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Exceptional Closure of WIPO

As a result of an electrical fire on the WIPO premises on Thursday, 27 October 2011, the WIPO website and certain services were unavailable until Friday evening, 28 October. Among the services affected were the following PCT services: the e-filing server of the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), the PCT Online Document Upload Service, the PCT E-payment Service, as well as the PCT fax machines, telephones and e-mail system. In view of the disruption that was caused by the fire, WIPO was declared closed for business on 27 and 28 October 2011. A statement was issued to this effect on the WIPO website.

Further information on the consequences of such an unexpected closure, and in particular about attempting to file an international application (or documents related thereto) with the IB on a day on which it was closed for business, see the “Practical Advice” in this issue.

PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

Danish Patent and Trademark Office and Japan Patent Office; Danish Patent and Trademark Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office

Two new PCT-PPH pilot programs began recently, one on 1 October 2011 between the Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DKPTO) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO), and one on 1 November 2011 between the DKPTO and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Under these pilots, faster examination in the national phase in Denmark is available for a PCT application receiving a positive written opinion of either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP (Chapter II)), issued within the framework of the PCT by, respectively, the JPO or the USPTO in their capacity as ISA/IPEAs.

Further information on the PCT-PPH agreement between the DKPTO and the JPO is available at:

<http://internationalcooperation.dkpto.org/patent-prosecution-highways/pct-pph-pilot-program-between-denmark-and-japan.aspx>

http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2011/0930_05.html

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

<http://internationalcooperation.dkpto.org/patent-prosecution-highways/pct-pph-pilot-program-between-denmark-and-the-united-states.aspx>

Japan Patent Office and Nordic Patent Institute

A new PCT-PPH pilot program began on 1 October 2011 between the JPO and the Nordic Patent Institute (NPI) which will permit the JPO to benefit from the PCT work products of the NPI acting as ISA or IPEA. Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in Japan is available for a PCT application receiving a positive written opinion of either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive IPRP (Chapter II), issued within the framework of the PCT by the NPI in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

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

http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2011/0930_05.html

<http://www.npi.int/PCT/PPH/PCT-PPH-agreement-with-JPO/>

Japan Patent Office and State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China

A new PCT-PPH pilot program began on 1 November 2011 between the JPO and the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO). Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in Japan and/or China is available for a PCT application receiving a positive written opinion of either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive IPRP (Chapter II), issued within the framework of the PCT by the other participating Office in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the PCT-PPH agreement between the JPO and SIPO is available at:

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

and (in Chinese):

<http://www.sipo.gov.cn/ztl/ywzt/pph/>

Norwegian Industrial Property Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office

A new PCT-PPH pilot program began on 1 November 2011 between the Norwegian Industrial Property Office (NIPO) and the USPTO. Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in Norway is available for a PCT application receiving a positive written opinion of either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive IPRP (Chapter II), issued within the framework of the PCT by the USPTO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the PCT-PPH agreement between the NIPO and the USPTO has been published in Norwegian, and will be published in English shortly, on the NIPO website at:

<http://www.patentstyret.no/en/Patents/international-patenting/Patent-Prosecution-Highway/>

State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and United States Patent and Trademark Office

On 8 November 2011, SIPO and the USPTO signed a Joint Statement of Intent to launch two new PPH pilot programs on 1 December 2011, which will use positive written opinions and positive IPRPs (Chapter II) issued under the PCT. For further information, see:

<http://www.uspto.gov/news/pr/2011/11-63.jsp>

and (in Chinese):

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/ztl/ywzt/pph/zxd/201111/t20111109_629640.html

Further information on this pilot will be published shortly.

Information on the above-mentioned new pilots has been added to the PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot page of the PCT website at:

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

PCT Information Update

International filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee (various Offices)

From 1 January 2012, there will be changes in the amounts, in certain currencies, of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30, the PCT-EASY and electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, the search fee, the supplementary search fee and the handling fee, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

These changes update the following annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/>):

- Annex C (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BE, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CL, CR, CU, CY, CZ, DE, DK, DO, EA, EC, EE, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GH, GR, GT, HN, IB, IE, IL, IN, IS, IT, JP, KE, KG, KR, KZ, LR, LT, LU, LV, MC, MD, MT, MW, NI, NL, NO, NZ, PE, PG, PH, PT, RU, SC, SE, SG, SI, SK, SM, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, ZA, ZM, ZW;
- Annex D (International Searching Authorities): AT, AU, BR, CA, CN, EP, ES, FI, JP, KR, RU, SE, US, XN;
- Annex SISA (International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)): AT, EP, FI, SE, XN; and
- Annex E (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): AT, AU, BR, CA, EP, ES, FI, JP, KR, RU, SE, US, XN

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina (special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material; required contents of translation; fees)

The Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina has specified special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as indicated below:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish the indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii), or the additional matter specified below:

- at the time of filing, either in the description or separately

Additional indications which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned:

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

Deposits may be made for the purposes of the patent procedure before the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex L, and notifications related thereto may be consulted under: <http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/>).

