

# PCT NEWSLETTER

## Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO

The Assemblies of the member States of WIPO, including the 38th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union, were held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2008.

## Appointment of new Director General

Following his nomination by the WIPO Coordination Committee on 13 May 2008, the WIPO General Assembly appointed Mr. Francis Gurry, on 22 September 2008, as Director General of WIPO for a six-year term that began on 1 October.

Mr. Gurry, a national of Australia, is the fourth Director General of WIPO, following Georg Bodenhausen of the Netherlands (1970-1973), Arpad Bogsch of the United States of America (1973-1997) and Kamil Idris of Sudan (1997-2008).

Representatives of the WIPO member States congratulated Mr. Gurry on his appointment and highlighted his wealth of experience in intellectual property and the professionalism that he brings to this position.



*Mr. Francis Gurry,  
WIPO's new Director General*

Prior to joining WIPO, Mr. Gurry practiced law and held a number of academic positions. Mr. Gurry has held a number of positions since he joined WIPO in 1985, his latest one being Deputy Director General responsible, *inter alia*, for the PCT – his full curriculum vitae is available at:

[http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/wo\\_ga\\_36/wo\\_ga\\_36\\_1.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/wo_ga_36/wo_ga_36_1.pdf)

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Gurry highlighted the importance of the patent system as well as the problems which had been brought on by its own success, and expressed the belief that the PCT provides a better basis for constructing a solution to those problems than any other solution under consideration or in the range of current imagination.

Further information is available in Press Release PR/2008/564 which is available on the WIPO website at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2008/article\\_0045.html](http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2008/article_0045.html)

and Mr. Gurry's acceptance speech (in text and video formats) is available at:

[http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/dgo/dg\\_gurry\\_acceptance\\_speech\\_2008.html](http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/dgo/dg_gurry_acceptance_speech_2008.html)

## Assembly of the PCT Union

The PCT Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations relating to three subjects:

- supplementary international search: clarification concerning refund of the supplementary search handling fee and the supplementary search fee; the right of agents to practice before any International Authority specified to carry out a supplementary international search; and the effects of a withdrawal of a request for supplementary international search;
- processing of the international application under PCT Article 14(4): clarification of the procedure to be followed by the receiving Office where it has accorded, albeit mistakenly, an international filing date and intends to issue a declaration under PCT Article 14(4) that the international application is to be considered withdrawn because it does not contain the claim(s) element or the description element (PCT Article 11(1)(iii)(d) and (e)); and
- amendment of claims: in the case of amendments of the claims under PCT Articles 19 and 34, the requirement for applicants to submit a replacement sheet or sheets containing a complete set of claims rather than, as at present, replacement sheets only for those sheets of claims which differ from sheets previously filed.

The amendments relating to supplementary international search will come into force 1 January 2009 at the same time as the service itself begins. Three offices (the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the Nordic Patent Institute) intend to offer supplementary international searches as of that date. Furthermore, the Austrian Patent Office intends to offer the service from later in 2009 and the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the European Patent Office from 2010. Several Offices have not yet decided when they will offer this service.

The other amendments will come into force 1 July 2009. Minor corrections to the proposals in the working documents (PCT/A/38/2 and 2 Add.) were agreed upon, and the final texts will be available in Annexes I and II of the report of the session (PCT/A/38/6).

The Assembly also adopted an understanding on criteria which would be applied when deciding whether to add further languages of publication under PCT Rule 48.3 in the future (PCT/A/38/4), and noted reports on the first session of the PCT Working Group (PCT/A/38/1) and the quality management systems of PCT International Authorities (PCT/A/38/3).

A report and proposal on eligibility criteria for reductions in PCT fees (PCT/A/38/5) for certain applicants from developing countries was remitted to the PCT Working Group for further consideration.

In a joint session with the Paris Union Assembly and the Patent Law Treaty Assembly, the PCT Assembly also noted a status report (A/45/2) on the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents, which is expected to become available for practical use next year.

### **Other Assemblies**

The PLT Union Assembly adopted modifications to the Model International Request Form and decided that certain modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT would apply for the purposes of the PLT and its Regulations, both with immediate effect (PLT/A/5/1).

