

PCT NEWSLETTER

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT

The following modifications have been made to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, with effect from 1 July 2011: Sections 602 and 607 have been modified as a consequence of amendments to the Regulations under the PCT (Rules 48.2 and 70.16) which entered into force on 1 July 2011 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2011, cover page), and modifications have been made to paragraphs 2(i-bis), 3bis, 3ter and 4bis of Annex C.

All modifications are applicable in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 July 2011, except for those relating to PCT Rule 70.16 which apply to any international preliminary examination report which is completed in accordance with PCT Rule 70.4 on or after 1 July 2011, irrespective of the international filing date of the international application concerned.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions, as in force from 1 July 2011, which includes those modifications, is available on the PCT website in English and French, in PDF and HTML formats at, respectively:

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai/ai_index.html

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/ai.pdf>

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/ai/ai_index.html

Modifications to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

A number of modifications have been made, with effect from 1 August 2011, to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines. The modifications are consequential to amendments of PCT Regulations which entered into force last year, on 1 July 2010, and also clarify how the receiving Office should deal with the correction of mistakes it had made in the processing of international applications. The consolidated text of the Guidelines (PCT/GL/RO/9) is available in PDF and HTML formats, in English and French at, respectively:

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/gdlines.html>

The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) Starts Operating as a Receiving Office

The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) has notified the International Bureau that it started operating as a receiving Office with effect from 2 August 2011.

Information on that Office as receiving Office had already been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (CO), however, certain information has now been updated. For details, see "PCT Information Update", below.

PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH)

Video presentation about PCT-PPH

A video has been posted on the PCT website in which Mr. Carl Oppedahl (Oppedahl Patent Law Firm) explains why patent filers around the world need to know about PCT-PPH. The video, which lasts 14 minutes, can be seen by clicking on the [YouTube] link at the top right-hand corner of the page at:

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

We are grateful to Mr. Oppedahl for allowing us to post this very informative presentation on the PCT website.

Nordic Patent Institute and United States Patent and Trademark Office

A new PCT-PPH pilot program began on 1 July 2011, between the Nordic Patent Institute (NPI) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), which will permit the USPTO to benefit from the PCT work products of the NPI acting as International Searching Authority (ISA) or International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). Under this pilot, an applicant who has chosen the NPI to act as ISA or IPEA and has received a positive written opinion of either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) may request that the USPTO fast-track the examination of corresponding claims in the US national phase or of the corresponding claims in respect of a national application filed at the USPTO.

Further information on the PCT-PPH agreement between the NPI and the USPTO is available at:

http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/pct_pph_npi.jsp

<http://www.npi.int/PCT/PPH/>

<http://www.uspto.gov/news/pr/2011/11-40.jsp>

Expansion of the pilot between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the USPTO

The PCT-PPH pilot program between the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) and the USPTO, which started on 1 June 2010, only allowed applicants to request fast-track examination under the PCT-PPH program in a corresponding application filed at the USPTO based on a positive written opinion from KIPO acting as an ISA or an IPEA or based on a positive international preliminary report on patentability from KIPO. The pilot program did not permit PCT work product done by the USPTO as a basis to request fast-track examination in a corresponding application filed at KIPO. The PCT-PPH pilot program has now been expanded to permit applicants to request fast-track examination in a corresponding application filed at KIPO based on a positive written opinion from the USPTO acting as an ISA or IPEA or based on a positive international preliminary report on patentability from the USPTO, thus enabling applicants in both countries to benefit from the PCT work done by the other Office.

Further information on the PCT-PPH agreement between KIPO and the USPTO is available at, respectively:

http://www.kipo.go.kr/kpo/user.tdf?a=user.english.html.HtmlApp&c=100016&catmenu=ek02_02_03

<http://www.uspto.gov/news/pr/2011/11-38.jsp>

PCT Information Update

Note that some of the fee changes announced below may have already been included in the PCT fee tables that were updated on the PCT website on 8 July 2011.

Fees payable in euros (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 EUR to various receiving Offices (see list of two-letter codes of Offices affected, below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in EUR of the PCT-EASY and 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 (AT, BA, BE, CY, CZ, DE, EP, ES, FI, FR, GR, IB, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MT, NL, PT, SI, SK and SM))

CA Canada (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 CAD to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in CAD of the PCT-EASY and 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 (CA))

CO Colombia (fees, number of copies required; PCT-EASY physical media)

The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) of the amount payable for the transmittal fee with effect from 2 August 2011. The amount is COP 812,000, however, this fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.

The Office has also changed its requirement concerning the number of copies of the international application to be filed with it as receiving Office: it now requires two, instead of three.

Furthermore, for the purposes of filing, under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions, PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Office has notified the IB that it is prepared to receive the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD and DVD-R.

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

DE Germany (fees)

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office as receiving Office has notified the IB that the fee per page component of the fee for the priority document is, with effect from 1 June 2011, no longer payable; there is now a flat rate fee of EUR 20.