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 designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Under PCT Article 22:

Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1):

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

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2011 (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Filing fee and publication fee:	BAM	255
— plus, for each page of the application over 30:	BAM	2
— plus, for each claim over 10:	BAM	10
Publication fee for granted patent:	BAM	40

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

CH Switzerland (requirements concerning agent)

There have been changes in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in Switzerland or having an address for service in Switzerland.

and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

Where the applicant has neither a residence nor a principal place of business in Switzerland, an address for service in Switzerland must be indicated (Article 13 of the Federal Law on Patents for Inventions (PatG) within the time limit set out in paragraph 1 of Article 124 of the Ordinance on Patents for Inventions (PatV). If no address for service is indicated within that time limit, the Office will allow an extension of two months to do so. The application will be refused in case of non-observation of that time limit.

There have been changes in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Office as designated (or elected) Office. The list of special requirements now reads as follows:

- Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application
- Address for service in Switzerland or appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Switzerland or Liechtenstein

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

EE Estonia (fees)

There has been a change in the currency accepted for the payment of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 payable to the Estonian Patent Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as for the amount of the reduction accorded for PCT-EASY filings; the currency used will now be euro instead of Swiss francs and the corresponding amounts are indicated in the PCT fee tables.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (EE))

EP European Patent Office (deposits of microorganisms and other biological material)

The following text has been added to the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex L, concerning the requirements of the European Patent Office with regard to the making of deposits of microorganisms and other biological material:

If the international application was not published in an official language of the EPO (English, French, German), the statement under Rule 32(1) EPC can still be submitted in the European phase until completion of the technical preparations for publication of the translation of the international application under Article 153(4) EPC. The fact that the expert option has been chosen will then be published on the front page of the published translation of the application. Information received under Rule 32(1) EPC after completion of the technical preparations for publication of the international application – or, where applicable, of the translation of the application pursuant to Article 153(4) EPC – cannot be taken into account with the consequence that the biological material will be available to any person as provided for in PCT Rule 13*bis*.6 and Rule 33(1) EPC without an expert acting as intermediary (see Notice from the European Patent Office dated 7 July 2010 concerning inventions which involve the use of or concern biological material, *OJ EPO* 10/2010, page 498 *et seq.*).

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

ES Spain (number of copies required; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media)

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has changed its requirement concerning the number of copies of the international application to be filed with it as receiving Office: it now requires one copy, instead of three.

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Office has also notified the International Bureau (IB) that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R and CD-ROM.

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

GR Greece (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Industrial Property Organization (Greece) 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.

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

IE Ireland (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Patents Office (Ireland) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: patlib@patentsoffice.ie

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

IL Israel (conditions relating to national security)

The Israel Patent Office has replaced the conditions relating to international applications containing information which relates to military technology or which might be prejudicial to Israeli national security, filed with the IB as receiving Office by an applicant from Israel, with the following conditions:

Patent applicants are referred to Section 98 of Israel Patents Law, 5727-1967, that states as follows:

“An Israel national, a permanent resident of Israel or any other person who owes allegiance to the State shall not submit any application abroad for a patent for an invention the subject of which is weaponry or ammunition, or which is otherwise of military value, or for an invention with which Section 95 deals, and he shall not – directly or indirectly – cause a said application to be submitted, unless one of the following applies:

- (1) he received written permission from the Minister of Defense in advance;
- (2) he submitted an application in respect of that invention in Israel and within six months after that application was submitted, the Minister of Defense did not make an order on it under Section 94, or he made such an order, but it is no longer in effect.”