The General Assembly noted a report on the work of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (WO/GA/36/10), including:

- a non-exhaustive list of matters for future discussion;

- a request for the preparation of preliminary studies by the Secretariat on the topics of dissemination of patent information (including, *inter alia*, the establishment of a database on search and examination reports); exceptions from patentable subject matter and limitations to the rights, *inter alia*, research exemption and compulsory licenses; patents and standards; and client-attorney privilege – it was emphasized that the commissioning of these studies did not mean that they were prioritized over the other issues; and
- a recommendation to the Director General to make provision in the revised Program and Budget for 2009 for a conference on issues relating to the implications, including public policy implications, of patents on certain areas of public policy, such as health, the environment, climate change and food security.

## Documents

The documents from the 2008 Assemblies (including the reports once they are published) are available from the WIPO website at:

[http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_code=pct/a/38](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/38)

[http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_code=a/45](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=a/45)

## PCT User Survey

WIPO is conducting a survey in order to obtain feedback from the PCT user community and to assess user satisfaction concerning all aspects of the PCT system. This survey will provide WIPO with valuable input on the needs, expectations and experiences of PCT users, and thereby help to improve existing practices and levels of service delivery.

We would very much appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the survey which is available on the WIPO website at:

<https://webaccess.wipo.int/opinio/s?s=2433>

## Publication Schedule and Non-Working Days at the IB at the end of the year

### Non-working days at the IB

The non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during December 2008 and January 2009, in addition to the weekends, will be 8, 25 and 26 December 2008, and 1 and 2 January 2009. The IB will be open for business on 29, 30 and 31 December 2008, and will then be open as usual as from Monday, 5 January 2009.

### Closing dates of the PCT Information Service

The PCT Information Service will be closed from Wednesday, 24 December 2008 to Sunday, 4 January 2009, inclusive. It will reopen on Monday, 5 January 2009, at 9.00 a.m., Geneva (local) time.

Please note, however, that if you call the PCT Information Service (telephone number: (+41-22) 338 83 38) during the holiday period, there will be a message service and a telephone number will be provided for cases requiring urgent attention. It is recalled that the PCT

Information Service answers general inquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure to be followed during the international phase of the PCT.

Note that calls relating to specific international applications should be directed to the relevant processing team, the number for which is provided on the IB forms. Correspondence relating to specific applications should be addressed to the fax number indicated on the IB forms or to the PCT Document Section fax number: (+41-22) 338 82 70.

### Publication schedule and technical preparations for publication

During the forthcoming holiday period, PCT applications which would normally have been published on Thursday, 25 December 2008 and Thursday, 1 January 2009, which are non-working days at WIPO, will be published a day earlier, on Wednesday, 24 December and 31 December 2008, respectively.

As from the publication date of 27 November 2008, the completion of technical preparations for publication will take place earlier than the usual 15 days before publication; the schedule for the completion of technical preparations will return to normal for international applications that will be published on 22 January 2009. For further details, see the following table, which gives the schedule for the publications that will be affected, and the respective dates by which any changes should be received by the IB.

<b>International publication: dates affected by forthcoming holiday period</b>	
<i>Date of international publication</i>	<i>Last day on which applicants' communications must reach WIPO</i>
Thursday, 20 November 2008	Tuesday, 4 November 2008 (normal schedule)
Thursday, 27 November 2008	Monday, 10 November 2008
Thursday, 4 December 2008	Friday, 14 November 2008
Thursday, 11 December 2008	Thursday, 20 November 2008
Thursday, 18 December 2008	Wednesday, 26 November 2008
Wednesday, 24 December 2008	Tuesday, 2 December 2008
Wednesday, 31 December 2008	Tuesday, 9 December 2008
Thursday, 8 January 2009	Monday, 15 December 2008
Thursday, 15 January 2009	Friday, 19 December 2008
Thursday, 22 January 2009	Tuesday, 6 January 2009 (normal schedule)

Any applicant who, in respect of an international application to be published during the above-mentioned period, wishes to make any change which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication, should be aware of the above-mentioned dates. For example, if the applicant wishes to withdraw the international application, a designation or a priority claim under PCT Rules 90*bis*.1(c), 90*bis*.2(e) or 90*bis*.3(e), in sufficient time to prevent international publication thereof, or if the applicant wishes to submit amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 and the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1 will expire soon, or wishes to change an indication concerning the applicant, agent, common representative or inventor under

PCT Rule 92*bis* – any such notice must reach the IB by the date indicated in the right hand column of the table if the changes are to be reflected in the international publication.

It is, as always, strongly recommended that applicants notify the IB of any change as early as possible before completion of technical preparations for publication, preferably by fax.

