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ePCT Update

Decommissioning of the PCT Service Center in July 2012

Following the announcement of the extension of the ePCT pilot system to all PCT users (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2012), the International Bureau (IB) is pleased to announce that, as of July 2012, the PCT Online Document Upload Service, which is currently available at http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/service_center/, will be decommissioned in favor of the document upload functionality that is integrated in ePCT, which also enables you to subsequently view and track the processing of the documents that you have successfully uploaded. Moreover, this change will also eliminate the need to provide a covering letter where such a letter was traditionally needed simply to meet the signature requirements, since a cover sheet is automatically generated by the system using the text string signature that is typed as part of the upload process.

The IB therefore invites users to visit the ePCT Homepage at:

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

and to create an ePCT user account in order to make the transition to the document upload function in ePCT sufficiently in advance of July 2012. The online document upload function can still be used via ePCT **public** services, without any need for additional authentication of your user account by way of a digital certificate. However, in order to benefit from the many additional services that are available in ePCT private services, you are encouraged to create a user account that is authenticated with a digital certificate.

Further information about the ePCT system can be found on the ePCT homepage in the “ePCT User Guide”, which includes information on all the additional features of ePCT private services. There is also a simple, step-by-step document to help users make a smooth transition to using ePCT public services for document upload.

Setting eOwnership rights to an international application at the time of filing using the PCT-SAFE software

The April release of the PCT-SAFE software contains a new optional feature in the Signature box for setting ePCT eOwnership access rights to the international application already at the time of filing. By indicating both the ePCT Customer ID and a new eOwnership confirmation code which is generated on-the-fly via a new function on the eOwnership screen in ePCT private services, applicants who file international applications using PCT-SAFE in either fully electronic or PCT-EASY mode (including EFS-Web mode) will no longer have to go through the later step of claiming eOwnership with the PCT/IB/301 confirmation code.

As soon as the international application is loaded into the IB's electronic processing system (either immediately after filing, in the case of international applications filed at RO/IB, or after receipt of the Record Copy, in the case of international applications filed with other receiving Offices), online access to the international application via ePCT private services will be automatically granted to the holder of the user account corresponding to the Customer ID indicated at the time of filing. To offset the risk of an incorrect Customer ID being indicated in error, the additional eOwnership confirmation code indicated at the time of filing must have been generated by the holder of the Customer ID in question, and the ePCT system will check that both codes match before setting eOwnership access rights.

For further information concerning this new feature, please refer to the brief user guide on how to assign eOwnership in ePCT at the time of filing using PCT-SAFE, which includes helpful screenshots, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/user_documentation.htm

Importance of authorizing the use of e-mail notifications

PCT users are encouraged to authorize the use of e-mail for notifications to be sent by the IB (either exclusively in electronic form or as advance copies followed by paper notifications), especially in light of the wider deployment of the ePCT system. In particular, in situations where a new ePCT confirmation code for confirming access rights in the ePCT system needs to be sent to the address for service, the code will be delivered more quickly if e-mail notifications are authorized. Note that a practical advice on requesting e-mail notifications was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2010, page 15.

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and Certain PCT Forms

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2012, to Sections 111, 715 and 716 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT as a consequence of amendments to the Regulations under the PCT (Rule 17.1(b-bis) and new PCT Rule 82*quater*) which will enter into force on 1 July 2012 (see the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 15 March 2012, pages 47 *et seq*). The modifications relate to the excuse of delay in meeting certain PCT time limits due to “*force majeure*” circumstances (Section 111), the availability of priority documents from digital libraries (Section 715) and the request by the applicant for the retrieval of a priority document from a digital library (Section 716).

The modifications relating to amended PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis) (Sections 715 and 716) are applicable to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the time limit under that Rule expires on or after 1 July 2012. The modifications relating to new PCT Rule 82*quater* (Section 111) are applicable to any international application (regardless of its international filing date) in respect of which the six-month time limit for the submission of evidence referred to in that Rule expires on or after 1 July 2012.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions, as in force from 1 July 2012, which includes those modifications, is available on the PCT website in English and French, in PDF format at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_14.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/ai_14.pdf

The following forms have also been modified with effect from 1 July 2012:

PCT/RO/101	(Request) (the modifications are consequential to the amendments to PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))
PCT/RO/104	(Notification that the Purported International Application is not and Will not Be Treated as an International Application)
PCT/RO/106	(Invitation to Correct Defects in the International Application)
PCT/IB/304	(Notification Concerning Submission, Obtention or Transmittal of Priority Document)

The modified forms, in PDF and editable PDF formats (where appropriate), are available at:

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

Modifications to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

A number of modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2012, to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines. The modifications are consequential to amendments of the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2012.

