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Electronic Filing now Open to all Applicants

The International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) has announced that, with effect from 12 February 2004, it will be prepared to receive and process **any international application** in electronic form that complies with the necessary requirements.

It is recalled that in August 2003 the RO/IB announced that it was prepared to receive international applications in electronic form provided that they were filed by users already registered with the RO/IB for that purpose under the PCT-SAFE pilot. Electronic filing on a wider basis would be introduced when electronic systems so permitted (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2003). This is now the case, hence the PCT-SAFE pilot program will end on 12 February 2004, and the restriction that electronic filings be only by registered pilot users will no longer apply.

This important development means that, since the RO/IB accepts the filing of international applications by applicants **from all PCT Contracting States**, any applicant may now file an international application in electronic form with the RO/IB. Moreover, the possibility to file electronically with the RO/IB enables any applicant to benefit from the fee reductions for electronic filing that were introduced into the PCT system on 1 January 2004 (for further details see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2003, page 3). Information on the RO/IB's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published in *PCT Gazette* No. 07/2004, Section IV, page 3796, on 12 February 2004, and will be available on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/weekissu.htm

Note that the requirements and practices that will be published in the above-mentioned issue of the *PCT Gazette* are the same as those notified earlier in *PCT Gazette* No. 34/2003, with the exception that the part relating to the certification authorities which are accepted by the RO/IB has been modified. More detailed information about how to file international applications in electronic form with the RO/IB is available from the PCT-SAFE website at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe

and general information on filing international applications with the RO/IB is available at:

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

It is recalled that WIPO has developed an electronic filing software

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called PCT-SAFE (**S**ecure **A**pplications **F**iled **E**lectronically), which gives PCT applicants the option of preparing their international application in electronic form and filing the application either by using physical media (e.g., diskettes, CD-Rs) or via secure on-line transmission.

How does PCT-SAFE work?

In order to facilitate the transition to PCT-SAFE for current PCT users who prepare the request part of the international applications using the PCT-EASY software, the new system has been built upon an enhanced version of that software. The PCT-SAFE software includes the PCT-EASY software, which is now no longer available as a separate software product, but it will be possible for applicants to continue to create and file PCT-EASY type applications (paper plus diskette). As the electronic application is completed, the system validates the entered data and presents applicants with a "traffic light" system (taken from PCT-EASY functionality). This indicates any fields which have been incorrectly or inconsistently completed and which may result in certain defects in relation to the international application once it is filed.

A new, easy to use, software for the preparation of the application body—the PCT-SAFE Editor—is also included in the PCT-SAFE software. The PCT-SAFE Editor enables users to prepare the body of a PCT application in eXtensible Markup Language (XML), without any need to understand this format. XML is an industry standard computer readable format that is very useful for searching, storing and exchanging patent information. When operating the Editor, applicants have the option of converting an application body created using a word processor, or preparing the application body from scratch within the Editor. Once created by the PCT-SAFE Editor, the applicant combines it with the request by indicating its location using the PCT-SAFE software used for preparing the request.

Applicants select whether the international application is to be filed using physical media or on-line. Depending on which means of filing is selected, a completed international application in electronic form is either electronically transmitted directly to the specified receiving Office or saved on a physical medium which will be filed. Digital certificates are distributed to applicants using PCT-SAFE by the WIPO Customer Certification Authority, thus ensuring a high degree of integrity and security for PCT-SAFE data. Applicants transmitting their

applications on-line will receive almost immediate notification that their application has been received and is being processed.

For applicants wishing to file international applications electronically with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings prepared using the PCT-SAFE software, note that the PCT-SAFE software is now available to all PCT users from the PCT-SAFE website (see above) and as a CD installation. If you would like to order a PCT-SAFE CD, please send an e-mail (pctsafe.help@wipo.int) or fax (+41-22 338 80 40) to the PCT-SAFE Help Desk, indicating clearly your name, full postal address and the mention "Request for PCT-SAFE CD."

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, are published on pages 7 and 8.

PCT Article 22(1): Withdrawal of Notification of Incompatibility

Norway

Further to its notification of the incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2002), the Norwegian Patent Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn its notification with effect from 1 February 2004.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), the Office has notified the International Bureau that the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase before it as a designated or elected Office is, with effect from 1 February 2004, 31 months from the priority date. (Updating of the table of time limits for entering national/regional phase under PCT Chapters I and II (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2003)).

