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## PRACTICALADVICE

### ***Appointment of an agent to represent an applicant in relation to any international application filed by that applicant***

*Q: I am one of a group of patent attorneys which has, on several occasions, represented a particular client company. The company is filing an increasing number of international applications and now wishes to be represented by attorneys from my firm on a regular basis. Will we need to ask an authorized officer of the company to sign a separate power of attorney each time an international application is filed, or is there any simplified procedure available for appointing all patent attorneys of my firm to act on the company's behalf in connection with all subsequent international applications that are filed?*

A: A general power of attorney may be filed in cases where the same agent, or group of agents, is to be appointed by the same applicant or applicants for more than one international application. As detailed below, such a practice alleviates the multiple execution and deposit of separate powers of attorney or the multiple signing by applicants of request forms. This procedure is available under the PCT, even if it is not known in your national practice.

### **Appointment to represent applicant before all International Authorities**

If the appointment is for the purposes of the international phase generally, the original of the general power of attorney

must be deposited with the receiving Office with which the international applications are going to be filed, and a good copy retained by the agent for use in preparing further copies. Subsequently, upon filing each international application, a photocopy of the general power of attorney must be submitted along with the international application, and the relevant check-box in Box No. VIII of the request form (Form PCT/RO/101) should also be marked (see PCT Rule 90.5).

If more than one receiving Office is going to be used for filing international applications (for example, the receiving Office of the country of which the applicant is a resident or national, or the International Bureau as receiving Office) an original general power of attorney must

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be deposited with **each** of those Offices. Any reference in the general power of attorney to the receiving Office should be to that with which the general power of attorney in question is deposited.

Although any number of applicants may sign the same general power of attorney, this may be impractical at times since the applicants or applicants/inventors will often vary for different inventions. It may, therefore, be more practical to have a separate general power of attorney executed by each applicant.

The general power of attorney will also be valid for representation of the applicant concerned before the International Bureau and the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities (ISA and IPEA).

#### **Appointment to represent applicant specifically before an ISA and/or IPEA**

A different agent may be appointed if the ISA or the IPEA is not the same Office as the receiving Office, for example, where the receiving Office is the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the applicant wishes the international search or international search and preliminary examination to be carried out by the European Patent Office. An agent who is based close to an ISA or IPEA, and who has been appointed to represent the applicant specifically before that ISA or IPEA, may be in a better position to deal with certain situations, for example, if the applicant intends to protest against a finding of lack of unity of invention, or if the agent needs to have an interview with the examiner at the IPEA. A different general power of attorney may, in such circumstances, be executed specifically for the procedure before the ISA or IPEA (see PCT Rule 90.5(b)) and should be deposited with the ISA or IPEA directly. For the procedure before the ISA, reference to the general power of attorney should be made in the first communication/letter addressed to the ISA in respect of a given case, and a photocopy of the general power of attorney should be attached. For the procedure before the IPEA, upon filing the demand, in each case, a photocopy of the general power of attorney should be submitted and the relevant check-box in Box No. VI of that form should be marked.

Whenever a copy of the signed original of a general power of attorney is submitted in respect of an international application, that copy need not, itself, bear a fresh (original) signature (see PCT Rule 90.5(a)(ii)).

It is important to note that the general power of attorney does not extend beyond the international phase into the national phase, unless the form used specifically indicates this and unless permitted by the designated or elected Office concerned.

For suitable models of a separate or a general power of attorney, which may be photocopied for use, see Annex Z in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

#### **BUDAPEST TREATY**

A number of States have joined the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure since the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/1995 of a table setting out the States party to that Treaty. An update appears below.

