

# PCT NEWSLETTER

## Amended PCT Regulations (entry into force 1 July 2008)

The text of the amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2008 has been published with PCT Notification No. 187, which is available in English and French at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/edocs/notdocs/en/pct/treaty\\_pct\\_187-annex1.html](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/notdocs/en/pct/treaty_pct_187-annex1.html)

[www.wipo.int/edocs/notdocs/fr/pct/treaty\\_pct\\_187-annex1.html](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/notdocs/fr/pct/treaty_pct_187-annex1.html)

An updated consolidated version of the PCT Regulations, as in force from 1 July 2008, will be available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® once the amendments have entered into force. In view of the relatively limited number of changes that have been made to the Regulations, however, the paper version of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations* (WIPO Publication No. 274) will not be reprinted on this occasion. Instead, a booklet containing the amended rules will be published on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® – an announcement will be made as soon as this becomes available. It will be of the size that it can be inserted into the paper version of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations*.

Note that further information about the changes subsequent to the entry into force of new PCT Rules 4.12 and 12*bis* (relating to the possibility, as from 1 July 2008, for the applicant to request the International Searching Authority (ISA) to take into account, in carrying out the international search, not only, as at present, the results of an earlier search carried out by that Authority, but also the results of an earlier search carried out by another ISA or any other national Office) will be given in the *PCT Newsletter* shortly.

## Modified PCT Forms

Following consultations with the relevant PCT Offices and Authorities, a number of PCT forms for use by receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities (ISAs), International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau have been amended with effect from 1 July 2008. Those forms, which can be used as from 1 July 2008, are available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/form\\_july2008.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/form_july2008.html)

The request form (PCT/RO/101) has been amended with effect from 1 July 2008 to take into account, in particular:

- the amendments to the Schedule of Fees;
- the new possibility for the applicant to request the ISA, when carrying out the international search, to take into consideration the results of an earlier search carried out either by that Authority, by another ISA or by any national Office; and
- the new possibility of including an e-mail address for the applicant or agent, and an authorization to be sent advance copies of notifications in respect of the international application by e-mail (in Boxes Nos. II and III) (for further information, see the “Practical advice” in this issue).

The demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) has also been amended with effect from 1 July 2008 to take into account the new possibility of including an e-mail address for the applicant or agent, and an authorization to be sent advance copies of notifications in respect of the international application by e-mail (for further information on the furnishing by the applicant of an e-mail address, see the “Practical advice” in this issue).

## **Filing and Processing of International Applications in Electronic Form**

### **Attaching pre-conversion files to international applications filed electronically**

Many international applications which are filed in electronic form are initially prepared in a particular electronic document format (for example, MS-Word) and are subsequently converted, for the purposes of filing, into another electronic document format (for example, PDF or XML). Since it is known that, in the process of converting from one document format to another, the international application data may accidentally be modified or altered, amended Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (applicable as of 1 July 2008) expressly provide for the submission of a copy of the international application in the “pre-conversion” format at the time of filing the international application. Should data have been accidentally modified or altered in the conversion process, the applicant has the opportunity to correct the international application as filed so as to bring it into conformity with the copy of the international application in the pre-conversion format.

Note however that, in order for applicants to take advantage of this option, the receiving Office must permit the submission generally of the international application in “pre-conversion” format and the specific pre-conversion format used by the applicant must also be accepted by the receiving Office. To the extent that the receiving Office of choice does accept the submission of the international application in “pre-conversion” format, applicants are strongly encouraged to make use of this possibility. In the case of a conversion-related issue, applicants would then have up to 30 months from the priority date to correct the international application with the receiving Office.

The text of modified Sections 706 and 710 (as well as modified Annex F) of the Administrative Instructions, which enter into force on 1 July 2008, were published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 24 April 2008, available at:

[www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/official\\_notices/officialnotices.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf)

An updated consolidated version of the Administrative Instructions, as in force from 1 July 2008, will be available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® once the modifications have entered into force.