Now that Norway has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility, the only remaining designated Offices that do not apply the 30-month time limit fixed in PCT Article 22(1) are the Offices of the following nine States: Brazil, Finland,* Luxembourg,* Serbia and Montenegro,

Sweden,* Switzerland,* Uganda,* United Republic of Tanzania* and Zambia.*

* If designated for a regional patent, see time limit applicable to the regional Office concerned.

European Patent Convention

Accession by Poland

Poland deposited its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 30 December 2003, and will become bound by that Convention on 1 March 2004.

Therefore, any international application filed on or after 1 March 2004 will include the designation of Poland for a European patent, in addition to a national patent.

Moreover, as from 1 March 2004, it will be possible for nationals and residents of Poland to file international applications with the European Patent Office as receiving Office, in addition to the Polish Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO.

For further information, see the *Official Journal of the EPO*, No. 01/2004 at:

www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj004/01_04/index.htm

or the Notice from the European Patent Office dated 12 January 2004 at:

www.european-patent-office.org/news/info/2004_01_12_e.htm

Modification of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT

Further modifications have been made, with effect from 12 February 2004, to Annex F of the Administrative Instructions (which contains the technical standard for electronic filing and processing of international applications), including Appendix I thereof.

Further details will be given, and the text of the modifications of Annex F will be reproduced, in Section IV of *PCT Gazette* No. 07/2004 dated 12 February 2004, which will be available as from that date on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/weekissu.htm

The text of the modifications of Appendix I of Annex F has been published as document PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.12 and is available on the PCT website at:

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

Furnishing by the IB of Copies of the IPER to third parties

Notifications by elected Offices under PCT Rule 94.1(c)

The Offices of the following States, in their capacities as elected Offices, have requested the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 94.1(c) to furnish to third parties copies of the IPER on their behalf (for background information on the above-mentioned notifications, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2):

AU	Australia
NO	Norway

Power of Attorney Waivers

Notifications under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) by PCT Offices/Authorities

For background information on the above-mentioned notifications, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2.

Waivers

The following Offices have informed the International Bureau that they waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and/or 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney (any particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of the general power of attorney, as the case may be, is required are given where applicable):

AT Austrian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office (RO), International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), waives the requirement to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney— particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required: none;

BY National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) in its capacity as RO waives the requirement to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney— particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required: where there is a change in representation, that is, where any action before the Office is performed by an agent or a common represen-

tative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as RO, waives the requirement to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney—particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required: upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing;

LT Lithuanian Patent Office in its capacity as RO waives the requirement to submit a copy of a general power of attorney— particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required: none;

PH Intellectual Property Office (Philippines), in its capacity as RO, waives the requirement to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney—particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required: where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent or common representative; or the Office receives notices or communications from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of, or in addition to the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the Request Form.

Non-waivers

The following Offices have informed the International Bureau that they **do not waive** the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney and/or copy of a general power of attorney:

BE Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) in its capacity as RO

CN China Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as RO, ISA and IPEA;

IS Icelandic Patent Office in its capacity as RO;

MC Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco) in its capacity as RO;

VN National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam) in its capacity as RO.

The following Office has informed the International Bureau that it **does not waive** the requirement under PCT Rule 90.4(b) to submit a separate power of attorney:

LT Lithuanian Patent Office in its capacity as RO

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annexes C (AT, BE, BY, CN, DK, IS, LT, MC, PH and VN), D (AT and CN) and E (AT and CN))

PCT Information Update

Fees payable in US dollars (various countries)

As from 1 April 2004, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in USD to various receiving Offices, as well as a change in the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and the other electronic filing fee reductions (see also "Handling fee," below):

international filing fee, fee per sheet in excess of 30 and PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions: see Table I(a) and footnotes

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (AM, AP, AZ, BY, BZ, CO, CR, CU, EA, EC, GE, GH, IB, IL, IN, KE, KG, KZ, LR, LV, MD, NI, PH, RU, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ and ZW))

DE Germany (fees)—*corrigendum*

The text of footnote 3 to the National Chapter Summary relating to the German Patent and Trade Mark Office as designated (or elected) Office, concerning the annual fee for the third year to be paid to that Office, was incompletely published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2003, page 7. The footnote should have read as follows:

