

PCT NEWSLETTER

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

HR Croatia (PCT Rule 49.6)

The State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia), in its capacity as designated Office, has withdrawn, with effect from 1 January 2004, its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 49.6(f) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2003, page 5). This means that PCT Rule 49.6(a) to (e) (reinstatement of rights after failure to perform the acts referred to in PCT Article 22), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, apply with respect to that Office with effect from 1 January 2004.

The table of “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” (www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf) has been updated accordingly. For information on the criterion for reinstatement and fees applied by the State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia), see the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, National Chapter (HR) (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/).

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 3 April 2008

Due to the fact that Friday, 21 March 2008 and Monday, 24 March 2008 will be non-working days at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on 3 April 2008 (publication No. 14/2008) will take place earlier than usual, on Monday, 17 March 2008 (instead of on Wednesday, 19 March 2008, the day on which technical preparations would normally have been completed). This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Friday, 14 March 2008.

PCT Information Update

BR Brazil (special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The National Institute of Industrial Property has specified special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as indicated below:

- Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:
- the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii);
 - none
- any additional matter specified below:
- at the time of filing (as part of the application)
- Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned:

- to the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Institute of Industrial Property with any depositary institution authorized by the Institute.

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

CY Cyprus (fees)

The Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus has notified a change in the currency of payment of the transmittal fee, the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, from Cyprus pound (CYP) to euro (EUR), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

KR Republic of Korea (location and mailing address; fees (*corrigendum*))

The location and mailing address of the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) have changed with effect from 1 February 2008, as follows:

Government Complex-Daejeon
139 Seonsa-ro, Seo-gu
Daejeon 302-701
Republic of Korea

The Office has notified the International Bureau of an error in the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2008 concerning international applications for which a fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) is no longer payable. That fee is no longer required for international applications on or after 1 January 2008 **regardless of the international filing date of the application concerned.**

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (KR) and C (KR))

XN Nordic Patent Institute (general information)

General information about the Nordic Patent Institute as an Intergovernmental Organization, as well as information on the requirements of the Institute as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B2 (XN), D (XN) and E (XN)), on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/

Closing Dates

Unscheduled Closing Date of the Industrial Property Organization (Greece)

The Industrial Property Organization (Greece) has notified the International Bureau that on Thursday, 31 January 2008, it was closed due to an unscheduled holiday following a state funeral, and that any fee, application and priority deadline regarding the patent and industrial design procedure in Greece was deferred to the following working day, 1 February 2008.

It is recalled that a table detailing scheduled closing dates of industrial property offices is available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

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

PCT Publications

Russian edition of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (April 2007 edition)

The International Bureau has published a new edition of the Russian text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations, as in force from 1 April 2007.

The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate the language in which the publication is required, should be addressed to the Design, Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO:

fax: (41–22) 740 18 12

e-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int

electronic bookshop: www.wipo.int/ebookshop

mailing address: 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

For information on the Internet version of the Russian consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, see below.

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

(www.wipo.int/pct/en)

Russian version of the PCT Regulations (April 2007 edition)

The Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2007, are now available in Russian, in PDF format, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/

Request form in Arabic

The April 2007 version of the request form (PCT/RO/101) in Arabic, in PDF format, is now available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

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

It is recalled that the request forms in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish, in editable PDF format, are also available at the same address.

ISA and IPEA Agreements in French

Updated versions of the Agreements in French between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following Authorities as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs):

AT	Austrian Patent Office
CA	Canadian Intellectual Property Office
CN	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China
EP	European Patent Office
ES	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
FI	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland
JP	Japan Patent Office
KR	Korean Intellectual Property Office
RU	Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)

SE Swedish Patent and Registration Office
US United States Patent and Trademark Office and
XN Nordic Patent Institute

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from 1 January 2008, have been published on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa_ipea_agreements.htm

Practical Advice

Filing an international application with a national receiving Office, and relying on that Office to transmit the application to the International Bureau as receiving Office under PCT Rule 19.4

Q: I am a US agent and have been asked by my client, who is resident in US and is a national of Mexico, to file an international application (which does not claim the priority of an earlier national application). The description and claims of the application are in Spanish, but the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office (RO/US) only accepts international applications filed in English. Since we do not wish to incur the expense of translating the international application into English at this stage of the procedure, I will be filing it with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), which accepts international applications in any language. Can I nevertheless file the international application with RO/US on the presumption that it will, in any case, transmit the application to RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.4, or should I file directly with RO/IB?

