

PCT NEWSLETTER

Budapest Treaty

Accession by Bosnia and Herzegovina and Peru

Peru (country code: PE) (which is not a PCT Contracting State) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (country code: BA) (which is a PCT Contracting State), deposited, on 20 and 27 October 2008, respectively, their instruments of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 72. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to those States on 20 and 27 January 2009, respectively. An updated table of States party to the Budapest Treaty is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/documents/pdf/budapest.pdf>

It is recalled that the Budapest Treaty permits the disclosure of an invention involving a microorganism, or the use of a microorganism or other biological material, by effecting a deposit of a sample of the microorganism with a specialized institution. It thus eliminates, before the national patent Offices of the Contracting States of the Budapest Treaty and the regional Offices that have filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Treaty, the need to deposit such a sample in each country in which protection is sought.

Warning about Requests for Payment of Fees

Reference is made to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT.

PCT applicants and agents have informed the International Bureau that some of these requests to pay fees are now being sent in envelopes which appear to bear the WIPO/OMPI logo and WIPO's address. Please carefully review all such requests. The services which are being offered in these invitations do not come from WIPO. To see examples of such requests for payments which have been brought to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

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

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the International Bureau of WIPO alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (see PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29.

If they have not already done so, PCT applicants and agents are advised to bring this information to the attention of the people responsible for handling payments of fees within their organizations, as well as to the attention of inventors who might also receive such requests.

In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, which may or may not appear to originate from WIPO, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau:

telephone: +41 22 338 83 38
fax: +41 22 338 83 39
e-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 January 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in AUD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

BH Bahrain (general information)

General information about Bahrain as a PCT Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the National Patent Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (BH), Annex C (BH), and the National Chapter, Summary (BH)) on the PCT Resources page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en>

CR Costa Rica (name of Office; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses; time when name and address of inventor must be given; fees)

The name, the telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail address of the Registry of Industrial Property have changed, and the Office has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office: Registro de la Propiedad Industrial
Registry of Industrial Property
Telephone: (506) 2234 1537
Fax: (506) 2234 1537
E-mail: lalvarez@rnp.go.cr
kquesada@rnp.go.cr
Internet : <http://www.rnp.go.cr>

In addition, the Office has discontinued the use of its teleprinter.

The Office has notified a change in its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Costa Rica is designated or elected, as follows:

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of 15 days.

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

For patent:

Filing fee : USD 500

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (CR) and National Chapter, Summary (CR))

FI Finland (time limit for entry into the national phase)

Further to the information published on the cover page of *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2005, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, in its capacity as designated and elected Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 December 2008, the 31-month time limit under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) will also apply where national protection by means of a utility model is being sought in Finland, in addition to where national protection by means of a patent is being sought.

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

JP Japan (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The Japan Patent Office has notified the deletion of the Institute for Fermentation (IFO) from the list of depositary institutions with which deposits of microorganisms may be made for the purposes of patent procedure.

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

US United States of America (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

Reference is made to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2008 that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has, with effect from 1 November 2008, specified, subject to certain limitations, the Australian Patent Office as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed by nationals or residents of the United States of America with the USPTO or the International Bureau as receiving Office (in addition to the other Authorities which it had already specified). It is recalled that the Australian Patent Office will not, however, be a competent ISA or IPEA for such an international application if it contains one or more claims relating to "mechanical engineering or analogous fields of technology".

The list of excluded subject matter, as agreed between the Australian Patent Office and the USPTO (defined by International Patent Classification class) is reproduced below:

- "A01- AGRICULTURE; FORESTRY; ANIMAL HUSBANDRY; HUNTING; TRAPPING; FISHING, all classes except A01H, A01N, A01P (ie new plants or processes of obtaining them thereof, preservation of human, animals bodies or plants, biocidal, pest repellent, pest attractant or plant growth regulatory activity of chemical compounds or preparations)
- A21- BAKING; EQUIPMENT FOR MAKING OR PROCESSING DOUGHS; DOUGHS FOR BAKING all classes except A21D, (ie. Treatment of flour or dough for baking)