It is due on the last day of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date. If the applicant does not initiate early entry into the national phase, he does not have to pay the third annual fee before the expiration of the 30-month time limit under PCT Article 22(1) or 39(1)(a). In that case, the third annual fee may be paid without surcharge before the expiration of the second month after the

expiration of the 30-month time limit. If the third annual fee is not paid within this two-month time limit, the fee may still be paid with a surcharge before the expiration of the sixth month after the expiration of the 30-month time limit.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (DE))

EP European Patent Office (e-mail address; fees)—*corrigendum*

There has been a change in one of the e-mail addresses of the European Patent Office. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

e-mail: epoline@epo.org
(Helpdesk for all branches)
isa.ep.helpdesk@epo.org
(ISA/EP matters)

It was erroneously announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2003, page 7, that there was no longer a surcharge for late filing of the request for examination. The surcharge, however, does still exist and now appears with another fee, as follows:

surcharge for late filing of either the translation of the international application or the request for examination, or for late payment of the national basic fee, the search fee or the designation fees:

50% of the relevant fees but at least EUR 500 for late filing of the translation, up to a maximum of EUR 1,750

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (EP), and Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (EP))

IB International Bureau (fees)—*corrigendum*

The PCT fee tables for January 2004, as published in the paper and Internet versions of *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2003 and in the paper version of *PCT Newsletter* 01/2004 omitted to include the new equivalent amounts in EUR and USD of the transmittal fee. The fee tables in this issue include the correct amounts.

Search fee (European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office)

As from 15 March 2004, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office, and as

from 1 April 2004, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CAD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex D (EP and KR))

Handling fee (Russian Patent Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 April 2004, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in USD to the Russian Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office as International Preliminary Examining Authorities, as indicated in Table II.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex E (RU and US))

New/Updated PCT Materials on the Internet

(PCT homepage: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html)

Consolidated version of Regulations under the PCT including transitional arrangements

The French text of the consolidated version of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 January 2004, is available at:

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

It includes, at the end, notes containing important transitional arrangements which apply to many of the amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 January 2004.

Request and Demand Forms

The Request and Demand Forms in Russian and the filled-in Request and Demand Forms in English, French, German and Spanish are now available on the PCT website at:

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

Table of reservations and incompatibilities

The table containing all reservations and incompatibilities has been updated 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

Practical Advice

The procedure for withdrawing designations

Q: Given that, with the entry into force of amended PCT Rule 4.9(a), all PCT Contracting States will be automatically designated in international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004, I may wish to withdraw certain designations in respect of a number of international applications. Could you please explain the procedure for withdrawing designations—is there a special form for that purpose? Also, where should the notice of withdrawal be sent, and what is the time limit for sending such notice?

A: You may withdraw designations either by means of a notice of withdrawal contained in a letter or by means of a new form which has recently been made available to applicants or their agents by the International Bureau: Form PCT/IB/372 ("Notice of withdrawal"). This form can be used for the withdrawal of the international application, designations, priority claims, the demand or elections and is available in PDF format on the PCT website at:

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

If you submit Form PCT/IB/372, you should include the following information in the corresponding boxes of the form: applicant's or agent's file reference, international application number, the name of the first-named applicant in the request, the international filing date and the (earliest) priority date. You should check the relevant box to indicate what is being withdrawn, and the form must be signed (see below for further information on signature requirements). If a letter is used instead of the form, it should also contain all of this information and must be signed.

Even though the notice of withdrawal may be submitted to the receiving Office, or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), as the case may be (see PCT Rule 90*bis*), it is advisable to send all notices of withdrawal (that is, withdrawals of international applications, designations, priority claims, demands or elections) direct to the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/372 is pre-addressed to the International Bureau). Sending notices of withdrawal direct to the International Bureau will prevent any possible delay that may occur as a result of the extra adminis-

trative step that is required when such a notice is sent to a receiving Office or an IPEA, as the case may be.

Note, however, that if the applicant is withdrawing a designation **at the time of filing the international application**, it is more practical for the applicant to transmit the notice of withdrawal direct to the receiving Office along with the international application; at this stage in the procedure, there is less urgency for the notice to reach the International Bureau quickly since, unless early publication has been requested, there should be sufficient time before the completion of technical preparations for international publication (see below). Note that the fact that Form PCT/IB/372 is pre-addressed to the International Bureau does not prevent you from sending it to the receiving Office, but you are advised in such a case to cross out the address of the International Bureau and insert the address of the receiving Office. Likewise, if you send a notice of withdrawal of a demand to the IPEA, you should insert the address of the IPEA concerned.