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

DK Denmark (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 DKK to the Danish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in DKK of the PCT-EASY and 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 (DK))

FI Finland (mailing address)

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland has notified a change in its mailing address, as follows:

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| Location: | [No change] |
| Mailing address: | P.O. Box 1160 FI-00101 Helsinki Finland |

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

GB United Kingdom (number of copies required)

The United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) has specified that the requirement to furnish three copies of the international application to it in its capacity as receiving Office applies only in the case of filings on paper, and has introduced a new footnote regarding the furnishing of those copies, as follows:

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| Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office: | 3 ¹ |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (GB))

HR Croatia (telephone number and e-mail address; provisional protection; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; fees)

The telephone number and the e-mail address of the State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia) have changed, as follows:

| | |
|------------|-------------------|
| Telephone: | (385-1) 610 61 00 |
| E-mail: | info@dziv.hr |

Provisions have been introduced concerning provisional protection in Croatia after international publication, where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, for international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008, as follows:

A published European patent application shall provisionally confer the protection as conferred by a published national patent application under Article 60 of the Patent Law as from the date on which a translation of the published European patent application into the

¹ Where, however, less than three paper copies are furnished, the applicant will not be charged copying costs and no penalties will apply for failing to supply the required number of copies.

Croatian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Croatia.

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Office as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskettes.

There has been a change in the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, payable to the Office as receiving Office, as follows:

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| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: | HRK | 300 |
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There has been a change in one of the reductions in the national fee, as follows (the other reduction not indicated has not changed):

The filing fee, the examination fee and the publication and maintenance fees are reduced by 50% where the applicant is also the inventor

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

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

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|---------------------------------|-----|----|
| Transmittal fee:..... | EUR | 82 |
| Fee for priority document:..... | EUR | 41 |
| Supplement for airmail: | EUR | 8 |

Note that no fee for priority document is due to the IB where the priority document is prepared, in accordance with PCT Rule 17.1(b), for the purposes of an international application, or where the Office is requested to make priority documents available via the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS).

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

IL Israel (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, have changed:

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|---------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Transmittal fee:..... | ILS | 556 |
| Fee for priority document:..... | ILS | 88 |

The amount of the following national fee, payable to that Office as designated (or elected) Office, has changed:

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| Filing fee: | ILS | 1,064 |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IL), and National Chapter, Summary (IL))

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 October 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ISK of the PCT-EASY and 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 (IS))

LT Lithuania (Internet address)

The Internet address of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania has changed, as follows:

Internet: <http://www.vpb.lt/index.php?l=EN>

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

NO Norway (fees)

As from 1 October 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NOK to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NOK 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 (NO))

QA Qatar (general information)

General information about Qatar as a PCT Contracting State has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (QA)) on the PCT website at:

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

SE Sweden (fees)

As from 1 October 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in SEK to the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in SEK of the PCT-EASY and 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 (SE))

SG Singapore (fees)

As from 1 October 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in SGD to the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in SGD 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 (SG))

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Nordic Patent Institute, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 1 September 2011, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF for international searches carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the European Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

With respect to the changes before the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, the additional search fee will also be adjusted to the same amount as from that date.

Corrigendum: note that the change in the equivalent amount payable in ZAR for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, which was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2011 as entering into force on 1 May 2011 (ZAR 17,380), will actually only enter into force on 1 September 2011. Until then, the previously applicable amount of ZAR 15,730 is payable.

As from 1 October 2011, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

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| Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)..... | CHF |
| Korean Intellectual Property Office | NZD |

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, CA, EP, ES, FI, KR, RU, SE, XN))

Supplementary search fee (Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 1 September 2011, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts in CHF of the supplementary search fee payable to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(c).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex SISA (AT, EP, FI, SE, XN))

Handling fee (Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Nordic Patent Institute, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 1 September 2011, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee payable in the currencies specified below to the following Offices as International Preliminary Examining Authorities:

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| Austrian Patent Office..... | EUR |
| Canadian Intellectual Property Office | CAD |
| European Patent Office | EUR |
| National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland | EUR |
| National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)..... | BRL |
| Nordic Patent Institute | DKK |
| Spanish Patent and Trademark Office..... | EUR |

As from 1 October 2011, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in SEK to the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (AT, BR, CA, EP, ES, FI, SE and XN))

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (Paper Version in Russian)

The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2011, is now available in Russian, in addition to 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:

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| 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 |

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

PCT Regulations in Japanese and Russian

The consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2011, is available on the PCT Resources page in Japanese and Russian, in addition to English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/pdf/pct_reggs.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/pdf/pct_reggs.pdf

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

PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway information

The PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot page of the PCT website has been updated with information about recent PCT-PPH activities. A video presentation about PCT-PPH and a link to the PPH MOTTAINAI site (which details how accelerated examination requirements have been eased in certain countries) have also been added. See:

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

For further information, see “PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway”, above.

Warning page concerning requests for payment of fees

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 French, Japanese and Russian, in addition to Chinese, English, German and Spanish at, respectively:

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

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

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

The “Warning” page has also been updated to include two new invitations, as well as a copy of the text, in Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish, that WIPO has provided to patent attorneys for use when informing applicants and inventors about such fee requests, as well as the circular letter that has been sent by WIPO to patent Offices of PCT Contracting States and regional organizations – see the “Practical Advice” in this issue for details about those texts.

