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Assembly of the PCT Union

The 44th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) was held in Geneva during the period from 23 September to 2 October 2013, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

The Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2014. The amendments, which are described in document PCT/A/44/3 and will be included in the Annex to the report of the session, consisted of the following:

- PCT Rules 66 and 70: International preliminary examination will in future include a “top-up” search, the main purpose of which is to find potentially relevant patent publications which had become available since the international search was conducted.
- PCT Rule 94 and the deletion of PCT Rule 44*ter*. The written opinion of the International Searching Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2014 will, in all cases, be made available on PATENTSCOPE from the date of international publication. Currently, the written opinion is only made available 30 months from the priority date.

The Assembly appointed the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT. The Assembly noted that the Egyptian Patent Office had begun operations as an International Authority on 1 April 2013, the Indian Patent Office would begin on 15 October 2013 and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) expected to begin in October 2014.

The Assembly noted reports on the work being undertaken by the PCT Working Group and the PCT Meeting of International Authorities, in which meetings ways were being explored to improve the delivery of PCT services to stakeholders, and also approved recommendations on further work. These matters were reported in the June and March 2013 editions of the *PCT Newsletter*, respectively.

Documents

The documents from the PCT Assembly are available from the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/44

Note that the draft report will be added to the collection as soon as it is available.

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

It is recalled that the Indian Patent Office was appointed as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT at the 36th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union which was held in September 2007 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2007, page 2). The Office has notified WIPO that it will commence operations as an ISA and an IPEA with effect from 15 October 2013, in respect of international applications filed on or after that date with the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office (RO/IN), or with the International Bureau as receiving Office by applicants who are eligible to file with RO/IN.

Information about the Office in its capacity as ISA and IPEA, including the fees that are payable to the Office, has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (IN) and E (IN). The search and preliminary examination fees are also indicated in PCT Fee Tables I(b) and II, respectively.

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

Joint PCT-PPH pilot program launched by IP5 Offices

The group of IP5 Offices, which is made up of the world's five largest intellectual property offices – the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – have agreed to launch a comprehensive IP5 Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program as from January 2014. The new program will use PCT work products and will enable applicants to accelerate the processing of patent applications. Notably, the Offices concerned will be able to exploit already existing work results wherever practicable. Although there are already several PCT-PPH bilateral pilot programs between those Offices, as well as a trilateral program linking the EPO, the JPO and the USPTO, those PCT-PPH arrangements which are currently operational will be integrated in the new all-inclusive scheme.

Under the new IP5 PCT-PPH pilot program, applicants whose patent claims have been found to be patentable by one of the above-mentioned IP5 Offices, by way of a positive written opinion of either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive IPRP (Chapter II), may request, either in the regional phase before the EPO or in the national phase before the JPO, KIPO, SIPO and/or the USPTO, as the case may be, accelerated processing of their corresponding applications pending before the other respective IP5 Offices.

For further information, see the EPO, JPO and SIPO press releases at, respectively:

<http://www.epo.org/news-issues/news/2013/20130924.html>

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

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/yw/2013/201309/t20130925_819901.html

Further details about the conditions that will have to be met in order to make use of this new pilot program, as well as the date on which the program will start, will be announced in the *PCT Newsletter* once that information has been notified to the International Bureau.

ePCT Update

Opening up of the ePCT-Filing Pilot at RO/IB

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2013, the filing of live international applications using the ePCT system is currently available only to a restricted group of pilot users filing in English at the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB). However, as part of the next release of the ePCT system, which is scheduled to take place in the next few days, the IB will be opening up access to the ePCT-Filing pilot at RO/IB to all ePCT users. The pilot continues to be restricted to filing international applications at RO/IB but has been extended to include applications to be published in the following languages: English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese – ePCT-Filing does not yet handle the dual language format for names and addresses required for publication in other languages. The pilot will be progressively extended to include other ROs and other languages of publication as soon as the necessary arrangements have been put in place, including gradual availability of the user interface in more languages.

ePCT-Filing can be accessed only via ePCT private services, which requires the creation of a WIPO user account authenticated with a digital certificate. Therefore, users who would like to use the system may already go to the ePCT Portal at: <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT> and follow the links to create an account and obtain a WIPO digital certificate.

ePCT-Filing will offer users a simple intuitive interface for online filing of international applications, as well as the following advantages:

- it has best-in-class validation features – all data checks are made against the IB's database at the time of preparation of the application;
- formality errors are detected prior to submission and can be corrected before the application is filed;
- PDF attachments containing features which are likely to cause problems when converted (such as greyscale) are detected, and a post-conversion preview is shown so that corrections can be made before the application is filed;
- international applications filed using ePCT-Filing are immediately available online to the default "eOwner," namely, the person submitting the application, with no need to confirm eOwnership as a separate step;
- it is possible to share access rights to a new international application while it is still being prepared in ePCT prior to filing;
- if you have an existing PCT-SAFE address book, you can upload it into ePCT or create a new address book and share it online with other users in the same way as sharing access rights to international applications; and
- it is not necessary to install and continually update software on your computer (the most up-to-date reference data is always available).