A: Where an international application is filed with a national (or regional) Office that acts as a PCT receiving Office but the application is not in a language accepted under Rule 12.1(a) by that Office, the safeguard procedure under PCT Rule 19.4 applies. Under this procedure the national Office transmits the international application to RO/IB unless prescriptions concerning national security prevent the international application from being so transmitted. Filing with RO/IB gives applicants more flexibility as it accepts international applications filed in any language (noting that in some cases a translation may have to be furnished for the purposes of international search, depending on the competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and the language(s) accepted by the ISA concerned) and nationals and residents of any PCT Contracting State may file an international application with it. If the international application is filed with a national Office and is then transmitted to RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.4, the application is considered to have been received by the national Office concerned on behalf of RO/IB and the date of receipt of the international application by the national Office is considered to be the date of receipt for the purposes of the international filing date (PCT Rule 19.4(b)). The same procedure applies where an international application is filed with a PCT receiving Office which is not competent on account of the nationality and residence of the applicant(s) under Rule 19.1 or 19.2, or in cases where the national Office and the IB agree, for any reason other than those specified above, and with the authorization of the applicant, that the procedure under Rule 19.4 should apply.

If you file your international application with a national receiving Office, and that Office transmits the application to RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.4, you may have to pay the equivalent of two transmittal fees – one to RO/IB, and also the national receiving Office may require the applicant to pay a fee equal to the transmittal fee charged by that Office under PCT Rule 14 (see PCT Rule 19.4(b)). At the time of writing, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) charges this fee. If the applicant has already paid the international filing fee and international search fee to the national Office, those fees will be refunded to the applicant, who will then have to pay them, together with the (second) transmittal fee, to RO/IB. Note that, for the calculation of

the time limit for payment of fees, the date of receipt of the international application will be considered to be the date on which the international application was actually received at RO/IB and not the date on which it was received by the national Office. If you file with a national receiving Office, it will be in a position, where applicable, to check the application for compliance with national security prescriptions before transmitting it to RO/IB (see below for information in this respect if the international application is filed directly with RO/IB).

If you know that the national receiving Office cannot accept your international application (for example, for language reasons), it is recommended that you file it directly with RO/IB rather than relying on it being processed under PCT Rule 19.4. If you file directly, you will only pay one transmittal fee. Also, by filing directly, time will be saved in the processing of the international application: there are fewer administrative steps involved, for example, the issuing of a notification to the applicant informing him/her that the application is being transmitted to RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.4 (Form PCT/RO/151), the refunding of fees paid to the national Office, and although the national receiving Office should transmit the international application to RO/IB promptly, there is a risk that there may be a delay in such transmittal. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to comply with any national security provisions before filing an international application with RO/IB, since RO/IB will not check for such compliance. Before filing the international application, you should therefore check with the national Office(s) that is (are) competent on account of the nationality and residence of the applicant.

In addition, please note the following about filing with RO/IB in general:

- Although RO/IB does not require the applicant to be represented by an agent, if any agent is appointed, he or she must be a person who has the right to practice before the national Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant (or, if there are two or more applicants, any of the applicants) is a resident or national. (You would meet these requirements since, presumably, you have the right to practice before the Office of the country of residence of the applicant, the USPTO.)
- The International Searching Authority(ies) and International Preliminary Examining Authority(ies) which would be competent for searching/examining the international application are those which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with any other receiving Office of, or acting for, the PCT Contracting State of which the applicant is (or applicants are) a resident or national. In your case, the applicant is a resident of US and a national of Mexico; the competent ISAs and IPEAs for the USPTO are: the USPTO, the European Patent Office (subject to certain restrictions) or the Korean Intellectual Property Office. Those competent for the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property are: the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office or the USPTO. The only one of the aforementioned ISAs and IPEAs which will search and examine applications in Spanish is the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. If you want to choose another ISA and/or IPEA, you would have to translate the international application into another language accepted by your chosen Authority. Information on the competence of the various ISAs and IPEAs and languages accepted by those authorities can be found in Annexes C, D and E of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/).

Note that, being a national of Mexico, the applicant would also be entitled to file an international application in Spanish with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, however, you would not be entitled to act as agent before that Office (it requires that the agent be resident in or a national of Mexico), but rather, you would be considered as an address for correspondence (for further details on this kind of situation, see the "Practical Advice" published in *PCT Newsletter*

No. 06/2006 entitled: “Consequence of the agent not being entitled to practice before the Office of the country of residence and/or nationality of the applicant”).

