

PCT NEWSLETTER

New PCT Contracting State

Rwanda (country code: RW)

On 31 May 2011, Rwanda deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 31 August 2011, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 31 August 2011 will automatically include the designation of Rwanda.

Also, because Rwanda will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 31 August 2011. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Rwanda will be entitled, as from 31 August 2011, to file international applications under the PCT.

Budapest Treaty

Accession by Chile

On 5 May 2011, Chile deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 75. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Chile on 5 August 2011.

Combined July-August Issue

Please note that the next issue of the *PCT Newsletter* will be a joint July-August issue that will be published in August. If, during the month of July, any important PCT news items arise which we feel PCT users should be aware of, we will announce them by way of the PCT e-mail updating service. If you are not already subscribed to this service, which notifies PCT users when each issue of the *PCT Newsletter* becomes available and makes other *ad hoc* announcements, you can subscribe to it, free of charge, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/lists/subscribe/pct-general>

Furthermore, please note that, if there are any changes to the PCT Seminar Calendar or the PCT Fee Tables, they will be updated in July at, respectively:

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

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

Amendments to the PCT Regulations (Entry into Force: 1 July 2011)

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, in September 2010, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2011. The amendments concern the following:

- (i) the rectification of obvious mistakes authorized by the International Preliminary Examining Authority under PCT Rule 91.1(b)(iii) (amendments to PCT Rules 48.2 and 70.16);
- (ii) the filing of amendments of the claims under PCT Article 19 and of amendments of the description, claims or drawings under PCT Article 34, and accompanying letters indicating the basis for the amendment in the application as filed (amendments to PCT Rules 12.2, 49.5, 53.9, 55.3, 62.1, 62.2, 70.2, 70.16 and 92.2, and deletion of PCT Rule 66.9);
- (iii) replacement sheets, letters and other documents which are to be annexed to the international preliminary examination report (amendments to PCT Rule 70.16).

A PowerPoint presentation explaining the impact of the changes to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2011 is available in English at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2011changes.ppt>

and will shortly be available in French and Spanish at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/ppt/2011changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/ppt/2011changes.ppt>

The text of the amendments was reproduced, in English and French, in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 3 February 2011 at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

and the consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2011, are available in PDF format in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish on the right hand side of the page at, respectively:

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

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

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

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

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

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

See below for information on the paper version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations, as in force from 1 July 2011.

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (Paper Version)

The International Bureau has published revised paper versions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2011, in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate the language in

which the publication is required, should be addressed to the Outreach Services Section at WIPO:

fax: (41–22) 740 18 12
e-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int
electronic bookshop: <http://www.wipo.int/ebookshop>
mailing address: 34, chemin des Colombettes
P.O. Box 18, CH-1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Other language versions of the publication are under preparation and will be available shortly. Note that the electronic texts of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations under the PCT in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish, as in force from 1 July 2011, are also available on the PCT Resources page (see “Amendments to the PCT Regulations”, above).

PCT Working Group

The fourth session of the PCT Working Group was held in Geneva from 6 to 9 June 2011. The documents referred to in the summary of the meeting below can be found on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/4

The Working Group approved proposed amendments to the PCT Regulations with a view to their submission to the PCT Assembly for consideration at its next session in September/October 2011, concerning the following:

- PCT Rule 17.1 (supplying copy of priority document): The proposal is to relax the current time limits relating to supplying priority documents from a digital library (in practice, the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS)). At present, applicants must take all steps necessary both to request the priority document to be downloaded and to ensure that it is available by 16 months from the priority date. They are often unaware of or unable to carry out all of the steps necessary to make the priority document available through DAS before 16 months (see the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2010), and corrections made to allow the document to be retrieved after that time are considered late, even though a paper priority document can still be accepted until the date of international publication. Under the proposed amendments, the applicant would meet the time limits as long as he or she both requests the International Bureau (IB) to obtain the document from a digital library and takes all necessary steps to ensure that the priority document is accessible to the IB from that library before the date of international publication. The change would also remove the theoretical possibility of requesting the receiving Office to obtain the priority document from the digital library, bearing in mind that no receiving Office actually offers that service at present.
- PCT Rule 20.7 (time limits in relation to correcting defects under PCT Article 11): The proposal is to amend PCT Rule 20.7 so as to clarify the cases in which this rule should apply.

