

PCT NEWSLETTER

Clarification Concerning the Dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles

On 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles, which consisted of the Caribbean islands of Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, officially ceased to exist. It is recalled that, as far as the Netherlands is concerned, the Patent Cooperation Treaty was ratified for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles has resulted in two new entities, Curaçao and Sint Maarten, to which the PCT continues to apply. The PCT also continues to apply to Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, which are considered “special municipalities” and, as such, are part of the Netherlands. The PCT therefore applies to them automatically.

Note that, since Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, Saba and Aruba are not recognized as independent States, they should not be indicated as states of residence and/or nationality in the request form (PCT/RO/101). Where applicable, applicants from those islands should indicate “Netherlands” or the country code “NL” for that purpose. It is, however, possible to indicate any of the islands as part of the address of the applicant.

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 3 June 2011 (publication date)

Due to the fact that Thursday, 2 June 2011, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications which would normally have been published on that day, as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* which would normally have been published on that day, will be published on Friday, 3 June 2011. The completion of technical preparations for that publication will therefore take place 16 days before publication (which is more than the usual 15 days before publication), on Wednesday, 18 May 2011 (meaning that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau (IB) by midnight on Tuesday, 17 May 2011).

Publication of 16 June 2011 (technical preparations for publication)

Due to the fact that Thursday, 2 June 2011, will, as mentioned above, be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on Thursday, 16 June 2011, will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 31 May 2011 (instead of on Wednesday, 1 June 2011, 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 IB by midnight on Monday, 30 May 2011.

Warning: Scheduled Maintenance Outage on WIPO Website

Due to maintenance work which is scheduled for Saturday, 2 April 2011, certain PCT services may not be available on the WIPO website for part of the day (from 7.00 am, for a period of up to 12 hours). Services which may be affected by this outage include: the PCT Online

Document Upload Service, the Priority Document Access Service (DAS) and e-filing to the International Bureau as receiving Office. Note, however, that it is not expected that the PATENTSCOPE® search service will be affected.

Users of the affected services will see a corresponding message on their screens if those services are not available. PCT applicants or their agents are advised to ensure that any time-critical work that might normally have been done on 2 April, which would require the use of any of those services, is done the day before to avoid any possible problems caused by a delay in accessing them on 2 April.

Please rest assured that WIPO will do its best to minimize any inconvenience caused by this maintenance.

PCT Information Update

CH Switzerland (location and mailing address; restoration of the right of priority: criterion applicable and fees; fees; special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The location and mailing address of the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property has changed, as follows:

Stauffacherstrasse 65/59g
CH-3003 Bern
Switzerland

The Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that, in respect of requests for the restoration of the right of priority, it applies the “due care” criterion, and that the fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office or designated (or elected) Office, is CHF 500.

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, no longer charges a fee for preparation of a priority document.

The Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has deleted the following requirement under PCT Rule 51*bis*:

Declaration concerning the right of the applicant to a patent

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

IN India (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

On 9 April 2011, the following depositary institution will acquire the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made:

Microbial Culture Collection (MCC)
National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS)
University of Pune Campus, Ganeshkhind
Pune-411007, Maharashtra
India

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

KR Republic of Korea (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Korean Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media, in addition to 3.5 inch diskettes: CD-R and DVD-R.

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

MY Malaysia (fees)

As from 15 February 2011, there will be changes in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:

– Electronic filing	MYR	500
plus, for each sheet in excess of 30:	MYR	60
– Paper filing:.....	MYR	550
plus, for each sheet in excess of 30	MYR	70
Fee for priority document, per page for the first five pages:	MYR	100
plus, per page in excess of five:	MYR	3

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, will change as from the same date:

Filing fee:

– Electronic filing:	MYR	260
– Paper filing:.....	MYR	290
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10 (electronic or paper filing):	MYR	20

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

OM Oman (requirements for entry into the national phase)

Information on the requirements of the Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman) as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see National Chapter, Summary (OM)) on the PCT Resources page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/om.pdf>

TH Thailand (time limit for entry into the national phase)

The Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand) as designated (or elected) Office has confirmed to the IB that the time limit for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a) is 30 months.