Information on filing with RO/IB, in particular: accepted modes of filing, fees payable, accepted currencies and modes of payment, special features of filing with RO/IB, and contact details of the PCT Receiving and Processing Team (for example, to check receipt and status of payment of a PCT application) can be found by going to the link entitled “Direct filing at WIPO” on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

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

PCT Seminar Calendar (situation on 1 February 2008)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
12 February 2008 Bloomfield, Michigan (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed	Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association (MIPLA) (Ms. Amy Leshan) Tel: (1-248) 358 44 00 Fax: (1-248) 358 33 51 E-mail: aleshan@brookskushman.com
12-13 February 2008 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Lindner	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
28-29 February 2008 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell	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
3-4 March 2008 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell	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
12-13 March 2008 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and other to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
8-9 April 2008 Munich (DE) <i>(previously announced as taking place in Heidelberg)</i>	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
21-22 April 2008 Singapore	English	PCT Asia (Asian Regional Conference on the PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Gurry, Mr. Bryan and others to be announced	WIPO and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (Contact details to be announced)
24 April 2008 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
24-25 April 2008 London (GB)	English	Basic 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

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25–26 April 2008 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) 224 33 42 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/pct
19 May 2008 Zurich (CH)	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pieter Spierenburg) Tel: (41–56) 485 94 94 Fax: (41–56) 485 94 95 E-mail: ceipi@patent-anwalt.ch
29–30 May 2008 Munich (DE)	English	US PCT Roundtable for paralegals and their direct supervisors working in US or in Europe for a US-based company. Speakers from the European Patent Office, the United States Patent and Trademark Office and WIPO to be announced.	Contact person: Ms. Katrina Braden-Elliott Tel: (1–202) 772 85 15 Fax: (1–202) 371 25 40 E-mail: kbraden@skgf.com
10 October 2008 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
21–22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speakers: to be announced	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
23–24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 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 75% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of –	BGL	Bulgarian lev	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
		BYR	Belarussian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	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
RO	receiving Office	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
		DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
ALL	Albanian lek	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu		
AMD	Armenian dram	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AUD	Australian dollar	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDP	Sudanese pound		
BAM	Convertible mark	GEL	Georgian lari	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 February 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,400)	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) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)							
AT	EUR	50	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,374	15	98	196	295	AU
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD 1,194	13	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 848	9	61	–	–	EP
BG	BGL	80	BGL eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	Information not yet available							
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,194	13	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,194	13	85	–	–	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 February 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸		
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,196	13	85	–	–	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	CN
CO	COP ⁹	–	COP eq USD 1,194	eq USD 1,194	eq USD 13	eq USD 85	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,194	13	85	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	848	9	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	848	9	61	121	182	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,320	70	450	900	1,350	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR	1,600	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	105	EUR	848	9	–	121	182	EP
ES	EUR	69.25	EUR	848	9	61	121	182	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	848	9	–	121	182	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	848	9	61	121	182	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	591	6	42	84	127	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹⁰	10	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,194	13	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	EP
GT	Information not yet available								
HN	Information not yet available								
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 February 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	1,400	15	100	200	300	See footnote 13
	or EUR ¹²	61	or EUR	848	9	61	121	182	
	or USD ¹²	85	or USD	1,194	13	85	171	256	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	490	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	6,500	ISK	74,100	800	5,300	–	–	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	9	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	137,000	1,500	9,800	–	29,400	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv)	250 plus cost of mailing	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available								
KN	Information not yet available								
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,099,000	12,000	79,000	–	236,000	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT	7,360	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available								EP
LR	USD	45	USD	1,194	13	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁹	–	LSM eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR	848	9	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL	47.20	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ⁹	–	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA		None	CHF	1,400	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 ¹⁵	EUR	848	9	–	–	–	EP
MD	USD	40	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	EP RU
MT	Information not yet available								
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	166,800	1,800	11,900	–	–	EP
MX	MXP ² eq USD	323.70	MXP eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US

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

(amounts on 1 February 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴		
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸			
MY	MYR	375 ¹⁶	MYR eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,194		13	85	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	848		9	61	121	182	EP
NO	NOK	550	NOK	6,590		70	470	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ¹⁷	NZD	1,597		17	114	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹	–	XAF eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available									
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,194		13	85	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,194		13	85	171	256	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ	300	PLZ eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	33.44	EUR	848		9	61	–	–	EP
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF	1,400		15	100	200	300	AT EP RU
RS	RSD	3,000	RSD eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUR	600	USD	1,194		13	85	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,194		13	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDP	50	SDP eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	7,780		80	560	1,110	1,670	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,790		19	128	–	–	AT AU EP KR ¹⁸
SI	EUR	91	EUR	848		9	61	–	–	EP
SK	SKK	2,000	SKK eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	848		9	–	–	–	EP
SV	Information not yet available									
SY	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,194		13	85	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹	–	USD	1,194		13	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,194		13	85	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹	–	CHF	1,400		15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF	100	CHF	1,400		15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,194		13	85	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH)	1,194		13	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	300	USD	1,194		13	85	171	–	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,194		13	85	–	–	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available									
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	8,340		90	600	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,194		13	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,194	eq USD	13	eq USD 85	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 February 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	330	KRW	259,000	SGD	420	USD	282	ZAR	1,970
AU	AUD	1,600	CHF	1,630	EUR	987	KRW	1,280,000	NZD	1,859	SGD	2,084
	USD	1,390	ZAR	9,700								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,872	EUR	1,134	USD	1,597				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	328	EUR	199	USD	280				
EP¹⁹	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,667	CYP	942	DKK	12,040	GBP	1,125	ISK	141,000
	JPY	261,000	MWK	318,000	NOK	12,560	NZD	3,043	SEK	14,820	SGD	3,410
	USD	2,274	ZAR	15,880								
ES¹⁹	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,667	USD	2,274						
FI	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,667	USD	2,274						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	991	EUR	600	KRW	778,000	USD	845		
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	287	EUR	173	NZD	327	SGD	366	USD	244
RU²⁰	USD	500	CHF	586	EUR	355						
SE	SEK	14,820	CHF	2,667	DKK	12,040	EUR	1,615	ISK	141,000	NOK	12,560
	USD	2,274										
US	USD	1,800	CHF	2,136	EUR	1,282	NZD	2,370	ZAR	12,340		
XN	DKK	12,040	CHF	2,667	EUR	1,615	ISK	141,000	NOK	12,560	USD	2,274