### **Reminder about Availability of Inventors' Addresses to Third Parties**

It might be a matter of concern for certain inventors in certain situations that their name and address, once the international application has been published, is available to third parties by way of the bibliographical data that is published on the PATENTSCOPE® search service, and that such information may, in particular, be found by entering the inventor's family name in an Internet search engine. Note also that even if an inventor's address is changed before international publication, that address will be available in the file of the international application, and will be accessible to third parties after publication of the international application (see PCT Rule 94.1(b)). It is therefore advisable that applicants or their agents inform inventors, prior to filing the international application, that their name and address will be published and available to third parties, if it is included in the request form.

It is recalled that there is no requirement under the PCT that the address indicated in the request form (and subsequently published as part of the international application) be the inventor's **home address**. Various alternatives exist, including, where possible:

- using the address of the inventor's employer
- using a post office box number, or
- using the agent's address

Whatever address is chosen would ultimately be a matter for the applicants and inventors to decide, and may depend on the national law of the relevant designated Offices, however, for the purposes of the international phase, the International Bureau would not object to the use of an address which is not the inventor's home address.

Another option, where the address of at least one applicant has been furnished, for example where the international application has been filed by a corporate applicant, would be to not furnish an address for the inventor(s) at all (see PCT Rule 26.2*bis*(b)). For an explanation of what may happen if this option is chosen, as well as other information relating to the matter of the furnishing of the inventor's name and address, see the "Practical Advice" published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2007 at:

[http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2007/pct\\_news\\_2007\\_8.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2007/pct_news_2007_8.pdf).

### **PATENTSCOPE® Search Service: PCT File Contents Available Soon**

The complete file contents of published PCT international applications (with the exception of certain documents, the communication of which the PCT does not permit (see, for example, PCT Article 38)) will soon be available online through the PATENTSCOPE® search service.

As a first step, the PCT Request Form (PCT/RO/101) is now available for PCT applications with an international filing date as from January 2006. Further documents, such as correspondence, copies of forms issued by Offices and other documents, will be added in the coming months. It is recalled that access to files of PCT applications is given according to PCT Rule 94.

Until now, access to the file has been on request only and subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service. However, access to the complete file contents of published PCT international applications is now available:

- Online and automatically via the PATENTSCOPE® search service
- Free of charge

Note, however, that it will not be possible to obtain certified copies in this way; these will continue to be available only upon request and on paper, and will remain subject to the payment of a fee.

Further information on access to the file of the international application is published in the chapter entitled: “Access by Third Parties to Documents in the File of the International Application” of the seminar presentation on the PCT Resources page at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/basic\\_1/document.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf)

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

### **PT Portugal (PCT Rule 26bis.3(j), 49ter.1(g) and 49ter.2(h))**

Further to its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rules 26bis.3(j) (restoration of right of priority by receiving Office), 49ter.1(g) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office) and 49ter.2 (h) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office), as modified with effect from 1 April 2007, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2006), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal), in its capacities as receiving Office and designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 October 2008. PCT Rules 26bis.3(a) to (i), 49ter.1(a) to (f) and 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore apply with respect to the Office with effect from that date.

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

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

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf)

## **PCT Information Update**

### **Fees payable in US dollars (various Offices)**

As from 1 January 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in USD to various receiving Offices (see below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

## **AO Angola (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The International Bureau acting as receiving Office for the Angolan Institute of Industrial Property has specified the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Angola with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 27 December 2007.

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

## **CA Canada (fees)**

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2008 that the Canadian Intellectual Property Office is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 29 September 2008, equivalent amounts in CAD have been established for the reductions under item 3(c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

## **GT Guatemala (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) has specified the Austrian Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Guatemala with the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) as receiving Office. (The USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search report has been prepared by the USPTO.)

## **SG Singapore (fees)**

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

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

## **US United States of America (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; fees; editorial changes)**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has specified, with effect from 1 November 2008, the Australian Patent Office as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), in addition to the European Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the USPTO, for international applications filed by nationals or residents of the United States of America with the USPTO or the International Bureau as receiving Office. Note that the Australian Patent Office will not be a competent ISA or IPEA for international applications that contain one or more claims relating to mechanical engineering or analogous fields of technology – further detailed information will be provided shortly. Furthermore, the Australian Patent Office will act as an IPEA only if the international search is or has been performed by the Australian Patent Office.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the USPTO as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (the amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a “small entity”; certain other fees, not indicated, have not changed):

Basic national fee: .....	USD	330	(165)
Search fee:			
IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): .....		[No change]	
International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA: .....		[No change]	
Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO: .....	USD	430	(215)
All other situations: .....	USD	540	(270)
Examination fee:			
IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): .....		[No change]	
All other situations: .....	USD	220	(110)
For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium):	USD	270	(135)
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: .....	USD	220	(110)
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: .....	USD	52	(26)
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: .....	USD	390	(195)

In addition, there have been some editorial changes in the annexes. Please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (US), C (US), D (US), and the National Chapter (US).