## Paris Convention

### Accession by Thailand

On 2 May 2008, Thailand (country code: TH), deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Convention to 173. Thailand will become bound by the Paris Convention on 2 August 2008. The list of States party to the Paris Convention (together with the list of States party to the PCT and Members of the WTO) has been updated accordingly and is available at:

[www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct\\_paris\\_wto.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_paris_wto.pdf)

## PCT Meetings

### Meeting of International Authorities

The 15<sup>th</sup> session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Vienna at the Austrian Patent Office from 7 to 9 April 2008. The report and working documents can be found on the WIPO website at:

[www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_code=pct/mia/15](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/mia/15)

The Meeting noted reports on the quality frameworks of all the Authorities. These will shortly be made available, together with those submitted last year, on the PATENTSCOPE® website at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html)

Following a presentation by one Authority, discussions focused on how best to allow feedback from operational reviews of individual cases to be used to improve general guidance for all examiners. The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office announced the launch of a “Microsite on Quality” at: [www.oepm-calidad.es](http://www.oepm-calidad.es). The Meeting reiterated the importance of sharing of information on quality and agreed on a timetable for review of the quality framework set out in Chapter 21 of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

The Meeting welcomed a preliminary working paper proposed by the International Bureau (IB) entitled “Enhancing the Value of International Search and Preliminary Examination under the PCT” (PCT/MIA/15/2) as important, timely and useful. It agreed that action was needed in the context of backlogs growing in both number and application pendency time. Some of the necessary work was already under way, for example, in relation to the quality framework. Other actions would require consideration by individual Offices, the International Authorities collectively, the Contracting States and users of the system. The same document will be considered by the PCT Working Group at its first session, to be held in Geneva from 26 to 30 May 2008 (see “PCT Working Group”, below, and document PCT/WG/1/3).

Several Authorities (the Austrian Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation) and the Nordic Patent Institute) reported that they expected to be ready to offer a supplementary international search service from 1 January 2009; the Swedish Patent and Registration Office reported that it may possibly be ready to do so by that date. Others (the European Patent Office and the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland) indicated that it was likely that they would be able to offer such a service in due course from 1 January 2010. Others indicated a general support for the principle but were not in a position to report any provisional plans for offering such a service; and some Authorities have no plans to offer this service.

The Japan Patent Office, on behalf of the Trilateral Offices (the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office) gave an overview of the so-called “Common Application Format” which has recently been agreed upon by the Trilateral Offices (see: [www.trilateral.net/news/20071130/index.php](http://www.trilateral.net/news/20071130/index.php)) and introduced proposals for corresponding modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

The Meeting discussed a proposal relating to the possibility of permitting claims fees under the PCT, similar to those which have been introduced in a number of national systems, and proposals to limit the number of claims per category to be searched.

The Meeting recognized that there was still an unacceptably large number of international applications being published without classification. Some improvements were expected shortly, following efforts to reduce backlogs at certain receiving Offices. The Meeting also requested the IB to investigate the possibility of providing access to the record copy to assist International Searching Authorities (ISAs) in providing classification of international applications for which delivery of the search copy had been delayed.

The Korean Journal of Traditional Knowledge was added to the list of non-patent literature forming part of the PCT minimum documentation. It was also decided to reinvigorate work on a comprehensive review of the minimum documentation.

The Meeting discussed a proposal to permit ISAs to send advance copies of international search reports by e-mail but concluded that work should concentrate on offering such information using a secure file inspection service.

The Meeting also discussed details of implementation of the new rules relating to use of searches by Offices other than the one acting as ISA, draft criteria which might be considered for adoption by the PCT Assembly in relation to the addition of any further PCT languages of publication, and proposals for encouraging the filing of sequence listings in searchable ST.25 text file format.

### **PCT Working Group**

In September 2007, the PCT Assembly decided that the work of the Committee on Reform of the PCT and the Working Group on Reform of the PCT had been completed and that the mandate of both bodies had come to an end (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2007). Recognizing the need for a body to perform preparatory work for any future matters requiring submission to the Assembly, it approved the convening of a new Working Group. The first session of the PCT Working Group will be held in Geneva from 26 to 30 May 2008. The draft agenda is available from the WIPO website, together with working documents as they become available, at:

[www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_code=pct/wg/1](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/1)

A mailing list has also been created to give notice of new documents and other related information. Any interested person can subscribe using the form at:

[www.wipo.int/lists/subscribe/pct-wg](http://www.wipo.int/lists/subscribe/pct-wg)

## PCT Information Update

### International fee, supplement per sheet over 30 and PCT-EASY and electronic filing reductions (various Offices)

As indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2008, on 1 July 2008, there will be a change in the amount of the international filing fee. There will also be changes in the equivalent amounts, in certain currencies, of the international filing fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the PCT-EASY and electronic filing reductions (where applicable), as indicated in the PCT fee tables.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, Annex C: AL, AM, AP, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BE, BG, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CY, CZ, DE, DK, DO, DZ, EA, EC, EE, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GH, GR, HR, HU, IB, ID, IE, IL, IN, IS, IT, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, LY, MA, MC, MD, MK, MN, MW, MX, MY, NI, NL, NO, NZ, OA, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RS, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SM, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, UA, US, UZ, VN, ZA, ZM, ZW)