- A22- BUTCHERING; MEAT TREATMENT; PROCESSING POULTRY OR FISH
- A23N- MACHINES OR APPARATUS FOR TREATING HARVESTED FRUIT, VEGETABLES OR FLOWER BULBS IN BULK
- A23P- SHAPING OR WORKING OF FOODSTUFFS
- A24- TOBACCO; CIGARS; CIGARETTES
- A41-47 PERSONAL AND DOMESTIC ARTICLES (e.g. headgear (A42), footwear (A43), haberdashery (A44))
- A61- MEDICAL OR VETERINARY SCIENCE, all classes except A61K, A61L, A61P and A61Q (ie preparations for medical, dental or toilet purposes, methods, apparatus for sterilising materials or objects, chemical aspects of bandages, dressings, absorbent pads, or surgical articles, therapeutic activity of chemical compounds, use of cosmetics or similar toilet preparations)
- A62- LIFE-SAVING all classes except A62D (ie chemical means for extinguishing fires, processes for making harmful chemical substances harmless, or less harmful, by effecting a chemical change, composition of materials for coverings or clothing for protecting against harmful chemical agents; composition of materials for transparent parts of gas-masks, respirators, breathing bags or helmets; composition of chemical materials for use in breathing apparatus)
- A63- SPORTS; GAMES; AMUSEMENTS
- B06- GENERATING OR TRANSMITTING MECHANICAL VIBRATIONS IN GENERAL
- B21, B23-B27 all except B23K (ie soldering or unsoldering; welding; cladding or plating by soldering or welding; cutting by applying heat locally, e.g. flame cutting; working by laser beam)
- B31- MAKING PAPER ARTICLE WORKING PAPER
- B60-B68 all except B60L, B60M and B60Q (ie electric equipment or propulsion of electrically-propelled vehicles; magnetic suspension or levitation for vehicles; electrodynamic brake systems for vehicles, in general, power supply lines, or devices along rails, for electrically-propelled vehicles, arrangement of signalling or lighting devices, the mounting or supporting thereof or circuits therefor, for vehicles in general)
- D01-D07 Textiles all except D06L, D06M, D06N, D06P, D06Q (ie bleaching, treatment of fabrics, dyeing or printing textiles, decorating textiles)
- E01-E06 FIXED CONSTRUCTION
- E21- EARTH OR ROCK DRILLING; MINING
- F01-F04 MACHINES
- F15-F17 ENGINEERING ELEMENTS, ACTUATORS, STORAGE OR DISTRIBUTION OF GASES OR LIQUIDS
- F41-F42 WEAPONS, AMMUNITION

G04-	HOROLOGY
G06-	COMPUTING; Calculating; Counting
G10-	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
G11-	INFORMATION STORAGE"

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 January 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	CHF, SGD
European Patent Office	USD, ZAR
Japan Patent Office	KRW
Nordic Patent Institute	ISK
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	USD
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	USD
United States Patent and Trademark Office	CHF, NZD

As from 15 January 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in SGD for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (AU), (EP), (ES), (JP), (KR), (SE), (US) and (XN))

Non-working Days at the IB

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the International Bureau (IB) will not be open for business are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2009, the following:

- All Saturdays and Sundays, and
- 1 and 2 January 2009
- 10 and 13 April 2009
- 21 May 2009
- 1 June 2009
- 10 September 2009
- 27 November 2009
- 24, 25 and 31 December 2009

Note that the days indicated above concern only the IB and not the national Offices and other international organizations. The closing dates in 2009 for other Offices will be available shortly at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/closingdates.htm>

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

PCT website in Chinese

Work is continuing on the updating of resources in Chinese on the PCT website (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/>). Details about the PCT Information Service have now been added in Chinese at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/infoline.html>

Portuguese and Spanish versions of the PCT Regulations

Consolidated versions of the PCT Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2008, are now available in Portuguese and Spanish on the PCT Resources page at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/pdf/regs.pdf>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/regs.pdf>

PCT User Survey

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

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

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

Practical Advice

Payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office when filing international applications with that Office on a regular basis

Q: The company I work for files several international applications a month, and since our usual receiving Office does not accept international applications filed electronically, we have decided to start filing our international applications electronically with the International Bureau as receiving Office; by doing this, we will be able to benefit from the fee reductions associated with filing applications electronically. Given that we will have to pay fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office on a regular basis, is it possible to open an account with the International Bureau for that purpose, and would that account serve for the payment of other fees to WIPO?

A: It is possible to open a current account in Swiss francs with WIPO, and to authorize the charging of that account when paying fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), and may be worthwhile to do so if you file international applications on a regular basis with the RO/IB. Please be aware that the holding of an account at another receiving Office is

not sufficient to enable payments to be made to the RO/IB – you must hold an account with WIPO.

One advantage of having a current account with WIPO is that it facilitates fee payments as there is a section on the fee calculation sheet annexed to the request form specifically for authorizing the receiving Office to charge the applicant's account at WIPO. If the filing is made using the PCT-SAFE software, whether filing in fully electronic form or on paper with the request in PCT-EASY format, the PCT-SAFE software also allows applicants to authorize the charging of their WIPO account (see the "Payment" page of the Electronic Request).

