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,453		16	109	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	1,094		12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,094		12	82	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,094		12	82	165	247	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	8,150		90	610	1,220	1,840	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available									
DO	USD	275	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR	115.04	EUR	1,094		12	82	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	125	EUR	1,094		12	–	165	247	EP
ES	EUR	72.06	EUR	1,094		12	82	165	247	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,094		12	–	165	247	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,094		12	82	165	247	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	939		11	–	141	212	EP
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	USD ¹³	100	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,094		12	82	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ or EUR ¹⁵ or USD ¹⁵	100 82 109	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,094 1,453	15 12 16	100 82 109	100 82 109	200 165 219	300 247 328	See footnote 16
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,094		12	82	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	561	USD	1,453		16	109	219	328	EP US (from 1.6.12: IL)
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	15,000	ISK	171,800 (from 1.6.12: 184,800)	1,900 (2,100)	12	12,900 (13,900)	25,800 (27,800)	38,700 (41,700)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,094		12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	10,000	JPY	111,400 (from 1.6.12: 121,700)	1,300 (1,400)	12	8,400 (9,100)	– (–)	25,100 (27,400)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available									
KN	Information not yet available									
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,716,000		19,000	129,000	–	387,000	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT	8,243 ¹⁸	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰	–	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR	1,094		12	82	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,094		12	–	–	–	EP

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

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				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸		
LV	LVL	48.80	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	600 ¹⁹	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 ²⁰	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	238,300	2,700	17,900	–	–	EP
MX	MXN eq USD	323.70 ²¹	MXN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing)		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,094	12	–	165	247	EP
NO	NOK	750	NOK	8,520	100	–	1,280	1,920	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ²³	NZD	1,907 (from 1.5.12: 1,768)	22 (20)	143 (133)	– (–)	– (–)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	eq USD 109	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,453	16	109	219	328	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	20.28	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
QA	Information not yet available								
RO	ROL	360	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD	6,100 ²⁴	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	600	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	9,970	110	750	1,500	2,250	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,905	21	143	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁵	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	240 ²⁷	USD	1,453	16	109	219	–	AU EP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	11,910 (from 1.6.12: 11,160)	130 (130)	900 (840)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	eq USD 109	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

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Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 April 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,785 * (from 1.5.12:	CHF 2,169 KRW 2,642,000	KRW* 2,799,000 SGD 2,950	SGD* 3,110 ZAR 18,400)	USD 2,370	ZAR* 19,430		
AU	AUD 1,900 USD* 1,833 * (from 1.5.12:	CHF 1,838 ZAR 15,020 SGD 2,550	EUR 1,380 USD 2,041)	KRW 2,165,000	NZD 2,404	SGD* 2,400		
BR ²⁹	BRL 1,900	CHF 995	EUR 826	USD 1,007				
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,402	EUR 1,154	USD 1,532				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 301	EUR 248	USD 329				
EP ³⁰	EUR 1,875 MWK 406,000 ZAR 19,260 * (from 1.6.12:	CHF 2,264 NOK 14,380 JPY 206,900)	DKK 13,940 NZD 3,012	GBP 1,562 SEK 16,460	ISK 301,000 SGD 3,090	JPY* 186,800 USD 2,426		
ES ³⁰	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,264	USD 2,426					
FI	EUR* 1,875	CHF 2,264	USD 2,426					
IL ³¹	(from 1.6.12:	ILS 3,500	CHF 849	EUR 705	USD 940)			
JP	JPY 70,000 * (from 1.6.12:	CHF* 836 CHF 765	EUR* 688 EUR 634	KRW* 1,078,000 KRW 957,000	USD* 913 USD 840)			
KR	For searches carried out in English: KRW 1,300,000 AUD* 1,141 CHF 1,007 EUR 878 NZD 1,444 SGD 1,440 USD 1,101 * (from 1.6.12: AUD 1,070) For searches carried out in Korean: KRW 450,000 AUD* 395 CHF 349 EUR 304 NZD 500 SGD 500 USD 381 * (from 1.6.12: AUD 370)							
RU	RUB 13,500 * (from 1.6.12:	CHF 407 USD 453)	EUR 338	USD* 415				
SE	SEK 16,460 USD 2,426	CHF 2,264	DKK 13,940	EUR 1,875	ISK 301,000	NOK 14,380		
US	USD 2,080 * (from 1.5.12: ** (from 1.6.12:	CHF 1,904 NZD 2,490 ZAR 15,930)	EUR 1,566	NZD* 2,730	ZAR** 17,050			
XN	DKK 13,940	CHF 2,264	EUR 1,875	ISK 301,000	NOK 14,380	USD 2,426		

