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Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Swedish Patent and Registration Office begins receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

On 1 November 2005, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified WIPO under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2006. The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in *PCT Gazette* No. 47/2005, Section IV, on 24 November 2005, which is available on the WIPO website at:

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

The equivalent amounts in SEK of the applicable fee reductions for electronic filing are indicated in footnote 5 of the fee tables on page 19.

Australian Patent Office: electronic filing no longer restricted to registered pilot users

It is recalled that on 14 July 2005, the Australian Patent Office (IP Australia), in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 18 July 2005, provided that they were filed by users already registered with the Office for that purpose under its PCT-SAFE pilot introduction program for the filing of international applications in electronic form (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2005, dated August 2005).

On 24 November 2005, the Office notified WIPO that the international application online filing system pilot program would end on 15 December 2005 and that, with effect from that date, the Office is prepared to receive any international application in electronic form that complies with the necessary requirements. The restriction to filings by registered pilot users will no longer apply.

The notification containing the Australian Patent Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in *PCT Gazette* No. 31/2005, Section IV, on 4 August 2005, which is available on the WIPO website at:

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

Information on how to file international applications in electronic form with the Australian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving

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www.ipaustralia.gov.au

The equivalent amounts in AUD of the applicable fee reductions for electronic filing are indicated in footnote 5 of the fee tables on page 19.

Notification from European Patent Office about certification authorities

On 2 November 2005, the European Patent Office (EPO), in its capacity as receiving Office, notified WIPO under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to accept the use of certificates issued by new certification authorities with effect from that date. The certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT) are as follows:

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Väestökisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestokisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

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Reminder

The national Offices of the following States do not yet apply the 30-month time limit for entering the national phase under Chapter I as fixed in PCT Article 22(1) (as modified with effect from 1 April 2002). Note, however, that in respect of the **regional** designation of all those States, the time limit under PCT Article 22(3) of 31 months applies.

CH Switzerland
LU Luxembourg
SE Sweden
TZ United Republic of Tanzania
UG Uganda

A list of time limits applicable for each designated/elected Office for entering the national phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/legal_text.htm

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 2006, the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and
 2 and 10 January 2006
 14 and 17 April 2006
 25 May 2006
 5 June 2006
 1 August 2006
 7 September 2006
 25 and 26 December 2006

Note that the days indicated above concern only the IB and not the national Offices and other international organizations.

PCT Information Update

DE Germany (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office has *deleted* the following special requirement under PCT Rule 51 *bis* for entry into the national phase before it as designated and elected Office:

furnishing of confirmation of the international application by the signature of any applicant who has not signed the request.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Office (fax numbers)

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

fax: (70-95) 616 22 53

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B2 (EA))

EP European Patent Office (evidence of mailing a document; fees; exemptions and reductions of national fees; requirements concerning agent; competent International Preliminary Examining Authorities)

Evidence of mailing a document

There have been changes in the requirements of the European Patent Office (EPO) as to the acceptability of evidence of mailing of a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used; it will now accept such evidence pro-

vided that the delivery service is: Chronopost, Deutsche Post Express, DHL, Federal Express, LTA, TNT, SkyNet or UPS.

Fees

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

search fee:		
for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	690
for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	960
examination fee:		
for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,430
for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	1,430
for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,280

Exemptions and reductions of national fees

The Office has notified changes in the conditions relating to exemptions and reductions of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

- no search fee is payable where the international search report has been established by the EPO, the Austrian Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the international application has been filed before 1 July 2005.
- the search fee is reduced by EUR 190 where the international search report has been established by the Australian Patent Office, the China Intellectual Property Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office or the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- the search fee is reduced by EUR 810 for international applications filed on or after

1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, and for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2005 for which it has been established by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland.

– the examination fee is reduced by 50% where the international preliminary examination report has been established by the EPO except if it is a “rationalized” international preliminary examination report (see OJ EPO 2001, 539).

– furthermore, in certain cases the examination fee is reduced by 20% for language reasons (see paragraph EP.16 of national chapter EP).

Requirements concerning agent

With relation to the information concerning those who can act as agents before the Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, the list of registered patent agents can now be ordered at the EPO, Vienna, or consulted on the EPO web site.