- PCT Rule 34 (minimum documentation): The proposal, made at the request of the Government of the People's Republic of China, is to amend PCT Rule 34 so as to incorporate patent documents of the People's Republic of China into the PCT minimum documentation used in carrying out international searches. In addition to making the relevant documentation, including English language abstracts and machine translations, available to International Authorities, the English versions of the documentation as well as the Chinese would be searchable by the public through the website of the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China at:

http://59.151.99.140/sipo_EN/search/tabSearch.do?method=init

- New Rule 82*quater* (excuse of delay in meeting time limits)/PCT Rule 82.2 (irregularities in the mail service): The proposal is to replace present PCT Rule 82.2 with a new, broader, rule allowing the relevant Office to excuse the delay in meeting any time limit set in the Regulations in case of *force majeure*. This new rule would not apply to the priority period nor to the period for entry into the national phase, noting that those time limits are not set in the Regulations but in the Paris Convention and the Articles of the PCT, respectively.

The text of the proposed amendments to the Regulations as approved by the Working Group will be attached to the Summary of the Session by the Chair (PCT/WG/4/16).

The Working Group further examined progress towards implementing the recommendations endorsed by the third session of the Working Group aimed at improving the functioning of the PCT system (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2010). This included various actions by the IB and national Offices (PCT/WG/4/3) as well as studies concerning the surge in worldwide patent applications (PCT/WG/4/4) and coordination and financing of technical assistance under PCT Article 51 (PCT/WG/4/5). The Working Group also noted a report on the development of a third party observation system, intended to be brought into effect in early 2012 (PCT/WG/4/7), a paper from the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office on its experiences of encouraging more effective use of the international phase (PCT/WG/4/14) and a report on a pilot project on collaborative search and examination (PCT/WG/4/15).

The Working Group further noted a report on the limited use of the supplementary international search service (PCT/WG/4/11) and a demonstration of the ePCT online private file inspection system, together with a paper on how this might be extended in the future (PCT/WG/4/13).

Finally, the Working Group noted statements by delegations on the contribution of the Working Group to the implementation of the respective Development Agenda Recommendations, which will be reported to the WIPO General Assembly in September/October 2011.

The summary by the Chair will be available soon from the same page as the working documents at the above-mentioned Internet address, and a draft report of the meeting will also be made available in due course.

PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

Swedish Patent and Registration Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office; Japan Patent Office and Swedish Patent and Registration Office; Japan Patent Office and Mexican Institute of Industrial Property

Two new bilateral PCT-PPH pilot programs will begin on 1 June 2011, between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (PRV) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and between the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and PRV. This means that faster examination in the national phase is available for a PCT application receiving a positive written opinion of either the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT), issued within the framework of the PCT by the other participating Office in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Furthermore, a new bilateral PCT-PPH pilot program will begin on 1 July 2011 between the JPO and the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI). In the case of this program, however, since the JPO is the International Searching Authority and the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the PCT-PPH program will only apply in respect of written opinions or international preliminary reports on patentability issued by the JPO.

It is recalled that PPH agreements enable applicants to fast-track the patent examination procedure. The inclusion in the PPH programs of PCT international phase work products generated by the respective Offices greatly expands the usefulness of the PPH program to applicants and Offices.

Further information on the PCT-PPH agreements between PRV and the USPTO, the JPO and PRV and the JPO and IMPI is available at, respectively:

PRV and USPTO:

<http://www.prv.se/In-English/IP-Professional/Patents/Patent-Prosecution-Highway-PCT/>

<http://www.uspto.gov/news/pr/2011/11-35.jsp>

JPO and PRV:

http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi_e/t_torikumi_e/japan_sweden_highway_e.htm

<http://www.prv.se/In-English/IP-Professional/Patents/Patent-Prosecution-Highway-PCT/>

JPO and IMPI:

http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi_e/t_torikumi_e/japan_mexico_highway_e.htm

http://www.jpo.go.jp/cgi/link.cgi?url=/torikumi/t_torikumi/patent_highway.htm

and Part II of the following documents in English and Spanish, respectively:

http://www.impi.gob.mx/work/sites/IMPI/resources/PDFContent/2932/PHP_in.pdf

http://www.impi.gob.mx/work/sites/IMPI/resources/PDFContent/2925/PHP_es.PDF

Power of Attorney Waiver

Notification under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) (Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent))

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search (SISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required are as follows:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

For background information on power of attorney waivers, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2. The table showing Offices (or Authorities) which have notified WIPO of waivers of the power of attorney requirement will be updated shortly at:

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

This will update the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C (RU), D (RU), SISA (RU) and E (RU).