See also “Fees payable in US dollars,” above.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (US), C (US), D (US), and National Chapter (US))



## **Search fee (Australian Patent Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office)**

There will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in USD (as from 1 December 2008), EUR (as from 15 December 2008) and ZAR (as from 1 January 2008) for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and as from 15 December 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The above-mentioned changes are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

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

## **New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet ([www.wipo.int/pct/en](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en))**

### **Regulations under the PCT**

Consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT in English and French, as in force from 1 January 2009, will be available shortly on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct\\_regs2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct\\_regs2009.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf)

### **Request and demand forms in Russian**

The July 2008 versions of the request (PCT/RO/101) and the demand (PCT/IPEA/401) forms in Russian, in editable PDF format, are now available on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/request/ed\\_request.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/request/ed_request.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/demand/ed\\_demand.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/demand/ed_demand.pdf)

The International Bureau is most grateful to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation) (ROSPATENT) for preparing the translation of the forms.

### **ISA and IPEA Agreements**

Updated versions of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following Offices as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs): the Australian Patent Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, have been published in English and French on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa\\_ipea\\_agreements.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa\\_ipea\\_agreements.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html)

### **Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PowerPoint presentations in Chinese, English and German**

PowerPoint presentations containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations that entered into force on 1 July 2008 and that will enter into force on 1 January 2009 have

been updated and are now also available in Chinese and German. These presentations can be found at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/ppt/2008changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/ppt/2009changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2009changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/ppt/2009changes.ppt>

### **Seminar materials**

Updated seminar materials covering all aspects of the PCT procedure and future developments are now available in a new format in German, at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/seminar/basic\\_1/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/seminar/basic_1/index.html)

### **Collection of PCT User Strategies**

A presentation entitled “Strategic Use of the PCT”, prepared by Mr. T. David Reed, has been added to the collection of PCT User Strategies on the PCT Resources page at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/pct\\_strategies/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/pct_strategies/index.html)

(This replaces the presentation entitled “Integrating PCT as Part of a Corporate Patent Strategy”.)

### **PCT-SAFE Update**

#### **Release of PCT-SAFE Client patch**

An update patch, dated 26 September 2008, for the PCT-SAFE Client software may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download\\_client.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.htm)

Note that this patch will only update the 1 July 2008 full installation of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.029.204) and must not be used to update any other version.

This patch includes the following changes:

- fully electronic filing with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office has been enabled (effective date 29 September 2008);
- the request form in Russian (dated 1 July 2008) is now available;
- El Salvador may be selected as receiving Office for PCT-EASY type applications;
- fee schedules have been updated where relevant; and
- other minor functionality enhancements and PCT updates.

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

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

## Practical Advice

### Seeking patent protection via the PCT in respect of States which have recently joined a regional patent organization

*Q: On 5 December 2007, I filed an international application claiming the priority of an earlier application filed on 15 December 2006. I will be entering the national phase in the various States that interest me before 15 June 2009. In view of the fact that Norway, which was designated in my application for a national patent, became a member State of the European Patent Organisation on 1 January 2008, is it possible to obtain a European patent for Norway, instead of entering the Norwegian national phase separately before the Norwegian Industrial Property Office?*

A: Under PCT Rule 4.9(a), the filing of the request constitutes the designation of all Contracting States that are bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of each kind of protection available, and for the grant of both regional and national patents. Since your international application was filed on 5 December 2007, a regional designation for a European patent (“EP designation”) and a national designation for Norway will have been included; the EP designation does not, however, include Norway as it was not a member State of the European Patent Organisation at that time. Although Norway became a member of the European Patent Organisation on 1 January 2008, before the date on which you will enter the national phase under PCT Article 22(1) (or 39(1)), it is the international filing date which determines which States are designated, which type(s) of protection is/are being sought, and which national or regional patents are being sought (PCT Rule 4.9(a)). An EP designation is, in effect, the designation of those States that are, at the date of filing of the PCT application, members of both the European Patent Organisation and the PCT – it is not possible to add a State to a regional designation after the international filing date of the application concerned (in the same way that it is not possible to add a designation for the purposes of obtaining a national patent).