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 April 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,033 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,446 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,066	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,264	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,264	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³² 9,450 (13,500) ³³ (from 15.5.12: 11,800 (18,800) ³³)	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,264	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,264	CHF 200

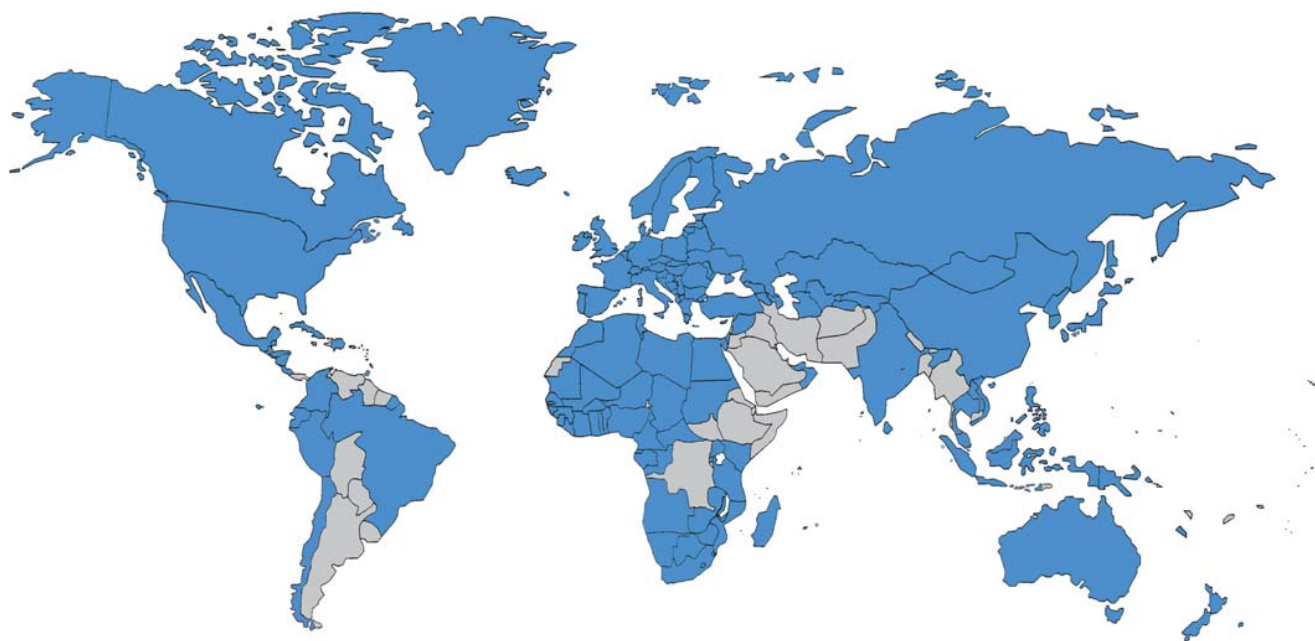
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 April 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁴		Handling fee ^{2, 34} (CHF 200)	
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,675	EUR	165
AU	AUD	550 780 ³⁵	AUD	207
BR ²⁹	BRL	710	BRL	412 (from 1.5.12: 382)
CA	CAD	800	CAD	228
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ³⁰	EUR	1,850	EUR	165
ES	EUR	566.49	EUR	165
FI	EUR	600	EUR	165
IL ³¹	(from 1.6.12: ILS 1,500)		(from 1.6.12: ILS 824)	
JP	JPY	26,000	JPY	16,800 (from 1.6.12: 18,300)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	258,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁶ 8,100 ³⁷	USD	219
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,500
US	USD	600 750 ³⁸	USD	219
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,220