The consolidated text of the Guidelines (PCT/GL/RO/10) is available in PDF format, in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ro_10.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/ro_10.pdf

Israel Patent Office to Begin Operating as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

It is recalled that the Israel Patent Office (ILPO) was appointed as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT at the 40th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union which was held in September 2009. The ILPO has notified WIPO that it will begin operating as an ISA and an IPEA with effect from 1 June 2012. Initially, it will operate as an ISA/IPEA for international applications filed with the ILPO as receiving Office (RO/IL), or with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) by applicants who are eligible to file with RO/IL.

Furthermore, the ILPO has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 June 2012 with RO/IL, or with RO/IB by applicants who are eligible to file international applications with RO/IL.

For information on the fees that will be payable to that Office in its capacity as ISA and IPEA, see "PCT Information Update", below. Other information on the Office in its capacity as ISA and IPEA will be published shortly in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D and E.

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

LT Lithuania (PCT Rule 49ter.2(h))

Further to its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office), as modified with effect from 1 April 2007, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2006), the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 3 February 2012. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies with respect to the Office with effect from that date. Furthermore, the Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has informed the IB that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, and that the fee for making such requests is LTL 400.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (LT), and the tables of “Restoration of right of priority” and “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” at, respectively:

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

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

A new PCT-PPH pilot program began on 1 March 2012 between the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) and the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO). Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in the Republic of Korea and/or China is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from 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 KIPO and SIPO is available at:

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

and (in Chinese) at:

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

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/ztl/ywzt/pph/zn/201202/t20120229_647556.html

Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) and Japan Patent Office

On 12 March, a new PCT-PPH pilot program began between the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) (IPOPFL) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO). Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in the Philippines is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive IPRP (Chapter II) (that is,

where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable), issued within the framework of the PCT by the JPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the PCT-PPH pilot between IPOPHL and the JPO has been published at:

<http://www.ipophil.gov.ph/viewwhatsnew.php?id=235>

and

http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2012/0209_02.html

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on these new pilots at:

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

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (provisional protection after international publication)

There have been changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection in Australia after international publication, as follows:

The applicant enjoys the rights defined in Section 57 of the Patents Act 1990 from the date on which the international application is published under PCT Article 21 or otherwise becomes open to public inspection under Section 90(a) of the Patents Act 1990 (the rights are generally the same as he would have had if the patent had been granted on the day that the specification is published except that he cannot institute proceedings for infringement until the patent has been granted)

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

CL Chile (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

On 26 March 2012, the following depositary institution 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, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made:

Colección Chilena de Recursos Genéticos Microbianos (CChRGM)
Avenida Vicente Méndez 515
Chillán, Region VIII
Chile

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

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 June 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ISK of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 June 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in JPY of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reduction listed under item 4(a) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

NZ New Zealand (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 Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media, in addition to 3.5 inch diskettes: CD-R, CD-ROM, CD-RW.

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

PT Portugal (fax number)

The fax number of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) has changed, as follows:

Fax number: (351-21) 886 98 59

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

US United States of America (Internet address)

The Internet address of the United States Patent and Trademark Office has changed, as follows:

http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pct/index.jsp

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 June 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the international filing fee, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction listed in item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), Israel Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office)

As from 15 May 2012, there will be change in the amounts of the following fees payable to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) as an International Searching Authority:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report: the applicant receives together with the international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:

For a patent document, per page:.....	RUB	23.60
For a non-patent document, per page:.....	RUB	59

The Israel Patent Office has notified the amount which will be payable in ILS, as from 1 June 2012, for an international search carried out by it, and the equivalent amounts in CHF, EUR and USD have been established, as indicated in Fee Table I(b). The Office has also notified the amounts of the following fees payable from the same date:

Additional search fee:	ILS	3,500
Late furnishing fee:	ILS	450
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per page:	ILS	3.20

As from 1 June 2012, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Japan Patent Office	CHF, EUR, KRW, USD
European Patent Office	JPY
Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)	USD
Korean Intellectual Property Office	AUD

The amounts of the above-mentioned fees are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (EP, JP, KR, RU))

Supplementary search fee and other fees relating to the supplementary search (Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent))

As from 15 May 2012, there will be a change in the amounts of the supplementary search fee payable in the equivalent amount in CHF to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), as indicated in Fee Table I(c). The following fees payable to that Office as an Authority specified for supplementary search will also change from that date:

Review fee:.....	RUB	4,130
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Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report: the applicant receives together with the supplementary international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:

For a patent document, per page:.....	RUB	23.60
For a non-patent document, per page:.....	RUB	59

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

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (European Patent Office—*corrigendum*, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), Israel Patent Office)

The protest fee, payable with effect from 1 April 2012 to the European Patent Office as an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), was incorrectly indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2012, page 9, as EUR 803. The correct amount is EUR 830.

As from 15 May 2012, there will be a change in the amount of the following fee payable to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) in RUB relating to an international preliminary examination carried out by the Office:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report: the applicant receives together with the international preliminary examination report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:

For a patent document, per page:.....	RUB	23.60
For a non-patent document, per page:.....	RUB	59
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per page:	RUB	94.40

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

The Israel Patent Office has notified the amount which will be payable in ILS, as from 1 June 2012, for an international preliminary examination carried out by it, as indicated in Fee Table II. The amounts of the following fees have also been established with effect from that date:

Additional preliminary examination fee:	ILS	1,500
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, per page:	ILS	3.20

Handling fee (Israel Patent Office, Japan Patent Office)

The equivalent amount in ILS of the handling fee, payable as from 1 June 2012 to the Israel Patent Office as an IPEA, has been established, and as from that date, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee in JPY payable to the Japan Patent Office as an IPEA. Both amounts are indicated in Fee Table II.

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

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

PCT Newsletter index 2011

The 2011 annual index for the *PCT Newsletter*, which contains two separate indexes, one by alphabetical order of subject and one by alphabetical order of countries and Offices, is now available in PDF format at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2011/pct_news_2011_14.pdf

FAQs about the PCT

An updated version of the publication “Protecting your Inventions Abroad: Frequently Asked Questions About the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)”, dated March 2012, is now available in English at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

Other languages are under preparation.

PCT Forms in Russian

PCT Form PCT/IB/382 (“Request for Indication of Availability for Licensing Purposes”) is now available in Russian, in editable PDF format, at:

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

PCT Regulations in French

The consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2012, is now available in PDF format in French (in addition to English) at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs2012.pdf

Updating of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*

The Introduction to the International Phase and the Index of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* have been updated in English and French, in PDF and HTML formats (the text that has been modified is highlighted in blue and is accompanied by a vertical line on the right hand side of the page), and are available at, respectively:

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

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

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

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

It is recalled that users of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* may subscribe to an e-mail updating service which sends out weekly e-mails informing users which *Guide* information has been updated that week, and containing links to those updated elements. To subscribe, go to:

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

PowerPoint presentations

PowerPoint presentations concerning the changes that will enter into force on 1 July 2012 are available in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/ppt/2012changes.ppt>

PCT Working Group

Documents which have been produced for discussion at the next session of the PCT Working Group, which will be held in Geneva from 29 May to 1 June 2012, are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=25017

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.054.230, dated 1 April 2012) is available from the download page at:

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

This version (“build 230”) includes the following:

- The possibility to request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a priority document filed with the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China (SIPO) (national applications) via the Priority Document Access Service (DAS) (with effect from 1 March 2012).
- The possibility to indicate a Customer ID and eOwnership code for ePCT purposes on the Signature screen, for all filing modes (see “ePCT Update,” above, for further details).
- The possibility to disable the automatic integration with the Acrobat PDF viewer, in order to specify which PDF viewer should be used for previewing.
- Updated fee schedules, where applicable.
- Other PCT updates, including additional International Searching Authorities for the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Department of Intellectual Property (Thailand) as receiving Offices.
- Other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements.

