

# PCT NEWSLETTER

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## Reminder about Important Changes for Applicants as a Result of the America Invents Act

In view of the entry into force, on 16 September 2012, of certain changes to the patent law of the United States of America under the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act, PCT applicants are reminded that, in international applications filed on or after 16 September 2012, there will no longer be a requirement that inventors be named as applicants solely for the purposes of the U.S. designation. However, U.S. national law will still require that a U.S. inventor's oath or declaration be submitted (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2012 for further details).

To assist PCT applicants/agents in implementing the change of practice that will result from the America Invents Act, some frequently asked questions relating to the change have been published on the PCT website in English at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/faqs/aia.html>

Please see below for information on consequential modifications to certain PCT Forms, the Administrative Instructions and the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, followed by information on future updates to ePCT which are going to be introduced as a result of this change.

### Modified request form, demand form and other PCT forms

A revised version of the PCT request form (PCT/RO/101) has been promulgated with effect from 16 September 2012. The form, which should be used only for international applications filed on or after that date, is available in editable PDF format. The changes to the form include:

- (1) Boxes Nos. II and III: there are no longer any check-boxes for indicating that a person is an applicant for the purposes of "all designated States except the United States of America" or "the United States of America only";
- (2) Box No. VIII(iv) (Declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America): the wording of the declaration has been amended in accordance with the requirements of the America Invents Act;
- (3) Box No. IX: the statement explaining the lack of signature has been removed from the check list;
- (4) corresponding changes have been made to the notes to the request form, in addition to changes to the notes regarding the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents.

It is recalled that, for technical reasons, updates to the PCT-SAFE software (as well as other PCT e-filing software) will take a little longer, but it is hoped that the software will be updated by

the beginning of October 2012. However, applicants filing in the interim may, with effect from 16 September 2012, choose not to take into account the parts of the PCT-SAFE request form which enable an applicant to be indicated as applicant for “all designated States except the United States of America” or “the United States of America only”, but rather, indicate that the applicant is applicant “for all designated States” and ignore any warning messages in this regard.

The demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) has also been modified, as well as the following forms, which are available in PDF format (PCT/RO/106 is available in editable PDF format):

PCT/RO/106	(Invitation to Correct Defects in the International Application)
PCT/RO/198 (RO/IB)	(List of Documents Filed with the International Bureau as Receiving Office)
PCT/RO/199 (RO/IB)	(Acknowledgement of Receipt of Documents Filed with the International Bureau as Receiving Office)
PCT/IB/313	(Notification of Defects in the International Application)
PCT/IB/336	(Notification of Defects in the Demand)
PCT/IPEA/404	(Invitation to Correct Defects in the Demand)

The above-mentioned forms are available in PDF format, in English and French (currently on the right-hand side of the page) at:

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

### **Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT**

Modifications have been made, with effect from 16 September 2012, to Section 214 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which contains the text of the U.S. declaration of inventorship under PCT Rules 4.17(iv) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iv). Applicants wishing to file such a declaration with any international application filed on or after 16 September 2012 should use this new wording.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions, as in force from 16 September 2012, which includes those modifications, is available in PDF format, in English and French, (currently on the right-hand side of the page) at, respectively:

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

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

### **PCT Receiving Office Guidelines**

PCT Receiving Offices have been consulted concerning the action to be taken by receiving Offices when an applicant is indicated as applicant for all States except the U.S. and an inventor is indicated as applicant for the U.S. only in a request form filed on or after 16 September 2012. In such a case, the receiving Office should issue a notice (using Form PCT/RO/132) drawing the attention of the applicant to the fact that it is no longer necessary in all cases to indicate the inventor(s) as applicant(s) for the purposes of the designation of that State. The notice should remind the applicant of the possibility, if the applicant(s) indicated as “applicant for the purposes of all designated States except the United States of America” is qualified to be an applicant

under the U.S. law, of submitting to the International Bureau (IB), within 30 months from the priority date, a request under PCT Rule 92*bis* for the recording of a change, requesting that the applicant indicated in the request form as “applicant for the purposes of all designated States except the United States of America” be indicated as “applicant for the purposes of all designated States”, and that the applicant/inventor indicated in the request form as “applicant for the purposes of the United States of America only” be indicated as “inventor only”. If the receiving Office does not issue such a notice, the IB will issue Form PCT/IB/345 with a similar wording.

Modifications have also been made to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, with effect from 16 September 2012, to take into account the changes resulting from the America Invents Act. The consolidated text of the Guidelines (PCT/GL/RO/11), as in force from that date, is available in PDF format, in English and French, (currently on the right-hand side of the page) at, respectively:

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

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

### Changes regarding ePCT

In version 2.6 of ePCT, which is expected to be released shortly after the entry into force of the above provisions of the America Invents Act, an additional online action will be made available in ePCT Private Services whereby applicants will be able, post-filing and until the date of completion of technical preparations for publication, to prepare online and submit electronically to the IB the new version of the U.S. declaration of inventorship under PCT Rule 4.17(iv), with autofill of the bibliographic data, based on the inventor information which was included in the request form or any subsequent updates which have been processed. Note, however, that this online action is only available for international applications for which ePCT access rights have been set up. For further information on using the ePCT system, please go to:

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

### Non-working Days at the IB

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the International Bureau (IB) will not be open for business are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and

1 January 2013

29 March 2013

1 April 2013

9 and 20 May 2013

5 September 2013

14 October 2013

25, 26 and 31 December 2013

Note that the days indicated above concern only the IB and not the national or regional Offices. The closed dates in 2013 for other Offices will be published on the PCT website towards the end of the year.