Updating of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*

The Introduction to the International Phase has been updated to incorporate the amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 July 2011, and the Index has been updated accordingly. It is available in English and French at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/appguide/index.jsp>

PCT Forms

Filled-in Demand Form

The filled-in July 2011 version of the Demand Form (PCT/IPEA/401) in English, French, German and Spanish is now available at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/demand/filled_demand.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/demand/filled_demand.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/demand/filled_demand.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/demand/filled_demand.pdf

Form PCT/ISA/207

New form PCT/ISA/207 (Informal Clarification: Note/Invitation) provides for the International Searching Authority, in accordance with the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines paragraphs 9.34 and 9.35, to ask the applicant informally for clarification about the description, claims or drawings before declaring that no international search report will be established. The form is available in English and French at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/isa/isa207.pdf>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/isa/isa207.pdf>

PCT fees

The tables showing the applicability of the 75% reduction in certain fees payable to the European Patent Office and of the 75% reduction in the search fee payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office have been updated in accordance with the revisions to the World Bank list. See:

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

Collection of PCT User Strategies

Two new presentations, “Strategic Use of the PCT: A US User’s Perspective” and “National Phase Entry: A User’s Perspective”, have been added to the PCT page which is devoted to PCT user strategies. Both presentations, written by David Reed, Consultant for the PCT Legal Division, WIPO, and former Senior Patent Advisor, The Procter & Gamble Company, bring together a wealth of practical filing experience and present precious, commercially successful filing strategies for PCT applicants. They are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/pct_strategies/index.html

How should I file patents abroad?

An article entitled “How should I file patents abroad?”, which first appeared in the June 2011 edition of *Managing Intellectual Property*, has been reproduced on the PCT website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/index.html>

The article discusses different scenarios for seeking international patent protection and the question of when it is worth using the PCT, the Patent Prosecution Highway or just filing nationally. We are grateful to Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC for giving us permission to reproduce this article.

PCT Webinars

The PCT webinars page has been updated with webinar recordings from the June and July 2011 sessions. The recordings, which include PCT updates on latest news, developments and services, are in Chinese, English, French, German, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, and can be consulted at, respectively:

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html> (this page also contains the new recording in Korean)

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/webinars/index.html>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/seminar/webinars/index.html>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/seminar/webinars/index.html>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/seminar/webinars/index.html>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/seminar/webinars/index.html>

PCT Office Feedback Survey 2010 (Report of results)

The PCT Office Feedback Survey 2010 was addressed to 147 Offices in their capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and/or designated or elected Office under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), inviting their participation in the Survey regarding services provided to Offices by the International Bureau during 2010. The results of the survey have been published at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/pct_office_survey_2010.pdf

PCT in the News

Issue No. 2 (April 2011) of the *WIPO Magazine* includes an article entitled “Switching on to IP”, which looks at the experiences of a medium-sized company and the lessons it learned about the importance of integrating intellectual property (IP) into its business strategy to drive its commercial success in the highly competitive lighting sector.

Another article, “Expanding the IP Information Highway” looks at the way in which the international IP community is focusing on the benefits that can derive from enhancing IP’s technical architecture, after many years of focusing on the development of IP’s legal architecture.

Issue No. 3 (June 2011) of the *WIPO Magazine* includes an article entitled “Wireless Technologies: Making a Difference”. Donald J. Rosenberg, Executive Vice President and General Counsel for Qualcomm, one of the biggest PCT filers last year, discusses the importance of IP to Qualcomm and how the company is working with local partners in many countries to foster entrepreneurship and social goals through its Wireless Reach initiative.

These and other extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* are available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/index.html>

The complete editions of issues Nos. 2 and 3 are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/2011/

Guide to WIPO Services

The “Guide to WIPO Services” is a new brochure offering a brief overview of the following global services offered by WIPO: the PCT System, the Madrid System for the International

Registration of Marks, the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs, as well as the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, which provides support in the resolution of intellectual property disputes outside the courts. It is available in PDF format, in English, French and Spanish, at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/freepublications/en/general/1020/wipo_pub_1020.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/freepublications/fr/general/1020/wipo_pub_1020.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/freepublications/es/general/1020/wipo_pub_1020.pdf

PATENTSCOPE Search Service

New customizable search interface

A new version of the PATENTSCOPE search interface has been released which can be customized by users according to their needs. By creating an account, users will be able to:

- save their preferred settings, such as the search interface by default, the length of the search result list;
- save their queries; and
- download result lists of up to 100 records.

The creation of the PATENTSCOPE account is free of charge, and can be done by completing the registration form at:

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

Users should also note that links under “Help” have been expanded to include details of data coverage, INID codes and Kind codes.

PATENTSCOPE for mobile phones

In view of the growing number of mobile phone subscribers worldwide, WIPO is keen to reach out to users of mobile phones for the diffusion of patent information. It has therefore developed “PATENTSCOPE Mobile”, a new PATENTSCOPE interface allowing smartphone users to quickly and easily search and browse the 8 million patent documents contained in PATENTSCOPE.

PATENTSCOPE Mobile can be found at:

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

or by clicking on “mobile” at the top of the PATENTSCOPE “Search International and National Patent Collections” page at:

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

PCT Statistics

PCT Yearly Review 2010 (in French)

The French version of “The International Patent System – PCT Yearly Review: Developments and Performance in 2010” is now available at:

http://www.wipo.int/ipstats/fr/statistics/pct/pdf/901f_2010.pdf

Printed versions will also be available shortly, free of charge, from 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

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, two new invitations have been identified originating from WIPD – World Intellectual Property Database. 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

Further information on these invitations to pay fees is given in the “Practical Advice” in this issue.