Further details are available on the PCT e-Services website at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.html

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

The web page “WARNING: Requests for Payment of Fees” has been updated to include thumbnails of the invoices which should make it easier for applicants to identify fraudulent invoices:

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

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, four modified invitations have been identified originating from “ODM - Patent Trademark Register” and “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

PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters

Registration is now open for a PCT seminar at WIPO Headquarters which will be held on 15 and 16 October 2012. Presentations will be given and workshop sessions led by PCT staff at WIPO, and a tour of PCT Operations will be included.

There is no registration fee for this seminar, but it is limited to 45 participants. Interested participants are advised that they are solely responsible for their travel and visa arrangements and that no assistance will be provided by WIPO.

Registration may be done at the following link:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/registration/form.jsp?meeting_id=26342

New WIPO Publication: Madrid Highlights

Our colleagues who manage the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks have recently launched *Madrid Highlights*, a quarterly publication focusing on keeping the Madrid System's stakeholders up-to-date with the latest developments within the Madrid System and providing information on their activities. *Madrid Highlights* also offers subscribers the opportunity to raise issues and concerns and to seek responses from our in-house experts.

The first issue of the *Madrid Highlights* is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/madrid/en/highlights/2012/pdf/madrid_highlights_1_2012.pdf

and you can subscribe to all future issues, free of charge, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/madrid/en/subscribe.html>

General information on the Madrid System can be found at:

<http://www.wipo.int/madrid/en/general/#intro>

Handbook of Quality Procedures before the EPO

The European Patent Office (EPO) has recently published, for the first time, a *Handbook of Quality Procedures before the EPO*. The *Handbook* aims to provide a guide to preferred practices endorsed by both the EPO and user representatives. Its intention is to help to increase the quality of incoming applications, communications from examiners and submissions from parties, as well as to provide for an efficient prosecution. It may also serve as an orientation for attorneys who have less experience with the procedures at the European Patent Office and for candidates preparing for the European Qualifying Examination. The *Handbook* is available at:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/handbook.html>

Practical Advice

Changing access rights in ePCT when there is a change of agent

Q: I am the agent of record for an international application, and have been informed by the applicant that a new agent will be taking over representation of the application. The new agent will be submitting a request under PCT Rule 92bis for the recording of a change of agent, together with a power of attorney signed by the applicant in favor of the new agent. I currently have access rights to the international application via ePCT. Please could you tell me what I should do with those eOwnership rights? Can I assign the ePCT access rights to the new agent?

A: When recording changes under PCT Rule 92bis in respect of international applications to which applicants or agents have online access rights via ePCT, the recommended procedure is for one of the persons with “eOwner” access rights to the international application to modify, **prior to the submission of the PCT Rule 92bis request**, the ePCT access rights in the ePCT system in accordance with the transmittal of the request for change. For instance, in the case of a change of agent, the outgoing agent who has eOwner access rights in ePCT can already assign access rights to the new agent in the ePCT system, provided that the new agent has created an ePCT account, authenticated it with a digital certificate and concluded an eHandshake with the original agent. For further information on these procedures, please see the “ePCT User Guide” which is available at:

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

Note, however, that as soon as any request for recording a change under PCT Rule 92bis has been received in the internal processing system of the International Bureau (IB), whether it has been sent via the ePCT system (<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>), via the PCT Document Upload Service (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/service_center/) (which will, as of 1 July 2012, move under the ePCT umbrella), or on paper or by fax, all online access in ePCT to that international

application, including to anyone who already had ePCT access rights, is automatically suspended by the system until the PCT Rule 92*bis* change has been processed by the IB. This automatic suspension removes any potential problem which may arise, for example, where the appointment of an agent has been revoked by the applicant or his/her new agent, but that agent might still have online access rights to the international application via ePCT. Therefore, regardless of the nature of the change which has been requested under PCT Rule 92*bis*, even if the change does not concern a change of person, no external user will be able to access that application online via ePCT until such time as the request for change has been fully processed by the IB.

