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Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws

JP Japan (PCT Rule 49.6)

The Japan Patent Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it will withdraw, with effect from 1 April 2012, its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 49.6(f) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2003, page 5). This means that PCT Rule 49.6(a) to (e) (reinstatement of rights after failure to perform the acts referred to in PCT Article 22), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, applies to that Office with effect from 1 April 2012, in respect of any international application for which the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 expires on or after that date and in respect of which the acts referred to in PCT Article 22(1) have not yet been performed by the applicant.

The table of “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html) has been updated accordingly.

Lithuania: Closing of the National Route via the PCT

Lithuania, which became bound by the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 1 December 2004, has informed WIPO that it will close the national route via the PCT on 4 September 2014. Therefore, as from that date, applicants desiring protection in Lithuania will no longer be able to enter the national phase in that country; they will only be able to enter the regional phase before the European Patent Office.

It is recalled that an international application currently includes the designation of the following States, which are party to the EPC and which have also closed the national route, for a European Patent only: Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands and Slovenia.

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 18 May 2012 (publication date)

Due to the fact that Thursday, 17 May 2012, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications and any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* which would normally have been published on that day will be published on Friday, 18 May 2012. The completion of technical preparations for that publication will therefore take place 16 days before publication (which is more than the usual 15 days before publication), on Wednesday, 2 May 2012 (meaning that any changes

which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau (IB) by midnight on Tuesday, 1 May 2012).

Publication of 31 May 2012 (technical preparations for publication)

Due to the fact that Thursday, 17 May 2012, will, as mentioned above, be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on Thursday, 31 May 2012, will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 15 May 2012 (instead of on Wednesday, 16 May 2012, the day on which technical preparations would normally have been completed). This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the IB by midnight on Monday, 14 May 2012.

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 April 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in AUD 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 (AU))

DK Denmark (fees)

There has been a change in the fee for a priority document, payable to the Danish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, with effect from 1 February 2012 – the Office no longer requires an additional fee per page.

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

As from 1 April 2012, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	125
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	EUR	610

As from the same date, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the EPO as designated (or elected) Office:

Filing fee:

– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online:	EUR	115
– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online:	EUR	200

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35: for the 36 th and each subsequent page	EUR	14
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated:.....	EUR	555
Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro or Serbia):	[No change]	
Claims fee:		
– for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:.....	EUR	225
– for the 51st and each subsequent claim:	EUR	555
Search fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	840
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	1,165
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee:	[No change]	
– other cases:	EUR	240
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	220
Examination fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,730
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	1,730
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,555
Renewal fee for the third year:.....	EUR	445

As from 1 April 2012, there will also be a change in the amount of the reduction in the search fee payable in the following situation (other reductions not indicated will not change):

The search fee is reduced by EUR 990¹ for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on centralization by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

¹ This amount is applicable to international applications filed up to and including 30 June 2013, where the fee for the supplementary European search is paid on or after 1 April 2012 (see *OJ EPO* 12/2011, pages 616 *et seq.*)

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

ES Spain (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The name of the *Banco Nacional de Algas* (BNA), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed to *Banco Español de Algas* (BEA).

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

HU Hungary (fees)

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable with effect from 1 January 2012 to the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, has changed to HUF 11,800.

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

KZ Kazakhstan (types of protection)

The National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan) has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available under the PCT in Kazakhstan – patents, innovative patents and utility models are now available.

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

LT Lithuania (evidence of mailing a document; provisional protection after international publication; language of filing; fees; requirements concerning agent; special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The following changes took effect on 3 February 2012.

There has been a change in the requirements as to whether the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania would accept evidence of mailing of a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used; it continues to accept such evidence, but has removed the requirement that the delivery service should be DHL or Federal Express.

The Office has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication. The text regarding provisional protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent should now refer to Article 66 of the Patent Law of the Republic of Lithuania, and the text regarding provisional protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent should now refer to Article 78 of that Law.

The State Patent Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office has notified a change in its requirements concerning the language of filing of international applications – it will now accept international applications filed in Lithuanian, in addition to English or Russian. It has also notified the IB that it now charges a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	LTL	400
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There has been a change in the requirement of the Office as to whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office, as follows:

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?