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

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²¹		Handling fee ^{2, 21} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	200	EUR 121
AU	AUD	550 780 ²²	AUD 196
CA	CAD	800	CAD 171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EP ¹⁹	EUR	1,595	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 ²⁰	USD	200 ²³ 300 ²⁴	USD 171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,110
US	USD	600 750 ²⁵	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 75% 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
- 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
- 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 Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications, the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006.
- 19 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in part 1 of the table on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf, with the exception of Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 20 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.
- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 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)).

PCT Contracting States for which a Regional Patent can be Obtained via the PCT (situation on 1 February 2008)			
	States for which <i>only</i> a regional patent can be obtained (and not a national patent):	States for which a regional patent can be obtained <i>in addition to, or instead of,</i> a national patent	States not included in EP designation but to which a European patent can be extended¹
AP ARIPO patent	SZ Swaziland	BW Botswana GH Ghana GM Gambia KE Kenya LS Lesotho MW Malawi MZ Mozambique NA Namibia SD Sudan SL Sierra Leone TZ United Republic of Tanzania UG Uganda ZM Zambia ZW Zimbabwe	Not applicable
EA Eurasian patent	Not applicable	AM Armenia AZ Azerbaijan BY Belarus KG Kyrgyzstan KZ Kazakhstan MD Moldova RU Russian Federation TJ Tajikistan TM Turkmenistan	Not applicable
EP European patent	BE Belgium CY Cyprus FR France GR Greece IE Ireland IT Italy LV Latvia ² MC Monaco MT Malta NL Netherlands SI Slovenia	AT Austria BG Bulgaria CH Switzerland CZ Czech Republic DE Germany DK Denmark EE Estonia ES Spain FI Finland GB United Kingdom HR Croatia ³ HU Hungary IS Iceland LI Liechtenstein LT Lithuania LU Luxembourg NO Norway ³ PL Poland PT Portugal RO Romania SE Sweden SK Slovakia TR Turkey	AL Albania BA Bosnia and Herzegovina HR Croatia ⁴ MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia RS Serbia

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PCT Contracting States for which a Regional Patent can be Obtained via the PCT (situation on 1 February 2008) <i>[continued]</i>			
	States for which <i>only</i> a regional patent can be obtained (and not a national patent):	States for which a regional patent can be obtained <i>in addition to, or instead of,</i> a national patent	States not included in EP designation but to which a European patent can be extended¹
OA OAPI patent	BF Burkina Faso BJ Benin CF Central African Republic CG Congo CI Côte d'Ivoire CM Cameroon GA Gabon GN Guinea GQ Equatorial Guinea GW Guinea-Bissau ML Mali MR Mauritania NE Niger SN Senegal TD Chad TG Togo	Not applicable	Not applicable

1. A request for the extension of a European patent to these States may be made at the time of entry into the regional phase before the European Patent Office, provided that the designations of EP and/or of the State concerned have not been withdrawn, or, in the case of international applications filed before 1 January 2004, provided that the PCT application contained designations both of a European patent and of the State concerned. Such a request may not be made in the PCT request form itself. See the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, paragraphs 41 and 89, and Vol. II/A, National Chapter (EP) for further details as to the procedure to be followed.
2. Latvia has closed its national route via the PCT with effect from 1 March 2007 in respect of all international applications filed on or after that date. For international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 and before 1 March 2007, it is possible to obtain a regional patent in addition to, or instead of, a national patent. For international applications filed before 1 July 2005, it is possible to extend a European patent to Latvia.
3. For international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008.
4. For international applications filed before 1 January 2008.

**Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase
under PCT Chapters I and II**

(in months from priority date)
(status on 1 February 2008)

Note that detailed information on the excuse of delays in meeting time limits before certain designated/elected Offices is contained in the corresponding National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))	Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))
AE	30	30	GE	31	31
AG ¹	30	30	GH ⁵	30	30
AL	30	31	GM ⁵	30	31
AM ²	31	31	GT ¹	30	30
AO ¹	30	30	HN ¹	30	30
AP ³	31	31	HR ⁴	31	31
AT ⁴	30	30	HU ⁴	31	31
AU	31	31	ID	30	31
AZ ²	30	31	IL	30	30
BA	34	34	IN	31	31
BB	30	30	IS ⁴	31	31
BG ⁴	31	31	JP	30	30
BH ¹	30	30	KE ⁵	30	30
BR	30	30	KG ²	31	31
BW ⁵	31	31	KM ¹	30	30
BY ²	31	31	KN ¹	30	30
BZ	30	30 ⁶	KP	30	30
CA	30 (42 ⁷)	30 (42 ⁷)	KR	31	31
CH ^{4,8}	20 ⁹	30	KZ ²	31	31
CN	30	30	LA ¹	30	30
CO	31	31	LC ¹	30	30
CR	31	31	LK	30	30
CU	30	30	LR	30	31
CZ ⁴	31	31	LS ⁵	30	31
DE ⁴	30	30	LT ⁴	31	31
DK ⁴	31	31	LU ⁴	20 ⁹	30
DM ¹	30	30	LY ¹	30	30
DO ¹	30	30	MA	31	31
DZ	31	31	MD ²	31	31
EA	31	31	ME ¹	30	30
EC	31	31	MG	30	30
EE ⁴	31	31	MK	31	31
EG	30	30	MN	31	31
EP ¹⁰	31	31	MW ⁵	30	30
ES ⁴	30	30	MX	30	30
FI ⁴	31 ¹¹ (30 ¹²)	31 ¹¹ (30 ¹²)	MY ¹	30	30
GB ⁴	31	31	MZ ⁵	31	31
GD ¹	30	30	NA ⁵	31	31

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Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase under PCT Chapters I and II (in months from priority date) (status on 1 February 2008)					
Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))	Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))
NG	30	30	SM	31	31
NI ¹	30	30	SV ¹	30	30
NO ⁴	31	31	SY	31	31
NZ	31	31	TJ ²	30	31
OA ¹³	30	30	TM ²	30	31
OM ¹	30	30	TN ¹	30	30
PG	31	31	TR ⁴	30 (33 ⁷)	30 (33 ⁷)
PH	30 (31 ⁷)	30 (31 ⁷)	TT	30	31
PL ⁴	30	30	TZ ⁵	21 ⁹	31
PT ⁴	30	30	UA	31	31
RO ⁴	30	30	UG ⁵	21 ⁹	31
RS	30 ¹⁴	30 ¹⁴	US	30	30
RU ²	31	31	UZ	31	31
SC	31	31	VC	30	30
SD ⁵	30	30	VN	31	31
SE ⁴	31	31	ZA	31	31
SG	30	30	ZM ⁵	30	30
SK ⁴	31	31	ZW ⁵	30	31
SL ⁵	31	31			

- In the absence of information from the Office concerned, the time limits shown are those which would normally apply under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a). If the Office decides to apply longer time limits, that information will be published in the *PCT Newsletter*.
- If designated/elected for a Eurasian patent, see EA as designated/elected Office (DO/EO) for the applicable time limits.
- This Office acts as DO/EO for the following State which does not act in the capacity of DO/EO: SZ.
- If designated/elected for a European patent, see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- If designated/elected for an ARIPO patent, see AP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- May be extended upon written request of the applicant.
- Time limit applicable if applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase (see relevant national chapter of *PCT Applicant's Guide* for details).
- This Office acts as DO/EO for the following State which does not act in the capacity of DO/EO: LI.
- This Office has notified the International Bureau of the non-applicability of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 – it does not yet apply the 30-month time limit for entering the national phase.
- This Office acts as DO/EO for the following States which do not act in the capacity of DO/EO: BE, CY, FR, GR, IE, IT, LV, MC, MT, NL, SI.
- Time limit under PCT Article 22(3) or 39(1)(b), as the case may be, applicable in respect of international applications for which national protection by means of a patent is sought.
- Time limit under PCT Article 22(1) or 39(1)(a), as the case may be, applicable in respect of international applications for which national protection by means of a utility model is sought.
- This Office acts as DO/EO for the following States which do not act in the capacity of DO/EO: BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG.
- The time limit can be extended by 30 days if the applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase.

Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 February 2008)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of national patent	Utility model in addition to national patent	Other
AE	X					X		Patent of addition
AG ¹	X							
AL	X					X		Extension of EP patent ²
AM	X		X			X		Provisional patent
AO ¹	X							
AT	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
AU	X							Patent of addition
AZ	X		X			X		
BA	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ²
BB	X							
BE				X				
BF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BG	X			X		X	X	
BH ¹	X							
BJ					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BR	X					X		Certificate of addition
BW	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
BY	X		X			X		
BZ	X					X		
CA	X							
CF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CH + LI	X			X				
CI					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CM					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CN	X					X		
CO	X					X		
CR	X					X		
CU	X							Patent of addition, inventor's certificate, inventor's certificate of addition
CY				X				
CZ	X			X		X	X	
DE	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
DK	X			X		X	X	

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 February 2008)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
DM	X					X		
DO	X					X		
DZ	X							Certificate of addition
EC	X					X		
EE	X			X		X	X	
EG	X					X		
ES	X			X		X		Patent of addition
FI	X			X		X	X	
FR				X				
GA					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GB	X			X				
GD ¹	X							
GE	X					X		
GH	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Utility certificate
GM	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
GN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GQ					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GR				X				
GT ¹	X							
GW					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
HN ¹	X							
HR	X			X ³				"Consensual patent," extension of EP patent ^{2,4}
HU	X			X		X		
ID	X							
IE				X				
IL	X							Patent of addition
IN	X							Patent of addition
IS	X			X				
IT				X				
JP	X					X		
KE	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
KG	X		X			X		
KM ¹	X							
KN ¹	X							
KP	X					X		Inventor's certificate
KR	X					X		
KZ	X		X			X		Provisional patent
LA ¹	X							

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 February 2008)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
LC	X							
LI (see CH)								
LK	X							
LR	X							
LS	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
LT	X			X				
LU	X			X				
LV				X				
LY	X							Patent of addition
MA	X							Certificate of addition
MC				X				
MD	X		X			X		
ME	X							Patent of addition, petty patent
MG	X							Certificate of addition
MK	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ²
ML					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MN	X							
MR					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MT				X				
MW	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition
MX	X					X		
MY	X							"utility innovation"
MZ	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
NA	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
NE					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
NG	X							
NI	X					X		
NL				X				
NO	X			X ³				
NZ	X							Patent of addition
OM ¹	X							
PG	X							
PH	X					X		
PL	X			X		X		
PT	X			X		X	X	
RO	X			X				
RS	X							Patent of addition, petty patent, extension of EP patent ²

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 February 2008)								
	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
RU	X		X			X		
SC	X							
SD	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
SE	X			X				
SG	X							
SI				X				
SK	X			X		X	X	
SL	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
SM	X							
SN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
SV ¹								
SY	X							Certificate of addition
SZ		X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
TD					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TJ	X		X			X		
TM	X		X					Provisional patent
TN	X							
TR	X			X		X		Patent of addition
TT	X							Utility certificate
TZ	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
UA	X					X		
UG	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Utility certificate
US	X							
UZ	X					X		
VC	X							Utility certificate
VN	X							"Patent for utility solution"
ZA	X							Patent of addition
ZM	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition
ZW	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition

1 Information regarding any other type of national protection is not yet available.

2 A request for an extension may be made at the time of entry into the regional phase before the European Patent Office, provided that the designations of EP and/or of the State concerned have not been withdrawn. See the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 41 and 89, and National Phase, National Chapter (EP) for further details as to the procedure to be followed.

3 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008.

4 Only for international applications filed before 1 January 2008.

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States/Members	PCT (138)	Paris (172)	WTO (151)	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Albania (AL)	X	X	X	Canada (CA)	X	X	X
Algeria (DZ)	X	X	–	Central African Republic (CF)	X	X	X
Andorra (AD)	–	X	–	Chad (TD)	X	X	X
Angola (AO)	X	X	X	Chile (CL)	–	X	X
Antigua and Barbuda (AG)	X	X	X	China (CN)	X ¹	X ^{1,2}	X
Argentina (AR)	–	X	X	Colombia (CO)	X	X	X
Armenia (AM)	X	X	X	Comoros (KM)	X	X	–
Australia (AU)	X	X	X	Congo (CG)	X	X	X
Austria (AT)	X	X	X	Costa Rica (CR)	X	X	X
Azerbaijan (AZ)	X	X	–	Côte d'Ivoire (CI)	X	X	X
Bahamas (BS)	–	X	–	Croatia (HR)	X	X	X
Bahrain (BH)	X	X	X	Cuba (CU)	X	X	X
Bangladesh (BD)	–	X	X	Cyprus (CY)	X	X	X
Barbados (BB)	X	X	X	Czech Republic (CZ)	X	X	X
Belarus (BY)	X	X	–	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (KP)	X	X	–
Belgium (BE)	X	X	X	Democratic Republic of the Congo (CD)	–	X	X
Belize (BZ)	X	X	X	Denmark (DK)	X	X	X
Benin (BJ)	X	X	X	Djibouti (DJ)	–	X	X
Bhutan (BT)	–	X	–	Dominica (DM)	X	X	X
Bolivia (BO)	–	X	X	Dominican Republic (DO)	X	X	X
Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	X	X	–	Ecuador (EC)	X	X	X
Botswana (BW)	X	X	X	Egypt (EG)	X	X	X
Brazil (BR)	X	X	X	El Salvador (SV)	X	X	X
Brunei Darussalam (BN)	–	–	X	Equatorial Guinea (GQ)	X	X	–
Bulgaria (BG)	X	X	X	Estonia (EE)	X	X	X
Burkina Faso (BF)	X	X	X	European Communities	–	–	X
Burundi (BI)	–	X	X	Fiji (FJ)	–	–	X
Cambodia (KH)	–	X	X	Finland (FI)	X	X	X
Cameroon (CM)	X	X	X	France (FR)	X	X	X