### EA Eurasian Patent Office (location; fees; required contents of translation)

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

5, Staroalekseevskaya, Moscow, Russian Federation

The amount of the fee for the priority document payable to the Office as receiving Office, has changed, as follows:

Fee for priority document: .....RUR 1,000

There has been a change, with effect from 1 March 2008, in the requirements of the Office concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Under PCT Article 22:

Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1):

Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (EA), Annex C (EA) and National Chapter, Summary (EA))

### FI Finland (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 April 2008 (other fees not indicated have not changed):

National fee:

Basic fee: .....	EUR	400
Basic fee for an electronically filed application: .....	EUR	300
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: ..	EUR	30
Annual fees for the first three years: .....	EUR	170

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

### **IT Italy (e-mail and Internet addresses; means of telecommunication)**

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

E-mail:	info@uibm.gov.it
Internet:	www.uibm.gov.it

The Office has discontinued the use of its teleprinter. In addition, the Office has informed the International Bureau of a change concerning the kinds of documents which may be filed by fax; as from 1 June 2008 all kinds of documents may be so filed, except international applications.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (IT))

### **MT Malta (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities – corrigendum)**

In *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2008, the date from which the Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment (Malta), in its capacity as receiving Office, specified the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Malta should have read 1 March 2007 and not 1 March 2008.

### **MY Malaysia (general information)**

Information on the requirements of the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see the National Chapter, Summary (MY)) on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/)

### **Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)**

For the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, as from 1 June 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and as from 1 July 2008, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and EUR for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, and a change in



the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

As from 1 June 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, and in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

As from 15 June 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in ZAR for international searches carried out by the Austrian Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in KRW and ZAR for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office.

As from 1 July 2008, 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
Austrian Patent Office	KRW
European Patent Office	ISK, ZAR
Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)	CHF
Japan Patent Office	KRW
Korean Intellectual Property Office	NZD, SGD
United States Patent and Trademark Office	CHF

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT), (AU), (CA), (EP), (JP), (KR), (RU) and (US))

### **Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)**

Further 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, a new invitation has been identified originating from "IBIP – International Bureau for Intellectual Property". To view an example of the new invitation, as well as the many other examples which have been brought to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct\\_warning.htm](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.

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

### **Text of the amendments to the PCT Regulations (entry into force 1 July 2008)**

See “Amended PCT Regulations”, above.

### **PCT Statistics**

See “PCT Statistics”, below.

### **Presentation on the PCT in Korean**

A PowerPoint presentation in Korean, containing an overview of the PCT and highlighting recent developments has been added to the small collection of PCT resources on the PATENTSCOPE® website at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/ko/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ko/)

### **List of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization**

The list of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization has been updated and is available at:

[www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct\\_paris\\_wto.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_paris_wto.pdf)

## **PCT Statistics**

### **Yearly Review of the PCT – The International Patent System in 2007**

The review of PCT activities in 2007 contains statistics on PCT filings (including filings by top countries of origin, by top applicants and by technical field) and national phase entries, as well as statistics on the performance of the international patent system. It is now available in English, in HTML format, at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/pct\\_2007.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/pct_2007.html)

The PDF version, as well as the French and Spanish translations of the review, are under preparation.

### **PCT trends and performance indicators**

In order to provide PCT users with more detailed information about the functioning of the PCT system, several enhancements have recently been made to the dissemination of statistical information published on the activities of the PCT. The statistical reports produced on the PCT now comprise the following:

- PCT Monthly Statistics – A new version of the PCT monthly statistics report has been created which includes a core set of indicators for monitoring the latest trends in PCT filings.



– PCT Quarterly Statistics:

- Quarterly Report: Trends and Analysis – This new report provides an overview of the latest trends in PCT filings. It includes a wide range of indicators with analysis and interpretation of the latest trends.
- Quarterly Report: Performance Indicators – This report includes a set of indicators to monitor the timeliness of receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau. This report replaces the former report on “Timeliness in relation to procedures under the PCT” and includes new indicators.