Furthermore, if you have a WIPO current account and have marked the appropriate check-box of the fee calculation sheet (the second check-box in the authorization section) or selected the appropriate box in the above-mentioned payment page of the PCT-SAFE software, and there is a mistake in the calculation of the fees due upon filing, the receiving Office will be authorized to charge any deficiency (or credit any overpayment, as the case may be) in the fees you have calculated, without the need for it to invite you to pay the extra amount, and for you to arrange for a second payment. This saves time and effort for both parties, and reduces the risk of loss of rights for the applicant. Each time fees have been charged to your account, you will receive confirmation of payment by way of Form PCT/RO/102.

Note that, although current accounts at WIPO are held in Swiss francs only, deposits are accepted in other currencies, provided that that currency is freely convertible into Swiss francs – the amount of that deposit would then be converted into Swiss francs according to the prevailing rate of exchange.

If you hold a current account, you must ensure that you have adequate funds to cover all charged fees. Thus, the amount that you credit to the account will need to be sufficient to cover international filing and search fees.

A current account at WIPO can also be used for other purposes, for example:

- the payment of other RO/IB fees, such as the fee for the establishment of a priority document by that Office (PCT Rule 21.2);
- the payment of fees to the IB other than in its capacity as receiving Office, such as the early publication fee (PCT Rule 48.4(a));
- the payment of fees related to other forms of intellectual property protection, for example the registration of marks under the Madrid System or the registration of industrial designs under the Hague System; or
- the purchase of WIPO publications.

If you wish to make use of your WIPO current account to pay fees other than those which are due upon filing a PCT application (and are therefore not making use of the authorization boxes on the fee calculation sheet or in the PCT-SAFE software), a written authorization must be made which should clearly identify the purpose of the payment, the number of your WIPO current account, and, where applicable, any particulars necessary to identify the application in respect of which payment is being made, namely: the name of the applicant, the file reference or, if known, the international application number.

Note that the following modes of payment to WIPO are also possible:

- by bank transfer to WIPO's bank account (for payments in Swiss francs, US dollars or euro);

- by credit card (in the case of PCT applications filed with the RO/IB, using Form PCT/RO/197; if using the PCT-SAFE software, that software provides for a secure means for furnishing the credit card details to the RO/IB);
- by transfer to WIPO's postal account (for payments in Swiss francs only);
- by check made payable to the World Intellectual Property Organization (for payments in Swiss francs, US dollars or euro) (consideration is currently being given to the elimination of this payment method).

For further details on how to pay using the above-mentioned modes of payment, see:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/modes.htm>

and for information specifically about the opening of a current account at WIPO, see:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/account.htm>

or contact our finance department by e-mail at: income.accounts@wipo.int.

PCT Seminar Calendar (situation on 1 November 2008)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5–7 November 2008 Montevideo (Uruguay)	Spanish	Regional Forum on the PCT for Latin American countries WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy	National Directorate of Industrial Property (Mrs. Rosario Moreira) Tel: (598-2) 903 09 23 Fax: (598-2) 903 11 40 E-mail: rmoreira@dnpi.miem.gub.uy
6–7 November 2008 Prague (CZ)	English	National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Trpkovska and Ms. Bonvallet	Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic (Mr. Joseph Kratochvil) Tel: (420) 220 383 111 E-mail: jkratochvil@upv.cz
11–12 November 2008 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
13 November 2008 Reykjavík (IS)	English	PCT training course WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Icelandic Patent Office (Ms. Elfa Ólafsdóttir) Tel: (354) 580 94 00 Fax: (354) 580 94 01 E-mail: elfa@Einkaleyfastofan.is
17–18 November 2008 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
18 November 2008 Miami (US)	English	“Patent Cooperation Treaty for the Americas” colloquium For further information see: www.pctcolloquium2008.org	WIPO, ASIPI, FICPI and AIPLA For conference questions: E-mail: secretaria@asipi.org For online registration: Internet: www.pctcolloquium2008.org For on-line registration questions: E-mail: oaliaga@meproductions.com
19 November 2008 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	Japan Patent Office Regional Branch Administration Section, Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division Tel: (81–3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 E-mail: PA02C0@jpo.go.jp
20 November 2008 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Osaka, above)
20–21 November 2008 Boston, Massachusetts (US)	English	Seminar on PCT practices and procedures WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reischle	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Janice Roussel) Tel: (1-617) 526 68 04 Fax: (1-617) 526 50 00 E-mail: Janice.Roussel@wilmerhale.com
26 November 2008 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Osaka, above)