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

IT Italy (fees)

There has been a change in the amount of the fee for the priority document payable to the Italian Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (payable in fee stamps):

Request to prepare the priority document:	EUR	14.62
– plus, for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings, filing certificate and certificate of authenticity):.....	EUR	14.62
– plus, for a patent application:	EUR	7
– or, for a utility model application:.....	EUR	5

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

KZ Kazakhstan (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; types of protection; fees)

One of the addresses, as well as the telephone and fax numbers of the National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan) have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	[General matters: No change]
	Application processing:
	Ulttyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty, Sol zhagalau Orynbor 8, Kireberis 18B, Astana 010000, Kazakhstan
Telephone:	(7-7172) 50 25 75, 50 26 20, 50 26 09
Fax:	(7-7172) 50 25 66

Provisional patents may no longer be obtained in Kazakhstan via the PCT. The types of protection that are available in Kazakhstan are now:

National:	Patents, invention patents, utility models
Eurasian:	Patents

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

Transmittal fee:.....	KZT	8,243
Fee for priority document:		
For a legal entity:.....	KZT	1,030
For a natural person:.....	KZT	515

Furthermore, the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office have changed:

For patent: ¹

Filing fee:	KZT	15,971
Examination fee:	[No change]	
Annual fees for the first three years, per year:	KZT	15,971

For utility model:¹

Filing fee:	KZT	14,426
Annual fees for the first three years, per year:	KZT	11,334

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

LK Sri Lanka (Internet address; provisions concerning international-type search; fees; requirements concerning agents)

The Internet address of the National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka has changed, as follows:

Internet: www.nipo.gov.lk

In addition, the Office has deleted the use of its teleprinter.

There have been changes in the provisions of the law of Sri Lanka concerning international-type search. The relevant provisions are: Section 73 of the Intellectual Property Act No. 36 of 2003 and Regulation No. 48 of the Intellectual Property Regulations.

There has been a change in the amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office:

Application fee: ²	LKR	6,000
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There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

Any person registered as agent with the Office

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

LU Luxembourg (name of Office; telephone number)

The name and telephone number of the Intellectual Property Directorate (Luxembourg) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Luxembourg)
Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)

¹ Applicants who reside in a State in which per capita national income is below USD 3,000 pay the following reduced amounts: in the case of a legal entity, 30% of the fee amount; in the case of a natural person, 15% of the fee amount.

² This fee is reduced for students and individuals.

Telephone: (352) 247 841 13

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

MD Moldova (telephone and fax numbers; languages accepted for the filing of international applications and requests; special requirements)

One of the telephone numbers and one of the fax numbers of the State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) have been deleted. The telephone and fax numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (37322) 40 06 07, 40 06 08

Fax: (37322) 44 01 19

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB of changes regarding the language of filing of the international application and of the request (Form PCT/RO/101). It now accepts English, French, German and Russian in both cases.

There have also been changes in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Office as designated (or elected) Office. The list of special requirements now reads as follows:

- Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application³
- Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical³
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the Republic of Moldova
- Any document relating to any transfer of rights³

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

NL Netherlands (name of Office; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; acceptance of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format; restoration of the right of priority: criteria applicable and fees)

The name of the Netherlands Patent Office in Dutch, the telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail address have changed, as follows:

Name of Office (in Dutch): NL Octrooicentrum

Telephone: (31-88) 602 60 00

Fax: (31-88) 602 90 24

E-mail: nloctrooicentrum@agentschapnl.nl

The Netherlands Patent Office in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/NL) has notified the IB that with effect from 1 December 2011, it will no longer accept PCT applications in PCT-EASY format (that is, applications filed on paper and accompanied by the request form data and abstract on a physical medium). Consequently, as from 1 December 2011, no international

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

application filed with RO/NL will benefit from the fee reduction applicable to PCT-EASY applications (see Item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees).

The Netherlands Patent Office has also notified the IB under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i) that, in respect of requests for the restoration of the right of priority, it applies the “due care” criterion, and that the fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office, is EUR 161.

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

NO Norway (requirements concerning agent; fees)

The Norwegian Industrial Property Office has informed the IB that an agent is no longer required by it as receiving Office, and there has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows: the agent can be any natural or legal person.

There has been a change in the amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Annual fees for the first three years, per year:.....	NOK	600
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (NO) and National Chapter, Summary (NO))

PG Papua New Guinea (location and mailing address; telephone number; e-mail and Internet addresses; restoration of the right of priority: criteria applicable)

The location and mailing address, one of the telephone numbers, and the e-mail and Internet addresses of the Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea have changed, as follows:

Location:	IPA Haus, 1st Floor Munidubu St. (corner of Lawes Road & Champion Parade) Konedobu, Port Moresby National Capital District Papua New Guinea
Mailing address:	P.O Box 5053 Boroko National Capital District Papua New Guinea
	P.O Box 1281 Port Moresby National Capital District Papua New Guinea
Telephone:	(675) 308 4432, 321 7311
E-mail:	registrar.ipopng@ipa.gov.pg
Internet:	www.ipopng.gov.pg

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, has also notified the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that, in respect of requests for the restoration of the right of priority, it applies both the “due care” and the “unintentional” criteria.