Practical Advice

Measures that are being taken by the International Bureau against fraudulent requests for payment of fees, and actions that can be taken by the applicant or agent

Q: I am a patent attorney working on behalf of a corporate applicant which has filed a large number of PCT applications. We and our inventors have received a number of invoices from companies with official looking names and logos, for the publication or registration of some of our published PCT applications. I understand that these invoices have nothing to do with WIPO, and that there is no need to pay them. This “practice” by certain unscrupulous companies is rather worrying, and I wondered what, if anything, WIPO is doing about this? Also, is there anything that applicants can do to assist WIPO in its efforts to combat this fraudulent practice?

A: As many readers of the PCT Newsletter are probably aware, for a number of years, unscrupulous entities and individuals in various countries have attempted to mislead PCT users

(as well as users of other IP services provided by WIPO) into paying fees which have nothing to do with the processing of their PCT applications and which have no value above and beyond the services already provided by WIPO or the applicable national or regional Office. These entities have intentionally designed their notices to appear as invoices emanating from an official source. They include publicly available bibliographic data about the international application, and are usually sent to applicants and inventors soon after publication of the international application. In a number of cases, the notices (and associated websites) bear a confusing similarity to WIPO's name and logo. 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 it has legal effect as set out in PCT Article 29. WIPO urges applicants and inventors not to pay the fees requested, and where there is any doubt about the invitation received, to contact WIPO or their patent attorney.

Publication in the PCT Newsletter and on the PCT website

As soon as WIPO became aware of this fraudulent practice in 2002, PCT users were warned by way of an article in the *PCT Newsletter* (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2002). Ever since then, in the hope of raising awareness of these misleading invoices among the PCT user community, WIPO frequently publishes warnings about the invoices in the *PCT Newsletter*, requesting attorneys and agents to inform their clients that they may receive such invoices. Also, whenever new invoices for payment of such fees are brought to our attention, these examples are posted on the PCT website, where there are currently 45 such invoices posted, at:

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

It is for this reason that we rely a great deal on applicants to inform us about new invoices, so that we can make other members of the PCT community aware of them.

Warning texts to patent attorneys

WIPO has also drafted a warning text and sent it to patent attorneys and IP associations worldwide, with the idea that it could be branded with company or law firm headers or logos and forwarded to clients and/or inventors to warn them that they may receive such misleading invoices, and/or be posted on company or law firm websites or Intranet sites. The text of this warning can be seen by clicking on the relevant link on the right hand side of the above-mentioned web page.

Requests for patent Offices to take action

WIPO is simultaneously reaching out to the heads of all of the world's patent Offices to engage them in an effort to fight back against the purveyors of these fraudulent invoices. The text of a letter that has been sent to patent Offices has been posted on the PCT website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/1309.pdf>

In the letter, WIPO requests assistance in helping raise awareness among PCT users by adding links from the national office website to WIPO's website where users can find more information about these fraudulent schemes, engaging in an awareness-building campaign within the country concerned, aimed at applicants and representatives, and analyzing what actions, if any, might be taken against those who send out the fraudulent invoices. It also asks for suggestions as to what additional actions could be taken by WIPO.

A number of patent Offices have informed the International Bureau that they have been taking measures to counteract these misleading invoices by issuing press releases, issuing warnings to their nationals and residents, and posting examples of the misleading invoices on their websites, as well as warning attendees at seminars. Some have even initiated legal proceedings against the authors of these invoices. Links to notices issued by the patent Offices of Australia, Austria, France, Germany, Israel, Japan, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, as well as the European Patent Office, have been posted at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.html. This page will be updated whenever we receive information from other Offices.

Legal action

Despite the efforts of WIPO and its partners, these fraudulent requests have proliferated, their methods have become more sophisticated, and they have collected vast amounts of money from unsuspecting inventors and small businesses. As a result, WIPO has become increasingly active; we have reached out to government authorities in countries where these activities persist, and have achieved some success in having legal proceedings initiated against these entities and/or prompting changes in the logo and name used by the entity so as to not so closely resemble that of WIPO.

WIPO has also supported countries where the governments have attempted to take action. For example, the Attorney General of the State of Florida in the United States of America filed a civil lawsuit against Federated Institute for Patent and Trademark Registry (FIPTR) and one individual alleging that the invitations sent to PCT applicants by FIPTR violated the state's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act. At the request of the Florida Attorney General's Office, WIPO assisted in the preparation of the case and provided expert testimony at the trial, which resulted in a sizeable judgment against the defendants. The company was found to have violated the state's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act by sending misleading "invoices" to patent and trademark applicants – including to PCT users. The company had been requesting payment for a service which in fact had no value – listing PCT applications in its "Register". As another example, the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic has filed a criminal complaint against one such entity operating on its territory. We hope that other governments will assist us in taking appropriate legal action against those who are engaged in these deceptive business practices. WIPO will continue to cooperate with law-enforcement authorities in countries which make efforts to curtail these practices.