As part of the processing of PCT Rule 92*bis* changes, the IB will, in any case, check whether ePCT access rights need to be modified. For example, if the appointment of an agent is revoked or renounced, and that agent had access rights to the international application in ePCT, the IB will deactivate any corresponding access rights in ePCT, as necessary. Therefore, as the change, in your case, involves a revocation of your appointment, your ePCT rights will be automatically deactivated by the IB once the change of agent has been processed, whether or not you expressly remove your rights in ePCT. However, if you have already assigned your ePCT access rights to the new agent before the ePCT rights are suspended and the PCT Rule 92*bis* change is recorded, this would save the new agent from having to submit a new online eOwnership request via the ePCT system. The ePCT User Guide contains full details of how to assign eOwnership rights, including helpful screenshots.

Note that the IB does not have the authority in the ePCT system to set new access rights for any new person who previously did not have any access rights – the IB can only deactivate and/or reactivate existing access rights.

In the case where an agent renounces his/her appointment and is not in a position to modify the ePCT access rights because he/she does not know who will represent the applicant from that moment onwards, and in the absence of any other existing persons with eOwner access rights for the international application concerned, the ePCT rights in respect of that application concerned will be deactivated by IB.

For further information on the submission of requests for recording changes under PCT Rule 92*bis*, see the “Practical advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 02/2012 and 03/2012, and the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 11.018 to 11.022.

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 1 April 2012)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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
27–28 April 2012 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of New Hampshire School of Law (Ms. Jacqueline Lawrie) E-mail: jacquiline.lawrie@law.unh.edu Internet: http://law.unh.edu/pct
3–4 May 2012 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms Chatel	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
9 May 2012 Hiroshima (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jauiptm.jp
11 May 2012 Sendai (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	(See Hiroshima, above)
14 May 2012 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	(See Hiroshima, above)
15–16 May 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Weiss and Ms. Coeckelbergs	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
24 May 2012 Philadelphia, PA (US)	English	PCT Comprehensive 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: pctlearningcenter.org
4 June 2012 Zurich (CH)	German	Presentation on recent developments concerning the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pieter Spierenburg) Tel: (41–56) 485 94 94 Fax: (41–56) 485 94 95 E-mail: ceipi@patent-anwalt.ch
11–12 June 2012 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Silke Weiss	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Olli Ilmarinen) Tel: (358) 9 6939 5236 Fax: (358) 9 6939 5556 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
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) (Ms. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33–1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
13 – 14 August 2012 Highland Heights, KY (US)	English	Comprehensive Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	NKU Chase Law and Informatics Institute, and CincylIP (Ms. Lindsey L. Jaeger) Tel: (1-859) 572 78 53 Fax: (1-859) 572 53 42 E-mail: jaegerl1@nku.edu
13–14 September 2012 Cary, North Carolina (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	North Carolina Bar Association (Contact person: Ms. Melanie Bostic) Tel: (1-919) 657 15 69 Toll free in the US: (1-800) 228 34 02 ext. 201 E-mail: MBostic@ncbar.org
12 October 2012 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 11 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (11–12 October) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
15–16 October 2012 Geneva (CH)	English	Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for Patent Administrators and Paralegals on the procedural aspects of the PCT, including practical workshops on the use of the PATENTSCOPE database and the new ePCT service. A visit of the PCT Operations Division will also be included. Note that attendance is limited to 45 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: to be announced	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters. Information and Online registration (by 14 September 2012): http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=26342 E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int
22–23 October 2012 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
23–24 October 2012 Munich (DE) <i>[previously indicated as 25–26 October 2012]</i>	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
25–26 October 2012 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Intellectual Property International (see San Francisco, above)
6 November 2012 Cologne (DE)	German	Seminar on the PCT System, within the framework of PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants (5–6 November 2012) WIPO speaker: 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
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 Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
16 April 2012 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time (10.00 am to 11 noon, New York time)	English	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2012 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/895649586
17 April 2012 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time	Spanish	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2012 rule changes WIPO speaker: Ms. Largo	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/896636466
19 April 2012 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm, Central European Time (11.00 am to 12 noon, New York time)	English	"PCT-SAFE fully electronic filing with WIPO's receiving Office RO/IB" WIPO speaker: Ms. Lombardi	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/321040090
24 April 2012 8.00 am to 9.00 am, Central European Time (3.00 to 4.00 pm, Tokyo time)	Japanese	PCT webinar on latest developments and 1 July 2012 rule changes WIPO speaker: Mr. Shiomi	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/911561522