Competent International Preliminary Examining Authorities

The Office has notified changes to the International Searching Authorities that may perform a search for an international application for which international preliminary examination is subsequently performed by the EPO, by means of a revised footnote, which has been reproduced below:

“The EPO may act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by the EPO, the Austrian Patent Office, the National Board of Patent and Registration of Finland, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office”

The EPO has also updated the footnote text relating to the conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee, as follows:

“Applicable to international applications for which the EPO drew up a rationalized international preliminary examination report as from 3 January 2002 (see OJ EPO 11/2001, 539). For international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004, the rationalized procedure has been discontinued (see OJ EPO 5/2004, 304).”

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex B2 (EP), Vol. I/B, Annexes and E, and Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (EP))

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

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

Banco Nacional de Algas (BNA)
Marine Biotechnology Center
University of Las Palmas, Gran Canaria
Muelle de Taliarte s/n
35214 Telde
Las Palmas
Spain

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex L)

GB United Kingdom (competent receiving Office)

The Patent Office (United Kingdom) has clarified, by means of a modified footnote, the conditions of its national law under which a United Kingdom resident may file directly at the European Patent Office or at the International Bureau of WIPO, as follows:

competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the United Kingdom:

The Patent Office (United Kingdom),
European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant*

* In most cases, a United Kingdom resident may file an application direct at the European Patent Office or at the International Bureau of WIPO. However, restrictions apply where the application contains information which relates to military technology or which might be prejudicial to United Kingdom national security or the safety of the public. In these cases, a United Kingdom resident may only file such an application direct at the European Patent Office or at the International Bureau of WIPO: (i) after having obtained written authorization from the Patent Office (United Kingdom); or (ii) after an application for a patent for the same invention has been filed at the Patent Office (United Kingdom) and not less than six weeks have elapsed without the Comptroller of the Patent Office (United Kingdom) giving a direction prohibiting publication or communication of the

invention. These restrictions do not apply to an application for a patent for an invention for which an application for a patent has first been filed in a country outside the United Kingdom by a person resident outside the United Kingdom. Further details can be obtained from the Patent Office (United Kingdom): Security Section, Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport, South Wales, NP10 8QQ; tel: (44-1633) 81 35 58.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (GB))

IL Israel (telephone number; fees; special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The Israel Patent Office has deleted one of its telephone numbers. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

telephone: (972-2) 565 17 05, 565 16 95

As from 1 January 2006, there will be a change in the amount of the following fee, payable in ILS to the Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the amount of the national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

national fee: ILS 921

The Office as designated (or elected) Office has introduced a new footnote relating to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* concerning the document evidencing a change of name of applicant and the document of assignment or transfer (the other requirements have not changed), as follows:

If the change is recorded by the International Bureau, and the Israel Patent Office is able to verify it by consulting the International Bureau's electronic records, no further document is required.

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

JP Japan (language accepted for international search; time limit for submission of translation of international application)

The Japan Patent Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority has clarified, by means of a new footnote, cases in which English shall be accepted as a language for international search, as follows:

languages accepted for international search:

English*, Japanese

* The Japan Patent Office is competent only if the international application is filed in English with either that office as a receiving office or the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines).

The Office has clarified the time limit for submission of the Japanese translation of the international application for entry into the national phase as being that which is stated in footnote 1. The former footnote 2 has been deleted.

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

LU Luxembourg (name of Office; location; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name, location, e-mail and Internet addresses of the Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg) have changed, as follows:

name of Office:

Direction de la propriété intellectuelle (Luxembourg)

Intellectual Property Directorate (Luxembourg)

location:

Ministère de l'économie et du commerce extérieur
19-21, Boulevard Royal
Luxembourg-Ville
Luxembourg

e-mail: dpi@eco.etat.lu

Internet: www.eco.public.lu

The Office has deleted its teleprinter number, resulting in a change in the means of telecommunication accepted for filing documents. The Office now accepts such filings only by fax.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (LU))

MD Republic of Moldova (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) have changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

telephone: (37322) 44 32 53,
40 06 07, 40 06 08

fax: (37322) 44 01 19, 44 00 94

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (MD))