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

RO Romania (types of protection)

The State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) has notified the International Bureau that utility models are available via the PCT in Romania, instead of or in addition to patents.

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

RS Serbia (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 October 2011:

Transmittal fee:.....	RSD	6,100
Fee for priority document:		
For the first document up to 10 pages.....	RSD	1,460
plus, for each subsequent document up to 10 pages:.....	RSD	370
plus, per page in excess of 10.....	[no change]	

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have also changed with effect from that date (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:		
Filing fee:	RSD	6,100
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:.....	RSD	610
Examination fee:	RSD	18,320
Annual fee for the first three years	RSD	8,550
For petty patent:		
Filing fee:	RSD	6,100

The amounts of all of the above-mentioned fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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

SK Slovakia (fees)

The Industrial Property Office (Slovakia), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 February 2010, it applies a 50% reduction to the transmittal fee and fee

for priority document if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form. The amounts of those fees where the reduction applies are therefore as follows:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	33
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	8.25

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

US United States of America (fees)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office has introduced an additional component of the transmittal fee, payable for paper filings with effect from 15 November 2011, as follows:

Transmittal fee		
basic portion:.....	USD	240
non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed on or after 15 November 2011 other than by the Office electronic filing system (regular):.....	USD	400
or, non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed on or after 15 November 2011 other than by the Office electronic filing system (small entity):	USD	200

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

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

New Features on the PCT Resources page

New features have recently been introduced to the PCT Resources page, as follows:

- The map of PCT Contracting States now appears at the top of the page. If you click on the map, a list of PCT Contracting States and two-letter country codes, in alphabetical order of the two-letter codes, will appear below. The date on which each State became bound by the PCT (or will become bound, as the case may be) is given in the right hand column of the list, and footnotes in respect of certain States give information on territorial matters and certain declarations that may have been made under the Treaty (this list is similar to the list of PCT Contracting States contained in Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, but Annex A is in alphabetical order of the country name).
- It is recalled that the list of contents on the page is sorted under six different main headings, according to subject matter. A button has now been introduced at the start of each menu in order to be able to collapse any menus that you do not use very often, thus making it easier to find the information you are looking for. Depending on how you have set your cache settings in your browser, this menu configuration will be retained the next time you visit the page. However, every time the page is reloaded all menus will be displayed by default.

The International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (in English and French)

The PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (ISPE Guidelines), have been updated with effect from 1 November 2011, and are available in PDF format, in English and French, at, respectively:

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

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

PCT Applicant's Guide in Japanese

An updated version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* in Japanese (dated 1 April 2011) is being finalized and will be available soon, in PDF format, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/ja/index.pdf>

ISA and IPEA Agreements

An updated version of the Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as in force from 20 October 2011, relating to the functioning of this Office as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, has been published in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

Practical Advice

Consequences of attempting to file an international application (or documents related thereto) with the International Bureau on a day on which it was unexpectedly closed for business.

Q: On Thursday, 27 October 2011, I wanted to file an international application with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) claiming priority of an earlier national application filed on 27 October 2010, which was the last day of the 12-month priority period. I attempted to submit my international application online. However, in the middle of doing so, I received an error message on my screen indicating that the connection was lost. I tried to resubmit the application on Monday, 31 October. Could you tell me whether my attempt on 27 October was successful, and if not, what are the consequences on my right to claim priority from the earlier application?

A: If the connection fails during the submission of an international application to the RO/IB, you will not receive the e-filing receipt which is proof of successful transmission. Therefore, if you get an error message and/or do not receive your e-filing receipt at the end of the transmission, you should contact the PCT e-Services Help Desk for advice/assistance (telephone: +41 22 338 9523, e-mail: pctsafe.help@wipo.int) as it may be necessary to resubmit your application.