#### **States party to the Budapest Treaty (as at 1 September 1996)**

AT Austria	JP Japan
AU Australia	KR Republic of Korea
BE Belgium	LI Liechtenstein
BG Bulgaria	LV Latvia
CA Canada ( <i>from 21 September 1996</i> )	MD Republic of Moldova
CH Switzerland	NL Netherlands
CN China	NO Norway
CU Cuba	PH Philippines*
CZ Czech Republic	PL Poland
DE Germany	RU Russian Federation
DK Denmark	SE Sweden
EE Estonia ( <i>from 14 September 1996</i> )	SG Singapore
ES Spain	SK Slovakia
FI Finland	TJ Tajikistan
FR France	TT Trinidad and Tobago
GB United Kingdom	US United States of America
GR Greece	YU Yugoslavia*
HU Hungary	
IL Israel	
IS Iceland	
IT Italy	(Total: 38 States)

\* State not bound by the PCT

**PCT INFORMATION UPDATE****France (all telephone and fax numbers)**

On 18 October 1996 (at 11.00 p.m.), all telephone and fax numbers in France will change.

**If calling from outside France**, only numbers outside the Paris area will be affected. The country code "33" remains.

**If calling from within France**, numbers will change to ten-figure numbers. Numbers to the Paris area will have the prefix "01".

For areas other than the Paris area, check with your contacts in those areas before 18 October 1996.

**New Zealand (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The New Zealand Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (NZ))

**Handling fee (European Patent Office)**

Pursuant to the fact that Greece will become bound by Chapter II of the PCT on 7 September 1996, the amount of the handling fee payable in GRD to the European Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, has been specified. The amount, payable as from that date, is indicated in Table II.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol I/B, Annex E (EP))

**MAIL DISRUPTION AFFECTING THE USPTO**

As a result of an error by the US Postal Service, some mail directed, in late July 1996, to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Zip (postal) Code 20231, was returned to the sender as "undeliverable". The USPTO *Official Gazette* (1189 OG 92-93 of 27 August 1996) explains the procedures and conditions for resubmission to the USPTO of any correspondence affected by the disruption.

That issue of the USPTO *Official Gazette* advises that:

"... any patent ... correspondence affected by this disruption must be promptly resubmitted to the PTO in a new envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Postal Disruption, Washington, DC 20231.

"Such correspondence must be accompanied by the original mailing envelope or a copy thereof showing the original postmark date and by a certificate demonstrating the original mailing date. Applicant should retain a copy of the original mailing envelope in his or her file in case a question is later raised concerning the original date of mailing ...

"Questions concerning this notice should be directed to John F. Gonzales, Senior Legal Advisor, (703) 305-9285."

**MORE THAN HALF THE WORLD LIVES IN A PCT COUNTRY**

Based on estimated world population figures for 1995\*, nearly 55% of the world's population of 5.7 billion lives in one of the 87 Contracting States of the PCT and can thus take advantage of this system for simplified multiple filing of patent applications.

(\*Source: *The World Almanac and Book of Facts 1996*)

**POST VACANCY AT WIPO**

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) invites applications for the post of Senior Legal Officer, PCT Legal Division (PCT Department). For details, see vacancy announcement No. P1214 included as a tear-out sheet in this issue.

## EPO BOARD OF APPEAL DECISION CONCERNING PCT

### Time limit for payment of the protest fee relating to additional examination fees paid under protest

As indicated in the following headnote, an EPO Technical Board of Appeal has decided that:

“It is the responsibility of the European Patent Office, acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, to ascertain whether the protest fee was paid in due time before referring a protest to the board of appeal for a decision.”

(Decision W 3/95 - 3.2.1; *Official Journal of the EPO* (OJ/EPO), No. 8/1996, page 462)

<b>PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR</b>			
<b>Dates Location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>22 October 1996 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1-415) 331 60 68
<b>23-24 October 1996 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1-415) 331 60 68
<b>24-25 October 1996 Seoul (KR) (dates to be confirmed)</b>	English	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Thomas and Mr. Lee	Korean Industrial Property Office (Mr. Hyun Seok Cho) Tel: (82-2) 568 60 76 Fax: (82-2) 553 95 84
<b>25 October 1996 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	PCT workshop for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1-415) 331 60 68
<b>31 October- 1 November 1996 Chicago (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	John Marshall Law School (Mr. Gary T. Watson) Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28
<b>13-14 November 1996 Casablanca, Morocco</b>	French	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT	Moroccan Industrial Property Office Tel: (212-2) 33 54 86 Fax: (212-2) 33 54 86
<b>26-27 November 1996 Zurich (CH)</b>	German	PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Matthes and Mr. Wolff	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH) and Institut für gewerblichen Rechtsschutz (INGRES) Tel: (41-1) 632 40 36 Fax: (41-1) 632 10 97
<b>4-5 December 1996 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 364 24
<b>6 December 1996 London (GB)</b>	English	PCT workshop for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 364 24