WIPO is organizing webinars on ePCT-Filing on the dates shown below, which you can sign up for, free of charge, at the address shown below each webinar date:

- Tuesday, 5 November 2013, 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm Central European Time (CET)
(10.00 am to 11.00 am New York time)
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/709580026>
- Thursday, 7 November 2013, 10.00 am to 11.00 am CET (6.00 pm to 7.00 pm Tokyo time)
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/474943786>
- Tuesday, 3 December 2013, 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm CET (10.00 am to 11.00 am New York time)
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/709648282>
- Thursday, 5 December 2013, 10.00 am to 11.00 am CET (6.00 pm to 7.00 pm Tokyo time)
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/123618714>

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.060.236, dated 1 October 2013) will be available shortly at:

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

Further details about the contents of this release will be available on the PCT e-Services website at:

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

Publication Schedule and Non-Working Days at the International Bureau at the End of the Year

Non-working days at the International Bureau

The non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during December 2013 and January 2014, in addition to the weekends, will be:

Wednesday and Thursday, 25 and 26 December 2013
Wednesday and Thursday, 1 and 2 January 2014

The IB will therefore be open for business on:

Monday and Tuesday, 23 and 24 December 2013
Friday, 27 December 2013
Monday and Tuesday, 30 and 31 December 2013

and will then be open as usual from Friday, 3 January 2014.

Information about the opening dates of the PCT Information Service and the PCT e-Services Help Desk will be given in the November 2013 issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

Publication schedule and technical preparations for publication

During the forthcoming holiday period, PCT applications which would normally have been published on Thursday, 26 December 2013 and Thursday, 2 January 2014, which are non-working days at WIPO, will be published a day later, on Friday, 27 December 2013 and Friday, 3 January 2014, respectively.

Moreover, the dates on which technical preparations for publication will be completed will be earlier in respect of international applications to be published between 5 December 2013 and 16 January 2014. For details about the dates by which any changes should be received by the IB during that period, see below:

<i>Date of international publication</i>	<i>Last day on which applicants' communications must reach WIPO (by midnight, Central European Time)</i>
Thursday, 28 November 2013	Tuesday, 12 November 2013 (normal schedule)
Thursday, 5 December 2013	Monday, 18 November 2013
Thursday, 12 December 2013	Friday, 22 November 2013
Thursday, 19 December 2013	Thursday, 28 November 2013
Friday, 27 December 2013	Wednesday, 4 December 2013
Friday, 3 January 2014	Tuesday, 10 December 2013
Thursday, 9 January 2014	Monday, 16 December 2013
Thursday, 16 January 2014	Friday, 20 December 2013
Thursday, 23 January 2014	Tuesday, 7 January 2014 (normal schedule)

Any applicant who, in respect of an international application to be published during the above-mentioned period, wishes to make any change which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication, should be aware of the above-mentioned dates. For example, if the applicant wishes to withdraw the international application, a designation or a priority claim under PCT Rules 90*bis*.1(c), 90*bis*.2(e) or 90*bis*.3(e), in sufficient time to prevent international publication thereof, or if the applicant wishes to submit amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 and the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1 will expire soon, or wishes to change an indication concerning the applicant, agent, common representative or inventor under PCT Rule 92*bis* – any such notice must reach the IB by the date indicated on the right-hand side if the changes are to be reflected in the international publication.

It is, as always, strongly recommended that applicants notify the IB of any change as early as possible before completion of technical preparations for publication. Such notices can be sent by mail, but should preferably be sent:

- via ePCT (public or private services) (<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>), or
- by fax to: (+41-22) 338 82 70

PCT Information Update

Please note that some of the fee changes announced below were already included in the PCT Fee Tables which were published separately on 9 September 2013, but have not yet been announced in this section of the *PCT Newsletter*.

BR Brazil (information concerning prioritized examination in the national phase)

The following information has been added to the *PCT Applicant's Guide* concerning the possibility to request prioritized examination in the national phase before the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil):

An applicant may request prioritized examination of an application where the applicant is over 60 years of age and:

- (i) claims in the application are being infringed, or
- (ii) grant of patent is a condition for obtaining funding.

Prioritized examination may also be available to the applicant or interested third parties where an application concerns the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of AIDS/HIV, cancer or neglected diseases related to public health. There is no additional fee.

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

CA Canada (fees)

As from 1 November 2013, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in CAD to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in CAD of the PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

CO Colombia (fees)

There has been a change in the amount of the following national fee (in the case of a patent), payable to the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) as designated (or elected) Office:

Annual fees:

for the first to the fourth years, per year:COP 206,000 (306,000)¹

There has been a change in the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – certain fees are reduced where the applicant is a national of Colombia. Please refer to the Office for details.