In your particular situation, it appears that you were unable to file your international application on 27 October, the date on which the priority period expired. The reason was that, on that day, as well as the following day, WIPO was exceptionally closed for business as a result of an

electrical fire, and WIPO's online filing system was not available. Note that nothing would have prevented you from filing your international application with the RO/IB online (or by fax) on the Saturday or Sunday, in which case you would have been accorded that date of receipt as the international filing date (provided that all the necessary requirements under PCT Article 11 for the according of an international filing date are met), even though those days are officially "non-working days" at the IB.

Your attention is drawn to Article 4C(3) of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, concerning the 12-month priority period, which states: "If the last day of the period is an official holiday, or a day when the Office is not open for the filing of applications in the country where protection is claimed, the period shall be extended until the first following working day". While the RO/IB would, in this case, consider, for the purposes of the international phase, that the 12-month priority period would be extended until Monday, 31 October 2011, the interpretation of Article 4C(3) and whether an international application has been filed within the priority period is, as is the case for the determination of the validity of the priority claim itself, ultimately made by the designated Office in the national phase.

In the event that it is not possible to file with the RO/IB and that the filing is a first filing that did not claim the priority of an earlier application, it may be especially important that you file your international application as early as possible in order to establish a priority date under the Paris Convention. In such, albeit rare, cases where the RO/IB is closed unexpectedly, it is recommended that you file with your national or regional receiving Office, or that you file with a non-competent receiving Office so that your application will be transmitted to the RO/IB for further processing while maintaining the date of receipt at the non-competent Office as the international filing date (see PCT Rule 19.4) (if attempting to file with another Office online or by fax, you should, of course, ensure that the Office concerned accepts the filing of international applications online or by fax, as the case may be).

Note that on the occasion of the fire at WIPO on 27 October 2011, several other services were not available besides the RO/IB e-filing server — any applicant/agent trying to submit documents relating to an international application via the PCT Online Document Upload Service, make a payment using the PCT E-Payment Service, or use the priority document access service (DAS) or ePCT may have also experienced problems doing so. Please be reassured that PCT Rule 80.5 concerning the extension of time limits applies to PCT time limits by which any document (such as amendments under PCT Article 19 and requests for recording of changes under PCT Rule 92*bis*) or fee (such as the international filing fee payable to the RO/IB) must reach WIPO. Therefore, in respect of any such documents or fees that were due by 27 or 28 October 2011, any time limit would be considered to have expired on the next subsequent day on which WIPO was open for business, that was, on Monday, 31 October 2011.

It is, as always, strongly recommended that applicants/agents file their international applications or documents, or pay their fees, as early as possible before the expiration of any applicable time limit, in order to avoid any possible problems caused by technical failures.

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 15 November 2011)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
15 November 2011 Arlington, VA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	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
18 November 2011 Berlin (DE)	German	Seminar on the PCT for paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	European Patent Institute (EPI) (Ms. Martina Fromm) Tel: (49-89) 24 20 52 15 Fax: (49-89) 24 20 52 20 E-mail: info@patentepi.com
21-22 November 2011 Santo Domingo (DO)	Spanish	Advanced Workshop on Patents and the PCT (for patent attorneys) WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Ms. Largo	National Industrial Property Office (ONAPI), Patent Department (Mrs. Luisa A. Castillo Bautista) E-mail: l.castillo@onapi.gob.do
23-25 November 2011 Santo Domingo (DO)	Spanish	Workshop on Patents and the PCT (for staff of research and technological centers, universities, start-up companies and officials from the IP Office) WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Ms. Largo	National Intellectual Property Academy of ONAPI (Mrs. Josefina Aquino) E-mail: j.aquino@onapi.gob.do
25 November 2011 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division Tel: (81-3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 Internet: http://www.jpo.go.jp/cgi/link.cgi?url=/torikumi/ibento/ibento2/chiteki_setumeikai.htm
28 November 2011 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	Japan Patent Office (see Osaka, above)
2 December 2011 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	Japan Patent Office (see Osaka, above)
7-8 December 2011 Lille (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
8-9 December 2011 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities course, including a presentation on ePCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Featherby	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@managementforum.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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(situation on 15 November 2011)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
20 January 2012 Rome (IT)	English	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu
26 January 2012 San Diego, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Arlington, above)
31 January–1 February 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT course WIPO speakers: to be announced	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
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
1–2 February 2012 Espoo (FI)	Finnish	Seminar for patent administrators on the PCT and e-filing WIPO speaker: Ms. Metcalfe	Aalto University Professional Development (Mrs. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358-50) 352 46 69 Fax: (358-9) 47 02 40 60 E-mail: arja.andsten@aalto.fi Internet: www.aalto.fi
8–9 February 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	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
6 March 2012 London (GB) <i>[previously announced as 13 October 2011]</i>	English	"WIPO Patents Symposium" (previously entitled: "WIPO British Day for Patents") – An opportunity for UK patent attorneys and other PCT users to discuss practice and policy concerning the PCT and related areas with a WIPO representative WIPO speaker: Mr. Richardson	United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) Advance registration is required. Requests for registration, which must be received by 20 January 2012, should be sent to Mr. Lee Deakin at: E-mail: Lee.Deakin@ipo.gov.uk Tel: (44-1633) 81 38 07
22 May 2012 Bucharest (RO)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the epi-CEIPI Basic Training WIPO speaker: to be announced	Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (epi) and Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Teodorescu) E-mail: mteodorescu@rominvent.ro