## PCT Information Update

### Fees payable in US dollars (various Offices)

As from 1 November 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in USD to various receiving Offices (see list of two-letter codes of Offices affected, below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

For information on the change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee in USD, please see "Handling fee", below.

### AU Australia (fees; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; requirements concerning nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings)

As from 1 November 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).

For the purposes of filing, under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions, PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, will accept the following PCT-EASY physical media with effect from 16 October 2012: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

The Office, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified changes, with effect from 16 October 2012, in the types of electronic medium that it accepts for the furnishing in electronic form of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings: the entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single standard (ISO 9660) CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

As from 1 October 2012, there will be a change in the following national fees payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office:

#### Filing fee:

– where filing is by electronic means approved by the Commissioner <sup>1</sup> : .....	AUD	370
– where filing is by other means <sup>1</sup> : .....	AUD	470

<sup>1</sup> For further information, see <http://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/get-the-right-ip/patents/time-and-costs/fees/>

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C and D (AU), and National Chapter, Summary (AU))

### IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 November 2012, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the following fees, payable to the International Bureau (IB) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	USD	102
Fee for priority document:.....	USD	51
Supplement for airmail: .....	USD	10

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

### IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 November 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 PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

### SE Sweden (fees)

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

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

### SG Singapore (*corrigendum to fee tables*)

The amount of the international filing fee, payable to the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as receiving Office, was erroneously indicated in Table I(a) of the PCT Fee Tables which were published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2012. The correct amount of the fee is SGD 1,773.

### US United States of America (fees)

See also "Fees payable in USD", above.

As from 5 October 2012, there will be a change in the following national fees, payable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as designated (or elected) Office (other fees not indicated have not changed; the amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a "small entity"):

Basic national fee: .....	USD	390 (195)
Search fee:		
– IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	[No change]	
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	[No change]	
– Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:	USD	500 (250)
– All other situations:	USD	630 (315)
For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium): .....	USD	320 (160)
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: .....	USD	62 (31)
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: .....	USD	460 (230)

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

### **VN Viet Nam (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam) has specified, with effect from 1 July 2012, the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), the Korean Intellectual Property Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Viet Nam with the National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam) as receiving Office.

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

### **Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), Israel Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute, State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)**

There has been a change in the amounts payable in RUB, as well as in the equivalent amounts in CHF, EUR and USD, for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks, as indicated in Fee Table I(b), as well as a change in the amount of the following fees relating to international search, with effect from 22 August 2012:



Additional search fee:.....	RUB	6,750
Protest fee:.....	RUB	2,700
Late furnishing fee.....	RUB	2,050

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

Australian Patent Office .....	CHF, EUR, ZAR
Austrian Patent Office .....	KRW, SGD
Canadian Intellectual Property Office.....	USD
European Patent Office.....	GBP, ISK, SGD
Israel Patent Office.....	USD
Japan Patent Office.....	USD
Nordic Patent Institute.....	ISK
State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China .....	CHF
Swedish Patent and Registration Office.....	ISK
United States Patent and Trademark Office.....	CHF, EUR, NZD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, AU, CA, CN, EP, IL, JP, RU, SE, US, XN))

#### **Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to the international search and international preliminary examination (Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation))**

There has been a change in the amount payable in RUB for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks, as indicated in Fee Table I(b), as well as a change in the amount of the following fees payable to it, with effect from 22 August 2012:

Additional preliminary examination fee: .....	RUB	2,700 (4,050)
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(The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Office).

Protest fee:.....	RUB	2,700
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (RU))

## Handling fee (Australian Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), Swedish Patent and Registration Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 November 2012, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee, payable in the currencies specified below to the following patent Offices as International Preliminary Examining Authorities, as indicated in Fee Table II:

Australian Patent Office .....	AUD
Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).....	USD
Swedish Patent and Registration Office.....	SEK
United States Patent and Trademark Office.....	USD

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

## Making Enquiries at WIPO

PCT users are reminded that, should any information they seek not be readily available on the PCT website or by logging into their ePCT private user account (<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>) in the case where the user wants to track certain submitted documents or actions, there are other sources of information available at WIPO, depending on the nature of the enquiry:

### PCT Operations Division

#### *International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB)*

If you have a specific question about the status of an international application that you have filed with the RO/IB (or which has been transmitted to the RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.4) you may contact that Office directly. The contact details of the RO/IB are as follows:

Telephone:	(+41-22) 338 92 22
Fax:	(+41-22) 910 06 10
E-mail:	ro.ib@wipo.int

#### *PCT Processing Teams (for international applications filed with any receiving Office, provided that the record copy has already been received by the IB)*

Correspondence relating to specific international applications should preferably be uploaded through ePCT (this may be done through ePCT public services, which does not require you to obtain a digital certificate). However, you may also contact the authorized Officer of the processing team (in the PCT Operations Division) in charge of the file. The name of that person appears on the bottom of all forms issued by the IB for the application concerned, together with the central contact details (telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address) for the processing team which is dealing with the application. Alternatively, provided that you know the international application number, you can obtain contact details for your application by going to:

<http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/iateamlookup.jsp>



Alternatively, correspondence may be posted to WIPO at P.O. Box 18, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland (or, for courier services, to the street address of WIPO: 34, chemin des Colombettes, Geneva, Switzerland).

### **PCT Information Service**

The PCT Information Service may be contacted for any general or legal questions about the PCT procedure. Telephone opening hours are from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., Central European time, Monday to Friday.

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 83 38  
E-mail: [pct.infoline@wipo.int](mailto:pct.infoline@wipo.int)

### **PCT e-Services Help Desk**

The PCT e-Services Help Desk provides customer support for ePCT (including the document upload function) as well as e-filing, PCT-SAFE software, the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) and WIPO Certification Authority digital certificates. Opening hours are from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., Central European time, Monday to Friday.

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 95 23  
E-mail: [epct@wipo.int](mailto:epct@wipo.int)

It is recalled that information about the ePCT system is available on the ePCT homepage at:

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

where you will also find a comprehensive User Guide and frequently asked questions about ePCT.

Detailed information on how to file international applications electronically, including an extensive list of frequently asked questions, as well as helpful training tools, is available on the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

For questions relating to the electronic filing systems of national or regional Offices, please contact the Office concerned directly.

### **“Contact Us” page**

Much of the contact information given above is available by selecting “patents” on WIPO’s “Contact Us” page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/contact/en>

From this contact page, it is also possible to send e-mail enquiries concerning patents generally and the PCT procedure, including questions relating to PATENTSCOPE (patent search and patent data).

Note that the contact page can also be used to make enquiries with the many other areas of WIPO which are listed on that page. In many cases, after clicking on the topic concerned, you

will also be given a phone and/or fax number which will enable you to contact a person knowledgeable about the topic concerned.

### **General information about WIPO: new round-the-clock customer service**

WIPO now provides a round-the-clock service which you can use for general questions about WIPO or other matters which are not specifically PCT-related. All calls made to the WIPO switchboard ((+41-22) 338 91 11) outside its Geneva working hours (Monday to Friday; 08.00 – 18.00 CET) will automatically be redirected to one of the WIPO external offices in Tokyo, Singapore, Rio de Janeiro or New York. Multilingual staff in these offices will provide first line assistance and, where necessary, redirect the inquiry to the relevant division in WIPO's headquarters in Geneva.

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

#### **FAQs about the America Invents Act; modified Administrative Instructions under the PCT, PCT Receiving Office Guidelines and PCT Forms**

See under "Reminder about Important Changes for Applicants...", above.

#### **Updating of the *PCT Applicant's Guide***

The Introduction to the International Phase has been updated to incorporate the amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 July 2012, and the Index has been updated accordingly. It is available in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

#### **PCT Contracting States**

An additional feature has been added to the PCT Contracting States page ([http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/pct\\_contracting\\_states.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/pct_contracting_states.html) – see under "Recent accessions"); it lists States that are member States of the Paris Convention, but are not members of the PCT and should assist applicants when checking where they will need to follow the Paris route for international filings. This list is available in English and French at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/paris\\_non\\_pct.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/paris_non_pct.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/paris\\_non\\_pct.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/paris_non_pct.html)

#### **FAQs about the PCT**

The updated version of the publication "Protecting your Inventions Abroad: Frequently Asked Questions About the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)", dated April 2012, is now available in Arabic, Chinese, German and Japanese (in addition to English, French, Korean and Spanish) at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/basic\\_facts/faqs\\_about\\_the\\_pct.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/basic\\_facts/faqs\\_about\\_the\\_pct.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/basic\\_facts/faqs\\_about\\_the\\_pct.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/basic\\_facts/faqs\\_about\\_the\\_pct.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf)

### ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following Authorities as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs):

JP Japan Patent Office (1 July 2012)

RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks  
(Russian Federation) (22 August 2012)

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from the dates indicated in parentheses, have been published in PDF format, in English and French, at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_jp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag\\_jp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_ru.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag\\_ru.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf)

### PCT fees

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

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

### PCT Meetings

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2012, the 19<sup>th</sup> session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held from 8 to 10 February 2012 in Canberra, Australia. The meeting report is now available at:

[http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/pct/en/pct\\_mia\\_19/pct\\_mia\\_19\\_14.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/pct/en/pct_mia_19/pct_mia_19_14.pdf)

### News articles on the PCT

See “PCT in the News”, below.

### Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (Paper Version) in German, Italian and Portuguese

WIPO has published revised paper versions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2012, in German, Italian and Portuguese, in addition to Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate the language in which the publication is required, should be addressed to the Outreach Services Section at WIPO:

Fax: (+41-22) 740 18 12  
E-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int  
Electronic bookshop: <http://www.wipo.int/ebookshop>  
Mailing address: 34, chemin des Colombettes  
P.O. Box 18  
CH-1211 Geneva 20  
Switzerland

It is recalled that the electronic texts of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2012, are also available in all of the above-mentioned languages on the PCT website.

## **PATENTSCOPE Search System**

### **National patent collections: Japan**

The PATENTSCOPE search system now includes the national patent data of Japan, with more than 3 million records covering January 2004 to July 2012, of which over 2.9 million have full-text XML. The collection, which will be updated every week, is at:

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

This brings to 29 the number of national or regional offices whose data is available in the PATENTSCOPE search system. By accessing the above-mentioned page, you will be able to carry out searches in nearly 14 million patent documents, including over 2 million published PCT applications. Detailed information about data coverage for each Office can also be found at the above-mentioned web page in the “Help” menu.

Non-Japanese speakers can search the Japanese patent collection by using CLIR. To do this:

- (1) enter your keywords in any of the languages supported by CLIR (<http://patentscope.wipo.int/search/clir/clir.jsp?interfaceLanguage=en>) which will return a translation into Japanese of those keywords and their synonyms;
- (2) copy those results in the query box of the PATENTSCOPE search system;
- (3) select Japan and click the “Search” button.

Translation from Japanese by Google Translate is also available in the PATENTSCOPE search system for the title and abstract in the search result list and for the full-text in individual records.

## **PCT in the News**

Issue 4 (August 2012) of the *WIPO Magazine* features an article entitled “Pay-as-you-go Solar Power” which outlines an innovative technological and financing solution that promises to transform the lives of some of the world’s poorest communities by bringing a clean, low-cost,

sustainable energy source into their homes. The technology, developed by Simpa Networks, is being rolled out in emerging markets, such as India, where demand for energy is growing rapidly, and is the subject of a PCT application.

The article is available on the WIPO website under “PCT in the News” at

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

To view the complete issue of the *WIPO Magazine*, click on “WIPO Magazine” in the “related links” box.

## Practical Advice

### Whether or not to file a demand for international preliminary examination if the international search report has been issued late

*Q: I have filed an international application in respect of which the international search report (ISR) has been issued very late, close to the expiration of 30 months from the priority date. The International Searching Authority (ISA) had found that there was lack of unity of invention in my application, for which I paid additional search fees. I would like to file a demand for international preliminary examination in order to be able to amend the description and claims under PCT Article 34(a)(2)(b) in an attempt to address the issues encountered by the ISA, and be given the opportunity to communicate, if necessary, with the examiner at the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) concerned. Given the proximity of the 30-month deadline for entry into the national phase, I would like to know whether it is still worthwhile doing this, or whether I would be better off filing my amendments directly with the designated Offices? My main concern is whether the elected Offices would be obliged to take into account the findings of an international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II) (IPRP Ch. II) received by them after the international application has entered the national phase, or whether they would simply file them away?*

*A:* Although PCT Article 18(1) and Rule 42 provide that the ISR must be established together with the written opinion of the ISA (Rule 43*bis*.1) within three months from the receipt of the search copy by the ISA or nine months from the priority date (whichever time limit expires later), in practice, there may be special circumstances, such as where time is needed to resolve matters arising in connection with sequence listings or unity of invention, in which it may not be possible to establish the ISR within the applicable time limit. In certain fields of technology delays may also be due to the workload of the ISA concerned. In such cases, the ISR is usually established as soon as possible after the expiration of the above-mentioned time limit.

Even though you have not received your ISR until just before the expiration of the 30-month time limit for entry into the national phase, you are still entitled to file a demand, provided that you file it within three months of the date of transmittal of the ISR (see PCT Rule 54*bis*.1(a)(i)). However, the utility of doing this so late in the international phase may depend on the particular circumstances of your international application.

First of all, it is important to note that, although the Patent Cooperation Treaty was designed on a founding principle that Offices in the national phase should generally take into account the international phase work products such as the IPRP Ch. II, there is no legal obligation under the Treaty for elected Offices to take into account the findings in that report. PCT Article 33(1) states that the objective of the international preliminary examination is to formulate a preliminary

and **non-binding** opinion on the questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable. Therefore, whether or not an elected Office takes into account an IPRP Ch. II, irrespective of whether it is late, is at its own discretion, and may depend on a number of factors.