- No, if the applicant resides in the EEA (European Economic Area)
- Yes, if he is a non-resident of the EEA

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the State Patent Bureau as designated (or elected) Office, has changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Claims fee for each claim in excess of 15:..... LTL 50

There has also been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Office as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office:

- Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the EEA
- Correspondence address in Lithuania if the applicant is not resident in Lithuania

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annexes B1 (LT) and C (LT) and National Chapter, Summary (LT))

MD Republic of Moldova (means of telecommunication)

The State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) has informed the International Bureau (IB) of changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication – the only means of telecommunication by which documents may now be filed is by fax. Note that the original of the document must be furnished within one month from the date of the transmission only if the transmitted document is the international application, or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (MD))

SI Slovenia (fees)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2012, the amount of the fee for the priority document payable to the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office has changed with effect from 1 January 2012, as follows:

Fee for priority document..... EUR 15.40

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Nordic Patent Institute, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

All of the following fees are applicable with effect from 1 April 2012.

There will be changes in the amounts and/or in the equivalent amounts, as the case may be, payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	CHF
European Patent Office	EUR
Japan Patent Office	JPY, CHF, EUR, KRW, USD
National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	EUR
Nordic Patent Institute	EUR
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.....	EUR
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	EUR

The above-mentioned changes are indicated in Fee Table I(b). Note that the equivalent amounts in other currencies of the fee payable for an international search carried out by 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 have not yet been established and will be published in the March issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

There will also be a change in the amount of the additional search fee payable to the Japan Patent Office. The new amount will be JPY 60,000.

Furthermore, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees payable to the European Patent Office:

Protest fee:	EUR	830
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	220

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (AU, EP, ES, FI, JP, SE, XN))

Fees relating to the supplementary search (European Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2012, there will be a change in the following fees payable to the European Patent Office:

Review fee:.....	EUR	830
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	220

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

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to the international preliminary examination (European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2012, there will be changes in the amounts payable in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by the European Patent Office and in JPY for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table II. As from that date, there will also be a change in the additional preliminary examination fee payable to those Offices, as follows:

European Patent Office:	EUR	1,850
Japan Patent Office:	JPY	15,000

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

Handling fee (Australian Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), as indicated in Fee Table II.

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

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

Time limits for entering the national phase

The table of time limits for entering the national phase has been revised to include the full name of each State in English, French and Russian, and is available at, respectively:

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

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

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

The Chinese version is currently under preparation and will be available shortly.

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

PCT Forms

PCT Form PCT/IB/382 ("Request for Indication of Availability for Licensing Purposes") is now available in Spanish and German, in editable PDF format, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/ib/editable/ed_ib382.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/ib/editable/ed_ib382.pdf

ISA and IPEA Agreements

An updated version of the Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as in force from 1 January 2012, relating to the functioning

of this Authority as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, has been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

PCT in the News

The latest issue of the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 6, December 2011) includes an article entitled “The Future of Publishing – A Veteran's Perspective.” The article describes an invention known as the “Espresso Book Machine”, licensed by On Demand Books from the inventor, Jeffrey Marsh, which is the subject of a PCT application. It can print, bind and trim a library-quality paperback within minutes at a point of sale and is licensed to retailers, libraries and universities around the world.

In an article entitled, “YikeBike Spells Urban Freedom”, the October 2011 issue of the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 5) traces the development of the world’s most compact electric bike, the mini-farthing which is the subject of a PCT application. Craig Ryan, inventor of the mini-farthing and co-founder of YikeBike which markets it, shares his experiences as an inventor and as a user of the PCT.

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. 5 and 6 are available at:

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

PCT meetings

Meeting of International Authorities

The 19th session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT will be held from 8 to 10 February 2012 in Canberra, Australia. The working documents for this meeting have been published on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=24745

Tokyo International Meeting

The meeting documents archive has been expanded to include documents issued for the PCT Union - Tokyo International Meeting which was held in Tokyo, Japan, from 25 to 29 May 1981. They can be found on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=700

PCT Regulations

The History of the PCT Regulations, a resource which charts chronologically, for each PCT Rule, any changes that have been made to that Rule, has been updated to include the July 2011 changes, and is available at:

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

PATENTSCOPE Search Service

Three new languages available in CLIR

Dutch, Italian and Swedish are now available in beta mode in CLIR (Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval), the multilingual tool of the PATENTSCOPE search system. This brings to 12 the number of languages available in CLIR. It is recalled that CLIR finds synonyms for a search query and translates both the search query and the retrieved synonyms into 11 languages, thereby expanding the scope of the search.

CLIR is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/search/clir/clir.jsp>

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitations

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 “RIPT – Registration of International Patent”.

