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Changes in the Structure of the Publication of International Applications

As part of an ongoing effort to improve the availability of patent information, the International Bureau (IB) will publish international applications with an international filing date on or after 1 January 2008, in a slightly different manner. In respect of those international applications, certain documents which, under PCT Rule 48.2(a), are to be “contained” in the publication of the international application, will be presented and disseminated as separate documents. In respect of those international applications, the publication of the international application, available through WIPO’s PATENTSCOPE® Search Service and on PCT Article 20 and PCT Rule 87 DVDs, will consist of the following documents:

1. A single document, containing:
 - the standardized front page;
 - description, claims and drawings (if any);
 - the international search report, or the declaration under Article 17.2(a);
 - amended claims and the associated statement filed under Article 19, if any; and
2. the following documents which form part of the publication of the international application but which are presented and disseminated as separate documents:
 - the sequence listing part of the description, whether filed on paper or filed in electronic form;
 - indications relating to the deposited biological material filed separately from the description;
 - requests from the applicant under PCT Rule 91.3(d) to publish information concerning the request for the rectification of an obvious mistake where the International Searching Authority has refused to authorize the rectification;
 - requests from the applicant under PCT Rule 26bis.2(e) to publish information concerning priority claims which the applicant wished to correct or add but for which the time limit under PCT Rule 26bis.1 had expired;
 - declarations under PCT Rule 4.17;
 - information concerning a priority claim referred to in PCT Rule 26bis.2(d);
 - information concerning a request under PCT Rule 26bis.3 for the restoration of right of priority;
 - information concerning incorporation by reference of missing parts and/or elements (Form PCT/RO/114);
 - information concerning one or more priority claims considered void (Form PCT/IB/318); and
 - information concerning authorization of a rectification of an obvious mistake under PCT Rule 91.1.

All of the documents listed above will be made available, where applicable, in the PATENTSCOPE® Search Service (www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/) on the “Documents” tab of the international application concerned.

Note that, while the changes are applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008, the majority of those applications will, pursuant to the normal PCT publication timeline, not be published before the expiration of 18 months from the priority date, that is, not before 1 July 2008. However, in the exceptional case that the applicant requests early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b), the IB would publish the international application before 1 July 2008, using the revised structure.

PCT Information Update

BR Brazil (Internet address)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2007, the National Institute of Industrial Property has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: www.inpi.gov.br

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

DK Denmark (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has specified the Nordic Patent Institute, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 January 2008 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Denmark with the Danish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office.

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

ES Spain (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2008:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

Fee for priority document: EUR 27.70

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2008:

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee: EUR 89.89

Electronic filing fee: EUR 76.41

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

FI Finland (fees)

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland has notified the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, payable to it as receiving Office, with effect from 13 December 2007. The amount of this fee is EUR 250.

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

GB United Kingdom (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) as receiving Office, has changed with effect from 17 December 2007:

Fee for priority document: GBP 20

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

IS Iceland (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Icelandic Patent Office has specified the Nordic Patent Institute, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 January 2008 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Iceland with the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office.

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

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified that the fee for the priority document pursuant to PCT Rule 17.1(b) is no longer payable in respect of international applications filed with it as receiving Office on or after 1 January 2008.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2008 (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:

Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW 22,000
plus, for each claim:	KRW 15,000

For utility model:

Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW 17,000
plus, for each claim:	KRW 4,000

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

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The International Bureau acting for the Department of Intellectual Property, Standardization and Metrology (Lao People's Democratic Republic) has specified the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

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

NO Norway (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Norwegian Patent Office has specified the Nordic Patent Institute, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 January 2008 for

international applications filed by nationals and residents of Norway with the Norwegian Patent Office as receiving Office.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (NO))

Search fee (Nordic Patent Institute)

Further to the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2007 of the amount in DKK of the fee for an international search carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute, payable with effect from 1 January 2008, the equivalent amounts of that fee have now been established in CHF, EUR, ISK, NOK and USD, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.026.201), dated 1 January 2008, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.htm

This version ("build 201") includes the following changes:

- Croatia (HR) and Norway (NO) are included in the EP designation;
- Information on the Nordic Patent Institute as International Searching Authority (ISA/XN);
- New PCT Contracting State Angola (AO) as from 27 December 2007;
- All fee schedules have been updated;
- Compatibility with Windows® Vista; and
- Other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements and PCT updates.

Important:

It is necessary to install this new build to be able to file fully electronic applications with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) as of 6 January 2008, on which date the RO/IB server digital certificate enabling secure communications changed.

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

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

Note concerning PCT applications in Japanese prepared using the Windows® Vista environment

Following the release of the new Windows® Vista-compliant PCT-SAFE client build 201 (see above), applicants filing international applications containing Japanese characters prepared using the PCT-SAFE software in a Windows® Vista environment or a JIS2004 environment are advised that the Microsoft Corporation has changed the appearance of some of the Japanese Kanji characters to comply with the JIS2004 standard. Since the PCT-SAFE client software uses the font information available on the applicant's computer, the appearance of the Japanese Kanji on the computer screen and on printouts will comply with JIS2004, but will be different from those which are contained in the published international application. This is due to the fact that, for the time being, the JIS2004 Kanji characters will be replaced by JIS90 Kanji

characters in the published application. Furthermore, levels 3 and 4 Kanji characters will not be shown in the JIS90 environment.

Further information on this change and a list of the Kanji characters affected are available at:

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

Practical Advice

Consequence of excluding a designation of a State under PCT Rule 4.9(b) where there is no claim of priority of an earlier national application filed in that State

Q: I filed a number of international applications claiming the priority of earlier applications filed in Germany. In those applications, the relevant check-box in Box No. V of the request form was marked, in accordance with the provisions of PCT Rule 4.9(b), to exclude the designation of Germany. I subsequently filed another international application in which that box was marked, even though the international application did not claim the priority of an earlier application filed in Germany (it claimed the priority of an application filed in Austria). What will be the consequence of the box being checked? Is it still possible to designate Germany?

A: It is recalled that PCT Rule 4.9(b) was adopted to accommodate the situation where the national law of certain countries (at the time of writing this: Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation) provides for automatic withdrawal of an earlier national application if a later-filed international application claims the priority of that earlier national application and designates that State; in such cases, the applicant can exclude the State concerned from the automatic and all-inclusive designation of all PCT Contracting States under PCT Rule 4.9(a), thereby maintaining the priority application.

Even though you have excluded the designation of Germany, under PCT Rule 4.9(b) you may only exclude the designation of such a State in Box No. V ***if the priority of an earlier national application filed in that State is claimed in Box No. VI.*** Therefore, if, on the date of filing, the request part of your international application contains an indication under Rule 4.9(b) that the designation of Germany is not made, but does not contain a priority claim to an earlier national application filed in that State, you should be notified by the receiving Office, and your attention drawn to Rule 26bis ("Correction or Addition of Priority Claim") to give you the opportunity to add any missing priority claim, in case the lack of priority claim is due to an omission on your behalf. In accordance with Section 319 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, if, by the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26bis.1(a), the receiving Office has not received any notice correcting or adding a priority claim to an earlier national application filed in Germany, it will cancel *ex officio* the indication in Box No. V, and the designation of Germany would thereby be reinstated. The receiving Office would then notify you and the International Bureau, by way of PCT Form PCT/RO/146, that it had cancelled *ex officio* the indication in Box No. V. It would therefore not be necessary for you to take any action in this situation.

Notwithstanding, there would be nothing to prevent you from notifying the receiving Office as soon as you realize that the designation of Germany has been erroneously excluded, and confirming to them that the international application does not claim the priority of an earlier national application filed in Germany. This would streamline the correction procedure (the receiving Office would not have to issue the first notice referred to in the preceding paragraph) and ensure that the receiving Office applied Section 319(b) of the Administrative Instructions directly.

Note that the above would equally apply should a similar situation arise where the designations of Japan, the Republic of Korea or the Russian Federation have been erroneously excluded.

For further information on the implications of PCT Rule 4.9(b), see the Practical Advice published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 11/2003 and 04/2006.

Applicability of 75% Reduction in Certain PCT Fees ¹			
1. Where the international application is filed by an applicant ² who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in one of the following States: ³			
(a) States which are PCT Contracting States:			
Albania	Dominica	Lithuania	Sierra Leone
Algeria	Dominican Republic	Madagascar	Slovakia
Angola	Ecuador	Malawi	South Africa
Armenia	Egypt	Malaysia	Sri Lanka
Azerbaijan	El Salvador	Mali	Sudan
Belarus	Equatorial Guinea	Mauritania	Swaziland
Belize	Estonia	Mexico	Syrian Arab Republic
Benin	Gabon	Moldova	Tajikistan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Gambia	Mongolia	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Botswana	Georgia	Montenegro	Togo
Brazil	Ghana	Morocco	Tunisia
Bulgaria	Grenada	Mozambique	Turkey
Burkina Faso	Guatemala	Namibia	Turkmenistan
Cameroon	Guinea	Nicaragua	Uganda
Central African Republic	Guinea-Bissau	Niger	Ukraine
Chad	Honduras	Nigeria	United Republic of Tanzania
China	Hungary	Papua New Guinea	Uzbekistan
Colombia	India	Philippines	Viet Nam
Comoros	Indonesia	Poland	Zambia
Congo	Kazakhstan	Romania	Zimbabwe
Costa Rica	Kenya	Russian Federation	
Côte d'Ivoire	Kyrgyzstan	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
Croatia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Saint Lucia	
Cuba	Latvia	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	
Czech Republic	Lesotho	Senegal	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Liberia	Serbia	
(b) States which are not PCT Contracting States: ⁴			
Afghanistan	Eritrea	Marshall Islands	Solomon Islands
Argentina	Ethiopia	Mauritius	Somalia
Bangladesh	Fiji	Micronesia	Thailand
Bhutan	Guyana	Myanmar	Timor-Leste
Bolivia	Haiti	Nepal	Tonga
Burundi	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Pakistan	Tuvalu
Cambodia	Iraq	Panama	Uruguay
Cape Verde	Jamaica	Paraguay	Vanuatu
Chile	Jordan	Peru	Venezuela
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kiribati	Rwanda	Yemen
Djibouti	Lebanon	Samoa	
	Maldives	Sao Tome and Principe	
2. Where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or not , who is a national of and resides in one of the following States that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations:			
(a) States which are PCT Contracting States:			
Angola	Gambia	Madagascar	Sierra Leone
Benin	Guinea	Malawi	Sudan
Burkina Faso	Guinea-Bissau	Mali	Togo
Central African Republic	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Mauritania	Uganda
Chad	Lesotho	Mozambique	United Republic of Tanzania
Comoros	Liberia	Niger	Zambia
Equatorial Guinea		Senegal	
(b) States which are not PCT Contracting States: ⁴			
Afghanistan	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Maldives	Somalia
Bangladesh	Djibouti	Myanmar	Timor-Leste
Bhutan	Eritrea	Nepal	Tuvalu
Burundi	Ethiopia	Rwanda	Vanuatu
Cambodia	Haiti	Samoa	Yemen
Cape Verde	Kiribati	Sao Tome and Principe	
		Solomon Islands	

1. The international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee.
2. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in 1 or 2 and at least one of them must be a national of and/or reside in a PCT Contracting State.
3. That is, States whose per capita national income is below USD 3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997)
4. Applicants from these States must file the PCT application together with an applicant who is a national of and/or resides in a PCT Contracting State, and in order to benefit from the 75% reduction, the State concerned must be one of the States indicated under 1(a) (if the applicant concerned is a natural person) or 2(a) (whether the applicant is a natural person or not).

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
12 February 2008 Bloomfield, Michigan (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed	Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association (MIPLA) (Ms. Amy Leshan) Tel: (1-248) 358 44 00 Fax: (1-248) 358 33 51 E-mail: aleshan@brookskushman.com
12-13 February 2008 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Lindner	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
28-29 February 2008 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
3-4 March 2008 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
12-13 March 2008 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
8-9 April 2008 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
21-22 April 2008 Singapore	English	PCT Asia (Asian Regional Conference on the PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Gurry, Mr. Bryan and others to be announced	WIPO and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (Contact details to be announced)
24 April 2008 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Fondation 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
24-25 April 2008 London (GB)	English	Basic formalities seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25–26 April 2008 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1–603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1–603) 224 33 42 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/pct
19 May 2008 Zurich (CH)	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	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
10 October 2008 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
21–22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speakers: to be announced	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
23–24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 2008, 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 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 75% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 January 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG Information not yet available							
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,374	15	98	196	295	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,194	13	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
BG	BGL 80	BGL eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH Information not yet available							
BR	BRR 305	BRR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,194	13	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 January 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,196	13	85	—	—	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	CN
CO	COP ⁹ —	COP eq USD 1,194	eq USD 13	eq USD 85	—	—	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,194	13	85	—	—	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP 75	CYP 494	5	—	—	—	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,320	70	450	900	1,350	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	AT EP
EA	RUR 1,600	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	AT EP US
EP	EUR 105	EUR 848	9	—	121	182	EP
ES	EUR 69.25	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 848	9	—	121	182	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 591	6	42	84	127	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GEL ¹⁰ 10	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,194	13	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
GT	Information not yet available						
HN	Information not yet available						
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 January 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
IB	CHF ¹² 100 or EUR ¹² 61 or USD ¹² 85	CHF 1,400 or EUR 848 or USD 1,194	15 9 13	100 61 85	200 121 171	300 182 256	See footnote 13
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
IL	ILS 490	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filling by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 74,100	800	5,300	—	—	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 137,000	1,500	9,800	—	29,400	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,099,000	12,000	79,000	—	236,000	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available						
LR	USD 45	USD 1,194	13	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁹ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP RU
LY	LYD ⁹ —	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁵	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
MD	USD 40	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	EP RU
MT	Information not yet available						
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 166,800	1,800	11,900	—	—	EP
MX	MXP ² eq USD 323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES SE US

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 January 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁶	MYR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,590	70	470	—	—	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁷	NZD 1,597	17	114	—	—	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available						
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,194	13	85	171	256	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 33.44	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	200	300	AT EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194	13	—	—	—	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,780	80	560	1,110	1,670	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,790	19	128	—	—	AT AU EP KR ¹⁸
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
SV	Information not yet available						
SY	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹ —	USD 1,194	13	—	—	—	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ —	CHF 1,400	15	—	—	—	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,194	13	—	—	—	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,194	13	85	171	—	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 8,340	90	600	—	—	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,194	13	—	—	—	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,194	eq USD 13	eq USD 85	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 January 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	330	KRW	259,000	SGD	420	USD	282	ZAR	1,970
AU	AUD	1,600	CHF	1,630	EUR	987	KRW	1,280,000	NZD	1,859	SGD	2,084
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,872	EUR	1,134	USD	1,597				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	328	EUR	199	USD	280				
EP ¹⁹	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,667	CYP	942	DKK	12,040	GBP	1,125	ISK	141,000
	JPY	261,000	MWK	318,000	NOK	12,560	NZD	3,043	SEK	14,820	SGD	3,410
	USD	2,274	ZAR	15,880								
ES ¹⁹	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,667	USD	2,274						
FI	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,667	USD	2,274						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	991	EUR	600	KRW	778,000	USD	845		
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	287	EUR	173	NZD	327	SGD	366	USD	244
RU ²⁰	USD	500	CHF	586	EUR	355						
	SEK	14,820	CHF	2,667	DKK	12,040	EUR	1,615	ISK	141,000	NOK	12,560
US	USD	1,800	CHF	2,136	EUR	1,282	NZD	2,370	ZAR	12,340		
XN	DKK	12,040	CHF	2,667	EUR	1,615	ISK	141,000	NOK	12,560	USD	2,274

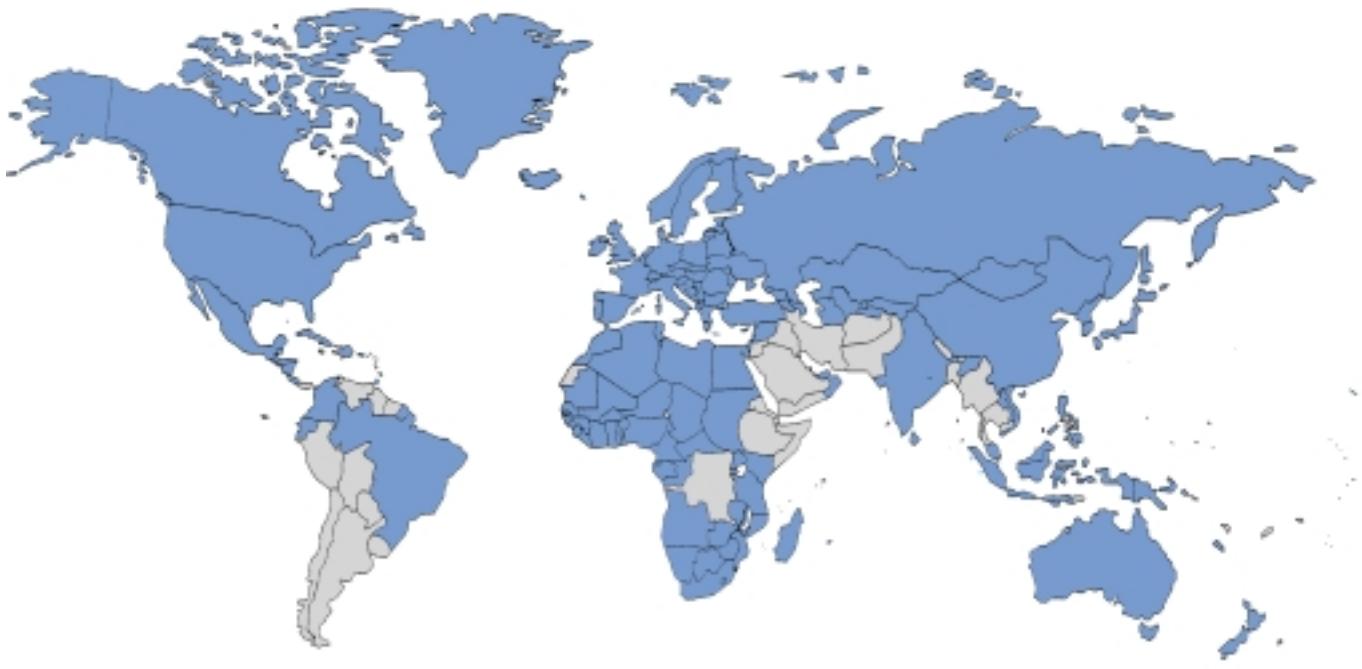
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 January 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²¹		Handling fee ^{2, 21} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121
AU	AUD	550 780 ²²	AUD	196
CA	CAD	800	CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁹	EUR	1,595	EUR	121
ES	EUR	544.44	EUR	121
FI	EUR	550	EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	225,000	KRW	157,000
RU ²⁰	USD	200 ²³ 300 ²⁴	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,110
US	USD	600 750 ²⁵	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications, the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006.
- 19 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% 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 not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfills the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in part 1 of the table on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf, with the exception of Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 20 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 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 (138 on 1 January 2008)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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 April 2007) 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: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: 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

HR Croatia (PCT Rule 49.6)

The State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia), in its capacity as designated Office, has withdrawn, with effect from 1 January 2004, 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, apply with respect to that Office with effect from 1 January 2004.

The table of "PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities" (www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf) has been updated accordingly. For information on the criterion for reinstatement and fees applied by the State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia), see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter (HR) (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/).

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 3 April 2008

Due to the fact that Friday, 21 March 2008 and Monday, 24 March 2008 will be non-working days at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on 3 April 2008 (publication No. 14/2008) will take place earlier than usual, on Monday, 17 March 2008 (instead of on Wednesday, 19 March 2008, the day on which technical preparations would normally have been completed). This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Friday, 14 March 2008.

PCT Information Update

BR Brazil (special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The National Institute of Industrial Property has specified special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as indicated below:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:

the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii);

– none

any additional matter specified below:

– at the time of filing (as part of the application)

Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned:

- to the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Institute of Industrial Property with any depositary institution authorized by the Institute.

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

CY Cyprus (fees)

The Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus has notified a change in the currency of payment of the transmittal fee, the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, from Cyprus pound (CYP) to euro (EUR), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

KR Republic of Korea (location and mailing address; fees (corrigendum))

The location and mailing address of the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) have changed with effect from 1 February 2008, as follows:

Government Complex-Daejeon
139 Seonsa-ro, Seo-gu
Daejeon 302-701
Republic of Korea

The Office has notified the International Bureau of an error in the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2008 concerning international applications for which a fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) is no longer payable. That fee is no longer required for international applications on or after 1 January 2008 ***regardless of the international filing date of the application concerned.***

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (KR) and C (KR))

XN Nordic Patent Institute (general information)

General information about the Nordic Patent Institute as an Intergovernmental Organization, as well as information on the requirements of the Institute as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B2 (XN), D (XN) and E (XN)), on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/

Closing Dates

Unscheduled Closing Date of the Industrial Property Organization (Greece)

The Industrial Property Organization (Greece) has notified the International Bureau that on Thursday, 31 January 2008, it was closed due to an unscheduled holiday following a state funeral, and that any fee, application and priority deadline regarding the patent and industrial design procedure in Greece was deferred to the following working day, 1 February 2008.

It is recalled that a table detailing scheduled closing dates of industrial property offices is available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/closingdates.htm

PCT Publications

Russian edition of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (April 2007 edition)

The International Bureau has published a new edition of the Russian text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations, as in force from 1 April 2007.

The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate the language in which the publication is required, should be addressed to the Design, Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO:

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For information on the Internet version of the Russian consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, see below.

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

(www.wipo.int/pct/en)

Russian version of the PCT Regulations (April 2007 edition)

The Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2007, are now available in Russian, in PDF format, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/

Request form in Arabic

The April 2007 version of the request form (PCT/RO/101) in Arabic, in PDF format, is now available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/

It is recalled that the request forms in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish, in editable PDF format, are also available at the same address.

ISA and IPEA Agreements in French

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

AT	Austrian Patent Office
CA	Canadian Intellectual Property Office
CN	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China
EP	European Patent Office
ES	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
FI	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland
JP	Japan Patent Office
KR	Korean Intellectual Property Office
RU	Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)

SE Swedish Patent and Registration Office
US United States Patent and Trademark Office and
XN Nordic Patent Institute

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from 1 January 2008, have been published on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa_ipea_agreements.htm

Practical Advice

Filing an international application with a national receiving Office, and relying on that Office to transmit the application to the International Bureau as receiving Office under PCT Rule 19.4

Q: I am a US agent and have been asked by my client, who is resident in US and is a national of Mexico, to file an international application (which does not claim the priority of an earlier national application). The description and claims of the application are in Spanish, but the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office (RO/US) only accepts international applications filed in English. Since we do not wish to incur the expense of translating the international application into English at this stage of the procedure, I will be filing it with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), which accepts international applications in any language. Can I nevertheless file the international application with RO/US on the presumption that it will, in any case, transmit the application to RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.4, or should I file directly with RO/IB?

A: Where an international application is filed with a national (or regional) Office that acts as a PCT receiving Office but the application is not in a language accepted under Rule 12.1(a) by that Office, the safeguard procedure under PCT Rule 19.4 applies. Under this procedure the national Office transmits the international application to RO/IB unless prescriptions concerning national security prevent the international application from being so transmitted. Filing with RO/IB gives applicants more flexibility as it accepts international applications filed in any language (noting that in some cases a translation may have to be furnished for the purposes of international search, depending on the competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and the language(s) accepted by the ISA concerned) and nationals and residents of any PCT Contracting State may file an international application with it. If the international application is filed with a national Office and is then transmitted to RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.4, the application is considered to have been received by the national Office concerned on behalf of RO/IB and the date of receipt of the international application by the national Office is considered to be the date of receipt for the purposes of the international filing date (PCT Rule 19.4(b)). The same procedure applies where an international application is filed with a PCT receiving Office which is not competent on account of the nationality and residence of the applicant(s) under Rule 19.1 or 19.2, or in cases where the national Office and the IB agree, for any reason other than those specified above, and with the authorization of the applicant, that the procedure under Rule 19.4 should apply.

If you file your international application with a national receiving Office, and that Office transmits the application to RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.4, you may have to pay the equivalent of two transmittal fees – one to RO/IB, and also the national receiving Office may require the applicant to pay a fee equal to the transmittal fee charged by that Office under PCT Rule 14 (see PCT Rule 19.4(b)). At the time of writing, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) charges this fee. If the applicant has already paid the international filing fee and international search fee to the national Office, those fees will be refunded to the applicant, who will then have to pay them, together with the (second) transmittal fee, to RO/IB. Note that, for the calculation of

the time limit for payment of fees, the date of receipt of the international application will be considered to be the date on which the international application was actually received at RO/IB and not the date on which it was received by the national Office. If you file with a national receiving Office, it will be in a position, where applicable, to check the application for compliance with national security prescriptions before transmitting it to RO/IB (see below for information in this respect if the international application is filed directly with RO/IB).

If you know that the national receiving Office cannot accept your international application (for example, for language reasons), it is recommended that you file it directly with RO/IB rather than relying on it being processed under PCT Rule 19.4. If you file directly, you will only pay one transmittal fee. Also, by filing directly, time will be saved in the processing of the international application: there are fewer administrative steps involved, for example, the issuing of a notification to the applicant informing him/her that the application is being transmitted to RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.4 (Form PCT/RO/151), the refunding of fees paid to the national Office, and although the national receiving Office should transmit the international application to RO/IB promptly, there is a risk that there may be a delay in such transmittal. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to comply with any national security provisions before filing an international application with RO/IB, since RO/IB will not check for such compliance. Before filing the international application, you should therefore check with the national Office(s) that is (are) competent on account of the nationality and residence of the applicant.

In addition, please note the following about filing with RO/IB in general:

- Although RO/IB does not require the applicant to be represented by an agent, if any agent is appointed, he or she must be a person who has the right to practice before the national Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant (or, if there are two or more applicants, any of the applicants) is a resident or national. (You would meet these requirements since, presumably, you have the right to practice before the Office of the country of residence of the applicant, the USPTO.)
- The International Searching Authority(ies) and International Preliminary Examining Authority(ies) which would be competent for searching/examining the international application are those which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with any other receiving Office of, or acting for, the PCT Contracting State of which the applicant is (or applicants are) a resident or national. In your case, the applicant is a resident of US and a national of Mexico; the competent ISAs and IPEAs for the USPTO are: the USPTO, the European Patent Office (subject to certain restrictions) or the Korean Intellectual Property Office. Those competent for the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property are: the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office or the USPTO. The only one of the aforementioned ISAs and IPEAs which will search and examine applications in Spanish is the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. If you want to choose another ISA and/or IPEA, you would have to translate the international application into another language accepted by your chosen Authority. Information on the competence of the various ISAs and IPEAs and languages accepted by those authorities can be found in Annexes C, D and E of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/).

Note that, being a national of Mexico, the applicant would also be entitled to file an international application in Spanish with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, however, you would not be entitled to act as agent before that Office (it requires that the agent be resident in or a national of Mexico), but rather, you would be considered as an address for correspondence (for further details on this kind of situation, see the "Practical Advice" published in *PCT Newsletter*

No. 06/2006 entitled: "Consequence of the agent not being entitled to practice before the Office of the country of residence and/or nationality of the applicant").

Information on filing with RO/IB, in particular: accepted modes of filing, fees payable, accepted currencies and modes of payment, special features of filing with RO/IB, and contact details of the PCT Receiving and Processing Team (for example, to check receipt and status of payment of a PCT application) can be found by going to the link entitled "Direct filing at WIPO" on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/filing.htm

PCT Seminar Calendar

(situation on 1 February 2008)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
12 February 2008 Bloomfield, Michigan (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed	Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association (MIPLA) (Ms. Amy Leshan) Tel: (1-248) 358 44 00 Fax: (1-248) 358 33 51 E-mail: aleshan@brookskushman.com
12-13 February 2008 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Lindner	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
28-29 February 2008 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
3-4 March 2008 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
12-13 March 2008 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and other to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
8-9 April 2008 Munich (DE) <i>(previously announced as taking place in Heidelberg)</i>	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
21-22 April 2008 Singapore	English	PCT Asia (Asian Regional Conference on the PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Gurry, Mr. Bryan and others to be announced	WIPO and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (Contact details to be announced)
24 April 2008 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Fondation 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
24-25 April 2008 London (GB)	English	Basic formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25–26 April 2008 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1–603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1–603) 224 33 42 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/pct
19 May 2008 Zurich (CH)	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	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
29–30 May 2008 Munich (DE)	English	US PCT Roundtable for paralegals and their direct supervisors working in US or in Europe for a US-based company. Speakers from the European Patent Office, the United States Patent and Trademark Office and WIPO to be announced.	Contact person: Ms. Katrina Braden-Elliott Tel: (1–202) 772 85 15 Fax: (1–202) 371 25 40 E-mail: kbraden@skgf.com
10 October 2008 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
21–22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speakers: to be announced	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
23–24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 2008, 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 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 75% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated *after* the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 February 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG Information not yet available							
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,374	15	98	196	295	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,194	13	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
BG	BGL 80	BGL eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH Information not yet available							
BR	BRR 305	BRR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,194	13	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	CA EP

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

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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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,196	13	85	—	—	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	CN
CO	COP ⁹ —	COP eq USD 1,194	eq USD 13	eq USD 85	—	—	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,194	13	85	—	—	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,320	70	450	900	1,350	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	AT EP
EA	RUR 1,600	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	AT EP US
EP	EUR 105	EUR 848	9	—	121	182	EP
ES	EUR 69.25	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 848	9	—	121	182	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 591	6	42	84	127	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GEL ¹⁰ 10	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,194	13	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
GT	Information not yet available						
HN	Information not yet available						
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 February 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
IB	CHF ¹² 100 or EUR ¹² 61 or USD ¹² 85	CHF 1,400 or EUR 848 or USD 1,194	15 9 13	100 61 85	200 121 171	300 182 256	See footnote 13
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
IL	ILS 490	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 74,100	800	5,300	—	—	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 137,000	1,500	9,800	—	29,400	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,099,000	12,000	79,000	—	236,000	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available						
LR	USD 45	USD 1,194	13	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁹ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP RU
LY	LYD ⁹ —	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁵	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
MD	USD 40	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	EP RU
MT	Information not yet available						
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 166,800	1,800	11,900	—	—	EP
MX	MXP ² eq USD 323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES SE US

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁶	MYR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,590	70	470	—	—	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁷	NZD 1,597	17	114	—	—	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available						
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,194	13	85	171	256	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 33.44	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	200	300	AT EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194	13	—	—	—	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,780	80	560	1,110	1,670	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,790	19	128	—	—	AT AU EP KR ¹⁸
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
SV	Information not yet available						
SY	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹ —	USD 1,194	13	—	—	—	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ —	CHF 1,400	15	—	—	—	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,194	13	—	—	—	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,194	13	85	171	—	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194	13	85	—	—	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 8,340	90	600	—	—	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,194	13	—	—	—	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,194	eq USD 13	eq USD 85	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 February 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	330	KRW	259,000	SGD	420	USD	282	ZAR	1,970
AU	AUD	1,600	CHF	1,630	EUR	987	KRW	1,280,000	NZD	1,859	SGD	2,084
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,872	EUR	1,134	USD	1,597				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	328	EUR	199	USD	280				
EP ¹⁹	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,667	CYP	942	DKK	12,040	GBP	1,125	ISK	141,000
	JPY	261,000	MWK	318,000	NOK	12,560	NZD	3,043	SEK	14,820	SGD	3,410
	USD	2,274	ZAR	15,880								
ES ¹⁹	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,667	USD	2,274						
FI	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,667	USD	2,274						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	991	EUR	600	KRW	778,000	USD	845		
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	287	EUR	173	NZD	327	SGD	366	USD	244
RU ²⁰	USD	500	CHF	586	EUR	355						
	SEK	14,820	CHF	2,667	DKK	12,040	EUR	1,615	ISK	141,000	NOK	12,560
US	USD	1,800	CHF	2,136	EUR	1,282	NZD	2,370	ZAR	12,340		
XN	DKK	12,040	CHF	2,667	EUR	1,615	ISK	141,000	NOK	12,560	USD	2,274

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 February 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²¹		Handling fee ^{2, 21} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²²	AUD	196
CA	CAD	800		CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁹	EUR	1,595		EUR	121
ES	EUR	544.44		EUR	121
FI	EUR	550		EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW	157,000
RU ²⁰	USD	200 ²³	300 ²⁴	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,110
US	USD	600	750 ²⁵	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications, the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006.
- 19 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% 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 not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfills the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in part 1 of the table on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf, with the exception of Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 20 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 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 for which a Regional Patent can be Obtained via the PCT
 (situation on 1 February 2008)

	States for which <i>only</i> a regional patent can be obtained (and not a national patent):	States for which a regional patent can be obtained <i>in addition to, or instead of</i>, a national patent	States not included in EP designation but to which a European patent can be extended¹
AP ARIPO patent	SZ Swaziland	BW Botswana GH Ghana GM Gambia KE Kenya LS Lesotho MW Malawi MZ Mozambique NA Namibia SD Sudan SL Sierra Leone TZ United Republic of Tanzania UG Uganda ZM Zambia ZW Zimbabwe	Not applicable
EA Eurasian patent	Not applicable	AM Armenia AZ Azerbaijan BY Belarus KG Kyrgyzstan KZ Kazakhstan MD Moldova RU Russian Federation TJ Tajikistan TM Turkmenistan	Not applicable
EP European patent	BE Belgium CY Cyprus FR France GR Greece IE Ireland IT Italy LV Latvia ² MC Monaco MT Malta NL Netherlands SI Slovenia	AT Austria BG Bulgaria CH Switzerland CZ Czech Republic DE Germany DK Denmark EE Estonia ES Spain FI Finland GB United Kingdom HR Croatia ³ HU Hungary IS Iceland LI Liechtenstein LT Lithuania LU Luxembourg NO Norway ³ PL Poland PT Portugal RO Romania SE Sweden SK Slovakia TR Turkey	AL Albania BA Bosnia and Herzegovina HR Croatia ⁴ MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia RS Serbia

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PCT Contracting States for which a Regional Patent can be Obtained via the PCT
 (situation on 1 February 2008) [continued]

	States for which <i>only</i> a regional patent can be obtained (and not a national patent):	States for which a regional patent can be obtained <i>in addition to, or instead of, a national patent</i>	States not included in EP designation but to which a European patent can be extended¹
OA OAPI patent	BF Burkina Faso BJ Benin CF Central African Republic CG Congo CI Côte d'Ivoire CM Cameroon GA Gabon GN Guinea GQ Equatorial Guinea GW Guinea-Bissau ML Mali MR Mauritania NE Niger SN Senegal TD Chad TG Togo	Not applicable	Not applicable

1. A request for the extension of a European patent to these States may be made at the time of entry into the regional phase before the European Patent Office, provided that the designations of EP and/or of the State concerned have not been withdrawn, or, in the case of international applications filed before 1 January 2004, provided that the PCT application contained designations both of a European patent and of the State concerned. Such a request may not be made in the PCT request form itself. See the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, paragraphs 41 and 89, and Vol. II/A, National Chapter (EP) for further details as to the procedure to be followed.
2. Latvia has closed its national route via the PCT with effect from 1 March 2007 in respect of all international applications filed on or after that date. For international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 and before 1 March 2007, it is possible to obtain a regional patent in addition to, or instead of, a national patent. For international applications filed before 1 July 2005, it is possible to extend a European patent to Latvia.
3. For international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008.
4. For international applications filed before 1 January 2008.

**Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase
under PCT Chapters I and II**
(in months from priority date)
(status on 1 February 2008)

Note that detailed information on the excuse of delays in meeting time limits before certain designated/elected Offices is contained in the corresponding National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))	Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))
AE	30	30	GE	31	31
AG ¹	30	30	GH ⁵	30	30
AL	30	31	GM ⁵	30	31
AM ²	31	31	GT ¹	30	30
AO ¹	30	30	HN ¹	30	30
AP ³	31	31	HR ⁴	31	31
AT ⁴	30	30	HU ⁴	31	31
AU	31	31	ID	30	31
AZ ²	30	31	IL	30	30
BA	34	34	IN	31	31
BB	30	30	IS ⁴	31	31
BG ⁴	31	31	JP	30	30
BH ¹	30	30	KE ⁵	30	30
BR	30	30	KG ²	31	31
BW ⁵	31	31	KM ¹	30	30
BY ²	31	31	KN ¹	30	30
BZ	30	30 ⁶	KP	30	30
CA	30 (42 ⁷)	30 (42 ⁷)	KR	31	31
CH ^{4,8}	20 ⁹	30	KZ ²	31	31
CN	30	30	LA ¹	30	30
CO	31	31	LC ¹	30	30
CR	31	31	LK	30	30
CU	30	30	LR	30	31
CZ ⁴	31	31	LS ⁵	30	31
DE ⁴	30	30	LT ⁴	31	31
DK ⁴	31	31	LU ⁴	20 ⁹	30
DM ¹	30	30	LY ¹	30	30
DO ¹	30	30	MA	31	31
DZ	31	31	MD ²	31	31
EA	31	31	ME ¹	30	30
EC	31	31	MG	30	30
EE ⁴	31	31	MK	31	31
EG	30	30	MN	31	31
EP ¹⁰	31	31	MW ⁵	30	30
ES ⁴	30	30	MX	30	30
FI ⁴	31 ¹¹ (30 ¹²)	31 ¹¹ (30 ¹²)	MY ¹	30	30
GB ⁴	31	31	MZ ⁵	31	31
GD ¹	30	30	NA ⁵	31	31

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**Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase
under PCT Chapters I and II**
(in months from priority date)
(status on 1 February 2008)

Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))	Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))
NG	30	30	SM	31	31
NI¹	30	30	SV¹	30	30
NO⁴	31	31	SY	31	31
NZ	31	31	TJ²	30	31
OA¹³	30	30	TM²	30	31
OM¹	30	30	TN¹	30	30
PG	31	31	TR⁴	30 (33 ⁷)	30 (33 ⁷)
PH	30 (31 ⁷)	30 (31 ⁷)	TT	30	31
PL⁴	30	30	TZ⁵	21 ⁹	31
PT⁴	30	30	UA	31	31
RO⁴	30	30	UG⁵	21 ⁹	31
RS	30 ¹⁴	30 ¹⁴	US	30	30
RU²	31	31	UZ	31	31
SC	31	31	VC	30	30
SD⁵	30	30	VN	31	31
SE⁴	31	31	ZA	31	31
SG	30	30	ZM⁵	30	30
SK⁴	31	31	ZW⁵	30	31
SL⁵	31	31			

1. In the absence of information from the Office concerned, the time limits shown are those which would normally apply under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a). If the Office decides to apply longer time limits, that information will be published in the *PCT Newsletter*.
2. If designated/elected for a Eurasian patent, see EA as as designated/elected Office (DO/EO) for the applicable time limits.
3. This Office acts as DO/EO for the following State which does not act in the capacity of DO/EO: SZ.
4. If designated/elected for a European patent, see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
5. If designated/elected for an ARIPO patent, see AP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
6. May be extended upon written request of the applicant.
7. Time limit applicable if applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase (see relevant national chapter of *PCT Applicant's Guide* for details).
8. This Office acts as DO/EO for the following State which does not act in the capacity of DO/EO: LI.
9. This Office has notified the International Bureau of the non-applicability of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 – it does not yet apply the 30-month time limit for entering the national phase.
10. This Office acts as DO/EO for the following States which do not act in the capacity of DO/EO: BE, CY, FR, GR, IE, IT, LV, MC, MT, NL, SI.
11. Time limit under PCT Article 22(3) or 39(1)(b), as the case may be, applicable in respect of international applications for which national protection by means of a patent is sought.
12. Time limit under PCT Article 22(1) or 39(1)(a), as the case may be, applicable in respect of international applications for which national protection by means of a utility model is sought.
13. This Office acts as DO/EO for the following States which do not act in the capacity of DO/EO: BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG.
14. The time limit can be extended by 30 days if the applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase.

Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 February 2008)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of national patent	Utility model in addition to national patent	Other
AE	X					X		Patent of addition
AG ¹	X							
AL	X					X		Extension of EP patent ²
AM	X		X			X		Provisional patent
AO ¹	X							
AT	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
AU	X							Patent of addition
AZ	X		X			X		
BA	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ²
BB	X							
BE				X				
BF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BG	X			X		X	X	
BH ¹	X							
BJ					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BR	X					X		Certificate of addition
BW	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
BY	X		X			X		
BZ	X					X		
CA	X							
CF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CH + LI	X			X				
CI					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CM					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CN	X					X		
CO	X					X		
CR	X					X		
CU	X							Patent of addition, inventor's certificate, inventor's certificate of addition
CY				X				
CZ	X			X		X	X	
DE	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
DK	X			X		X	X	

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 February 2008)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
DM	X					X		
DO	X					X		
DZ	X							Certificate of addition
EC	X					X		
EE	X			X		X	X	
EG	X					X		
ES	X			X		X		Patent of addition
FI	X			X		X	X	
FR				X				
GA					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GB	X			X				
GD ¹	X							
GE	X					X		
GH	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Utility certificate
GM	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
GN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GQ					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GR				X				
GT ¹	X							
GW					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
HN ¹	X							
HR	X			X ³				"Consensual patent," extension of EP patent ^{2,4}
HU	X			X		X		
ID	X							
IE				X				
IL	X							Patent of addition
IN	X							Patent of addition
IS	X			X				
IT				X				
JP	X					X		
KE	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
KG	X		X			X		
KM ¹	X							
KN ¹	X							
KP	X					X		Inventor's certificate
KR	X					X		
KZ	X		X			X		Provisional patent
LA ¹	X							

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 February 2008)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
LC	X							
LI (see CH)								
LK	X							
LR	X							
LS	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
LT	X			X				
LU	X			X				
LV				X				
LY	X							Patent of addition
MA	X							Certificate of addition
MC				X				
MD	X		X			X		
ME	X							Patent of addition, petty patent
MG	X							Certificate of addition
MK	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ²
ML					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MN	X							
MR					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MT				X				
MW	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition
MX	X					X		
MY	X							"utility innovation"
MZ	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
NA	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
NE					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
NG	X							
NI	X					X		
NL				X				
NO	X			X ³				
NZ	X							Patent of addition
OM ¹	X							
PG	X							
PH	X					X		
PL	X			X		X		
PT	X			X		X	X	
RO	X			X				
RS	X							Patent of addition, petty patent, extension of EP patent ²

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 February 2008)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
RU	X		X			X		
SC	X							
SD	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
SE	X			X				
SG	X							
SI				X				
SK	X			X		X	X	
SL	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
SM	X							
SN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
SV ¹								
SY	X							Certificate of addition
SZ		X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
TD					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TJ	X		X			X		
TM	X		X					Provisional patent
TN	X							
TR	X			X		X		Patent of addition
TT	X							Utility certificate
TZ	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
UA	X					X		
UG	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Utility certificate
US	X							
UZ	X					X		
VC	X							Utility certificate
VN	X							"Patent for utility solution"
ZA	X							Patent of addition
ZM	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition
ZW	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition

1 Information regarding any other type of national protection is not yet available.
 2 A request for an extension may be made at the time of entry into the regional phase before the European Patent Office, provided that the designations of EP and/or of the State concerned have not been withdrawn. See the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 41 and 89, and National Phase, National Chapter (EP) for further details as to the procedure to be followed.
 3 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008.
 4 Only for international applications filed before 1 January 2008.

**States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention
and Members of the World Trade Organization**
(status on 1 February 2008)

States/Members	PCT (138)	Paris (172)	WTO (151)	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Albania (AL)	X	X	X	Canada (CA)	X	X	X
Algeria (DZ)	X	X	—	Central African Republic (CF)	X	X	X
Andorra (AD)	—	X	—	Chad (TD)	X	X	X
Angola (AO)	X	X	X	Chile (CL)	—	X	X
Antigua and Barbuda (AG)	X	X	X	China (CN)	X ¹	X ^{1,2}	X
Argentina (AR)	—	X	X	Colombia (CO)	X	X	X
Armenia (AM)	X	X	X	Comoros (KM)	X	X	—
Australia (AU)	X	X	X	Congo (CG)	X	X	X
Austria (AT)	X	X	X	Costa Rica (CR)	X	X	X
Azerbaijan (AZ)	X	X	—	Côte d'Ivoire (CI)	X	X	X
Bahamas (BS)	—	X	—	Croatia (HR)	X	X	X
Bahrain (BH)	X	X	X	Cuba (CU)	X	X	X
Bangladesh (BD)	—	X	X	Cyprus (CY)	X	X	X
Barbados (BB)	X	X	X	Czech Republic (CZ)	X	X	X
Belarus (BY)	X	X	—	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (KP)	X	X	—
Belgium (BE)	X	X	X	Democratic Republic of the Congo (CD)	—	X	X
Belize (BZ)	X	X	X	Denmark (DK)	X	X	X
Benin (BJ)	X	X	X	Djibouti (DJ)	—	X	X
Bhutan (BT)	—	X	—	Dominica (DM)	X	X	X
Bolivia (BO)	—	X	X	Dominican Republic (DO)	X	X	X
Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	X	X	—	Ecuador (EC)	X	X	X
Botswana (BW)	X	X	X	Egypt (EG)	X	X	X
Brazil (BR)	X	X	X	El Salvador (SV)	X	X	X
Brunei Darussalam (BN)	—	—	X	Equatorial Guinea (GQ)	X	X	—
Bulgaria (BG)	X	X	X	Estonia (EE)	X	X	X
Burkina Faso (BF)	X	X	X	European Communities	—	—	X
Burundi (BI)	—	X	X	Fiji (FJ)	—	—	X
Cambodia (KH)	—	X	X	Finland (FI)	X	X	X
Cameroon (CM)	X	X	X	France (FR)	X	X	X

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States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization (status on 1 February 2008)							
States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Gabon (GA)	X	X	X	Latvia (LV)	X	X	X
Gambia (GM)	X	X	X	Lebanon (LB)	-	X	-
Georgia (GE)	X	X	X	Lesotho (LS)	X	X	X
Germany (DE)	X	X	X	Liberia (LR)	X	X	-
Ghana (GH)	X	X	X	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (LY)	X	X	-
Greece (GR)	X	X	X	Liechtenstein (LI)	X	X	X
Grenada (GD)	X	X	X	Lithuania (LT)	X	X	X
Guatemala (GT)	X	X	X	Luxembourg (LU)	X	X	X
Guinea (GN)	X	X	X	Macao, China (MO)	-	- ²	X
Guinea-Bissau (GW)	X	X	X	Madagascar (MG)	X	X	X
Guyana (GY)	-	X	X	Malawi (MW)	X	X	X
Haiti (HT)	-	X	X	Malaysia (MY)	X	X	X
Holy See (VA)	-	X	-	Maldives (MV)	-	-	X
Honduras (HN)	X	X	X	Mali (ML)	X	X	X
Hong Kong, China (HK)	- ¹	- ¹	X	Malta (MT)	X	X	X
Hungary (HU)	X	X	X	Mauritania (MR)	X	X	X
Iceland (IS)	X	X	X	Mauritius (MU)	-	X	X
India (IN)	X	X	X	Mexico (MX)	X	X	X
Indonesia (ID)	X	X	X	Moldova (MD)	X	X	X
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IR)	-	X	-	Monaco (MC)	X	X	-
Iraq (IQ)	-	X	-	Mongolia (MN)	X	X	X
Ireland (IE)	X	X	X	Montenegro (ME)	X	X	-
Israel (IL)	X	X	X	Morocco (MA)	X	X	X
Italy (IT)	X	X	X	Mozambique (MZ)	X	X	X
Jamaica (JM)	-	X	X	Myanmar (MM)	-	-	X
Japan (JP)	X	X	X	Namibia (NA)	X	X	X
Jordan (JO)	-	X	X	Nepal (NP)	-	X	X
Kazakhstan (KZ)	X	X	-	Netherlands (NL)	X	X	X
Kenya (KE)	X	X	X	New Zealand (NZ)	X	X	X
Kuwait (KW)	-	-	X	Nicaragua (NI)	X	X	X
Kyrgyzstan (KG)	X	X	X	Niger (NE)	X	X	X
Lao People's Democratic Republic (LA)	X	X	-	Nigeria (NG)	X	X	X

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States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization (status on 1 February 2008)							
States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Norway (NO)	X	X	X	Sri Lanka (LK)	X	X	X
Oman (OM)	X	X	X	Sudan (SD)	X	X	-
Pakistan (PK)	-	X	X	Suriname (SR)	-	X	X
Panama (PA)	-	X	X	Swaziland (SZ)	X	X	X
Papua New Guinea (PG)	X	X	X	Sweden (SE)	X	X	X
Paraguay (PY)	-	X	X	Switzerland (CH)	X	X	X
Peru (PE)	-	X	X	Syrian Arab Republic (SY)	X	X	-
Philippines (PH)	X	X	X	Taiwan, Province of China (TW) ³	-	-	X
Poland (PL)	X	X	X	Tajikistan (TJ)	X	X	-
Portugal (PT)	X	X	X	Thailand (TH)	-	-	X
Qatar (QA)	-	X	X	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MK)	X	X	X
Republic of Korea (KR)	X	X	X	Togo (TG)	X	X	X
Romania (RO)	X	X	X	Tonga (TO)	-	X	X
Russian Federation (RU)	X	X	-	Trinidad and Tobago (TT)	X	X	X
Rwanda (RW)	-	X	X	Tunisia (TN)	X	X	X
Saint Kitts and Nevis (KN)	X	X	X	Turkey (TR)	X	X	X
Saint Lucia (LC)	X	X	X	Turkmenistan (TM)	X	X	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VC)	X	X	X	Uganda (UG)	X	X	X
San Marino (SM)	X	X	-	Ukraine (UA)	X	X	-
Sao Tome and Principe (ST)	-	X	-	United Arab Emirates (AE)	X	X	X
Saudi Arabia (SA)	-	X	X	United Kingdom (GB)	X	X	X
Senegal (SN)	X	X	X	United Republic of Tanzania (TZ)	X	X	X
Serbia (RS)	X	X	-	United States of America (US)	X	X	X
Seychelles (SC)	X	X	-	Uruguay (UY)	-	X	X
Sierra Leone (SL)	X	X	X	Uzbekistan (UZ)	X	X	-
Singapore (SG)	X	X	X	Venezuela (VE)	-	X	X
Slovakia (SK)	X	X	X	Viet Nam (VN)	X	X	X
Slovenia (SI)	X	X	X	Yemen (YE)	-	X	-
Solomon Islands (SB)	-	-	X	Zambia (ZM)	X	X	X
South Africa (ZA)	X	X	X	Zimbabwe (ZW)	X	X	X
Spain (ES)	X	X	X				

1. China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the PCT and the Paris Convention apply also to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
2. China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the Paris Convention applies also to the Macao Special Administrative Region.
3. Also referred to as "Chinese Taipei" or, within the context of the WTO, as "Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu."

PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities (status on 7 February 2008)	
STATES	
PCT Articles	
22(1) Decision of the Assembly of the PCT Union of October 3, 2001 (PCT/A/30/7, Annex IV)	Luxembourg, Switzerland, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania
64(1)(a)	–
64(2)(a)(i)	–
64(2)(a)(ii)	Finland, Norway, Poland, Sweden
64(3)(a)	United States of America
64(4)(a)	United States of America
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49.5(l)	<i>re. 49.5(c-bis):</i> National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) United States Patent and Trademark Office <i>re. 49.5(k):</i> United States Patent and Trademark Office
49.6(f)	Canadian Intellectual Property Office German Patent and Trade Mark Office Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) Japan Patent Office Korean Intellectual Property Office Latvian Patent Office Mexican Institute of Industrial Property Patent Office (India) Polish Patent Office State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China The Patent Office (United Kingdom)

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49ter.2(h)	Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property Canadian Intellectual Property Office Cuban Industrial Property Office Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) German Patent and Trade Mark Office Hungarian Patent Office Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic) Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines Japan Patent Office Korean Intellectual Property Office Lithuanian Patent Office Mexican Institute of Industrial Property National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) Norwegian Patent Office Patent Office (India) Spanish Patent and Trademark Office State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) Turkish Patent Institute United States Patent and Trademark Office
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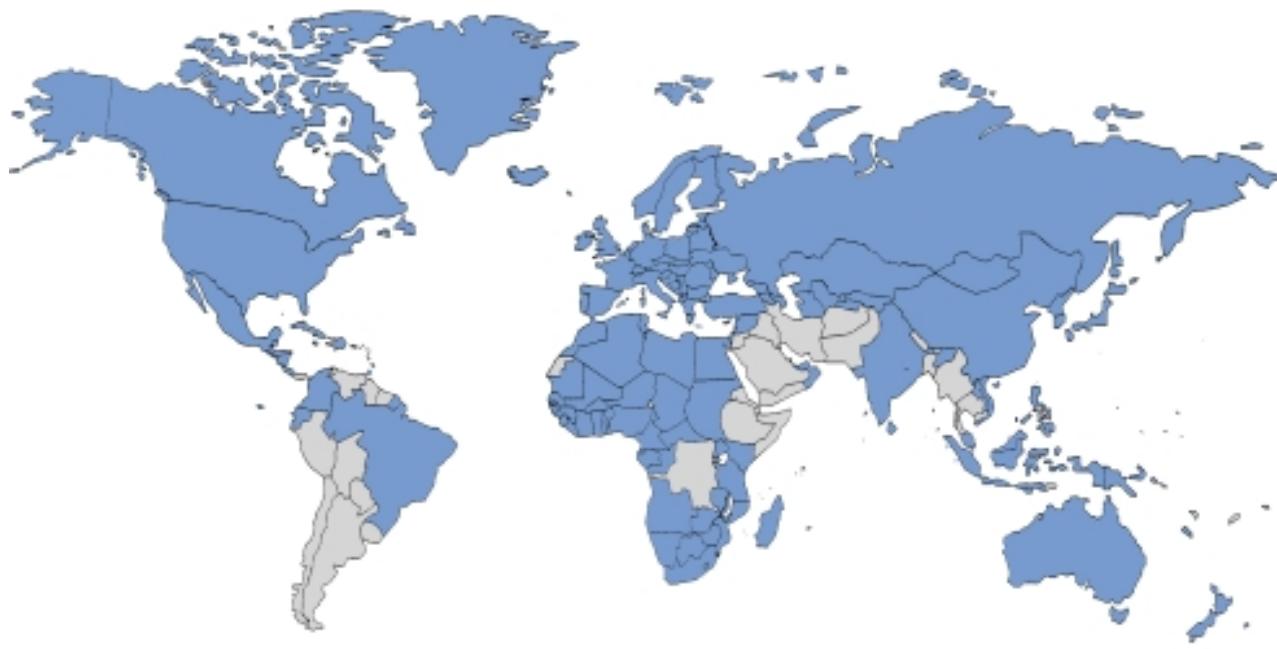
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66.1bis(b)	European Patent Office

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BG Bulgaria (EP)	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NG Nigeria	TN Tunisia
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PCT Filings in 2007

The number of applications filed under the PCT in 2007 reached approximately 156,100, representing an increase of 4.7% over 2006. These and the following figures are estimates as the International Bureau continues to receive, throughout the first half of 2008, PCT applications which were filed with national and regional Offices in 2007.

Applicants from the United States of America filed the largest number of applications (52,280, which represents 33.5% of all applications), followed by Japan (17.8%), Germany (11.6%), the Republic of Korea (4.5%) and France (4.1%). Applicants from the member States of the European Patent Convention, when grouped together, filed 34% of all international applications.

There was continued high growth in filings from north east Asia, in particular from the Republic of Korea (18.8% increase) and China (38.1% increase), and Japan again held second position with 27,731 international applications.

Applicants are increasingly submitting their international applications electronically – filings in electronic form made up about 67.4% of all filings in 2007 (compared to 57.4% in 2006), 52.6% being filed fully electronically and 14.8% being filed using the PCT-EASY functionality of the PCT-SAFE software. Only 32.6% of applications filed in 2007 were filed entirely on paper (compared to 42.6% in 2006).

The Japanese company Matsushita became the top user of the PCT system in 2007 (Philips had been the top user since 2001). The top 10 applicants, together with the number of international applications published in their name, were as follows:

1.	Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd (JP)	2,100
2.	Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. (NL)	2,041
3.	Siemens Aktiengesellschaft (DE)	1,644
4.	Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd. (CN)	1,365
5.	Robert Bosch GmbH (DE)	1,146
6.	Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha (JP)	997
7.	Qualcomm Incorporated (US)	974
8.	Microsoft Corporation (US)	845
9.	Motorola, Inc. (US)	824
10.	Nokia Corporation (FI)	822

A list of the top 500 PCT applicants (with the most applications published in 2007) is available on the Internet at:

www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct/applicants_ranking.html

The main fields of technology under which PCT applications published in 2007 fell related to telecommunications (10.5% of all applications), information technology (10.1%) and pharmaceuticals (9.3%). The fastest growing areas of technology were nuclear engineering (24.5% increase over 2006) and telecommunications (15.5% increase).

For further information, including various tables of data relating to filings in 2007, see Press Release PR/2008/536 on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2008/article_0006.html

Final figures will be available later in the year.

PCT Information Update

Fees payable in US dollars (various Offices)

As from 15 May 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in USD to various receiving Offices (see below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (AM, AP, AZ, BW, BY, BZ, CO, CR, CU, DO, EA, EC, EG, GE, GH, IB, IL, IN, KE, KG, KZ, LR, MD, NI, PG, PH, RU, SC, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, ZM and ZW))

CA Canada (fees)

As from 1 May 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in CAD to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in CAD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

As from 1 April 2008, there will be a change in the following fees payable to the European Patent Office as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

Fee for priority document: EUR 40

As from 1 April 2008, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office (other fees not indicated have not changed):

National basic fee:

Where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: EUR 100

Where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: EUR 180

Designation fee for each EPO Contracting State designated and for the joint designation of Switzerland and Liechtenstein; paying seven times the amount of this fee is deemed payment for all EPC Contracting States: EUR 85

Claims fee for the 11 th and each subsequent claim:	EUR	45 ¹
Claims fee for the 16 th and each subsequent claim:.....	EUR	200
Search fee:.....	EUR	1,050
Examination fee:		
For applications for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	1,565
For all other applications:	EUR	1,405

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

GB United Kingdom (fees)

As from 1 May 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in GBP to the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in GBP of the PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 15 May 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ISK of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

As from 1 May 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in KRW to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in KRW of the PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reduction listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

US United States of America (fees)

See "Fees payable in US dollars," above.

¹ Applicable until 31 March 2008.

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Japan Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office) (see also separate item on the European Patent Office, below)

For the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, there will be a change, as from 1 April 2008, in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

As from 1 April 2008 there will be a change in the amount 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 indicated in Fee Table I(b), as well as a change in the amount of the additional search fee, as indicated below:

Additional search fee: DKK 12,670

As from 1 April 2008 there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR and in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and USD for an international search carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b), as well as a change in the amount of the additional search fee, as indicated below:

Additional search fee: EUR 1,700

As from 1 April 2008 there will be a change in the amount payable in 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 Trademark Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b), as well as a change in the amount of the additional search fee, as indicated below:

Additional search fee: SEK 15,830

As from 1 April 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and as from 15 May 2008 there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in KRW for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

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

As from 1 April 2008, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR and in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF, DKK, GBP, ISK, JPY, MWK, NOK, NZD, SEK, SGD, USD and ZAR for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b), as well as a change in the amount of the following fees relating to international search (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Additional search fee: EUR 1,700

Protest fee:

For international applications still pending on 13 December 2007: EUR 1,120

For international applications filed on or after 13 December 2007: [no change]

As from 1 April 2008, there will also be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by that Office, as indicated in Fee Table II, as well as a change in the following fees payable to it:

Additional preliminary examination fee:	EUR	1,675
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, per page:		
For applicants:.....		[no change]
For elected Offices:	EUR	0.70
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per A4 page or smaller (delivery charge should be added if the copies are to be sent by airmail):	EUR	0.70
Protest fee:		
For international applications still pending on 13 December 2007:.....	EUR	1,120
For international applications filed on or after 13 December 2007:		[no change]

The European Patent Office has changed the extent to which the search fee paid for an earlier search shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from that earlier search in carrying out an international search, as follows:

For a European search (EPC Art. 78(2))

(European application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	[no change]
(partial benefit)	[no change]

(European application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008):

(full benefit)	[no change]
(partial benefit)	[no change]

(European application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2008):

(full benefit)	EUR	1,050
(partial benefit)	EUR	262.50

For an international search (PCT Art. 15(1))

(international application filed on or after 1 January 2004 and search fee paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit)	[no change]
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(partial benefit) [no change]

(international application filed on or after 1 January 2004 and search fee paid between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008):

(full benefit) [no change]

(partial benefit) [no change]

(international application filed on or after 1 January 2004 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2008):

(full benefit) EUR 1,700

(partial benefit) EUR 425

For a search with written opinion on a national application made on behalf of a national Office (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR)

(search fee for the international application paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit) [no change]

(partial benefit) [no change]

(search fee for the international application paid between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008):

(full benefit) [no change]

(partial benefit) [no change]

(search fee for the international application paid on or after 1 April 2008):

(full benefit) EUR 1,700

(partial benefit) EUR 425

For an international-type search (PCT Art. 15(5)) or for a standard search

(search fee paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit) [no change]

(partial benefit) [no change]

(search fee paid between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008):

(full benefit) [no change]

(partial benefit) [no change]

(search fee paid on or after 1 April 2008):

(full benefit) EUR 1,035

(partial benefit) EUR 258.75

For a search without written opinion on a national application made on behalf of a national Office (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR)

(search fee for the international application paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit) [no change]

(partial benefit) [no change]

(search fee for the international application paid between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008):

(full benefit) [no change]

(partial benefit) [no change]

(search fee paid on or after 1 April 2008):

(full benefit) EUR 1,035

(partial benefit) EUR 258.75

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D and E (EP))

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

Patent Resources in Japanese

The Japanese section of the website has been updated to improve navigability for Japanese-speaking users. The resources that are available in Japanese are highlighted while links to alternative language versions in English are included where no translation in Japanese is available. See:

www.wipo.int/pct/ja/index.html

Arabic version of the PCT Regulations (April 2007 edition)

The official version of the Arabic text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2007, is currently under preparation. In the meantime, and for the convenience of Arabic-speaking PCT users, a provisional version of the Regulations in Arabic has been made available in PDF format, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ar/docs/pct_regs.pdf

It is recalled that the official version of the English and French texts are available at:

www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf and

www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)

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 (IB) of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from "Patent Trademark Register – Register of

International Patents – ODM". To view an example of the new invitation, as well as the many other examples which have been brought to the attention of the IB by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.htm

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the IB 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.

History of the 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 all changes up to, and including, those which came into effect on 1 April 2007. It is available at:

www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regulations_history.pdf

PCT in the News

The latest edition of the WIPO Magazine features an article entitled "Towards a Green Stone Age", which describes a new composite material, developed by a small German engineering firm, TechnoCarbon Technologies, which its inventors hope may contribute to cutting greenhouse gas emissions in the construction and manufacturing sectors. A number of PCT applications have been published which relate to this technology and its applications.

Extracts from the WIPO Magazine are available at:

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

By clicking on "WIPO Magazine" in the "related links" box, you will be able to view the complete issue of the WIPO Magazine.

Filing and Processing of International Applications in Electronic Form

Reproduced in this issue are updated versions of the two tables listing, respectively:

- the receiving Offices which have notified the International Bureau that they are prepared to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form, and
- the receiving Offices which have notified the International Bureau that they are prepared to accept the filing of requests in PCT-EASY format.

A table giving information on the requirements of the Offices which accept the filing of international applications in electronic form is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/notifications/efiling/efiling.pdf

Practical Advice

Right to practice before an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority (where the agent is appointed for the whole of the international phase)

Q: *I read in the "Practical Advice" in the February 2008 issue of the PCT Newsletter about a situation where a US agent was going to file, on behalf of an applicant who is a resident of the United States of America and a national of Mexico, an international application with the RO/IB. As a result of the applicant's Mexican nationality, it was possible to choose the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) (which has been specified as a competent ISA/IPEA by the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property in its capacity as receiving Office). Would the US agent have the right to practice before the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as ISA and IPEA?*

A: If the US agent is being appointed for the whole of the international phase, he is also entitled to represent the applicant before the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as ISA and IPEA (see PCT Rules 90.1(a) and 83.1bis(a) and (b)).

In principle, the question of who is entitled to represent the applicant(s) for a specific international application during the whole of the international phase is linked to the receiving Office with which the application was filed, and not to the Office which acts as ISA and/or IPEA. Each receiving Office determines who may practice before that Office. According to PCT Rule 90.1(a), a person having the right to practice before the national (or regional) Office with which the international application is filed may be appointed by the applicant as agent to represent him/her before the receiving Office (RO), the International Bureau (IB), the ISA and the IPEA.

As far as international applications filed with the IB as receiving Office (RO/IB) are concerned, any person who has the right to practice before the national (or regional) Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant is a resident or national may be appointed as agent in respect of the international application before RO/IB, the IB in any other capacity, and before the competent ISA and IPEA (see PCT Rule 83.1bis(b)).

Thus, in the case referred to in last month's "Practical Advice" where the international application was to be filed with RO/IB, the applicant would have been able to appoint as agent any person who has the right to practice before the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property or the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, and that person would automatically be entitled to act before the IB, the ISA and/or IPEA, whichever Authority is chosen.

Notwithstanding, it is possible to appoint a second agent to represent the applicant specifically before the ISA and/or IPEA, although in such a case, the right to practice would no longer be determined by the receiving Office, but rather, would be determined by the rules applicable in the national or regional Office acting as ISA or IPEA (see PCT Rule 90.1(b) and (c)). For information on the right to practice before national Offices, see the relevant National Chapter Summary of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html). In case of uncertainty, the Authority in question should be contacted directly.

Further information on the appointment of agents specifically before the ISA and IPEA will be published in another "Practical Advice" soon.

**Receiving Offices prepared to accept the filing
of international applications
in fully electronic form**
(status on 1 March 2008)

AU	Australian Patent Office	JP	Japan Patent Office
CN	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China	KR	Korean Intellectual Property Office
DE	German Patent and Trade Mark Office	MY	Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia
DK	Danish Patent and Trademark Office	NL	Netherlands Patent Office
EP	European Patent Office (EPO)	PH	Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)
ES	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	PL	Patent Office of the Republic of Poland
FI	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	RO	State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)
FR	National Institute of Industrial Property (France)	SE	Swedish Patent and Registration Office
GB	United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)	SK	Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)
IB	International Bureau of WIPO	US	United States Patent and Trademark Office
			(Total: 20 Offices)

**Receiving Offices prepared to accept the filing
of international applications
containing requests in PCT-EASY format**
(status on 1 March 2008)

AM	Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia	KG	Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office
AP	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	KP	Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
AT	Austrian Patent Office	KR	Korean Intellectual Property Office
AU	Australian Patent Office	KZ	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Committee of Intellectual Property Rights, National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan)
BA	Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina	LT	State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania
BE	Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)	LV	Latvian Patent Office
BG	Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	LY	Libyan Industrial Property Office
BR	National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	MD	State Agency on Intellectual Property (Moldova)
BW	Registrar of Companies, Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs (Botswana)	MK	State Office of Industrial Property (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
BZ	Belize Intellectual Property Office	MN	Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia
CA	Canadian Intellectual Property Office	MW	Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General (Malawi)
CH	Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	MX	Mexican Institute of Industrial Property
CN	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China	NI	Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)
CO	Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	NL	Netherlands Patent Office
CR	Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	NO	Norwegian Patent Office
CU	Cuban Industrial Property Office	NZ	Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand
CZ	Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)	PG	Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea
DE	German Patent and Trade Mark Office	PH	Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)
DK	Danish Patent and Trademark Office	PT	National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)
DZ	Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property	RO	State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)
EA	Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	RS	Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)
EC	Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property	RU	Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)
EE	Estonian Patent Office	SE	Swedish Patent and Registration Office
EG	Egyptian Patent Office	SG	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
ES	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	SI	Slovenian Intellectual Property Office
FR	National Institute of Industrial Property (France)	SK	Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)
GB	United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)	SY	Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)
GE	National Intellectual Property Center (Georgia)	TM	Patent Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Turkmenistan
GR	Industrial Property Organization (Greece)	TR	Turkish Patent Institute
HR	State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)	TT	Intellectual Property Office (Trinidad and Tobago)
HU	Hungarian Patent Office	US	United States Patent and Trademark Office
IB	International Bureau of WIPO	UZ	State Patent Office of Uzbekistan
ID	Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)	ZA	Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa)
IE	Patents Office (Ireland)	ZW	Zimbabwe Intellectual Property Office
IL	Israel Patent Office		
IN	Patent Office (India)		
IS	Icelandic Patent Office		
JP	Japan Patent Office		
KE	Kenya Industrial Property Institute		

(Total: 73 Offices)

<h2 style="text-align: center;">PCT Seminar Calendar</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">(situation on 1 March 2008)</p>			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
12–13 March 2008 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mr. Genin	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33–4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33–4) 78 33 58 96
19–20 March 2008 Hartford, Connecticut (US)	English	“PCT Strategies - A Comprehensive PCT Training Seminar” WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Cantor Colburn LPP (Ms. Jessica Lister) Tel: (1–860) 286 29 29 Fax: (1–860) 286 29 29 E-mail: jlister@cantorcolburn.com
8–9 April 2008 Munich (DE) (previously announced as taking place in Heidelberg)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
15 April 2008 New York (Manhattan) (US)	English	Seminar on important developments with respect to the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	International Intellectual Property Society (IIPS) (Mr. Harris A. Wolin) Tel: (1–908) 875 42 14 E-mail: harris.wolin@myerswolin.com
21–22 April 2008 Singapore	English	PCT Asia (Asian Regional Conference on the PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Gurry, Mr. Bryan and others to be announced	WIPO and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (Contact details to be announced)
24 April 2008 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Fondation 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
24–25 April 2008 London (GB)	English	Basic formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
25–26 April 2008 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1–603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1–603) 224 33 42 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/pct
8–9 May 2008 Vancouver (CA)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar for patent lawyers, agents and administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of Ottawa (Ms. Stephanie Planchak (MBM)) Tel: (1–613) 567–0762 Fax: (1–613) 563–7671 E-mail: splanck@mbm.com
19 May 2008 Zurich (CH)	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	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

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
29–30 May 2008 Munich (DE)	English	US PCT Roundtable for paralegals and their direct supervisors with at least two years of experience. Speakers from the European Patent Office, the United States Patent and Trademark Office and WIPO to be announced.	Contact person: Ms. Katrina Braden-Elliott Tel: (1-202) 772 85 15 Fax: (1-202) 371 25 40 E-mail: kbraden@skgf.com
10 October 2008 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
21–22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speakers: to be announced	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
23–24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk
4–5 December 2008 London (GB)	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

Other IP events

Strategic Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Cape Town (South Africa), 15 and 16 April 2008

Designed for senior executives, the International Executive Program, jointly offered by the Worldwide Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town, teaches how intellectual property (IP) can be strategically leveraged to create value and sustain competitive advantage over time in a rapidly changing environment. Thought leaders from leading business schools and the corporate world reveal unique insights and experiences on strategic IP management using lectures, case studies, best practices and group discussions. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty.

For further information, visit: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/za_apr_08/index.html or send an email to: execed.academy@wipo.int.

WIPO-Kellogg Strategies for Management of Intellectual Property Executive Program, Chicago (USA), 9 to 12 June 2008

As companies seek to achieve competitive advantage through exploitation of their technological assets, managing intellectual property has become a key issue for these companies. In most cases, IP is responsible for more than 70% of the market value of companies in the S & P index. This course is designed to expose participants to the various organizational skills needed so as to confidently develop, analyze and negotiate the IP of their corporation. Faculty from Kellogg School of Management and WIPO will help understand the strategic issues involved in IP management. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty.

For further information on this event, visit: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/chg_jun_08/index.html or send an email to: execed.academy@wipo.int.

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 2008, 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 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 75% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 March 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG Information not yet available							
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	(–)	(–)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,374	15	98	196	295	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
BG	BGL 80	BGL eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH Information not yet available							
BR	BRR 305	BRR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,196 (from 15.08: 1,261)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	CN
CO	COP ⁹ —	COP eq USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	eq USD 13 (14)	eq USD 85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,320	70	450	900	1,350	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	AT EP
EA	RUR 1,600	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP US
EP	EUR 105 (from 1.4.08: 110)	EUR 848	9	—	121	182	EP
ES	EUR 69.25	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 848	9	—	121	182	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 591 (from 1.5.08: 647)	6 (7)	42 (46)	84 (92)	127 (139)	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GEL ¹⁰ 10	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
GT	Information not yet available						
HN	Information not yet available						
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP RU

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸		
IB	CHF ¹² or EUR ¹² or USD ¹²	100 61 85 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	CHF 1,400 or EUR 848 or USD 1,194	15 9 13 (14)	100 61 85 (90)	200 121 171 (180)	300 182 256 (271)	See footnote 13
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
IL	ILS	490	USD 1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	6,500	ISK 74,100 <i>(from 15.5.08: 85,100)</i>	800 (900)	5,300 (6,100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY 137,000	1,500	9,800	—	29,400	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ²⁵⁰ plus cost of mailing	250 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	USD 1,194	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD 1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available							
KN	Information not yet available							
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW 1,099,000 <i>(from 1.5.08: 1,221,000)</i>	12,000 (13,000)	79,000 (87,000)	— (—)	236,000 (262,000)	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT	7,360	USD 1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available							EP
LR	USD	45	USD 1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	13 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁹	—	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
LV	LVL	47.20	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP RU
LY	LYD ⁹	—	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	AT EP
MA	None	None	CHF 1,400	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 ¹⁵	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
MD	USD	40	USD 1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
MN	None	None	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	EP KR RU
MT	Information not yet available							
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK 166,800	1,800	11,900	—	—	EP
MX	MXP ² eq USD323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	—	EP ES SE US

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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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁶	MYR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,590	70	470	—	—	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁷	NZD 1,597	17	114	—	—	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available						
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	171 (180)	256 (271)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 33.44	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	200	300	AT EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,780	80	560	1,110	1,670	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,790	19	128	—	—	AT AU EP KR ¹⁸
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
SV	Information not yet available						
SY	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ —	CHF 1,400	15	—	—	—	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	171 (180)	— (—)	EP KR US

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 March 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
UZ	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 8,340	90	600	—	—	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	eq USD 13 (14)	eq USD 85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 March 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR 200	CHF 330	KRW 259,000	SGD 420	USD 282	ZAR 1,970						
AU	AUD 1,600	CHF 1,630	EUR 987	KRW 1,280,000	NZD 1,859	SGD 2,084	USD	ZAR				
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF* 1,872	EUR 1,134	USD 1,597								
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 328	EUR 199	USD 280								
EP ¹⁹	EUR* 1,615	CHF* 2,667	DKK* 12,040	GBP* 1,125	ISK* 141,000	JPY* 261,000	MWK* 318,000	NOK* 12,560	SEK* 3,043	SGD* 3,410	USD* 2,274	
	ZAR* 15,880						*	(from 1.4.08: EUR 1,700)	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	GBP 1,273	ISK 167,000
	*	(from 1.4.08: JPY 268,800)					MWK 344,000	NOK 13,440	NZD 3,163	SEK 15,830	SGD 3,530	USD 2,496
ES ¹⁹	EUR* 1,615	CHF* 2,667	USD* 2,274				*	(from 1.4.08: EUR 1,700)	CHF 2,726	USD 2,496)		
FI	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,667	USD 2,274									
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 991	EUR 600	KRW* 778,000	USD 845		*	(from 15.5.08: KRW 852,000)				
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 287	EUR 173	NZD 327	SGD 366	USD 244						
RU ²⁰	USD 500	CHF 586	EUR 355									
SE	SEK* 14,820	CHF* 2,667	DKK* 12,040	EUR* 1,615	ISK* 141,000	NOK* 12,560	USD* 2,274					
	*	(from 1.4.08: SEK 15,830)					MWK 13,440	USD 2,496)	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK 167,000
US	USD 1,800	CHF* 2,136	EUR 1,282	NZD 2,370	ZAR 12,340		*	(from 1.4.08: CHF 1,995)				
XN	DKK* 12,040	CHF* 2,667	EUR* 1,615	ISK* 141,000	NOK* 12,560	USD* 2,274	*	(from 1.4.08: DKK 12,670)	CHF 2,726	EUR 1,700	ISK 167,000	NOK 13,440

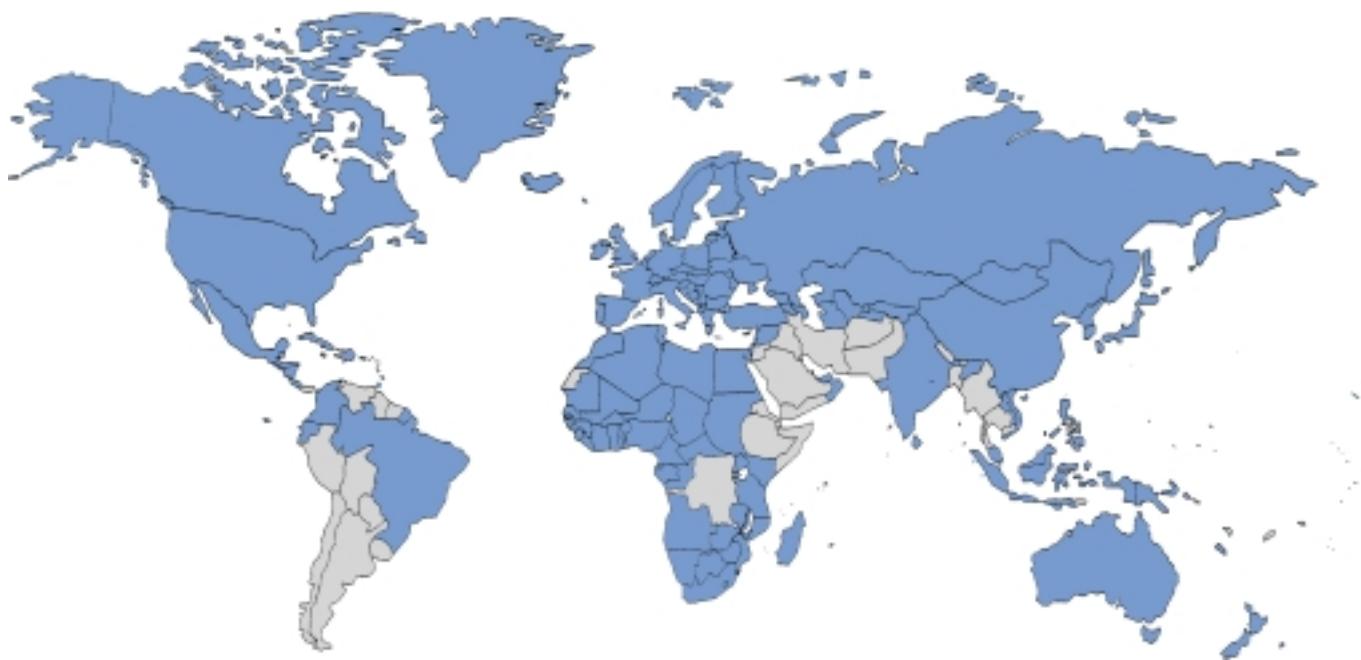
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 March 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²¹		Handling fee ^{2, 21} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²²	AUD	196
CA	CAD	800		CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁹	EUR	1,595	(from 1.4.08: 1,675)	EUR	121
ES	EUR	544.44		EUR	121
FI	EUR	550		EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW	157,000
RU ²⁰	USD	200 ²³	300 ²⁴	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,110
US	USD	600	750 ²⁵	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications, the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006.
- 19 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% 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 not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfills the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in part 1 of the table on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf, with the exception of Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 20 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 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 (138 on 1 March 2008)



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

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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 April 2007) 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: 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.