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
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) Fax: (49-6221) 650 33 29 E-mail: s.haas@akademie-heidelberg.de

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 15 November 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 15. (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	SGD	Singapore dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	SKK	Slovak koruna
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	THB	Baht
RO	receiving Office	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CHF	Swiss franc	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol		
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KPW	KP won	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KRW	KR won	QAR	Qatar riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KZT	Kazakh tenge	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	LSL	Lesotho loti	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	RUB	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	RWF	Rwanda franc		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SDG	Sudanese pound		
		GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SEK	Swedish krona		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 15 November 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 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP
AU	AUD 150	AUD 1,699 (from 1.1.12: 1,507)	19 (17)	128 (113)	256 (227)	383 (340)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 10	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US
BR	BRL ⁹ 200	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	CA 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	
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,546 (from 1.1.12: 1,518)	17 (17)	116 (114)	233 (228)	348 (342)	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 130	CLP eq USD 1,758 ¹¹ (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	eq USD ¹¹ 20 (16)	eq USD ¹¹ 132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	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 812,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,750 (from 1.1.12: 8,150)	100 (90)	660 (610)	1,320 (1,220)	1,970 (1,840)	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US
EP	EUR 115	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (–)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP
ES	EUR 72.06	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (–)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,046 (from 1.1.12: 939)	12 (11)	– (–)	157 (141)	236 (212)	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	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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				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 ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 88 (from 1.1.12: 82) or USD ¹⁵ 132 (from 1.1.12: 109)	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094) or USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	15 13 (12) 20 (16)	100 100 88 (82) 132 (109)	– 200 177 (165) 264 (219)	– 300 265 (247) 397 (328)	See footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	264 (219)	397 (328)	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 184,200	2,100	13,800	27,700	41,500	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (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 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	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 1,827,000 (from 1.1.12: 1,716,000)	21,000 (19,000)	137,000 (129,000)	– (–)	412,000 (387,000)	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ¹⁸	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
LV	LVL 48.80	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁹	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	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 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 210,800 (from 1.1.12: 238,300)	2,400 (2,700)	15,800 (17,900)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MX	MXN eq USD 323.70 ²⁰	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	Eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²¹ 550 (paper filing) ²¹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (from 1.12.11: (–))	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP
NO	NOK 750	NOK 8,690 (from 1.1.12: 8,520)	100 (100)	650 (640)	– (–)	– (–)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²²	NZD 1,844 (from 1.1.12: 1,907)	21 (22)	139 (143)	– (–)	– (–)	AU EP KR US

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				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
OA	XAF ¹⁰ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	eq USD 20 (16)	eq USD 132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	264 (219)	397 (328)	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 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	ROL 360	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD 6,100 ²³	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 600	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 10,240 (from 1.1.12: 9,970)	120 (110)	770 (750)	1,540 (1,500)	2,310 (2,250)	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,973 (from 1.1.12: 1,905)	22 (21)	148 (143)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁴	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	88 (82)	177 (165)	265 (247)	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 1,174 (from 1.1.12: 1,094)	13 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
SY	USD10 –	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	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 ¹⁰ –	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁵ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD 240 ²⁶	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	264 (219)	– (–)	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	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 12,200 (from 1.1.12: 11,910)	140 (130)	920 (900)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	20 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,758 (from 1.1.12: 1,453)	Eq USD 20 (16)	eq USD 132 (109)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