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
3 May 2012 Munich (DE)	German	Recent Developments in the EP and PCT Procedures – update for senior patent administrators and patent professionals Speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs (PCT Consultant) and Mr. Naumann (former Head of Central Unit FO, European Patent Office, Munich)	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 June 2012 Copenhagen (DK)	English	Recent Developments in the EP and PCT Procedures – update for senior patent administrators and patent professionals Speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs (PCT Consultant) and Mr. Naumann (former Head of Central Unit FO, European Patent Office, Munich)	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 April 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
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		
Currencies:		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	LTN	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 1 April 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	1,375	16	103	207	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]
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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	
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	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	10,700	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	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 (from 1.6.12: IL)
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 (from 1.6.12: 184,800)	1,900 (2,100)	12	12,900 (13,900)	25,800 (27,800)	38,700 (41,700)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,094		12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	10,000	JPY	111,400 (from 1.6.12: 121,700)	1,300 (1,400)	12	8,400 (9,100)	– (–)	25,100 (27,400)	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]

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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	
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)		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		100	–	1,280	1,920	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ²³	NZD	1,907 (from 1.5.12: 1,768)		22 (20)	143 (133)	– (–)	– (–)	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	–	–	AU 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 (from 1.6.12: 11,160)		130 (130)	900 (840)	– (–)	– (–)	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 April 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,785 * (from 1.5.12:	CHF 2,169 KRW 2,642,000	KRW* 2,799,000 SGD 2,950	SGD* 3,110 ZAR 18,400)	USD 2,370	ZAR* 19,430		
AU	AUD 1,900 USD* 1,833 * (from 1.5.12:	CHF 1,838 ZAR 15,020 SGD 2,550	EUR 1,380 USD 2,041)	KRW 2,165,000	NZD 2,404	SGD* 2,400		
BR ²⁹	BRL 1,900	CHF 995	EUR 826	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 1,875 MWK 406,000 ZAR 19,260 * (from 1.6.12:	CHF 2,264 NOK 14,380 JPY 206,900)	DKK 13,940 NZD 3,012	GBP 1,562 SEK 16,460	ISK 301,000 SGD 3,090	JPY* 186,800 USD 2,426		
ES ³⁰	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,264	USD 2,426					
FI	EUR* 1,875	CHF 2,264	USD 2,426					
IL ³¹	(from 1.6.12:	ILS 3,500	CHF 849	EUR 705	USD 940)			
JP	JPY 70,000 * (from 1.6.12:	CHF* 836 CHF 765	EUR* 688 EUR 634	KRW* 1,078,000 KRW 957,000	USD* 913 USD 840)			
KR	For searches carried out in English: KRW 1,300,000 AUD* 1,141 CHF 1,007 EUR 878 NZD 1,444 SGD 1,440 USD 1,101 * (from 1.6.12: AUD 1,070) For searches carried out in Korean: KRW 450,000 AUD* 395 CHF 349 EUR 304 NZD 500 SGD 500 USD 381 * (from 1.6.12: AUD 370)							
RU	RUB 13,500 * (from 1.6.12:	CHF 407 USD 453)	EUR 338	USD* 415				
SE	SEK 16,460 USD 2,426	CHF 2,264	DKK 13,940	EUR 1,875	ISK 301,000	NOK 14,380		
US	USD 2,080 * (from 1.5.12: ** (from 1.6.12:	CHF 1,904 NZD 2,490 ZAR 15,930)	EUR 1,566	NZD* 2,730	ZAR** 17,050			
XN	DKK 13,940	CHF 2,264	EUR 1,875	ISK 301,000	NOK 14,380	USD 2,426		

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 April 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 2,264	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,264	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³² 9,450 (13,500) ³³ (from 15.5.12: 11,800 (18,800) ³³)	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,264	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,264	CHF 200