These reports, as well as other PCT statistical data, are updated on a regular basis and can be downloaded in various formats from WIPO’s website at:

[www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct/](http://www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct/)

Any questions or feedback about the PCT statistics may be sent to: [ipstats.mail@wipo.int](mailto:ipstats.mail@wipo.int)

## Practical Advice

### The transmittal of notifications to applicants by e-mail

*Q: I am going to file a number of international applications on behalf of several applicants in the next few months. Later in the year, I will have to spend a few months away on business, and am worried about whether being away from my office will hinder my ability to properly follow-up the progress of the applications concerned. Is there any way that I can request that correspondence relating to the international application be sent to my e-mail address, and that I can deal with any follow-up matters by e-mail?*

**A:** Until now, it has not been possible for the International Bureau (IB) to use e-mail as a form of communication in respect of specific international applications.

However, **as of 1 July 2008**, the request form (PCT/RO/101) will contain a new field in Boxes Nos. II and IV that will allow applicants or agents to include an e-mail address with their international applications. Next to that field will be a check-box, which, if marked, will authorize any PCT Authority (the receiving Office (RO), the IB, the International Searching Authority (ISA) and the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA)) to send by e-mail, if they so wish, advance copies of notifications in respect of the international application to the applicant or agent. This authorization will also be added to the request form which is completed when using the PCT-SAFE software. Upon receipt of such an authorization, the IB would be in a position to send you such advance copies of any notifications or invitations by e-mail. Whether other PCT Authorities will also do so will depend on the PCT Authority concerned. The IB will notify PCT users which Authorities have announced their willingness to participate in this form of advance communication, to the extent that it is informed of this.

Note that if the checkbox referred to above is not marked, or the applicant or agent’s express authorization is not given in some other way, for example, in a separate letter, the e-mail address can only be used for communications for which telephones or fax would otherwise have been used (for example, rapid informal communications with applicants (see PCT Rule 4.4(c), third sentence).

Such advance e-mail communications will not replace paper notifications sent by mail as usual, which will remain the legal copy of the notifications. The e-mail communication will be an additional service to the applicant, which will, in effect, serve as an advance warning of any possible action to be taken, and will help to reduce the effects of delays in the dispatching and delivery of the paper notification to the recipient. It may also give the applicant extra time in view of the fact that the time limit given for responding to an invitation is calculated from the date of mailing of the paper version of the communication.

The IB is planning to send such advance communications only to a single e-mail address (per international application). This means that, where the e-mail authorization is given in respect of both an applicant and an agent, the IB will send e-mail communications only to the appointed agent (or common representative where no agent has been appointed). The recipient of the e-mail will be responsible for forwarding the contents of that e-mail to any other person who may need to receive it.

It is very important to note that, for the moment, it will not be possible for you, as agent (or the applicant) to reply by e-mail to the IB, and any such e-mail received by the IB would not be accepted by it. For the time being, you will be obliged to continue to reply by mail, or where accepted by the Authority concerned, by fax. Information on the forms of telecommunication, if any, by which PCT Offices and Authorities are prepared to receive documents, is published in the *PCT Applicants Guide*, Annex B (General Information) at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html)

Please also note that, for technical reasons, the IB will begin by only sending certain forms by advance e-mail. Some of the forms which you can expect to receive in this way initially are: Forms PCT/IB/301, PCT/IB/306, PCT/IB/307 and PCT/IB/345. Progressively, additional forms will be added towards the end of the year, for example, Forms PCT/IB/304, PCT/IB/308 and PCT/IB/311.

For any international applications filed before 1 July 2008, it will be possible, **on or after 1 July 2008 only**, to submit to the IB an e-mail address for that application, together with an express authorization for the RO, the ISA, the IB and IPEA to use the e-mail address to send advance copies of notifications in respect of the international application. The addition of the e-mail address can be requested under PCT Rule 92*bis* (recording of changes in certain indications in the request or the demand). If the e-mail address is to be registered for multiple cases, you may wish to send a single letter to the IB listing each international application concerned, noting that a separate letter should be written for each appointed agent (unless a group of agents has been appointed together). Similarly, if you wish later to change the e-mail address already given in the request form, it will be possible to do this by requesting the IB to record a change under PCT Rule 92*bis*. For further information on requesting the recording of a change under PCT Rule 92*bis*, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 427 to 431 ([www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf)), and the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 05/2002, 08/2002, and 07/2005 ([www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/year.jsp](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/year.jsp)).