PCT NEWSLETTER

Amendments to the Schedule of Fees

An Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of the PCT Union was held in Geneva on 31 March 2008 to discuss proposed amendments of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations. The Assembly approved the amendments, which will enter into force on 1 July 2008, and will apply to any international application which is received by the receiving Office on or after 1 July 2008. The amendments are as follows:

Reduction in the international filing fee

The international filing fee will be reduced by 5%, from 1,400 to 1,330 Swiss francs. Equivalent amounts in other currencies will be announced once, following consultation with interested Offices, they have been established. Note that the amount payable for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets will not change.

Increase in the fee reduction accorded to applicants from certain States

The reduction in the international filing fee and the handling fee accorded to applicants who meet the criteria indicated in Item 4(a)¹ or (b)² of the Schedule of Fees has been increased from 75% to 90%.

Extension of the scope of the fee reduction accorded to applicants from certain States

An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in one of the following nine States will also be entitled to the above-mentioned reduction in the international filing fee and the handling fee:

Antigua and Barbuda

Bahrain

Barbados

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Oman

Seychelles

Singapore

¹ If the international application is filed by an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997).

² If the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations.

Trinidad and Tobago

United Arab Emirates

The PCT Assembly will consider a study on the eligibility criteria for the fee reductions in item 4 at its next session, and discuss further possible changes.

New PCT Contracting State

Sao Tome and Principe (country code: ST)

On 3 April 2008, Sao Tome and Principe deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 3 July 2008, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 3 July 2008 will automatically include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe.

Also, because Sao Tome and Principe 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 3 July 2008. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Sao Tome and Principe will be entitled, as from 3 July 2008, to file international applications under the PCT.

PCT Information Update

CA Canada (fees – corrigendum)

The date of effect of the change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in CAD to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as the change in the equivalent amount in CAD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2008, should have read 15 May 2008 and not 1 May 2008.

EP European Patent Office (location; evidence of mailing a document; fees; special requirements for entry into the national phase; editorial changes)

The location of the European Patent Office (EPO) branch at The Hague has changed, as follows:

Location:

Branch at The Hague: Patentlaan 2, 2288 EE Rijswijk, Netherlands

Deutsche Post Express and LTA have been deleted from the list of delivery services, other than the postal authorities, in respect of which the EPO would accept evidence of mailing a document in case of loss or delay.

The EPO has notified the following fees for payments made to it as designated Office as from 1 April 2008:

Fee for further processing:

in the event of late payment of a fee:	50% of the relevant fee
other cases:.....	EUR 210

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR 200
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The EPO has notified a change in the name of one of its national fees. The term “national basic fee” has been changed to “filing fee”.

Furthermore, the EPO has specified that the claims fee for the 11th and each subsequent claim was applicable *for payments made* until 31 March 2008 and that the claims fee for the 16th and each subsequent claim is applicable *for payments made* as from 1 April 2008.

The announcement concerning the change in the amount of the following national fees (search and examination fees) which was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2008 should have read as follows:

Search fee:

For (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	760
For (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	1,050

Examination fee:

For (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:..	EUR	1,565
For (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:.....	EUR	1,565
For all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	1,405

For payments made on or after 1 April 2008, the search fee is reduced by EUR 890 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.

There has been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51bis of the EPO as designated (or elected) Office concerning the time limit to comply with all of its requirements. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) (31 months from the priority date), the EPO will invite the applicant to comply with the requirements within two months.

There have been changes in many of the references to EPC rules. Please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B2 (EP), C (EP), D (EP), and L, and the National Chapter (EP).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (EP), C (EP), D (EP), L, and National Chapter (EP))

MT Malta (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment (Malta), in its capacity as receiving Office, has, with effect from 1 March 2008, specified the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and

Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Malta.

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 June 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Table I(a).

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

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (European Patent Office)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2008, the following changes have been made with effect from 1 April 2008.

There has been a change in the amount of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report payable to the European Patent Office (EPO), as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per page:

For applicants:.....	[no change]
For designated Offices:	EUR 0.70

The EPO has changed the extent to which the search fee paid for an earlier search shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from that earlier search in carrying out an international search, as follows:

For a European search (EPC Art. 78(2))

(European application filed before 1 July 2005 and search fee paid before 1 April 2006):

(full benefit):	[no change]
(partial benefit):	[no change]

(European application filed before 1 July 2005 and search fee paid between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008):

(full benefit):	[no change]
(partial benefit):	[no change]

(European application filed before 1 July 2005 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2008):

(full benefit):	EUR 760
(partial benefit):	EUR 190

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

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

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Trademark Office and the Nordic Patent Institute as International Searching Authorities (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEA) relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2008, have been published in English and French on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html

PCT Gallery of Notable Inventions and Inventors

The following addition has been made to the gallery of notable inventors (www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventors/index.html):

- Nick HOLONYAK, Jr.

Suggestions for additions to the PCT gallery should be sent to the following e-mail address:

pct.infoline@wipo.int

Change to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 2 May 2008

Due to the fact that Thursday, 1 May 2008, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications which would normally have been published on that day, as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* which would normally have been published on that day, will be published on Friday, 2 May 2008.

Note that the completion of technical preparations for that publication will take place more than the usual 15 days before publication, on Wednesday, 16 April 2008, meaning that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Tuesday, 15 April 2008.

Publication of 15 May 2008

Due to the fact that Thursday, 1 May 2008 and Monday, 12 May 2008 will be non-working days at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on Thursday, 15 May 2008 will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 29 April 2008 (instead of on Wednesday, 30 April 2008, the day on which technical preparations would normally have been completed). This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Monday, 28 April 2008.

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.028.203), dated 01 April 2008, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.htm

This version (“build 203”) includes the following changes:

- The Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment (Malta) as receiving Office (RO/MT) accepts the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format.
- The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GC) is available as a regional office on the Priority page.
- Updated fee schedules.
- Other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements and PCT updates.

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

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

PCT Wheel: Ceasing of WIPO's Participation in its Production and Distribution

WIPO will no longer be co-producing and distributing the PCT Wheel. Note, however, that Davies Collison Cave, the firm of patent attorneys in Australia which created the PCT Wheel and with which WIPO has been co-producing the Wheel since 1995, will be continuing to produce their own version of the PCT Wheel. For further information about the availability of their Wheel (they have produced one which covers priority dates from January 2007 to December 2008), please contact them directly at:

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Melbourne VIC 3000 Australia

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E-mail: jhughes@davies.com.au
Internet: www.davies.com.au/about.aspx

Note that WIPO still has in stock a number of WIPO PCT Wheels which were produced last year, with priority dates from January 2006 to December 2007. They can be ordered from:

Design, Marketing and Distribution Section
The World Intellectual Property Organization
34, chemin des Colombettes
P.O. Box 18
1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Fax: (41-22) 740 18 12
E-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int

It is recalled that WIPO has designed a PCT Time Limit Calculator, a web-based resource for the computing of essential PCT time limits. It is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/calculator/pct-calculator.html

A description of the Calculator is given in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2006 at:

www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2006/pct_news_2006_3.pdf

EPO: Change Concerning Payment Methods

The European Patent Office (EPO) has informed the International Bureau that it has abolished checks as a payment method with effect from 1 April 2008. As a result, any payment by check which is delivered or sent direct to the EPO will no longer be accepted as from that date.

As from 1 April 2008, fees payable to the EPO are to be paid:

- by payment or transfer to a bank account held by the Office in a Contracting State of the EPC, or
- via a deposit account held with the Office.

For further information, please see the announcement published in the *Official Journal of the EPO*, No. 11/2007, page 626 at:

www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj007/11_07/11_6267.pdf

Practical Advice

Appointing agents before the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

Q: *The firm of European patent attorneys with which I work erroneously filed an international application, for which the only applicant was neither a resident nor a national of a member State of the European Patent Convention, with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office. The application was subsequently transmitted by the EPO to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) under PCT Rule 19.4(a)(i). Is it possible for my firm to act as agent for the applicant before RO/IB, or will the applicant have to appoint an agent from his country of nationality or residence? If we cannot act as agent before RO/IB, can we be appointed as agent before the EPO in its capacity as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), specifically for the purposes of international search and preliminary examination? (The EPO is a competent ISA and IPEA for this application.)*

A: It is recalled that, under PCT Rule 83.1bis(a), in order to be able to represent the applicant before RO/IB, the agent must have the right to practice before the national (or regional) Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant is a resident or national. It is unlikely that your firm of patent attorneys would be entitled to represent the applicant unless there is somebody who is a patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office concerned (see under the relevant receiving Office in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Receiving Offices, Annex C) (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html), and so if the applicant is going to appoint an agent, it must be one who fulfils that requirement.

You do, however, have the option of being appointed, under PCT Rule 90.1(b) and (c), as agent specifically for the purposes of search and examination before an ISA and IPEA. Any agent may be so appointed, irrespective of the receiving Office with which the application was filed and irrespective of any agent who is entitled to act for the application concerned under PCT Rule 90.1(a) for the entire international phase, provided that he/she has the right to practice before the national Office or intergovernmental organization which acts as ISA/IPEA (for information on who has the right to practice before a national or regional Office, see the relevant National Chapter (Summary) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, or contact the Office concerned). In your case, since you have the right to practice before the EPO in its capacity as ISA and IPEA, the applicant could appoint you as agent specifically before the EPO.

In practice, it is not absolutely necessary to appoint an agent specifically for the purposes of international search since there is no dialogue with the ISA during the search procedure and an agent would not normally file any document directly with the ISA (amendments under PCT Article 19 are filed with the IB by the applicant or the agent entitled to act before the receiving Office). Such an agent would simply receive the international search report and the written opinion of the ISA. During the international preliminary examination procedure, however, the agent may need to respond to the written opinion of the IPEA or have a dialogue with the examiner. In the case where an additional person is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA, all notifications issued by the IPEA will be addressed only to that additional person, and not to any agent appointed in general for the purposes of the international phase. Note, however, that such an agent would only be able to take action concerning the international preliminary examination procedure, and would not be entitled, for example, to withdraw the international application.

In order for you to be appointed in this way, a separate power of attorney would normally have to be submitted directly to the ISA and/or IPEA, as the case may be (see PCT Rule 90.4(b)). Note, however, that a power of attorney may not be required where the ISA/IPEA has waived the requirement to furnish a power of attorney (PCT Rule 90.4(d))—see the table entitled “Waivers: Powers of Attorney” at:

www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/p_a_waivers.pdf

For further information on the particular instances in which a power of attorney is required by the EPO, see the *Official Journal of the EPO*, No. 5/2004, page 305, at:

www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj004/05_04/05_3054a.pdf

Instead of submitting a power of attorney to appoint an agent before the IPEA, the appointment can also be made simply by way of the applicant signing the demand for international preliminary examination (Form PCT/IPEA/401) in which the agent is named in Box No. III as “agent specifically for the procedure before the IPEA”.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">PCT Seminar Calendar</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">(situation on 10 April 2008)</p>			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
15 April 2008 New York (Manhattan) (US)	English	Presentation on important developments with respect to the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	International Intellectual Property Society (IIPS) (Mr. Harris A. Wolin) Tel: (1-908) 875 42 14 E-mail: harris.wolin@myerswolin.com
21-22 April 2008 Singapore	English	PCT Asia (Asian Regional Conference on the PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Gurry, Mr. Bryan and others	WIPO and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (For information: Ms Michelle Chiang) Tel: (65) 63 30 27 45 E-mail: Michelle_Chang@ipos.gov.sg (For registration: Ms Lynn Ho) Tel: (65) 62 90 56 17 E-mail: lynn.ho@sg.pico.com Internet: www.ipos.gov.sg/topNav/news/cal/PCT+Asia+2008.htm
24 April 2008 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Fondation 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
24-25 April 2008 London (GB)	English	Basic formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
25-26 April 2008 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1-603) 224 33 42 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/pct
8-9 May 2008 Vancouver (CA)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar for patent lawyers, agents and administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of Ottawa (Ms. Stephanie Planchak (MBM)) Tel: (1-613) 567-0762 Fax: (1-613) 563-7671 E-mail: splanck@mbm.com
14-15 May 2008 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and 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
19 May 2008 Zurich (CH)	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	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

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued] (situation on 10 April 2008)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
26 May 2008 Kumamoto (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	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
28 May 2008 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities and SMEs WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Kumamoto, above)
29 May 2008 Matsumoto (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Kumamoto, above)
29–30 May 2008 Munich (DE)	English	US PCT Roundtable for paralegals and their direct supervisors with at least two years of experience. Speakers from the European Patent Office, the United States Patent and Trademark Office and WIPO to be announced.	Contact person: Ms. Katrina Braden-Elliott Tel: (1-202) 772 85 15 Fax: (1-202) 371 25 40 E-mail: kbraden@skgf.com
10–11 July 2008 New York (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
14–15 July 2008 Denver (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (See New York, above)
10 October 2008 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT update for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speakers: to be announced	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT update WIPO speakers: to be announced	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk
4–5 December 2008 London (GB)	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr

Other IP events
Strategic Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Cape Town (South Africa), 15 and 16 April 2008 Designed for senior executives, the International Executive Program, jointly offered by the Worldwide Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town, teaches how intellectual property (IP) can be strategically leveraged to create value and sustain competitive advantage over time in a rapidly changing environment. Thought leaders from leading business schools and the corporate world reveal unique insights and experiences on strategic IP management using lectures, case studies, best practices and group discussions. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty. For further information, visit: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/za_apr_08/index.html or send an email to: execed.academy@wipo.int .
WIPO-Kellogg Strategies for Management of Intellectual Property Executive Program, Chicago (USA), 9 to 12 June 2008 As companies seek to achieve competitive advantage through exploitation of their technological assets, managing intellectual property has become a key issue for these companies. In most cases, IP is responsible for more than 70% of the market value of companies in the S & P index. This course is designed to expose participants to the various organizational skills needed so as to confidently develop, analyze and negotiate the IP of their corporation. Faculty from Kellogg School of Management and WIPO will help understand the strategic issues involved in IP management. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty. For further information on this event, visit: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/chg_jun_08/index.html or send an email to: execed.academy@wipo.int .

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 April 2008, 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 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 75% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated *after* the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 April 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG Information not yet available							
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,374	15	98	196	295	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
BG	BGL 80	BGL eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH Information not yet available							
BR	BRR 305	BRR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,196 (from 15.08: 1,261)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	CN
CO	COP ⁹ —	COP eq USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	eq USD 13 (14)	eq USD 85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,320	70	450	900	1,350	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	AT EP
EA	RUR 1,600	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP US
EP	EUR 110	EUR 848	9	—	121	182	EP
ES	EUR 69.25	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 848	9	—	121	182	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 591 (from 1.5.08: 647)	6 (7)	42 (46)	84 (92)	127 (139)	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GEL ¹⁰ 10	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
GT	Information not yet available						
HN	Information not yet available						
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP RU

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸			
IB	CHF ¹² or EUR ¹² or USD ¹²	100 61 85 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	CHF or EUR or USD	1,400 848 1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	15 9 13 <i>(14)</i>	100 61 85 <i>(90)</i>	200 121 171 <i>(180)</i>	300 182 256 <i>(271)</i>	See footnote 13
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AU EP KR RU	
IE	EUR	76	EUR	848	9	61	—	EP	
IL	ILS	490	USD	1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	85 <i>(90)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	EP US	
IN	INR	8,000 <i>(filing by indiv: 2,000)</i>	USD	1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	85 <i>(90)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE US	
IS	ISK	6,500	ISK	74,100 <i>(from 15.5.08: 85,100)</i>	800 <i>(900)</i>	5,300 <i>(6,100)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	EP SE XN	
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	9	—	—	EP	
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	137,000	1,500	9,800	—	29,400	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ²⁵⁰ plus cost of mailing	250 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	USD	1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	85 <i>(90)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE	
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	85 <i>(90)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	EP RU	
KM	Information not yet available								
KN	Information not yet available								
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT CN RU	
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,099,000 <i>(from 1.5.08: 1,221,000)</i>	12,000 <i>(13,000)</i>	79,000 <i>(87,000)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	236,000 <i>(262,000)</i>	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT	7,360	USD	1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	85 <i>(90)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	EP RU	
LA	Information not yet available							EP	
LR	USD	45	USD	1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE	
LS	LSM ⁹	—	LSM	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	AT EP	
LT	LTL	320	EUR	848	9	61	—	EP RU	
LU	EUR	19	EUR	848	9	—	—	EP	
LV	LVL	47.20	EUR	848	9	61	—	EP RU	
LY	LYD ⁹	—	CHF	1,400	15	100	—	AT EP	
MA	None		CHF	1,400	15	—	—	AT EP RU SE	
MC	EUR	54 ¹⁵	EUR	848	9	—	—	EP	
MD	USD	40	USD	1,194 <i>(from 15.5.08: 1,263)</i>	13 <i>(14)</i>	85 <i>(90)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	EP RU	
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	EP	
MN	None		CHF	1,400	15	100	—	EP KR RU	
MT	Information not yet available								
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	166,800	1,800	11,900	—	EP	
MX	MXP ²	eq USD 323.70	MXP	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	EP ES SE US	

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁶	MYR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (-)	— (-)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	9	61	121	182	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,590	70	470	—	—	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁷	NZD 1,597	17	114	—	—	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available						
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (-)	— (-)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	171 (180)	256 (271)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 33.44	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	200	300	AT EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (-)	— (-)	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	— (-)	— (-)	— (-)	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,780	80	560	1,110	1,670	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,790	19	128	—	—	AT AU EP KR ¹⁸
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848	9	61	—	—	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848	9	—	—	—	EP
SV	Information not yet available						
SY	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (-)	— (-)	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	— (-)	— (-)	— (-)	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (-)	— (-)	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ —	CHF 1,400	15	—	—	—	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	—	—	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (-)	— (-)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	— (-)	— (-)	— (-)	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	171 (180)	— (-)	EP KR US

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
UZ	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 8,340 (from 1.6.08: 9,810)	90 (110)	600 (700)	—	—	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	13 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263)	eq USD 13 (14)	eq USD 85 (90)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 April 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹										
AT	EUR 200	CHF 330	KRW 259,000	SGD 420	USD 282	ZAR 1,970					
AU	AUD 1,600	CHF 1,630	EUR 987	KRW 1,280,000	NZD 1,859	SGD 2,084	USD 1,390	ZAR 9,700			
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,777	EUR 1,134	USD 1,597							
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 328	EUR 199	USD 280							
EP ¹⁹	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	GBP 1,273	ISK 167,000	JPY 268,800	MWK 344,000	NOK 13,440	NZD 3,163	SGD 3,530	USD 2,496
ZAR 19,160			SEK 15,830								
ES ¹⁹	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,496								
FI	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,667	USD 2,274								
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 991	EUR 600	KRW* 778,000	USD 845		*	(from 15.5.08: KRW 852,000)			
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 287	EUR 173	NZD 327	SGD 366	USD 244					
RU ²⁰	USD 500	CHF 586	EUR 355								
SE	SEK 15,830	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK 167,000	NOK 13,440	USD 2,496				
US	USD 1,800	CHF 1,995	EUR 1,282	NZD 2,370	ZAR 12,340						
XN	DKK 12,670	CHF 2,726	EUR 1,700	ISK 167,000	NOK 13,440	USD 2,496					

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 April 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²¹		Handling fee ^{2, 21} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²²	AUD	196
CA	CAD	800		CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁹	EUR	1,675		EUR	121
ES	EUR	544.44		EUR	121
FI	EUR	550		EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW	157,000
RU ²⁰	USD	200 ²³	300 ²⁴	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,110
US	USD	600	750 ²⁵	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications, the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006.
- 19 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% 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 not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfills the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in part 1 of the table on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf, with the exception of Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 20 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 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 (139 on 3 April 2008)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IN India	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania ¹	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MN Mongolia	SM San Marino
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MT Malta (EP) ²	ST Sao Tome and Principe (from 3 July 2008)
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MW Malawi (AP)	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MX Mexico	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MY Malaysia	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NA Namibia (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NE Niger (OA) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FR France (EP) ²	GD Grenada	NG Nigeria	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	GA Gabon (OA) ²	GE Georgia	NI Nicaragua	TN Tunisia
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GH Ghana (AP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway (EP)	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GM Gambia (AP)	LK Sri Lanka	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LR Liberia	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LS Lesotho (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GR Greece (EP) ²	LT Lithuania (EP)	PH Philippines	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	HN Honduras	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP)	MA Morocco	RS Serbia ¹	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HU Hungary (EP)	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	ID Indonesia	MD Moldova (EA)	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	IE Ireland (EP) ²	ME Montenegro	SD Sudan (AP)	
CR Costa Rica	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	
			SG Singapore	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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 April 2007) 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: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: 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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Amended PCT Regulations (entry into force 1 July 2008)

The text of the amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2008 has been published with PCT Notification No. 187, which is available in English and French at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/edocs/notdocs/en/pct/treaty_pct_187-annex1.html

www.wipo.int/edocs/notdocs/fr/pct/treaty_pct_187-annex1.html

An updated consolidated version of the PCT Regulations, as in force from 1 July 2008, will be available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® once the amendments have entered into force. In view of the relatively limited number of changes that have been made to the Regulations, however, the paper version of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations* (WIPO Publication No. 274) will not be reprinted on this occasion. Instead, a booklet containing the amended rules will be published on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® – an announcement will be made as soon as this becomes available. It will be of the size that it can be inserted into the paper version of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations*.

Note that further information about the changes subsequent to the entry into force of new PCT Rules 4.12 and 12bis (relating to the possibility, as from 1 July 2008, for the applicant to request the International Searching Authority (ISA) to take into account, in carrying out the international search, not only, as at present, the results of an earlier search carried out by that Authority, but also the results of an earlier search carried out by another ISA or any other national Office) will be given in the *PCT Newsletter* shortly.

Modified PCT Forms

Following consultations with the relevant PCT Offices and Authorities, a number of PCT forms for use by receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities (ISAs), International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau have been amended with effect from 1 July 2008. Those forms, which can be used as from 1 July 2008, are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/form_july2008.html

The request form (PCT/RO/101) has been amended with effect from 1 July 2008 to take into account, in particular:

- the amendments to the Schedule of Fees;
- the new possibility for the applicant to request the ISA, when carrying out the international search, to take into consideration the results of an earlier search carried out either by that Authority, by another ISA or by any national Office; and
- the new possibility of including an e-mail address for the applicant or agent, and an authorization to be sent advance copies of notifications in respect of the international application by e-mail (in Boxes Nos. II and III) (for further information, see the “Practical advice” in this issue).

The demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) has also been amended with effect from 1 July 2008 to take into account the new possibility of including an e-mail address for the applicant or agent, and an authorization to be sent advance copies of notifications in respect of the international application by e-mail (for further information on the furnishing by the applicant of an e-mail address, see the "Practical advice" in this issue).

Filing and Processing of International Applications in Electronic Form

Attaching pre-conversion files to international applications filed electronically

Many international applications which are filed in electronic form are initially prepared in a particular electronic document format (for example, MS-Word) and are subsequently converted, for the purposes of filing, into another electronic document format (for example, PDF or XML). Since it is known that, in the process of converting from one document format to another, the international application data may accidentally be modified or altered, amended Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (applicable as of 1 July 2008) expressly provide for the submission of a copy of the international application in the "pre-conversion" format at the time of filing the international application. Should data have been accidentally modified or altered in the conversion process, the applicant has the opportunity to correct the international application as filed so as to bring it into conformity with the copy of the international application in the pre-conversion format.

Note however that, in order for applicants to take advantage of this option, the receiving Office must permit the submission generally of the international application in "pre-conversion" format and the specific pre-conversion format used by the applicant must also be accepted by the receiving Office. To the extent that the receiving Office of choice does accept the submission of the international application in "pre-conversion" format, applicants are strongly encouraged to make use of this possibility. In the case of a conversion-related issue, applicants would then have up to 30 months from the priority date to correct the international application with the receiving Office.

The text of modified Sections 706 and 710 (as well as modified Annex F) of the Administrative Instructions, which enter into force on 1 July 2008, were published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 24 April 2008, available at:

www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

An updated consolidated version of the Administrative Instructions, as in force from 1 July 2008, will be available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® once the modifications have entered into force.

Paris Convention

Accession by Thailand

On 2 May 2008, Thailand (country code: TH), deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Convention to 173. Thailand will become bound by the Paris Convention on 2 August 2008. The list of States party to the Paris Convention (together with the list of States party to the PCT and Members of the WTO) has been updated accordingly and is available at:

www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_paris_wto.pdf

PCT Meetings

Meeting of International Authorities

The 15th session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Vienna at the Austrian Patent Office from 7 to 9 April 2008. The report and working documents can be found on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/mia/15

The Meeting noted reports on the quality frameworks of all the Authorities. These will shortly be made available, together with those submitted last year, on the PATENTSCOPE® website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html

Following a presentation by one Authority, discussions focused on how best to allow feedback from operational reviews of individual cases to be used to improve general guidance for all examiners. The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office announced the launch of a “Microsite on Quality” at: www.oepm-calidad.es. The Meeting reiterated the importance of sharing of information on quality and agreed on a timetable for review of the quality framework set out in Chapter 21 of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

The Meeting welcomed a preliminary working paper proposed by the International Bureau (IB) entitled “Enhancing the Value of International Search and Preliminary Examination under the PCT” (PCT/MIA/15/2) as important, timely and useful. It agreed that action was needed in the context of backlogs growing in both number and application pendency time. Some of the necessary work was already under way, for example, in relation to the quality framework. Other actions would require consideration by individual Offices, the International Authorities collectively, the Contracting States and users of the system. The same document will be considered by the PCT Working Group at its first session, to be held in Geneva from 26 to 30 May 2008 (see “PCT Working Group”, below, and document PCT/WG/1/3).

Several Authorities (the Austrian Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation) and the Nordic Patent Institute) reported that they expected to be ready to offer a supplementary international search service from 1 January 2009; the Swedish Patent and Registration Office reported that it may possibly be ready to do so by that date. Others (the European Patent Office and the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland) indicated that it was likely that they would be able to offer such a service in due course from 1 January 2010. Others indicated a general support for the principle but were not in a position to report any provisional plans for offering such a service; and some Authorities have no plans to offer this service.

The Japan Patent Office, on behalf of the Trilateral Offices (the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office) gave an overview of the so-called “Common Application Format” which has recently been agreed upon by the Trilateral Offices (see: www.trilateral.net/news/20071130/index.php) and introduced proposals for corresponding modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

The Meeting discussed a proposal relating to the possibility of permitting claims fees under the PCT, similar to those which have been introduced in a number of national systems, and proposals to limit the number of claims per category to be searched.

The Meeting recognized that there was still an unacceptably large number of international applications being published without classification. Some improvements were expected shortly, following efforts to reduce backlogs at certain receiving Offices. The Meeting also requested the IB to investigate the possibility of providing access to the record copy to assist International Searching Authorities (ISAs) in providing classification of international applications for which delivery of the search copy had been delayed.

The Korean Journal of Traditional Knowledge was added to the list of non-patent literature forming part of the PCT minimum documentation. It was also decided to reinvigorate work on a comprehensive review of the minimum documentation.

The Meeting discussed a proposal to permit ISAs to send advance copies of international search reports by e-mail but concluded that work should concentrate on offering such information using a secure file inspection service.

The Meeting also discussed details of implementation of the new rules relating to use of searches by Offices other than the one acting as ISA, draft criteria which might be considered for adoption by the PCT Assembly in relation to the addition of any further PCT languages of publication, and proposals for encouraging the filing of sequence listings in searchable ST.25 text file format.

PCT Working Group

In September 2007, the PCT Assembly decided that the work of the Committee on Reform of the PCT and the Working Group on Reform of the PCT had been completed and that the mandate of both bodies had come to an end (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2007). Recognizing the need for a body to perform preparatory work for any future matters requiring submission to the Assembly, it approved the convening of a new Working Group. The first session of the PCT Working Group will be held in Geneva from 26 to 30 May 2008. The draft agenda is available from the WIPO website, together with working documents as they become available, at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/1

A mailing list has also been created to give notice of new documents and other related information. Any interested person can subscribe using the form at:

www.wipo.int/lists/subscribe/pct-wg

PCT Information Update

International fee, supplement per sheet over 30 and PCT-EASY and electronic filing reductions (various Offices)

As indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2008, on 1 July 2008, there will be a change in the amount of the international filing fee. There will also be changes in the equivalent amounts, in certain currencies, of the international filing fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the PCT-EASY and electronic filing reductions (where applicable), as indicated in the PCT fee tables.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, Annex C: AL, AM, AP, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BE, BG, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CY, CZ, DE, DK, DO, DZ, EA, EC, EE, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GH, GR, HR, HU, IB, ID, IE, IL, IN, IS, IT, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, LY, MA, MC, MD, MK, MN, MW, MX, MY, NI, NL, NO, NZ, OA, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RS, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SM, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, UA, US, UZ, VN, ZA, ZM, ZW)

EA Eurasian Patent Office (location; fees; required contents of translation)

The location of the Eurasian Patent Office has changed, as follows:

5, Staroalekseevskaya, Moscow, Russian Federation

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

Fee for priority document:	RUR	1,000
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There has been a change, with effect from 1 March 2008, in the requirements of the Office concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Under PCT Article 22:

Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1):

Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

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

FI Finland (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 April 2008 (other fees not indicated have not changed):

National fee:

Basic fee:	EUR	400
Basic fee for an electronically filed application:	EUR	300
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: ..	EUR	30
Annual fees for the first three years:	EUR	170

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

IT Italy (e-mail and Internet addresses; means of telecommunication)

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

E-mail: info@uibm.gov.it
Internet: www.uibm.gov.it

The Office has discontinued the use of its teleprinter. In addition, the Office has informed the International Bureau of a change concerning the kinds of documents which may be filed by fax; as from 1 June 2008 all kinds of documents may be so filed, except international applications.

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

MT Malta (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities – corrigendum)

In *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2008, the date from which the Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment (Malta), in its capacity as receiving Office, specified the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Malta should have read 1 March 2007 and not 1 March 2008.

MY Malaysia (general information)

Information on the requirements of the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see the National Chapter, Summary (MY)) on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

For the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, as from 1 June 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and as from 1 July 2008, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and EUR for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, and a change in

the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

As from 1 June 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, and in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

As from 15 June 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in ZAR for international searches carried out by the Austrian Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in KRW and ZAR for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office.

As from 1 July 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	CHF
Austrian Patent Office	KRW
European Patent Office	ISK, ZAR
Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)	CHF
Japan Patent Office	KRW
Korean Intellectual Property Office	NZD, SGD
United States Patent and Trademark Office	CHF

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT), (AU), (CA), (EP), (JP), (KR), (RU) and (US))

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)

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 "IBIP – International Bureau for Intellectual Property". To view an example of the new 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:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.htm

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.

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

Text of the amendments to the PCT Regulations (entry into force 1 July 2008)

See "Amended PCT Regulations", above.

PCT Statistics

See "PCT Statistics", below.

Presentation on the PCT in Korean

A PowerPoint presentation in Korean, containing an overview of the PCT and highlighting recent developments has been added to the small collection of PCT resources on the PATENTSCOPE® website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ko/

List of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization

The list of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization has been updated and is available at:

www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_paris_wto.pdf

PCT Statistics

Yearly Review of the PCT – The International Patent System in 2007

The review of PCT activities in 2007 contains statistics on PCT filings (including filings by top countries of origin, by top applicants and by technical field) and national phase entries, as well as statistics on the performance of the international patent system. It is now available in English, in HTML format, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/pct_2007.html

The PDF version, as well as the French and Spanish translations of the review, are under preparation.

PCT trends and performance indicators

In order to provide PCT users with more detailed information about the functioning of the PCT system, several enhancements have recently been made to the dissemination of statistical information published on the activities of the PCT. The statistical reports produced on the PCT now comprise the following:

- PCT Monthly Statistics – A new version of the PCT monthly statistics report has been created which includes a core set of indicators for monitoring the latest trends in PCT filings.

– PCT Quarterly Statistics:

- Quarterly Report: Trends and Analysis – This new report provides an overview of the latest trends in PCT filings. It includes a wide range of indicators with analysis and interpretation of the latest trends.
- Quarterly Report: Performance Indicators – This report includes a set of indicators to monitor the timeliness of receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau. This report replaces the former report on “Timeliness in relation to procedures under the PCT” and includes new indicators.

These reports, as well as other PCT statistical data, are updated on a regular basis and can be downloaded in various formats from WIPO’s website at:

www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct/

Any questions or feedback about the PCT statistics may be sent to: ipstats.mail@wipo.int

Practical Advice

The transmittal of notifications to applicants by e-mail

Q: I am going to file a number of international applications on behalf of several applicants in the next few months. Later in the year, I will have to spend a few months away on business, and am worried about whether being away from my office will hinder my ability to properly follow-up the progress of the applications concerned. Is there any way that I can request that correspondence relating to the international application be sent to my e-mail address, and that I can deal with any follow-up matters by e-mail?

A: Until now, it has not been possible for the International Bureau (IB) to use e-mail as a form of communication in respect of specific international applications.

However, **as of 1 July 2008**, the request form (PCT/RO/101) will contain a new field in Boxes Nos. II and IV that will allow applicants or agents to include an e-mail address with their international applications. Next to that field will be a check-box, which, if marked, will authorize any PCT Authority (the receiving Office (RO), the IB, the International Searching Authority (ISA) and the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA)) to send by e-mail, if they so wish, advance copies of notifications in respect of the international application to the applicant or agent. This authorization will also be added to the request form which is completed when using the PCT-SAFE software. Upon receipt of such an authorization, the IB would be in a position to send you such advance copies of any notifications or invitations by e-mail. Whether other PCT Authorities will also do so will depend on the PCT Authority concerned. The IB will notify PCT users which Authorities have announced their willingness to participate in this form of advance communication, to the extent that it is informed of this.

Note that if the checkbox referred to above is not marked, or the applicant or agent’s express authorization is not given in some other way, for example, in a separate letter, the e-mail address can only be used for communications for which telephones or fax would otherwise have been used (for example, rapid informal communications with applicants (see PCT Rule 4.4(c), third sentence)).

Such advance e-mail communications will not replace paper notifications sent by mail as usual, which will remain the legal copy of the notifications. The e-mail communication will be an additional service to the applicant, which will, in effect, serve as an advance warning of any possible action to be taken, and will help to reduce the effects of delays in the dispatching and delivery of the paper notification to the recipient. It may also give the applicant extra time in view of the fact that the time limit given for responding to an invitation is calculated from the date of mailing of the paper version of the communication.

The IB is planning to send such advance communications only to a single e-mail address (per international application). This means that, where the e-mail authorization is given in respect of both an applicant and an agent, the IB will send e-mail communications only to the appointed agent (or common representative where no agent has been appointed). The recipient of the e-mail will be responsible for forwarding the contents of that e-mail to any other person who may need to receive it.

It is very important to note that, for the moment, it will not be possible for you, as agent (or the applicant) to reply by e-mail to the IB, and any such e-mail received by the IB would not be accepted by it. For the time being, you will be obliged to continue to reply by mail, or where accepted by the Authority concerned, by fax. Information on the forms of telecommunication, if any, by which PCT Offices and Authorities are prepared to receive documents, is published in the *PCT Applicants Guide*, Annex B (General Information) at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html

Please also note that, for technical reasons, the IB will begin by only sending certain forms by advance e-mail. Some of the forms which you can expect to receive in this way initially are: Forms PCT/IB/301, PCT/IB/306, PCT/IB/307 and PCT/IB/345. Progressively, additional forms will be added towards the end of the year, for example, Forms PCT/IB/304, PCT/IB/308 and PCT/IB/311.