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.
- 19 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).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 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.
- 23 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 24 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 non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 27 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.
- 28 The fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 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 The Israel Patent Office will begin operating as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 June 2012.
- 32 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 33 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).
- 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, Patents and Trademarks (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 (144 on 1 April 2012)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ³	IT Italy (EP) ³	MR Mauritania (OA) ³	SM San Marino (EP)
AL Albania (EP) ^{1,2}	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) ³	SN Senegal (OA) ³
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ³
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ³
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ²	EC Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ³	TG Togo (OA) ³
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BE Belgium (EP) ³	EG Egypt	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ³	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ³	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway (EP)	TN Tunisia
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ³	LR Liberia (AP) ⁴	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BJ Benin (OA) ³	GA Gabon (OA) ³	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LV Latvia (EP) ³	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LY Libya	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	MA Morocco	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) ³	GN Guinea (OA) ³	MC Monaco (EP) ³	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CG Congo (OA) ³	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ³	MD Republic of Moldova (EA) ⁵	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ³	ME Montenegro ²	RS Serbia (EP) ^{2,6}	ZA South Africa
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ³	GT Guatemala	MG Madagascar	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ³	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	RW Rwanda (AP) ⁷	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ³	HN Honduras	ML Mali (OA) ³	SC Seychelles	
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)		SD Sudan (AP)	
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SE Sweden (EP)	
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
	IE Ireland (EP) ³		SI Slovenia (EP) ³	
	IL Israel		SK Slovakia (EP)	
	IN India			

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

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

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

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

5 Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

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

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

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

Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

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 January 2010 and July 2011, respectively) 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.

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New PCT Contracting State

Brunei Darussalam (country code: BN)

On 24 April 2012, Brunei Darussalam deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, thus becoming the 145th Contracting State of the PCT, and on 24 July 2012, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 24 July 2012 will automatically include the designation of Brunei Darussalam.

Also, because Brunei Darussalam 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 24 July 2012. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam will be entitled, as from 24 July 2012, to file international applications under the PCT.

Budapest Treaty

Accession by Brunei Darussalam

Brunei Darussalam also deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure on 24 April 2012, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 76. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Brunei Darussalam on 24 July 2012.

Information about the Budapest Treaty

A document containing a summary of the Budapest Treaty and Regulations, as well as an explanation of the main advantages of the Treaty (WO/INF/12 Rev.19), has recently been updated and is available in English, French and Spanish at:

http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/treaties/fr/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/treaties/es/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilot

National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) and Japan Patent Office

On 18 April 2012, a new PCT-PPH pilot program began between the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) (INPI) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO). Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in Portugal is 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 within the framework of the PCT by the JPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the PCT-PPH pilot between INPI and the JPO has been published at:

http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2012/0411_03.html

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

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

PCT Statistics 2011

The PCT Yearly Review, 2012 edition

The 2012 edition of the PCT Yearly Review summarizes PCT activities and developments in 2011, and contains a comprehensive set of statistics relating to PCT filings (including filings by top countries of origin, by top applicants and by technical field) and the performance of the international patent system in 2011, as well as statistics relating to national phase entries in 2010. This edition contains a special theme on the reaching of the milestone of two million PCT filings, which reviews how the PCT has grown and how it has changed since PCT operations began in 1978 (see page 16).

The PCT Yearly Review is now available in English, in PDF format, at:

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

Note that, although the cover page of the Review carries the date of issue, 2012, the link to it is labeled “2011” as this is the year to which most of the data relates.

At the above-mentioned address, there is, for the first time, also a link to a zip folder (“Download data and graphs”) containing:

- images of all the graphs and tables (including titles, sources and notes); and
- details of the data behind all graphs and tables.

French and Spanish translations of the Review are under preparation and will be available shortly. Printed versions will also be available shortly, free of charge, from the Outreach Services Section at WIPO:

Fax: (41–22) 740 18 12

E-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int

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

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

EPO and WIPO Sign Agreement to Enhance Co-operation

With the aim of further developing the international patent system to better support innovation in economies around the globe, the European Patent Office (EPO) and WIPO have agreed on a comprehensive three-year technical co-operation scheme.

The agreement, signed by EPO President Benoît Battistelli and WIPO Director General Francis Gurry in Munich on 3 May 2012, is the first of its kind between the two institutions, and specifically aims at improving the procedural framework of the PCT with a view to increasing its use by patent applicants. Moreover, co-operation also focuses on enhancing the quality and efficiency of the patent granting process, including patent classification and searching, and improving access to patent information.

The agreement foresees establishing annual work plans of co-operation activities in areas of mutual interest surrounding the PCT. Among the deliverables are the fully electronic exchange of PCT documents and an enhanced digital exchange of patent information products.

The joint EPO/WIPO press release relating to this event (PR/2012/709) is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2012/article_0008.html

PCT e-Services: Change of E-mail Address

The PCT e-Services Help Desk has changed its e-mail address from pctsafe.help@wipo.int to:
epct@wipo.int

This is to reflect the fact that customer support is provided for PCT e-Services in addition to PCT-SAFE and e-filing, in particular, ePCT, DAS and Online Document Upload. In order to ensure that you continue to receive customer support messages from the PCT e-Services Help Desk, you may wish to whitelist the epct@wipo.int address to prevent your spam filter from blocking it. E-mails sent to the old address will be automatically redirected to the new e-mail address for the foreseeable future.