What applicants or their agents can do

If you receive a request to pay fees and you are unsure of its legitimacy, you should check whether such an invoice appears in the above-mentioned list of examples on the PCT website. If you do not find a similar example, and are still in doubt, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau:

| | |
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| Telephone: | (41-22) 338 83 38 |
| Fax: | (41-22) 338 83 39 |
| E-mail: | pct.infoline@wipo.int |

If the invoice appears to be fraudulent, you should alert all colleagues who might receive similar invoices, as well as the inventor(s), to ensure that it is not paid. If you have received such an

invoice from a source which is not listed on the PCT website, you are invited to send a copy of the invoice to WIPO, for inclusion in our collection, at the following e-mail address:

pct.legal@wipo.int

You could also make a complaint to the competent government authorities and/or consumer protection groups — this may increase awareness of the problem by the authorities, and possibly encourage action against the senders of these invoices.

| PCT Seminar Calendar | | | |
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| (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) | | | |
| (situation on 1 August 2011) | | | |
| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 13–15 September 2011 Ciudad de Panamá, Panama | Spanish | Regional seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr Hernandez Vigaud | WIPO in collaboration with the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (Mrs. Luz Celeste Ríos de Davis) Tel: (507) 560 0600 / 0700 / 2351 / 2353 Fax: (507) 560 0741 E-mail: dgrpi@mici.gob.pa |
| 22–23 September 2011 San Francisco, CA (US) | 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 |
| 3 October 2011 Tokyo (JP) | Japanese | Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi and Mr. Yoshiura | Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05 |
| 5 October 2011 Nagoya (JP) | Japanese | Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi and Mr. Yoshiura | Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05 |
| 6 October 2011 Osaka (JP) | Japanese | Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi and Mr. Yoshiura | Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05 |
| 6 October 2011 Mannheim (DE) | German | PCT presentation within the framework of the “Mannheimer Patenttage 2011” 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 |
| 7–8 October 2011 Dubuque, IA (US) | English | PCT presentation within the framework of a Continuing Legal Education course for IP lawyers WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell | Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association (Mr. Kirk Hartung) Tel: (1-515) 288 36 67 Fax: (1-515) 288 13 38 E-mail: hartung@ipmvs.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 |
| 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 |

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| (situation on 1 August 2011) | | | |
| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 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 |
| 27–28 October 2011 Ottawa (CA) | English | Canadian PCT Administrators' Roundtable WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Mr. Reed | Intellectual Property Institute of Canada Tel: (1-613) 234 05 16 Fax: (1-613) 234 06 71 E-mail: admin@ipic.ca |
| 7–8 November 2011 Chicago, IL (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) | German | Annual conference WIPO speaker: 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, including a presentation on ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Featherby | 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 |
| 1 February 2012 Ecully (FR) | French | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced | Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96 |

| PCT Events Without WIPO speakers | | | |
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| Dates and location | Language of event | Nature of seminar; Speakers | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 6 December 2011 Munich (DE) | German | Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators: "PCT in der Praxis" Speaker: Mr. Wilhelm Worofka (Continental Automotive GmbH, Munich) | AH Akademie für Fortbildung Heidelberg GmbH (Mr. Stephen Haas) Tel: (49-6221) 650 33 29 E-mail: s.haas@akademie-heidelberg.de |

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 August 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 14. (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:

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| 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 | Belarusian 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 | | |
| | | CHF | Swiss franc | ISK | Icelandic krona | NZD | New Zealand dollar | UAH | Ukrainian hryvnia |
| | | CLP | Chilean peso | JPY | Japanese yen | PEN | Nuevo sol | USD | US dollar |
| | | CNY | Yuan renminbi | KES | Kenyan shilling | PKG | Kina | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| | | COP | Colombian peso | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PHP | Philippine peso | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| AED | United Arab Emirates dirham | CUC | Cuban convertible peso | KPW | KP won | PLN | Polish zloty | ZAR | South African rand |
| ALL | Albanian lek | CZK | Czech koruna | KRW | KR won | RON | New leu | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| 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 August 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 <i>(from 1.9.11: 1,520)</i> | 15 <i>(17)</i> | 103 <i>(114)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | EP RU |
| AP | USD 50 (or eq in local currency) | USD 1,367 <i>(from 1.9.11: 1,520)</i> | 15 <i>(17)</i> | 103 <i>(114)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | AT EP SE |
| AT | EUR 50 | EUR 999 <i>(from 1.9.11: 1,088)</i> | 11 <i>(12)</i> | 75 <i>(82)</i> | 150 <i>(164)</i> | 225 <i>(245)</i> | EP |
| AU | AUD 150 | AUD 1,414 | 16 | 106 | 213 | 319 | AU KR |
| AZ | AZN 55,000 | USD 1,367 <i>(from 1.9.11: 1,520)</i> | 15 <i>(17)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | EP RU |
| BA | BAM 50 | EUR 999 <i>(from 1.9.11: 1,088)</i> | 11 <i>(12)</i> | 75 <i>(82)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | EP |
| BE | EUR 40 | EUR 999 <i>(from 1.9.11: 1,088)</i> | 11 <i>(12)</i> | 75 <i>(82)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | EP |
| BG | BGN 80 | BGN eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | EP RU |
| BH | BHD 70 | USD 1,367 <i>(from 1.9.11: 1,520)</i> | 15 <i>(17)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | 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 <i>(from 1.9.11: 1,520)</i> | 15 <i>(17)</i> | 103 <i>(114)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | EP |
| BY | BYR eq USD 70 | USD 1,367 <i>(from 1.9.11: 1,520)</i> | 15 <i>(17)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | EP RU |
| BZ | BZD 300 | USD 1,367 <i>(from 1.9.11: 1,520)</i> | 15 <i>(17)</i> | 103 <i>(114)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | – <i>(–)</i> | CA EP |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 August 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 (from 1.9.11: 1,546) | 16 (17) | 105 (116) | 210 (233) | 315 (348) | 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 | (from 2.8.11: COP 812,000) ¹¹ | 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 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520) | 15 (17) | 103 (114) | – (–) | – (–) | EP ES |
| CU | CUC 200 | CUC 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520) | 15 (17) | 103 (114) | – (–) | – (–) | AT EP ES RU |
| CY | EUR 128.15 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | – (–) | – (–) | – (–) | EP |
| CZ | CZK 1,500 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | 75 (82) | – (–) | – (–) | EP |
| DE | EUR 90 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | 75 (82) | 150 (164) | 225 (245) | EP |
| DK | DKK 1,500 | DKK 7,450 (from 1.9.11 8,120) | 80 (90) | 560 (610) | 1,120 (1,220) | 1,680 (1,830) | EP SE XN |
| DM | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| DO | USD 275 | USD 1,367 (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 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520) | 15 (17) | 103 (114) | – (–) | – (–) | EP RU |
| EC | USD ⁹ – | USD 1,367 (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 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520) | 15 (17) | 103 (114) | – (–) | – (–) | AT EP US |
| EP | EUR 115 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | – (–) | 150 (164) | 225 (245) | EP |
| ES | EUR 72.06 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | 75 (82) | 150 (164) | 225 (245) | EP ES |
| FI | EUR 135 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | – (–) | 150 (164) | 225 (245) | EP FI SE |
| FR | EUR 60 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | 75 (82) | 150 (164) | 225 (245) | EP |
| GB | GBP 75 | GBP 864 (from 1.9.11: 929) | 10 (10) | – (–) | 130 (140) | 195 (209) | EP |
| GD | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| GE | USD ¹² 100 | USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520) | 15 (17) | 103 (114) | – (–) | – (–) | EP RU |
| GH | GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000 | USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520) | 15 (17) | – (–) | – (–) | – (–) | AT AU CN EP SE |
| GR | EUR 115 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | 75 (82) | – (–) | – (–) | EP |
| GT | GTQ eq USD 250 | USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520) | 15 (17) | 103 (114) | – (–) | – (–) | AT BR EP ES US |
| HN | USD 200 | USD 1,367 (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]