For any international applications filed before 1 July 2008, it will be possible, ***on or after 1 July 2008 only***, to submit to the IB an e-mail address for that application, together with an express authorization for the RO, the ISA, the IB and IPEA to use the e-mail address to send advance copies of notifications in respect of the international application. The addition of the e-mail address can be requested under PCT Rule 92bis (recording of changes in certain indications in the request or the demand). If the e-mail address is to be registered for multiple cases, you may wish to send a single letter to the IB listing each international application concerned, noting that a separate letter should be written for each appointed agent (unless a group of agents has been appointed together). Similarly, if you wish later to change the e-mail address already given in the request form, it will be possible to do this by requesting the IB to record a change under PCT Rule 92bis. For further information on requesting the recording of a change under PCT Rule 92bis, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 427 to 431 (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf), and the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 05/2002, 08/2002, and 07/2005 (www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/year.jsp).

This new advance notification service is, in effect, a precursor to a new system that WIPO is in the process of developing whereby PCT applicants will be able to securely log in to a private file inspection system, which will allow them to inspect the file of their international application and obtain correspondence in this way, prompted by an e-mail notifying them that such correspondence has been issued. Further information on this private file inspection system will be given later, when it is at a more advanced stage of its development.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(situation on 1 May 2008)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
8–9 May 2008 Vancouver (CA)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar for patent lawyers, agents and administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of Ottawa (Ms. Stephanie Planchak (MBM)) Tel: (1–613) 567-0762 Fax: (1–613) 563-7671 E-mail: splanchak@mbm.com
14–15 May 2008 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and 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
19 May 2008 Zurich (CH)	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	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
26 May 2008 Kumamoto (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	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
28 May 2008 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities and SMEs WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Kumamoto, above)
29 May 2008 Matsumoto (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Kumamoto, above)
29–30 May 2008 Munich (DE)	English	US PCT Roundtable for paralegals and their direct supervisors with at least two years of experience. WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin Other speakers: Mr. Weaver and others (European Patent Office) and Mr. Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	Contact person: Ms. Katrina Braden-Elliott Tel: (1–202) 772 85 15 Fax: (1–202) 371 25 40 E-mail: kbraden@skgf.com
23 June 2008 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81–3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81–3) 35 81 12 05
24 June 2008 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	(see Osaka, above)
25 June 2008 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	(see Osaka, above)

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10–11 July 2008 New York (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1–703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1–703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipa@aipa.org Internet: www.aipa.org
14–15 July 2008 Denver (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (See New York, above)
2–3 October 2008 Cary, North Carolina (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Melanie Bostic) Tel: (1–919) 657 15 69 Fax: (1–919) 677 17 74 E-mail: mbostic@ncbar.org
10 October 2008 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
20 October 2008 Helsinki (FI)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Illmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT update for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speakers: to be announced	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT update WIPO speakers: to be announced	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk
30–31 October 2008 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and other to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1–415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
3–4 November 2008 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and other to be announced	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1–312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1–312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
4–5 December 2008 London (GB)	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr

Other IP events	
WIPO-Kellogg Strategies for Management of Intellectual Property Executive Program, Chicago (USA), 9 to 12 June 2008	
<p>As companies seek to achieve competitive advantage through exploitation of their technological assets, managing intellectual property has become a key issue for these companies. In most cases, IP is responsible for more than 70% of the market value of companies in the S & P index. This course is designed to expose participants to the various organizational skills needed so as to confidently develop, analyze and negotiate the IP of their corporation. Faculty from Kellogg School of Management and WIPO will help understand the strategic issues involved in IP management. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty.</p>	
<p>For further information on this event, visit: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execeed/sipm/chg_jun_08/index.html or send an email to: execeed.academy@wipo.int.</p>	

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 2008, 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 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 75%¹ 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 3 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75%¹ reduction are applicable, the 75%¹ reduction is calculated *after* the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 May 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2, 3} (CHF 1,400) (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁸ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁹ (CHF 300)	
AG Information not yet available							
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)
AP	USD (or eq in local currency)	50	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)
AT	EUR	50	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,374 (from 1.7.08: 1,466)	15 (17)	98 (110)	196 (220)	295 (331)
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)
BA	BAM	50	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)
BE	EUR	40	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)
BG	BGL	80	BGL eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)
BH Information not yet available							

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

(amounts on 1 May 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{3, 3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2, 3, 4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)
BW	USD ¹⁰	—	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,261 (from 1.7.08: 1,375)	14 (16)	90 (103)	— (—)	— (—)
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)
CO	COP ¹⁰	—	COP eq USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	eq USD 13 (14) (15)	eq USD 85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)
CR	USD	250	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)
CU	CUC	200	CUC 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)
DE	EUR	90	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK 6,320 (from 1.7.08: 6,320)	70 (70)	450 (480)	900 (950)	1,350 (1,430)
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD	275	USD eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)
DZ	DZD	None	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)
EA	RUR	1,600	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)
EC	USD ¹⁰	—	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)
EE	EEK	1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{3, 3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2, 3, 4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
EG	USD 142	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	AT EP US
EP	EUR 110	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP
ES	EUR 69.25	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 647 (from 1.7.08: 675)	7 (8)	46 (51)	92 (101)	139 (152)	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GEL ¹¹ 10	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹² 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
GT	Information not yet available						
HN	Information not yet available						
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹³ 100 or EUR ¹³ 61 or USD ¹³ 85	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	200 (200)	300 (300)	See footnote 14
		or EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	
		or USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	171 (180) (201)	256 (271) (302)	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
IL	ILS 490	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 74,100 (from 15.5.08: 85,100) (from 1.7.08: 101,400)	800 (900) (1,100)	5,300 (6,100) (7,600)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	EP SE XN

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{3, 3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2, 3, 4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 137,000 (from 1.7.08: 133,400)	1,500 (1,500)	9,800 (10,000)	— (—)	29,400 (30,100)	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,221,000 (from 1.7.08: 1,327,000)	13,000 (15,000)	87,000 (100,000)	— (—)	262,000 (299,000)	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available						
LR	USD 45	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ¹⁰ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰ —	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁶	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MD	USD 40	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP KR RU
MT	Information not yet available						

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 May 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{3, 3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2, 3, 4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 166,800 (from 1.7.08: 182,500)	1,800 (2,100)	11,900 (13,700)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MX	MXP³ eq USD 323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁷	MYR eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	— (—)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,590 (from 1.7.08: 6,820)	70 (80)	470 (510)	— (—)	— (—)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁸	NZD 1,597 (from 1.7.08: 1,704)	17 (19)	114 (128)	— (—)	— (—)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF¹⁰ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available						
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	171 (180) (201)	256 (271) (302)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq 1CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	— (—)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	EP
PT	EUR 33.44	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	200 (200)	300 (300)	AT EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
SC	USD¹⁰ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,780 (from 1.7.08: 7,960)	80 (90)	560 (600)	1,110 (1,200)	1,670 (1,790)	EP SE

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 May 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{3, 3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2, 3, 4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,790 (from 1.7.08: 1,845)	19 (21)	128 (139)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU EP KR ¹⁹
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SV	Information not yet available						
SY	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ¹⁰ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰ —	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	171 (180) (201)	— (—)	EP KR US
UZ	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 8,340 (from 1.6.08: 9,810) (from 1.7.08: 10,860)	90 (110) (120)	600 (700) (820)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	eq USD 13 (14) (15)	eq USD 85 (90) (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 May 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ²										
AT	EUR 200	CHF 330	KRW* 259,000	SGD 420	USD 282	ZAR** 1,970					
	* (from 1.7.08: KRW 306,000)										
	** (from 15.6.08: ZAR 2,380)										
AU	AUD 1,600	CHF* 1,630	EUR 987	KRW** 1,280,000	NZD 1,859	SGD 2,084					
	USD 1,390	ZAR** 9,700									
	* (from 1.7.08: CHF 1,483)										
	** (from 15.6.08: KRW 1,415,000)	ZAR 11,640)									
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF* 1,777	EUR* 1,134	USD 1,597							
	* (from 1.7.08: CHF 1,587)		EUR 995)								
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 328	EUR 199	USD 280							
EP ²⁰	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	GBP 1,273	ISK* 167,000	JPY 268,800					
	MWK 344,000	NOK 13,440	NZD 3,163	SEK 15,830	SGD 3,530	USD 2,496					
	ZAR* 19,160										
	* (from 1.7.08: ISK 192,000)	ZAR 20,650)									
ES ²⁰	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,496								
FI	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,667	USD 2,274								
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 991	EUR 600	KRW* ** 778,000	USD*** 845						
	* (from 15.5.08: KRW 852,000)										
	** (from 1.7.08: KRW 924,000)										
	*** (from 1.6.08: USD 949)										
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF* 287	EUR** 173	NZD** 327	SGD** 366	USD 244					
	* (from 1.6.08: CHF 226)										
	** (from 1.7.08: EUR 148)	NZD 289	SGD 320)								
RU ²¹	USD 500	CHF* 586	EUR 355								
	* (from 1.7.08: CHF 507)										
SE	SEK 15,830	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK 167,000	NOK 13,440					
	USD 2,496										
US	USD 1,800	CHF* 1,995	EUR** 1,282	NZD 2,370	ZAR*** 12,340						
	* (from 1.7.08: CHF 1,789)										
	** (from 1.6.08: EUR 1,154)										
	*** (from 15.6.08: ZAR 14,000)										
XN	DKK 12,670	CHF 2,726	EUR 1,700	ISK 167,000	NOK 13,440	USD 2,496					

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 May 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²²		Handling fee ^{3, 22} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²³	AUD	196
CA	CAD	800		CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁰	EUR	1,675		EUR	121
ES	EUR	544.44		EUR	121
FI	EUR	550		EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW	157,000
RU ²¹	USD	200 ²⁴	300 ²⁵	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,110
US	USD	600	750 ²⁶	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

1 This reduction will increase, with effect from 1 July 2008, to 90%.

2 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.

3 This fee is reduced by 75% (90% as from 1 July 2008) where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).

5 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.

6 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.

7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.

8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.

9 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.

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 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.

12 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.

13 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

14 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).

15 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.

16 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.

17 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.

18 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.

19 The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications, the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006.

20 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% 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 not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfills the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in part 1 of the table on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf, with the exception of Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.

21 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.

22 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.

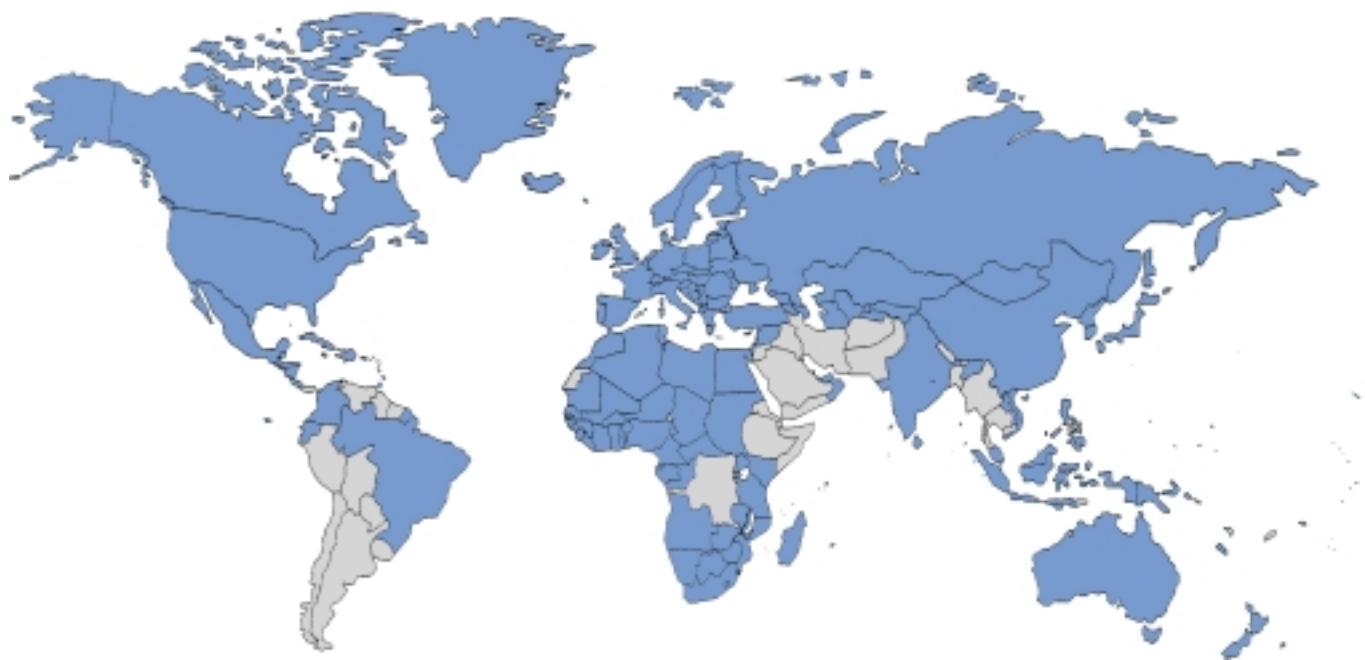
23 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.

24 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).

25 In all cases where footnote 24 does not apply.

26 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 (139 on 1 May 2008)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IN India	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania ¹	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MN Mongolia	SM San Marino
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MT Malta (EP) ²	ST Sao Tome and Principe (from 3 July 2008)
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MW Malawi (AP)	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MX Mexico	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic	MY Malaysia	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	FI Finland (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NA Namibia (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	GB United Kingdom (EP)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NG Nigeria	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	GD Grenada	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TN Tunisia
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GE Georgia	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GH Ghana (AP)	LK Sri Lanka	NO Norway (EP)	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GM Gambia (AP)	LR Liberia	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GR Greece (EP) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	HN Honduras	MA Morocco	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP)	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RS Serbia ¹	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HU Hungary (EP)	MD Moldova (EA)	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	ID Indonesia	ME Montenegro	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SD Sudan (AP)	
CR Costa Rica	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	
			SG Singapore	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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 April 2007; modified versions dated July 2008 should be used on or after 1 July 2008) 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: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: 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.

PCT NEWSLETTER

Francis Gurry Nominated as next WIPO Director General

Francis Gurry, current WIPO Deputy Director General and a national of Australia, was nominated at a meeting of the WIPO Coordination Committee on 13 May 2008, to become the next Director General of WIPO. The Director General-elect will assume his duties on 1 October 2008, following appointment by the WIPO General Assembly at its next meeting scheduled from 22 to 30 September 2008.

Mr. Gurry was selected from a list which originally included 15 candidates. He will become the fourth Director General of WIPO, following Georg Bodenhausen of the Netherlands (1970-1973) Arpad Bogsch of the United States (1973-1997) and Kamil Idris of Sudan (1997-2008).

Mr. Gurry has been responsible for the Patent Cooperation Treaty since 2002, as well as other areas of intellectual property, including patent law and policy and the International Patent Classification (IPC). Mr. Gurry's full curriculum vitae is available at:

www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/wo_cc_58/wo_cc_58_13_au.pdf

Further information is published in a press release available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2008/article_0025.html

PCT Working Group

The first session of the PCT Working Group was held in Geneva from 26 to 30 May 2008. The background to the creation of this body was explained in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008.

The Working Group approved proposed amendments of the PCT Regulations with a view to their submission to the PCT Assembly for consideration at its next session, in September/October 2008, as follows:

- (a) proposed amendments of PCT Rules 45bis (as in force from January 1, 2009), 90 and 90bis concerning refund of the supplementary search handling fee and the supplementary search fee, the right of agents to practice before any International Authority specified to carry out a supplementary international search, and the effects of a withdrawal of a request for supplementary international search, respectively (see document PCT/WG/1/7); in this context, it was observed that at least three International Authorities were expected to offer supplementary international searches as from 1 January 2009 and that some others hoped to do so by 2010;
- (b) proposed amendments of PCT Rule 29.4 concerning timing and procedure where a receiving Office finds, after having accorded an international filing date, that the requirements for according an international filing date had not been met (document PCT/WG/1/11; see also revised proposed amendments in the report (document PCT/WG/1/16) (which will be available shortly));

(c) proposed amendments of PCT Rules 46.5 and 66.8 so as to require that, where applicants submit amendments to the claims (whether under Article 19 or 34), a complete new set of claims is to be submitted (document PCT/WG/1/13).

Various proposals for change to the physical requirements of international applications (document PCT/WG/1/5) were referred to technical task forces to ensure that they were appropriate for ensuring accurate optical character recognition of text and to establish the technical requirements for filing and processing color drawings.

While noting some difficulties which had been faced in certain cases, the Working Group considered that further experience was required with regard to the procedure of incorporation by reference of missing elements and parts of the international application before making any changes to the Rules in this area (document PCT/WG/1/9). However, a clarification to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines was recommended to assist proper processing by International Searching Authorities (ISAs). Notably, where a complete correct set of claims was incorporated by reference, it should be placed before an accidentally filed incorrect set of claims so that the correct set of claims can more easily be recognized and searched as the “main” invention.

There was broad support for further consideration of the proposal by the European Patent Office for the introduction of claims fees within the PCT, in the same way as in many national and regional systems (document PCT/WG/1/14), but little support for the proposal to permit ISAs to limit international searches to one independent claim per category.

There was no agreement in the Working Group to proceed with a proposal for amendment of Rule 91 to allow the contents of the request to be taken into account in deciding whether a mistake in the description, claims and drawings was obvious (document PCT/WG/1/10).

The Working Group generally supported various proposed modifications of the PCT Administrative Instructions, subject to further consultation on the details, as follows:

- (a) proposals to abolish “mixed mode” sequence listing applications, to charge no page fees for sequence listings which are included in the appropriate ST.25 text format in the international application filed in electronic form, but to charge full page fees for those filed on paper or in an image format (including PDF), and to make available, on the publication date, copies of any sequence listings not included in the international application as filed, but which are furnished in the ST.25 text format, only for the purpose of international search (document PCT/WG/1/4);
- (b) proposals to supplement the recommended headings to be used in the description and claims of international applications by alternatives aimed at clear compatibility with the “Common Application Format” which has been established by the Trilateral Offices (document PCT/WG/1/15).

The Working Group also discussed a paper (document PCT/WG/1/3) originally drafted for the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008) entitled “Enhancing the Value of International Search and Preliminary Examination under the PCT”. In response to this paper and to a proposal by Israel (document PCT/WG/1/2) in relation to the problems for applicants when the international search report is established very late, the Working Group agreed that the quality and timeliness of international search reports were key to the value of the PCT system and that action was required by receiving Offices, International Authorities and the International Bureau (IB) alike to ensure that the system met applicants’ needs. The IB outlined a pilot system (document PCT/WG/1/8) aimed at reducing the delays in transmission of documents from the receiving Office to the ISA and at providing additional

information to the latter to assist with the international search. Various other matters were discussed, including the matters of trust in work performed during the international phase (so that it is not repeated unnecessarily in each national phase) and making the international preliminary examination procedure under Chapter II more useful so as to minimize work and costs for applicants and Offices alike.

Following a further proposal by Israel (document PCT/WG/1/2), the IB agreed to resume a study on the possibility of the establishment of a standardized form for national phase entry.

It was agreed that the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines should be modified to better deal with a procedure when, at the time of filing, material was presented such that it was not apparent whether it was supposed to form part of the international application or not (document PCT/WG/1/12).

The Working Group noted a set of draft criteria prepared by the IB for the addition of any further languages of publication to the PCT system (document PCT/WG/1/6), to be submitted for consideration by the PCT Assembly in September/October 2008.

The Working Group further noted the IB's plan to offer a service whereby the receiving Office would be able (with the agreement of the IB and the ISA) to transmit the search copy and other documents necessary for international search to the ISA in electronic form via the IB, using the receiving Office's existing PCT Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) communication link to the IB, and to offer ISAs access to the full text of international applications captured using optical character recognition (OCR).

The report of the session (document PCT/WG/1/16) will be made available shortly from the same page as the working documents on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/1

Notice to Users of the PCT-SAFE Software, the EPO's *epoline®* Online Filing Software and the JPO-PAS Electronic Filing Software

The following information concerns applicants who will be filing international applications in electronic form on or after 1 July 2008 via the PCT-SAFE software with certain receiving Offices¹ (both fully electronic and PCT-EASY mode filings), the European Patent Office's *epoline®* Online Filing software, or the Japan Patent Office's JPO-PAS electronic filing software. Applicants using any other electronic filing software are advised to enquire with their respective receiving Offices. Note, however, that applicants filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office via the EFS-Web filing system will not be affected by this information.

A PCT-SAFE software update will be released by early July 2008, which will enable the preparation of request forms in compliance with the July 2008 rule changes for filing international applications, both in fully electronic and in PCT-EASY mode, with the International Bureau as receiving Office, as well as with any other receiving Office which is not listed in the footnote. However, the updated software will not be available on time for international applications filed with the receiving Offices which are listed in the footnote, as it has not yet

¹ The receiving Offices of: Australia, China, Denmark, the European Patent Office, Finland, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

been possible to make the necessary technical modifications to the respective receiving Office servers.

Note that, in view of the time needed to incorporate into other filing software packages the necessary updates resulting from those rule changes, updates of certain software, for example, the *epoline®* Online Filing software and the JPO-PAS electronic filing software, may also not be available as of 1 July 2008, but will be available as soon as the changes have been incorporated into the respective software.

The consequence of this delay is that users of the above-mentioned client software packages will not easily be able to take advantage of the following new features of the July 2008 rule changes until such time as the updated software becomes available:

- the possibility for applicants to request the International Searching Authority (ISA), when carrying out the international search, to take into consideration the results not only of an earlier search it has carried out, but also the earlier search carried out by another ISA or a national or regional Office;
- the possibility for applicants to authorize the various PCT Offices and Authorities, if the Office or Authority concerned so wishes, to send advance copies of notifications using the e-mail address provided by the applicant for this purpose (for further information, see the “Practical advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008); or
- the possibility, in the case of international applications filed in fully electronic form, of submitting the international application in the pre-conversion format together with the corresponding statement on the request form, following the amendment of Section 706 of the PCT Administrative Instructions (for further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008, page 2).

Further information concerning measures to work around this problem during the time that it exists will be given shortly. See, in particular, WIPO’s “Electronic Filing (PCT-SAFE)” homepage for further information in the near future at:

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

E-mail Notifications

Reminder

It is recalled that, as from 1 July 2008, it will be possible for the International Bureau (IB) to transmit certain PCT forms to either the applicant or agent (hereinafter: “the applicant”) by e-mail. The request form (PCT/RO/101), as modified with effect from 1 July 2008, will contain a new field in Boxes Nos. II and IV that will allow applicants to include one e-mail address with their international applications. Next to that field will be a check-box, which, if marked, will authorize any PCT Authority (the receiving Office (RO), the IB, the International Searching Authority (ISA) and the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA)) to send by e-mail, if they so wish, advance copies of notifications in respect of the international application to the e-mail address indicated. The IB and the IB as RO plan to make use of this facility, but whether any other PCT Authorities will do so will depend on the PCT Authority concerned.

It is recalled that:

- Such advance e-mails will not replace paper notifications sent by mail as usual, which will remain the legal copy of the notifications, but rather, will be an additional service to the applicant;
- For the moment, it will not be possible for applicants to reply to the IB by e-mail;
- For technical reasons, the IB will begin by only sending certain forms by e-mail, adding other forms later in the year.

For further information about this new service, see the “Practical advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/index.html

Warning about spam filters

If you wish to receive such e-mail notifications from the IB, your e-mail system should be set up in such a way as to ensure that any e-mails originating from WIPO are not treated as spam and blocked by your e-mail system.

Note that the e-mail notifications from the IB will be sent from the following e-mail address:

no.reply@wipo.int

to which it will not be possible to reply. You should ensure that this address is recognized as a “safe” address so that it will not be blocked by your spam filter.

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

(www.wipo.int/pctdb)

Full-text search in Japanese

As from 3 July 2008, the PATENTSCOPE® search service will support keyword searches in the Japanese language. The searchable Japanese text data will include the descriptions and claims of published international applications electronically filed in Japanese and published on or after 3 July 2008, as well as all the titles and the majority of abstracts of international applications published in text since 2004. The Japanese text data will also be available, on a weekly basis, via the FTP data delivery service, for all Offices and companies that have subscribed to this service.

This enhancement improves access to Japanese international applications, which make up 16% of all applications filed in the past four years. Japanese is the second most used language of filing after English, and several of the most frequent users of the PCT system are Japanese companies.

This brings to six the number of languages in which full-text data search is possible; the other languages being: English, French, German, Spanish and Russian.

New interface in Spanish

The PATENTSCOPE® search service interface is now available in Spanish, in addition to English and French, at:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/es/index.jsp

The web pages available in Spanish include the search interface, search results and all supporting web pages, including on-line help and related pages. This enhancement is a consequence of technical cooperation between WIPO and Spanish-language patent Offices regarding the future integration of additional patent data into the PATENTSCOPE® search service.

New PCT National Phase Information

The PATENTSCOPE® Search Service now includes PCT national phase information for Egypt and Poland, and regional phase information for the European Patent Office, thus bringing the total number of Offices which furnish such information to 33. It is recalled that information on whether an international application has entered the national/regional phase, as well as other information relating to the national/regional phase can, where the designated or elected Office has furnished the relevant information to the IB, be accessed by clicking on the "national phase" tab of the international application concerned. For a complete list of offices and dates covered by this service, see:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/nationalphase.jsp

PCT Information Update

OM Oman (competent receiving Office)

The Government of Oman has notified the International Bureau that it delegates, for at least two years, the functions of receiving Office under the PCT, in relation to international applications filed by nationals or residents of Oman under PCT Rule 19.1(b), to the International Bureau of WIPO in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT.

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland)

As from 1 July 2008, there will be a change in the amount in EUR, as well as changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and USD, for an international search carried out by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland.

As from 1 August 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	USD
European Patent Office	NZD, USD
Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)	EUR
National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	USD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU), (EP), (FI) and (RU))

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

Modified PCT Regulations

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT in English and French, as in force from 1 July 2008, are available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® – click on the relevant shortcut button on the right side of the page at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/

Report of the PCT Assembly

The document which was prepared for the PCT Assembly, held on 31 March 2008, and the report of the session are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=15345

Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PowerPoint presentation

A PowerPoint presentation containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations, Administrative Instructions and other practice changes as from 1 July 2008 is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2008changes.ppt

Arabic version of the PCT Regulations (April 2007 edition)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2008 concerning the availability of a provisional version of the Arab text of the Regulations under the PCT as in force from 1 April 2007, the official version will be available soon in PDF format, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ar/docs/pct_regs.pdf

List of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization

See "World Trade Organization", below

World Trade Organization

Ukraine becomes a Member

On 16 May 2008, Ukraine (country code: UA), which is already party to the PCT and the Paris Convention, became a Member of the WTO, thus bringing the total number of Members to 152. The table of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the WTO has been updated accordingly. See the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_paris_wto.pdf

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention.

Practical Advice

Signature requirements for withdrawals of designations

Q: When I, as agent, filed an international application two months ago, claiming the priority of a national application filed in Japan (JP), I forgot to check the box under Box No. V "Designations" to the effect that JP is not designated for any kind of national protection, which I should have done in order to avoid the ceasing of the effect, under the national law, of the earlier application. I must therefore withdraw the designation of JP within 15 months from the earlier filing date, which leaves me very little time to do this. Bearing in mind that the only applicant for the purposes of the designation of JP is the corporate applicant, I presume that, for the purposes of the signature of the notice of withdrawal, it is not also necessary to obtain the signatures of the applicant/inventors who are only applicants for the designation of the United States of America (US)? Is my presumption correct, according to the PCT? (Note that the request form was not signed by the applicants and, in view of the fact that the receiving Office has made a waiver of the requirement to furnish a power of attorney, a power of attorney has not been furnished.)

*A: According to PCT Rule 90bis.5(a), any notice of withdrawal, including the withdrawal of a designation, must be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, **by all of them**. The notice of withdrawal of the JP designation would therefore require the signature of all applicants, regardless of the fact that the applicant/inventors are only applicants for the US designation, and are not also applicants for the JP designation. Even if the corporate applicant is considered to be the common representative under PCT Rule 90.2(b) (the "deemed common representative"), it cannot sign a notice of withdrawal on behalf of the other applicants.*

Note that even though a waiver has been made by the Japan Patent Office in its capacity as receiving Office, a waiver never applies in respect of any notice of withdrawal under PCT Rules 90bis.1 to 90bis.4 (see PCT Rule 90.4(e)); if a notice of withdrawal is not signed by all applicants, a power of attorney is required, signed by all applicants.

The only exception to the requirement that the applicant/inventors must sign the notice of withdrawal of the designation mentioned above is as follows: according to PCT Rule 90bis.5(b), where the applicant/inventors concerned had designated a State whose national law requires that national applications be filed by the inventor (namely, the US), and where the applicant for that designated State who is an inventor could not be found or reached after diligent effort, the notice of withdrawal under PCT Rule 90bis.2 need not be signed by that applicant if it is signed by at least one applicant, and

- a statement is furnished explaining, to the satisfaction of the receiving Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, the lack of signature of the applicant concerned; or*
- if the request was signed by at least one applicant and a statement was furnished explaining, to the satisfaction of the receiving Office, the lack of signature of the request.*

Even though the requirement to submit a power of attorney may have been waived by the receiving Office, and even though it is acceptable for only one of several applicants to sign the request to satisfy the signature requirement (see PCT Rules 4.15(a) and 26.2bis(a)), agents or common representatives should carefully consider whether they should in any case obtain the signatures of all applicants, either by way of signing a power of attorney or by way of signing the request. By obtaining those signatures in advance, any withdrawal, which requires the

signatures of all of the applicants or a power of attorney signed by all of the applicants, could be dealt with by the relevant office/authority immediately, and delays caused by waiting for signatures would not be incurred. Even if those signatures are not actually submitted by the agent/common representative, but are merely kept in the file of the agent/common representative, at least they would be available if they were needed later.

For further information on withdrawals in general, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 452 to 463 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf

and for further information on the withdrawal of designations, see the "Practical advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 2/2004:

www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2004/pct_news_2004_2.pdf

PCT Seminar Calendar (situation on 1 June 2008)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
23 June 2008 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05
24 June 2008 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	(see Osaka, above)
25 June 2008 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	(see Osaka, above)
10-11 July 2008 New York (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speakers: Mr. Helfgott (Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP, New York), Mr. Oppedahl (Oppedahl Patent Law Firm, Frisco), Ms. Kepplinger (Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Washington) and Mr. Kopf (Maiwald Patentanwalts GmbH, Munich)	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
14-15 July 2008 Denver (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO and other speakers: see New York, above	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (See New York, above)
2-3 October 2008 Cary, North Carolina (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Melanie Bostic) Tel: (1-919) 657 15 69 Fax: (1-919) 677 17 74 E-mail: mbostic@ncbar.org
10 October 2008 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
20 October 2008 Helsinki (FI)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Ilmarinen) Tel: (358-9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358-9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT update for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued] (situation on 1 June 2008)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT update WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk
30–31 October 2008 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	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
3–4 November 2008 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1–312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1–312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
13 November 2008 Reykjavik (IS)	English	PCT training course WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Icelandic Patent Office (Ms. Elfa Ólafsdóttir) Tel: (354) 580 94 00 Fax: (354) 580 94 01 E-mail: elfa@Einkaleyfastofan.is
20–21 November 2008 Boston, Massachusetts (US)	English	Seminar on PCT practices and procedures WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reischle	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Janice Roussel) Tel: (1–617) 526 68 04 Fax: (1–617) 526 50 00 E-mail: Janice.Roussel@wilmerhale.com
4–5 December 2008 London (GB)	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr

Other IP events
WIPO-Kellogg Strategies for Management of Intellectual Property Executive Program, Chicago (USA), 9 to 12 June 2008
As companies seek to achieve competitive advantage through exploitation of their technological assets, managing intellectual property has become a key issue for these companies. In most cases, IP is responsible for more than 70% of the market value of companies in the S & P index. This course is designed to expose participants to the various organizational skills needed so as to confidently develop, analyze and negotiate the IP of their corporation. Faculty from Kellogg School of Management and WIPO will help understand the strategic issues involved in IP management. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty.

For further information on this event, visit: www.wipo.int/academy/en/exeecd/sipm/chg_jun_08/index.html or send an email to: exeecd.academy@wipo.int.

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 2008, 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 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 75%¹ 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 3 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75%¹ reduction are applicable, the 75%¹ reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 June 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2, 3} (CHF 1,400) (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁸ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁹ (CHF 300)	
AG Information not yet available							
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,374 (from 1.7.08: 1,466)	15 (17)	98 (110)	196 (220)	295 (331)	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
BG	BGL 80	BGL eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
BH Information not yet available							

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 June 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2, 3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2, 3, 4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵	
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹		
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	—	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,261 (from 1.7.08: 1,375)	14 (16)	90 (103)	— (—)	— (—)	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	CN
CO	COP ¹⁰	—	COP eq USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	eq USD 14 (15)	eq USD 90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK 6,320 (from 1.7.08: 6,320)	70 (70)	450 (480)	900 (950)	1,350 (1,430)	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available							
DO	USD	275	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP
EA	RUR	1,600	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰	—	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
EE	EKK	1,800	EKK eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2,3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2,3,4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
EG	USD 142	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP US
EP	EUR 110	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP
ES	EUR 69.25	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 647 (from 1.7.08: 675)	7 (8)	46 (51)	92 (101)	139 (152)	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GEL ¹¹ 10	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹² 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
GT	Information not yet available						
HN	Information not yet available						
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹³ 100 or EUR ¹³ 61 or USD ¹³ 85	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	200 (200)	300 (300)	See footnote 14
		or EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	
		or USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	180 (201)	271 (302)	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
IL	ILS 490	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 85,100 (from 1.7.08: 101,400)	900 (1,100)	6,100 (7,600)	— (—)	— (—)	EP SE XN

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RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2,3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2,3,4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 137,000 (from 1.7.08: 133,400)	1,500 (1,500)	9,800 (10,000)	— (—)	29,400 (30,100)	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,221,000 (from 1.7.08: 1,327,000)	13,000 (15,000)	87,000 (100,000)	— (—)	262,000 (299,000)	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available						
LR	USD 45	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ¹⁰ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰ —	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁶	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MD	USD 40	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP KR RU
MT	Information not yet available						

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 June 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2,3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2,3,4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 166,800 (from 1.7.08: 182,500)	1,800 (2,100)	11,900 (13,700)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁷	MYR eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	— (—)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,590 (from 1.7.08: 6,820)	70 (80)	470 (510)	— (—)	— (—)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁸	NZD 1,597 (from 1.7.08: 1,704)	17 (19)	114 (128)	— (—)	— (—)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available						
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	180 (201)	271 (302)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq 1CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	— (—)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	EP
PT	EUR 33.44	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	200 (200)	300 (300)	AT EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
SC	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,780 (from 1.7.08: 7,960)	80 (90)	560 (600)	1,110 (1,200)	1,670 (1,790)	EP SE

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2, 3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2, 3, 4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,790 (from 1.7.08: 1,845)	19 (21)	128 (139)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU EP KR ¹⁹
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SV	Information not yet available						
SY	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ¹⁰ —	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰ —	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	180 (201)	— (—)	EP KR US
UZ	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 9,810 (from 1.7.08: 10,860)	110 (120)	700 (820)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	eq USD 14 (15)	eq USD 90 (101)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 June 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ²									
AT	EUR 200	CHF 330	KRW* 259,000	SGD 420	USD 282	ZAR** 1,970				
	* (from 1.7.08: KRW 306,000)									
	** (from 15.6.08: ZAR 2,380)									
AU	AUD 1,600	CHF* 1,630	EUR 987	KRW** 1,280,000	NZD 1,859	SGD 2,084				
	USD*** 1,390	ZAR** 9,700								
	* (from 1.7.08: CHF 1,483)									
	** (from 15.6.08: KRW 1,415,000)	ZAR 11,640)								
	*** (from 1.8.08: USD 1,514)									
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF* 1,777	EUR* 1,134	USD 1,597						
	* (from 1.7.08: CHF 1,587)		EUR 995)							
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 328	EUR 199	USD 280						
EP ²⁰	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	GBP 1,273	ISK* 167,000	JPY 268,800				
	MWK 344,000	NOK 13,440	NZD** 3,163	SEK 15,830	SGD 3,530	USD** 2,496				
	ZAR* 19,160									
	* (from 1.7.08: ISK 192,000)	ZAR 20,650)								
	** (from 1.8.08: NZD 3,395)	USD 2,665)								
ES ²⁰	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD* 2,496							
	* (from 1.8.08: USD 2,665)									
FI	EUR* 1,615	CHF* 2,667	USD*, ** 2,274							
	* (from 1.7.08: EUR 1,700)	CHF 2,726	USD 2,496)							
	** (from 1.8.08: USD 2,665)									
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 991	EUR 600	KRW* 852,000	USD 949					
	* (from 1.7.08: KRW 924,000)									
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 226	EUR* 173	NZD* 327	SGD* 366	USD 244				
	* (from 1.7.08: EUR 148)	NZD 289	SGD 320)							
RU ²¹	USD 500	CHF* 586	EUR** 355							
	* (from 1.7.08: CHF 507)									
	** (from 1.8.08: EUR 319)									
SE	SEK 15,830	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK* 167,000	NOK 13,440				
	USD** 2,496									
	* (from 1.7.08: ISK 192,000)									
	** (from 1.8.08: USD 2,665)									
US	USD 1,800	CHF* 1,995	EUR 1,154	NZD 2,370	ZAR** 12,340					
	* (from 1.7.08: CHF 1,789)									
	** (from 15.6.08: ZAR 14,000)									
XN	DKK 12,670	CHF 2,726	EUR 1,700	ISK* 167,000	NOK 13,440	USD** 2,496				
	* (from 1.7.08: ISK 192,000)									
	** (from 1.8.08: USD 2,665)									

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 June 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²²		Handling fee ^{3, 22} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²³	AUD	196
CA	CAD	800		CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁰	EUR	1,675		EUR	121
ES	EUR	544.44		EUR	121
FI	EUR	550		EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW	157,000
RU ²¹	USD	200 ²⁴	300 ²⁵	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,110
US	USD	600	750 ²⁶	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

1 This reduction will increase, with effect from 1 July 2008, to 90%.

2 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.

3 This fee is reduced by 75% (90% as from 1 July 2008) where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).

5 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.

6 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.

7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.

8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.

9 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.

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 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.

12 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.

13 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf14 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).

15 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.

16 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.

17 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.

18 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.

19 The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications, the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006.

20 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% 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 not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfills the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in part 1 of the table on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf, with the exception of Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.

21 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.

22 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.