## PCT FEE TABLES

The following Tables show the amounts (including currencies – see the key to currency abbreviations following Table II) 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*, Vol. I/B, 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. A 75% reduction in the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation and confirmation fees and the handling fee, as well as the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is available to applicants from certain States; see footnote 2 for details. Footnotes to all Tables follow Table II.

Table I(a) – TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES

(as at 1 September 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	Basic fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 15)	Designation fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 762	15	185	EP
AM	AMD <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
AP	USD 70	USD 677	13	164	AT EP SE
AT	ATS 700	ATS 6,730	133	1,630	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 785	15	191	AU
AZ	AZM <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
BE	BEF 1,500	BEF 19,700	388	4,780	EP
BG	BGL 600	BGL equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
BR	BRR 157.52	BRR equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT EP SE US
BY	RUR equiv of USD 70	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
CA	CAD 200	CAD 914	18	222	EP
CH	CHF 100	CHF 762	15	185	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	CN
CU	USD (or CUP equiv) 200	USD (or CUP equiv) 677	USD (or CUP equiv) 13	USD (or CUP equiv) 164	AT EP ES RU
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
DE	DEM 150	DEM 955	19	232	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 3,740	74	910	EP SE
EA	RUR equiv of USD 100	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
EE	EEK 1,500	EEK equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
EP <sup>6</sup>	DEM 200	DEM 955	19	232	EP
ES	ESP 8,770	ESP 83,500	1,640	20,300	EP ES
FI	FIM 800	FIM 2,900	55	700	EP SE
FR	FRF 400	FRF 3,300	65	800	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 430	8	104	EP
GE	USD <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
GR	GRD 36,500	GRD 162,000	3,190	39,400	EP
HU	HUF <sup>7</sup> 10,000	HUF equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
IB	CHF <sup>2</sup> 300 or USD <sup>2</sup> 200	CHF 762 or USD 677	15 13	185 164	See footnote 8
IE	IEP 60	IEP 425	8	103	EP
IL	ILS 350	USD 677	13	164	EP US
IS	ISK 5,500	ISK 43,100	848	10,500	EP SE
IT	ITL 60,000	ITL 953,000	19,000	232,000	EP
JP	JPY 18,000	JPY 67,400	1,300	16,400	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 30	USD 677	13	164	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS equiv of USD 60	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
KP	KPW equiv of CHF 50	KPW equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT RU
KR	KRW 40,000	KRW 544,000	10,700	132,000	AT AU JP
KZ	KZT <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 677	13	164	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM <sup>5</sup> –	LSM equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT EP

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Table I(a) – TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]

(as at 1 September 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	Basic fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 15)	Designation fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
LT	LTL equiv of USD 80	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF 1,000	LUF/BEF 19,700	388	4,780	EP
LV	LVL 40	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
MC	FRF 300	FRF 3,300	65	800	EP
MD	MDL <sup>5</sup> 54	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,750	MKD equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
MN	None	CHF 762	15	185	EP RU
MW	MWK 8	MWK 10,100	199	2,460	EP
MX	MXP equiv of USD 200	MXP equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP ES SE US
NL	NLG 110	NLG 1,070	21	260	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 4,250	84	1,030	EP SE
NZ	NZD 155	NZD 892	18	216	AU EP US
PL	PLZ 200	PLZ equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
PT	PTE 3,500	PTE 101,000	1,990	24,500	EP
RO	ROL 10,000	CHF 762	15	185	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294,000	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
SD	SDP 50	SDP equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
SE	SEK 1,000	SEK 4,200	80	1,000	EP SE
SG	SGD 120	SGD 860	17	208	AT AU EP
SI	SIT See footnote 9	SIT equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
SK	SKK 1,600	SKK equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
TJ	RUR <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
TR	CHF 100	CHF 762	15	185	AT AU CN EP RU
TT	TTD 750	USD 677	13	164	AT EP SE US
UA	UAK 25,500,000	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
US	USD 220 (from 01.10.96: 230)	USD 677	13	164	EP US
UZ	USD <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
VN	USD 50	VND equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT AU EP RU SE