Designations may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (see PCT Rule 90*bis*.2(a)) (this time limit also applies to the other types of withdrawals listed above). However, if it is intended that the withdrawal be effected before international publication, the notice of withdrawal must reach the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed (which is generally (but not always) by the 15th day prior to the date of publication) (see PCT Rule 90*bis*.2(e)).

In order for the withdrawal to be effective, the notice of withdrawal (whether it be via Form PCT/IB/372 or a letter) must be signed by all applicants, their appointed agent or the ap-

pointed common representative. Where a notice of withdrawal is signed by an agent but a power of attorney signed by all applicants has not yet been furnished, the notice of withdrawal will only be effective once the missing power of attorney has been furnished. This also applies, pursuant to PCT Rules 90.4(e) and 90.5(d), where a receiving Office or International Preliminary Examining Authority has waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney and/or copy of a general power of attorney has to be furnished (PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c)). Where the signature is that of the “deemed” common representative (under PCT Rule 90.2(b)), the notice will not be considered to be signed as required—in such a case, all the applicants must sign the notice of withdrawal (see PCT Rule 90*bis*.5)).

The International Bureau will send you Form PCT/IB/307 (“Notification of withdrawal of international application or designations”), Form PCT/IB/317 (“Notification of withdrawal of priority claim”) or Form PCT/IB/339 (“Notification of withdrawal of demand or elections”), as the case may be, upon receipt of a notice of withdrawal or a notification from the receiving Office or IPEA that the withdrawal has been effected. The form will include the date of receipt of the notice by the Office or Authority concerned.

For further information on the withdrawal of international applications, designations, priority claims, demands and elections, see PCT Article 37, PCT Rule 90*bis* and the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Vol. I/A, paragraphs 452 to 463. For advice about notices of withdrawal which need to be processed urgently, see *PCT Newsletter* No.03/2003, cover page, and for further information on the signature requirements for the withdrawal of the US designation, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 8.

Receiving Offices prepared to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form (status on 12 February 2004)	
EP European Patent Office ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office FI National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) FR National Institute of Industrial Property (France)	IB International Bureau of WIPO KR Korean Intellectual Property Office (Total: 6 Offices)

**Receiving Offices prepared to accept the filing of
international applications
containing requests in PCT-EASY format
(status on 1 February 2004)**

AM	Intellectual Property Agency (Armenia)	JP	Japan Patent Office
AP	African Regional Industrial Property Organization	KE	Kenya Industrial Property Institute
AT	Austrian Patent Office	KG	Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office
AU	Australian Patent Office	KP	Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
BA	Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina	KR	Korean Intellectual Property Office
BE	Industrial Property Office (Belgium)	KZ	Kazakh Patent Office
BG	Bulgarian Patent Office	LT	Lithuanian Patent Office
BR	National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	LV	Latvian Patent Office
BZ	Belize Intellectual Property Office	MD	State Agency on Industrial Property Protection (Republic of Moldova)
CA	Canadian Patent Office	MK	Industrial Property Protection Office (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
CH	Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute	MN	Mongolian Intellectual Property Office
CN	China Intellectual Property Office	MW	Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General (Malawi)
CO	Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Columbia)	MX	Mexican Institute of Industrial Property
CR	Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	NI	Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)
CU	Cuban Industrial Property Office	NL	Netherlands Industrial Property Office
CZ	Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)	NO	Norwegian Patent Office
DE	German Patent and Trade Mark Office	NZ	Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand
DK	Danish Patent and Trademark Office	PH	Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)
DZ	Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property	PT	National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)
EA	Eurasian Patent Office	RO	State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)
EC	Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property	RU	Russian Patent Office
EE	Estonian Patent Office	SE	Swedish Patent Office
EP	European Patent Office	SG	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
ES	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	SI	Slovenian Intellectual Property Office
FI	National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)	SK	Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)
FR	National Institute of Industrial Property (France)	TM	Patent Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Turkmenistan
GB	United Kingdom Patent Office	TR	Turkish Patent Institute
GE	Georgian Intellectual Property Office	TT	Intellectual Property Office (Trinidad and Tobago)
GR	Industrial Property Organization (Greece)	US	United States Patent and Trademark Office
HR	Croatian Intellectual Property Office	UZ	State Patent Office of Uzbekistan
HU	Hungarian Patent Office	YU	Intellectual Property Office (Serbia and Montenegro)
IB	International Bureau of WIPO	ZA	Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa)
ID	Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)	ZW	Zimbabwe Patent Office
IE	Patents Office (Ireland)		
IL	Israel Patent Office		
IN	Patent Office (India)		
IS	Icelandic Patent Office		
			(Total: 70 Offices)