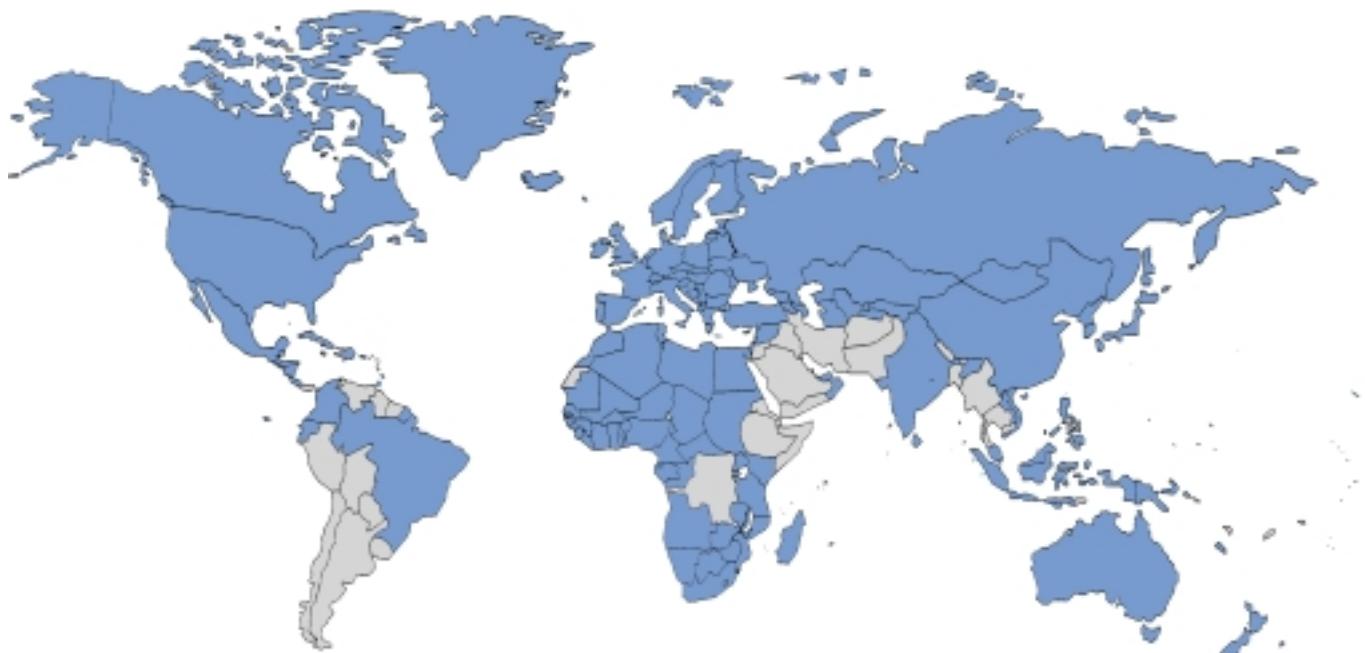
23 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.

24 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).

25 In all cases where footnote 24 does not apply.

26 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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BY Belarus (EA)	GN Guinea (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GT Guatemala	GR Greece (EP) ²	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
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CG Congo (OA) ²	HU Hungary (EP)	HR Croatia (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	ID Indonesia	IE Ireland (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	IE Ireland (EP) ²	IL Israel	RS Serbia ¹	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	IL Israel	MA Morocco	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	IE Ireland (EP) ²	ID Indonesia	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	IE Ireland (EP) ²	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	
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		IE Ireland (EP) ²	ME Montenegro	
		IE Ireland (EP) ²	SE Sweden (EP)	
		IE Ireland (EP) ²	SG Singapore	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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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 April 2007; modified versions dated July 2008 should be used on or after 1 July 2008) 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: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: 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.

PCT NEWSLETTER

Reminder about the Main Changes to PCT Regulations and Procedure Effective 1 July 2008

It is recalled that a number of changes to the PCT Regulations and procedure entered into effect on 1 July 2008, including:

Amendments to the Schedule of Fees

As well as a 5% reduction in the amount of the international filing fee¹, there has also been an increase from 75% to 90% in the reduction in the international filing fee and the handling fee accorded to applicants who meet the criteria indicated in Item 4(a) or (b) of the Schedule of fees, and the scope of the fee reduction has been extended to applicants from certain additional States (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2008, page 1).

E-mail

Applicants can authorize the various PCT Offices and Authorities, if the Office or Authority concerned so wishes, to send advance copies of notifications using the e-mail address provided by the applicant for this purpose (for further information, see the “Practical advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008, page 9).

Filing and processing of international applications in electronic form

Following the modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, where international applications are filed in fully electronic form, applicants may, if the receiving Office so permits, include the application documents in a pre-conversion format (together with the international application), accompanied by a statement that the international application as filed in electronic form is a complete and accurate copy of the document in the pre-conversion format (for further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008, page 2).

Requesting the ISA to take into consideration the results of an earlier search carried out by another Authority

Applicants can request the International Searching Authority (ISA), when carrying out the international search, to take into consideration the results not only of an earlier search it has carried out, but also of an earlier search carried out by another ISA or a national or regional Office (see PCT Rules 4.12, 12bis.1 and 41.1).

Requesting restoration of the right of priority

The receiving Office may now extend, for a period of up to two months, the time limit for paying a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (see amended PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)).

1. Note that, even though there have been consequential changes in the equivalent amounts in most currencies (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008, page 5), due to fluctuations in the applicable exchange rates, the amounts payable in certain currencies, for example in EUR, might not have actually changed.

International applications considered withdrawn

A clarification has been made to PCT Rule 29 that, where the receiving Office (RO) declares the international application withdrawn, international publication of that application can only be prevented if the notification of the said declaration transmitted by the RO reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed (PCT Rule 29.1(v)).

Updated consolidated versions of the PCT Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2008, as well as the July 2008 version of the request and demand forms, are available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

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

Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain PCT Articles and Rules with National Laws

Switzerland (PCT Article 22(1), PCT Rule 51bis.1(e), 51bis.2(a)(i), (ii) and (iii) and 51bis.3(a))

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2002, cover page), the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it has withdrawn its notification with effect from 1 July 2008. The 30-month time limit under PCT Article 22(1) therefore applies as from 1 July 2008 in respect of international applications for which the 20-month time limit 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 time limits for entering the national phase has been updated accordingly on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf

That Office has also notified the IB that it has withdrawn, with effect from 1 July 2008, its notification of incompatibility of the following PCT Rules with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2001, page 2):

- PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) – concerning the furnishing of a translation of the priority document;
- PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(i) – concerning certain circumstances in which documents or evidence relating to the identity of the inventor may not be required;
- PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(ii) – concerning certain circumstances in which documents or evidence relating to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent may not be required;
- PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(iii) – concerning certain circumstances in which documents or evidence relating to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim priority of an earlier application may not be required; and
- PCT Rule 51bis.3(a) – concerning the opportunity to comply with national requirements referred to in PCT Rule 51bis.1(a)(i) to (iv) and (c) to (e).

The above-mentioned Rules will therefore be applicable to the Office as from 1 July 2008.
(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (CH))

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions

In addition to the modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT which were announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008, new Section 337 has now been included, with effect from 1 July 2008. Section 337 clarifies that the receiving Office is to transmit to the International Searching Authority any copy of the results of an earlier search which that Office has received from, or prepared on request of, the applicant, and will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2008. The updated consolidated versions of the Administrative Instructions in English and French, as in force from 1 July 2008, are now available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE®, in PDF and HTML formats at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.htm

Filing and Processing of International Applications in Electronic Form

Attaching pre-conversion files to international applications filed electronically

Following the promulgation of modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (relating to the electronic filing and processing of international applications) with effect from 1 July 2008 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008, page 2, and *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 24 April 2008, pages 45 et seq.), the International Bureau (IB) has notified, in its capacity as receiving Office, and the Offices listed below have notified the IB, in their capacity as receiving Offices, of the replacement, in their notifications pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see the *PCT Gazette* reference following the name of each Office/State), of the paragraph relating to the filing of backup copies by a text relating to the inclusion of documents in pre-conversion format.

The relevant paragraph of the notification made by those Offices will read as follows:

DK Denmark (PCT Gazette No. 35/2005, pages 22816 et seq.)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

EP European Patent Office (PCT Gazette No. 47/2002, pages 23832 et seq.)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format under Section 706(a) and (f) of the Administrative Instructions under the conditions set out in Article 3 of the Decision of the President of the EPO dated 12 July 2007 (Special Edition No. 3, *OJ EPO* 2007, page 17).

In particular, the files should be archived in ZIP format and contain either plain ASCII text or be created with one of the following word processing programs:

- Microsoft 97 and later releases
- Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 & 10 and later releases
- Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 and later releases (including the corresponding StarOffice products).

Any objects originating from other programs may be embedded into documents being generated by the word processing programs mentioned above as long as they can be viewed without loss of the information being contained in these objects.

Documents in a format other than those mentioned above may be attached in that format only if the applicant informs the EPO at the time of filing where it can within reason acquire the relevant software.

IB International Bureau (PCT Gazette No. 34/2003, pages 19248 et seq.)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The International Bureau will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

JP Japan (PCT Gazette No. 50/2006, pages 19184 et seq.)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Japan Patent Office will accept no filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

MY Malaysia (PCT Gazette No. 44/2006, pages 19118 et seq.)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

SE Sweden (PCT Gazette No. 47/2005, pages 31398 et seq.)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

SK Slovakia (PCT Gazette No. 46/2005, pages 30684 et seq.)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

Notice to users of the PCT-SAFE software and the EPO Online Filing Software

It is recalled that a PCT-SAFE software update will be released at the beginning of July 2008, which will enable the preparation of request forms in compliance with the July 2008 rule changes for filing international applications, both in fully electronic and in PCT-EASY mode, with the International Bureau as receiving Office, as well as with certain other receiving Offices. However, the July rule changes are not available with some receiving Offices, as it has not yet been possible to make the necessary technical modifications to the respective receiving Office servers – for further details on which Offices are affected, and the consequences of this delay, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2008, page 3.

It is also recalled that, in view of the time needed to incorporate into other filing software packages the necessary updates resulting from those rule changes, updates of certain software, for example, the EPO Online Filing software and the JPO PAS electronic filing software, may also not be available as of 1 July 2008, but will be available as soon as the changes have been incorporated into the respective software. Please contact the Offices concerned for further details.

With regard to the PCT-SAFE software and the EPO Online Filing Software, information concerning measures to work around the problem during the time that it exists have been published on WIPO's "Electronic Filing (PCT-SAFE)" homepage at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe

It should be noted that not all of the features introduced by the July rule changes might be available with all PCT Authorities. Applicants are therefore advised to check with the Authorities concerned as to their availability.

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 11 September 2008

Due to the fact that Thursday, 11 September 2008, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications, as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* which would normally have been published on that day, will be published on Friday, 12 September 2008.

Note that the completion of technical preparations for that publication will take place more than the usual 15 days before publication, on Wednesday, 27 August 2008, 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, 26 August 2008.

Publication of 25 September 2008

Due to the fact that Thursday, 11 September 2008, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for PCT applications to be published on 25 September 2008 will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 9 September 2008 (instead of on Wednesday, 10 September 2008, 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, 8 September 2008.

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations under the PCT (April 2007 edition in Arabic)

The International Bureau has published the Arabic version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2007. The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate the language in which the publication is required, should be addressed to the Design, Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO:

fax: (41-22) 740 18 12

e-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int

electronic bookshop: www.wipo.int/ebookshop

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

It is recalled that the text of the above is also available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® in PDF format at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ar/texts

PCT Information Update

AT Austria (fees)

The Austrian Patent Office has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable as from 1 July 2008, as follows:

Where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application and where the Austrian Patent Office acting as International Searching Authority has established the international search report for this earlier international application, and where the Authority benefits from this earlier search to the full extent or to a substantially prevailing portion: refund of 75%

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

AU Australia (fees)

As from 15 September 2008, 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 amount in AUD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

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

CA Canada (fees)

As from 15 September 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in CAD to the Canadian

Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in CAD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Table I(a).

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

There have been changes in the equivalent amounts in EUR and USD of the following fees, payable to the IB as receiving Office with effect from 1 July 2008:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Table I(a)	
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	32
.....	USD	50
Supplement for airmail:.....	EUR [no change] USD 10	
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB))

IL Israel (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2008:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Table I(a)	
Fee for priority document:.....	ILS	80

In addition, the amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office has changed with effect from 1 July 2008:

Filing fee:.....	ILS	964
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IL) and National Chapter, Summary (IL))

JP Japan (fees)

The Japan Patent Office has changed one of the conditions for refund of the search fee, applicable as from 1 July 2008, as follows (the other condition not indicated has not changed):

Refund of JPY 41,000 upon request where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) 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.

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

For patent:

Filing fee:

– international applications for which the time limit for entry into the national phase expires on or after 1 June 2008, and for which transmittal form (Form 53) is submitted on or after 1 June 2008	JPY	15,000
– international applications for which Form 53 was submitted on or before 31 May 2008, regardless of whether the time limit for entry into the national phase expires on or after 1 June 2008:	JPY	16,000
– international applications for which the time limit for entry into the national phase expired on or before 31 May 2008:	JPY	16,000

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

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

The Korean Intellectual Property Patent Office has changed one of the conditions for refund of the search fee, applicable as from 1 July 2008, as follows (other conditions not indicated have not changed):

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority, refund of 75% upon request by the applicant.

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

MZ Mozambique (fees)

The Industrial Property Institute (Mozambique) has informed the International Bureau that on 1 July 2006, the currency unit in Mozambique was revalued at a rate of 1000:1, which effectively removed three zeros from the fee amounts.

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

For patent:

Filing fee:	MZM	4,300
Annual fee for the first year:	MZM	750
Annual fee for the second year:	MZM	1,050

For utility model:

Filing fee:	MZM	750
Annual fee for the first and second year, per year:.....	MZM	750

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

SV El Salvador (general information; special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

General information about El Salvador as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the National Center of Registries (El Salvador) as receiving Office have been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (SV) and Annex C (SV)) on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/

The National Center of Registries has specified special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as indicated below:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii):

- none

any additional matter specified below:

- none

Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned:

- to the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics and an indication of the usefulness of the microorganism and/or other biological material

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Center of Registries with any depositary institution having 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.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (SV), Annex C (SV) and Annex L)

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 September 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Table I(a).

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

There has been a change, with effect from 1 July 2008, in the equivalent amount payable in ISK for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

As from 1 August 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.

As from 1 September 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and as from 15 September 2008 there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in KRW for an international search carried out by that Office.

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU), (ES) and (SE))

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

Time Limits for Entering the National Phase

A revised version of the table of time limits for entering the national phase has been prepared and is available on the WIPO website in English and French at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf

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.

Applicability of 90% Reduction in Certain PCT fees

Further to the amendments to the Schedule of Fees which entered into force on 1 July 2008 (see "Reminder about the Main Changes to PCT Regulations and Procedure Effective 1 July 2008", above) the table of "Applicability of 90% reduction in certain PCT fees" (previously "Applicability of 75% Reduction in Certain PCT Fees") has been updated with effect from 1 July 2008 and is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

Table of reservations and incompatibilities

The revised table containing all PCT reservations and incompatibilities as in force from 1 July 2008, is now available in English, French, German and Spanish, at, respectively:

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

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

Request form in Chinese

The request form (July 2008 version) is now available in Chinese at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/

Request and demand forms in editable format

The July 2008 versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) in English, French, German and Spanish are now available in editable PDF format on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/

Modifications to the Receiving Office Guidelines

A number of modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2008, to the Receiving Office Guidelines. The consolidated text of the Receiving Office Guidelines (RO/GL/RO/6) is available under “PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (as in force from July 1, 2008)” in PDF format, in English and French at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.htm

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/gdlines.htm

Modified Administrative Instructions

See separate item “Modifications to Administrative Instructions”, above.

ISA and IPEA Agreements

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

- Austrian Patent Office
- European Patent Office
- National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland
- Japan Patent Office; and
- Korean Intellectual Property Office

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2008, have been published in English and French on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html

Quality reports

In accordance with the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, paragraphs 21.17 and 21.18, 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 the year 2007 are now available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html

PCT Gallery of Notable Inventions and Inventors

The following additions have been made to the gallery of notable inventors (www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventors/index.html):

- Erik DE CLERCQ
- Philip S. GREEN

Suggestions for additions to the PCT gallery should be sent to the following e-mail address:

pct.infoline@wipo.int

Practical Advice

Withdrawal of an international application after international publication but before the issuance of the ISR.

Q: I recently tried to withdraw an international application before it was published, but, unfortunately, my notice of withdrawal was received by the International Bureau (IB) too late to prevent its publication. Since the International Searching Authority (ISA) had not yet issued the international search report (ISR) when the international application was published, it was published without the ISR. Given that international applications published prior to the issuance of the ISR are normally republished later with the ISR, would it be possible, in my case, to prevent publication of the ISR in view of the fact that the international application has been withdrawn?

A: Once your international application has been published, you cannot prevent the later publication of the ISR – the ISR must, according to PCT Rule 48.2(a)(v), form part of the published international application, regardless of whether there has been an intervening notice of withdrawal of the application. Your international application will have been published with an annotation to the effect that the ISR (or declaration by the ISA to the effect that no ISR will be established) was not available at the time of completion of technical preparations for publication, and the ISR (or declaration) will be published separately after it has been received by the IB (PCT Rule 48.2(g)).

The only way in which you could have been certain of stopping the publication of the ISR, as well as the publication of the rest of the international application, would have been to ensure that your notice of withdrawal reached the IB before the completion of technical preparations for international publication (PCT Rule 90bis.1(c)). It is recalled that this is normally 15 calendar days before the actual publication date. (For a good indication of the earliest potential date for international publication for a given application – which, in accordance with PCT Article 21.1(a), is normally promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date – refer to the PCT Time Limit Calculator at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/calculator/pct-calculator.html). It is always recommended that applicants notify the IB of any withdrawal as early as possible before completion of technical preparations for publication, preferably by using Form PCT/IB/372 “Notice of withdrawal” and sending it by fax, making sure that the notice of withdrawal is signed by all applicants, or if signed by the agent, that the agent has been duly appointed by all applicants.

Notwithstanding, when the ISA is informed by the IB that the international application has been withdrawn (Form PCT/IB/307), the ISA is entitled to immediately discontinue the processing of the application and is no longer obliged to establish an ISR. In such a situation, if the ISA does

not establish an ISR, the IB would not request the ISA to do so, and no republication of the international application would take place. There is no guarantee that this would be the outcome in any given case, however. (For information on refunds, where applicable, of the search fee where the international application has been withdrawn before the start of the international search, see the relevant part of Annex D of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.)

Note that a withdrawal of an international application can be made on the condition that it is to be effective only if the notice of withdrawal is received by the IB before completion of the technical preparations for international publication, and therefore in time to stop international publication of the application (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraph 453 – Form PCT/IB/372 contains a special check box for this purpose).

For further information on the publication and withdrawal of international applications, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 304 to 318B and 452 to 463, respectively.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">PCT Seminar Calendar</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">(situation on 1 July 2008)</p>			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10–11 July 2008 New York (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speakers: Mr. Helfgott (Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP, New York), Mr. Oppedahl (Oppedahl Patent Law Firm, Frisco), Ms. Kepplinger (Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Washington) and Mr. Kopf (Maiwald Patentanwalts GmbH, Munich)	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1–703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1–703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
14–15 July 2008 Denver (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO and other speakers: see New York, above	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (See New York, above)
2–3 October 2008 Cary, North Carolina (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Melanie Bostic) Tel: (1–919) 657 15 69 Fax: (1–919) 677 17 74 E-mail: mbostic@ncbar.org
10 October 2008 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
20 October 2008 Helsinki (FI)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Ilmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT update for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT update WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk
30–31 October 2008 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1–415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
3–4 November 2008 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1–312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1–312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
13 November 2008 Reykjavik (IS)	English	PCT training course WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Icelandic Patent Office (Ms. Elfa Ólafsdóttir) Tel: (354) 580 94 00 Fax: (354) 580 94 01 E-mail: elfa@Einkaleyfastofan.is
18 November 2008 Miami (US)	English	“Patent Cooperation Treaty for the Americas” colloquium For further information see: www.pctcolloquium2008.org	WIPO, ASIPI, FICPI and AIPLA For conference questions: E-mail: secretaria@asipi.org For online registration: Internet: www.pctcolloquium2008.org For on-line registration questions: E-mail: oaliaga@meproductions.com
20–21 November 2008 Boston, Massachusetts (US)	English	Seminar on PCT practices and procedures WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reischle	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Janice Roussel) Tel: (1–617) 526 68 04 Fax: (1–617) 526 50 00 E-mail: Janice.Roussel@wilmerhale.com
4–5 December 2008 London (GB)	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 July 2008, 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 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 90%¹ 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 3 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated *after* the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 July 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2, 3} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁸ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁹ (CHF 300)	
AG Information not yet available							
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD 150 (from 15.9.08: 1,353)	AUD 1,466 (from 15.9.08: 1,353)	17 (15)	110 (102)	220 (204)	331 (305)	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,338	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL 80	BGL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH Information not yet available							
BR	BRR 305	BRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,338	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300 (from 15.9.08: 1,289)	CAD 1,375 (from 15.9.08: 1,289)	16 (15)	103 (97)	–	–	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP ¹⁰ –	COP eq USD 1,338	eq USD 15	eq USD 101	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP ES

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 July 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2,3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2,3,4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,320	70	480	950	1,430	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
EA	RUR 1,600	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT EP US
EP	EUR 110	EUR 848	10	—	128	191	EP
ES	EUR 69.25	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 848	10	—	128	191	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 675	8	51	101	152	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GEL ¹¹ 10	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹² 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
GT	Information not yet available						
HN	Information not yet available						
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹³ 100 or EUR ¹³ 64 or USD ¹³ 101	CHF 1,330 or EUR 848 or USD 1,338	15	100 64 101	200 128 201	300 191 302	See footnote 14
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
IL	ILS 503	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 101,400	1,100	7,600	—	—	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 133,400	1,500	10,000	—	30,100	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 July 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2,3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2,3,4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵			
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹				
KM	Information not yet available									
KN	Information not yet available									
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT CN RU			
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,327,000	15,000	100,000	—	299,000	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR			
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU			
LR	USD 45	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE			
LS	LSL ¹⁰ —	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP			
LT	LTL 320	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP RU			
LU	EUR 19	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP			
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP RU			
LY	LYD ¹⁰ —	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP			
MA	None	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE			
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁶	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP			
MD	USD 40	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU			
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP			
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP KR RU			
MT	EUR 55	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP			
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 182,500	2,100	13,700	—	—	EP			
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES SE US			
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁷	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR			
NI	USD 200	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP ES			
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP			
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,820	80	510	—	—	EP SE XN			
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁸	NZD 1,704	19	128	—	—	AU EP KR US			
OA	XAF ¹⁰ —	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE			
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AU			
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,338	15	101	201	302	AU EP JP KR US			
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP			
PT	EUR 33.44	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP			
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	AT EP RU			
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP			
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU			
SC	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	EP			
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	EP			
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,960	90	600	1,200	1,790	EP SE			
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,845	21	139	—	—	AT AU EP KR			
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP			
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP			
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP			
SV	USD 200	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP ES			

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2,3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2,3,4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
SY	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰ —	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,338	15	—	—	—	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,338	15	101	201	—	EP KR US
UZ	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 10,860 (from 1.9.08: 9,510)	120 (110)	820 (720)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,338	eq USD 15	eq USD 101	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 July 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ²										
AT	EUR 200	CHF 330	KRW 306,000	SGD 420	USD 282	ZAR 2,380					
AU	AUD 1,600	CHF* 1,483	EUR 987	KRW** 1,415,000	NZD 1,859	SGD 2,084					
	USD*** 1,390	ZAR 11,640									
	* (from 1.9.08: CHF 1,594)										
	** (from 15.9.08: KRW 1,590,000)										
	*** (from 1.8.08: USD 1,514)										
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,587	EUR 995	USD 1,597							
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 328	EUR 199	USD 280							
EP ¹⁹	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	GBP 1,273	ISK 192,000	JPY 268,800					
	MWK 344,000	NOK 13,440	NZD* 3,163	SEK 15,830	SGD 3,530	USD* 2,496					
	ZAR 20,650										
	* (from 1.8.08: NZD 3,395)										
ES ¹⁹	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD* 2,496								
	* (from 1.8.08: USD 2,665)										
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD* 2,496								
	* (from 1.8.08: USD 2,665)										
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 991	EUR 600	KRW 924,000	USD 949						
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 226	EUR 148	NZD 289	SGD 320	USD 244					
RU ²⁰	USD 500	CHF 507	EUR* 355								
	* (from 1.8.08: EUR 319)										
SE	SEK 15,830	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK 192,000	NOK 13,440					
	USD* 2,496										
	* (from 1.8.08: USD 2,665)										
US	USD 1,800	CHF* 1,789	EUR 1,154	NZD 2,370	ZAR 14,000						
XN	DKK 12,670	CHF 2,726	EUR 1,700	ISK 192,000	NOK 13,440	USD* 2,496					
	* (from 1.8.08: USD 2,665)										

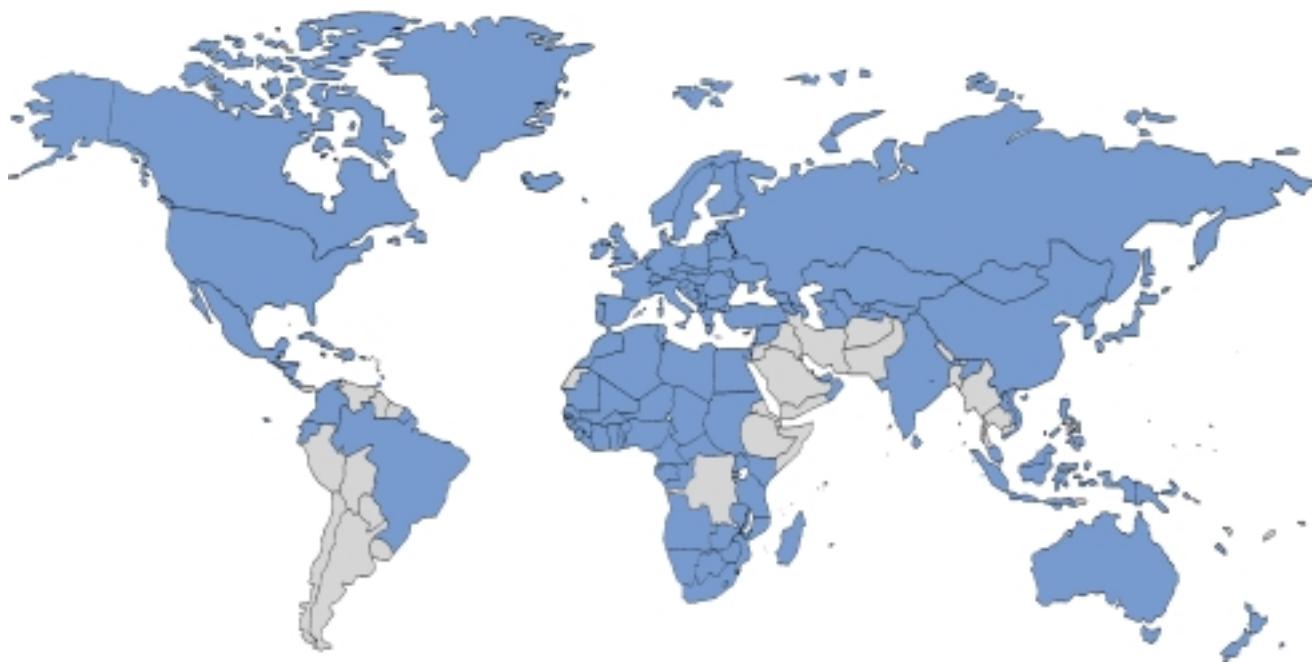
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 July 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²¹		Handling fee ^{3, 21} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²²	AUD	196
CA	CAD	800		CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁹	EUR	1,675		EUR	121
ES	EUR	544.44		EUR	121
FI	EUR	550		EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW	157,000
RU ²⁰	USD	200 ²³	300 ²⁴	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,110
US	USD	600	750 ²⁵	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 For international applications received by the receiving Office before 1 July 2008, the former 75% reduction continues to apply.
- 2 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 90% (75% for international applications received by the receiving Office before 1 July 2008) where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 5 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 6 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.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 9 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 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 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 12 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.
- 13 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 14 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).
- 15 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 16 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 17 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 18 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 19 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, in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, page 446, available at: www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj000/10_00/10_4460.pdf). A table containing a more detailed explanation of those conditions, together with a list of the States whose nationals and residents are entitled to this reduction, is currently under preparation and will be available shortly at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/epo_fee_reduction.html
- 20 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 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 (139 on 1 July 2008)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IN India	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania ¹	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MN Mongolia	SM San Marino
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MT Malta (EP) ²	ST Sao Tome and Principe (from 3 July 2008)
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MW Malawi (AP)	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MX Mexico	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MY Malaysia	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NA Namibia (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NG Nigeria	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	GD Grenada	NI Nicaragua	TN Tunisia
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	GE Georgia	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GH Ghana (AP)	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GM Gambia (AP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LR Liberia	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GR Greece (EP) ²	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LT Lithuania (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	HN Honduras	LV Latvia (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP)	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	RS Serbia ¹	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HU Hungary (EP)	MA Morocco	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	ID Indonesia	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MD Moldova (EA)	SD Sudan (AP)	
CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	ME Montenegro	SE Sweden (EP)	
			SG Singapore	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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 July 2008) 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: 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.

PCT NEWSLETTER

World Patent Report 2008 Now Available

WIPO has recently published the 2008 edition of the annual publication, *World Patent Report – A Statistical Review* at:

www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/patents/

The publication of this report is part of a continuing effort at WIPO to improve statistical information on patent activity, including the PCT, covering as many countries as possible, and to develop and provide new indicators that are relevant to current intellectual property issues. It allows users to analyze and monitor the latest trends in patent activity.

This edition, based on 2006 figures (the last year for which complete worldwide patent statistics are available) and 2007 figures where available, contains a wide range of indicators, some of which are published for the first time. Statistics specifically relating to the PCT cover areas such as:

- trends in PCT filings since 1985 and filings by country of origin in 2007 (see D.1.1.);
- distribution of PCT filings by sector of the economy, for example, businesses, universities or governments, and top applicants by business sector and by university sector (see D.1.2.); and
- breakdown of international phase filings in 2007 and PCT national phase entries in 2006 (wherever the statistics have been provided by the national offices) (see Table A2).

A summary of some of the conclusions which have been drawn from the report is published in WIPO Press Release PR/2008/562 (“World Patent Report Confirms Increasing Internationalization of Innovative Activity”) at:

www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2008/article_0042.html

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (paper version)

It is recalled that, in view of the relatively limited number of changes that were made in the amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 July 2008, the paper version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (WIPO Publication No. 274) will not be reprinted on this occasion. However, for the convenience of PCT users, a booklet containing the PCT rules which were amended with effect from 1 July 2008, which can be printed out, cut to the appropriate size and inserted in the paper version of that publication, has therefore been published, in English, French, German and Spanish, on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/update274_2008.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/update274_2008.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/update274_2008.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/update274_2008.pdf

It is recalled that the consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2008, is available in English and French on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf

and is now also available in Japanese at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ja/docs/pct_regs.pdf

The full text of the Treaty and Regulations will next be reprinted to contain the January 2009 changes.

World Trade Organization

Cape Verde becomes a Member

On 23 July 2008, Cape Verde (country code: CV), which is not party to the PCT or the Paris Convention, became a Member of the WTO, thus bringing the total number of Members to 153. The table of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the WTO has been updated accordingly. See the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_paris_wto.pdf

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention.

Budapest Treaty

Accession by Costa Rica

On 30 June 2008, Costa Rica (country code: CR), which is a PCT Contracting State, deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 69. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Costa Rica on 30 September 2008. An updated table of States party to the Budapest Treaty is available at:

www.wipo.int/treaties/en/documents/pdf/budapest.pdf

PCT Information Update

AO Angola (competent receiving Office, competent international authorities)

The Angolan Institute of Industrial Property has notified the International Bureau that it has delegated its functions as receiving Office to the International Bureau of WIPO, with effect from 27 December 2007.

The International Bureau, acting as receiving Office on behalf of the Angolan Institute of Industrial Property, has specified the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office as

competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed on or after 27 December 2007 by nationals and residents of Angola.

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

BH Bahrain (competent international authority)

The Directorate of Industrial Property (Bahrain) has specified the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Bahrain with the Directorate as receiving Office, with effect from 18 March 2007.

IS Iceland (fees)

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, changed with effect from 1 March 2008, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to that Office as designated (or elected) Office, also changed with effect from that date:

Basic fee:.....	ISK	39,500
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK	1,900
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	[no change]	
Annual fees for the first three years:.....	ISK	11,100

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

MT Malta (general information)

General information about Malta as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment as receiving Office, has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (MT) and Annex C (MT)) on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/

PT Portugal (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) as receiving Office, changed with effect from 1 July 2008:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Table I(a)	
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	40.06

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to that Office as designated (or elected) Office, also changed with effect from that date:

For patent and for utility model:		
Filing fee:	EUR	125.92

Examination fee:	EUR	228.93
Fee for submission of any document:	EUR	5.73

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 September 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office (for the purposes of the payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office), and as from 15 October 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

As from 1 November 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office.

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

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

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

Modified PCT Regulations (Japanese)

The consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2008, is now available in Japanese on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ja/docs/pct_regs.pdf

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (Portuguese)

Consolidated versions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and of the Regulations under the PCT in Portuguese (as in force from 1 April 2007) are now available for the first time on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/pdf/pct.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/pdf/pct_regs07.pdf

Amendments to the PCT Regulations (January 2009): PowerPoint presentation

A PowerPoint presentation containing an overview of the main changes to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 January 2009 (namely, that international applications may be published in Korean and Portuguese, and that applicants will be able to request that a supplementary international search be carried out by a different International Searching Authority) is now available in English at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2009changes.ppt

Seminar materials

Seminar materials covering all aspects of the PCT procedure have been updated in English on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/basic_1/index.html

The seminar materials, dated 22 July 2008, consist of two documents:

- “Background Reading on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)”, which gives detailed information on the filing of PCT applications, the functions of the receiving Office and the International Bureau, international search and preliminary examination, international publication, entry into the national phase and procedural safeguards for international applications; and
- “Seminar Presentation on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)”, which gives summarized information on a wide variety of PCT topics in the form of a slide presentation.

PCT Applicant’s Guide

The introduction to the International Phase has been updated in English (in PDF and HTML formats) and French (in PDF format), to take into account the July 2008 amendments to the PCT Regulations, and is available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/fr/index.html

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

Receiving Office forms

The editable versions of a number of PCT receiving Office forms have been updated in English, French and German and are available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ro/index.htm

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/ro/index.htm

www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/ro/index.htm

We are most grateful to the European Patent Office for their assistance in translating these forms into German.

Updated Spanish versions of the forms will be available shortly at:

www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/ro/index.htm

PCT in the News

The latest edition of the *WIPO Magazine* features an article entitled “Hot Property — IP Strategies in the Solar Tech Sector”, which describes the IP strategies, including the filing of

patent applications under the PCT, of Isofoton, one of the world's leading companies in photovoltaic and thermal solar energy technologies.

Extracts from the WIPO Magazine are available at:

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

By clicking on "WIPO Magazine" in the "related links" box, you will be able to view the complete issue of the *WIPO Magazine*.

Booklet containing July 2008 rule changes

See "Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (paper version)", above.

PCT Statistics

The April to June 2008 editions of the two PCT Quarterly Reports: "Trends and Analysis" and "Performance Indicators" are now available at:

www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct/

It is recalled that the latest monthly statistics are available at:

www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct/pdf/monthly_report.pdf

Practical Advice

The consequences of a finding by the ISA of lack of unity of invention

Q: I have received Form PCT/ISA/206 ("Invitation to pay additional fees and, where applicable, protest fee") from the International Searching Authority (ISA) in respect of an international application, stating that there are three inventions claimed in the application. I have therefore been invited to pay two additional search fees to cover each additional invention. I do not agree with the finding by the ISA of lack of unity of invention. What will happen if I fail to pay the additional search fees? If I pay only one additional fee, can I choose which additional invention I wish to be searched? Is it possible to protest against the ISA's finding of lack of unity?

A: According to PCT Rule 13.1, the international application must relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept ("requirement of unity of invention"). The search fee is intended to cover the cost for the ISA to carry out an international search on the international application, but only to the extent that the international application meets the requirement of "unity of invention". Therefore, if that requirement is not met, the ISA is entitled to request the applicant to pay an additional search fee for each invention beyond the first which is to be searched (see PCT Rule 40.1). Further details on the requirement of unity of invention can be found in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex B, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai/annex_b.html

as well as in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 129–138 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html

Consequence of the failure to pay the additional search fees

As in your case, ISAs will invite the applicant to pay additional search fees by way of Form PCT/ISA/206. Some ISAs will attach to that invitation the results of a “partial” international search (this is not to be confused with the international search report (ISR)), limited to the invention first mentioned in the claims (the “main invention”) (see PCT Article 17(3)(a)).

If you fail to pay the additional search fees within one month from the date of mailing of the invitation (note that this time limit cannot be extended), no searches of additional inventions will be made and the ISR, when it is established, will only cover the first claimed invention (where a partial search was furnished to the applicant, the results of that partial search only will be included in the ISR). If you do not pay all requested additional search fees, the ISA will only search the number of inventions covered by the payment — upon payment, it should be possible for you to specify to the ISA which claims you wish to be searched. If you pay all the additional fees within the applicable time limit, the ISR will include the results of the search of all inventions in the application.

If you disagree with the ISA’s finding under PCT Rule 40 of lack of unity of invention (or, in the number of additional search fees that you have been invited to pay), you may, under PCT Rule 40.2(c), protest against that finding, as explained below.

Protest procedure and, where applicable, protest fee

In order to initiate the protest procedure, you must pay the additional search fees within the time limit fixed by the ISA in Form PCT/ISA/206 (one month) for all inventions in respect of which you are still interested in receiving an ISR, and send a reasoned statement explaining why you consider that unity of invention has been complied with, or that the number of additional fees required is excessive. After payment of the fees, your protest will then be examined by a review body constituted in the framework of the ISA, which, if it finds your protest justified, would order the total or partial reimbursement to you of the additional fees.