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 9 September (publication date)

Due to the fact that Thursday, 8 September 2011, will be a non-working day at WIPO, 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, 9 September 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, 24 August 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, 23 August 2011).

Publication of 22 September 2011 (technical preparations for publication)

Due to the fact that Thursday, 8 September 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, 22 September 2011, will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 6 September 2011 (instead of on Wednesday, 7 September 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, 5 September 2011.

PCT-ROAD: Software for Receiving Offices

The PCT Receiving Office Administration (PCT-ROAD) system enables PCT receiving Offices (ROs) to accept fully electronic international applications filed on physical media, and to process international applications electronically, whether filed fully-electronically, on paper together with a copy in electronic form (in PCT-EASY mode), or on paper.

The PCT-ROAD software was developed by the Korean Intellectual Property Office and WIPO as a cooperation project. It is a convenient and powerful tool that can support RO activities such as receiving international applications and issuing confirmations of receipt, data entry, checking for compliance with the legal and technical requirements under the PCT for assistance with formalities checks and *ex-officio* correction, retrieving international applications for viewing or printing, and generating multiple copies for PCT International Authorities, including the electronic record copy which is sent to the International Bureau (IB) via the Internet.

It is recalled that applicants may benefit from reductions in the international filing fee (by CHF 100, 200 or 300, depending on the type of filing) 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) (see also the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189). It is hoped that the availability of the PCT-ROAD software will encourage more PCT receiving Offices to accept international applications filed electronically.

A new version of the PCT-ROAD software (version 3.0.0, dated 9 March 2011) is available in English and Spanish. The enhancements in the new version are based on a new architecture and offer improved stability, performance and data exchange with the IB. The system operates twice as fast as the previous version, and XML outputs are generated in full compliance with the latest PCT data format rules.

The PCT-ROAD software and manuals are available free of charge to any PCT receiving Office.

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

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

PCT Information Update

Fees payable in US dollars (various Offices)

As from 1 September 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in USD to various receiving Offices (see list of two-letter codes of Offices affected, below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

AT Austria (fees)

Further to the announcement by the Austrian Patent Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 June 2011 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2011), the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees have been established, and are included in Fee Table I(a).

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

CN China (requirements concerning agent; required contents of translation; furnishing of copies of international applications; fees)

There has been a change in the requirement of the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China as to whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, and in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, as follows: an agent is not required if the first-named applicant resides in China; an agent is required if the first-named applicant is a non-resident. Any of the patent agencies legally incorporated in China can act as agent (a list of patent agencies may be obtained from the Office).

There has also been a change in the requirements of the Office concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase before it as elected Office under PCT Article 39(1), as well as a change in the requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office as to whether a copy of the international application is required, as follows:

Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 39(1):

- Request, 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, if the applicant wishes the amendments to form the basis for the proceedings)

Is a copy of the international application required?

The applicant should only send a copy of the international application if the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[The requirement concerning the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has not changed]

As far as the fees payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office are concerned, the maintenance fee component of the national fee is no longer payable, and there have been changes in the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

- No filing fee or additional filing fee is payable if the international application has been filed with the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China as receiving Office.

- The examination fee is reduced by 20% where the international search report has been issued by the Japan Patent Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office or the European Patent Office.
- No examination fee is payable if the international search report and the international preliminary report on patentability have been issued by the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China.

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

FI (mailing address; e-mail address)

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland has notified its mailing and e-mail addresses, as follows:

Location:	[No change]
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 1140, FI-00101 Helsinki, Finland
E-mail:	registry@prh.fi

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

GB United Kingdom (fees)

As from 1 September 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in GBP to the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in GBP of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4(c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

GE Georgia (fees)

There has been a change in the currency of payment from Georgian lari (GEL) to US dollar (USD) for the following fees payable to the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI) in its capacity as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee: ^{1, 2}	USD	100
Fee for priority document: ¹	USD	30

The Office has modified the text of the section of the national fee relating to the examination fee, as follows (other parts not indicated have not changed):

National fee:	
Examination fee for one independent claim:.....	[No change]

¹ This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.