This new advance notification service is, in effect, a precursor to a new system that WIPO is in the process of developing whereby PCT applicants will be able to securely log in to a private file inspection system, which will allow them to inspect the file of their international application and obtain correspondence in this way, prompted by an e-mail notifying them that such correspondence has been issued. Further information on this private file inspection system will be given later, when it is at a more advanced stage of its development.

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b> (situation on 1 May 2008)			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>8–9 May 2008 Vancouver (CA)</b>	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar for patent lawyers, agents and administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of Ottawa (Ms. Stephanie Planchak (MBM)) Tel: (1–613) 567-0762 Fax: (1–613) 563-7671 E-mail: splanchak@mbm.com
<b>14–15 May 2008 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Basic 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
<b>19 May 2008 Zurich (CH)</b>	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle <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
<b>26 May 2008 Kumamoto (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81–3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81–3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jauiptm.jp
<b>28 May 2008 Tokyo (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities and SMEs WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Kumamoto, above)
<b>29 May 2008 Matsumoto (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Kumamoto, above)
<b>29–30 May 2008 Munich (DE)</b>	English	US PCT Roundtable for paralegals and their direct supervisors with at least two years of experience. WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin Other speakers: Mr. Weaver and others (European Patent Office) and Mr. Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	Contact person: Ms. Katrina Braden-Elliott Tel: (1–202) 772 85 15 Fax: (1–202) 371 25 40 E-mail: kbraden@skgf.com
<b>23 June 2008 Osaka (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81–3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81–3) 35 81 12 05
<b>24 June 2008 Tokyo (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	(see Osaka, above)
<b>25 June 2008 Nagoya (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	(see Osaka, above)

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<b>PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]</b>			
(situation on 1 May 2008)			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>10–11 July 2008 New York (US)</b>	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1–703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1–703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
<b>14–15 July 2008 Denver (US)</b>	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (See New York, above)
<b>2–3 October 2008 Cary, North Carolina (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Melanie Bostic) Tel: (1–919) 657 15 69 Fax: (1–919) 677 17 74 E-mail: mbostic@ncbar.org
<b>10 October 2008 London (GB)</b>	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
<b>20 October 2008 Helsinki (FI)</b>	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Illmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmariinen@prh.fi
<b>22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	PCT update 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
<b>24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)</b>	English	PCT update 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
<b>30–31 October 2008 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and other to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1–415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
<b>3–4 November 2008 Chicago (US)</b>	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and other to be announced	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

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**PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]**

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<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>4–5 December 2008 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced formalities seminar 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
<b>9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	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

**Other IP events****WIPO-Kellogg Strategies for Management of Intellectual Property Executive Program, Chicago (USA), 9 to 12 June 2008**

As companies seek to achieve competitive advantage through exploitation of their technological assets, managing intellectual property has become a key issue for these companies. In most cases, IP is responsible for more than 70% of the market value of companies in the S & P index. This course is designed to expose participants to the various organizational skills needed so as to confidently develop, analyze and negotiate the IP of their corporation. Faculty from Kellogg School of Management and WIPO will help understand the strategic issues involved in IP management. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty.

For further information on this event, visit: [www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/chg\\_jun\\_08/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/chg_jun_08/index.html) or send an email to: [execed.academy@wipo.int](mailto:execed.academy@wipo.int).

## PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 May 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%<sup>1</sup> reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 3 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75%<sup>1</sup> reduction are applicable, the 75%<sup>1</sup> reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

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

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

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

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>2</sup>		International filing fee <sup>2, 3</sup> (CHF 1,400) (from 1.7.08: 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>2, 3, 4</sup> (CHF 15)		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>5</sup>
							Items 3(a) <sup>6</sup> and (b) <sup>7</sup> (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) <sup>8</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) <sup>9</sup> (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available									
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,400	15	–	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.7.08: 1,330)	(15)	(–)	(–)	(–)			
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	–	EP RU
			(from 15.5.08: 1,263)	(14)	(90)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
			(from 1.7.08: 1,338)	(15)	(101)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
AP	USD	50	USD	1,194	13	85	–	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)		(from 15.5.08: 1,263)	(14)	(90)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
			(from 1.7.08: 1,338)	(15)	(101)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
AT	EUR	50	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.7.08: 848)	(10)	(64)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,374	15	98	196	295		AU
			(from 1.7.08: 1,466)	(17)	(110)	(220)	(331)			
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD	1,194	13	–	–	–	–	EP RU
			(from 15.5.08: 1,263)	(14)	(–)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
			(from 1.7.08: 1,338)	(15)	(–)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
BA	BAM	50	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.7.08: 848)	(10)	(64)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
BE	EUR	40	EUR	848	9	61	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.7.08: 848)	(10)	(64)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
BG	BGL	80	BGL eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.7.08: 1,330)	(15)	(100)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
BH	Information not yet available									