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (competent International Authorities)

The IB acting for the Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) has, with effect from 10 March 2011, specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the IB as receiving Office.

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

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2011, there will be a change in the amount of the fee payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b). The equivalent amounts in other currencies are not yet known, but will be notified as soon as possible.

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

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

Modified PCT Regulations

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2011, are now available in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2011.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs2011.pdf

Time limits for entering the national phase

The table of time limits for entering the national phase has been updated with effect from 8 March 2011 to include confirmation of the time limits for entering the national phase in Oman and Thailand, and is available in English, French and Russian, respectively, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/time_limits.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/time_limits.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/time_limits.html

The table indicates, for each designated/elected Office, the time limits for entering the national (or regional) phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT.

PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2011, the PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot page has been updated to include links to PCT-PPH Request Forms and additional information on bilateral agreements between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the Austrian Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office for fast-track examination procedures where PCT work products are used, as well as links to separate PPH agreements which do not include PCT work products. See:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

PATENTSCOPE® search interface in Korean

The PATENTSCOPE® search interface is now available in Korean, in addition to Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/search/en/search.jsf>

The interface language can be changed by selecting “Language” in the “Options” menu or by selecting the language on the upper right hand corner of the interface.

EPO collection now available

The European Patent Office (EPO) patent collection is now searchable via the PATENTSCOPE® search service. More specifically, the bibliographic data from 1978 to mid-2010 and the full text from 1996 to mid-2010 of the EPO collection can now be searched. An update with more recently-published applications is under preparation.

If you use Cross-Lingual Search, the multi-lingual full text collection (English, French, German) of the EPO is easier to search and your search results will be more comprehensive.

News from the EPO

New PCT page of the EPO website

The European Patent Office (EPO) recently restructured its website to allow for more intuitive navigation, quicker access to information and improved search functions. The new EPO website includes a new page entitled “International applications (PCT)” at:

<http://www.epo.org/applying/international.html>

This useful page, which includes links to EPO-based PCT resources as well as links to PCT resources published by WIPO, contains the following:

- a Euro-PCT Guide for applicants interested in filing a PCT application with the EPO as a receiving Office, covering procedures before the EPO as an International Authority under the PCT and giving information about entry into the European phase;
- EPO decisions and notices relating to the PCT procedure;

- Information about the filing options available when filing with the EPO as PCT receiving Office;
- PCT resources (includes many links to key WIPO-published PCT resources); and
- PCT forms and fees

For information on other changes to the EPO website, please see the EPO's announcement at:

<http://www.epo.org/news-issues/news/2011/20110301.html>

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, new invitations have been identified originating from:

WOIP – Globex World Organisation Intellectual Property;

WIPD – World Intellectual Property Database; and

WDTP – Worldwide Database of Trademarks and Patents

To view examples of the invitations, 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:

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

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

If they have not already done so, PCT applicants and agents are advised to bring this information to the attention of the people responsible for handling payments of fees within their organizations, as well as to the attention of applicants and inventors who might also receive such requests. In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau:

Telephone: (41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (41-22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

Practical Advice

The (continuing) requirement to submit drawings (and where applicable, photographs) in black and white

Q: I am going to file an international application in electronic form which will include drawings. Ideally, I would like to submit the drawings in the form of a series of color photographs, as this would greatly facilitate the understanding of the invention – is it acceptable to file color photographs with the international application?

A: According to PCT Rule 11.13, drawings are to be “executed in durable, black, sufficiently dense and dark, uniformly thick and well-defined, lines and strokes without colorings”. Although the PCT currently makes no provision for photographs, it is the practice of the International Bureau (IB) to accept black and white photographs where it is impossible to present in a drawing what is to be shown. Paragraph 5.159 of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* states that where, exceptionally, photographs are submitted, they must be black and white, on sheets of A4 size, respect the minimum margins, and it must be possible to reproduce them directly. It also emphasizes that neither color photographs nor color drawings are accepted.