MN Mongolia (name of Office; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name, e-mail and Internet addresses of the Mongolian Intellectual Property Office have changed, as follows:

name of Office:
Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia
e-mail: ipom@magicnet.mn
Internet: www.ipom.mn

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (MN))

MX Mexico (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property as designated (or elected) Office, have been applicable since 24 March 2005:

for patent:
filing fee: MXP 6,499*
MXP 4,336**
for utility model:
filing fee: MXP 1,885*
MXP 1,257**

- * Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22. This fee includes a 25% reduction based on the establishment of an international search report.
- ** Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1). This fee includes a 50% reduction based on the establishment of an international preliminary examination report.

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

PL Poland (fax number; types of protection; fees)

The fax number of the Polish Patent Office has changed, as follows:

fax: (48-22) 825 83 49

It is no longer possible to obtain patents of addition in Poland. The types of protection that are now available in Poland are as follows:

patents, utility models, European patents

The amounts of the following fee, payable to the Office as receiving Office, has changed:

fee for priority document:

for a patent or utility model:

up to 20 sheets: PLZ 60
for more than 20 sheets: PLZ 125

The amounts of the following national fees payable to the Office have changed:

for patent or utility model:

where an international preliminary examination has been carried out: PLZ 350
where no international preliminary examination has been carried out: PLZ 500
additional fee for each sheet in excess of 20: [No change]

fee for priority claims, per priority: PLZ 100

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

RU Russian Federation (requirements concerning agent)

There has been a change in the requirement as to who can act as agent before the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation) as receiving Office, as follows:

who can act as agent?

any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office

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

SE Sweden (deposits of microorganisms and other biological material: requirements of designated and elected Offices)

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

The applicant may request that, until the patent has been granted by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office or if the application has been finally decided upon without resulting in the grant of the patent, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The same is applied to rejected or withdrawn applications within a period of 20 years from the filing date. The request to restrict the fur-

nishing of a sample to an expert in the art shall be filed by the applicant with the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, at the latest, by the day upon which technical preparations for publication of the application are considered to be completed.

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

SK Slovakia (fax number; provisional protection after international publication; fees)

The fax number of the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) has changed, as follows:

fax: (421-48) 413 25 63

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

where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

under Sections 13(2) and 15(2) of the Patent Law, the applicant is entitled to appropriate remuneration only after publication of the international application in the Slovak language.

where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

(1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Slovak of the claims in the application have been met (see Section 60 of the Patent Law) and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent.

(2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.

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

filing fee: SKK 1,600

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

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The location and mailing address and the fax number of the Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) have changed, the Office has introduced an additional telephone number and e-mail address and has notified an Internet address, as follows:

location and mailing address:

Ground Floor
Methodist Commercial Building
Granby Street
Kingstown
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

telephone: (1-784) 451 28 94, 456 15 16

fax: (1-784) 457 13 97

e-mail: ciposvg@vincysurf.com
office.cipo@mail.gov.vc

Internet: www.gov.vc/govt/cipo/index.asp

In addition to patents, the following type of protection is now available via the PCT in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:

utility certificates

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (VC))

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China)

As from 1 January 2006, there will be a change in the amount payable for an international search carried out by the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, as indicated in Table I(b), as well as a change in the amount of the additional search fee, as indicated below:

additional search fee: CNY 2,100

The Office has also notified the amount of the late furnishing fee under PCT Rule 13^{ter}.1(c), payable as from 1 January 2006 to it as an International Searching Authority for the late furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings:

late furnishing fee: CNY 200

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

Fees relating to the international preliminary examination (State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China; Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

The State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China has notified the amount of the late furnishing fee under PCT Rule 13ter.2 payable to it, as from 1 January 2006, as an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the late furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings:

late furnishing fee: CNY 200

As from 1 January 2006 there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Table II. There will also be a change in the amount of the additional preliminary examination fee, as follows:

additional preliminary examination fee: EUR 523.29

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

Notification under PCT Rules 44bis.3(a) and 72.1

European Patent Office

The European Patent Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 44bis.3(a) and 72.1, that where either an international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) or an international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) has been issued in a language other than one of its official languages, the Office will require a translation of the report into English. According to PCT Rule 44bis.3(b) and PCT Article 36(2)(b), either translation shall be prepared by or under the responsibility of the International Bureau.