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10–11 February 2004 Vienna (AT)	German	PCT seminar on the latest changes in the PCT system and on PCT-SAFE WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mr. Reischle	Austrian Patent Office (Mr. Peter Hofbauer) Tel: (43–1) 534 24 225 Fax: (43–1) 534 24 200 E-mail: peter.hofbauer@patentamt.at
12–13 February 2004 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT course 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: Management@Forum-Institut.de
23–24 February 2004 Washington, D.C. (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (Ms. Iris Howell) Tel: (1–703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1–703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet (for registration): www.aipla.org
26–27 February 2004 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Maassel	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1–415) 331 60 68 E-mail: IPI@IPISeminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
29 February–4 March Whistler (CA)	English	PCT presentation at the 2004 Whistler Intellectual Property Law Conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Roy	Oyen Wiggs Green & Mutala For registration, contact: Patski, c/o Bruce M. Green Tel: (1–604) 669 34 32 Fax: (1–604) 681 40 81 E-mail: bgreen@patentable.com
1–2 March 2004 Chicago (US)	English	Basic training course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Maassel	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 March 2004 Munich (DE)	German	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Matthes	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
10–11 March 2004 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33–4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33–4) 78 33 58 96
11 March 2004 Stockholm (SE)	English/ Swedish	Epoline and PCT-SAFE workshop WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe Other speaker: Mr. Lindblom (European Patent Office)	Swedish Patent and Registration Office, PRV InterPat (Mr. David Holm) Tel: (46–8) 782 26 32 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: david.holm@prv.se
16–17 March 2004 Helsinki (FI)	Finnish	Course on the PCT system for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe	Helsinki University of Technology, Lifelong Learning Institute of Dipoli (Ms. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358–9) 451 40 47 Fax: (358–9) 451 40 68 E-mail: arja.andsten@dipoli.hut.fi Internet: www.dipoli.hut.fi