Please note, however, that even in “black and white” drawings or photographs there is shading (that is, any detail that is not represented in pure white or pure black, but in varying shades of grey). You should therefore be aware that any such greyscale detail, even in photographs that are considered black and white, may be distorted during the IB’s current publication process, which is strictly black and white and does not faithfully reproduce shades of grey. Therefore, even in the case of black and white drawings or photographs, 100% representation of the shades of grey in the original drawing or photograph cannot be guaranteed.

Where the IB does receive “color” drawings or photographs (hereinafter: “color drawings”), and the applicant does not later furnish replacement drawings that comply with the requirement for them to be in black and white (either of their own volition or subsequent to an invitation to correct from the receiving Office), the IB will, nevertheless, reproduce them in black and white for publication purposes. Despite the best efforts of the IB during the conversion or scanning of the color drawings into black and white, it cannot guarantee the clarity of the published application. Please also bear in mind that, in some cases, the receiving Office may even do the conversion prior to the drawings being received by the IB, but again, the quality for publication purposes cannot be guaranteed. If the applicant does have difficulty with the published black and white drawings upon entry into the national phase, the IB will furnish a color photocopy of the color drawings to the designated (or elected) Office upon the request of the applicant or the designated (or elected) Office.

Despite the efforts that would be made by the IB (or the receiving Office) to convert the color drawings into black and white, however, the IB recommends that applicants submit any drawings in black and white (or convert any color drawings into black and white themselves) so that they can better control the quality of what is published.

You may be interested to know that discussions have recently taken place concerning color drawings in international applications, notably, at the 3rd session of the PCT Working Group which “recognized the value of photographs and color drawings in making a clear and effective disclosure of certain types of invention and agreed that it was desirable to progress quickly on this matter, but that further study was required on the technical and legal issues which would be

involved in permitting the filing and processing of such drawings as part of international applications...” – see paragraph 197 of document PCT/WG/3/14 rev. at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=19682

All delegations which spoke on this issue considered that it was likely to be acceptable to limit the possibility of filing color drawings to international applications filed in electronic form. For detailed background information on this matter, see the document on which those discussions were based, entitled “Photographs and color drawings in international applications” (document PCT/WG/3/9), at the above-mentioned link.

Taking into account the evident need of applicants to file color drawings in order to disclose certain kinds of inventions, the IB is therefore currently studying the possibility of amending the PCT Regulations (which will be further considered by PCT member States) to allow for this in the future, as well as for the international publication of such applications to be made in color (note that this refers to the electronic publication only and excludes any specific requests made to the IB to provide paper copies of international publications). However, many technical, legal and procedural considerations have to be addressed, and this can only be done after detailed consultation with the receiving Offices, International Searching Offices, International Preliminary Examining Authorities, designated/elected Offices, as well as with certain interested intergovernmental organizations and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system.

Readers of the *PCT Newsletter* will be kept informed of any progress in this matter.

For further information on the presentation of drawings in international applications, see PCT Rules 11.10, 11.11 and 11.13, and the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, paragraphs 5.128 to 5.163, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 March 2011)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
3–4 March 2011 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs 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
7–8 March 2011 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs 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
21–22 March 2011 New York (NY) (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed Other speaker: Mr. Helfgott (Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP, New York)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
23 March 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Annual PCT conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Monika Huppertz Seminars & Trainings (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-202) 97 47 93 22 Fax: (49-202) 7 99 06 00 E-mail: info@monika-huppertz.de Internet: www.monika-huppertz.de
24 March 2011 Copenhagen (DK)	English	Annual PCT conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Monika Huppertz Seminars & Trainings (see Munich, above)
25 March 2011 Ankara (TR)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Trpkovska	Turkish Patent Institute (Mr. Ismail Gümüs) Tel: (90-312) 303 11 96 Fax: (90-312) 303 10 80 E-mail: ismail.gumus@tpe.gov.tr
5–6 April 2011 Lille (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: 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
7–8 April 2011 London (UK)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Bisi-Kurkdjian	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
7–8 April 2011 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: 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