Table I(b) – SEARCH FEES

(as at 1 September 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>									
AT	ATS 2,200	CHF 250	KRW 177,000	SGD 317	USD 225					
AU	AUD 800	CHF 787	KRW 471,000	NZD 905	SGD 900	USD 640				
CN	CNY 800	CHF 110	USD 100							
EP <sup>10</sup>	DEM 2,400	CHF 2,000	FRF 8,420	ISK 108,100	MWK 25,440	PTE 254,800				
	ATS 17,140	DKK 9,500	GBP 1,091	ITL 2,643,000	NLG 2,740	SEK 11,760				
	BEF 50,300	ESP 206,900	GRD 400,000	JPY 169,000	NOK 10,660	SGD 2,200				
	CAD 2,150	FIM 7,500	IEP 1,055	LUF 50,300	NZD 2,280	USD 1,585				
ES	ESP 64,275	CHF 613	USD 526							
JP	JPY 77,000	CHF 870	KRW 622,000	USD 775						
RU <sup>10</sup>	RUR 840,000	CHF 225	USD 200							
SE	SEK 6,200 <sup>11</sup>	6,800 <sup>12</sup>	FIM 4,500 <sup>11</sup>	4,950 <sup>12</sup>	USD 960 <sup>11</sup>	1,055 <sup>12</sup>				
	CHF 1,180 <sup>11</sup>	1,290 <sup>12</sup>	ISK 64,000 <sup>11</sup>	70,000 <sup>12</sup>						
	DKK 5,500 <sup>11</sup>	6,050 <sup>12</sup>	NOK 6,150 <sup>11</sup>	6,750 <sup>12</sup>						
US	(from 01.10.96)	USD 660	(430 <sup>13</sup> )	CHF 812	(530 <sup>13</sup> )	NZD (not yet known)				
		USD 680	(440 <sup>13</sup> )	CHF 800	(518 <sup>13</sup> )					

**Table II – PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES**

(as at 1 September 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>14</sup>			Handling fee <sup>2,14</sup> (CHF 233)								
AT	ATS	2,200		ATS	2,060							
AU	AUD	450		AUD	240							
CN	CNY	800		CNY equiv of CHF 233								
EP <sup>10</sup>	DEM	3,000	FIM 9,380	LUF	62,900	DEM 292	FIM 887	LUF	6,020			
	ATS	21,430	FRF 10,530	NLG	3,430	ATS	2,060	FRF	1,000	NLG	328	
	BEF	62,900	GBP 1,364	PTE	318,500	BEF	6,020	GBP	131	PTE	30,900	
	CHF	2,500	GRD 500,000	SEK	14,710	CHF	233	IEP	130	SEK	1,300	
	DKK	11,880	IEP 1,319				DKK	1,140	ITL	295,000		
	ESP	258,600	ITL 3,304,000				(from 07.09.96: GRD 48,000)					
JP	JPY	28,000		JPY	20,600							
RU <sup>10</sup>	RUR	1,260,000	USD	300		USD	207					
SE	SEK	4,200		SEK	1,300							
US			USD	470	(710 <sup>15</sup> )					USD	207	
	(from 01.10.96:		USD	480	(730 <sup>15</sup> ))							