(amounts on 1 August 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 | |
| HU | HUF 10,700 | HUF eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | - | - | EP RU |
| IB | CHF ¹⁴ 100 or EUR ¹⁴ 75 (from 1.9.11: 82) or USD ¹⁴ 103 (from 1.9.11: 114) | CHF 1,330 or EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) or USD 1,367 (from 1.9.11: 1,520) | 15 11 (12) 15 (17) | 100 100 75 103 (114) | - 200 150 206 (229) | 300 225 (245) 308 (343) | See footnote 15 |
| 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 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | 75 (82) | - (-) | - (-) | EP |
| IL | ILS 556 | 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 168,800 (from 1.10.11:184,200) | 1,900 (2,100) | 12,700 (13,800) | 25,400 (27,700) | 38,100 (41,500) | EP SE XN |
| IT | EUR 30.99 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | - (-) | - (-) | - (-) | EP |
| JP | JPY 13,000 | JPY 125,000 | 1,400 | 9,400 | - | 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 ¹⁶ KR |
| KZ | KZT 7,360 ¹⁷ | 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 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | 75 (82) | - (-) | - (-) | EP RU |
| LU | EUR 19 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | - (-) | - (-) | - (-) | EP |
| LV | LVL 48.80 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | 75 (82) | - (-) | - (-) | 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 ¹⁸ | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | - (-) | - (-) | - (-) | 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 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | 75 (82) | - (-) | - (-) | EP |
| MW | MWK 6,000 | MWK 210,800 | 2,400 | 15,800 | - | - | EP |
| MX | MXN eq USD 323.70 ¹⁹ | MXN eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | - | - | EP ES SE US |
| MY | MYR 500 (e-filing) ²⁰ 550 (paper filing) ²⁰ | 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 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | 75 (82) | 150 (164) | 225 (245) | EP |
| NO | NOK 750 | NOK 8,030 (from 1.10.11: 8,690) | 90 (100) | 600 (650) | - (-) | - (-) | EP SE XN |
| NZ | NZD 180 ²¹ | 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 August 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 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | 75 (82) | – (–) | – (–) | EP |
| RO | RON 300,000 | CHF 1,330 | 15 | 100 | 200 | 300 | EP RU |
| RS | RSD 5,340 ²² | 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 (from 1.10.11: 10,240) | 100 (120) | 700 (770) | 1,390 (1,540) | 2,090 (2,310) | EP SE |
| SG | SGD 150 | SGD 1,797 (from 1.10.11: 1,973) | 20 (22) | 135 (148) | – (–) | – (–) | AT AU EP KR |
| SI | EUR 91 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | 75 (82) | – (–) | – (–) | EP |
| SK | EUR 66 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | 75 (82) | 150 (164) | 225 (245) | EP |
| SM | EUR 50 | EUR 999 (from 1.9.11: 1,088) | 11 (12) | – (–) | – (–) | – (–) | 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 ²³ 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 August 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee ¹ | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| AT ²⁴ | EUR 1,785 * (from 1.9.11: CHF 2,182) | CHF* 2,376 CHF 2,182 | KRW 2,166,000 ZAR 17,380 | SGD 3,210 | USD 2,443 | ZAR* 15,730 | | |
| AU | AUD 1,900 USD 2,084 * (from 1.9.11: KRW 2,204,000) | CHF 1,787 ZAR* 12,860 KRW 2,204,000 | EUR 1,461 ZAR 14,090 | KRW* 2,063,000 | NZD 2,478 | SGD 2,410 | | |
| BR ²⁵ | BRL 1,900 * (from 1.9.11: CHF 1,003) | CHF* 1,092 CHF 1,003 | EUR 820 | USD 1,122 | | | | |
| CA | CAD 1,600 * (from 1.9.11: CHF 1,376) | CHF* 1,522 CHF 1,376 | EUR 1,143 | USD 1,687 | | | | |
| CN | CNY 2,100 * (from 1.9.11: CHF 285) | CHF* 305 CHF 285 | EUR 229 | USD 314 | | | | |
| EP ²⁶ | EUR 1,785 MWK 377,000 ZAR 17,380 * (from 1.9.11: CHF 2,182) | CHF* 2,376 NOK 14,350 CHF 2,182 | DKK 13,310 NZD 3,295 | GBP 1,543 SEK 16,530 | ISK 294,000 SGD 3,210 | JPY 203,700 USD 2,443 | | |
| ES ²⁶ | EUR 1,785 | CHF* 2,376 | USD 2,443 | *(from 1.9.11: CHF 2,182) | | | | |
| FI | EUR 1,785 | CHF* 2,376 | USD 2,443 | *(from 1.9.11: CHF 2,182) | | | | |
| JP | JPY 97,000 | CHF 1,034 | 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 * (from 1.9.11: AUD 1,121 CHF 1,050) ** (from 1.10.11: NZD 1,487) For searches carried out in Korean: KRW 450,000 AUD* 414 CHF* 390 EUR 293 NZD** 541 SGD 530 USD 401 * (from 1.9.11: AUD 388 CHF 363) ** (from 1.10.11: NZD 515) | | | | | | | |
| RU | RUB 13,500 * (from 1.10.11: CHF 400) | CHF* 431 CHF 400 | EUR 324 | USD 477 | | | | |
| SE | SEK 16,530 USD 2,443 * (from 1.9.11: CHF 2,182) | CHF* 2,376 CHF 2,182 | DKK 13,310 | EUR 1,785 | ISK 294,000 | NOK 14,350 | | |
| US | USD 2,080 * (from 1.9.11: CHF 1,820) | CHF* 2,023 CHF 1,820 | EUR 1,520 NZD 2,620 | NZD* 2,810 | ZAR 14,550 | | | |
| XN | DKK 13,310 * (from 1.9.11: CHF 2,182) | CHF* 2,376 CHF 2,182 | EUR 1,785 | ISK 294,000 | NOK 14,350 | USD 2,443 | | |