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Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 15 November 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²⁷	EUR	1,785	CHF*	2,022	KRW*	2,166,000	SGD*	3,210	USD*	2,443	ZAR*	17,380
	* (from 1.1.12:		CHF	2,169	KRW	2,799,000	SGD	3,110	USD	2,370	ZAR	19,430)
AU	AUD	1,900	CHF*	1,787	EUR*	1,461	KRW*	2,204,000	NZD*	2,478	SGD*	2,410
	USD*	2,084	ZAR*	14,090								
	* (from 1.1.12:		CHF	1,677	EUR	1,380	KRW	2,165,000	NZD	2,404	SGD	2,400)
			USD	1,833	ZAR	15,020)						
BR ²⁸	BRL	1,900	CHF*	1,003	EUR*	820	USD*	1,122				
	* (from 1.1.12:		CHF	922	EUR	759	USD	1,007)				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF*	1,376	EUR*	1,143	USD*	1,687				
	* (from 1.1.12:		CHF	1,402	EUR	1,154	USD	1,532)				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF*	285	EUR*	229	USD*	314				
	* (from 1.1.12:		CHF	301	EUR	248	USD	329)				
EP ²⁹	EUR	1,785	CHF*	2,022	DKK*	13,310	GBP*	1,543	ISK*	294,000	JPY*	203,700
	MWK*	377,000	NOK*	14,350	NZD*	2,975	SEK*	16,530	SGD*	3,210	USD*	2,443
	ZAR*	17,380										
	* (from 1.1.12:		CHF	2,169	DKK	13,280	GBP	1,532	ISK	280,000	JPY	181,700)
			MWK	389,000	NOK	13,890	NZD	3,109	SEK	16,250		
			SGD	3,110	USD	2,370	ZAR	19,430)				
ES ²⁹	EUR	1,785	CHF*	2,022	USD*	2,443						
	* (from 1.1.12:		CHF	2,169	USD	2,370)						
FI	EUR	1,785	CHF*	2,022	USD*	2,443						
	* (from 1.1.12:		CHF	2,169	USD	2,370)						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF*	1,034	EUR*	850	KRW*	1,306,000	USD*	1,163		
	* (from 1.1.12:		CHF	1,158	EUR	953	KRW	1,494,000	USD	1,265)		
KR	For searches carried out in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD*	1,121	CHF*	946	EUR*	846	NZD*	1,487	SGD*	1,520
	USD*	1,233										
	* (from 1.1.12:		AUD	1,141	CHF	1,007	EUR	829	NZD	1,444	SGD	1,440)
			USD	1,101)								
For searches carried out in Korean:												
KRW	450,000	AUD*	388	CHF*	328	EUR*	293	NZD*	515	SGD*	530	
USD*	427											
* (from 1.1.12:		AUD	395	CHF	349	EUR	287	NZD	500	SGD	500)	
			USD	381)								
RU	RUB	13,500	CHF*	400	EUR*	324	USD*	477				
	* (from 1.1.12:		CHF	380	EUR	313	USD	415)				
SE	SEK*	16,530	CHF*	2,182	DKK*	13,310	EUR	1,785	ISK*	294,000	NOK*	14,350
	USD*	2,443										
	* (from 1.1.12:		SEK	16,250	CHF	2,169	DKK	13,280	ISK	280,000	NOK	13,890)
			USD	2,370)								
US	USD	2,080	CHF*	1,820	EUR*	1,520	NZD*	2,620	ZAR*	14,550		
	* (from 1.1.12:		CHF	1,904	EUR	1,566	NZD	2,730	ZAR	17,050)		
XN	DKK	13,310	CHF*	2,022	EUR*	1,785	ISK*	294,000	NOK*	14,350	USD*	2,443
	* (from 1.1.12:		CHF	2,169	ISK	280,000	NOK	13,890	USD	2,370)		

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 15 November 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	(from 1.1.12:	
	CHF 963	
	CHF 1,033)	
– for a search of the European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,348	
		(from 1.1.12:
		CHF 1,446)
– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,925	
		(from 1.1.12:
		CHF 2,066)
EP	CHF 2,022 (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,169)	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,022 (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,169)	CHF 200
RU	Eq in CHF of RUB ³⁰ 9,450 (13,500) ³¹	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,022 (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,169)	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,022 (from 1.1.12: CHF 2,169)	CHF 200