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Power of Attorney Waivers

The table showing the PCT Office/Authorities which have notified WIPO that they have waived the requirement to submit a power of attorney under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and/or Rule 90.5(a)(ii) has been updated and appears on pages 11 to 13 of this issue, and is also available on the PCT website (see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/p_a_waivers.pdf).

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/applicants.html)

Records of the Washington Diplomatic Conference on the Patent Cooperation Treaty

The Records of the Washington Diplomatic Conference on the Patent Cooperation Treaty are now available on the Internet for the first time (they were originally published, in paper format only, in 1972). The Diplomatic Conference, which took place from 25 May to 19 June 1970, adopted the Treaty and Regulations, as well as the Final Act and a Resolution. The Records contain all the documents relating to that conference which were issued before, during and after it.

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

Video presentation in Japanese

A new video presentation in Japanese is available on the PCT website. The video, featuring Toshiaki Nakamaki, Counsellor, PCT External Relations Division, was made on 28 July 2005 at a PCT seminar in Japan. It can be downloaded or viewed online in two different formats, depending on your connection speed, at:

www.wipo.int/ja/pct/video/seminar

New table: the furnishing by the IB of the IPER to third parties

A new table containing a list of the States and organizations which have requested the International Bureau under Rule 94.1(c) to furnish to third parties copies of the international preliminary examination report on their behalf is now available on the PCT website at:

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

Note that there have been no changes since 1 April 2004, the date shown at the top of the table.

Table of time limits for entering the national/regional phase

The table of time limits for entering the national/regional phase under PCT Chapters I and II, as updated on 17 November 2005, is now available 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

Table of reservations and incompatibilities

The table containing all PCT reservations and incompatibilities was updated on 17 November 2005, in English, French, German and Spanish, and is available at, respectively:

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

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Table of power of attorney waivers

See “Power of attorney waivers,” above.

Practical Advice

The differences between the current edition of the International Patent Classification (IPC⁷) and the new edition (IPC⁸)

Q: Our company carries out preliminary searches of prior art according to IPC symbols before filing our patent applications. We have seen that the IPC has been revised and would like to know what is the difference between the current edition of the IPC (IPC⁷) and the new edition (IPC⁸)?

A: Although IPC⁸, which will enter into force on 1 January 2006, will not seem radically different from IPC⁷ – the rules, purpose and structure of the IPC symbols used for searching will not fundamentally change – there will be changes that people in the patent profession should be aware of. Some of those changes were announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2005, cover page, but further details are given below.

The main new features which have been incorporated into IPC⁸ are as follows:

- 1) The IPC classification scheme has been divided into two levels:
 - a) A relatively stable **core level** of limited size (the core level currently has about 20,000 entries), comprising only entries which are high in the IPC hierarchy, for use, in particular, by industrial property (IP) offices with small to medium-sized patent collections, the general public, and by observers of statistical and technological trends. Searchers performing national searches of documents from countries with small IP Offices should be aware that the collections of those Offices may be classified only according to the core level.
 - b) **An advanced level**, comprising the core level entries plus more detailed subdivisions of

the core level (the advanced level currently has about 70,000 entries), which will be used, in particular, by IP offices with medium to large-sized patent collections, as well as members of the general public who search those collections. In this level, there will be fewer patent documents in each hierarchically-lower (and therefore more specialized) classification place, and the smaller number of documents will be more relevant to the technology that is being searched.

The above-mentioned new levels will be the subject of different revision procedures – the advanced level being revised more frequently (potentially every three months as opposed to every three years for the core level) to allow for a rapid adaptation of that level to newly emerging technologies, thus more closely reflecting the state of the art. Note that, unlike IPC⁷, which was also available on paper, the advanced level of IPC⁸ will be available only on the Internet. The core level will, however, be available both on paper and on the Internet.