If you wish to obtain patent protection in Norway on the basis of your PCT application, it will be necessary to pursue a national patent by entering the national phase directly before the Norwegian Industrial Property Office<sup>1</sup>.

Any PCT application filed on or after 1 January 2008, the date on which Norway became a member of the European Patent Organisation, will automatically include the designation of Norway for the purposes of obtaining a European patent as well as a national patent, and applicants of those applications have the choice of whether to enter the national phase in Norway or whether to seek protection in that State via a European patent.

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1. Note that the situation regarding the EP designation is the same for Croatia, which also became a member State of the European Patent Organisation on 1 January 2008. However, for international applications filed prior to that date, it is still possible, in the national phase, to extend European patent applications to Croatia, provided that the international application includes the designation of Croatia for a national patent, as well as an EP designation (that is, that the automatic designations of Croatia and EP have not been withdrawn). For further information on the extension of European patents to Croatia, see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 05/2004, page 3, and 12/2004, page 7, at: [http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2004/pct\\_news\\_2004\\_5.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2004/pct_news_2004_5.pdf) and [http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2004/pct\\_news\\_2004\\_12.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2004/pct_news_2004_12.pdf).

It is important that applicants and their agents be vigilant as to which Contracting States are covered by a regional patent when they enter the national phase, to ensure that they do not make the mistake of presuming that they will be able to obtain a regional patent in a particular State, when they should in fact be taking the necessary steps to enter the national phase in that State directly with the national Office concerned.

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b> (situation on 1 October 2008)			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>10 October 2008 London (GB)</b>	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
<b>13–14 October 2008 Hyderabad (IN)</b>	English	Roving seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Moayedoddin, Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Aeri	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (Mr. T.C. James, Director) E-mail: tcj@nic.in
<b>15 October 2008 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Presentation on the recent developments in the PCT system, within the framework of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference about Intellectual Property Law WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speakers: Mr. Naumann (European Patent Office) and Mr. Molnia (Dorries Frank-Molnia & Pohlman (df-mp), Munich)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
<b>16–17 October 2008 Kolkata (IN)</b>	English	Roving seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Moayedoddin, Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Aeri	(See Hyderabad, above)
<b>20–21 October 2008 Ahmedabad (IN)</b>	English	Roving seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Aeri	(See Hyderabad, above)
<b>20 October 2008 Helsinki (FI)</b>	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Illmarinen) Tel: (358-9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358-9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmariinen@prh.fi
<b>21 October 2008 Muscat (OM)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Trpkovska	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Intellectual Property Department (Mrs. Fatima Al-Ghazali, Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman) Tel: (41-22) 758 96 64 Fax: (41-22) 758 13 59 E-mail: ghazali92@hotmail.com, oman_wto@bluewin.ch
<b>22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	PCT update for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se

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<b>23–24 October 2008 Mumbai (IN)</b>	English	Roving seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Aeri	(See Hyderabad, above)
<b>24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)</b>	English	PCT update WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk
<b>30–31 October 2008 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
<b>3–4 November 2008 Chicago (US)</b>	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
<b>5–7 November 2008 Montevideo (Uruguay)</b>	Spanish	Regional Forum on the PCT for Latin American countries WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy	National Directorate of Industrial Property (Mrs. Rosario Moreira) Tel: (598-2) 903 09 23 Fax: (598-2) 903 11 40 E-mail: rmoreira@dnpi.miem.gub.uy
<b>6–7 November 2008 Prague (CZ)</b>	English	National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Trpkovska and Ms. Bonvallet	Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic (Mr. Joseph Kratochvil) Tel: (420) 220 383 111 E-mail: jkratochvil@upv.cz
<b>11–12 November 2008 Heidelberg (DE)</b>	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
<b>13 November 2008 Reykjavík (IS)</b>	English	PCT training course WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Icelandic Patent Office (Ms. Elfa Ólafsdóttir) Tel: (354) 580 94 00 Fax: (354) 580 94 01 E-mail: elfa@Einkaleyfastofan.is
<b>17–18 November 2008 Alexandria, VA (US)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org