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

| ISA | Supplementary search fee | Supplementary search handling fee |
|-----|--|-----------------------------------|
| AT | – for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,132 (from 1.9.11: CHF 1,039) – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,584 (from 1.9.11: CHF 1,455) – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,263 (from 1.9.11: CHF 2,078) | CHF 200 |
| EP | CHF 2,376 (from 1.9.11: 2,182) | CHF 200 |
| FI | CHF 2,376 (from 1.9.11: 2,182) | CHF 200 |
| RU | Eq in CHF of RUB ²⁷ 9,450 (13,500) ²⁸ | CHF 200 |
| SE | CHF 2,376 (from 1.9.11: 2,182) | CHF 200 |
| XN | CHF 2,376 (from 1.9.11: 2,182) | CHF 200 |

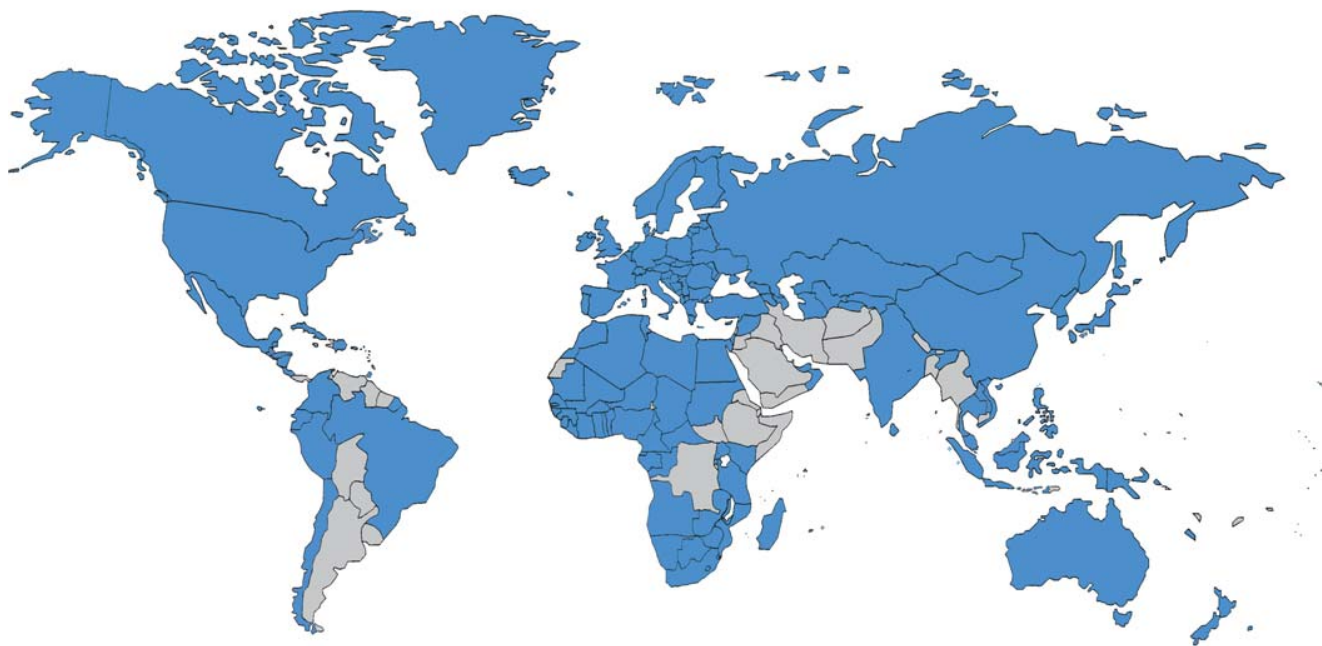
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 August 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee ²⁹ | | Handling fee ^{2, 29} (CHF 200) | |
|------------------|---|---|---|--------------------------------|
| AT ²⁴ | EUR | 1,675 | EUR | 150 (from 1.9.11: 164) |
| AU | AUD | 550 780 ³⁰ | AUD | 213 |
| BR ²⁵ | BRL | 710 | BRL | 348 (from 1.9.11: 379) |
| CA | CAD | 800 | CAD | 210 (from 1.9.11: 233) |
| CN | CNY | 1,500 | CNY eq CHF | 200 |
| EP ²⁶ | EUR | 1,760 | EUR | 150 (from 1.9.11: 164) |
| ES | EUR | 566.49 | EUR | 150 (from 1.9.11: 164) |
| FI | EUR | 600 | EUR | 150 (from 1.9.11: 164) |
| JP | JPY | 36,000 | JPY | 18,800 |
| KR | KRW | 450,000 | KRW | 231,000 (from 1.9.11: 248,000) |
| RU | RUB | 5,400 ³¹ 8,100 ³² | USD | 206 (from 1.9.11: 229) |
| SE | SEK | 5,000 | SEK | 1,390 (from 1.10.11: 1,540) |
| US | USD | 600 750 ³³ | USD | 206 (from 1.9.11: 229) |
| XN | DKK | 5,000 | DKK | 1,120 (from 1.9.11: 1,220) |

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 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 13 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.
- 14 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
- 15 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).
- 16 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 17 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.
- 18 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 19 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 20 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.
- 21 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 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%.
- 24 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).
- 25 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.
- 26 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>
- 27 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 28 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).