² This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant is a student or a pensioner.

Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of
one:..... [No change]

There has been a change in the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

The examination and claim fees for a patent are reduced by 50% where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established.

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 September 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the following fees, payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	USD	114
Fee for priority document:	USD	57
Supplement for airmail:	USD	11

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

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 August 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in JPY of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reduction listed under item 4(a) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

As from 1 September 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in KRW to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in KRW of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reduction listed under item 4(a) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

NO Norway (fees)

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office as receiving Office, has changed with effect from 1 January 2011:

Transmittal fee:.....	NOK	750
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (NO))

RU Russian Federation (e-mail address; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; requirements concerning agent)

One of the e-mail addresses of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) should no longer be used, and the Office has notified two new addresses. The e-mail addresses are now as follows:

E-mail: rospatent@rupto.ru	(general)
ro-ru@rupto.ru	(as receiving Office)
pct-peo@rupto.ru	(as International Searching Authority, International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search), International Preliminary Examining Authority)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD and DVD-R.

The Office has informed the IB that an agent is no longer required by it as receiving Office.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (RU) and C (RU))

TR Turkey (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable in new Turkish lira (TRY) to the Turkish Patent Institute as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent and utility model:

Filing fee:	TRY	500
First annual fee:		
For patent:	TRY	135
For utility model:	TRY	135
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY	825

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 September 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the PCT-EASY fee reduction listed in item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Nordic Patent Institute, State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, Swedish Patent and Registration Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 August 2011, 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.....	USD
European Patent Office.....	ISK
Nordic Patent Institute	ISK
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	ISK

As from 1 September 2011, 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.....	KRW, ZAR
Korean Intellectual Property Office	AUD, CHF
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	CHF
State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China.....	CHF
United States Patent and Trademark Office.....	CHF, NZD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, BR, CN, EP, KR, SE, US and XN))

Handling fee (Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 August 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA).

As from 1 September 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in USD to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in KRW to the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as IPEAs.

The above-mentioned changes are indicated in Fee Table II.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (JP, KR, RU and US))

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

PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot

The PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot page of the PCT website has been updated with information on the Japan Patent Office, the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, at:

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

For further information, see “PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots”, above.

Resources in Chinese

Payment of fees during the international phase

Additional resources relating to modes of payment of fees during the international phase will be added shortly to the PCT Resources page in Chinese at:

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

Direct filing of PCT applications with the International Bureau as receiving Office

Information on filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office, in particular: accepted modes of filing, fees payable, accepted currencies and modes of payment, special features of filing with RO/IB, and contact details of the PCT Receiving and Processing Team (for example, to check receipt and status of payment of a PCT application) is now available in Chinese at:

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

IPO Closed Dates

The IPO Closed Dates for 2011 are now available in Chinese at:

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

Warning page concerning requests for payment of fees (in Chinese, German and Spanish)

The “Warning” web page, which lists the invitations 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, is now available in Chinese, German and Spanish, in addition to English, at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/warning/pct_warning.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/warning/pct_warning.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/warning/pct_warning.html

“PCT Two Million” web page

The web page dedicated to the receipt of the two millionth PCT application, which includes links to the videos of the presentations by WIPO Director General Francis Gurry and Qualcomm

Chairman and CEO Paul E. Jacobs, is now available in French and Chinese, in addition to English, at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/2million/>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/2million/>

PCT Regulations

For information on the new consolidated texts as in force from 1 July 2011, see “Amendments to the PCT Regulations,” above.

PowerPoint presentation

For information on a new PowerPoint presentation explaining the impact of the changes to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2011 see “Amendments to the PCT Regulations,” above.

PCT-SAFE Update

RO/AT e-filing patch

An update patch, dated 1 June 2011, for the PCT-SAFE Client software may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.html

This patch will enable fully electronic filing with the Austrian Patent Office (RO/AT) with effect from 1 June 2011, and does not need to be installed unless the user wishes to e-file with RO/AT.

Note that the patch will only update the 1 April 2011 full installation of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.049.225) and must not be used to update any other version.