In accordance with PCT Rule 40.2(e), such a protest may also be subjected by the ISA to the payment of a “protest fee” (currently, only five International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities charge such a fee. For details, consult the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex D, for the ISA concerned). Note however that, although an additional search fee is required for each separate invention, only one protest fee is payable, where applicable, regardless of the number of additional search fees that you have been invited to pay. The protest fee is refunded if the review finds that the protest was fully justified. If you fail to pay the protest fee within the applicable time limit, the ISA will declare that the protest has been considered not to have been made.

PCT Seminar Calendar (situation on 1 August 2008)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
2–3 October 2008 Cary, North Carolina (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Melanie Bostic) Tel: (1–919) 657 15 69 Fax: (1–919) 677 17 74 E-mail: mbostic@ncbar.org
10 October 2008 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
15 October 2008 Munich (DE)	German	Presentation on the recent developments in the PCT system, within the framework of the 4 th Annual Conference about Intellectual Property Law WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speakers: Mr. Naumann (European Patent Office) and Mr. Molnia (Dorries Frank-Molnia & Pohlman (df-mp), Munich)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
20 October 2008 Helsinki (FI)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Ilmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT update for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT update WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk
30–31 October 2008 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	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
3–4 November 2008 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1–312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1–312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu

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PCT Seminar Calendar *[continued]*

(situation on 1 August 2008)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
11–12 November 2008 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
13 November 2008 Reykjavik (IS)	English	PCT training course WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Icelandic Patent Office (Ms. Elfa Ólafsdóttir) Tel: (354) 580 94 00 Fax: (354) 580 94 01 E-mail: elfa@Einkaleyfastofan.is
18 November 2008 Miami (US)	English	“Patent Cooperation Treaty for the Americas” colloquium For further information see: www.pctcolloquium2008.org	WIPO, ASIPI, FICPI and AIPLA For conference questions: E-mail: secretaria@asipi.org For online registration: Internet: www.pctcolloquium2008.org For on-line registration questions: E-mail: oaliaga@meproductions.com
20–21 November 2008 Boston, Massachusetts (US)	English	Seminar on PCT practices and procedures WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reischle	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Janice Roussel) Tel: (1–617) 526 68 04 Fax: (1–617) 526 50 00 E-mail: Janice.Roussel@wilmerhale.com
27–28 November 2008 Zurich (CH)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the ETH Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property program WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich (ETH), Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property (Ms. Caroline Frischknecht) Tel: (41–44) 632 68 08 Fax: (41–44) 632 13 67 E-mail: frischknecht@recht.gess.ethz.ch Internet: www.masip.ethz.ch
9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and 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
11–12 December 2008 London (GB) [previously announced as 4–5 December 2008]	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
4 February 2009 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33–4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33–4) 78 33 58 96
24–25 April 2009 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1–603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1–603) 225 96 47 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 August 2008, 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 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 90%¹ 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 3 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated *after* the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 August 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2, 3} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁸ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁹ (CHF 300)	
AG Information not yet available							
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD 150 (from 15.9.08 : 1,353)	AUD 1,466 (from 15.9.08 : 1,353)	17 (15)	110 (102)	220 (204)	331 (305)	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,338	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL 80	BGL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH Information not yet available							
BR	BRR 305	BRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,338	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300 (from 15.9.08: 1,289)	CAD 1,375 (from 15.9.08: 1,289)	16 (15)	103 (97)	–	–	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP ¹⁰ –	COP eq USD 1,338	eq USD 15	eq USD 101	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP ES

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 August 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2, 3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2, 3, 4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,320	70	480	950	1,430	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
EA	RUR 1,600	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT EP US
EP	EUR 110	EUR 848	10	—	128	191	EP
ES	EUR 69.25	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 848	10	—	128	191	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 675	8	51	101	152	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GEL ¹¹ 10	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹² 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
GT	Information not yet available						
HN	Information not yet available						
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹³ 100 or EUR ¹³ 64 or USD ¹³ 101	CHF 1,330 or EUR 848 or USD 1,338	15	100 64 101	200 128 201	300 191 302	See footnote 14
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
IL	ILS 503	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 7,700	ISK 101,400	1,100	7,600	—	—	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 133,400	1,500	10,000	—	30,100	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 August 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

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				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,327,000	15,000	100,000	—	299,000	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ —	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰ —	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁶	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
MD	USD 40	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 182,500	2,100	13,700	—	—	EP
MX	MXP eq USD 323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁷	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,820	80	510	—	—	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁸	NZD 1,704	19	128	—	—	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰ —	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,338	15	101	201	302	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 34.34	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	AT EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
SC	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,960	90	600	1,200	1,790	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,845	21	139	—	—	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP ES

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				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
SY	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰ —	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,338	15	—	—	—	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,338	15	101	201	—	EP KR US
UZ	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 10,860 (from 1.9.08: 9,510)	120 (110)	820 (720)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,338	eq USD 15	eq USD 101	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 August 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ²										
AT	EUR 200	CHF 330	KRW 306,000	SGD 420	USD 282	ZAR 2,380					
AU	AUD 1,600	CHF* 1,483	EUR 987	KRW** 1,415,000	NZD*** 1,859	SGD 2,084					
	USD 1,514	ZAR 11,640									
	* (from 1.9.08: CHF 1,594)										
	** (from 15.9.08: KRW 1,590,000)										
	*** (from 1.11.08: NZD 2,029)										
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,587	EUR 995	USD 1,597							
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 328	EUR 199	USD 280							
EP ¹⁹	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	GBP 1,273	ISK 192,000	JPY 268,800					
	MWK 344,000	NOK 13,440	NZD 3,395	SEK 15,830	SGD 3,530	USD 2,665					
	ZAR 20,650										
ES ¹⁹	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,665								
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,665								
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF* 991	EUR 600	KRW 924,000	USD 949						
	* (from 1.9.08: CHF 926)										
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 226	EUR 148	NZD 289	SGD 320	USD* 244					
	* (from 15.10.08: USD 220)										
RU ²⁰	USD 500	CHF 507	EUR 319								
SE	SEK 15,830	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK 192,000	NOK 13,440					
	USD 2,665										
US	USD 1,800	CHF 1,789	EUR 1,154	NZD 2,370	ZAR 14,000						
XN	DKK 12,670	CHF 2,726	EUR 1,700	ISK 192,000	NOK 13,440	USD 2,665					

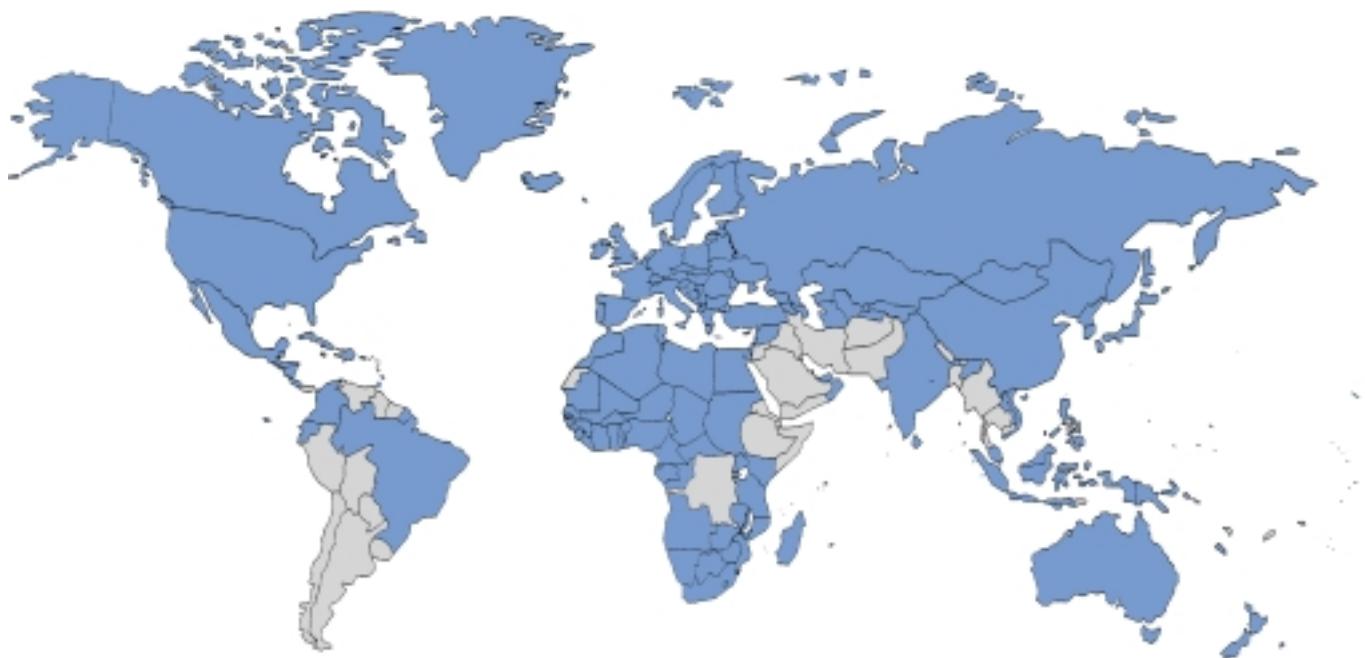
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 August 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²¹		Handling fee ^{3, 21} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121
AU	AUD	550	AUD	196
CA	CAD	800	CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁹	EUR	1,675	EUR	121
ES	EUR	544.44	EUR	121
FI	EUR	550	EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	225,000	KRW	157,000
RU ²⁰	USD	200 ²³ 300 ²⁴	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,110
US	USD	600	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 For international applications received by the receiving Office before 1 July 2008, the former 75% reduction continues to apply.
- 2 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 90% (75% for international applications received by the receiving Office before 1 July 2008) where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 5 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 6 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.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 9 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 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 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 12 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.
- 13 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 14 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).
- 15 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 16 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 17 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 18 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 19 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, in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, page 446, available at: www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj000/10_00/10_4460.pdf). For a more detailed explanation of those conditions, together with a list of the States whose nationals and residents are entitled to this reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/epo_fee_reduction.html
- 20 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 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 (139 on 1 August 2008)



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

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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 July 2008) 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: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: 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.

PCT NEWSLETTER

Information on the Upcoming Session of the PCT Assembly

The thirty-eighth session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) will be held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2008, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. All documents mentioned below, which have been submitted to the PCT Assembly for discussion at its next session, are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=16034

At this year's meeting, the PCT Assembly will be invited to adopt proposed amendments to the PCT Regulations (documents PCT/A/38/2 and PCT/A/38/2 Add.) in relation to the following:

- supplementary international search: clarification concerning refund of the supplementary search handling fee and the supplementary search fee; the right of agents to practice before any International Authority specified to carry out a supplementary international search; and the effects of a withdrawal of a request for supplementary international search;
- processing of the international application under PCT Article 14(4): clarification of the procedure to be followed by the receiving Office where it has accorded, albeit mistakenly, an international filing date and intends to issue a declaration under PCT Article 14(4) that the international application is to be considered withdrawn because it does not contain the claim(s) element or the description element (PCT Article 11(1)(iii)(d) and (e)); and
- amendment of claims: in the case of amendments of the claims under PCT Articles 19 and 34, the requirement for applicants to submit a replacement sheet or sheets containing a complete set of claims rather than, as at present, replacement sheets only for those sheets of claims which differ from sheets previously filed.

It is proposed that the amendments concerning the supplementary international search system enter into force on 1 January 2009 (at the same time as the main provisions enter into force – see below), and that the other amendments enter into force on 1 July 2009.

The Assembly will also be invited to:

- adopt, in the form of an understanding, criteria for any future addition of further languages of publication under the PCT (document PCT/A/38/4); and
- consider the options for determining the countries whose applicants will benefit from a reduction of certain PCT fees (following a study on the matter which has been carried out by the International Bureau), adopt the corresponding proposed amendments of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations under the PCT, and adopt proposed directives of the Assembly relating to the updating of the lists of States meeting the criteria for such reductions (document PCT/A/38/5).

Furthermore, the Assembly will be invited to take note of the report of the first session of the PCT Working Group (document PCT/A/38/1), which was held in Geneva from 26 to 30 May

2008¹, to approve a recommendation concerning further work of the Working Group and to take note of a document relating to discussions of the Meeting of International Authorities at its 15th session, held in Vienna, Austria, from 7 to 9 April 2008, relating to quality management systems for PCT International Authorities (document PCT/A/38/3)².

Information on the outcome of the Assembly will be published in the October issue of the *PCT Newsletter* (No. 10/2008).

It is recalled that other amendments, adopted by the PCT Assembly in October 2007, will also enter into force on 1 January 2009. The amendments provide for the new possibility for applicants to request that a supplementary international search be carried out by a different International Searching Authority and for the publication of international applications in Korean and Portuguese. The text of those amendments is available in the Annexes V and VI of the report of that session at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=13306

Updated consolidated versions of the PCT Regulations in English and French, as in force from 1 January 2009, incorporating the above-mentioned amendments as well as any further amendments that are adopted at the upcoming session of the PCT Assembly and which will enter into force on that date, will be available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® towards the end of 2008.

Advance E-mail Communications from the International Bureau

It is recalled that the International Bureau (IB) has begun sending advance copies of notifications (PCT/IB forms) in respect of international applications to the applicant (or agent), where an e-mail address has been notified and where the IB (and any other International Authority which so wishes to send notifications by e-mail) has been authorized to do so by the applicant (or agent) (for further information on how to do this, please refer to the "Practical Advice" section of *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008).

Initially, for technical reasons, the IB was able to send only certain of the PCT/IB forms in this way, but as of 1 September 2008, advance copies by e-mail of all PCT/IB forms are now being sent. Note that the paper version of all notifications will continue to be sent and remains the legal copy. Applicants are reminded that it is not possible to reply to such e-mails received from the IB (that is, those which are sent from "no.reply@wipo.int").

Budapest Treaty

Accession by Jordan

On 14 August 2008, Jordan (country code: JO) deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 70. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Jordan on 14 November 2008. An updated table of States party to the Budapest Treaty is available at:

1. For further information on that meeting, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2008.
2. For further information on that meeting, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008.

<http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/documents/pdf/budapest.pdf>

Filing and Processing of International Applications in Electronic Form

Canadian Intellectual Property Office begins receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

On 13 August 2008, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified WIPO under PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 29 September 2008. The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 4 September 2008 and is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application, in accordance with Section 710(a)(iv) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

PCT Information Update

AO Angola (general information)

General information about Angola as a PCT Contracting State has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (AO)) on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

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

AT Austria (e-mail address; languages accepted for international search and preliminary examination)

The Austrian Patent Office has introduced an additional e-mail address. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

E-mail: ingrid.weidinger@patentamt.at
pct@patentamt.at
(for all PCT matters relating to specific international applications)

The Austrian Patent Office, in its capacity as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), has notified the International Bureau that that Office and the Hungarian Patent Office have decided to cooperate on a regional basis in carrying out the tasks of the Austrian Patent Office as ISA and IPEA. As a consequence of this cooperation, the Austrian Patent Office is adding, with effect from 1 January 2009, Hungarian and Russian to the list of languages that it will accept for the purposes of international search and preliminary examination.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (AT), D (AT) and E (AT))

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 November 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the international filing fee, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Table I(a).

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

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 1 November 2008, there will be changes in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, in the equivalent amounts payable in GBP and ISK for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, and in the equivalent amount payable in ISK for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT), (EP) and (SE))

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)

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 "RIPT - Register of International Patents and Trademarks". To view an example of the new 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.htm

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.

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

ISPE Guidelines in Russian

The Russian version of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (ISPE Guidelines), applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004, is now available for the first time, in PDF format, on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

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

The International Bureau is most grateful to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation) (ROSPATENT) for preparing the translation of the ISPE Guidelines.

Practical Advice

The consequences of a finding of lack of unity of invention of an international application on (i) the international preliminary examination and (ii) the national phase

Q: The International Searching Authority (ISA), when searching an international application filed by my company, found that it did not fulfill the requirements of unity of invention and invited me to pay several additional search fees. Although we wanted, nevertheless, to proceed with the international application, we were not in a position to pay the extra fees, a consequence of which is that certain parts of the application were not searched. What will be the consequences of such a partial search if we file a demand for international application in respect of the application, and what will be the consequences for the national phase?

A: As was explained in the “Practical advice” in PCT Newsletter No. 08/2008, the international application must relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept (PCT Rule 13). For further information on the finding of lack of unity by the ISA, please refer to that item.

Lack of unity of invention where a demand is filed

If you file a demand for international preliminary examination, the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) will check the claims for unity of invention, even where some or all additional search fees have been paid and the international search report (ISR) has been established on more than just the main invention.

However, the IPEA need not, and generally will not, examine any claims relating to unsearched inventions (see PCT Rule 66.1(e)), even where you have requested the IPEA to base the examination on any amendments under PCT Articles 19 and/or 34.

If the IPEA considers that the international application does not comply with the unity of invention requirements, it may, using Form PCT/IPEA/405, inform you why there is a lack of unity of invention and, in accordance with PCT Rule 68.2, invite you within one month from the invitation either to:

- a) restrict the claims to those which have been searched and which meet the requirements of unity of invention (in which case the IPEA must specify at least one possibility of restriction), or
- b) pay additional preliminary examination fees.

Any additional preliminary examination fee may, in accordance with PCT Rule 68.3(c), be paid under protest, in which case procedures similar to those explained in relation to the international search apply – see the “Practical advice” in PCT Newsletter No. 08/2008. The examination of such a protest may be subjected by the IPEA to the payment to it of a protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)) (for details, consult the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex E, for the IPEA concerned). If you neither restrict the claims nor pay additional fees, the examination will be carried out on the main invention only, unless you request otherwise.

Alternatively, there are cases of lack of unity of invention where, compared with the procedure of inviting the applicant to restrict claims or to pay additional fees, no or little additional effort is involved in establishing the international preliminary examination report (IPER) for the entire international application. Then, for reasons of economy, the examiner may avail himself/herself of the option referred to in PCT Rule 68.1 by choosing not to invite the applicant to restrict the claims or to pay additional fees, but rather, to carry out the international preliminary examination

on the entire international application and express his/her views on the lack of unity of invention in the IPER, specifying the reasons therefor.

For further information on the procedure before the IPEA where unity of invention is lacking, see the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines at:

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

as well as the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 398 and 399 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/gdvol1-09.html#_v1_398

Possible negative consequences in the national phase

The fact that not all claims were searched by the ISA does not, in itself, have any influence on the validity of the international application, the processing of which, including its communication to the designated (or elected) Offices, continues in respect of all claims. Nevertheless, the national law of any State may provide that such unsearched and/or unexamined parts of the international application will be considered withdrawn as far as that State is concerned unless a special fee is paid by the applicant to its national Office (PCT Articles 17(3)(b) and 34(3)(c)) – note, however, that there are only a few States which directly apply such provisions (for example, China and Sweden) though others may charge further fees for the establishment of searches before any patent can be granted. Similar fees may apply in accordance with PCT Article 34(3)(b) if the applicant chooses to restrict the claims during international preliminary examination but then wishes to pursue the claims during the national phase which were not the subject of international preliminary examination.

In the national phase, it is possible that designated Offices may review the conclusions of the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities and come to different conclusions regarding unity of invention. These Offices may also require additional inventions to be removed from the application or to be continued in a divisional application if necessary. However, in accordance with PCT Articles 27(1) and 27(4), the Offices must form their views based on the criteria set out in PCT Rule 13, unless the result of alternative national criteria is more favorable to the applicant (meaning that fewer fees, amendments and divisional applications would be required).

<h2 style="text-align: center;">PCT Seminar Calendar</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">(situation on 1 September 2008)</p>			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
2–3 October 2008 Cary, North Carolina (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Melanie Bostic) Tel: (1-919) 657 15 69 Fax: (1-919) 677 17 74 E-mail: mbostic@ncbar.org
10 October 2008 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
15 October 2008 Munich (DE)	German	Presentation on the recent developments in the PCT system, within the framework of the 4 th Annual Conference about Intellectual Property Law WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speakers: Mr. Naumann (European Patent Office) and Mr. Molnia (Dorries Frank-Molnia & Pohlman (df-mp), Munich)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
20 October 2008 Helsinki (FI)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Ilmarinen) Tel: (358-9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358-9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
21 October 2008 Muscat (OM)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Trpkovska	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Intellectual Property Department (Mrs. Fatima Al-Ghazali, Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman) Tel: (41-22) 758 96 64 Fax: (41-22) 758 13 59 E-mail: ghazali92@hotmail.com, oman_wto@bluewin.ch
22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT update for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT update WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk
30–31 October 2008 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
3–4 November 2008 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
5–7 November 2008 Montevideo (Uruguay)	Spanish	Regional Forum on the PCT for Latin American countries WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy	National Directorate of Industrial Property (Mrs. Rosario Moreira) Tel: (598-2) 903 09 23 Fax: (598-2) 903 11 40 E-mail: rmoreira@dnpi.miem.gub.uy
11–12 November 2008 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
13 November 2008 Reykjavík (IS)	English	PCT training course WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Icelandic Patent Office (Ms. Elfa Ólafsdóttir) Tel: (354) 580 94 00 Fax: (354) 580 94 01 E-mail: elfa@Einkaleyfastofan.is
17–18 November 2008 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	Basic 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 November 2008 Miami (US)	English	“Patent Cooperation Treaty for the Americas” colloquium For further information see: www.pctcolloquium2008.org	WIPO, ASIPI, FICPI and AIPLA For conference questions: E-mail: secretaria@asipi.org For online registration: Internet: www.pctcolloquium2008.org For on-line registration questions: E-mail: oaliaga@meproductions.com
20–21 November 2008 Boston, Massachusetts (US)	English	Seminar on PCT practices and procedures WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reischle	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Janice Roussel) Tel: (1-617) 526 68 04 Fax: (1-617) 526 50 00 E-mail: Janice.Roussel@wilmerhale.com
27–28 November 2008 Zurich (CH)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the ETH Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property program WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich (ETH), Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property (Ms. Caroline Frischknecht) Tel: (41-44) 632 68 08 Fax: (41-44) 632 13 67 E-mail: frischknecht@recht.gess.ethz.ch Internet: www.masip.ethz.ch

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9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and 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
11–12 December 2008 London (GB) [previously announced as 4–5 December 2008]	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
4 February 2009 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
10–11 February 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
10–11 March 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
24–25 April 2009 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1-603) 225 96 47 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php
30 June 2009 Cologne (DE)	German	PCT update WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 2008, 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 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 90%¹ 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 3 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 September 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2, 3} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁸ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁹ (CHF 300)	
AG Information not yet available							
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD 150 (from 15.9.08 : 1,353)	AUD 1,466 (from 15.9.08 : 1,353)	17 (15)	110 (102)	220 (204)	331 (305)	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,338	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL 80	BGL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH Information not yet available							
BR	BRR 305	BRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,338	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300 (from 15.9.08: 1,289)	CAD 1,375 (from 15.9.08: 1,289)	16 (15)	103 (97)	–	–	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP ¹⁰ –	COP eq USD 1,338	eq USD 15	eq USD 101	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP ES

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				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,320	70	480	950	1,430	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
EA	RUR 1,600	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT EP US
EP	EUR 110	EUR 848	10	—	128	191	EP
ES	EUR 69.25	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 848	10	—	128	191	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 675	8	51	101	152	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GEL ¹¹ 10	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹² 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
GT	Information not yet available						
HN	Information not yet available						
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹³ 100 or EUR ¹³ 64 or USD ¹³ 101	CHF 1,330 or EUR 848 or USD 1,338	15	100	200	300	See footnote 14
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
IL	ILS 503	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 7,700	ISK 101,400	1,100	7,600	—	—	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 133,400	1,500	10,000	—	30,100	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU

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				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,327,000	15,000	100,000	—	299,000	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ —	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰ —	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁶	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
MD	USD 40	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 182,500	2,100	13,700	—	—	EP
MX	MXP eq USD 323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁷	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,820	80	510	—	—	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁸	NZD 1,704	19	128	—	—	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰ —	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,338	15	101	201	302	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 34.34	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	AT EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
SC	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,960	90	600	1,200	1,790	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,845 (from 1.12.08 1,708)	21 (19)	139 (128)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP ES

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				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
SY	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰ —	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,338	15	—	—	—	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,338	15	101	201	—	EP KR US
UZ	USD ¹⁰ —	USD 1,338	15	101	—	—	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 9,510 (from 1.11.08: 10,030)	110 (110)	720 (750)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,338	15	—	—	—	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,338	eq USD 15	eq USD 101	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 September 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ²									
AT	EUR 200 * (from 1.11.08: USD 314)	CHF 330	KRW 306,000	SGD 420	USD*	282	ZAR 2,380			
AU	AUD 1,600 USD 1,514 * (from 15.9.08: KRW 1,590,000) ** (from 1.11.08: NZD 2,029)	CHF 1,594 ZAR 11,640	EUR 987	KRW* 1,415,000	NZD**	1,859	SGD 2,084			
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,587	EUR 995	USD 1,597						
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 328	EUR 199	USD 280						
EP ¹⁹	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR 20,650 * (from 1.11.08: GBP 1,352)	CHF 2,726 NOK 13,440 NZD 3,395 ISK 207,000)	DKK 12,670 SEK 15,830	GBP* 1,273 SGD 192,000 USD 3,530	ISK*	192,000	JPY 268,800			
ES ¹⁹	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,665							
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,665							
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 926	EUR 600	KRW 924,000	USD 949					
KR	KRW 225,000 * (from 15.10.08: USD 220)	CHF 226 USD 220)	EUR 148	NZD 289	SGD 320	USD*	244			
RU ²⁰	USD 500	CHF 507	EUR 319							
SE	SEK 15,830 USD 2,665 * (from 1.11.08: ISK 207,000)	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK*	192,000	NOK 13,440			
US	USD 1,800	CHF 1,789	EUR 1,154	NZD 2,370	ZAR 14,000					
XN	DKK 12,670	CHF 2,726	EUR 1,700	ISK 192,000	NOK 13,440	USD 2,665				

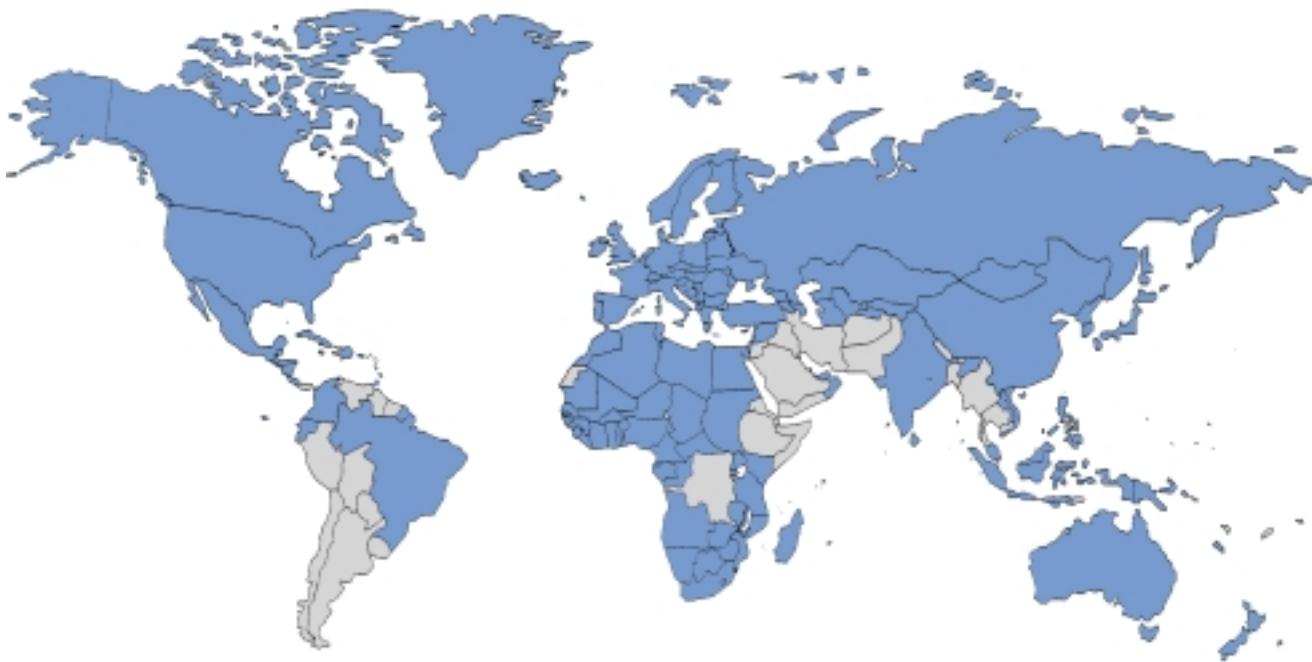
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 September 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²¹		Handling fee ^{3, 21} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²²	AUD	196
CA	CAD	800		CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁹	EUR	1,675		EUR	121
ES	EUR	544.44		EUR	121
FI	EUR	550		EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW	157,000
RU ²⁰	USD	200 ²³	300 ²⁴	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,110
US	USD	600	750 ²⁵	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 For international applications received by the receiving Office before 1 July 2008, the former 75% reduction continues to apply.
- 2 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 90% (75% for international applications received by the receiving Office before 1 July 2008) where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 5 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 6 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.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 9 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 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 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 12 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.
- 13 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 14 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).
- 15 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 16 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 17 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 18 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 19 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, in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, page 446, available at: www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj000/10_00/10_4460.pdf). For a more detailed explanation of those conditions, together with a list of the States whose nationals and residents are entitled to this reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/epo_fee_reduction.html
- 20 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 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 (139 on 1 September 2008)



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

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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 July 2008) 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: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: 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.

PCT NEWSLETTER

Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO

The Assemblies of the member States of WIPO, including the 38th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union, were held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2008.

Appointment of new Director General

Following his nomination by the WIPO Coordination Committee on 13 May 2008, the WIPO General Assembly appointed Mr. Francis Gurry, on 22 September 2008, as Director General of WIPO for a six-year term that began on 1 October.

Mr. Gurry, a national of Australia, is the fourth Director General of WIPO, following Georg Bodenhausen of the Netherlands (1970-1973), Arpad Bogsch of the United States of America (1973-1997) and Kamil Idris of Sudan (1997-2008).

Representatives of the WIPO member States congratulated Mr. Gurry on his appointment and highlighted his wealth of experience in intellectual property and the professionalism that he brings to this position.



*Mr. Francis Gurry,
WIPO's new Director General*

Prior to joining WIPO, Mr. Gurry practiced law and held a number of academic positions. Mr. Gurry has held a number of positions since he joined WIPO in 1985, his latest one being Deputy Director General responsible, *inter alia*, for the PCT – his full curriculum vitae is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/wo_ga_36/wo_ga_36_1.pdf

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Gurry highlighted the importance of the patent system as well as the problems which had been brought on by its own success, and expressed the belief that the PCT provides a better basis for constructing a solution to those problems than any other solution under consideration or in the range of current imagination.

Further information is available in Press Release PR/2008/564 which is available on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2008/article_0045.html

and Mr. Gurry's acceptance speech (in text and video formats) is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/dgo/dg_gurry_acceptance_speech_2008.html

Assembly of the PCT Union

The PCT Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations relating to three subjects:

- supplementary international search: clarification concerning refund of the supplementary search handling fee and the supplementary search fee; the right of agents to practice before any International Authority specified to carry out a supplementary international search; and the effects of a withdrawal of a request for supplementary international search;
- processing of the international application under PCT Article 14(4): clarification of the procedure to be followed by the receiving Office where it has accorded, albeit mistakenly, an international filing date and intends to issue a declaration under PCT Article 14(4) that the international application is to be considered withdrawn because it does not contain the claim(s) element or the description element (PCT Article 11(1)(iii)(d) and (e)); and
- amendment of claims: in the case of amendments of the claims under PCT Articles 19 and 34, the requirement for applicants to submit a replacement sheet or sheets containing a complete set of claims rather than, as at present, replacement sheets only for those sheets of claims which differ from sheets previously filed.

The amendments relating to supplementary international search will come into force 1 January 2009 at the same time as the service itself begins. Three offices (the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the Nordic Patent Institute) intend to offer supplementary international searches as of that date. Furthermore, the Austrian Patent Office intends to offer the service from later in 2009 and the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the European Patent Office from 2010. Several Offices have not yet decided when they will offer this service.

The other amendments will come into force 1 July 2009. Minor corrections to the proposals in the working documents (PCT/A/38/2 and 2 Add.) were agreed upon, and the final texts will be available in Annexes I and II of the report of the session (PCT/A/38/6).

The Assembly also adopted an understanding on criteria which would be applied when deciding whether to add further languages of publication under PCT Rule 48.3 in the future (PCT/A/38/4), and noted reports on the first session of the PCT Working Group (PCT/A/38/1) and the quality management systems of PCT International Authorities (PCT/A/38/3).

A report and proposal on eligibility criteria for reductions in PCT fees (PCT/A/38/5) for certain applicants from developing countries was remitted to the PCT Working Group for further consideration.

In a joint session with the Paris Union Assembly and the Patent Law Treaty Assembly, the PCT Assembly also noted a status report (A/45/2) on the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents, which is expected to become available for practical use next year.

Other Assemblies

The PLT Union Assembly adopted modifications to the Model International Request Form and decided that certain modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT would apply for the purposes of the PLT and its Regulations, both with immediate effect (PLT/A/5/1).

The General Assembly noted a report on the work of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (WO/GA/36/10), including:

- a non-exhaustive list of matters for future discussion;

- a request for the preparation of preliminary studies by the Secretariat on the topics of dissemination of patent information (including, *inter alia*, the establishment of a database on search and examination reports); exceptions from patentable subject matter and limitations to the rights, *inter alia*, research exemption and compulsory licenses; patents and standards; and client-attorney privilege – it was emphasized that the commissioning of these studies did not mean that they were prioritized over the other issues; and
- a recommendation to the Director General to make provision in the revised Program and Budget for 2009 for a conference on issues relating to the implications, including public policy implications, of patents on certain areas of public policy, such as health, the environment, climate change and food security.

Documents

The documents from the 2008 Assemblies (including the reports once they are published) are available from the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/38

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=a/45

PCT User Survey

WIPO is conducting a survey in order to obtain feedback from the PCT user community and to assess user satisfaction concerning all aspects of the PCT system. This survey will provide WIPO with valuable input on the needs, expectations and experiences of PCT users, and thereby help to improve existing practices and levels of service delivery.

We would very much appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the survey which is available on the WIPO website at:

<https://webaccess.wipo.int/opinio/s?s=2433>

Publication Schedule and Non-Working Days at the IB at the end of the year

Non-working days at the IB

The non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during December 2008 and January 2009, in addition to the weekends, will be 8, 25 and 26 December 2008, and 1 and 2 January 2009. The IB will be open for business on 29, 30 and 31 December 2008, and will then be open as usual as from Monday, 5 January 2009.

Closing dates of the PCT Information Service

The PCT Information Service will be closed from Wednesday, 24 December 2008 to Sunday, 4 January 2009, inclusive. It will reopen on Monday, 5 January 2009, at 9.00 a.m., Geneva (local) time.

Please note, however, that if you call the PCT Information Service (telephone number: (+41-22) 338 83 38) during the holiday period, there will be a message service and a telephone number will be provided for cases requiring urgent attention. It is recalled that the PCT

Information Service answers general inquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure to be followed during the international phase of the PCT.

Note that calls relating to specific international applications should be directed to the relevant processing team, the number for which is provided on the IB forms. Correspondence relating to specific applications should be addressed to the fax number indicated on the IB forms or to the PCT Document Section fax number: (+41-22) 338 82 70.

Publication schedule and technical preparations for publication

During the forthcoming holiday period, PCT applications which would normally have been published on Thursday, 25 December 2008 and Thursday, 1 January 2009, which are non-working days at WIPO, will be published a day earlier, on Wednesday, 24 December and 31 December 2008, respectively.

As from the publication date of 27 November 2008, the completion of technical preparations for publication will take place earlier than the usual 15 days before publication; the schedule for the completion of technical preparations will return to normal for international applications that will be published on 22 January 2009. For further details, see the following table, which gives the schedule for the publications that will be affected, and the respective dates by which any changes should be received by the IB.

International publication: dates affected by forthcoming holiday period	
<i>Date of international publication</i>	<i>Last day on which applicants' communications must reach WIPO</i>
Thursday, 20 November 2008	Tuesday, 4 November 2008 (normal schedule)
Thursday, 27 November 2008	Monday, 10 November 2008
Thursday, 4 December 2008	Friday, 14 November 2008
Thursday, 11 December 2008	Thursday, 20 November 2008
Thursday, 18 December 2008	Wednesday, 26 November 2008
Wednesday, 24 December 2008	Tuesday, 2 December 2008
Wednesday, 31 December 2008	Tuesday, 9 December 2008
Thursday, 8 January 2009	Monday, 15 December 2008
Thursday, 15 January 2009	Friday, 19 December 2008
Thursday, 22 January 2009	Tuesday, 6 January 2009 (normal schedule)

Any applicant who, in respect of an international application to be published during the above-mentioned period, wishes to make any change which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication, should be aware of the above-mentioned dates. For example, if the applicant wishes to withdraw the international application, a designation or a priority claim under PCT Rules 90bis.1(c), 90bis.2(e) or 90bis.3(e), in sufficient time to prevent international publication thereof, or if the applicant wishes to submit amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 and the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1 will expire soon, or wishes to change an indication concerning the applicant, agent, common representative or inventor under

PCT Rule 92bis – any such notice must reach the IB by the date indicated in the right hand column of the table if the changes are to be reflected in the international publication.

It is, as always, strongly recommended that applicants notify the IB of any change as early as possible before completion of technical preparations for publication, preferably by fax.

Reminder about Availability of Inventors' Addresses to Third Parties

It might be a matter of concern for certain inventors in certain situations that their name and address, once the international application has been published, is available to third parties by way of the bibliographical data that is published on the PATENTSCOPE® search service, and that such information may, in particular, be found by entering the inventor's family name in an Internet search engine. Note also that even if an inventor's address is changed before international publication, that address will be available in the file of the international application, and will be accessible to third parties after publication of the international application (see PCT Rule 94.1(b)). It is therefore advisable that applicants or their agents inform inventors, prior to filing the international application, that their name and address will be published and available to third parties, if it is included in the request form.

It is recalled that there is no requirement under the PCT that the address indicated in the request form (and subsequently published as part of the international application) be the inventor's **home address**. Various alternatives exist, including, where possible:

- using the address of the inventor's employer
- using a post office box number, or
- using the agent's address

Whatever address is chosen would ultimately be a matter for the applicants and inventors to decide, and may depend on the national law of the relevant designated Offices, however, for the purposes of the international phase, the International Bureau would not object to the use of an address which is not the inventor's home address.