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued] (situation on 1 November 2008)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
27–28 November 2008 Zurich (CH)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the ETH Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property program WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich (ETH), Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property (Ms. Caroline Frischknecht) Tel: (41-44) 632 68 08 Fax: (41-44) 632 13 67 E-mail: frischknecht@recht.gess.ethz.ch Internet: www.masip.ethz.ch
9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
11–12 December 2008 London (GB) <i>[previously announced as 4–5 December 2008]</i>	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
20–21 January 2009 Helsinki (FI)	Finnish	Seminar for patent administrators on the PCT and PCT-SAFE WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe	Helsinki University of Technology, Lifelong Learning Institute Dipoli (Ms. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358-9) 451 40 47 Fax: (358-9) 451 40 68 E-mail: arja.andsten@dipoli.tkk.fi Internet: www.dipoli.tkk.fi
4 February 2009 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
10–11 February 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Mülhausen	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
10–11 March 2009 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
24–25 April 2009 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1-603) 225 96 47 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]

(situation on 1 November 2008)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
27–28 April 2009 Falls Church, Virginia (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP (Ms. Elizabeth Richards) Tel: (1-703) 205 80 00 Fax: (1-703) 205 80 50 E-mail: ClientRelations@bskb.com Internet: www.bskb.com
30 June 2009 Cologne (DE)	German	PCT update WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de

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

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

For registration, please visit: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/ For further information please contact the Research & Executive Program, WIPO Worldwide Academy, World Intellectual Property Organization, 34, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. E-mail: execed.academy@wipo.int; tel: (+41-22) 338 91 11; Fax: (+41-22) 740 14 17

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 November 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

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

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 November 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available						
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,353 <i>(from 1.1.09 1,510)</i>	15 <i>(17)</i>	102 <i>(114)</i>	204 <i>(227)</i>	305 <i>(341)</i>	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL 80	BGL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP US
BR	BRR 305	BRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 November 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

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

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

(amounts on 1 November 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
IB	CHF ¹²	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 13	
	or EUR ¹²	64	or EUR	848	10	64	128	191		
	or USD ¹²	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) ²⁵⁰	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 ¹⁴ 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 ⁹	–	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP	
LT	LTL	320	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP RU	
LU	EUR	19	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP	
LV	LVL	47.20	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP RU	
LY	LYD ⁹	–	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP	
MA		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE	
MC	EUR	54 ¹⁵	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP	
MD	USD	40	USD	1,338	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 ¹⁶	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR	

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
NI	USD	200	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES	
NL	EUR	50	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP	
NO	NOK	550	NOK	6,820	80	510	–	–	EP SE XN	
NZ	NZD	180 ¹⁷	NZD	1,704	19	128	–	–	AU EP KR US	
OA	XAF ⁹	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE	
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AU	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	201 <i>(182)</i>	302 <i>(273)</i>	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 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU	
SC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 <i>(from 1.12.08: 1,708)</i>	21 <i>(19)</i>	139 <i>(128)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES	
SY	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP RU	
TJ	TJS ⁹	–	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU	
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU	
TN	TND ⁹	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP	
TR	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP SE US	
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH)	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU	
US	USD	300	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	201 <i>(182)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP KR US	
UZ	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,338 <i>(from 1.1.09: 1,210)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	101 <i>(91)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU	
VC	Information not yet available									

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

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				Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 10,030	110	750	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	15 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,338 (from 1.1.09: 1,210)	eq USD 15 (14)	eq USD 101 (91)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 November 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT	EUR 200	CHF 330	KRW 306,000	SGD 420	USD 314	ZAR 2,380				
AU	AUD 1,600 USD*** 1,514 * (from 1.1.09: CHF 1,425 ** (from 15.12.08: EUR 919 *** (from 1.12.08: USD 1,302)	CHF* 1,594 ZAR* 11,640 CHF 1,425 EUR 919 USD 1,302	EUR** 987 SGD 1,870	KRW 1,590,000 ZAR 10,540	NZD 2,029	SGD* 2,084				
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,587	EUR 995	USD 1,597						
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 328	EUR 199	USD 280						
EP ¹⁸	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR* 20,650 * (from 1.1.09: USD 2,410 ZAR 19,450)	CHF 2,726 NOK 13,440 USD 2,410	DKK 12,670 NZD 3,395 ZAR 19,450	GBP 1,352 SEK 15,830	ISK 207,000 SGD 3,530	JPY 268,800 USD* 2,665				
ES ¹⁸	EUR 1,700 * (from 1.1.09: USD 2,410)	CHF 2,726 USD 2,410	USD* 2,665							
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,665							
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.1.09: KRW 1,331,000)	CHF 926	EUR 600	KRW* 924,000	USD 949					
KR	KRW 225,000 * (from 15.1.09: SGD 267)	CHF 226 SGD 267	EUR 148	NZD 289	SGD* 320	USD 220				
RU ¹⁹	USD 500	CHF 507	EUR 319							
SE	SEK 15,830 USD* 2,665 * (from 1.1.09: USD 2,410)	CHF 2,726 USD 2,410	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK 207,000	NOK 13,440				
US	USD 1,800 * (from 1.1.09: CHF 1,978 ** (from 15.12.08: EUR 1,225)	CHF* 1,789 CHF 1,978 EUR 1,225	EUR** 1,154 NZD 2,700	NZD* 2,370	ZAR 14,000					
XN	DKK 12,670 * (from 1.1.09: ISK 207,000)	CHF 2,726 ISK 207,000	EUR 1,700	ISK* 192,000	NOK 13,440	USD 2,665				