2) With the new edition of the IPC, it will be mandatory for all major patent collections belonging to the PCT Minimum Documentation to be reclassified (if the classification area has changed during the revision cycle) according to the new version of the advanced level of the IPC. This will enable searchers of earlier technologies to search according to a single edition of the IPC with greater confidence, instead of having to search using different editions of the IPC to ensure a full coverage search.

3) With the reform of the IPC, a new Master Classification Database (MCD) will be established for collecting all data relating to the classification or reclassification of patent documents belonging to the PCT Minimum Documentation, together with data relating to the classification of newly published documents. Classification data in the MCD will be available to the public via esp@cenet.

4) A new electronic layer has been published on the Internet version of the new edition of the IPC. It contains useful supplementary information which does not belong to the classification scheme of the IPC itself, such as the classification definitions for some IPC subclasses and main groups, and chemical formulae. The electronic layer will become

increasingly useful over time as more information is added.

5) Under the new edition of the IPC, some entries of IPC⁷ have been amended and a number of new entries relating to new technologies have been created. A Revision Concordance List (RCL) shows, in tabular form, all changes that have been made (click on RCL at the top of the page at: www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ipc8/?lang=en).

6) The presentation of classification symbols appearing on the front pages of published patent documents has been revised, notably, to reflect the version of the classification symbol.

Users of the IPC do not have to worry about changes dramatically altering the use of the reformed IPC for searching. In effect, the reformed IPC can be used for searching patent documents as before, while some new features will facilitate its application and effectiveness. WIPO has made a commitment to ensure that various search aids will be made available for the benefit of all searchers. For example, the natural language search tool (TACSY) (see: www.wipo.int/tacsy) which is available (currently for IPC⁷) in English and French, free-of-charge, allows non-IPC specialists to find IPC symbols using a few key words and synonyms.

The complete text of the eighth edition, in English and French, is available from the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ipc8

The printed version of the core level of the IPC is available from the Design, Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO (www.wipo.int/ebookshop).

For further information on this topic, see:

- “New Zealand: IPC Reform – How Will it Affect the Patent Profession?” by Ian Cockburn, Marketing Manager, Patmark Research Limited, with the assistance of Mary Bonsell, Senior Technical Information Officer, WIPO (www.mondaq.com/i_article.asp?articleid=36074)
- Frequently asked questions about the IPC on WIPO website (www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/en/faq/ipcfaq-ver01.htm).

**Offices (or Authorities) which have Notified WIPO of
Waiver(s) of the Power of Attorney Requirement
under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and/or 90.5(a)(ii)
(status on 17 November 2005)**

Abbreviations used in table: P/A = power of attorney; RO = receiving Office; ISA = International Searching Authority; IPEA = International Preliminary Examining Authority; for two-letter codes, see last page of *PCT Newsletter*

Two-letter code of Office	Capacity of Office in which waiver was made	Waiver of separate P/A (PCT Rule 90.4(d))?	Waiver of copy of general P/A (PCT Rule 90.5(c))?	Particular instances in which a separate P/A and/or a copy of a general P/A is required ¹
AT	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	None.
AU	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s).
BY	RO	Yes	Yes	Where there is a change in representation, that is, where any action before the Office is performed by an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing.
CA	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the Request Form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.
CH	RO	Yes	Yes	None.
DE	RO	Yes	Yes	<p>If the agent is not a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law resident in Germany, or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany).</p> <p>In case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act.</p> <p>Also, a separate power of attorney is required in the case of a common representative.</p>
DK	RO	Yes	Yes	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.
EA	RO	Yes	Yes	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.
EP	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

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Two-letter code of Office	Capacity of Office in which waiver was made	Waiver of separate P/A?	Waiver of copy of general P/A?	Particular instances in which a separate P/A and/or a copy of a general P/A is required ¹
FI	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the Request Form or in the Demand Form at the time of their filing.
GB	RO	Yes	Yes	Where an agent or common representative, who is not indicated on the Request Form at the time of filing, performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.
IB	IB	Yes	n.a.	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.
	RO	Yes	Yes	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.
IL	RO	Yes	Yes	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing.
JP	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing.
KG	RO	No	Yes	None.
LT	RO	No	Yes	None.
MD	RO	Yes	Yes	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.
NL	RO	Yes	Yes	None.
NZ	RO	Yes	Yes	Where there is a change in representation, that is, where an applicant is represented by a new agent or representative.
PH	RO	Yes	Yes	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.
PT	RO	Yes	Yes	If the applicant is not represented by an official industrial property agent.