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Gambia (GM)	X	X	X	Lebanon (LB)	–	X	–
Georgia (GE)	X	X	X	Lesotho (LS)	X	X	X
Germany (DE)	X	X	X	Liberia (LR)	X	X	–
Ghana (GH)	X	X	X	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (LY)	X	X	–
Greece (GR)	X	X	X	Liechtenstein (LI)	X	X	X
Grenada (GD)	X	X	X	Lithuania (LT)	X	X	X
Guatemala (GT)	X	X	X	Luxembourg (LU)	X	X	X
Guinea (GN)	X	X	X	Macao, China (MO)	–	– ²	X
Guinea-Bissau (GW)	X	X	X	Madagascar (MG)	X	X	X
Guyana (GY)	–	X	X	Malawi (MW)	X	X	X
Haiti (HT)	–	X	X	Malaysia (MY)	X	X	X
Holy See (VA)	–	X	–	Maldives (MV)	–	–	X
Honduras (HN)	X	X	X	Mali (ML)	X	X	X
Hong Kong, China (HK)	– ¹	– ¹	X	Malta (MT)	X	X	X
Hungary (HU)	X	X	X	Mauritania (MR)	X	X	X
Iceland (IS)	X	X	X	Mauritius (MU)	–	X	X
India (IN)	X	X	X	Mexico (MX)	X	X	X
Indonesia (ID)	X	X	X	Moldova (MD)	X	X	X
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IR)	–	X	–	Monaco (MC)	X	X	–
Iraq (IQ)	–	X	–	Mongolia (MN)	X	X	X
Ireland (IE)	X	X	X	Montenegro (ME)	X	X	–
Israel (IL)	X	X	X	Morocco (MA)	X	X	X
Italy (IT)	X	X	X	Mozambique (MZ)	X	X	X
Jamaica (JM)	–	X	X	Myanmar (MM)	–	–	X
Japan (JP)	X	X	X	Namibia (NA)	X	X	X
Jordan (JO)	–	X	X	Nepal (NP)	–	X	X
Kazakhstan (KZ)	X	X	–	Netherlands (NL)	X	X	X
Kenya (KE)	X	X	X	New Zealand (NZ)	X	X	X
Kuwait (KW)	–	–	X	Nicaragua (NI)	X	X	X
Kyrgyzstan (KG)	X	X	X	Niger (NE)	X	X	X
Lao People's Democratic Republic (LA)	X	X	–	Nigeria (NG)	X	X	X