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.html

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

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

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

Practical Advice

Options for recording a change of applicant around the time of national phase entry

(Prepared in collaboration with Mr. David Reed, former Senior Patent Advisor, The Procter & Gamble Company, and current PCT Consultant)

Q: I am an agent for an international application which I am preparing for entry into the national phase. My client (a corporate applicant) has just sold the invention and application to another

legal entity, and the new owner, which would like me to continue in my functions as agent for the application, would like to ensure that the application is processed and granted in its name. I only have two weeks before the 30-month deadline for national phase entry. What is the best way to proceed? Should I enter the national phase in the name of the new applicant, or enter it in the name of the company which is currently named as applicant (the “original applicant”) and change the name before the national offices after entry into the national phase?”

A: Either of these approaches will achieve the desired result. It may save you considerable work and/or expense, however, especially if you intend to enter the national phase in a large number of countries, if you make use of PCT Rule 92*bis* and record the change before the completion of the international phase. The change would then have effect in all designated Offices (DOs) or elected Offices (EOs) and you would be able to enter the national phase in the name of the new applicant.

PCT Rule 92*bis* allows you to record a number of changes in the bibliographic information of an international application, including a change in the person, name, residence, nationality or address of the applicant, as well as a change in the person, name or address of the agent, the common representative or the inventor. If the change of applicant is requested by the original applicant, or by the agent representing that applicant, no additional documentation is required by the International Bureau (IB). Any recorded change will be communicated to the applicant and each DO/EO on Form PCT/IB/306 (“Notification of the recording of a change”). As far as the publication of this information in PATENTSCOPE is concerned, while, in this situation, there will be no republication of the front page of the international application under the “document tab”, the bibliographic data under the “PCT bibliographic data” tab will be amended to reflect the change.

Although you can also submit the request to record a change under PCT Rule 92*bis* to your receiving Office, this may delay the arrival of the request at the IB. It is therefore strongly recommended that you file the request directly with the IB. Even by filing the request directly with the IB, you would have to act quickly in your case, however, as a request to record a change under PCT Rule 92*bis* must be received by the IB before midnight, Geneva time, on the day of the expiration of 30 months from the priority date. Nevertheless, as long as the request reaches the IB in time, it will be recorded, even if certain evidence that might be required by the IB in a particular case is only furnished after the 30 month time limit.

The IB will not record the change if it is received after the 30-month deadline and, as a result, the application would enter the national phase in the name of the original applicant, and you would then have to proceed with requesting the change before each DO/EO where you wish to enter the national phase. Note that, although the request for recording a change under PCT Rule 92*bis* can be sent to the IB by mail or courier, the quickest ways are by fax or, preferably, by using the PCT Online Document Upload service at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/service_center/

or ePCT (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2012 for further information) at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

Even if you do request the recording of a change immediately, your international application must enter the national phase in the countries of commercial interest within two weeks (30 months); in peak periods, two weeks may not be sufficient time for the IB to record the change and issue the Form PCT/IB/306 before you enter the national phase (although, in the case of many DOs/EOs, you will have at least an extra month where a later time limit for entry

into the national phase applies under PCT Article 22(3) or 39(1)(b) in respect of the those Offices). It may help, if you are working to a tight deadline, if you contact the processing team at WIPO which is responsible for your international application, and ask them if, given the approaching deadline and your desire for the information to reach the DOs/EOs as soon as possible, it would be possible to give priority to your request for recording the change of applicant. The contact details for the relevant authorized officer are indicated at the bottom of Form PCT/IB/301. Also, as far as getting feedback on whether the change has been recorded by the IB is concerned, if you request to receive notifications by e-mail or by advance e-mail from the IB, you will receive your copy of Form PCT/IB/306 quicker than if you just receive a paper notification.

Although most DOs/EOs will accept the change recorded under PCT Rule 92*bis* without requiring further evidence, some may request a copy of the assignment (or other document) attesting to the transfer of the application to the new owner from the applicant listed in the published international application. Any specific requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* ("Certain national requirements allowed under Article 27") are indicated in the respective National Chapters (Summary) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* at:

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

Please ensure that any document that may be required by a particular DO/EO is sent directly to that DO/EO, and not to the IB.

If you cannot submit the request for the recording of a change to the IB before the 30-month deadline, then in order to effect the desired change, you will have to proceed, under a variety of national laws, before each DO/EO where you wish to enter the national phase. The procedures involved should be detailed under the country's national law. They may be somewhat laborious and may require country-specific, dual language assignments, transfer taxes, or other country-specific formalities, as well as agent's fees, to effect the change.

In view of the last-minute nature of the change, whichever of the two procedures is followed, you would be advised to work with the local agents to ensure that the proper procedure has been followed.