Once the International Bureau (IB) has received the demand from the IPEA concerned, it notifies the elected Offices under PCT Rule 61.2 about their election in respect of the international application concerned by way of Form PCT/IB/331. Having being notified that an IPRP Ch. II is going to be issued, elected Offices may wish to wait and see the results of that report before establishing a first national phase action. This is because the report normally carries considerable weight with elected Offices, and such a high quality report should assist the prosecution of the application before each Office. This is particularly the case for those Offices which have fewer examining staff, or which do not examine international applications substantively. For elected Offices which do examine international applications substantively, whether or not they will take into account the results of the international preliminary examination may depend on whether they have already commenced their national phase examination, which may depend on how much of a backlog, if any, a particular Office may have. If an Office has already carried out a first national search/examination action, it may not wish to take into account the results of the IPRP Ch. II. The later that report is issued, therefore, the less likely it is to be taken into account.

If the elected Office does wait, or has not yet started its own examination by the time it is in possession of a positive IPRP Ch. II, it may be more advantageous for it to be in possession of that report, rather than for it to be in possession only of a more negative ISR and IPRP Ch. I, which might be the case if you decide not to file a demand. Also, note that a number of elected Offices (for example, the European Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office) will, under certain conditions, offer a reduction in the national fee if they are in possession of the IPRP Ch. II, as this may reduce the amount of work that they need to carry out themselves. Furthermore, having a positive IPRP Ch. II will increase your potential for making use of the PCT Patent Prosecution Highway and thereby enable you to benefit from faster examination in the national phase.

It is recalled that the applicant must, nevertheless, enter the national phase in general by 30 months from the priority date, regardless of when the IPRP Ch. II is received. Note, however, that nearly half of the designated/elected Offices have a time limit for entry into the national phase which expires later than 30 months from the priority date (some considerably later if an additional fee for late entry into the national phase is paid) – see the table “Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase under PCT Chapters I and II” at: [http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/time\\_limits.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/time_limits.html) to see which Offices fall into this category. However, please be aware that, as you would be filing your demand after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, only the time limit under PCT Article 22 would apply, and not that which is applicable under PCT Article 39(1) (see PCT Article 39(1)(a)).

You will therefore have to consider whether or not it is advantageous to file a demand and pay the extra cost of international preliminary examination, with the risk that the IPRP Ch. II may not be taken into account. Your decision may depend on the number of countries in which you wish to enter the national phase, on whether the Offices before which you wish to enter the national phase perform substantive examination, and whether they are likely to have already started examination upon receipt of the IPRP Ch. II. If you do decide to file a demand, it may be useful to contact the IPEA to discuss your situation with them and ask them whether it would be possible to give priority to your international application.



If you decide not to proceed with filing a demand, it is recommended that preliminary arguments and amendments be filed with the designated Offices as soon as possible after national phase entry and receiving the written opinion of the ISA. In this way, the national examiner will have your response to the issues raised in the written opinion of the ISA when the national examination begins.

Note that the factors to be considered in general when deciding whether or not to file a demand for international preliminary examination were discussed in detail in the “Practical advice” that was published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 04 and 05/2010.

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b>			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 September 2012)			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>13–14 September 2012 Cary, North Carolina (US)</b>	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
<b>13–14 September 2012 Panama (PA)</b>	Spanish	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Ms. Largo	Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (Mr. Leonardo Uribe C.) Tel: (507) 560 06 00, 560 07 00, ext. 2300 E-mail: LUribe@mici.gob.pa
<b>24 September 2012 Rochester, New York (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed	Monroe County Bar Association (Ms. Louise Spinelli) Tel: (1–585) 402 71 89 Fax: (1–585) 546 18 07 E-mail: LSpinelli@mcba.org Information and Online registration: www.mcba.org/News/Calendar
<b>27 September 2012 Frankfurt (DE)</b>	German	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR) (Ms. Sandra von Lingen) Tel: (49–221) 650 65 155 Fax: (49–221) 650 65 205
<b>2–3 October 2012 Seattle, WA (US)</b>	English	PCT Comprehensive 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
<b>10–12 October 2012 Austin, TX (US)</b>	English	PCT presentation at the Global IP Exchange 2012 WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed	IQPC Exchange (Ms. Thuyha Pham) Tel: (1-212) 885 27 55 E-mail: Thuyha.Pham@iqpc.com
<b>12 October 2012 London (GB)</b>	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 11 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>15–16 October 2012 Geneva (CH)</b>	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 limited space is still available. 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): <a href="http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=26342">http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=26342</a> E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int
<b>18 October 2012 Warsaw (PL)</b>	English	PCT seminar for paralegals and administrative staff WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs Other speaker: Mr. Quintelier (EPI)	European Patent Institute (EPI) (Ms. Jacqueline Kalbe) E-mail: education@patentepi.com