PCT Information Update

FI Finland (fees)

There has been a change, with effect from 1 November 2011, in the fee for restoration of the right of priority payable to the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	EUR	450
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (FI) and National Chapter, Summary (FI), and of the table of "Restoration of the right of priority")

GB United Kingdom (address for filings by hand)

It is recalled that filings by hand with the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) can be made at a London address, in addition to the address of the Office in Newport. The London address, which is for filings by hand only, will change with effect from 21 May 2012, as follows:

1st Floor, 4 Abbey Orchard Street
London SW1P 2HT
United Kingdom

All postal correspondence must be sent to the Newport address.

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

HU Hungary (corrigendum to fee tables)

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, was erroneously indicated in Table I(a) of the PCT Fee Tables which were published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 03 and 04/2012. The correct amount of the fee is HUF 11,800.

IL Israel (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; information on the Office as ISA and IPEA)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2012, the Israel Patent Office has made a clarification (by way of a new footnote) about the cases where it is competent to act as an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), as follows:

The Israel Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

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

Information on the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority (ISA) and IPEA, applicable with effect from 1 June 2012, has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* – see Annex D (IL) and Annex E (IL) on the PCT website at:

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

IT Italy (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Italian Patent and Trademark Office has changed, as follows:

E-mail: contactcenteruibm@sviluppoeconomico.gov.it

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

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:

Filing fee:	KRW	58,000
Plus, per sheet in excess of 20 ¹	KRW	1,000

For utility model:

Filing fee:	KRW	27,000
Plus, per sheet in excess of 20 ¹	KRW	1,000

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

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

With effect from 1 May 2012, the Japan Patent Office has changed one of its conditions for refund of the search fee, as follows (the other conditions not indicated have not changed):

Refund of JPY 28,000 upon request where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

- where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;
- the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

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

The Israel Patent Office has notified its conditions for refund of the search fee, with effect from 1 June 2012, as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 50%, depending upon the extent of the benefit

See "IL Israel", above, for information about the publication of the consolidated information on the Israel Patent Office in its capacity as ISA, applicable with effect from 1 June 2012.

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (Israel Patent Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2012, the Israel Patent Office has notified the amount of the late furnishing fee under PCT Rule 13*ter*.2, payable to it as an

¹ This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.

International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for the late furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings, with effect from 1 June 2012, as follows:

Late furnishing fee: ILS 450

The Office has notified its conditions for refund of the preliminary examination fee, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%

Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%

See "IL Israel", above, for information about the publication of the consolidated information on the Israel Patent Office in its capacity as IPEA, applicable with effect from 1 June 2012.

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as IPEA, has changed:

Fee for copies of documents contained
in the file of the international application:

First 9 pages:	None	
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

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

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

Quality reports

In accordance with the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, paragraphs 21.29 and 21.30, the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities make annual reports on the quality management systems which they have implemented for their work as International Authorities. The reports for 2011 are now available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html>

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):

IL Israel Patent Office (1 June 2012)

JP Japan Patent Office (1 May 2012)

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 English and French, in PDF format, at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf

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

Seminar materials

Seminar materials covering all aspects of the PCT procedure have been updated in French on 17 April 2012 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf

PCT Webinars

The PCT webinars page has been updated with webinar recordings from the January and April 2012 sessions, and from some of the sessions that were held in early May. The recordings, which include PCT-SAFE updates, as well as the latest developments and 1 July 2012 rule changes, are available in Chinese, English, Japanese, Korean and Spanish, and can be consulted at, respectively:

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html> (for English and Korean)

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

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

The recordings of the Arabic, French, German, Portuguese and Russian sessions, which took place/will take place later in May (for details, see the list of PCT webinars which are announced under the PCT Seminar Calendar at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>), will be made available shortly.