Another option, where the address of at least one applicant has been furnished, for example where the international application has been filed by a corporate applicant, would be to not furnish an address for the inventor(s) at all (see PCT Rule 26.2bis(b)). For an explanation of what may happen if this option is chosen, as well as other information relating to the matter of the furnishing of the inventor's name and address, see the "Practical Advice" published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2007 at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2007/pct_news_2007_8.pdf.

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service: PCT File Contents Available Soon

The complete file contents of published PCT international applications (with the exception of certain documents, the communication of which the PCT does not permit (see, for example, PCT Article 38)) will soon be available online through the PATENTSCOPE® search service.

As a first step, the PCT Request Form (PCT/RO/101) is now available for PCT applications with an international filing date as from January 2006. Further documents, such as correspondence, copies of forms issued by Offices and other documents, will be added in the coming months. It is recalled that access to files of PCT applications is given according to PCT Rule 94.

Until now, access to the file has been on request only and subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service. However, access to the complete file contents of published PCT international applications is now available:

- Online and automatically via the PATENTSCOPE® search service
- Free of charge

Note, however, that it will not be possible to obtain certified copies in this way; these will continue to be available only upon request and on paper, and will remain subject to the payment of a fee.

Further information on access to the file of the international application is published in the chapter entitled: “Access by Third Parties to Documents in the File of the International Application” of the seminar presentation on the PCT Resources page at:

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

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

PT Portugal (PCT Rule 26bis.3(j), 49ter.1(g) and 49ter.2(h))

Further to its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rules 26bis.3(j) (restoration of right of priority by receiving Office), 49ter.1(g) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office) and 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. 06/2006), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal), in its capacities as receiving Office and designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 October 2008. PCT Rules 26bis.3(a) to (i), 49ter.1(a) to (f) and 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore apply with respect to the Office with effect from that date.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (PT), 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 Information Update

Fees payable in US dollars (various Offices)

As from 1 January 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in USD to various receiving Offices (see below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (AM, AP, AZ, BW, BY, BZ, CO, CR, CU, DO, EA, EC, EG, GE, GH, IB, IL, IN, KE, KG, KZ, LR, MD, NI, PG, PH, RU, SC, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, ZM and ZW))

AO Angola (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The International Bureau acting as receiving Office for the Angolan Institute of Industrial Property has specified the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Angola with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 27 December 2007.

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

CA Canada (fees)

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2008 that the Canadian Intellectual Property Office is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 29 September 2008, equivalent amounts in CAD have been established for the reductions under item 3(c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

GT Guatemala (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) has specified the Austrian Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Guatemala with the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) as receiving Office. (The USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search report has been prepared by the USPTO.)

SG Singapore (fees)

As from 1 December 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in SGD to the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in SGD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

US United States of America (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; fees; editorial changes)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has specified, with effect from 1 November 2008, the Australian Patent Office as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), in addition to the European Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the USPTO, for international applications filed by nationals or residents of the United States of America with the USPTO or the International Bureau as receiving Office. Note that the Australian Patent Office will not be a competent ISA or IPEA for international applications that contain one or more claims relating to mechanical engineering or analogous fields of technology – further detailed information will be provided shortly. Furthermore, the Australian Patent Office will act as an IPEA only if the international search is or has been performed by the Australian Patent Office.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the USPTO as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (the amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a "small entity"; certain other fees, not indicated, have not changed):

Basic national fee: USD 330 (165)

Search fee:

IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): [No change]

International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA: [No change]

Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO: USD 430 (215)

All other situations: USD 540 (270)

Examination fee:

IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): [No change]

All other situations: USD 220 (110)

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium): USD 270 (135)

Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: USD 220 (110)

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: USD 52 (26)

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: USD 390 (195)

In addition, there have been some editorial changes in the annexes. Please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (US), C (US), D (US), and the National Chapter (US).

See also "Fees payable in US dollars," above.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (US), C (US), D (US), and National Chapter (US))

Search fee (Australian Patent Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office)

There will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in USD (as from 1 December 2008), EUR (as from 15 December 2008) and ZAR (as from 1 January 2008) for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and as from 15 December 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The above-mentioned changes are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

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

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

Regulations under the PCT

Consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT in English and French, as in force from 1 January 2009, will be available shortly on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf

Request and demand forms in Russian

The July 2008 versions of the request (PCT/RO/101) and the demand (PCT/IPEA/401) forms in Russian, in editable PDF format, are now available on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/request/ed_request.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/demand/ed_demand.pdf

The International Bureau is most grateful to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation) (ROSPATENT) for preparing the translation of the forms.

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following Offices as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs): the Australian Patent Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, have been published in English and French on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html

Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PowerPoint presentations in Chinese, English and German

PowerPoint presentations containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations that entered into force on 1 July 2008 and that will enter into force on 1 January 2009 have

been updated and are now also available in Chinese and German. These presentations can be found at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/ppt/2008changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/ppt/2009changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2009changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/ppt/2009changes.ppt>

Seminar materials

Updated seminar materials covering all aspects of the PCT procedure and future developments are now available in a new format in German, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/seminar/basic_1/index.html

Collection of PCT User Strategies

A presentation entitled “Strategic Use of the PCT”, prepared by Mr. T. David Reed, has been added to the collection of PCT User Strategies on the PCT Resources page at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/pct_strategies/index.html

(This replaces the presentation entitled “Integrating PCT as Part of a Corporate Patent Strategy”.)

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of PCT-SAFE Client patch

An update patch, dated 26 September 2008, for the PCT-SAFE Client software may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

Note that this patch will only update the 1 July 2008 full installation of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.029.204) and must not be used to update any other version.

This patch includes the following changes:

- fully electronic filing with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office has been enabled (effective date 29 September 2008);
- the request form in Russian (dated 1 July 2008) is now available;
- El Salvador may be selected as receiving Office for PCT-EASY type applications;
- fee schedules have been updated where relevant; and
- other minor functionality enhancements and PCT updates.

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

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

Practical Advice

Seeking patent protection via the PCT in respect of States which have recently joined a regional patent organization

Q: On 5 December 2007, I filed an international application claiming the priority of an earlier application filed on 15 December 2006. I will be entering the national phase in the various States that interest me before 15 June 2009. In view of the fact that Norway, which was designated in my application for a national patent, became a member State of the European Patent Organisation on 1 January 2008, is it possible to obtain a European patent for Norway, instead of entering the Norwegian national phase separately before the Norwegian Industrial Property Office?

A: Under PCT Rule 4.9(a), the filing of the request constitutes the designation of all Contracting States that are bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of each kind of protection available, and for the grant of both regional and national patents. Since your international application was filed on 5 December 2007, a regional designation for a European patent (“EP designation”) and a national designation for Norway will have been included; the EP designation does not, however, include Norway as it was not a member State of the European Patent Organisation at that time. Although Norway became a member of the European Patent Organisation on 1 January 2008, before the date on which you will enter the national phase under PCT Article 22(1) (or 39(1)), it is the international filing date which determines which States are designated, which type(s) of protection is/are being sought, and which national or regional patents are being sought (PCT Rule 4.9(a)). An EP designation is, in effect, the designation of those States that are, at the date of filing of the PCT application, members of both the European Patent Organisation and the PCT – it is not possible to add a State to a regional designation after the international filing date of the application concerned (in the same way that it is not possible to add a designation for the purposes of obtaining a national patent).

If you wish to obtain patent protection in Norway on the basis of your PCT application, it will be necessary to pursue a national patent by entering the national phase directly before the Norwegian Industrial Property Office¹.

Any PCT application filed on or after 1 January 2008, the date on which Norway became a member of the European Patent Organisation, will automatically include the designation of Norway for the purposes of obtaining a European patent as well as a national patent, and applicants of those applications have the choice of whether to enter the national phase in Norway or whether to seek protection in that State via a European patent.

1. Note that the situation regarding the EP designation is the same for Croatia, which also became a member State of the European Patent Organisation on 1 January 2008. However, for international applications filed prior to that date, it is still possible, in the national phase, to extend European patent applications to Croatia, provided that the international application includes the designation of Croatia for a national patent, as well as an EP designation (that is, that the automatic designations of Croatia and EP have not been withdrawn). For further information on the extension of European patents to Croatia, see *PCT Newsletter Nos. 05/2004*, page 3, and *12/2004*, page 7, at: http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2004/pct_news_2004_5.pdf and http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2004/pct_news_2004_12.pdf.

It is important that applicants and their agents be vigilant as to which Contracting States are covered by a regional patent when they enter the national phase, to ensure that they do not make the mistake of presuming that they will be able to obtain a regional patent in a particular State, when they should in fact be taking the necessary steps to enter the national phase in that State directly with the national Office concerned.

PCT Seminar Calendar (situation on 1 October 2008)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10 October 2008 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
13–14 October 2008 Hyderabad (IN)	English	Roving seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Moayedoddin, Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Aeri	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (Mr. T.C. James, Director) E-mail: tcj@nic.in
15 October 2008 Munich (DE)	German	Presentation on the recent developments in the PCT system, within the framework of the 4 th Annual Conference about Intellectual Property Law WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speakers: Mr. Naumann (European Patent Office) and Mr. Molnia (Dorries Frank-Molnia & Pohlman (df-mp), Munich)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
16–17 October 2008 Kolkata (IN)	English	Roving seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Moayedoddin, Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Aeri	(See Hyderabad, above)
20–21 October 2008 Ahmedabad (IN)	English	Roving seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Aeri	(See Hyderabad, above)
20 October 2008 Helsinki (FI)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Ilmarinen) Tel: (358-9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358-9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
21 October 2008 Muscat (OM)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Trpkovska	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Intellectual Property Department (Mrs. Fatima Al-Ghazali, Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman) Tel: (41-22) 758 96 64 Fax: (41-22) 758 13 59 E-mail: ghazali92@hotmail.com , oman_wto@bluewin.ch
22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT update for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
23–24 October 2008 Mumbai (IN)	English	Roving seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Aeri	(See Hyderabad, above)
24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT update WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk
30–31 October 2008 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	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
3–4 November 2008 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
5–7 November 2008 Montevideo (Uruguay)	Spanish	Regional Forum on the PCT for Latin American countries WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy	National Directorate of Industrial Property (Mrs. Rosario Moreira) Tel: (598-2) 903 09 23 Fax: (598-2) 903 11 40 E-mail: rmoreira@dnpi.miem.gub.uy
6–7 November 2008 Prague (CZ)	English	National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Trpkovska and Ms. Bonvallet	Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic (Mr. Joseph Kratochvil) Tel: (420) 220 383 111 E-mail: jkratochvil@upv.cz
11–12 November 2008 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
13 November 2008 Reykjavík (IS)	English	PCT training course WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Icelandic Patent Office (Ms. Elfa Ólafsdóttir) Tel: (354) 580 94 00 Fax: (354) 580 94 01 E-mail: elfa@Einkaleyfastofan.is
17–18 November 2008 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	Basic 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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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
18 November 2008 Miami (US)	English	“Patent Cooperation Treaty for the Americas” colloquium For further information see: www.pctcolloquium2008.org	WIPO, ASIPI, FICPI and AIPLA For conference questions: E-mail: secretaria@asipi.org For online registration: Internet: www.pctcolloquium2008.org For on-line registration questions: E-mail: ocaliaga@mepproductions.com
19 November 2008 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	Japan Patent Office Regional Branch Administration Section, Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division Tel: (81-3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 E-mail: PA02C0@jpo.go.jp
20 November 2008 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Osaka, above)
20–21 November 2008 Boston, Massachusetts (US)	English	Seminar on PCT practices and procedures WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reischle	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Janice Roussel) Tel: (1-617) 526 68 04 Fax: (1-617) 526 50 00 E-mail: Janice.Roussel@wilmerhale.com
26 November 2008 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Osaka, above)
27–28 November 2008 Zurich (CH)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the ETH Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property program WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich (ETH), Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property (Ms. Caroline Frischknecht) Tel: (41-44) 632 68 08 Fax: (41-44) 632 13 67 E-mail: frischknecht@recht.gess.ethz.ch Internet: www.masip.ethz.ch
9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and 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
11–12 December 2008 London (GB) [previously announced as 4–5 December 2008]	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
4 February 2009 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
10–11 February 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10–11 March 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
24–25 April 2009 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1-603) 225 96 47 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php
27–28 April 2009 Falls Church, Virginia (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP (Ms. Elizabeth Richards) Tel: (1-703) 205 80 00 Fax: (1-703) 205 80 50 E-mail: ClientRelations@bskb.com Internet: www.bskb.com
30 June 2009 Cologne (DE)	German	PCT update WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de

Other IP events

Strategic Innovation, Product Design & Development and Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Chennai (India), 2 to 5 December 2008

A four-day intensive program designed for middle to senior level executives who wish to learn how to strategically use the intellectual property regime to fuel innovation, maximize return on investment in R&D and move their firm up the technology ladder. The program blends innovation with product design and development and intellectual property management to offer a unique learning experience. Thought leaders and senior executives from leading business schools, corporate organizations and WIPO reveal unique insights and experiences on strategic IP management using lectures, case studies, best practices and group discussions. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from each other, share experiences, reflect and apply the principles and practices of IP management in their own business environment.

For registration, please visit: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/ For further information please contact the Research & Executive Program, WIPO Worldwide Academy, World Intellectual Property Organization, 34, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. E-mail: execed.academy@wipo.int; tel: (+41-22) 338 91 11; Fax: (+41-22) 740 14 17

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 October 2008, 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 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 October 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG Information not yet available							
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,343	15	102	204	305	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL 80	BGL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH Information not yet available							
BR	BRR 305	BRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 October 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,289	15	97	194	291	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP ⁹ —	COP eq USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	eq USD 15 (14)	eq USD 101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,320	70	480	950	1,430	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
EA	RUR 1,600	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP US
EP	EUR 110	EUR 848	10	—	128	191	EP
ES	EUR 69.25	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 848	10	—	128	191	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 675	8	51	101	152	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GEL ¹⁰ 10	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
GT	Information not yet available						AT, US
HN	Information not yet available						
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 October 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸			
IB	CHF ¹² or EUR ¹² or USD ¹²	100 64 101	CHF or EUR or USD (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	1,330 848 1,338 (14)	15 10 15 (14)	100 64 101 (91)	200 128 201 (182)	300 191 302 (273)	See footnote 13
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	848	10	64	—	—	EP
IL	ILS	503	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK	101,400	1,100	7,600	—	—	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	10	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	133,400	1,500	10,000	—	30,100	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ²⁵⁰ plus cost of mailing	250	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available								
KN	Information not yet available								
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,327,000	15,000	100,000	—	299,000	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT	7,360	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ⁹	—	LSL	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR	848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR	848	10	—	—	—	EP
LV	LVL	47.20	EUR	848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LY	LYD ⁹	—	CHF	1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
MA	None		CHF	1,330	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 ¹⁵	EUR	848	10	—	—	—	EP
MD	USD	40	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
MN	None		CHF	1,330	15	100	—	—	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	848	10	64	—	—	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	182,500	2,100	13,700	—	—	EP
MX	MXP eq USD 323.70		MXP	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR	375 ¹⁶	MYR	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 October 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
NI	USD 200	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,820	80	510	—	—	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁷	NZD 1,704	19	128	—	—	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ —	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	201 (182)	302 (273)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 34.34	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,960	90	600	1,200	1,790	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,845 (from 1.12.08: 1,708)	21 (19)	139 (128)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ —	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	201 (182)	— (—)	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 October 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 9,510 (from 1.11.08: 10,030)	110 (110)	720 (750)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	eq USD 15 (14)	eq USD 101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 October 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹										
AT	EUR 200 * (from 1.11.08: USD 314)	CHF 330	KRW 306,000	SGD 420	USD* 282	ZAR 2,380					
AU	AUD 1,600 USD*** 1,514 * (from 15.12.08: EUR 919) ** (from 1.11.08: NZD 2,029) *** (from 1.12.08: USD 1,302) **** (from 1.1.09: ZAR 10,540)	CHF 1,594 ZAR**** 11,640	EUR* 987	KRW 1,590,000	NZD** 1,859	SGD 2,084					
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,587	EUR 995	USD 1,597							
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 328	EUR 199	USD 280							
EP ¹⁸	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR 20,650 * (from 1.11.08: GBP 1,352)	CHF 2,726 NOK 13,440 NZD 3,395	DKK 12,670 SEK 15,830	GBP* 1,273 ISK* 192,000 SGD 3,530	JPY 268,800 USD 2,665						
ES ¹⁸	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,665								
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,665								
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 926	EUR 600	KRW 924,000	USD 949						
KR	KRW 225,000 * (from 15.10.08: USD 220)	CHF 226	EUR 148	NZD 289	SGD 320	USD* 244					
RU ¹⁹	USD 500	CHF 507	EUR 319								
SE	SEK 15,830 USD 2,665 * (from 1.11.08: ISK 207,000)	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK* 192,000	NOK 13,440					
US	USD 1,800 * (from 15.12.08: EUR 1,225)	CHF 1,789	EUR* 1,154	NZD 2,370	ZAR 14,000						
XN	DKK 12,670	CHF 2,726	EUR 1,700	ISK 192,000	NOK 13,440	USD 2,665					

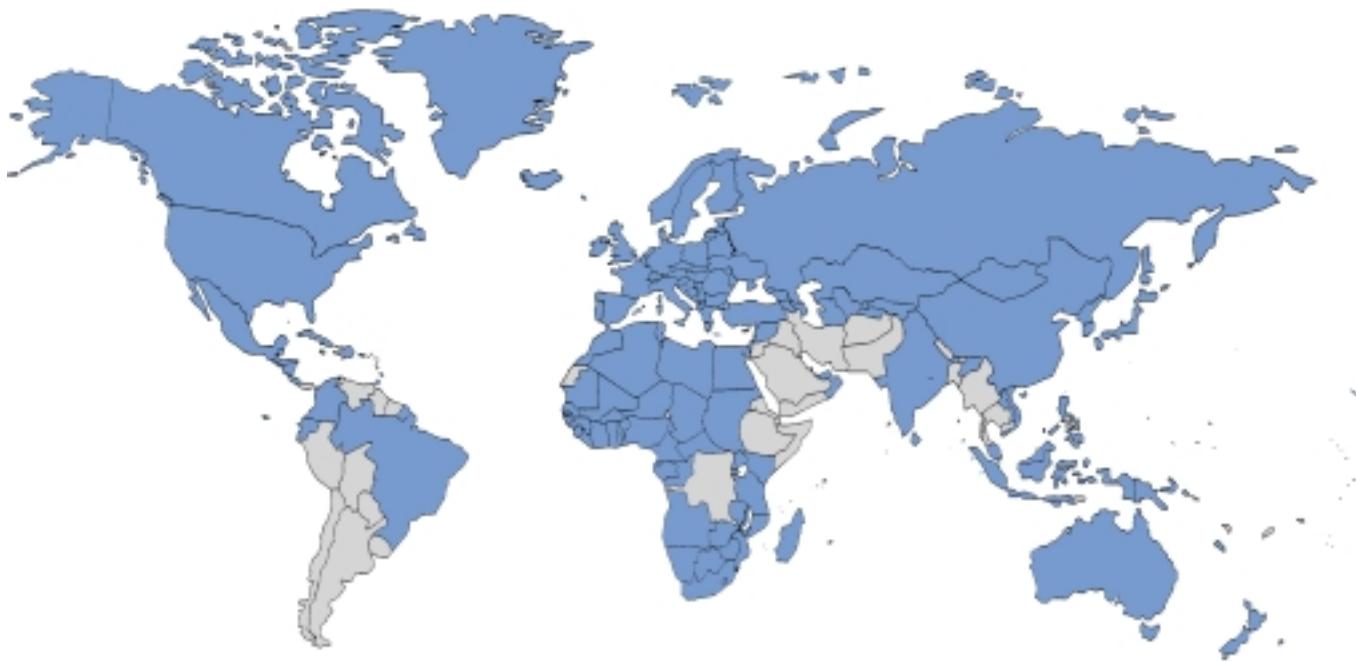
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 October 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁰		Handling fee ^{2, 20} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²¹	AUD	196
CA	CAD	800		CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁸	EUR	1,675		EUR	121
ES	EUR	544.44		EUR	121
FI	EUR	550		EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW	157,000
RU ¹⁹	USD	200 ²²	300 ²³	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,110
US	USD	600	750 ²⁴	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 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, in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, page 446, available at: www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj000/10_00/10_4460.pdf). For a more detailed explanation of those conditions, together with a list of the States whose nationals and residents are entitled to this reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/epo_fee_reduction.html
- 19 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 20 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 21 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 23 In all cases where footnote 22 does not apply.
- 24 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 (139 on 1 October 2008)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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 July 2008) 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: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: 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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Budapest Treaty

Accession by Bosnia and Herzegovina and Peru

Peru (country code: PE) (which is not a PCT Contracting State) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (country code: BA) (which is a PCT Contracting State), deposited, on 20 and 27 October 2008, respectively, their instruments of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 72. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to those States on 20 and 27 January 2009, respectively. An updated table of States party to the Budapest Treaty is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/documents/pdf/budapest.pdf>

It is recalled that the Budapest Treaty permits the disclosure of an invention involving a microorganism, or the use of a microorganism or other biological material, by effecting a deposit of a sample of the microorganism with a specialized institution. It thus eliminates, before the national patent Offices of the Contracting States of the Budapest Treaty and the regional Offices that have filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Treaty, the need to deposit such a sample in each country in which protection is sought.

Warning about Requests for Payment of Fees

Reference is made 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.

PCT applicants and agents have informed the International Bureau that some of these requests to pay fees are now being sent in envelopes which appear to bear the WIPO/OMPI logo and WIPO's address. Please carefully review all such requests. The services which are being offered in these invitations do not come from WIPO. To see examples of such requests for payments 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.htm

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, which may or may not appear to originate from WIPO, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau:

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fax: +41 22 338 83 39
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PCT Information Update

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 January 2009, 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 amount in AUD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

BH Bahrain (general information)

General information about Bahrain as a PCT Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the National Patent Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (BH), Annex C (BH), and the National Chapter, Summary (BH)) on the PCT Resources page at:

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

CR Costa Rica (name of Office; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses; time when name and address of inventor must be given; fees)

The name, the telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail address of the Registry of Industrial Property have changed, and the Office has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office: Registro de la Propiedad Industrial
Registry of Industrial Property

Telephone: (506) 2234 1537

Fax: (506) 2234 1537

E-mail: lalvarez@rnp.go.cr
kquesada@rnp.go.cr

Internet : <http://www.rnp.go.cr>

In addition, the Office has discontinued the use of its teleprinter.

The Office has notified a change in its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Costa Rica is designated or elected, as follows:

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of 15 days.

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

For patent:

Filing fee :	USD	500
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (CR) and National Chapter, Summary (CR))

FI Finland (time limit for entry into the national phase)

Further to the information published on the cover page of *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2005, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, in its capacity as designated and elected Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 December 2008, the 31-month time limit under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) will also apply where national protection by means of a utility model is being sought in Finland, in addition to where national protection by means of a patent is being sought.

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

JP Japan (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The Japan Patent Office has notified the deletion of the Institute for Fermentation (IFO) from the list of depositary institutions with which deposits of microorganisms may be made for the purposes of patent procedure.

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

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

Reference is made to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2008 that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has, with effect from 1 November 2008, specified, subject to certain limitations, the Australian Patent Office as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed by nationals or residents of the United States of America with the USPTO or the International Bureau as receiving Office (in addition to the other Authorities which it had already specified). It is recalled that the Australian Patent Office will not, however, be a competent ISA or IPEA for such an international application if it contains one or more claims relating to "mechanical engineering or analogous fields of technology".

The list of excluded subject matter, as agreed between the Australian Patent Office and the USPTO (defined by International Patent Classification class) is reproduced below:

"A01-	AGRICULTURE; FORESTRY; ANIMAL HUSBANDRY; HUNTING; TRAPPING; FISHING, <u>all classes except A01H, A01N, A01P</u> (ie new plants or processes of obtaining them thereof, preservation of human, animals bodies or plants, biocidal, pest repellent, pest attractant or plant growth regulatory activity of chemical compounds or preparations)
A21-	BAKING; EQUIPMENT FOR MAKING OR PROCESSING DOUGHS; DOUGHS FOR BAKING <u>all classes except A21D</u> , (ie. Treatment of flour or dough for baking)

A22-	BUTCHERING; MEAT TREATMENT; PROCESSING POULTRY OR FISH
A23N-	MACHINES OR APPARATUS FOR TREATING HARVESTED FRUIT, VEGETABLES OR FLOWER BULBS IN BULK
A23P-	SHAPING OR WORKING OF FOODSTUFFS
A24-	TOBACCO; CIGARS; CIGARETTES
A41-47	PERSONAL AND DOMESTIC ARTICLES (e.g. headgear (A42), footwear (A43), haberdashery (A44))
A61-	MEDICAL OR VETERINARY SCIENCE, <u>all classes except A61K, A61L, A61P and A61Q</u> (ie preparations for medical, dental or toilet purposes, methods, apparatus for sterilising materials or objects, chemical aspects of bandages, dressings, absorbent pads, or surgical articles, therapeutic activity of chemical compounds, use of cosmetics or similar toilet preparations)
A62-	LIFE-SAVING <u>all classes except A62D</u> (ie chemical means for extinguishing fires, processes for making harmful chemical substances harmless, or less harmful, by effecting a chemical change, composition of materials for coverings or clothing for protecting against harmful chemical agents; composition of materials for transparent parts of gas-masks, respirators, breathing bags or helmets; composition of chemical materials for use in breathing apparatus)
A63-	SPORTS; GAMES; AMUSEMENTS
B06-	GENERATING OR TRANSMITTING MECHANICAL VIBRATIONS IN GENERAL
B21, B23-B27	<u>all except B23K</u> (ie soldering or unsoldering; welding; cladding or plating by soldering or welding; cutting by applying heat locally, e.g. flame cutting; working by laser beam)
B31-	MAKING PAPER ARTICLE WORKING PAPER
B60-B68	<u>all except B60L, B60M and B60Q</u> (ie electric equipment or propulsion of electrically-propelled vehicles; magnetic suspension or levitation for vehicles; electrodynamic brake systems for vehicles, in general, power supply lines, or devices along rails, for electrically-propelled vehicles, arrangement of signalling or lighting devices, the mounting or supporting thereof or circuits therefor, for vehicles in general)
D01-D07	Textiles <u>all except D06L, D06M, D06N, D06P, D06Q</u> (ie bleaching, treatment of fabrics, dyeing or printing textiles, decorating textiles)
E01-E06	FIXED CONSTRUCTION
E21-	EARTH OR ROCK DRILLING; MINING
F01-F04	MACHINES
F15-F17	ENGINEERING ELEMENTS, ACTUATORS, STORAGE OR DISTRIBUTION OF GASES OR LIQUIDS
F41-F42	WEAPONS, AMMUNITION

G04-	HOROLOGY
G06-	COMPUTING; Calculating; Counting
G10-	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
G11-	INFORMATION STORAGE"

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

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

Australian Patent Office	CHF, SGD
European Patent Office	USD, ZAR
Japan Patent Office	KRW
Nordic Patent Institute	ISK
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	USD
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	USD
United States Patent and Trademark Office	CHF, NZD

As from 15 January 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in SGD for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

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

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Non-working Days at the IB

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the International Bureau (IB) will not be open for business are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2009, the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and

1 and 2 January 2009

10 and 13 April 2009

21 May 2009

1 June 2009

10 September 2009

27 November 2009

24, 25 and 31 December 2009

Note that the days indicated above concern only the IB and not the national Offices and other international organizations. The closing dates in 2009 for other Offices will be available shortly at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/closingdates.htm>

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

PCT website in Chinese

Work is continuing on the updating of resources in Chinese on the PCT website (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/>). Details about the PCT Information Service have now been added in Chinese at:

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

Portuguese and Spanish versions of the PCT Regulations

Consolidated versions of the PCT Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2008, are now available in Portuguese and Spanish on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/pdf/regs.pdf>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/regs.pdf>

PCT User Survey

We would like to remind PCT users that WIPO is conducting a survey in order to obtain feedback from the PCT user community and to assess user satisfaction concerning all aspects of the PCT system. This survey will provide WIPO with valuable input on the needs, expectations and experiences of PCT users, and thereby help to improve existing practices and levels of service delivery.

We would very much appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the survey which is available on the WIPO website at:

<https://webaccess.wipo.int/opinio/s?s=2433>

Practical Advice

Payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office when filing international applications with that Office on a regular basis

Q: The company I work for files several international applications a month, and since our usual receiving Office does not accept international applications filed electronically, we have decided to start filing our international applications electronically with the International Bureau as receiving Office; by doing this, we will be able to benefit from the fee reductions associated with filing applications electronically. Given that we will have to pay fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office on a regular basis, is it possible to open an account with the International Bureau for that purpose, and would that account serve for the payment of other fees to WIPO?

A: It is possible to open a current account in Swiss francs with WIPO, and to authorize the charging of that account when paying fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), and may be worthwhile to do so if you file international applications on a regular basis with the RO/IB. Please be aware that the holding of an account at another receiving Office is

not sufficient to enable payments to be made to the RO/IB – you must hold an account with WIPO.

One advantage of having a current account with WIPO is that it facilitates fee payments as there is a section on the fee calculation sheet annexed to the request form specifically for authorizing the receiving Office to charge the applicant's account at WIPO. If the filing is made using the PCT-SAFE software, whether filing in fully electronic form or on paper with the request in PCT-EASY format, the PCT-SAFE software also allows applicants to authorize the charging of their WIPO account (see the "Payment" page of the Electronic Request).

Furthermore, if you have a WIPO current account and have marked the appropriate check-box of the fee calculation sheet (the second check-box in the authorization section) or selected the appropriate box in the above-mentioned payment page of the PCT-SAFE software, and there is a mistake in the calculation of the fees due upon filing, the receiving Office will be authorized to charge any deficiency (or credit any overpayment, as the case may be) in the fees you have calculated, without the need for it to invite you to pay the extra amount, and for you to arrange for a second payment. This saves time and effort for both parties, and reduces the risk of loss of rights for the applicant. Each time fees have been charged to your account, you will receive confirmation of payment by way of Form PCT/RO/102.

Note that, although current accounts at WIPO are held in Swiss francs only, deposits are accepted in other currencies, provided that that currency is freely convertible into Swiss francs – the amount of that deposit would then be converted into Swiss francs according to the prevailing rate of exchange.

If you hold a current account, you must ensure that you have adequate funds to cover all charged fees. Thus, the amount that you credit to the account will need to be sufficient to cover international filing and search fees.

A current account at WIPO can also be used for other purposes, for example:

- the payment of other RO/IB fees, such as the fee for the establishment of a priority document by that Office (PCT Rule 21.2);
- the payment of fees to the IB other than in its capacity as receiving Office, such as the early publication fee (PCT Rule 48.4(a));
- the payment of fees related to other forms of intellectual property protection, for example the registration of marks under the Madrid System or the registration of industrial designs under the Hague System; or
- the purchase of WIPO publications.

If you wish to make use of your WIPO current account to pay fees other than those which are due upon filing a PCT application (and are therefore not making use of the authorization boxes on the fee calculation sheet or in the PCT-SAFE software), a written authorization must be made which should clearly identify the purpose of the payment, the number of your WIPO current account, and, where applicable, any particulars necessary to identify the application in respect of which payment is being made, namely: the name of the applicant, the file reference or, if known, the international application number.

Note that the following modes of payment to WIPO are also possible:

- by bank transfer to WIPO's bank account (for payments in Swiss francs, US dollars or euro);

- by credit card (in the case of PCT applications filed with the RO/IB, using Form PCT/RO/197; if using the PCT-SAFE software, that software provides for a secure means for furnishing the credit card details to the RO/IB);
- by transfer to WIPO's postal account (for payments in Swiss francs only);
- by check made payable to the World Intellectual Property Organization (for payments in Swiss francs, US dollars or euro) (consideration is currently being given to the elimination of this payment method).

For further details on how to pay using the above-mentioned modes of payment, see:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/modes.htm>

and for information specifically about the opening of a current account at WIPO, see:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/account.htm>

or contact our finance department by e-mail at: income.accounts@wipo.int.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(situation on 1 November 2008)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5–7 November 2008 Montevideo (Uruguay)	Spanish	Regional Forum on the PCT for Latin American countries WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy	National Directorate of Industrial Property (Mrs. Rosario Moreira) Tel: (598-2) 903 09 23 Fax: (598-2) 903 11 40 E-mail: rmoreira@dnpi.miem.gub.uy
6–7 November 2008 Prague (CZ)	English	National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Trpkovska and Ms. Bonvallet	Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic (Mr. Joseph Kratochvil) Tel: (420) 220 383 111 E-mail: jkratochvil@upv.cz
11–12 November 2008 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
13 November 2008 Reykjavík (IS)	English	PCT training course WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Icelandic Patent Office (Ms. Elfa Ólafsdóttir) Tel: (354) 580 94 00 Fax: (354) 580 94 01 E-mail: elfa@Einkaleyfastofan.is
17–18 November 2008 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	Basic 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 November 2008 Miami (US)	English	“Patent Cooperation Treaty for the Americas” colloquium For further information see: www.pctcolloquium2008.org	WIPO, ASIPI, FICPI and AIPLA For conference questions: E-mail: secretaria@asiipi.org For online registration: Internet: www.pctcolloquium2008.org For on-line registration questions: E-mail: oaliaga@meproductions.com
19 November 2008 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	Japan Patent Office Regional Branch Administration Section, Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division Tel: (81-3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 E-mail: PA02C0@jpo.go.jp
20 November 2008 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Osaka, above)
20–21 November 2008 Boston, Massachusetts (US)	English	Seminar on PCT practices and procedures WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reischle	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Janice Roussel) Tel: (1-617) 526 68 04 Fax: (1-617) 526 50 00 E-mail: Janice.Roussel@wilmerhale.com
26 November 2008 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Osaka, above)

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
27–28 November 2008 Zurich (CH)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the ETH Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property program WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich (ETH), Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property (Ms. Caroline Frischknecht) Tel: (41-44) 632 68 08 Fax: (41-44) 632 13 67 E-mail: frischknecht@recht.gess.ethz.ch Internet: www.masip.ethz.ch
9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and 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
11–12 December 2008 London (GB) <i>[previously announced as 4–5 December 2008]</i>	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
20–21 January 2009 Helsinki (FI)	Finnish	Seminar for patent administrators on the PCT and PCT-SAFE WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe	Helsinki University of Technology, Lifelong Learning Institute Dipoli (Ms. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358-9) 451 40 47 Fax: (358-9) 451 40 68 E-mail: arja.andsten@dipoli.tkk.fi Internet: www.dipoli.tkk.fi
4 February 2009 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
10–11 February 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Mülhausen	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
10–11 March 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
24–25 April 2009 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1-603) 225 96 47 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
27–28 April 2009 Falls Church, Virginia (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP (Ms. Elizabeth Richards) Tel: (1-703) 205 80 00 Fax: (1-703) 205 80 50 E-mail: ClientRelations@bskb.com Internet: www.bskb.com
30 June 2009 Cologne (DE)	German	PCT update WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de

Other IP events
<p>Strategic Innovation, Product Design & Development and Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Chennai (India), 2 to 5 December 2008</p> <p>A four-day intensive program designed for middle to senior level executives who wish to learn how to strategically use the intellectual property regime to fuel innovation, maximize return on investment in R&D and move their firm up the technology ladder. The program blends innovation with product design and development and intellectual property management to offer a unique learning experience. Thought leaders and senior executives from leading business schools, corporate organizations and WIPO reveal unique insights and experiences on strategic IP management using lectures, case studies, best practices and group discussions. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from each other, share experiences, reflect and apply the principles and practices of IP management in their own business environment.</p> <p>For registration, please visit: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/ For further information please contact the Research & Executive Program, WIPO Worldwide Academy, World Intellectual Property Organization, 34, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. E-mail: execed.academy@wipo.int; tel: (+41-22) 338 91 11; Fax: (+41-22) 740 14 17</p>

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 November 2008, 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 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 November 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG Information not yet available							
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,353 (from 1.1.09 1,510)	15 (17)	102 (114)	204 (227)	305 (341)	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL eq CHF 80	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US
BR	BRR 305	BRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 November 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,289	15	97	194	291	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP ⁹ —	COP eq USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	eq USD 15 (14)	eq USD 101 (91)	—	—	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	—	—	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	—	—	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,320	70	480	950	1,430	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	—	—	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
EA	RUR 1,600	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	—	—	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	—	—	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	—	—	AT EP US
EP	EUR 110	EUR 848	10	—	128	191	EP
ES	EUR 69.25	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 848	10	—	128	191	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 675	8	51	101	152	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GEL ¹⁰ 10	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	—	—	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
GT	Information not yet available						
HN	Information not yet available						
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 November 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸			
IB	CHF ¹² or EUR ¹² or USD ¹²	100 64 101 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 848 1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 10 15 <i>(14)</i>	100 64 101 <i>(91)</i>	200 128 201 <i>(182)</i>	300 191 302 <i>(273)</i>	See footnote 13
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	848	10	64	—	—	EP
IL	ILS	503	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 <i>(filing by indiv: 2,000)</i>	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK	101,400	1,100	7,600	—	—	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	10	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	133,400	1,500	10,000	—	30,100	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ²⁵⁰ plus cost of mailing	250	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available								
KN	Information not yet available								
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,327,000	15,000	100,000	—	299,000	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT	7,360	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ⁹	—	LSL	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR	848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR	848	10	—	—	—	EP
LV	LVL	47.20	EUR	848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LY	LYD ⁹	—	CHF	1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
MA	None		CHF	1,330	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 ¹⁵	EUR	848	10	—	—	—	EP
MD	USD	40	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	— <i>(-)</i>	EP RU
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	—	EP
MN	None		CHF	1,330	15	100	—	—	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	848	10	64	—	—	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	182,500	2,100	13,700	—	—	EP
MX	MXP eq USD	323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	—	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR	375 ¹⁶	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	—	AU EP KR

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 November 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
NI	USD 200	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,820	80	510	—	—	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁷	NZD 1,704	19	128	—	—	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ —	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	201 (182)	302 (273)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 34.34	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,960	90	600	1,200	1,790	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,845 (from 1.12.08: 1,708)	21 (19)	139 (128)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ —	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	201 (182)	— (—)	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						

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

(amounts on 1 November 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

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				Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 10,030	110	750	—	—	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	eq USD 15 (14)	eq USD 101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 November 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹										
AT	EUR 200	CHF 330	KRW 306,000	SGD 420	USD 314	ZAR 2,380					
AU	AUD 1,600	CHF* 1,594	EUR** 987	KRW 1,590,000	NZD 2,029	SGD* 2,084					
	USD*** 1,514	ZAR* 11,640									
	* (from 1.1.09: CHF 1,425)	SGD 1,870	ZAR 10,540)								
	** (from 15.12.08: EUR 919)										
	*** (from 1.12.08: USD 1,302)										
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,587	EUR 995	USD 1,597							
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 328	EUR 199	USD 280							
EP ¹⁸	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	GBP 1,352	ISK 207,000	JPY 268,800					
	MWK 344,000	NOK 13,440	NZD 3,395	SEK 15,830	SGD 3,530	USD* 2,665					
	ZAR* 20,650										
	* (from 1.1.09: USD 2,410)	ZAR 19,450)									
ES ¹⁸	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD* 2,665								
	* (from 1.1.09: USD 2,410)										
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,665								
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 926	EUR 600	KRW* 924,000	USD 949						
	* (from 1.1.09: KRW 1,331,000)										
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 226	EUR 148	NZD 289	SGD* 320	USD 220					
	* (from 15.1.09: SGD 267)										
RU ¹⁹	USD 500	CHF 507	EUR 319								
SE	SEK 15,830	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK 207,000	NOK 13,440					
	USD* 2,665										
	* (from 1.1.09: USD 2,410)										
US	USD 1,800	CHF* 1,789	EUR** 1,154	NZD* 2,370	ZAR 14,000						
	* (from 1.1.09: CHF 1,978)										
	** (from 15.12.08: EUR 1,225)										
XN	DKK 12,670	CHF 2,726	EUR 1,700	ISK* 192,000	NOK 13,440	USD 2,665					
	* (from 1.1.09: ISK 207,000)										

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

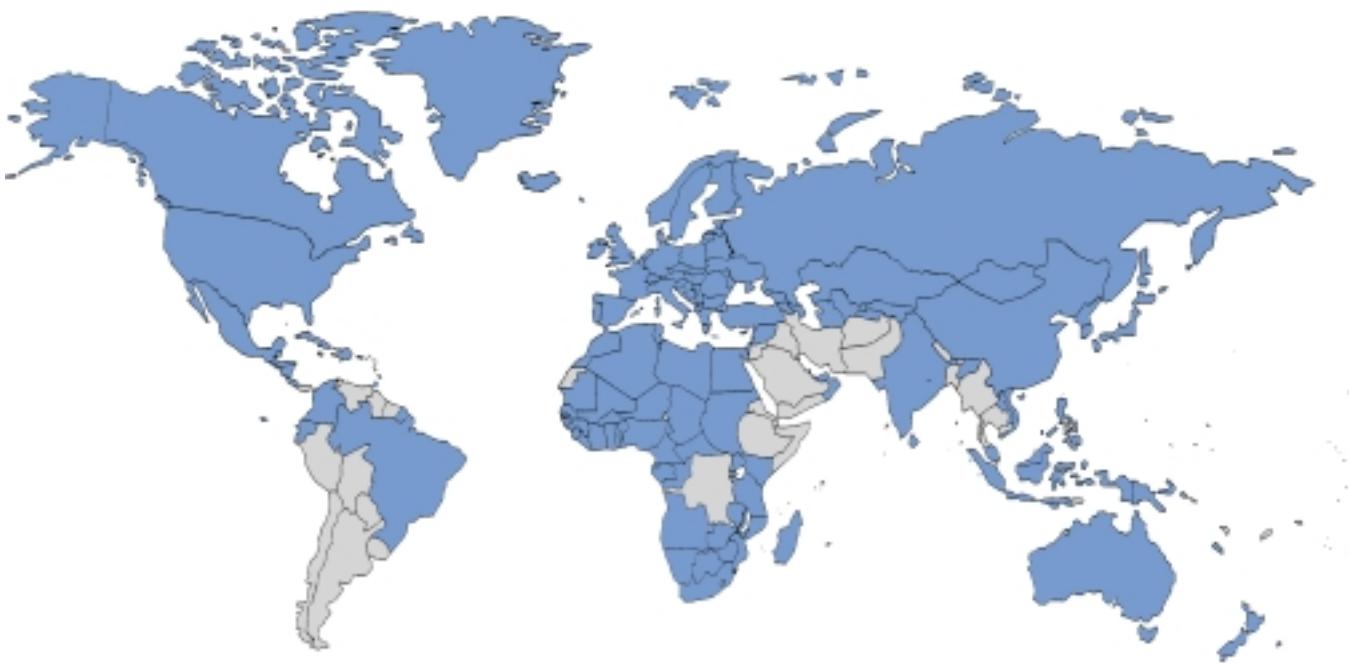
(amounts on 1 November 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁰		Handling fee ^{2, 20} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²¹	AUD	196
CA	CAD	800		CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁸	EUR	1,675		EUR	121
ES	EUR	544.44		EUR	121
FI	EUR	550		EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW	157,000
RU ¹⁹	USD	200 ²²	300 ²³	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,110
US	USD	600	750 ²⁴	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 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, in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, page 446, available at: www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj000/10_00/10_4460.pdf). For a more detailed explanation of those conditions, together with a list of the States whose nationals and residents are entitled to this reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/epo_fee_reduction.html
- 19 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 20 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 21 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 23 In all cases where footnote 22 does not apply.
- 24 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 (139 on 1 November 2008)



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

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

3 Only international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008 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 July 2008) 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: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: 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.