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<b>PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]</b>			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>22–23 October 2012 San Francisco, CA (US)</b>	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
<b>23–24 October 2012 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
<b>25–26 October 2012 San Francisco, CA (US)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Intellectual Property International (see San Francisco, above)
<b>1–2 November 2012 Boston, MA (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bidwell	Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Daniel Young) Tel: (1-617) 646 82 45 E-mail: DWYoung@wolfgreenfield.com Internet: <a href="https://m360.bpla.org/event.aspx?eventID=57703">https://m360.bpla.org/event.aspx?eventID=57703</a>
<b>6 November 2012 Cologne (DE)</b>	German	Presentation 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: 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
<b>7–8 November 2012 Munich (DE)</b>	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
<b>12 November 2012 Santiago de Chile (CL)</b>	Spanish	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernández Vigaud	National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI) (Ms. Andrea Gutierrez) Tel (56-2) 887 05 50 E-mail: agutierrez@inapi.cl
<b>14 November 2012 Antofagasta (CL)</b>	Spanish	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernández Vigaud	National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI) (Ms. Nataly Pizarro Brito) Tel: (56-55) 65 17 47 or 35 50 31 E-mail: npizarro01@ucn.cl
<b>16 November 2012 Concepcion (CL)</b>	Spanish	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernández Vigaud	National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI) (Ms. Ximena Sepulveda Barrera) Tel: (56-41) 220 44 37 E-mail: upi@udec.cl
<b>19–20 November 2012 Bogota (CO)</b> <i>[previously announced as 10–11 September 2012]</i>	Spanish	Roving Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Mrs. Maria del Pilar Marti Samper) Tel: (587) 00 00 ext. 1275 E-mail: mmarti@sic.gov.co
<b>21 November 2012 Barranquilla (CO)</b> <i>[previously announced as 12 September 2012]</i>	Spanish	Roving Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	(See Bogota, above)

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<b>PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]</b>			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>22 November 2012</b> <b>Bucaramanga (CO)</b> <i>[previously announced as 13 September 2012]</i>	Spanish	Roving Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	(See Bogota, above)
<b>4–5 December 2012</b> <b>Lille (FR)</b>	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
<b>6 December 2012</b> <b>Paris (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Lille, above)
<b>6–7 December 2012</b> <b>London (GB)</b>	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
<b>6 February 2013</b> <b>Ecully (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
<b>4 June 2013</b> <b>Brussels (BE)</b>	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the “Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets” WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu

<b>PCT Webinars</b>			
<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Language of webinar</b>	<b>Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>18 September 2012</b> 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time	English	ePCT webinar WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/621553714">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/621553714</a>
<b>18 October 2012</b> 10.00 am to 11 am, Central European Time	English	ePCT webinar WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/521301682">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/521301682</a>
<b>20 November 2012</b> 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time	English	ePCT webinar WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/545690802">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/545690802</a>
<b>13 December 2012</b> 10.00 am to 11 am, Central European Time	English	ePCT webinar WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/217238818">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/217238818</a>

## PCT Fee Tables

### (amounts on 1 September 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 –	BYR	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CLP	Chilean peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		COP	Colombian peso	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty		
		CZK	Czech koruna	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
AUD	Australian dollar	EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BAM	Convertible mark	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni		
BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar		

#### Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 September 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1, 2</sup> (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (CHF 15)		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
							Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup> (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup> (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	
				(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	(15)	(102)	(–)	(–)		
AP	USD	50	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP SE	
	(or eq in local currency)			(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	(15)	(102)	(–)	(–)		
AT	EUR	50	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP	
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,375	16	103	207	310	AU KR	
				(from 1.11.12 : 1,293)	(15)	(97)	(194)	(292)		
AZ	AZN	10	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU	
				(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	(15)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
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	
				(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	(15)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
BR	BRL <sup>9</sup>	200	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US	
BW	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP	
				(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	(15)	(102)	(–)	(–)		
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU	
				(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	(15)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	CA EP	
				(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	(15)	(102)	(–)	(–)		

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

(amounts on 1 September 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
							Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup>	
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,445	16	109	217	326	CA	
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
CL	CLP eq USD <sup>11</sup>	130	CLP eq USD <sup>11</sup>	1,453 <i>(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)</i>	eq USD <sup>11</sup> 16 <i>(15)</i>	eq USD <sup>11</sup> 109 <i>(102)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 <sup>12</sup>	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,453 <i>(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	109 <i>(102)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,453 <i>(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	109 <i>(102)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 <i>(from 1.11.12 :1,356)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	109 <i>(102)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES US	
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP	
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,453 <i>(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	109 <i>(102)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU	
EC	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,453 <i>(from 1.11.12 :1,356)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	109 <i>(102)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP ES	
EE	EUR	115.04	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP	
EG	USD	142	USD	1,453 <i>(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	109 <i>(102)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP US	
EP	EUR	125	EUR	1,094	12	–	165	247	EP	
ES	EUR	72.78	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 <i>(from 1.11.12: 878)</i>	11 <i>(10)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	141 <i>(132)</i>	212 <i>(198)</i>	EP	
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	USD <sup>13</sup>	100	USD	1,453 <i>(from 1.11.12 :1,356)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	109 <i>(102)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU	
GH	GHS <sup>14</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,453 <i>(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,453 <i>(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	109 <i>(102)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT BR EP ES US	
HN	USD	200	USD	1,453 <i>(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	109 <i>(102)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 <sup>15</sup> or EUR <sup>15</sup> or USD <sup>15</sup>	100 82 109 <i>(from 1.11.12 102)</i>	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,094 1,453 <i>(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)</i>	15 12 16 <i>(15)</i>	100 82 109 <i>(102)</i>	200 165 219 <i>(204)</i>	300 247 328 <i>(306)</i>	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 <i>(from 1.11.12 : 1,356)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	109 <i>(102)</i>	219 <i>(204)</i>	328 <i>(306)</i>	EP IL US	