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
22–23 March 2004 New Delhi (IN)	English	National Seminar on Patents, the PCT and Commercialization of Inventions for the Information Technology (IT) Industry WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling and Mr. Sinha Other speakers: See below*	Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Mr. A.E. Ahmad) Tel: (91–11) 23 01 17 14 Fax: (91–11) 23 01 36 56
*Other speakers: Mr. Kasper (Sughrue Mion PLLC, US), Mr. Goddar (Boehmert & Boehmert, DE), Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company (US)) and Mr. Rao Coca (IBM Almaden Research Center, US)			
24–25 March 2004 Cologne (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Bartels and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
26 March 2004 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys on the latest changes in the PCT system WIPO speaker: Mr. Matthes	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
29 March 2004 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT update seminar for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Plougmann & Vingtoft A/S and H. Lundbeck A/S (Ms. Susanne Aalborg) Tel: (45) 36 43 32 03 E-mail: SAA@LUNDBECK.COM
1 April 2004 Washington, D.C. (US)	English	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	American Bar Association (Mr. Michael Winkler) Tel: (1–312) 988 56 39 Fax: (1–312) 988 56 28 e-mail: winklerm@staff.abanet.org
16–17 April 2004 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company (US))	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/TreatySem/Treatsem.htm
21–22 April 2004 London (GB)	English	Basic formalities seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels 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
22–24 April 2004 Naples, Florida (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company (US))	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–434) 974 17 00 Fax: (1–434) 975 20 66
23 April 2004 London (GB)	English	PCT-EASY/PCT-SAFE seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
26–28 April 2004 Naples, Florida (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company (US))	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–434) 974 17 00 Fax: (1–434) 975 20 66
27 April 2004 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 2004, 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*, 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. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100 under certain circumstances where the request is prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software or by CHF 200 or 300 where the international application is filed in electronic form, as prescribed; see footnotes 2 and 5 for details. 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 3 and 10. (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	GBP	Pound sterling	LSM	Lesotho loti	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SIT	Slovenian tolar
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CHF	Swiss franc	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUP	Cuban convertible peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krona	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PHP	Philippine peso	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	RUR	Russian rouble		
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDP	Sudanese pound		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 February 2004, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AE	AED ⁷ —	AED eq CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT AU
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 902	10	64	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 1,525	16	109	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	n a	EP RU
BA	EUR 25.56	EUR 902	10	64	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 902	10	64	EP
BG	BGL 60	BGL eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP RU
BR	BRR 236	BRR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT EP SE US
BW	Information not yet available				
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	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 ^{1,2,3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,394	15	100	EP
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 ⁷ —	COP eq USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: eq USD 1,134)	eq USD 11 (eq USD 12)	eq USD 74 (eq USD 81)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 175	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP ES
CU	USD (or eq CUP) ²⁰⁰	USD (or eq CUP) 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP 75	CYP 526	6	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 902	10	64	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,700	70	480	EP SE
DM	Information not yet available				
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD 50	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP RU
EC	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
EG	Information not yet available				
EP ⁵	EUR 100	EUR 902	10	64 ⁵	EP
ES	EUR 63.99	EUR 902	10	64	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 902	10	64	EP SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 902	10	64	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 628	7	45	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 902	10	64	EP
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
HU	HUF 10,000	HUF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP RU
IB ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 74	CHF 1,400 or EUR 902 or USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	15 10 11 (12)	100 64 74 (81)	See footnote 11
ID	IDR 500,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AU EP RU
IE	EUR 76.00	EUR 902	10	64	EP
IL	ILS 476	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP US
IN	INR 5,000 (filing by indiv: 1,500)	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	AT AU CN EP 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 ^{1,2,3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 80,000	900	5,700	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 116,000	1,200	8,300	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ²⁵⁰ plus cost of mailing	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP RU
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,191,000 (from 1.3.04: 1,329,000)	13,000 (14,000)	85,000 (95,000)	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT ⁷ —	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 902	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,750	MKD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP RU
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 111,100	1,200	7,900	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
NA	Information not yet available				
NI	USD 175	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 902	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 7,370	80	530	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,738	19	124	AU EP US
OA	Information not yet available				
OM	Information not yet available				
PG	Information not yet available				
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 30	EUR 902	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP RU
SC	Information not yet available				
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,140	90	580	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,785	19	128	AT AU EP
SI	SIT 22,000	SIT eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
SK	SKK 1,600	SKK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
SY	Information not yet available					
TJ	TJS ⁷	—	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁷	—	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP RU
TN	TND ⁷	—	CHF 1,400	15	n a	EP
TR	CHF	100	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	n a	EP RU
US	USD	300	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP US
UZ	USD ⁷	—	USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: 1,134)	11 (12)	74 (81)	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available					
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD	3,000	YUD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR 7,490	80	530	AT AU EP US
ZM	Information not yet available					
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,035 (from 1.4.04: eq USD 1,134)	eq USD 11 (eq USD 12)	eq USD 74 (eq USD 81)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 February 2004, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT	EUR 159 * (from 1.3.04: 159)	CHF 247 KRW 235,000	KRW 199,000*	SGD 310	USD 182	ZAR 1,320				
AU	AUD 1,200 USD 865	CHF 1,157 ZAR 5,800	EUR 738	KRW 1,014,000	NZD 1,370	SGD 1,490				
CN	CNY 1,500	CHF 245	EUR 158	USD 181						
EP ¹⁵	EUR 1,550 ISK 138,000 SGD 3,130 * (from 1.4.04: 3,130)	CAD* 2,362 JPY 196,500 USD 1,818 CAD 2,520	CHF 2,432 MWK 194,000 ZAR 12,280	CYP 905 NOK 12,700	DKK 11,520 NZD 2,884	GBP 1,078 SEK 13,870				
ES ¹⁵	EUR 1,550	CHF 2,432	USD 1,818							
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,168	EUR 752	KRW 1,066,000	USD 887					
KR	KRW 150,000 * (from 15.3.04: 150,000)	CHF 176 EUR 100	EUR* 114	USD 130						
RU ¹⁶	USD 300	CHF 406	EUR 262							
SE	SEK 13,870 USD 1,818	CHF 2,432	DKK 11,520	EUR 1,550	ISK 138,000	NOK 12,700				
US	USD 1,000 ZAR 6,500	300 ¹⁷ 2,000 ¹⁷	CHF 1,318	395 ¹⁷	EUR 848	254 ¹⁷	NZD 1,570	470 ¹⁷		