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<b>18 November 2008 Miami (US)</b>	English	“Patent Cooperation Treaty for the Americas” colloquium For further information see: <a href="http://www.pctcolloquium2008.org">www.pctcolloquium2008.org</a>	WIPO, ASIPI, FICPI and AIPLA For conference questions: E-mail: <a href="mailto:secretaria@asipi.org">secretaria@asipi.org</a> For online registration: Internet: <a href="http://www.pctcolloquium2008.org">www.pctcolloquium2008.org</a> For on-line registration questions: E-mail: <a href="mailto:oliaga@meproductions.com">oliaga@meproductions.com</a>
<b>19 November 2008 Osaka (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	Japan Patent Office Regional Branch Administration Section, Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division Tel: (81-3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 E-mail: <a href="mailto:PA02C0@jpo.go.jp">PA02C0@jpo.go.jp</a>
<b>20 November 2008 Nagoya (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Osaka, above)
<b>20–21 November 2008 Boston, Massachusetts (US)</b>	English	Seminar on PCT practices and procedures WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reischle	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Janice Roussel) Tel: (1-617) 526 68 04 Fax: (1-617) 526 50 00 E-mail: <a href="mailto:Janice.Roussel@wilmerhale.com">Janice.Roussel@wilmerhale.com</a>
<b>26 November 2008 Tokyo (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Osaka, above)
<b>27–28 November 2008 Zurich (CH)</b>	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the ETH Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property program WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich (ETH), Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property (Ms. Caroline Frischknecht) Tel: (41-44) 632 68 08 Fax: (41-44) 632 13 67 E-mail: <a href="mailto:frischknecht@recht.gess.ethz.ch">frischknecht@recht.gess.ethz.ch</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.masip.ethz.ch">www.masip.ethz.ch</a>
<b>9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: <a href="mailto:fchauvin@inpi.fr">fchauvin@inpi.fr</a>
<b>11–12 December 2008 London (GB)</b> <i>[previously announced as 4–5 December 2008]</i>	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: <a href="mailto:josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk">josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk</a>
<b>4 February 2009 Ecully (FR)</b>	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
<b>10–11 February 2009 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: <a href="mailto:a.kapeller@forum-institut.de">a.kapeller@forum-institut.de</a>

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<b>10–11 March 2009 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: <a href="mailto:a.kapeller@forum-institut.de">a.kapeller@forum-institut.de</a>
<b>24–25 April 2009 Concord, New Hampshire (US)</b>	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1-603) 225 96 47 E-mail: <a href="mailto:cruh@piercelaw.edu">cruh@piercelaw.edu</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php">www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php</a>
<b>27–28 April 2009 Falls Church, Virginia (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP (Ms. Elizabeth Richards) Tel: (1-703) 205 80 00 Fax: (1-703) 205 80 50 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ClientRelations@bskb.com">ClientRelations@bskb.com</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.bskb.com">www.bskb.com</a>
<b>30 June 2009 Cologne (DE)</b>	German	PCT update WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: <a href="mailto:a.kapeller@forum-institut.de">a.kapeller@forum-institut.de</a>

**Other IP events****Strategic Innovation, Product Design & Development and Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Chennai (India), 2 to 5 December 2008**

A four-day intensive program designed for middle to senior level executives who wish to learn how to strategically use the intellectual property regime to fuel innovation, maximize return on investment in R&D and move their firm up the technology ladder. The program blends innovation with product design and development and intellectual property management to offer a unique learning experience. Thought leaders and senior executives from leading business schools, corporate organizations and WIPO reveal unique insights and experiences on strategic IP management using lectures, case studies, best practices and group discussions. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from each other, share experiences, reflect and apply the principles and practices of IP management in their own business environment.

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## PCT Fee Tables

### (amounts on 1 October 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

#### Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

#### Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 October 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
					Items 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup> (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup> (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,343	15	102	204	305	AU
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL	80	BGL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	Information not yet available							
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP

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(amounts on 1 October 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>	
				Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Items 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>		
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,289	15	97	194	291	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP <sup>9</sup>	–	COP	eq USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	eq USD 15 (14)	eq USD 101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,320	70	480	950	1,430	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR	1,600	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
EC	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	EEK	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US
EP	EUR	110	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP
ES	EUR	69.25	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	675	8	51	101	152	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL <sup>10</sup>	10	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
GH	GHC <sup>11</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
GT	Information not yet available								
HN	Information not yet available								
HR	HRK	200	HRK	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU

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							Items 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>	
IB	CHF <sup>12</sup>	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 13	
	or EUR <sup>12</sup>	64	or EUR	848	10	64	128	191		
	or USD <sup>12</sup>	101	or USD	1,338	15	101	201	302		
			(from 1.1.09:	1,210)	(14)	(91)	(182)	(273)		
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU	
IE	EUR	76	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP	
IL	ILS	503	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	EP US	
			(from 1.1.09:	1,210)	(14)	(91)	(–)	(–)		
IN	INR	8,000	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US	
	(filing by indiv:	2,000)	(from 1.1.09:	1,210)	(14)	(91)	(–)	(–)		
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK	101,400	1,100	7,600	–	–	EP SE XN	
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP	
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	133,400	1,500	10,000	–	30,100	EP JP	
KE	USD (or KES equiv) <sup>250</sup>	plus cost of mailing	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
			(from 1.1.09:	1,210)	(14)	(91)	(–)	(–)		
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU	
			(from 1.1.09:	1,210)	(14)	(91)	(–)	(–)		
KM	Information not yet available									
KN	Information not yet available									
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU	
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,327,000	15,000	100,000	–	299,000	AT AU JP <sup>14</sup> KR	
KZ	KZT	7,360	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU	
			(from 1.1.09:	1,210)	(14)	(91)	(–)	(–)		
LR	USD	45	USD	1,338	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
			(from 1.1.09:	1,210)	(14)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
LS	LSL <sup>9</sup>	–	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP	
LT	LTL	320	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP RU	
LU	EUR	19	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP	
LV	LVL	47.20	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP RU	
LY	LYD <sup>9</sup>	–	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP	
MA	None		CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE	
MC	EUR	54 <sup>15</sup>	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP	
MD	USD	40	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU	
			(from 1.1.09:	1,210)	(14)	(91)	(–)	(–)		
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP	
MN	None		CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP KR RU	
MT	EUR	55	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP	
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	182,500	2,100	13,700	–	–	EP	
MX	MXP eq USD	323.70	MXP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US	
MY	MYR	375 <sup>16</sup>	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR	

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						Items 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>	
NI	USD	200	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
NL	EUR	50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP	
NO	NOK	550	NOK 6,820	80	510	–	–	EP SE XN	
NZ	NZD	180 <sup>17</sup>	NZD 1,704	19	128	–	–	AU EP KR US	
OA	XAF <sup>9</sup>	–	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE	
PG	PGK	250	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	AU	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	201 (182)	302 (273)	AU EP JP KR US	
PL	PLZ	300	PLZ eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP	
PT	EUR	34.34	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP	
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU	
RS	RSD	3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP	
RU	RUR	600	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
SC	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
SD	SDP	50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP	
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK 7,960	90	600	1,200	1,790	EP SE	
SG	SGD	150	SGD 1,845 (from 1.12.08: 1,708)	21 (19)	139 (128)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP KR	
SI	EUR	91	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP	
SK	SKK	2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP	
SM	EUR	50	EUR 848	10	–	–	–	EP	
SV	USD	200	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
SY	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP RU	
TJ	TJS <sup>9</sup>	–	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
TM	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
TN	TND <sup>9</sup>	–	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP	
TR	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
TT	TTD	750	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US	
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
US	USD	300	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	201 (182)	– (–)	EP KR US	
UZ	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
VC	Information not yet available								

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

(amounts on 1 October 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Items 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>	
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 9,510 (from 1.11.08: 10,030)	110 (110)	720 (750)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	eq USD 15 (14)	eq USD 101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 October 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>									
AT	EUR 200 * (from 1.11.08: USD 314)	CHF 330 USD 314)	KRW 306,000	SGD 420	USD* 282	ZAR 2,380				
AU	AUD 1,600 USD*** 1,514 * (from 15.12.08: EUR 919) ** (from 1.11.08: NZD 2,029) *** (from 1.12.08: USD 1,302) **** (from 1.1.09: ZAR 10,540)	CHF 1,594 ZAR**** 11,640 EUR 919) NZD 2,029) USD 1,302) ZAR 10,540)	EUR* 987	KRW 1,590,000	NZD** 1,859	SGD 2,084				
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,587	EUR 995	USD 1,597						
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 328	EUR 199	USD 280						
EP <sup>18</sup>	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR 20,650 * (from 1.11.08: GBP 1,352 ISK 207,000)	CHF 2,726 NOK 13,440 GBP 1,352 ISK 207,000)	DKK 12,670 NZD 3,395	GBP* 1,273 SEK 15,830	ISK* 192,000 SGD 3,530	JPY 268,800 USD 2,665				
ES <sup>18</sup>	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,665							
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,665							
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 926	EUR 600	KRW 924,000	USD 949					
KR	KRW 225,000 * (from 15.10.08: USD 220)	CHF 226 USD 220)	EUR 148	NZD 289	SGD 320	USD* 244				
RU <sup>19</sup>	USD 500	CHF 507	EUR 319							
SE	SEK 15,830 USD 2,665 * (from 1.11.08: ISK 207,000)	CHF 2,726 ISK 207,000)	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK* 192,000	NOK 13,440				
US	USD 1,800 * (from 15.12.08: EUR 1,225)	CHF 1,789 EUR 1,225)	EUR* 1,154	NZD 2,370	ZAR 14,000					
XN	DKK 12,670	CHF 2,726	EUR 1,700	ISK 192,000	NOK 13,440	USD 2,665				