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Two-letter code of Office	Capacity of Office in which waiver was made	Waiver of separate P/A?	Waiver of copy of general P/A?	Particular instances in which a separate P/A and/or a copy of a general P/A is required ¹
SE	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the Request Form or in the Demand Form at the time of their filing.
SG	RO	Yes ²	Yes ²	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.
TR	RO	Yes	Yes	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or 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.
US	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where it is unclear whether a purported agent has the power to act on behalf of the applicant, and for certain changes under PCT Rule 92bis.
YU	RO	Yes	Yes	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant; or for changes under PCT Rule 92bis.

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1. Other than where the agent or the common representative submits any notice of withdrawal referred to in PCT Rules 90bis.1 to 90bis.4.
 2. For international applications filed on or after 1 December 2004.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5–6 December 2005 New Delhi (IN)	English	PCT Seminar at the WIPO National Seminar on Enhancing Global Competitiveness of Indian Life Sciences Industry Through the Strategic Use of the Patent System WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling and Mr. Sinha	FICCI IIPD (Ms. Rashmi Sarita) Tel: (91-11) 23 73 87 60-70 Ext (309), 23 35 73 89 Fax: (91-11) 23 32 07 14, 23 72 15 04 E-mail: rashmisarita@ficci.com
8–9 December 2005 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	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 2005 Mumbai (IN)	English	PCT Seminar at the WIPO National Seminar on Enhancing Global Competitiveness of Indian Life Sciences Industry Through the Strategic Use of the Patent System WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling and Mr. Sinha	FICCI IIPD (Ms. Rashmi Sarita) Tel: (91-11) 23738760-70 Ext (309), 23357389 Fax: (91-11) 23320714, 23721504 E-mail: rashmisarita@ficci.com
13–14 December 2005 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 52
11 February 2006 St. Paul, MN (US)	English	“William Mitchell’s Intellectual Property Symposium: The Patent Cooperation Treaty and the International Patent System” WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling and Ms. Boutillon	William Mitchell College of Law and Fredrickson & Byron (Mrs. Meg Daniel) Tel: (1–651) 290 64 25 Internet: www.wmitchell.edu/lectures/pct+symposium
8–9 March 2006 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation 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
27 March 2006 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
21–22 April 2006 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 December 2005, 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	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SIT	Slovenian tolar
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUP	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	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	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSM	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 December 2005, 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
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (64)	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 1,525 (from 1.1.06: 1,435)	16 (15)	109 (103)	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	n a	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (64)	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (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 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,340 (from 1.1.06: 1,273)	14 (14)	96 (91)	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 —	COP eq USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	eq USD 12 (12)	eq USD 79 (78)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	EP ES
CU	USD (or eq CUP) 200	USD (or eq CUP) 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	AT EP ES 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, 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
CY	CYP 75	CYP 526 (from 1.1.06: 516)	6 (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 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (64)	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,700 (from 1.1.06: 6,710)	70 (70)	480 (480)	EP SE
DM	Information not yet available				
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD 50	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	EP RU
EC	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
EG	USD 100	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	AT EP US
EP ⁵	EUR 100	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (64)	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 65.27	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (64)	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (64)	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (64)	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 628 (from 1.1.06: 611)	7 (7)	45 (44)	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (64)	EP
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
IB ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 79	CHF 1,400 or EUR 902 or USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: EUR 900 or USD 1,086)	15 10 12 (EUR 10 USD 12)	100 64 79 (EUR 64 USD 78)	See footnote 11
ID	IDR 500,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (64)	EP
IL	ILS 476 (from 1.1.06: 480)	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 74,000 (from 1.1.06: 68,000)	800 (700)	5,300 (4,900)	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 123,200 (from 1.1.06: 121,800)	1,300 (1,300)	8,800 (8,700)	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available				