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

(amounts on 1 May 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>2</sup>		International filing fee <sup>3,3</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>2,3,4</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>5</sup>
					Items 3(a) <sup>6</sup> and (b) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>8</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>9</sup>	
BR	BRR	305	<b>BRR</b> eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
BW	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	<b>USD</b> 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	<b>USD</b> 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	<b>USD</b> 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	<b>CAD</b> 1,261 (from 1.7.08: 1,375)	14 (16)	90 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	CA
CH	CHF	100	<b>CHF</b> 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
CN	CNY	500	<b>CNY</b> eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	CN
CO	COP <sup>10</sup>	–	<b>COP</b> eq USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	eq USD 13 (14) (15)	eq USD 85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	<b>USD</b> 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	<b>CUC</b> 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	<b>EUR</b> 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	<b>EUR</b> 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
DE	EUR	90	<b>EUR</b> 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	<b>DKK</b> 6,320 (from 1.7.08: 6,320)	70 (70)	450 (480)	900 (950)	1,350 (1,430)	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available							
DO	USD	275	<b>USD</b> eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	<b>CHF</b> 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP
EA	RUR	1,600	<b>USD</b> 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP RU
EC	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	<b>USD</b> 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	<b>EEK</b> eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	EP

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

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RO	Transmittal fee <sup>2</sup>		International filing fee <sup>3,3</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>2,3,4</sup>		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>5</sup>
							Items 3(a) <sup>6</sup> and (b) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>8</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>9</sup>	
EG	USD	142	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT EP US	
EP	EUR	110	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	– (–)	121 (128)	182 (191)		EP	
ES	EUR	69.25	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)		EP ES	
FI	EUR	135	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	– (–)	121 (128)	182 (191)		EP FI SE	
FR	EUR	60	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)		EP	
GB	GBP	55	GBP 647 (from 1.7.08: 675)	7 (8)	46 (51)	92 (101)	139 (152)		EP	
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	GEL <sup>11</sup>	10	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP RU	
GH	GHC <sup>12</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
GT	Information not yet available									
HN	Information not yet available									
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
IB	CHF <sup>13</sup> or EUR <sup>13</sup> or USD <sup>13</sup>	100 61 85	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330) or EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848) or USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	15 (15) (10) (14) (15)	100 (100) (64) (90) (101)	200 (200) (128) (180) (201)	300 (300) (191) (271) (302)		See footnote 14	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AU EP KR RU	
IE	EUR	76	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
IL	ILS	490	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP US	
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT AU CN EP SE US	
IS	ISK	6,500	ISK 74,100 (from 15.5.08: 85,100) (from 1.7.08: 101,400)	800 (900) (1,100)	5,300 (6,100) (7,600)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP SE XN	

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

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RO	Transmittal fee <sup>2</sup>	International filing fee <sup>3,3</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>2,3,4</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>5</sup>
				Items 3(a) <sup>6</sup> and (b) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>8</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>9</sup>	
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 137,000 (from 1.7.08: 133,400)	1,500 (1,500)	9,800 (10,000)	— (—)	29,400 (30,100)	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,221,000 (from 1.7.08: 1,327,000)	13,000 (15,000)	87,000 (100,000)	— (—)	262,000 (299,000)	AT AU JP <sup>15</sup> KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available						
LR	USD 45	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM <sup>10</sup> —	LSM eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LY	LYD <sup>10</sup> —	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 <sup>16</sup>	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MD	USD 40	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	— (—) (—)	— (—) (—)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	— (—)	— (—)	EP KR RU
MT	Information not yet available						