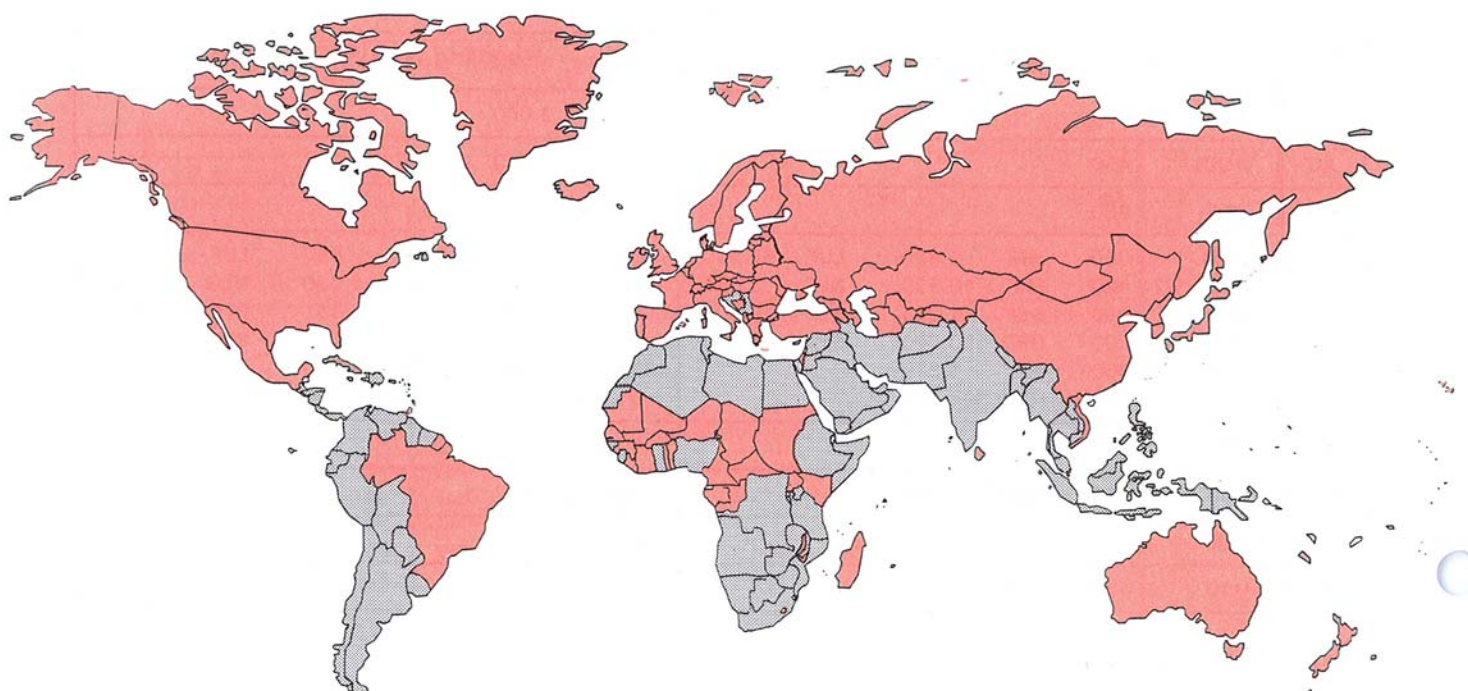
*Key to currency abbreviations for all fee tables:*

ALL Lek	DEM Mark	ITL Italian Lira	MDL Moldovan Leu	RUR Rouble
AMD Dram	CZK Czech Koruna	ISK Icelandic Kronur	LVL Lat	SDP Sudanese Pound
ATS Schilling	DKK Danish Krone	JPY Yen	MKD Denar	SEK Swedish Krona
AUD Australian Dollar	EEK Estonian Kroon	KES Kenyan Shilling	MWK Kwacha	SGD Singapore Dollar
AZM Manat	ESP Peseta	KGS Som	MXP Mexican Peso	SIT Tolar
BEF Belgian Franc	FIM Markka	KPW Won	NLG Guilder	SKK Slovak Koruna
BGL Lev	FRF French Franc	KRW Won	NOK Norwegian Krone	TTD Trinidad and Tobago Dollar
BRR Real	GBP Pound Sterling	KZT Tenge	NZD New Zealand Dollar	UAK Karbovanets
CAD Canadian Dollar	GRD Drachma	LSM Maloti	PLZ Zloty	USD US Dollar
CHF Swiss Franc	HUF Forint	LTL Lita	PTE Escudo	VND Dong
CNY Yuan Renminbi	IEP Irish Pound	LUF Luxembourg Franc	ROL Romanian Leu	
CUP Convertible Peso	ILS New Israel Shekel			