Launch of the WIPO PCT-ROAD Demo System

It is recalled that the PCT Receiving Office Administration (PCT-ROAD) system enables PCT receiving Offices (ROs) to accept fully electronic international applications filed on physical media, and to process international applications electronically, whether filed fully electronically, on paper together with a copy in electronic form (in PCT-EASY mode), or on paper (for further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2011). On 13 April 2012, a new PCT-ROAD demo system was deployed at:

https://pctroad-demo.wipo.int/PCT_ROAD

The demo system, which is a web-based service operated by WIPO, makes it easy for ROs to enjoy the benefits of the PCT-ROAD system without having to install the PCT-ROAD software or maintain the system. ROs can investigate the feasibility and suitability of the PCT-ROAD software with this demo system before the deployment of the PCT-ROAD system at their own premises. Moreover, the demo system will be used as a common environment to test the PCT-ROAD software together with ROs, and the feedback from those Offices will assist in the

further development of the software. Furthermore, the demo system can be used as a hands-on training tool for ROs.

Further details on the demo system, including the requirements for using it, are available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/pctroad/pctroad-demo.html>

and general information on PCT-ROAD is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/pctroad/>

PATENTSCOPE Search Service

The PATENTSCOPE search service has migrated to a new version of the LUCENE search engine, resulting in quicker response times for queries, especially for more complex queries, and enabling the use of new and enhanced operators. For further details on the new capabilities of the search engine, see:

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/pctdb/2012/news_0004.html

Guide to the Paris Convention

The *Guide to the Application of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property*, written by Professor G.H.C. Bodenhausen, former Director of the United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property (BIRPI)², is now available in PDF format, in English, at:

http://www.wipo.int/freepublications/en/intproperty/611/wipo_pub_611.pdf

The *Guide*, after briefly sketching the history and the principal rules of the Convention, comments upon each of its articles and paragraphs separately.

Practical Advice

The requirement to indicate the same person as applicant for a national designation as for the regional designation of that State

Q: I am the agent for an international application in respect of which I would like to indicate a particular applicant for the designation of Denmark (DK) for a national patent only. I am in the process of preparing to file the international application electronically using the PCT-SAFE software, however, while completing the PCT-SAFE version of the request form (PCT/RO/101), I noticed that, when selecting the designated States for which each person is applicant, the software will not allow me to enter the applicant for the designation of a DK national patent without it automatically indicating that person also as applicant for the designation of DK for a European patent (EP). There does not seem to be any way of deselecting the latter. Is it possible to indicate an applicant for the designation of DK for an EP patent who is different from the applicant for the DK national patent? If not, is it possible to have a different applicant for different parts of the European patent, for example, is it possible for one applicant to be applicant for all EP Contracting States except DK, and for another applicant to be applicant for the DK part of the European patent?

² The predecessor to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

A: The PCT-SAFE software has been programmed to automatically complete the box such that the person who is applicant for a particular national designation is also named as applicant for the regional designation of that State because, in accordance with Section 203(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, where a particular State has been designated for both a national patent and a regional patent, the same applicant or applicants must be indicated for both designations. The automatic selection by the software avoids the situation where a correction to the request form is needed at a later date, which would be the case where a paper request form is filed and the applicant is indicated for the designation of a particular State for a national patent and not for a European patent.

As far as the rest of the EP designation is concerned, however, different applicants may be indicated for different States designated for a regional patent (see Section 203(a) of the Administrative Instructions). This means that the applicant in question can be indicated as applicant for the DK national and EP designations, and another applicant can be applicant for all EP Contracting States except DK. Also, however, because more than one applicant can be applicant for a particular designation, the other applicant could also be indicated as applicant for all EP Contracting States (including DK). You should therefore clarify the situation if you do not wish the other applicant(s) to be co-applicant(s) for the regional designation of DK.

For information on how to complete the request form (both the PCT-SAFE and paper versions) where there are applicants for particular designated States and the boxes provided do not fit the circumstances, see below:

(1) PCT-SAFE filings

After selecting “The person is applicant for ‘certain designated States only’” on the screen entitled “Details Concerning Applicant or Applicant/Inventor”, select the designated States for which the applicant is applicant on the “View/Change States” screen.

(2) Paper filings

In the relevant applicant’s box (either Box No. II or III), check the box marked “the States indicated in the Supplemental Box” and then repeat, next to part 1(ii) of the Supplemental box, the name of the applicant together with an indication of the designated State or States for which that person is applicant, for example:

SMITH, John, applicant for Denmark (national patent and European patent)