July 2011 full release of PCT-SAFE Client

A full version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (dated 1 July 2011) will be released in July. It will incorporate the RO/AT patch, fee changes and other PCT updates, as required.

A notification will be sent to subscribed users and full details will be published on the PCT-SAFE download page in due course.

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

Practical Advice

Payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office using the PCT E-Payment Service

Q: I recently filed an international application with the International Bureau as receiving Office. When completing the request form, I indicated in the Fee Calculation Sheet that I would pay the

fees by credit card. When I go to the PCT E-Payment Service to make the payment, however, I am unable to proceed with the payment as I am requested to insert a WIPO reference number. Where can I find this number?

A: It is recalled that the PCT E-Payment Service was introduced last year to allow applicants to make online credit card transactions at WIPO, for the payment of fees at the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), as well as for the payment of the fee for filing a request for supplementary international search, in a secure and confidential environment. When using the PCT E-Payment Service, you cannot proceed with the payment without having first received an e-mail from the RO/IB containing a direct link to the transaction in question. If you have not yet received such an e-mail from the RO/IB, the reasons for this could be that:

- you did not furnish your e-mail address to the RO/IB, and you have not yet received an invitation from the RO/IB to furnish it (note that such invitations are usually sent by the RO/IB promptly upon receipt of the international application); or
- if you did furnish it, either the RO/IB might have sent you an e-mail, but that e-mail has not been delivered to your inbox because your spam filter has blocked it; or the RO/IB may not have processed the international application yet.

In order to be able to pay fees to the RO/IB by credit card via the online PCT E-Payment Service, it is essential, when indicating your intention to pay by credit card in the request form, to furnish an e-mail address to the RO/IB. This can be done by including an e-mail address in Box No. II, III or IV of the request form. If you forgot to include it in the request form, you can furnish it in a separate letter; to avoid delay, this should preferably be submitted to the IB using the Online Document Upload Service (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/service_center/). If you had filed electronically using the PCT-SAFE software, you would have been less likely to omit your e-mail address since, by selecting the IB as receiving Office and credit card as mode of payment, you would have automatically been prompted by the software to furnish your e-mail address.

Once your e-mail address has been furnished to the RO/IB you will, after initial formalities processing, receive an automated e-mail at the e-mail address that you provided for this purpose. This e-mail will contain a link to the corresponding online transaction in the PCT E-Payment Service. Note that, depending on the type of fee due (the PCT E-Payment Service can also be used for the payment of the supplementary international search fee to the IB, regardless of the receiving Office with which the international application was filed), certain forms such as PCT/RO/102 (Notification Concerning Payment of Prescribed Fees), PCT/RO/133 (Invitation to Pay Prescribed Fees Together with Late Payment Fee) or PCT/IB/376 (Notification of Receipt of Supplementary Search Request and Payment of Applicable Fees) may be attached to the e-mail.

By clicking on the dedicated link contained in the e-mail, you will be directed to the PCT E-Payment Service to complete the online credit card transaction in a secure and confidential manner. You should not attempt to pay fees online without going through the link provided in the e-mail issued by the PCT E-Payment Service.

The WIPO reference number that you refer to in your question is attributed to each transaction and is made up of the international application number followed by a sequential number corresponding to the different online PCT E-Payment transactions for that application, for example, IB/10/123-01 would be the WIPO reference number for a PCT E-Payment transaction for international application PCT/IB2010/000123.

Once you have submitted all the necessary information, including credit card details, you will immediately receive a confirmation via e-mail from the PCT E-Payment Service and a summary of the transaction will be displayed online. Otherwise, if the transaction was not successful, you will receive immediate online feedback from the banking institution in question about the declined transaction.

If you need to submit a question regarding any aspect of the PCT E-Payment Service, you can click on the link “Support” in the screen footer which will direct you to the “contact us” page for this service.