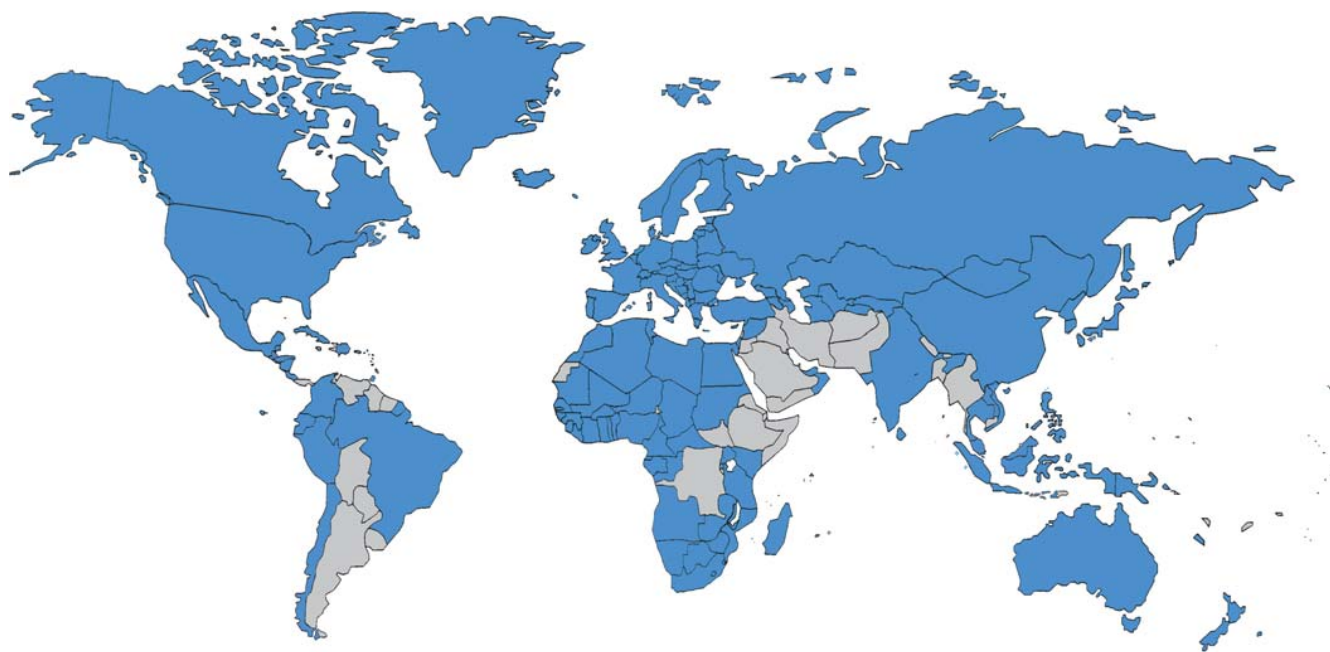
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 15 November 2011, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³²		Handling fee ^{2, 32} (CHF 200)	
AT ²⁷	EUR	1,675	EUR	177 (from 1.1.12: 165)
AU	AUD	550 780 ³³	AUD	256 (from 1.1.12: 227)
BR ²⁸	BRL	710	BRL	379 (from 1.1.12: 412)
CA	CAD	800	CAD	233 (from 1.1.12: 228)
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁹	EUR	1,760	EUR	177 (from 1.1.12: 165)
ES	EUR	566.49	EUR	177 (from 1.1.12: 165)
FI	EUR	600	EUR	177 (from 1.1.12: 165)
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	18,800 (from 1.1.12: 16,800)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	275,000 (from 1.1.12: 258,000)
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁴ 8,100 ³⁵	USD	264 (from 1.1.12: 219)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,540 (from 1.1.12: 1,500)
US	USD	600 750 ³⁶	USD	264 (from 1.1.12: 219)
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,320 (from 1.1.12: 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 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 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.
- 15 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
- 16 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).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 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.
- 19 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 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.
- 22 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 25 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%.
- 26 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed on or after 15 November 2011 other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities: USD 200.
- 27 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).
- 28 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.
- 29 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>
- 30 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.
- 31 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).
- 32 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 33 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 34 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 35 In all cases where footnote 34 does not apply.
- 36 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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AL Albania (EP) ^{1,2}	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) ³	SN Senegal (OA) ³
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ³
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ³
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ²	EC Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ³	TG Togo (OA) ³
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BE Belgium (EP) ³	EG Egypt	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ³	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ³	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway (EP)	TN Tunisia
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ³	LR Sri Lanka	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BJ Benin (OA) ³	GA Gabon (OA) ³	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
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CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ³	GT Guatemala	MG Madagascar	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
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			SI Slovenia (EP) ³	
			SK Slovakia (EP)	

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).

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