It is important to note that, for the purpose of entering the national phase in the United States of America (US), the applicant(s) must be the inventor(s), thus, presuming that your international application included one or more applicant/inventors for the purposes of the US designation, the applicant/inventors must remain as applicants for US.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 6 February 2012)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
8–9 February 2012 Munich (DE) (CANCELLED)	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)	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
3–4 April 2012 Lille (FR)	French	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
16–17 April 2012 Austin, TX (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
18 April 2012 Houston, TX (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell 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
26–27 April 2012 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Gateau	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
3–4 May 2012 Paris (FR)	French	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
15–16 May 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
22–23 May 2012 Bucharest (RO)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the epi-CEIPI Basic Training WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Coeckelbergs	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
14–15 June 2012 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT course WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Silke Weiss	Trona Patentrådgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjörnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@trona.se
21 June 2012 Paris (FR)	French	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
12 October 2012 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 11 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
25–26 October 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
7–8 November 2012 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
4–5 December 2012 Lille (FR)	French	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
6 December 2012 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Lille, above)
6–7 December 2012 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 2012, 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
		BYR	Belarussian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	THB	Baht
ISA	International Searching Authority	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
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol		
<i>Currencies:</i>		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
		CZK	Czech koruna	KRW	KR won	QAR	Qatar riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KZT	Kazakh tenge	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	LSL	Lesotho loti	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	RUB	Russian rouble		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	RWF	Rwanda franc		
BAM	Convertible mark	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SEK	Swedish krona		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 February 2012, 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	1,453	16	109	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)									
AT	EUR	50	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,507 (from 1.4.12: 1,375)	17 (16)	113 (103)	227 (207)	340 (310)	–	AU KR
AZ	AZN	10	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,453	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	1,453	16	109	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,518	17	114	228	342	–	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹	1,453	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 109	–	–	–	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

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

(amounts on 1 February 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	8,150	90	610	1,220	1,840	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR	115.04	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	115 (from 1.4.12: 125)	EUR	1,094	12	–	165	247	EP
ES	EUR	72.06	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,094	12	–	165	247	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	939	11	–	141	212	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹³	100	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ or EUR ¹⁵ or USD ¹⁵	100 82 109	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,094 1,453	15 12 16	100 82 109	200 165 219	300 247 328	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	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	561	USD	1,453	16	109	219	328	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	15,000	ISK	171,800	1,900	12,900	25,800	38,700	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	111,400	1,300	8,400	–	25,100	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,453	16	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	1,716,000	19,000	129,000	–	387,000	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT	8,243 ¹⁸	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰	–	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 February 2012, 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	
LV	LVL 48.80	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²⁰	EUR 1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,453	16	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 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 238,300	2,700	17,900	–	–	EP
MX	MXN eq USD 323.70 ²¹	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing) ²²	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,094	12	–	165	247	EP
NO	NOK 750	NOK 8,520 (from 2.2.12: 8,520)	100 (100)	640 (–)	1,280 (1,280)	1,920 (1,920)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²³	NZD 1,907	22	143	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	eq USD 109	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,453	16	109	219	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 20.28	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	ROL 360	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD 6,100 ²⁴	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 600	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,970	110	750	1,500	2,250	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,905	21	143	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁵	EUR 1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,453	16	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 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 240 ²⁷	USD 1,453	16	109	219	–	AU EP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,453	16	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 11,910	130	900	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	eq USD 109	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

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Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 February 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,169	KRW	2,799,000	SGD	3,110	USD	2,370	ZAR	19,430
AU	AUD	1,900	CHF*	1,677	EUR	1,380	KRW	2,165,000	NZD	2,404	SGD	2,400
	USD	1,833	ZAR	15,020								
	* (from 1.4.12:		CHF	1,838)								
BR ²⁹	BRL	1,900	CHF	922	EUR	759	USD	1,007				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,402	EUR	1,154	USD	1,532				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	301	EUR	248	USD	329				
EP ³⁰	EUR*	1,785	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										
	* (from 1.4.12:		EUR	1,875)	(equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been established)							
ES ³⁰	EUR*	1,785	CHF	2,169	USD	2,370						
	* (from 1.4.12:		EUR	1,875)	(equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been established)							
FI	EUR*	1,785	CHF	2,169	USD	2,370						
	* (from 1.4.12:		EUR	1,875)	(equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been established)							
JP	JPY*	97,000	CHF*	1,158	EUR*	953	KRW*	1,494,000	USD*	1,265		
	* (from 1.4.12:		JPY	70,000	CHF	836	EUR	688	KRW	1,078,000	USD	913)
KR	For searches carried out in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	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	395	CHF	349	EUR	287	NZD	500	SGD	500
	USD	381										
RU	RUB	13,500	CHF	380	EUR	313	USD	415				
SE	SEK	16,250	CHF	2,169	DKK	13,280	EUR*	1,785	ISK	280,000	NOK	13,890
	USD	2,370										
	* (from 1.4.12:		EUR	1,875)	(equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been established)							
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,904	EUR	1,566	NZD	2,730	ZAR	17,050		
XN	DKK	13,310	CHF	2,169	EUR*	1,785	ISK	280,000	NOK	13,890	USD	2,370
	* (from 1.4.12:		EUR	1,875)	(equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been established)							