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

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RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup>	
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 184,800 (from 1.11.12:174,800)	2,100 (2,000)	13,900 (13,100)	27,800 (26,300)	41,700 (39,400)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,094	12	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY 10,000	JPY 121,700 (from 1.10.12:110,300)	1,400 (1,200)	9,100 (8,300)	— (—)	27,400 (24,900)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	— (—)	— (—)	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 (from 1.11.12: KRW 1,609,000)	19,000 (18,000)	129,000 (121,000)	— (—)	387,000 (363,000)	AT AU JP <sup>17</sup> KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 <sup>18</sup>	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL <sup>10</sup> —	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
LV	LVL 48.40	EUR 1,094	12	82	—	—	EP RU
LY	LYD <sup>10</sup> —	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 <sup>19</sup>	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 <sup>20</sup>	EUR 1,094	12	—	—	—	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	— (—)	— (—)	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 <sup>21</sup>	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) <sup>22</sup> 550 (paper filing) <sup>22</sup>	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	— (—)	— (—)	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 <sup>23</sup>	NZD 1,768	20	133	—	—	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF <sup>10</sup> —	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	eq USD 16 (15)	eq USD 109 (102)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	— (—)	— (—)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	219 (204)	328 (306)	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	RON 360	EUR 1,094	12	82	165	247	EP RU
RS	RSD 6,100 <sup>24</sup>	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	EP
RU	RUB 600	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 September 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup>	
RW	Information not yet available						
SC	USD <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,970 (from 1.11.12 : 9,150)	110 (100)	750 (690)	1,500 (1,380)	2,250 (2,060)	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,905 (from 1.10.12 : 1,773)	21 (20)	143 (133)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66 <sup>25</sup>	EUR 1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
SY	USD <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	– (–)	– (–)	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 <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TN	TND <sup>10</sup> –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD <sup>26</sup> 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD 240 <sup>27</sup>	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	219 (204)	– (–)	AU EP KR RU US
UZ	USD <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	109 (102)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 11,160	130	840	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453 (from 1.11.12 : 1,356)	eq USD 16 (15)	eq USD 109 (102)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 September 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>							
AT <sup>28</sup>	EUR 1,785 <i>*(from 1.11.12: KRW 2,487,000 ***(from 1.10.12: USD 2,244)</i>	CHF 2,169 <i>KRW 2,487,000 USD 2,244</i>	KRW* 2,642,000 <i>SGD 2,730</i>	SGD* 2,950	USD** 2,370	ZAR 18,400		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 2,254 <i>*(from 1.11.12: CHF 2,263</i>	CHF* 2,068 ZAR* 17,580 <i>CHF 2,263</i>	EUR* 1,721 <i>EUR 1,884</i>	KRW 2,575,000	NZD 2,790	SGD 2,812		
BR <sup>29</sup>	BRL 1,900	CHF 893	EUR 743	USD 955				
CA	CAD 1,600 <i>*(from 1.11.12: USD 1,621)</i>	CHF 1,473 <i>USD 1,621</i>	EUR 1,154	USD* 1,532				
CN	CNY 2,100 <i>*(from 1.11.12: CHF 323 ***(from 1.10.12: EUR 263)</i>	CHF* 301 <i>CHF 323 EUR 263</i>	EUR** 248	USD 329				
EP <sup>30</sup>	EUR 1,875 MWK 406,000 ZAR 19,260 <i>*(from 1.11.12: GBP 1,471</i>	CHF 2,264 NOK 14,380 <i>GBP 1,471</i>	DKK 13,940 NZD 3,012 <i>ISK 276,000</i>	GBP* 1,562 SEK 16,460 <i>SGD 2,860</i>	ISK* 301,000 SGD* 3,090	JPY 186,800 USD 2,426		
ES <sup>30</sup>	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,264	USD 2,426					
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,264	USD 2,426					
IL	ILS 3,500 <i>*(from 1.11.12: USD 864)</i>	CHF 849 <i>USD 864</i>	EUR 705	USD* 940				
JP	JPY 70,000 <i>*(from 1.10.12: KRW 1,031,000 ***(from 1.11.12: USD 891)</i>	CHF 844 <i>KRW 1,031,000 USD 891</i>	EUR 702	KRW* 957,000	USD** 840			
KR	For searches carried out in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,101 <i>*(from 1.10.12: CHF 1,075)</i>  For searches carried out in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD 381 <i>*(from 1.10.12: CHF 372)</i>	AUD 1,070 <i>CHF 1,075</i>	CHF* 1,007	EUR 878	NZD 1,444	SGD 1,440		
RU	RUB 6,750	CHF 205	EUR 170	USD 211				
SE	SEK 16,460 USD 2,426 <i>*(from 1.11.12: ISK 276,000)</i>	CHF 2,264 <i>ISK 276,000</i>	DKK 13,940	EUR 1,875	ISK* 301,000	NOK 14,380		
US	USD 2,080 <i>*(from 1.11.12: CHF 2,040</i>	CHF* 1,904 <i>CHF 2,040</i>	EUR* 1,566 <i>EUR 1,698</i>	NZD* 2,750 <i>NZD 2,580</i>	ZAR 17,670			
XN	DKK 13,940 <i>*(from 1.11.12: ISK 276,000)</i>	CHF 2,264 <i>ISK 276,000</i>	EUR 1,875	ISK* 301,000	NOK 14,380	USD 2,426		

**Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees**

(amounts on 1 September 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee <sup>2, 31</sup>
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 <sup>32</sup> 11,800 (18,880) <sup>33</sup>	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,264	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,264	CHF 200

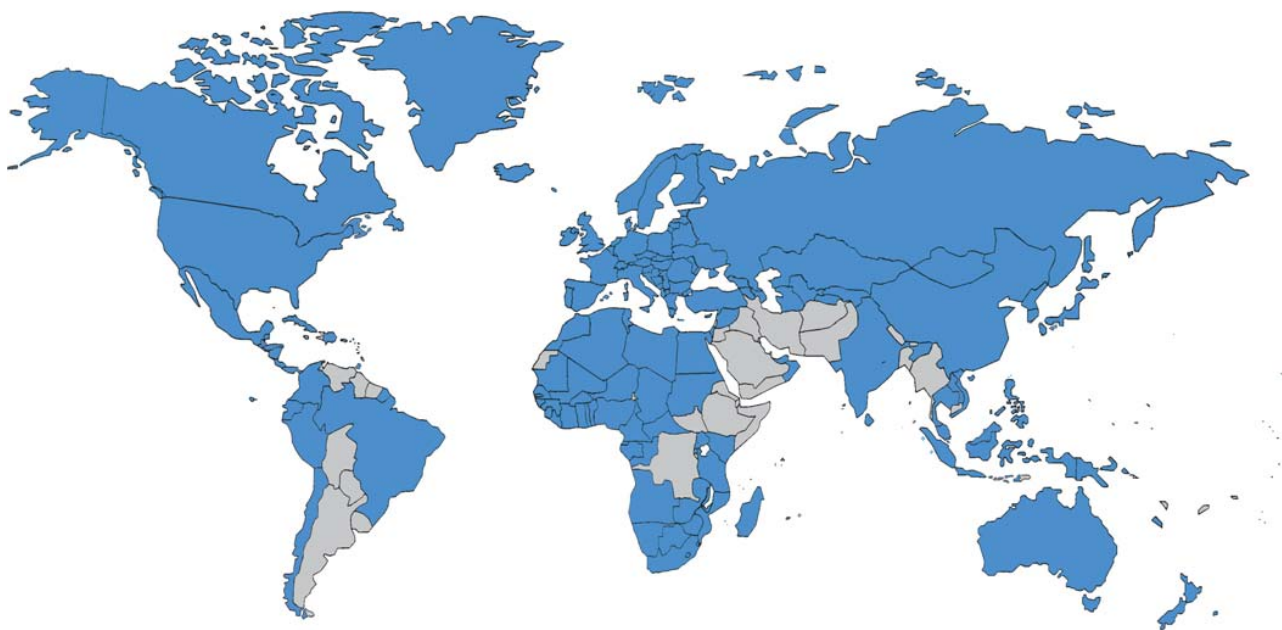
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 September 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>34</sup>		Handling fee <sup>2, 34</sup> (CHF 200)	
AT <sup>28</sup>	EUR	1,675	EUR	165
AU	AUD	590	AUD	207 (from 1.11.12: 194)
BR <sup>29</sup>	BRL	710	BRL	426
CA	CAD	800	CAD	217
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP <sup>30</sup>	EUR	1,850	EUR	165
ES	EUR	572.15	EUR	165
FI	EUR	600	EUR	165
IL	ILS	1,500	ILS	824
JP	JPY	26,000	JPY	18,300 (from 1.10.12: 16,600)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	258,000 (from 1.11.12 :242,000)
RU	RUB	2,700 <sup>36</sup>	USD	219 (from 1.11.12: 204)
		4,050 <sup>37</sup>		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,500 (from 1.11.12: 1,380)
US	USD	600	USD	219 (from 1.11.12: 204)
		750 <sup>38</sup>		
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 website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://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](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 website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://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](http://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 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 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 (146 on 7 September 2012)



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AL Albania (EP) <sup>1,2</sup>	CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>3</sup>	IT Italy (EP) <sup>3</sup>	MT Malta (EP) <sup>3</sup>	SM San Marino (EP)
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	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>3</sup>		SI Slovenia (EP) <sup>3</sup>	
	IL Israel			

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 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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