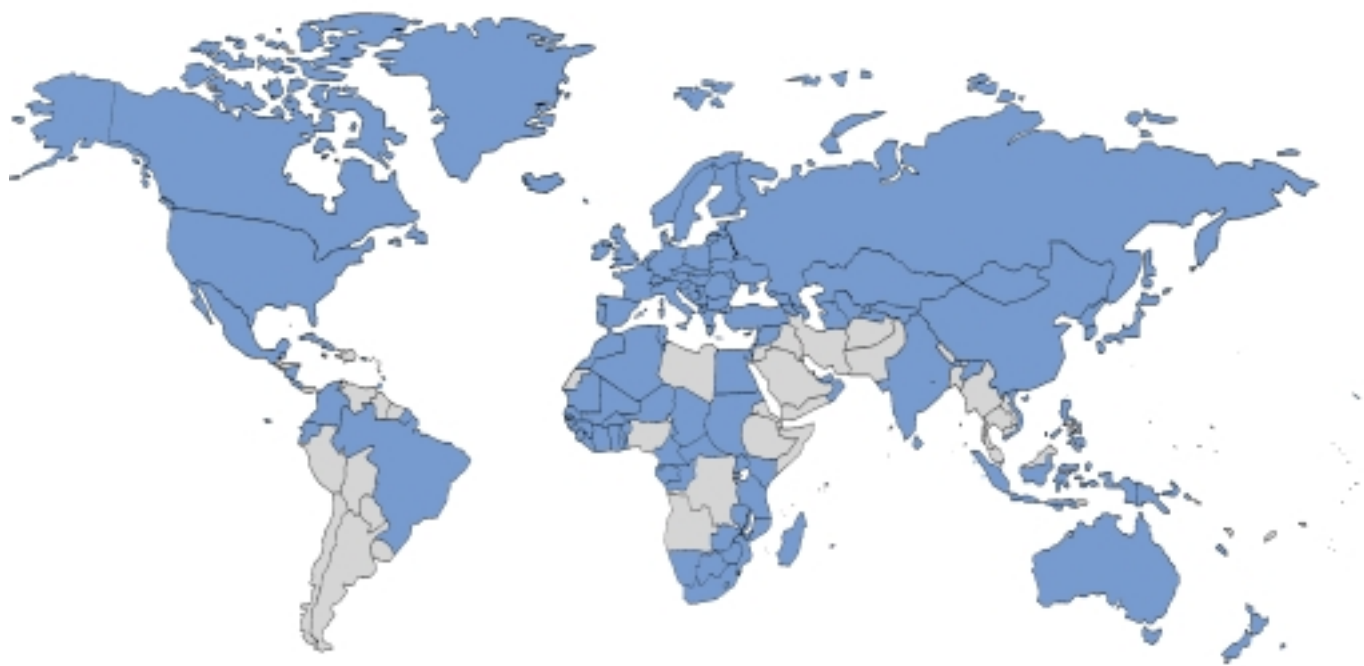
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 February 2004, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁸		Handling fee ^{3,18} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	159	EUR	129
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ¹⁹	AUD 218
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁵	EUR	1,530	EUR	129
ES	EUR	502.97	EUR	129
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	16,600
KR	KRW	150,000	KRW	170,000 (from 1.3.04: 190,000)
RU ¹⁶	USD	200 ²⁰	300 ²¹	USD 148 (from 1.4.04: 162)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,160
US	USD	600	750 ²²	USD 148 (from 1.4.04: 162)

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on page 27 of *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2003, or on the PCT website 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 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/EP, ES, FI, FR, IB and KR. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200=EUR 129, KRW 190,000, USD 148 (from 1.4.04: USD 162); CHF 300=EUR 193, KRW 285,000, USD 222 (from 1.4.04: USD 243)**.
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 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.
- 10 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on page 27 of *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2003.
- 11 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*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (IB).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 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 fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in 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 on the next page, with the exception of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 16 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.
- 17 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid, and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application.
- 18 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 19 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 21 In all cases where footnote 20 does not apply.
- 22 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*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (123 on 1 February 2004)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	ML Mali (OA) ²	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IN India	MN Mongolia	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AL Albania ¹	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MW Malawi (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MX Mexico	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	NA Namibia	TN Tunisia
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BB Barbados	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NO Norway	UA Ukraine
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NZ New Zealand	UG Uganda (AP)
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BR Brazil	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	PG Papua New Guinea	VN Viet Nam
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BZ Belize	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania ¹	PT Portugal (EP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
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