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Norway (NO)	X	X	X	Sri Lanka (LK)	X	X	X
Oman (OM)	X	X	X	Sudan (SD)	X	X	–
Pakistan (PK)	–	X	X	Suriname (SR)	–	X	X
Panama (PA)	–	X	X	Swaziland (SZ)	X	X	X
Papua New Guinea (PG)	X	X	X	Sweden (SE)	X	X	X
Paraguay (PY)	–	X	X	Switzerland (CH)	X	X	X
Peru (PE)	–	X	X	Syrian Arab Republic (SY)	X	X	–
Philippines (PH)	X	X	X	Taiwan, Province of China (TW) ³	–	–	X
Poland (PL)	X	X	X	Tajikistan (TJ)	X	X	–
Portugal (PT)	X	X	X	Thailand (TH)	–	–	X
Qatar (QA)	–	X	X	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MK)	X	X	X
Republic of Korea (KR)	X	X	X	Togo (TG)	X	X	X
Romania (RO)	X	X	X	Tonga (TO)	–	X	X
Russian Federation (RU)	X	X	–	Trinidad and Tobago (TT)	X	X	X
Rwanda (RW)	–	X	X	Tunisia (TN)	X	X	X
Saint Kitts and Nevis (KN)	X	X	X	Turkey (TR)	X	X	X
Saint Lucia (LC)	X	X	X	Turkmenistan (TM)	X	X	–
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VC)	X	X	X	Uganda (UG)	X	X	X
San Marino (SM)	X	X	–	Ukraine (UA)	X	X	–
Sao Tome and Principe (ST)	–	X	–	United Arab Emirates (AE)	X	X	X
Saudi Arabia (SA)	–	X	X	United Kingdom (GB)	X	X	X
Senegal (SN)	X	X	X	United Republic of Tanzania (TZ)	X	X	X
Serbia (RS)	X	X	–	United States of America (US)	X	X	X
Seychelles (SC)	X	X	–	Uruguay (UY)	–	X	X
Sierra Leone (SL)	X	X	X	Uzbekistan (UZ)	X	X	–
Singapore (SG)	X	X	X	Venezuela (VE)	–	X	X
Slovakia (SK)	X	X	X	Viet Nam (VN)	X	X	X
Slovenia (SI)	X	X	X	Yemen (YE)	–	X	–
Solomon Islands (SB)	–	–	X	Zambia (ZM)	X	X	X
South Africa (ZA)	X	X	X	Zimbabwe (ZW)	X	X	X
Spain (ES)	X	X	X				

1. China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the PCT and the Paris Convention apply also to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
2. China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the Paris Convention applies also to the Macao Special Administrative Region.
3. Also referred to as "Chinese Taipei" or, within the context of the WTO, as "Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu."

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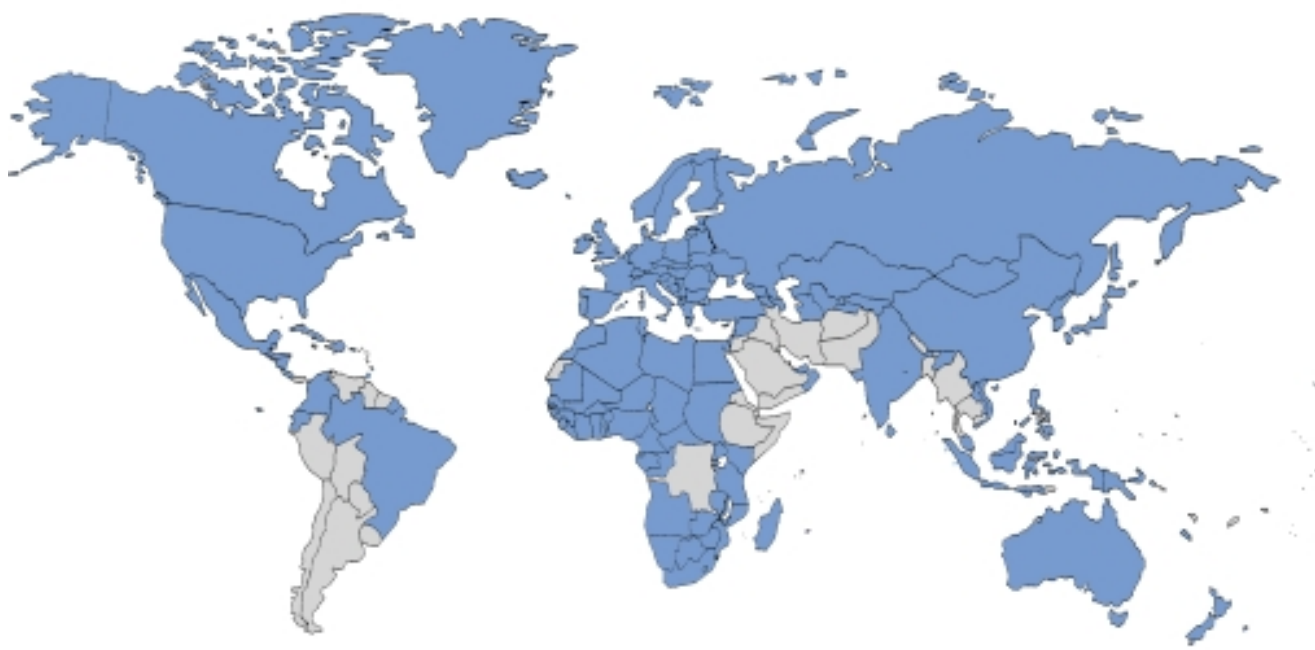
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AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MT Malta (EP) ²	SV El Salvador
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MW Malawi (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MX Mexico	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MY Malaysia	TD Chad (OA) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NA Namibia (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NG Nigeria	TN Tunisia
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NI Nicaragua	TR Turkey (EP)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia	NO Norway (EP)	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	NZ New Zealand	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	OM Oman	UG Uganda (AP)
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CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PH Philippines	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PL Poland (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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