- 29 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 30 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 31 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 32 In all cases where footnote 31 does not apply.
- 33 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 August 2011)



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|---|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| 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 | EE Estonia (EP) | KR Republic of Korea | NA Namibia (AP) | SY Syrian Arab Republic |
| BB Barbados | EG Egypt | KZ Kazakhstan (EA) | NE Niger (OA) ³ | SZ Swaziland (AP) ³ |
| BE Belgium (EP) ³ | ES Spain (EP) | LA Lao People's Democratic Republic | NG Nigeria | TD Chad (OA) ³ |
| BF Burkina Faso (OA) ³ | FI Finland (EP) | LC Saint Lucia | NI Nicaragua | TG Togo (OA) ³ |
| BG Bulgaria (EP) | FR France (EP) ³ | LI Liechtenstein (EP) | NL Netherlands (EP) ³ | TH Thailand |
| BH Bahrain | GA Gabon (OA) ³ | LK Sri Lanka | NO Norway (EP) | TJ Tajikistan (EA) |
| BJ Benin (OA) ³ | GB United Kingdom (EP) | LR Liberia (AP) ⁴ | NZ New Zealand | TM Turkmenistan (EA) |
| BR Brazil | GD Grenada | LS Lesotho (AP) | OM Oman | TN Tunisia |
| BW Botswana (AP) | GE Georgia | LT Lithuania (EP) | PE Peru | TR Turkey (EP) |
| BY Belarus (EA) | GH Ghana (AP) | LU Luxembourg (EP) | PG Papua New Guinea | TT Trinidad and Tobago |
| BZ Belize | GM Gambia (AP) | LV Latvia (EP) ³ | PH Philippines | TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP) |
| CA Canada | GN Guinea (OA) ³ | LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | PL Poland (EP) | UA Ukraine |
| CF Central African Republic (OA) ³ | GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ³ | MA Morocco | PT Portugal (EP) | UG Uganda (AP) |
| CG Congo (OA) ³ | GR Greece (EP) ³ | MC Monaco (EP) ³ | QA Qatar (from 3 August 2011) | US United States of America |
| CH Switzerland (EP) | GT Guatemala | MD Republic of Moldova (EA) | RO Romania (EP) | UZ Uzbekistan |
| CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ³ | GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ³ | ME Montenegro ² | RS Serbia (EP) ^{2,6} | VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| CL Chile | HN Honduras | MG Madagascar | RU Russian Federation (EA) | VN Viet Nam |
| CM Cameroon (OA) ³ | HR Croatia (EP) | MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP) ⁵ | RW Rwanda (from 31 August 2011) | ZA South Africa |
| CN China | HU Hungary (EP) | | SC Seychelles | ZM Zambia (AP) |
| CO Colombia | ID Indonesia | | SD Sudan (AP) | ZW Zimbabwe (AP) |
| CR Costa Rica | IE Ireland (EP) ³ | | SE Sweden (EP) | |
| | 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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Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

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