PCT NEWSLETTER

New PCT Service: Supplementary International Search

On 1 January 2009, PCT Rule 45bis will come into effect and the new PCT supplementary international search (SIS) service will be available to all applicants. This is an optional service, developed at the request of applicants, that allows additional searches to be performed during the international phase, in addition to the search prepared by the applicant's "usual" International Searching Authority (ISA). Three Authorities (the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the Nordic Patent Institute) will offer the service as from 1 January 2009; at least three more Authorities are expected to begin offering the service later in 2009 and in 2010.

Why is the new service being introduced?

It has always been recognized that no search can be guaranteed to find all of the relevant prior art. The main international search is intended to be of a high quality and to cover not only the PCT minimum documentation but also the additional range of documentation which would be searched by the ISA in its role as a national Office. Furthermore, Offices are working on technical systems to assist examiners in conducting an effective, broad search, as well as on quality management systems to encourage good practice. Nevertheless, there remain cases where highly relevant citations are only found during the national phase, once considerable additional expenditure has been incurred.

One of the major problems in finding relevant prior art is that the range of languages in which original technical disclosures are made is constantly increasing; no single Office is capable of searching even the whole of the PCT minimum documentation in its original language, let alone the large volume of other patent and non-patent literature containing original disclosures. Machine translation goes some way towards addressing this problem, but is still a long way from being a substitute for consideration of disclosures by an examiner who understands the original language.

The SIS service will thus allow applicants to reduce the risk of being faced with new citations during the national phase. It is not expected that SIS will be requested routinely, but rather as a strategic decision by the applicant, taken 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.

Moreover, it is up to the individual Authorities offering SIS 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. Some Authorities 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 "normal" (main) international search. Each Authority also sets its own fees for the service and it is up to the applicant to decide whether SIS is desirable in any particular case. The applicant is permitted to request more than one SIS on the same international application, if this is desired.

Which Authority can I use to carry out the supplementary international search?

In principle, subject to any limitations which may be set out by the Authority concerned, an ISA which has announced that it will act as an Authority specified for supplementary search will be able to act in such a capacity for any international application, irrespective of the receiving Office with which the application has been filed (as distinct from the international searching and preliminary examining authorities, which, under PCT Rules 35 and 59.1, depend on the receiving Office with which the application was filed).

What does a supplementary international search cover?

As regards the scope of documentation searched, each participating Authority defines the scope of its service. The services available from January 2009 are summarized in the table, below.

The SIS will be carried out on the application as filed (amendments under PCT Article 19 and/or 34 will not be considered) and will only cover one invention or group of inventions having unity of invention – there is no option for paying additional fees for the searching of multiple inventions. However, if the main ISA has identified a lack of unity before SIS is requested, the latter can be requested to concentrate on an invention which is not necessarily the first one claimed (PCT Rule 45bis.1(d)).

If not established in English, the resulting supplementary international search report will be translated into English by the International Bureau (IB).

How much will it cost?

Requests for SIS must be submitted directly to the IB and not to individual Authorities. There is a supplementary search handling fee of 200 Swiss francs to cover the costs of the IB and a supplementary search fee set by each Authority offering the service. These fees must be paid to the IB in Swiss francs within one month of filing the request for SIS. Applicants from certain States may be eligible for a 90% reduction in the supplementary search handling fee (please refer to the PCT Schedule of Fees, as in force from 1 January 2009, at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf).

Although there is no opportunity to pay for searches of additional inventions, it is permitted to request a review of any finding of lack of unity. The Authority may require a fee for this, which in this case is payable directly to the Authority in (one of) its accepted currency(ies).

Limitations of the service

The Authority may, subject to any special provisions, refuse to issue a supplementary search report for some or all of the claims in the following circumstances (in which case there is no refund of the fees):

- if the main ISA declares that no international search report will be established; or
- if the Authority would not carry out a main international search in the same case, for reasons of subject matter, clarity or failure to provide a sequence listing in the appropriate form.

The Authority may, according to PCT Rule 45bis.9, set out any limitations and conditions of the service in its agreement with the IB, for example, it may limit itself to a maximum number of

searches per year, or may only offer the service for certain technical fields. If no search is performed because of such a special limitation, the supplementary search fee will be refunded.

Summary of services offered from 1 January 2009

The requirements, fees and scope of the services offered from 1 January 2009 are as follows:

International Searching Authority specified for supplementary search	Required language of international application or translation	Fees (as at 1 January 2009)	Scope of search
Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation) (RU)	Russian or English	Supplementary search handling fee: CHF 200 Supplementary search fee: CHF equiv. of USD 350	<i>To be confirmed: For any international application:</i> At least the Russian language documentation held by the Authority in its collection and certain patent documentation in other languages published by the former Soviet Union or members of the Commonwealth of Independent States.
		Supplementary search handling fee: CHF 200 Supplementary search fee: CHF equiv. of USD 500	<i>To be confirmed: If the main ISA has issued a declaration that no International Search Report will be established due to the inventions relating to methods of treatment of the human or animal body:</i> At least the PCT minimum documentation, as well as the documentation specified in the above service.
Swedish Patent and Registration Office (SE)	Swedish, English, Danish or Norwegian	Supplementary search handling fee: CHF 200 Supplementary search fee: CHF 2,726	At least the PCT minimum documentation, as well as documents in Swedish, Danish, Finnish and Norwegian held by the Authority.
Nordic Patent Institute (XN)	Danish, English, Norwegian, Icelandic or Swedish	Supplementary search handling fee: CHF 200 Supplementary search fee: CHF 2,726	At least the PCT minimum documentation, as well as documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian, and Swedish held by the Authority.

More detailed information is published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex SISA (RU, SE and XN).

Note that the applicant may withdraw a request for SIS at any time prior to the issuance of either the supplementary international search report or the declaration by the Authority that no report will be established. As long as the IB has not yet transmitted the request for SIS to the Authority in question, both the handling fee and the supplementary search fee will be refunded to the applicant.

Further information

Further explanations of the SIS system are published in the “Practical Advice” in this issue, which discusses, in particular, the applicability of the new system and explains how to request SIS. For further information, see also:

- PCT Rule 45bis at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf
- *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex SISA (RU, SE and XN), which contains information on the fees payable for the benefit of those Offices, as well as the scope of an SIS by those Offices, and new Chapter VIIbis (which has not yet been finalized but will be available shortly) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- a new, detailed, PowerPoint presentation available at:
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/sis.ppt>

The Nordic Patent Institute and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office have published information on their roles as supplementary international searching authorities on their websites at, respectively:

<http://www.npi.int/PCT/Supplementary-International-Search/>

<http://www.prv.se/sis>

Application of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in Montenegro

It is recalled that, following the adoption by the National Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro of a declaration of independence on 3 June 2006, Montenegro deposited, on 4 December 2006, a declaration that the PCT continues to be applicable, as from 3 June 2006, as far as Montenegro is concerned (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2007 at: http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2007/pct_news_2007_1.pdf).

The Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Montenegro (Montenegrin Office) has informed the International Bureau (IB) that it started operations on 28 May 2008. Whereas the Government of the Republic of Montenegro has delegated, under PCT Rule 19.1(b), the functions of receiving Office under the PCT, in relation to international applications filed by nationals or residents of Montenegro, to the International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT, the Montenegrin Office has taken up its functions as designated and elected Office under the PCT as from 28 May 2008.

Effect in Montenegro of international applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

(1) Pursuant to the deposit of the declaration of continuation referred to above, nationals and residents of Montenegro may file international applications, and Montenegro is automatically designated in all international applications filed on or after 3 June 2006.

(2) The conditions under which international applications, or patents resulting therefrom, may continue to have effect in Montenegro are the following:

- any rights granted before 3 June 2006 by the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro on the basis of an international application shall have effect in Montenegro until the expiration of its term of protection or the term for which maintenance fees have been paid, without any additional registration or payment of any additional fees;

(b) any rights granted by the Serbian Office on or after 3 June 2006 but prior to the commencement of operation of the Montenegrin Office on the basis of an international application shall have effect in Montenegro until the expiration of its term of protection or the term for which maintenance fees have been paid, without any additional registration or payment of any additional fees;

(c) international applications which have entered the national phase and were pending before the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro or the Serbian Office at the time of the commencement of operation of the Montenegrin Office shall have effect in Montenegro as of the international filing date, provided that the applicant:

- i) files with the Montenegrin Office a request for the grant of the right not later than one year after the commencement of operation of the Montenegrin Office;
- ii) submits to the Montenegrin Office a copy of the application and of any attachment thereto, filed with the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro or the Serbian Office, together with the certificate of receipt of the application by the Office with which it was previously filed; and
- iii) pays the prescribed fee.

(d) international applications which have not entered the national phase before the Serbian Office and for which on 3 June 2006, the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) had not yet expired, shall have effect in Montenegro as of the international filing date, provided that the applicant:

- i) files with the Montenegrin Office a request for the grant of the right not later than one year after the commencement of operation of the Montenegrin Office or within the time limit under Article 22 or 39(1), whichever time limit expires later;
- ii) submits to the Montenegrin Office, where applicable, a translation of the application; and
- iii) pays the prescribed fee.

For further information, please contact the Montenegrin Office at the following address:

Intellectual Property Office

Bulevar Revolucije 5

Podgorica

Montenegro

Tel: (+382 20) 24 64 99

Fax: (+382 20) 24 64 96

E-mail: ziscg@cg.yu

Internet: <http://www.gov.me>

For information on the effects in Serbia of international applications filed under the PCT, see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 11/2006 and 06/2007 at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2006/pct_news_2006_11.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2007/pct_news_2007_6.pdf

Modifications to Administrative Instructions and to certain PCT Forms

Following the adoption of amendments to the Regulations under the PCT which will enter into force on 1 January 2009, a number of modifications have been made to Sections 102, 415, 420, 425 and 515 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and new Sections 436, 519 and 520 have been added. Furthermore, modifications to Section 204 have been made and a new Section 204bis has been added, modifying the recommended headings for certain sections of the international application and introducing recommendations for the presentation of the title of the invention and numbering of claims for consistency with the "Common Application Format" adopted in November 2007 by the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (see: <http://www.trilateral.net/news/20071130/index.php>). All new/modified Sections will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2009.

Modifications have also been made to certain forms used by the applicant, the International Searching Authority, the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority, and new forms have been introduced for use by the Authority specified for supplementary search.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/8), as in force from 1 January 2009, and the modified and additional forms, which are to be used from 1 January 2009, are available in PDF format, in English and French, on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/2009/index.html>

European Patent Convention

Accession by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia deposited its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 28 October 2008, and will become bound by that Convention on 1 January 2009.

Therefore, any international application filed on or after 1 January 2009 will include the designation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for a European patent (applicants should be aware that any international application filed before that date **will not include the designation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for a European Patent**, however, the extension system, as explained below, will continue to apply to all international applications filed prior to that date). Moreover, as from 1 January 2009, it will be possible for nationals and residents of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the State Office of Industrial Property (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) or the International Bureau of WIPO.

This accession brings the number of Contracting States of the EPC to 35.

Effect on the extension agreement between the EPO and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The extension agreement between the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the European Patent Organisation will terminate with the entry into force of the EPC in the former

Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on 1 January 2009. It will thereafter no longer be possible to extend European patent applications and patents to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The extension system will, however, continue to apply to all European and international applications filed prior to 1 January 2009, as well as to all European patents granted in respect of such applications.

Further information on the accession to the EPC by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is contained in the *Official Journal of the EPO* No. 11/2008 at:

http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj008/11_08/11_5078.pdf

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

EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees

On 21 October 2008, the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation made a decision concerning the reduction of the fees for international search and preliminary examination carried out on international applications in favor of nationals of certain States. That decision supersedes the decision of 11 October 2000 which was published in the *Official Journal of the EPO*, No. 10/2000 (see also *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000, page 3).

As a result of that decision, there will be a change, as from 1 January 2009, in the conditions for a 75% reduction in the search fee, the additional search fee, the preliminary examination fee and the additional preliminary examination fee, payable to the European Patent Office (EPO). As from that date, the fees will be reduced by 75% if the international application or the demand for international preliminary examination is filed by a natural person who is a national of and resident in a State which is not a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention, and which, on the date of filing of the application or of the demand, is listed as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy by the World Bank¹. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy these criteria.

The new conditions will apply, with respect to the reduction in the search fee, to all international applications filed on or after 1 January 2009, and, with respect to the reduction in the preliminary examination fee, to all demands filed on or after that date.

¹ The States which will meet the criteria on 1 January 2009 are as follows (PCT Contracting States are in bold print): Afghanistan, **Albania**, **Algeria**, **Angola**, **Armenia**, **Azerbaijan**, Bangladesh, **Benin**, Bhutan, Bolivia, **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, **Cameroon**, Cape Verde, **Central African Republic**, **Chad**, **China**, **Colombia**, **Comoros**, **Congo**, **Côte d'Ivoire**, **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, **Dominican Republic**, **Ecuador**, **Egypt**, **El Salvador**, Eritrea, Ethiopia, **Gambia**, **Georgia**, **Ghana**, **Guatemala**, **Guinea**, **Guinea-Bissau**, Guyana, Haiti, **Honduras**, **India**, **Indonesia**, Iraq, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, **Kenya**, Kiribati, **Kyrgyzstan**, **Lao People's Democratic Republic**, **Lesotho**, **Liberia**, **Madagascar**, **Malawi**, **Maldives**, **Mali**, Marshall Islands, **Mauritania**, Micronesia (Federated States of), **Mongolia**, **Morocco**, **Mozambique**, Myanmar, **Namibia**, Nepal, **Nicaragua**, **Niger**, **Nigeria**, Pakistan, **Papua New Guinea**, Paraguay, Peru, **Philippines**, **Republic of Moldova**, Rwanda, Samoa, **Sao Tome and Principe**, **Senegal**, **Sierra Leone**, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, **Swaziland**, **Syrian Arab Republic**, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, **Togo**, Tonga, **Tunisia**, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, **Uzbekistan**, Vanuatu, **Viet Nam**, Yemen, **Zambia**, **Zimbabwe**.

For further information, see the *Official Journal of the EPO* No. 11/2008 at:

http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj008/11_08/11_5218.pdf

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP) and E (EP))

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 February 2009, 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 amount in AUD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

BH Bahrain (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Patent Office (Bahrain) has specified 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 Bahrain with the National Patent Office as receiving Office.

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

EE Estonia (fees)

The Estonian Patent Office has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, and in the currency of the PCT-EASY fee reduction, with effect from 1 January 2009, from Estonian kroon (EEK) to Swiss franc (CHF), as indicated in Fee Table I(a). The amount and currency of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document (EEK) has not changed.

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 January 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amount in USD of the following fees, payable to the IB as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee: see Fee Table I(a)

Fee for priority document: USD 45

Supplement for airmail: USD 9

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

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 February 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as

receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in ISK of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) 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 15 February 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in JPY of the PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reduction listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

As from 15 February 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in KRW to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in KRW of the PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reduction listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

NO Norway (fees)

As from 1 February 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NOK to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in NOK of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (NO))

NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 February 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in NZD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

US United States of America (fees)

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office will change with effect from 12 January 2009, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Nordic Patent Institute, State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 January 2009, there will be two different amounts, depending on whether the international application has been filed in English or Korean, payable in KRW for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office. The equivalent amounts payable in CHF and EUR will also change accordingly (equivalent amounts in NZD, SGD and USD are not yet known and will be notified as soon as possible).

In addition, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute as from that date.

For the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, there will also be a change, as from 1 January 2009, in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland.

For information about the reduction applicable, with effect from 1 January 2009, in respect of fees payable to the European Patent Office for an international search, see "EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees", above.

As from 12 January 2009, there will be a change in the amount payable in USD, as well as in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and EUR, for an international search carried out by the United States Patent Office (equivalent amounts in NZD and ZAR are not yet known and will be notified as soon as possible), as indicated in Fee Table I(b), as well as a change in the amount of the additional search fee, as indicated below:

Additional search fee:	USD	2,080
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As from 1 February 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	USD
Austrian Patent Office.....	USD
Canadian Intellectual Property Office	USD
European Patent Office	ISK, NOK, NZD, ZAR
Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)	CHF, EUR
Japan Patent Office	CHF, EUR
National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	CHF
Nordic Patent Institute	CHF, ISK, NOK
State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China	EUR
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	ISK, NOK

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

Australian Patent Office	EUR, KRW, NZD, SGD
European Patent Office	JPY

Unless otherwise stated, the above-mentioned changes are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

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

Fees relating to the international preliminary examination (Korean Intellectual Property Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 January 2009 there will be changes in the amounts payable in KRW for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office, and in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Fee Table II. There will also be a change in the amount of the additional preliminary examination fee payable to the latter Office, as indicated below.

Additional preliminary examination fee:	EUR	555.33
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For information about the reduction applicable, with effect from 1 January 2009, in respect of fees payable to the European Patent Office for an international preliminary examination, see "EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees", above.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes E (ES) and (KR))

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

PCT Forms

The following PCT forms are now available in editable PDF format, in English and French, on the PCT Resources page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/2009/index.html>

Forms relating to the Power of Attorney:

Power of Attorney (PCT Rule 90.4)
General Power of Attorney (PCT Rule 90.5)

Forms relating to the International Bureau:

PCT/IB/372
PCT/IB/375
PCT/IB/380

Supplementary International Search: PowerPoint presentation

A PowerPoint presentation that provides practical guidance to applicants concerning supplementary international search is now available at:

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

Collection of PCT User Strategies

The first in a series of PCT strategy presentations, a presentation entitled “PCT for the Americas, How PCT Has Been a Success for a US Multinational, Procter & Gamble”, prepared by Timothy B. Guffey, Manager, Global Patent Services, The Procter & Gamble Company, has been added to the collection of PCT User Strategies on the PCT Resources page at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/pct_strategies/pct_for_the_americas_guffey.pdf

PCT Resources in Arabic

The Arabic part of the PCT Resources page has been updated and expanded in line with PCT Resources pages in other languages to improve navigability for Arabic-speaking users. Links to alternative language versions in English and, where available, French, are included where no translation in Arabic is available. See:

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

PCT Resources in Portuguese

The Portuguese part of the PCT Resources page has been updated and expanded in line with PCT Resources pages in other languages to improve navigability for Portuguese-speaking users, and now includes the list of PCT Contracting States, information about the PCT Information Service and a provisional version of the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 January 2009. Links to alternative language versions in English and, where available, French and Spanish, are included where no translation in Portuguese is available. See:

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

PCT Applicant's Guide

The Introduction to the International Phase which has been updated to take into account the July 2008 amendments to the PCT Regulations, is now available in French in HTML format, in addition to PDF format, at:

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

Modifications to Administrative Instructions and to certain PCT Forms

See separate item, above.

Time limits for entering the national phase

A revised version of the table of time limits for entering the national phase has been prepared and is available on the PCT resources page in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

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 User Survey (reminder)

For those PCT users who have not yet had the chance to complete WIPO's PCT user survey, we would like to stress that this survey is very important to the International Bureau (IB). Your responses will enable the IB to assess user satisfaction concerning all aspects of the PCT system, and will provide us with valuable input on your needs, expectations and experiences, as PCT users, and thereby help to improve existing practices and levels of service delivery.

We would very much appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the survey which is available on the WIPO website at:

<https://webaccess.wipo.int/opinio/s?s=2433>

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

(<http://www.wipo.int/pctdb>)

Modification of kind codes

As from 1 January 2009, publication codes ("kind codes"), which are used to distinguish PCT international applications published by the International Bureau (IB), will be modified.

International applications republished with alterations, amendments, corrections or supplements will be specifically distinguished from other documents by additional publication codes not previously used. The purpose of this change is to improve the usability of published PCT data and documents by more clearly identifying the reasons for republication of international applications.

In compliance with WIPO Standard ST.16, the following publication codes will be used (additional codes are denoted by bold italics):

Code	Publication details
A1	International application published with ISR
A2	International application published without ISR
A2	International application published with declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a)
A3	Later publication of ISR with revised front page
A4	Later publication of amended claims and/or statement (PCT Article 19) with revised front page
A8	International application republished with corrections to front page bibliographic data
A9	International application or ISR republished with corrections, alterations or supplements (see also WIPO Standard ST.50)

For example: under the present system, an international application published with an ISR would retain the publication code A1 after republication for any reason; under the new system, the application would be assigned the publication code A4 if republished with amended claims.

International applications affected

Changes in publication codes will be reflected in all international applications published or republished by the IB on or after 1 January 2009. International applications published or republished before that date will not be affected and will retain their original publication codes.

Products affected

The following WIPO products will be affected by these changes:

- PATENTSCOPE® Search Service;
- Weekly Published PCT Data on DVD (PCT Rule 87 and PCT Article 20 DVDs);
- Weekly Published PCT Data through FTP;
- Communication on request (COR).

The information below illustrates, by republication reason, the various situations in which the codes will change:

Modification of Kind Codes		
	Current system (until 31 December 2008)	New system (as from 1 January 2009)
1) International application published with international search report (ISR)	A1	A1
Amended claims and/or statement	A1	A4
Corrections to front page bibliographic data	A1	A8
Corrections, alterations or supplements	A1	A9
2) International application published without ISR	A2	A2
Amended claims and/or statement	A2	A4
Corrections to front page bibliographic data	A2	A8
Corrections, alterations or supplements	A2	A9
3) ISR (published separately from corresponding international application)	A3	A3
Amended claims and/or statement	A3	A4
Corrections to front page bibliographic data	A3	A8
Corrections, alterations or supplements	A3	A9

Practical Advice

International applications in respect of which a supplementary international search may be requested; how to request such a search.

Q: I have filed an international application claiming the priority of an earlier application filed on 11 June 2007. Will it be possible for me to take advantage of the new supplementary international search service that will start up on 1 January 2009, or is it only available for

international applications filed on or after that date? If I am eligible to request a supplementary search, please could you tell me how to do this?

A: The new supplementary international search service will be available not only to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2009, but also to existing international applications where the time limit for requesting supplementary international search (SIS) has not yet expired (PCT Rule 45bis.1(a)). The time limit for requesting SIS is 19 months from the priority date (or international filing date, if the application does not claim the priority of an earlier-filed application). Therefore, this new service will be available for any international application with a priority date on or after 1 June 2007.

It is expected that requests for SIS will normally be made after the applicant has received and assessed the main international search report, but this does not necessarily have to be the case (and will, unfortunately, sometimes not be possible where the main international search report is issued late). You should request SIS using Form PCT/IB/375, which should be filed with the IB and not sent directly to any of the Authorities specified for SIS. Form PCT/IB/375 is now available, in editable PDF format, on the PCT Resources page at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/2009/ed_ib375.pdf

When completing the supplementary search request form, you should select the International Searching Authority (ISA) which is to carry out the SIS, noting that this must be one of the three ISAs which are offering the SIS service from 1 January 2009, and that it cannot be the ISA which has carried out the “main search” under PCT Article 16(1). It is possible to have more than one SIS carried out on the same application (PCT Rule 45bis.1(a)), however, if you want to do this, a separate supplementary search request should be submitted for each SIS requested.

The fees for SIS, the supplementary search fee and the supplementary search handling fee, should be paid to the IB, in Swiss francs, within one month from the date on which the supplementary search request is received by the IB.

This request may need to be accompanied by:

- a translation of the international application into a language accepted by the Authority if the international application is not in such a language and the receiving Office has not yet forwarded a translation under PCT Rule 12.3 or 12.4; and/or
- a copy of any sequence listing in an acceptable electronic form if such a listing was not originally provided in the international application.

In accordance with PCT Rule 92.2(d), you must file the supplementary search request in English or French.

If your supplementary search request is received by the IB after the expiration of the applicable time limit, it will be considered not to have been submitted and there are no provisions for extending this time limit.

For further information, see:

- the item entitled: “New PCT Service: Supplementary International Search” in this issue
- Form PCT/IB/375 and in particular the Notes to that form, available at:
http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/2009/ed_ib375.pdf

PCT Seminar Calendar

(situation on 11 December 2008)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
11–12 December 2008 London (GB) <i>[previously announced as 4–5 December 2008]</i>	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
20–21 January 2009 Helsinki (FI)	Finnish	Seminar for patent administrators on the PCT and PCT-SAFE WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe	Helsinki University of Technology, Lifelong Learning Institute Dipoli (Ms. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358-9) 451 40 47 Fax: (358-9) 451 40 68 E-mail: arja.andsten@dipoli.tkk.fi Internet: www.dipoli.tkk.fi
4 February 2009 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
10–11 February 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Mülhausen	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
10–11 March 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
24–25 April 2009 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1-603) 225 96 47 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php
27–28 April 2009 Falls Church, Virginia (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP (Ms. Elizabeth Richards) Tel: (1-703) 205 80 00 Fax: (1-703) 205 80 50 E-mail: ClientRelations@bskb.com Internet: www.bskb.com
30 June 2009 Cologne (DE)	German	PCT update WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de

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PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 December 2008, 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 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 December 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG Information not yet available							
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,353 (from 1.1.09 1,510) (from 1.2.09: 1,645)	15 (17) (19)	102 (114) (124)	204 (227) (247)	305 (341) (371)	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL 80	BGL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP
BR	BRR 305	BRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 December 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,289	15	97	194	291	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP ⁹ —	COP eq USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	eq USD 15 (14)	eq USD 101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,320	70	480	950	1,430	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
EA	RUR 1,600	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP US
EP	EUR 110	EUR 848	10	—	128	191	EP
ES	EUR 69.25	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 848	10	—	128	191	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 675	8	51	101	152	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GEL ¹⁰ 10	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
GT	Information not yet available						
HN	Information not yet available						
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹² 100 or EUR ¹² 64 or USD ¹² 101 (from 1.1.09: 91)	CHF 1,330 or EUR 848 or USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 10 15 (14)	100 64 101 (91)	200 128 201 (182)	300 191 302 (273)	See footnote 13
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
IL	ILS 503	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE US

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 December 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
IS	ISK 7,700	ISK 101,400 (from 1.2.09: 129,500)	1,100 (1,500)	7,600 (9,700)	— (—)	— (—)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 133,400 (from 15.2.09: 113,200)	1,500 (1,300)	10,000 (8,500)	— (—)	30,100 (25,500)	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,327,000 (from 15.2.09: 1,614,000)	15,000 (18,000)	100,000 (121,000)	— (—)	299,000 (364,000)	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ⁹ —	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP RU
LY	LYD ⁹ —	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁵	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
MD	USD 40	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 182,500	2,100	13,700	—	—	EP
MX	MXP eq USD 323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁶	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,820 (from 1.2.09: 7,740)	80 (90)	510 (580)	— (—)	— (—)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁷	NZD 1,704 (from 1.2.09: 1,888)	19 (21)	128 (142)	— (—)	— (—)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ —	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 December 2008, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	201 (182)	302 (273)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 34.34	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,960	90	600	1,200	1,790	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,708	19	128	—	—	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848	10	64	—	—	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	—	—	—	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ —	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
US	USD 300 (from 12.1.09: 240)	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	201 (182)	— (—)	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 10,030	110	750	—	—	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	eq USD 15 (14)	eq USD 101 (91)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP RU

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Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 December 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹										
AT	EUR 200 * (from 1.2.09: USD 257)	CHF 330 USD 257)	KRW 306,000	SGD 420	USD* 314	ZAR 2,380					
AU	AUD 1,600 USD**** 1,302 * (from 1.1.09: CHF 1,425) ** (from 15.12.08: EUR 919) *** (from 15.2.09: EUR 855) **** (from 1.2.09: USD 1,091)	CHF* 1,594 ZAR* 11,640	EUR**;*** 987	KRW*** 1,590,000	NZD*** 2,029	SGD*;*** 2,084					
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 1.2.09: USD 1,309)	CHF 1,587 USD 1,309)	EUR 995	USD* 1,597							
CN	CNY 2,100 * (from 1.2.09: EUR 241)	CHF 328 EUR* 199	USD 280								
EP ¹⁸	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR*, *** 20,650 * (from 1.2.09: ISK 255,000) ** (from 15.2.09: JPY 212,600) *** (from 1.1.09: USD 2,410)	CHF 2,726 NOK* 13,440	DKK 12,670 NZD* 3,395	GBP 1,352 SEK 15,830	ISK* 207,000 SGD 3,530	JPY** 268,800 USD*** 2,665					
ES ¹⁸	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.1.09: USD 2,410)	CHF 2,726 USD* 2,665									
FI	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.2.09: CHF 2,525) ** (from 1.1.09: USD 2,410)	CHF* 2,726 USD** 2,665									
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.2.09: CHF 1,140) ** (from 1.1.09: KRW 1,331,000)	CHF* 926 EUR* 600	EUR* 752)	KRW** 924,000	USD 949						
KR	KRW 225,000* * (from 1.1.09: KRW 900,000 ¹⁹)	CHF 226 CHF 735 ¹⁹	EUR 148 EUR 475 ¹⁹	NZD 289	SGD 320	USD 220					
	(equivalent amounts in other currencies to follow)										
	KRW 450,000 ²⁰ CHF 367 ²⁰ EUR 237 ²⁰										
	(equivalent amounts in other currencies to follow)										
RU ²¹	USD 500 * (from 1.2.09: CHF 573)	CHF* 507 EUR 319									
SE	SEK 15,830 USD** 2,665 * (from 1.2.09: ISK 255,000) ** (from 1.1.09: USD 2,410)	CHF 2,726 DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK* 207,000	NOK* 13,440						
US	USD* 1,800 * (from 12.1.09: USD 2,080)	CHF*** 1,789 CHF 2,467	EUR**** 1,154 EUR 1,596)	NZD** 2,370	ZAR 14,000						
	(equivalent amounts in other currencies to follow)										
	** (from 1.1.09: CHF 1,978 NZD 2,700)										
	*** (from 15.12.08: EUR 1,225)										
XN	DKK 12,670 * (from 1.1.09: ISK 207,000) ** (from 1.2.09: CHF 2,525)	CHF** 2,726 ISK 255,000	EUR 1,700 NOK 14,830)	ISK*** 192,000	NOK** 13,440	USD* 2,665					

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

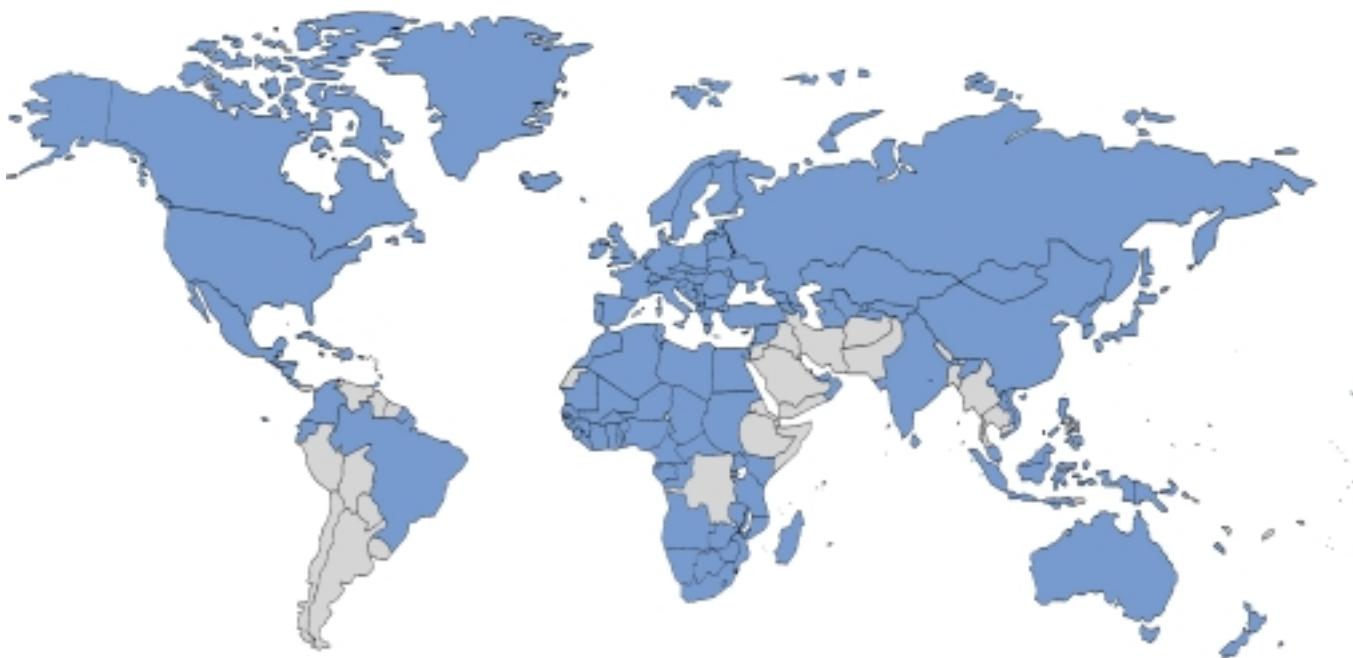
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IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²²		Handling fee ^{2, 22} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121
AU	AUD	550 780 ²³	AUD	196
CA	CAD	800	CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁸	EUR	1,675	EUR	121
ES	EUR	544.44 (<i>from 1.1.09 : 555.33</i>)	EUR	121
FI	EUR	550	EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	19,600
KR	KRW	225,000 (<i>from 1.1.09 : 450,000</i>)	KRW	157,000
RU ²¹	USD	200 ²⁴ 300 ²⁵	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,110
US	USD	600 750 ²⁶	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
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- 19 For international applications filed in English.
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