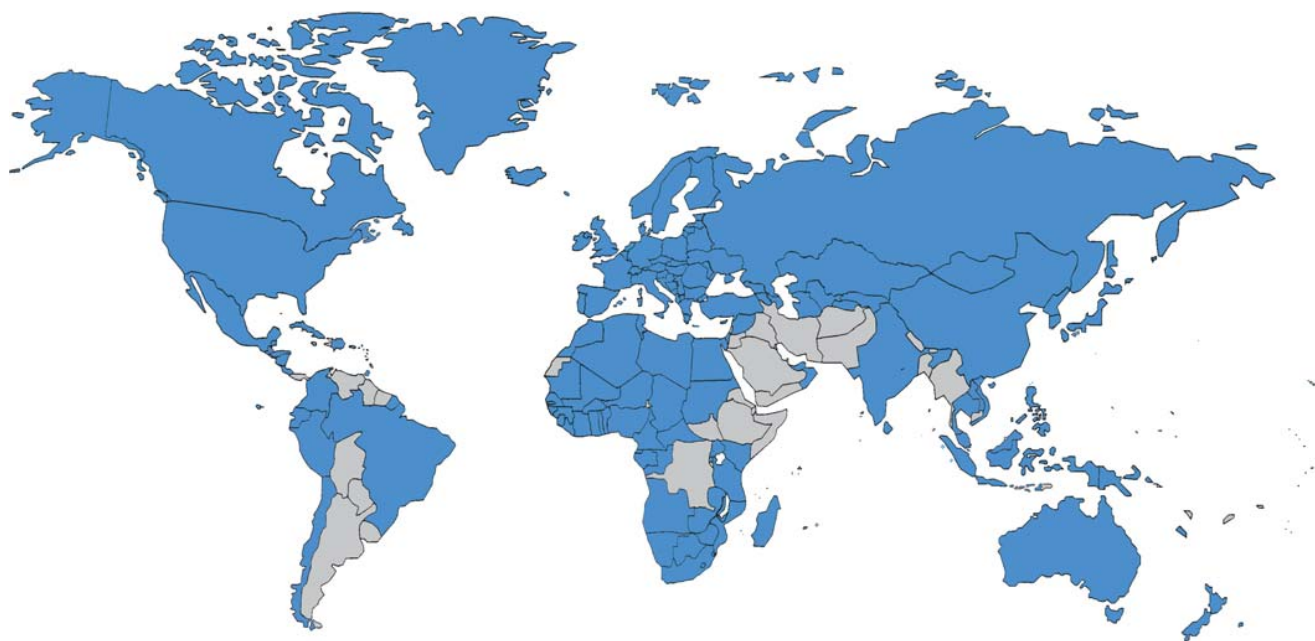
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 April 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁴		Handling fee ^{2, 34} (CHF 200)	
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,675	EUR	165
AU	AUD	550 780 ³⁵	AUD	207
BR ²⁹	BRL	710	BRL	412 (from 1.5.12: 382)
CA	CAD	800	CAD	228
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ³⁰	EUR	1,850	EUR	165
ES	EUR	566.49	EUR	165
FI	EUR	600	EUR	165
IL ³¹	(from 1.6.12: ILS 1,500)		(from 1.6.12: ILS 824)	
JP	JPY	26,000	JPY	16,800 (from 1.6.12: 18,300)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	258,000
RU	RUB	5,400 ³⁶ 8,100 ³⁷	USD	219
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,500
US	USD	600 750 ³⁸	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 Israel Patent Office will begin operating as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 June 2012.
- 32 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.
- 33 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).
- 34 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 35 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 36 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 37 In all cases where footnote 36 does not apply.
- 38 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 April 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)
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 Liberia (AP) ⁴	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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BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LV Latvia (EP) ³	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LY Libya	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
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CF Central African Republic (OA) ³	GN Guinea (OA) ³	MC Monaco (EP) ³	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CG Congo (OA) ³	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ³	MD Republic of Moldova (EA) ⁵	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ³	ME Montenegro ²	RS Serbia (EP) ^{2,6}	ZA South Africa
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ³	GT Guatemala	MG Madagascar	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ³	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	RW Rwanda (AP) ⁷	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ³	HN Honduras	ML Mali (OA) ³	SC Seychelles	
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)		SD Sudan (AP)	
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SE Sweden (EP)	
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
	IE Ireland (EP) ³		SI Slovenia (EP) ³	
	IL Israel		SK Slovakia (EP)	
	IN India			

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

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

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

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

5 Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

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

7 Only international applications filed on or after 24 September 2011 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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