Note that, in order to avoid the situation where your e-mail system erroneously detects the WIPO e-mail as spam, you should ensure that it will accept the e-mail address used by WIPO for this purpose: no.reply@wipo.int

Further information on the payment of fees using the E-Payment Service can be found in the user guide, which includes the relevant screen shots used during the procedure, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/service_center/pdf/pct_e-payment_user_guide_en.pdf

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 14 June 2011)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
16 June 2011 Prein an der Rax (AT)	English	Training course on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	EPI/CEIPI HU-Seminar-Group (Ms. Noémi Rosenich-Markó) E-mail: marko@rosenich.com
22–24 June 2011 Quito (EC)	Spanish	Workshop on the strategic use of patents and the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud, Ms. Simão Sartorius and Ms. Largo	Instituto Ecuatoriano de la Propiedad Intelectual (IEPI) (Ms. Ketty Veliz) E-mail: kveliz@iepi.gob.ec and (Ms. María Cristina Castro) E-mail: mccaastro@iepi.gob.ec
27–29 June 2011 Guayaquil (EC)	Spanish	Workshop on the strategic use of patents and the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud, Ms. Simão Sartorius and Ms. Largo	Instituto Ecuatoriano de la Propiedad Intelectual (IEPI) (Ms. Ketty Veliz) E-mail: kveliz@iepi.gob.ec and (Ms. María Cristina Castro) E-mail: mccaastro@iepi.gob.ec
28 June 2011 Würzburg (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT in the framework of the “Patentforum Nordbayern” WIPO speaker: Ms. Giffo-Schmitt	Technologie- und Gründerzentrum Würzburg (Ms. Nadja Ludwig) Tel: (49–931) 419 43 50 Fax: (49–931) 419 42 05 E-mail: nadja.ludwig@wuerzburg.ihk.de
1 July 2011 Weimar (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Sächsischen Patentanwaltvereins e.V. (SPAV) (Patentanwaltskanzlei Dr. Steiniger) Tel: (49-371) 464 00 66 Fax: (49-371) 464 00 67 Email: office@steiniger-patent.de
12 July 2011 Vicenza (IT)	English	Presentation on the PCT in the framework of “IP2011: News on Patents, Trademarks and Designs” WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Fondazione Giacomo Rumor - Centro Produttività Veneto (CPV) Tel: (39-444) 99 47 25 Fax: (39-444) 99 47 40 E-mail: areainnovazione@cpv.org Internet: www.cpv.org
22–23 September 2011 San Francisco (US) <i>[previously announced erroneously as 29–30 September 2011]</i>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	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
28–29 September 2011 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
6 October 2011 Mannheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	AH Akademie für Fortbildung Heidelberg GmbH (Mr. Stephen Haas) Fax: (49-6221) 650 33 29 E-mail: s.haas@akademie-heidelberg.de
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

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
17–18 October 2011 Atlanta (GA) (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
17–18 October 2011 Geneva (CH)	English	Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for patent administrators and paralegals on the procedural aspects of the international phase, and electronic filing and processing. Note that attendance is limited to 45 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: to be announced	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters. On-line registration and information: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/registration/form.jsp?meeting_id=23222
20–21 October 2011 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	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
7–8 November 2011 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. 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
8–9 November 2011 Munich (DE) <i>[previously announced as 26-27 October]</i>	German	Annual conference WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
10–11 November 2011 Boston, MA (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bidwell	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Bo Han) Tel: (1-617) 526 60 41 Fax: (1-617) 526 50 00 E-mail: bo.han@wilmerhale.com
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

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PCT Webinars(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars.html)
(situation on 14 June 2011)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
14 June 2011 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time	French	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/604282451
15 June 2011 9.00 am to 10.00 am, central European time	Chinese	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Yu	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/706650210
15 June 2011 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time	Spanish	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Ms. Largo	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/806785818
21 June 2011 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time	English	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/198243579
21 June 2011 8.00 am to 9.00 am, central European time	Japanese	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/850271210
24 June 2011 9.00 am to 10.00 am, central European time	Korean	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Park	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/551736187
24 June 2011 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm, central European time	Arabic	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Abdulaziz	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/429545891
27 June 2011 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, central European time	Portuguese	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Storni	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/558744603
29 June 2011 11.00 am to 12.00 noon central European time	Russian	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Gavrikov	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/958063675
30 June 2011 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm, central European time	German	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2011 rule changes WIPO speaker: Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/624982803