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 10 May 2012)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
11 May 2012 Sendai (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jauiptm.jp
14 May 2012 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	(See Sendai, above)
15-16 May 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Weiss and Ms. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
22-23 May 2012 Bucharest (RO)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the epi-CEIPI Basic Training WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Coeckelbergs	Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (epi) and Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Teodorescu) E-mail: mteodorescu@rominvent.ro
24 May 2012 Philadelphia, PA (US)	English	PCT Comprehensive Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed Other speaker: Mr. Smith, PCT Learning Center	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
4 June 2012 Zurich (CH)	German	Presentation on recent developments concerning the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pieter Spierenburg) Tel: (41-56) 485 94 94 Fax: (41-56) 485 94 95 E-mail: ceipi@patent-anwalt.ch
11-12 June 2012 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Silke Weiss	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Olli Ilmarinen) Tel: (358) 9 6939 5236 Fax: (358) 9 6939 5556 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
14-15 June 2012 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT course WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Silke Weiss	Trona Patentrådgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjörnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@trona.se
15 June 2012 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi and Mr. Yoshiura	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05
18 June 2012 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi and Mr. Yoshiura	(See Toyko, above)
19 June 2012 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi and Mr. Yoshiura	(See Toyko, above)
21 June 2012 Paris (FR)	French	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Ms. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
13 – 14 August 2012 Highland Heights, KY (US)	English	Comprehensive Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	NKU Chase Law and Informatics Institute, and CincylP (Ms. Lindsey L. Jaeger) Tel: (1-859) 572 78 53 Fax: (1-859) 572 53 42 E-mail: jaegerl1@nku.edu
13–14 September 2012 Cary, North Carolina (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	North Carolina Bar Association (Contact person: Ms. Melanie Bostic) Tel: (1-919) 657 15 69 Toll free in the US: (1-800) 228 34 02 ext. 201 E-mail: MBostic@ncbar.org
12 October 2012 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 11 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (11–12 October) 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
15–16 October 2012 Geneva (CH)	English	Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for Patent Administrators and Paralegals on the procedural aspects of the PCT, including practical workshops on the use of the PATENTSCOPE database and the new ePCT service. A visit of the PCT Operations Division will also be included. Note that attendance is limited to 45 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: to be announced	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters. Information and Online registration (by 14 September 2012): http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=26342 E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int
22–23 October 2012 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
23–24 October 2012 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
25–26 October 2012 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Intellectual Property International (see San Francisco, above)
6 November 2012 Cologne (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT System, within the framework of PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants (5–6 November 2012) WIPO speaker: to be announced	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
7–8 November 2012 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update 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
4–5 December 2012 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
6 December 2012 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Lille, above)
6–7 December 2012 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
10 May 2012 09.00 am to 10.00 am, Central European Time	Chinese	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2012 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Yu	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/806083314
15 May 2012 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm, Central European Time	French	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2012 rule changes WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/908226106
22 May 2012 09.00 am to 10.00 am, Central European Time	Russian	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2012 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Gavrikov	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/434219610
24 May 2012 10.00 am to 11.00 am, Central European Time	Arabic	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2012 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Abdulaziz	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/193258306
25 May 2012 10.00 am to 11.00 am, Central European Time	German	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2012 rule changes WIPO speaker: Ms. Weiss	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/935801322
31 May 2012 2.30 pm to 3:30 pm, Central European Time	Portuguese	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2012 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Teixeira Storni	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/863212522

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
6 June 2012 Copenhagen (DK)	English	Recent Developments in the EP and PCT Procedures – update for senior patent administrators and patent professionals Speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs (PCT Consultant) and Mr. Naumann (former Head of Central Unit FO, European Patent Office, Munich)	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 May 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

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

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 May 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
					Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR 1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,375	16	103	207	310	AU KR
AZ	AZN	10	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BR	BRL ⁹	200	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,518	17	114	228	342	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 1,453	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 109	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP	812,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU