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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
KP KR ⁵	KPW eq CHF 50 KRW 45,000	KPW eq CHF 1,400 KRW 1,126,000 (from 1.1.06: 1,123,000)	eq CHF 15 12,000 (12,000)	eq CHF 100 80,000 (80,000)	AT RU AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (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 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (64)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (64)	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	n a	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	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
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 111,100 (from 1.1.06: 134,700)	1,200 (1,400)	7,900 (9,600)	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
NI	USD 200	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	EP ES
NL ⁵	EUR 50	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (64)	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,370 (from 1.1.06: 7,030)	80 (80)	530 (500)	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,653 (from 1.1.06: 1,584)	18 (17)	118 (113)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁷ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available				
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	64 (64)	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	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 (from 1.1.06: 8,450)	90 (90)	580 (600)	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,926 (from 1.1.06: 1,834)	21 (20)	138 (131)	AT AU EP
SI	SIT 22,000	SIT eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 902 (from 1.1.06: 900)	10 (10)	n a	EP
SY	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁷ —	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	n a	EP RU

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TM	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	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 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	n a	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	EP US
UZ	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	12 (12)	79 (78)	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 7,270 (from 1.1.06: 6,910)	80 (70)	520 (490)	AT AU EP US
ZM	Information not yet available				
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,102 (from 1.1.06: 1,086)	eq USD 12 (12)	eq USD 79 (78)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 December 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT	EUR 200 * (from 1.1.06: —)	CHF 311 KRW 250,000	KRW* 264,000 SGD 410	SGD* 430 USD 241	USD* 262 ZAR 1,540	ZAR* 1,620		
AU	AUD 1,200 USD* 942 * (from 1.1.06: —)	CHF* 1,126 ZAR* 5,800 CHF 1,171 SGD 1,530	EUR* 769 EUR 752 USD 908	KRW* 948,000 KRW 939,000 ZAR 5,780	NZD* 1,282 NZD 1,324	SGD* 1,490		
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 1.1.06: —)	CHF* 1,681 CHF 1,759	EUR* 1,078 EUR 1,131	USD* 1,336 USD 1,365				
CN	CNY* 1,500 * (from 1.1.06: —)	CHF* 240 CNY 2,100	EUR* 137 CHF 335	USD* 181 EUR 215	USD 260			
EP ¹⁵	EUR 1,550 JPY* 217,300 USD* 1,877 * (from 1.1.06: —) JPY 209,800 USD 1,871	CHF* 2,432 MWK* 194,000 ZAR* 12,000 CHF 2,412 MWK 232,000 ZAR 11,910	CYP* 905 NOK* 12,650 CYP 888 NOK 12,110	DKK* 11,520 NZD* 2,622 DKK 11,560 NZD 2,728	GBP* 1,078 SEK* 13,870 GBP 1,052 SEK 14,560	ISK* 121,000 SGD* 3,150 ISK 117,000 SGD 3,160		
ES ¹⁵	EUR 1,550	CHF* 2,432	USD* 1,877* *(from 1.1.06: —)	CHF 2,412	USD 1,871			
FI	EUR 1,550	CHF* 2,432	USD* 1,877 *(from 1.1.06: —)	CHF 2,412	USD 1,871			
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.1.06: —)	CHF* 1,097 CHF 1,115	EUR* 692 EUR 717	KRW* 920,000 KRW 895,000	USD* 887 USD 865			
KR	KRW 225,000 * (from 1.1.06: —)	CHF* 272 CHF 280	EUR* 168 EUR 180	NZD* 315 NZD 317	USD 218			
RU ¹⁶	USD 300	CHF* 389	EUR* 227 *(from 1.1.06: —)	CHF 387	EUR 248			
SE	SEK* 13,870 USD* 1,877 * (from 1.1.06: —) USD 1,871	CHF* 2,432 SEK 14,560	DKK* 11,520 CHF 2,412	EUR 1,550 DKK 11,560	ISK* 121,000 ISK 117,000	NOK* 12,650 NOK 12,110		
US	USD 1,000 ZAR* 6,800 * (from 1.1.06: —) ZAR 6,360	CHF* 1,269 CHF 1,289	390 ¹⁷ 387 ¹⁷	EUR* 787 EUR 828	224 ¹⁷ 248 ¹⁷	NZD* 1,460 NZD 1,460	420 ¹⁷ 440 ¹⁷	