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers

Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
21 July 2011 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	Basic PCT Seminar Speaker: Ms. Monika Huppertz	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 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 5.189. 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 June 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
				Items 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 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 999	11	75	150	225	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,414	16	106	213	319	AU KR
AZ	AZN 55,000	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 June 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	
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	130	CLP eq USD 1,367 ¹⁰ (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	eq USD ¹⁰ 15 (17)	eq USD ¹⁰ 103 (114)	–	–	–	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 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	eq USD 15 (17)	eq USD 103 (114)	–	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	–	–	–	EP ES	
CU	CUC	200	CUC (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	–	–	–	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 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	–	–	–	EP ES US	
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP	
EA	RUB	1,600	USD (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	–	–	–	EP RU	
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	–	–	–	EP ES	
EE	EUR	115.04	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
EG	USD	142	USD (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	–	–	–	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 (from 1.9.11: 929)	10 (10)	– (–)	– (140)	130 (209)	195 (209)	EP	
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	USD ¹¹	100	USD (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	–	–	–	EP RU	
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR	999	11	75	–	–	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	–	–	–	AT BR EP ES US	
HN	USD	200	USD (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	–	–	–	EP ES	
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP	

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹³ 100 or EUR ¹³ 75 or USD ¹³ 103 (from 1.9.11: 114)	CHF 1,330 or EUR 999 or USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 11 15 (17)	100 75 103 (114)	200 150 206 (229)	300 225 308 (343)	See footnote 14
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 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 153,800 (from 1.6.11: 168,800)	1,700 (1,900)	11,600 (12,700)	23,100 (25,400)	34,700 (38,100)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 999	11	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 114,000 (from 1.8.11: 125,000)	1,300 (1,400)	8,600 (9,400)	– (–)	25,700 (28,200)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.9.11: 1,647,000)	17,000 (19,000)	115,000 (124,000)	– (–)	346,000 (371,000)	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360 ¹⁶	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 48.80	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 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	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)	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 999	11	75	150	225	EP
NO	NOK 750	NOK 8,030	90	600	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²⁰	NZD 1,844	21	139	–	–	AU EP KR US

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

(amounts on 1 June 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	
OA	XAF ⁹ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	eq USD 15 (17)	eq USD 103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	206 (229)	308 (343)	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 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²² 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	206 (229)	– (–)	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.9.11: 10,530)	110 (120)	720 (790)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	15 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520)	Eq USD 15 (17)	eq USD 103 (114)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 June 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹												
	EUR		CHF		KRW		USD		ZAR				
AT ²³	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,376	KRW	2,166,000	SGD	3,210	USD	2,443	ZAR	17,380	
AU	AUD	1,900	CHF	1,787	EUR	1,461	KRW**	2,063,000	NZD	2,478	SGD	2,410	
	USD*	1,837	ZAR**	12,860									
		<i>(from 1.8.11:</i>	USD	2,084)									
		<i>(from 1.9.11:</i>	KRW	2,204,000	ZAR	14,090)							
BR ²⁴	BRL	1,900	CHF*	1,092	EUR	820	USD	1,122					
		<i>(from 1.9.11:</i>	CHF	1,003)									
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,522	EUR	1,143	USD*	1,564					
		<i>(from 1.8.11:</i>	USD	1,687)									
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF*	305	EUR	229	USD	314					
		<i>(from 1.9.11:</i>	CHF	285)									
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	17,380											
		<i>(from 1.8.11:</i>	ISK	294,000)									
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			
		<i>(from 1.8.11:</i>	CHF	1,034)									
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											
		<i>(from 1.9.11:</i>	AUD	1,121	CHF	1,050)							
For searches carried out in Korean:													
KRW	450,000	AUD	414	CHF*	390	EUR	293	NZD	541	SGD	530		
USD	401												
	<i>(from 1.9.11:</i>	AUD	388	CHF	363)								
RU	RUB	13,500	CHF	431	EUR	324	USD	477					
SE	SEK	16,530	CHF	2,376	DKK	13,310	EUR	1,785	ISK*	275,000	NOK	14,350	
	USD	2,443											
		<i>(from 1.8.11:</i>	ISK	294,000)									
US	USD	2,080	CHF*	2,023	EUR	1,520	NZD*	2,810	ZAR	14,550			
		<i>(from 1.9.11:</i>	CHF	1,820	NZD	2,620)							
XN	DKK	13,310	CHF	2,376	EUR	1,785	ISK*	275,000	NOK	14,350	USD	2,443	
		<i>(from 1.8.11:</i>	ISK	294,000)									

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 June 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	CHF 1,132	
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation:	
	CHF 1,584	
EP	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 200
	CHF 2,263	
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