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 February 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,033 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,446 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,066	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,169	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,169	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³¹ 9,450 (13,500) ³²	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,169	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,169	CHF 200

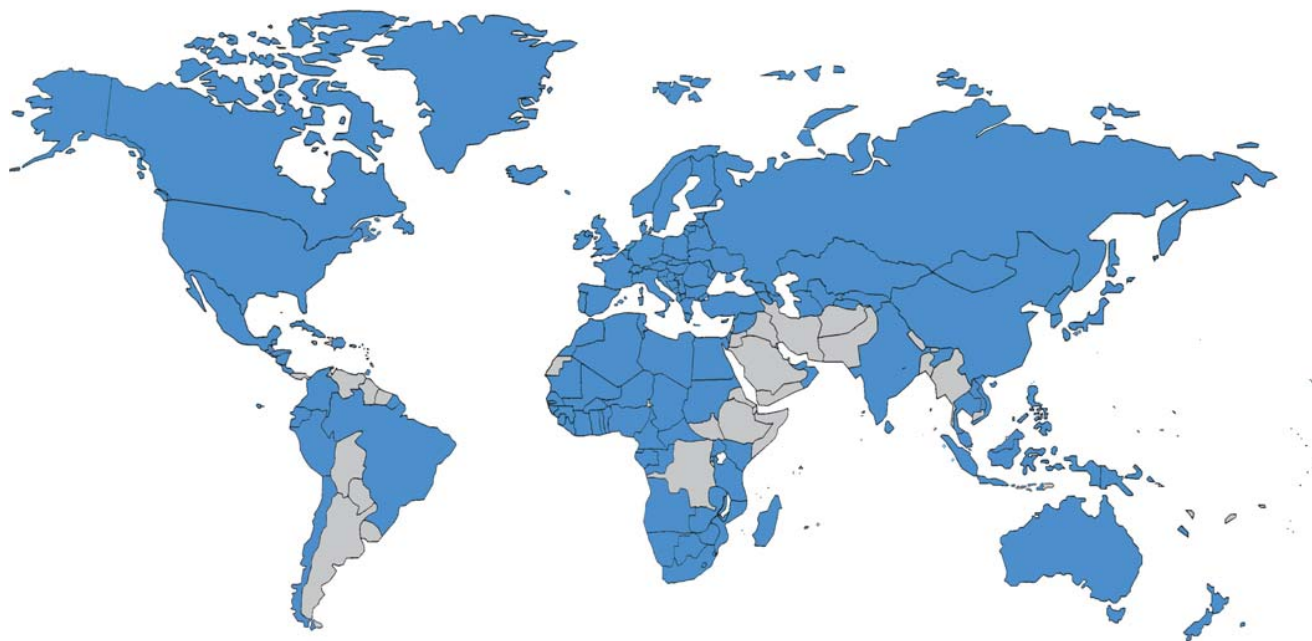
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 February 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³³		Handling fee ^{2, 33} (CHF 200)	
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,675	EUR	165
AU	AUD	550	780 ³⁴	AUD 227 (from 1.4.12: 207)
BR ²⁹	BRL	710	BRL	412
CA	CAD	800	CAD	228
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ³⁰	EUR	1,760	(from 1.4.12: 1,850)	EUR 165
ES	EUR	566.49	EUR	165
FI	EUR	600	EUR	165
JP	JPY	36,000	(from 1.4.12: 26,000)	JPY 16,800
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	258,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁵	8,100 ³⁶	USD 219
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,500
US	USD	600	750 ³⁷	USD 219
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	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 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 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.
- 23 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 26 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%.
- 27 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.
- 28 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).
- 29 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.
- 30 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>
- 31 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.
- 32 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).
- 33 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 34 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 35 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 36 In all cases where footnote 35 does not apply.
- 37 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 February 2012)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ³	IT Italy (EP) ³	MR Mauritania (OA) ³	SM San Marino (EP) ⁸
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)
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CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ³	SE Sweden (EP)	
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