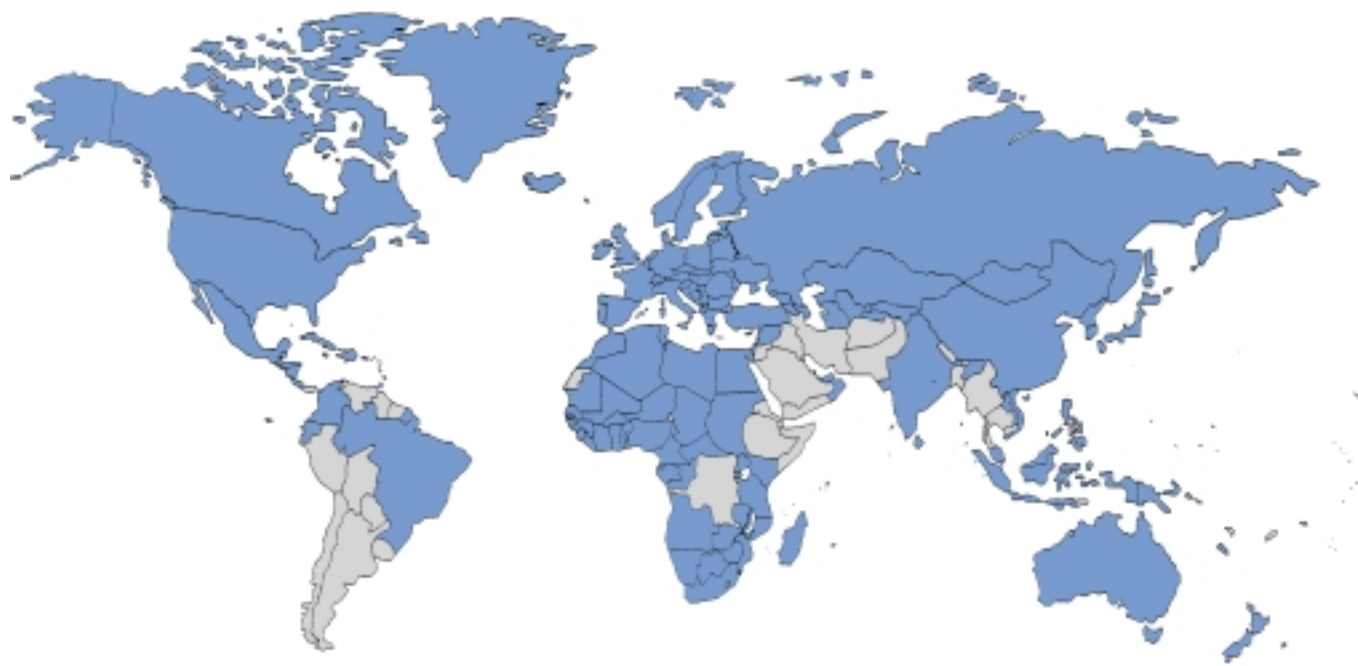
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 October 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>20</sup>		Handling fee <sup>2, 20</sup> (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	200	EUR 121
AU	AUD	550 780 <sup>21</sup>	AUD 196
CA	CAD	800	CAD 171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EP <sup>18</sup>	EUR	1,675	EUR 121
ES	EUR	544.44	EUR 121
FI	EUR	550	EUR 121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY 19,600
KR	KRW	225,000	KRW 157,000
RU <sup>19</sup>	USD	200 <sup>22</sup> 300 <sup>23</sup>	USD 171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,110
US	USD	600 750 <sup>24</sup>	USD 171
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK 900

*Footnotes to fee tables:*

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions, in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, page 446, available at: [www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj000/10\\_00/10\\_4460.pdf](http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj000/10_00/10_4460.pdf)). For a more detailed explanation of those conditions, together with a list of the States whose nationals and residents are entitled to this reduction, see: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/epo\\_fee\\_reduction.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/epo_fee_reduction.html)
- 19 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 20 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 21 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 23 In all cases where footnote 22 does not apply.
- 24 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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

<sup>1</sup> Extension of European patent possible.

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

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