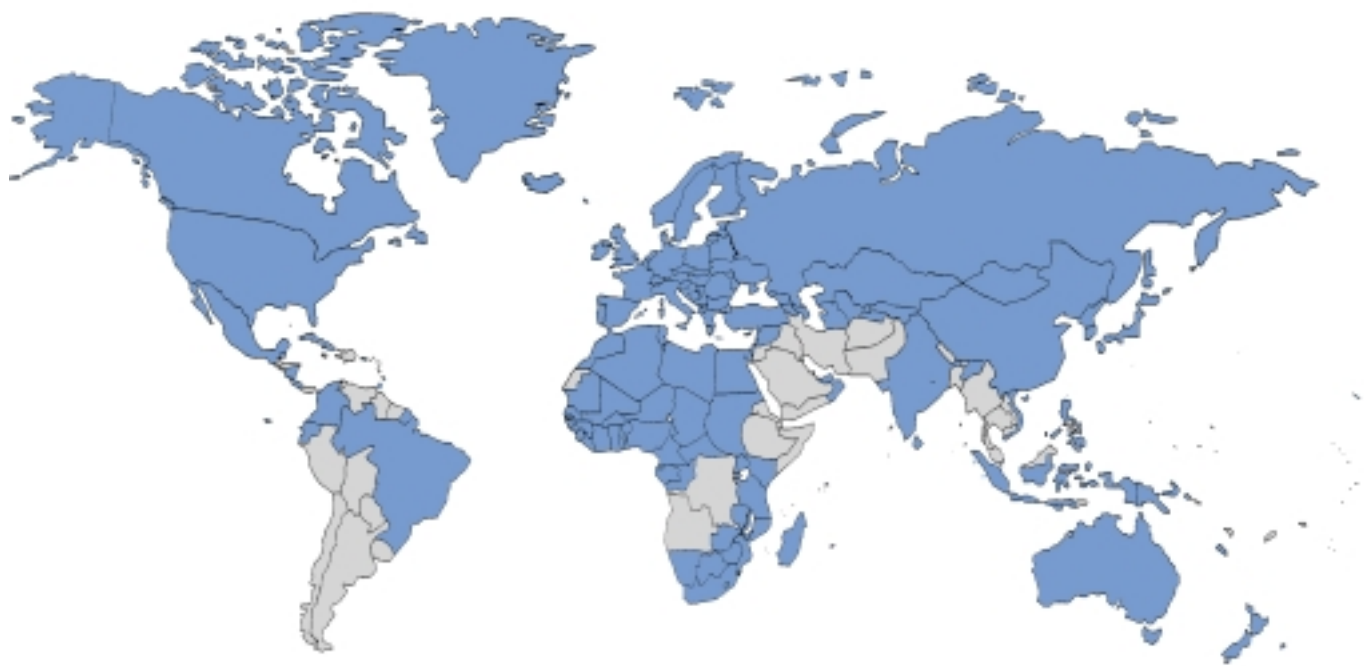
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
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IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁸		Handling fee ^{3, 18} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129
AU	AUD	550 1,000 ¹⁹	AUD	218 (from 1.1.06: 205)
CA	CAD	800	CAD	192 (from 1.1.06: 182)
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁵	EUR	1,530	EUR	129
ES	EUR	513.03 (from 1.1.06: 523.29)	EUR	129
FI	EUR	550	EUR	129
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	17,600 (from 1.1.06: 17,400)
KR	KRW	225,000	KRW	161,000 (from 1.1.06: 160,000)
RU ¹⁶	USD	200 ²⁰ 300 ²¹	USD	157 (from 1.1.06: 155)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,160 (from 1.1.06: 1,210)
US	USD	600 750 ²²	USD	157 (from 1.1.06: 155)

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- 21 In all cases where footnote 20 does not apply.
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