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
13 April 2011 Basel (CH)	English	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu
20 April 2011 Riga (LV)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the "AIPPI Baltic Conference on Intellectual Property" (19-21 April 2011) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Latvian National Group of International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (Mr. Agris Bitāns) E-mail: mail@aippi.lv Internet: http://www.aippi-2011.info/
29–30 April 2011 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of New Hampshire School of Law (Ms. Priscilla Byfield) Tel: (1-603) 513 52 23 Fax: (1-603) 228 03 86 E-mail: priscilla.byfield@law.unh.edu Internet: http://law.unh.edu/pct
9-10 May 2011 San Diego (La Jolla), CA (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
11-12 May 2011 Orange County, CA (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (see San Diego (La Jolla), above)
18–19 May 2011 Stockholm (SE)	English	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Sim	IP Akademin (The Swedish IP Academy) (Mr. David Holm) E-mail: david.holm@ipakademin.se
19–20 May 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Fourné-Godbersen	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de Internet (for information and registration): www.forum-institut.de/veranstaltungen/gewerblicher-rechtsschutz/category/patentrecht
23 May 2011 Zurich (CH)	German	Training course on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	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
24 May 2011 Brussels (BE)	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the "Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets" WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued] (situation on 1 March 2011)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
31 May 2011 Paris (FR)	French	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération 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
7 June 2011 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	PCT advanced course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Monika Huppertz Seminars & Trainings (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-202) 97 47 93 22 Fax: (49-202) 7 99 06 00 E-mail: info@monika-huppertz.de Internet: www.monika-huppertz.de
16 June 2011 Prein an der Rax (AT) <i>[previously announced as 26 May]</i>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	EPI/CEIPI HU-Seminar-Group (Mrs. Noémi Rosenich-Markó) E-mail: marko@rosenich.com
14 October 2011 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 10th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
20-21 October 2011 Munich (DE) <i>[previously announced as 5-6 October]</i>	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Monika Huppertz Seminars & Trainings (see Dusseldorf, above)
7-8 December 2011 Lille (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: 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
8-9 December 2011 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities course WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
9 December 2011 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: 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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 2011, 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 4(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of –	BHD	Bahraini dinar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CHF	Swiss franc	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
<i>Currencies:</i>		CNY	Yuan renminbi	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KPW	KP won	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KRW	KR won	RON	New leu		
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
		GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 March 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Item 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available									CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR	999	11	75	–	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,414	16	106	213	319	–	AU KR
AZ	AZN	55,000	USD	1,367	15	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	999	11	75	–	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	999	11	75	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,367	15	–	–	–	–	AT EP US
BR	BRL	305	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,367	15	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,398	16	105	210	315	–	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	350	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	1,367	eq USD ¹⁰ 15	eq USD ¹⁰ 103	–	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	–	CN
CO	COP ⁹	–	COP eq USD	1,367	eq USD 15	eq USD 103	–	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU

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

(amounts on 1 March 2011, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,367	15	103	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	999	11	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	999	11	75	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	999	11	75	150	225	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	7,450	80	560	1,120	1,680	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR	115.04	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	115	EUR	999	11	–	150	225	EP
ES	EUR	72.06	EUR	999	11	75	150	225	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	999	11	–	150	225	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	999	11	75	150	225	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	864	10	–	130	195	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹¹	100	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,367	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	999	11	75	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹³	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 14
	or EUR ¹³	75	or EUR	999	11	75	150	225	
	or USD ¹³	103	or USD	1,367	15	103	206	308	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	999	11	75	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	546	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK	153,800	1,700	11,600	23,100	34,700	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	999	11	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	114,000	1,300	8,600	–	25,700	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,367	15	103	–	–	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available								
KN	Information not yet available								
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,535,000	17,000	115,000	–	346,000	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR

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

(amounts on 1 March 2011, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
KZ	KZT 7,360 ¹⁶	USD 1,367	15	103	—	—	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,367	15	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ⁹ —	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 999	11	75	—	—	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 999	11	—	—	—	EP
LV	LVL 48.40	EUR 999	11	75	—	—	EP RU
LY	LYD ⁹ —	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁷	EUR 999	11	—	—	—	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,367	15	103	—	—	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 999	11	75	—	—	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 210,800	2,400	15,800	—	—	EP
MX	MXN eq USD 323.70 ¹⁸	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ¹⁹ 550 (paper filing) ¹⁹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,367	15	103	—	—	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 999	11	75	150	225	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 8,030	90	600	—	—	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²⁰	NZD 1,844	21	139	—	—	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ —	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,367	eq USD 15	eq USD 103	—	—	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,367	15	103	—	—	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,367	15	103	206	308	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 20	EUR 999	11	75	—	—	EP
RO	RON 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD 5,340 ²¹	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
RU	RUB 600	USD 1,367	15	103	—	—	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,367	15	—	—	—	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,250	100	700	1,390	2,090	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,797	20	135	—	—	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 999	11	75	—	—	EP
SK	EUR 66	EUR 999	11	75	150	225	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 999	11	—	—	—	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,367	15	103	—	—	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,367	15	103	—	—	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ⁹ —	USD 1,367	15	—	—	—	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,367	15	103	—	—	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ —	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,367	15	103	—	—	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²² 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,367	15	103	—	—	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 1,367	15	103	206	—	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ —	USD 1,367	15	103	—	—	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	Eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 9,570	110	720	—	—	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,367	15	—	—	—	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,367	Eq USD 15	eq USD 103	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 March 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²³	EUR*	1,700	CHF*	2,263	KRW*	2,613,000	SGD*	3,060	USD*	2,326	ZAR*	16,280
	* (from 1.4.11)		EUR	1,785	Equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been established)							
AU	AUD	1,900	CHF	1,787	EUR*	1,343	KRW	2,063,000	NZD	2,478	SGD	2,410
	USD	1,837	ZAR	12,860								
	* (from 1.4.11)		EUR	1,461)								
BR ²⁴	BRL	1,900	CHF	1,092	EUR	820	USD	1,122				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,522	EUR	1,143	USD	1,564				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	305	EUR	229	USD	314				
EP ²⁵	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,376	DKK	13,310	GBP	1,543	ISK	275,000	JPY	203,700
	MWK	377,000	NOK	14,350	NZD	3,295	SEK	16,530	SGD	3,210	USD	2,443
	ZAR*	17,090										
	* (from 1.4.11)		ZAR	15,730)								
ES ²⁵	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,376	USD	2,443						
FI	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,376	USD	2,443						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	1,132	EUR	850	KRW	1,306,000	USD	1,163		
KR	For searches carried out in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,197	CHF	1,126	EUR	846	NZD	1,562	SGD	1,520
	USD	1,157										
	For searches carried out in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	414	CHF	390	EUR	293	NZD	541	SGD	530
	USD	401										
RU	RUB	13,500	CHF	431	EUR	324	USD	443				
SE	SEK	16,530	CHF	2,376	DKK	13,310	EUR	1,785	ISK	275,000	NOK	14,350
	USD	2,443										
US	USD	2,080	CHF	2,023	EUR	1,520	NZD	2,810	ZAR	14,550		
XN	DKK	13,310	CHF	2,376	EUR	1,785	ISK	275,000	NOK	14,350	USD	2,443

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 March 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,132 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,584 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,263	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,376	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,376	CHF 200
RU	Eq in CHF of RUB ²⁶ 9,450 (13,500) ²⁷	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,376	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,376	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