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

(amounts on 1 May 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>2</sup>		International filing fee <sup>3,3</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>2,3,4</sup>		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>5</sup>
							Items 3(a) <sup>6</sup> and (b) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>8</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>9</sup>	
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK 166,800 (from 1.7.08: 182,500)	1,800 (2,100)	11,900 (13,700)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
MX	MXP <sup>3</sup> eq USD	323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES SE US	
MY	MYR	375 <sup>17</sup>	MYR eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	– (–)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	– (–)	AU EP KR	
NI	USD	200	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP ES	
NL	EUR	50	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	– (–)	EP	
NO	NOK	550	NOK 6,590 (from 1.7.08: 6,820)	70 (80)	470 (510)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP SE XN	
NZ	NZD	180 <sup>18</sup>	NZD 1,597 (from 1.7.08: 1,704)	17 (19)	114 (128)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AU EP KR US	
OA	XAF <sup>10</sup>	–	XAF eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP RU SE	
OM	Information not yet available									
PG	PGK	250	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AU	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	171 (180) (201)	256 (271) (302)	– (–) (–)	AU EP JP KR US	
PL	PLZ	300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	– (–)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	– (–)	EP	
PT	EUR	33.44	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	200 (200)	300 (300)	– (–)	AT EP RU	
RS	RSD	3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
RU	RUR	600	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP RU	
SC	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP	
SD	SDP	50	SDP eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK 7,780 (from 1.7.08: 7,960)	80 (90)	560 (600)	1,110 (1,200)	1,670 (1,790)	– (–)	EP SE	

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

(amounts on 1 May 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>2</sup>		International filing fee <sup>3,3</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>2,3,4</sup>		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>5</sup>
							Items 3(a) <sup>6</sup> and (b) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>8</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>9</sup>	
SG	SGD	150	SGD 1,790 (from 1.7.08: 1,845)	19 (21)	128 (139)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP KR <sup>19</sup>	
SI	EUR	91	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
SK	SKK	2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	– (–)	EP	
SM	EUR	50	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
SV	Information not yet available									
SY	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT EP RU	
TJ	TJS <sup>10</sup>	–	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP RU	
TM	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP RU	
TN	TND <sup>10</sup>	–	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
TR	CHF	100	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
TT	TTD	750	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT EP SE US	
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP RU	
US	USD	300	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	171 (180) (201)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP KR US	
UZ	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	EP RU	
VC	Information not yet available									
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP KR RU SE	
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR 8,340 (from 1.6.08: 9,810) (from 1.7.08: 10,860)	90 (110) (120)	600 (700) (820)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT AU EP US	
ZM	USD	50	USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	13 (14) (15)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT SE	
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,194 (from 15.5.08: 1,263) (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	eq USD 13 (14) (15)	eq USD 85 (90) (101)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	– (–) (–)	AT AU CN EP RU	

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 May 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>2</sup>											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	330	KRW*	259,000	SGD	420	USD	282	ZAR**	1,970
	*	(from 1.7.08:	KRW	306,000)								
	**	(from 15.6.08:	ZAR	2,380)								
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								
	*	(from 1.7.08:	CHF	1,483)								
	**	(from 15.6.08:	KRW	1,415,000	ZAR	11,640)						
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF*	1,777	EUR*	1,134	USD	1,597				
	*	(from 1.7.08:	CHF	1,587	EUR	995)						
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	328	EUR	199	USD	280				
EP <sup>20</sup>	EUR	1,700	CHF	2,726	DKK	12,670	GBP	1,273	ISK*	167,000	JPY	268,800
	MWK	344,000	NOK	13,440	NZD	3,163	SEK	15,830	SGD	3,530	USD	2,496
	ZAR*	19,160										
	*	(from 1.7.08:	ISK	192,000	ZAR	20,650)						
ES <sup>20</sup>	EUR	1,700	CHF	2,726	USD	2,496						
FI	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,667	USD	2,274						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	991	EUR	600	KRW* **	778,000	USD***	845		
	*	(from 15.5.08:	KRW	852,000)								
	**	(from 1.7.08:	KRW	924,000)								
	***	(from 1.6.08:	USD	949)								
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF*	287	EUR**	173	NZD**	327	SGD**	366	USD	244
	*	(from 1.6.08:	CHF	226)								
	**	(from 1.7.08:	EUR	148	NZD	289	SGD	320)				
RU <sup>21</sup>	USD	500	CHF*	586	EUR	355						
	*	(from 1.7.08:	CHF	507)								
SE	SEK	15,830	CHF	2,726	DKK	12,670	EUR	1,700	ISK	167,000	NOK	13,440
	USD	2,496										
US	USD	1,800	CHF*	1,995	EUR**	1,282	NZD	2,370	ZAR***	12,340		
	*	(from 1.7.08:	CHF	1,789)								
	**	(from 1.6.08:	EUR	1,154)								
	***	(from 15.6.08:	ZAR	14,000)								
XN	DKK	12,670	CHF	2,726	EUR	1,700	ISK	167,000	NOK	13,440	USD	2,496