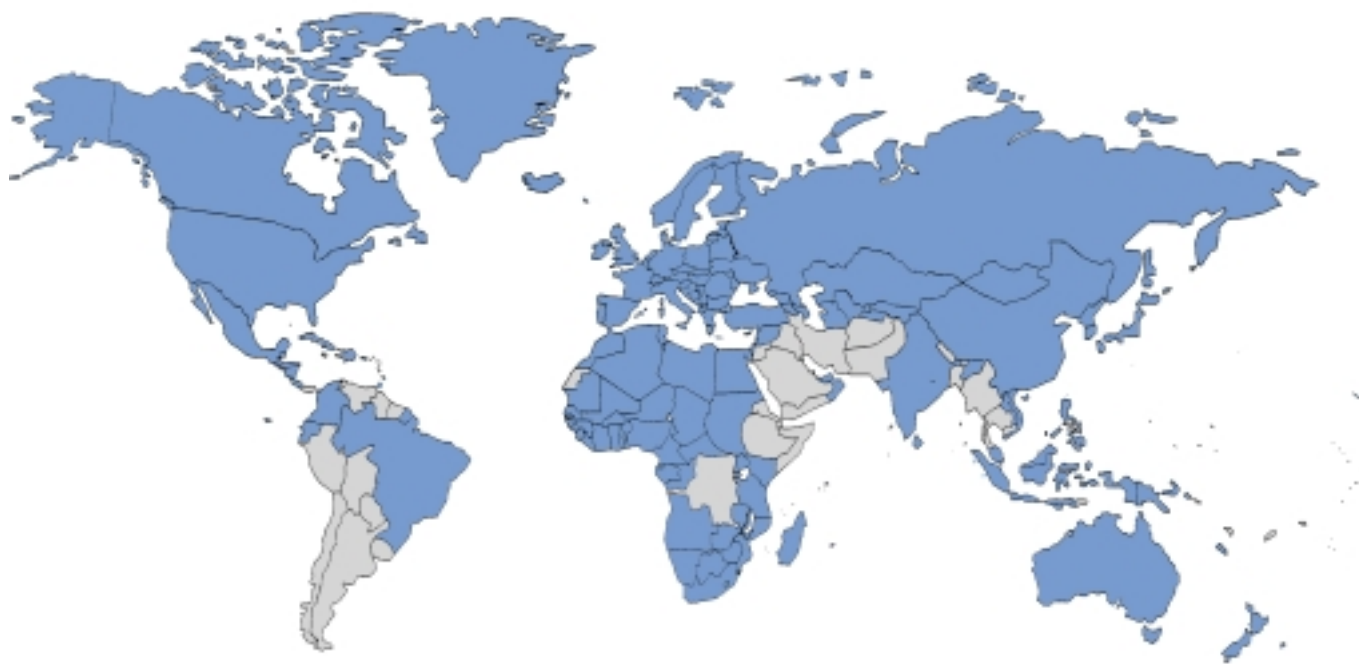
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 November 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

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

Footnotes to fee tables:

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

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AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania ¹	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MN Mongolia	SM San Marino
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MT Malta (EP) ²	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MW Malawi (AP)	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MX Mexico	SY Syrian Arab Republic
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BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
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BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NG Nigeria	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia	NO Norway (EP) ³	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	NZ New Zealand	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP)	OM Oman	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
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CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia	ML Mali (OA) ²	SE Sweden (EP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MN Mongolia		
	IL Israel	MR Mauritania (OA) ²		

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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