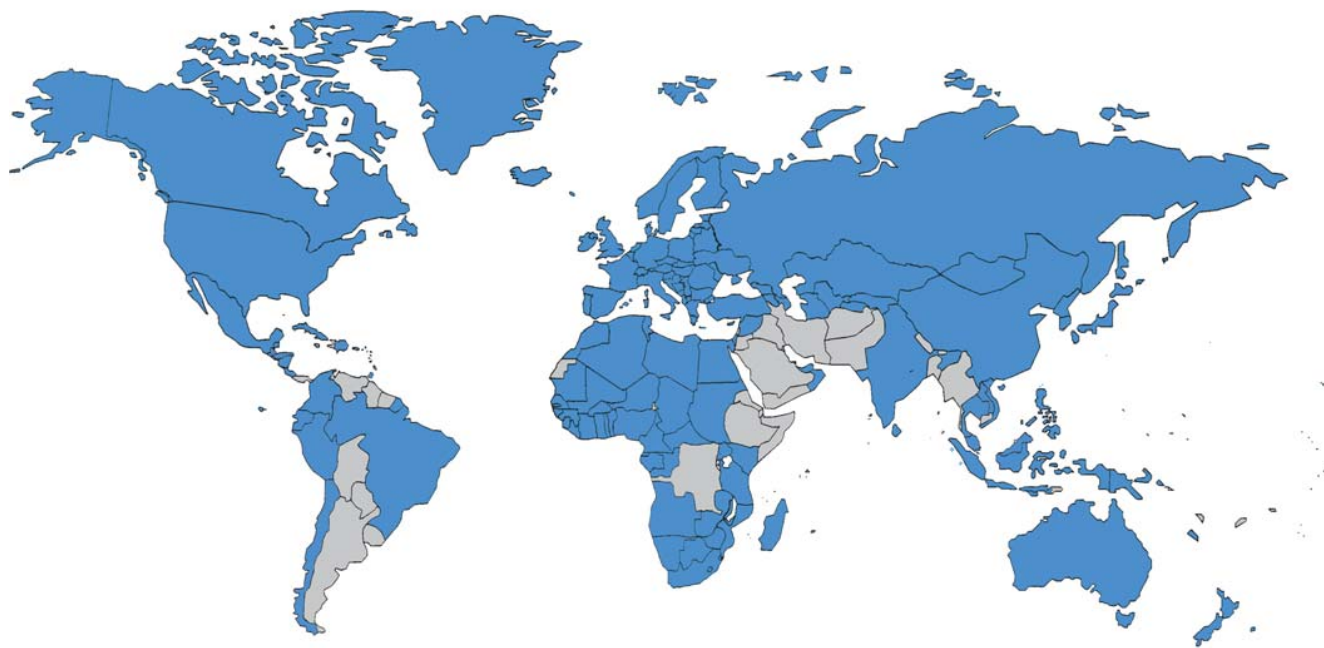
(amounts on 1 March 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁸		Handling fee ^{2, 28} (CHF 200)	
AT ²³	EUR	1,675	EUR	150
AU	AUD	550	AUD	213
BR ²⁴	BRL	710	BRL	348
CA	CAD	800	CAD	210
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁵	EUR	1,760	EUR	150
ES	EUR	566.49	EUR	150
FI	EUR	600	EUR	150
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	17,100
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	231,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁰	USD	206
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,390
US	USD	600	USD	206
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,120

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 This fee is reduced by 70% 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 at: 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 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.
- 17 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 18 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 19 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 20 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 21 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 23 The fee will be 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 for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 24 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 25 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 26 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 27 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 28 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 29 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 30 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 31 In all cases where footnote 30 does not apply.
- 32 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 and Two-letter Codes (142 on 1 March 2011)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP) ⁵	SI Slovenia (EP) ³
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ³	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ³	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP) ^{1,2}	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ³	MR Mauritania (OA) ³	SM San Marino (EP) ⁷
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) ³	SN Senegal (OA) ³
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominican Republic	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ²	EC Ecuador	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ³
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ³
BE Belgium (EP) ³	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ³	TG Togo (OA) ³
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ³	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ³	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ³	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ³	GA Gabon (OA) ³	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway (EP)	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LR Liberia (AP) ⁴	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ³	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ³	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ³	LV Latvia (EP) ³	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ³	GR Greece (EP) ³	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MA Morocco	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ³	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ³	MC Monaco (EP) ³	RS Serbia (EP) ^{2,6}	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	HN Honduras	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ³	HR Croatia (EP)	ME Montenegro ²	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	MG Madagascar	SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ³		SG Singapore	

1 Only international applications filed on or after 1 May 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

2 Extension of European patent possible; in the case of Albania and Serbia, only for international applications filed before 1 May 2010 and 1 October 2010, respectively.

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

4 Only international applications filed on or after 24 March 2010 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

5 Only international applications filed on or after 1 January 2009 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

6 Only international applications filed on or after 1 October 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

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