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

(amounts on 1 May 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,453		16	109	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	1,094		12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,094		12	82	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,094		12	82	165	247	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	8,150		90	610	1,220	1,840	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available									
DO	USD	275	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR	115.04	EUR	1,094		12	82	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	125	EUR	1,094		12	–	165	247	EP
ES	EUR	72.06	EUR	1,094		12	82	165	247	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,094		12	–	165	247	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,094		12	82	165	247	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	939		11	–	141	212	EP
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	USD ¹³	100	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,094		12	82	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ or EUR ¹⁵ or USD ¹⁵	100 82 109	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,094 1,453		15 12 16	100 82 109	200 165 219	300 247 328	See footnote 16
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,094		12	82	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	561	USD	1,453		16	109	219	328	EP US (from 1.6.12: IL)
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	15,000	ISK	171,800 (from 1.6.12: 184,800)		1,900 (2,100)	12,900 (13,900)	25,800 (27,800)	38,700 (41,700)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,094		12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	10,000	JPY	111,400 (from 1.6.12: 121,700)		1,300 (1,400)	8,400 (9,100)	– (–)	25,100 (27,400)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available									
KN	Information not yet available									
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,716,000		19,000	129,000	–	387,000	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT	8,243 ¹⁸	USD	1,453		16	109	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰	–	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR	1,094		12	82	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,094		12	–	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 May 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
LV	LVL	48.80	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	600 ¹⁹	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 ²⁰	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
MN	None		CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	238,300	2,700	17,900	–	–	EP
MX	MXN eq USD	323.70 ²¹	MXN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing) ²²		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,094	12	–	165	247	EP
NO	NOK	750	NOK	8,520	100	–	1,280	1,920	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ²³	NZD	1,768	20	133	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	eq USD 109	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,453	16	109	219	328	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	2028	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
QA	Information not yet available								
RO	ROL	360	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD	6,100 ²⁴	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	600	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	9,970	110	750	1,500	2,250	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,905	21	143	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁵	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None		CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	240 ²⁷	USD	1,453	16	109	219	–	AU EP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR (from 1.6.12: 11,160)	11,910 (130)	130 (130)	900 (840)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	eq USD 109	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

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Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 May 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,169	KRW	2,642,000	SGD	2,950	USD	2,370	ZAR	18,400
AU	AUD	1,900	CHF	1,838	EUR	1,380	KRW	2,165,000	NZD	2,404	SGD	2,550
	USD	2,041	ZAR	15,020								
BR ²⁹	BRL	1,900	CHF	995	EUR	826	USD	1,007				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,402	EUR	1,154	USD	1,532				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	301	EUR	248	USD	329				
EP ³⁰	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,264	DKK	13,940	GBP	1,562	ISK	301,000	JPY*	186,800
	MWK	406,000	NOK	14,380	NZD	3,012	SEK	16,460	SGD	3,090	USD	2,426
	ZAR	19,260										
	* (from 1.6.12: JPY 206,900)											
ES ³⁰	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,264	USD	2,426						
FI	EUR*	1,875	CHF	2,264	USD	2,426						
IL ³¹	(from 1.6.12: ILS 3,500		CHF	849	EUR	705	USD	940)				
JP	JPY	70,000	CHF*	836	EUR*	688	KRW*	1,078,000	USD*	913		
	* (from 1.6.12: CHF 765		EUR	634	KRW	957,000	USD	840)				
KR	For searches carried out in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD*	1,141	CHF	1,007	EUR	878	NZD	1,444	SGD	1,440
	USD	1,101										
	* (from 1.6.12: AUD 1,070)											
	For searches carried out in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD*	395	CHF	349	EUR	304	NZD	500	SGD	500
	USD	381										
	* (from 1.6.12: AUD 370)											
RU	RUB	13,500	CHF	407	EUR	338	USD*	415				
	* (from 1.6.12: USD 453)											
SE	SEK	16,460	CHF	2,264	DKK	13,940	EUR	1,875	ISK	301,000	NOK	14,380
	USD	2,426										
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,904	EUR	1,566	NZD	2,490	ZAR*	17,050		
	* (from 1.6.12: ZAR 15,930)											
XN	DKK	13,940	CHF	2,264	EUR	1,875	ISK	301,000	NOK	14,380	USD	2,426

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 May 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,033 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,446 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,066	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,264	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,264	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³² 9,450 (13,500) ³³ (from 15.5.12: 11,800 (18,880) ³³)	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,264	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,264	CHF 200