*Footnotes for all 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 is a natural person and is a national of and resides in Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina (as from 7 September 1996), Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Gabon, Georgia, Guinea, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Niger, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan or Viet Nam. For further details see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/1995, cover page, No. 11/1995, page 6, and No. 05/1996, cover page.
- 3 The confirmation fee payable under PCT Rules 4.9(c) and 15.5 is 50% of the designation fee.
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 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.
- 6 Payments can also be made in ATS, BEF, CHF, DKK, ESP, FIM, FRF, GBP, GRD, IEP, ITL, LUF, NLG, PTE and SEK. For the amounts in the said currencies, reference should be made to the latest issue of the *Official Journal* of the EPO.
- 7 A supplement of HUF 500 is also payable for each claim in excess of 10.
- 8 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.
- 9 5% of the total value of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, designation fee and search fee.
- 10 In the case of the EPO, nationals of States which fulfil the requirements for the reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, or of countries in transition ("reform States"), may be eligible for fee reductions. In the case of the Russian Patent Office, nationals of certain developing countries may be eligible for fee reductions. For details, including the amount of the fee reduction, the countries concerned and applicable conditions, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex D (EP) and Annex E (EP) and (RU).
- 11 If on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Swedish Patent Office, the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland), the Norwegian Patent Office or the Icelandic Patent Office.
- 12 In all cases where footnote 11 does not apply.
- 13 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic national fee for that US application has been paid.
- 14 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 15 Payable when the international search report was not established by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

## PCT CONTRACTING STATES AND TWO-LETTER CODES (87 on 1 September 1996)



AL Albania <sup>1</sup>	CM Cameroon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	ML Mali (OA) <sup>2</sup>	TD Chad (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AM Armenia (EA)	CN China	KP Democratic	MN Mongolia	TG Togo (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AT Austria (EP)	<b>CU Cuba</b>	People's Republic	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>2</sup>	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
AU Australia	CZ Czech Republic	of Korea	MW Malawi (AP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	MX Mexico	TR Turkey
<b>BA Bosnia and</b>	DK Denmark (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) <sup>2</sup>	TT Trinidad and
<b>Herzegovina</b> (from	EE Estonia	<b>LC Saint Lucia</b>	NL Netherlands (EP) <sup>2</sup>	Tobago
7 September 1996)	ES Spain (EP) <sup>3</sup>	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway	UA Ukraine
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BE Belgium (EP) <sup>2</sup>	FR France (EP) <sup>2</sup>	LR Liberia	PL Poland	US United States of
BF Burkina Faso (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GA Gabon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LS Lesotho (AP)	PT Portugal (EP)	America
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BR Brazil	GN Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LV Latvia <sup>1</sup>	SD Sudan (AP)	
BY Belarus (EA)	GR Greece (EP) <sup>2, 4</sup>	MC Monaco (EP) <sup>2</sup>	SE Sweden (EP)	
CA Canada	HU Hungary	MD Republic of	SG Singapore	
CF Central African	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>	Moldova (EA)	SI Slovenia <sup>1</sup>	
Republic (OA) <sup>2</sup>	IL Israel	MG Madagascar	SK Slovakia	
CG Congo (OA) <sup>2</sup>	IS Iceland	MK The former	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>2</sup>	
CH Switzerland (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>2</sup>	Yugoslav Republic	SZ Swaziland (AP) <sup>2</sup>	
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	KE Kenya (AP)			

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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3 Not bound by Chapter II.

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