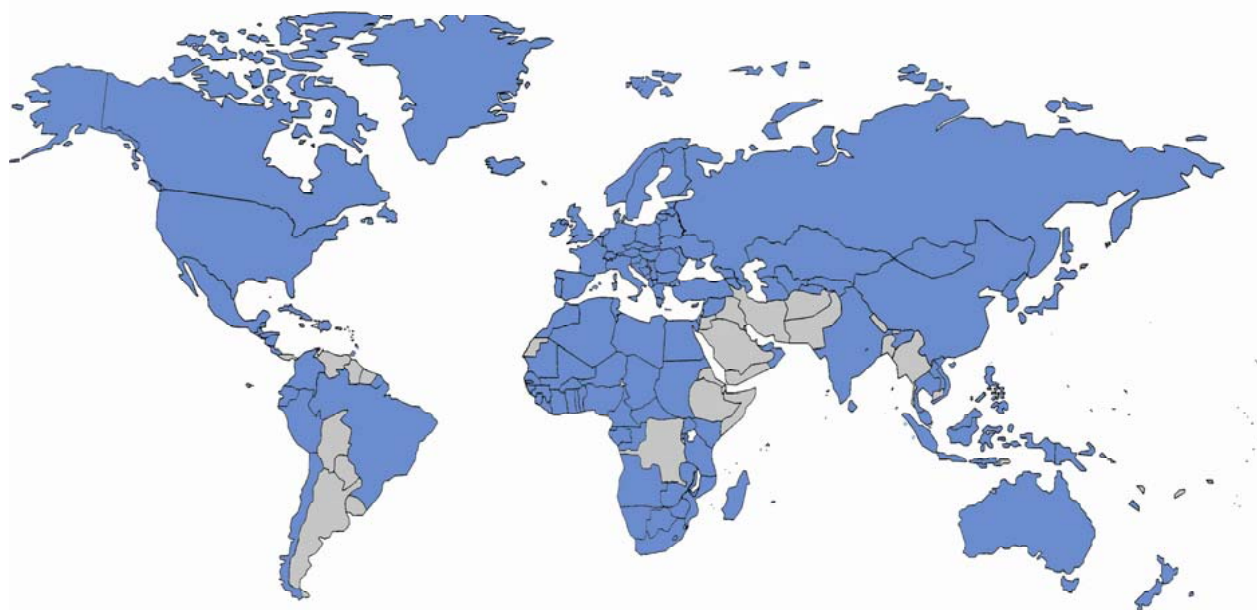
(amounts on 1 June 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

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 (from 1.8.11: 18,800)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	231,000 (from 1.9.11: 248,000)
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁰	USD	206 (from 1.9.11: 229)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,390
US	USD	600	USD	206 (from 1.9.11: 229)
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 (144 on 1 June 2011)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ³	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ³	IT Italy (EP) ³	MN Mongolia	SI Slovenia (EP) ³
AL Albania (EP) ^{1,2}	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ³	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MT Malta (EP) ³	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MW Malawi (AP)	SM San Marino (EP) ⁷
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MX Mexico	SN Senegal (OA) ³
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MY Malaysia	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ²	EC Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ³	SZ Swaziland (AP) ³
BE Belgium (EP) ³	EG Egypt	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NG Nigeria	TD Chad (OA) ³
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ³	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TG Togo (OA) ³
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NL Netherlands (EP) ³	TH Thailand
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ³	LV Latvia (EP) ³	NO Norway (EP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ³	GA Gabon (OA) ³	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	NZ New Zealand	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	MA Morocco	OM Oman	TN Tunisia
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	MC Monaco (EP) ³	PE Peru	TR Turkey (EP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	PG Papua New Guinea	TT Trinidad and Tobago
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CF Central African Republic (OA) ³	GN Guinea (OA) ³	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP) ⁵	PT Portugal (EP)	UG Uganda (AP)
CG Congo (OA) ³	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ³		QA Qatar (from 3 August 2011)	US United States of America
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ³		RO Romania (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ³	GT Guatemala		RS Serbia (EP) ^{2,6}	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ³		RU Russian Federation (EA)	VN Viet Nam
CM Cameroon (OA) ³	HN Honduras		RW Rwanda (from 31 August 2011)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)		SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ³			
	IL Israel			
	IN India			

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

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