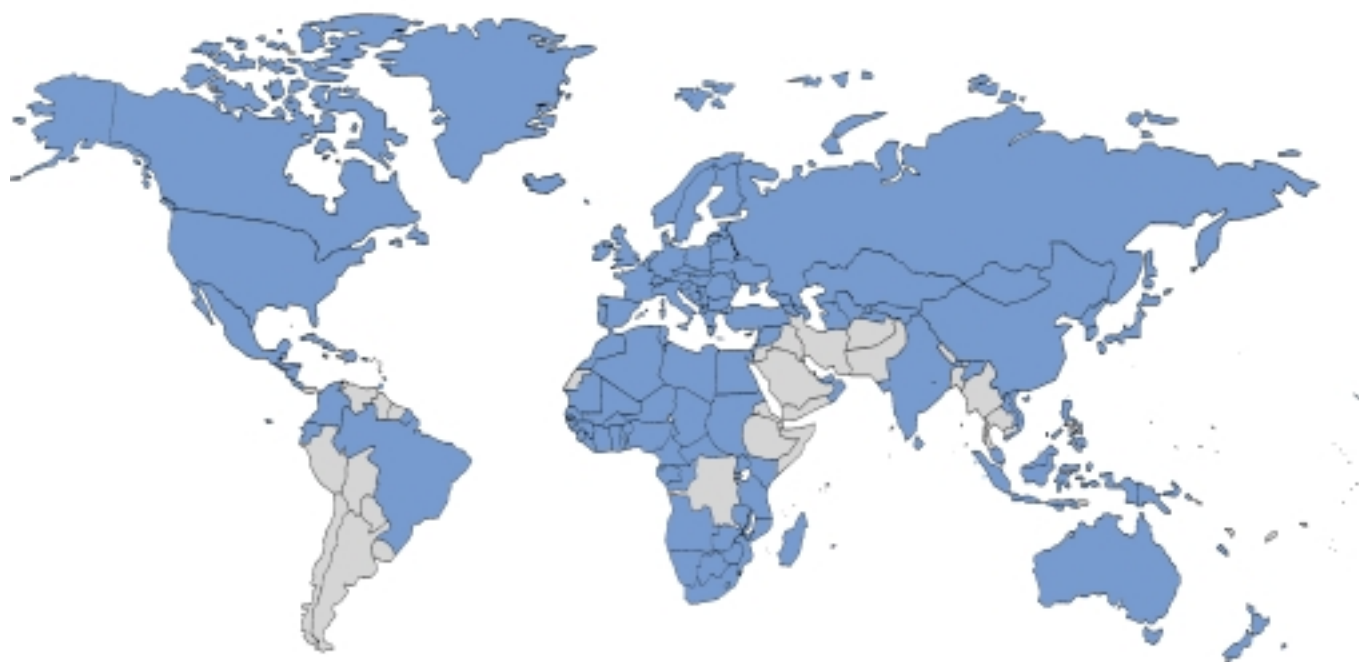
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 May 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>22</sup>		Handling fee <sup>3, 22</sup> (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	200	EUR 121
AU	AUD	550 780 <sup>23</sup>	AUD 196
CA	CAD	800	CAD 171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EP <sup>20</sup>	EUR	1,675	EUR 121
ES	EUR	544.44	EUR 121
FI	EUR	550	EUR 121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY 19,600
KR	KRW	225,000	KRW 157,000
RU <sup>21</sup>	USD	200 <sup>24</sup> 300 <sup>25</sup>	USD 171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,110
US	USD	600 750 <sup>26</sup>	USD 171
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK 900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 This reduction will increase, with effect from 1 July 2008, to 90%.
- 2 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% (90% as from 1 July 2008) where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 5 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 6 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.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 9 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 10 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.
- 11 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 12 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.
- 13 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 14 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).
- 15 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 16 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 17 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 18 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 19 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.
- 20 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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf), with the exception of Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 21 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.
- 22 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 24 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 25 In all cases where footnote 24 does not apply.
- 26 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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AL Albania <sup>1</sup>	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>2</sup>	JP Japan	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	ML Mali (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SM San Marino
AO Angola	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AT Austria (EP)	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>2</sup>	<b>ST Sao Tome and Principe</b> (from 3 July 2008)
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	IL Israel		SG Singapore	

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