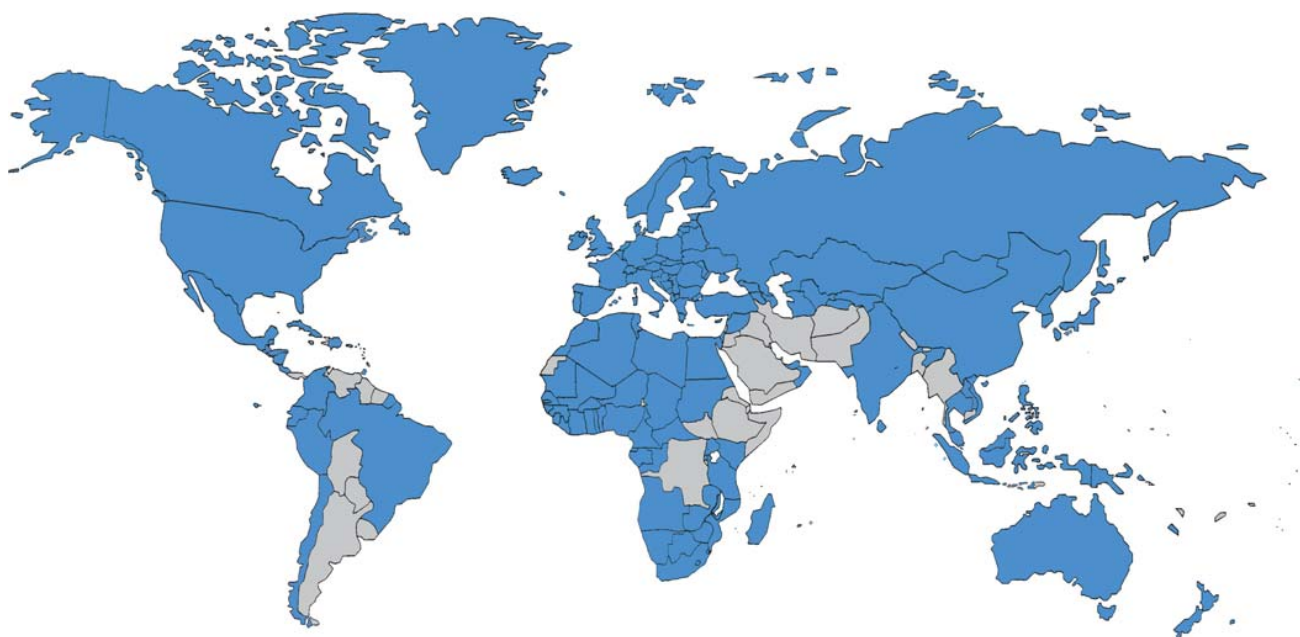
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 May 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁴		Handling fee ^{2, 34} (CHF 200)	
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,675	EUR	165
AU	AUD	550	AUD	207
BR ²⁹	BRL	710	BRL	382
CA	CAD	800	CAD	228
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ³⁰	EUR	1,850	EUR	165
ES	EUR	566.49	EUR	165
FI	EUR	600	EUR	165
IL ³¹	(from 1.6.12: ILS 1,500)		(from 1.6.12: ILS 824)	
JP	JPY	26,000	JPY	16,800 (from 1.6.12: 18,300)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	258,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁶	USD	219
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,500
US	USD	600	USD	219
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,220

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.
- 19 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).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 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.
- 23 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 24 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 non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 27 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.
- 28 The fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 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 The Israel Patent Office will begin operating as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 June 2012.
- 32 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 33 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).
- 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, Patents and Trademarks (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)).

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AE United Arab Emirates	CO Colombia	IL Israel	ML Mali (OA) ³	SK Slovakia (EP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CR Costa Rica	IN India	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AL Albania (EP) ^{1,2}	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ³	SM San Marino (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CY Cyprus (EP) ³	IT Italy (EP) ³	MT Malta (EP) ³	SN Senegal (OA) ³
AO Angola	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AT Austria (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AU Australia	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ³
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ²	DO Dominican Republic	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ³
BB Barbados	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ³	TG Togo (OA) ³
BE Belgium (EP) ³	EC Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ³	EE Estonia (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	EG Egypt	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ³	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TN Tunisia
BJ Benin (OA) ³	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BN Brunei Darussalam (from 24 July 2012)	FR France (EP) ³	LT Lithuania (EP)	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BR Brazil	GA Gabon (OA) ³	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GD Grenada	LR Liberia (AP) ⁴	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belize	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CA Canada	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	RO Romania (EP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ³	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ³	QA Qatar	RS Serbia (EP) ^{2,6}
CG Congo (OA) ³	GN Guinea (OA) ³	LY Libya	RU Russian Federation (EA)	RU Russian Federation (EA)
CH Switzerland (EP)	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ³	MA Morocco	RW Rwanda (AP) ⁷	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ³	GR Greece (EP) ³	MC Monaco (EP) ³	SC Seychelles	ZA South Africa
CL Chile	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova ⁵	SE Sudan (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ³	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ³	ME Montenegro ²	SD Sweden (EP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	SG Singapore	
	HR Croatia (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SI Slovenia (EP) ³	
	HU Hungary (EP)			
	ID Indonesia			
	IE Ireland (EP) ³			

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

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

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

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

5 International applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

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

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

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

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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 January 2010 and July 2011, respectively) 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.