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

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter CO, paragraph CO.09).

HR Croatia (requirements concerning agent)

There have been changes in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia) as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of requirements now reads as follows:

- Any agent registered to practice before the Office²
- Any natural or legal person entered in the Register of Representatives maintained by the Office
- Any attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship
- Any legal person, with a registered office in Croatia, employing at least one person that has passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office

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

LV Latvia (fees)

As from 1 January 2014, there will be a change in the currency of payment from Latvian lat (LVL) to euro (EUR) for the following fees payable to the Latvian Patent Office in its capacity as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	68.87
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	17.22

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

PE Peru (location and mailing address; fees)

The location and mailing address of the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) has changed, as follows:

Calle De la Prosa 104
San Borja
Lima 41
Peru

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

For patent:

Filing fee:	PEN	720
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For utility model:

Filing fee:	PEN	324
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (PE) and National Chapter, Summary (PE))

² A list of agents is available on the website of the Office at: <http://www.dziv.hr/en/representation-before-sipo/patent-representatives/>

PL Poland (requirements concerning agent)

There have been changes in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland as receiving Office, which should now read:

Any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office³

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

PT Portugal (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2013:

	<i>Online</i>	<i>On paper</i>
For patent:		
Filing fee (includes publication and examination):.....	EUR 52.12	EUR 104.24
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	EUR 52.12	EUR 104.24
Examination fee:	EUR 78.18	EUR 156.36

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

SA Saudi Arabia (general information; competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

General information about Saudi Arabia as a PCT Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Saudi Patent Office (SPO) as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annexes B1 and C (SA)) on the PCT website at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexb1/ax_b_sa.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexc/ax_c_sa.pdf

Note that the SPO has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia with the SPO as receiving Office.

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Indian Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

Information on the fees payable to the Indian Patent Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority, with effect from 15 October 2013, has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (IN), at:

³ A list is available on the website of the Office at: <http://www2.uprp.pl/listarzeczNIKow/>

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexd/ax_d_in.pdf

and the amount of the search fee that will be payable is indicated in PCT Fee Table I(b).

There have been changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below, with effect from 1 October 2013, for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Swedish Patent and Registration Office NOK

Nordic Patent Institute NOK

As from 1 November 2013, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Austrian Patent Office SGD

Canadian Intellectual Property Office CHF

European Patent Office SGD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (AT), (CA), (EP), (SE) and (XN))

Preliminary examination fee, handling fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Indian Patent Office)

Information on the fees payable to the Indian Patent Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 15 October 2013, has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (IN), at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexe/ax_e_in.pdf

and the amount of the preliminary examination fee that will be payable is indicated in PCT Fee Table II.

As from 1 November 2013, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in CAD to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as indicated in Fee Table II.

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

PATENTSCOPE Search System

National patent collections: Bahrain, China, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates

In August 2013, the national patent collections of Bahrain, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates were added to the PATENTSCOPE search system. The three collections are available in both Arabic and English for the bibliographic data; the full description data will be added shortly.

In September 2013, the national patent collection of China, consisting of about three million documents, was added to the PATENTSCOPE search system. The Chinese collection includes English-language bibliographic data of Chinese patents and patent applications from 1985 until 1995, and from 1996 onwards the submissions include bibliographic data in English and Chinese, as well as descriptions and claims in Chinese.

With the addition of the four above-mentioned collections, the PATENTSCOPE search system now includes some 32.5 million searchable patent documents, dating from 1790 to the present day, of which there are over 2.3 million published PCT applications. It also brings to 34 the number of national or regional patent Offices the data of which is available.

The collection, together with detailed information about data coverage for each Office, is available by clicking on the “Help” menu at:

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

New PCT national phase information

The PATENTSCOPE search service now includes PCT national phase information for Austria, Cuba, India, New Zealand and Thailand, thus bringing the total number of Offices which provide such information to 48. It is recalled that information on whether an international application has entered the national/regional phase, as well as other information relating to the national/regional phase, can, where the designated or elected Office has furnished the relevant information to the International Bureau, be accessed by clicking on the “national phase” tab of the international application concerned. For a complete list of offices and dates covered by this service, see:

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

PCT in the News

The following four extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 5, September 2013) have been added to the “PCT in the News” page of the PCT website:

“Providing Premier International IP Systems & Services” – an interview with Francis Gurry, Director General, WIPO

“Science, Technology & Innovation in Saudi Arabia” by Sami Alsodais, Director General, Saudi Patent Office, King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST), Saudi Arabia

“Sharing Expertise to Boost Patent Quality” by Fatima Beattie, Deputy Director General, IP Australia

“ICTs & Innovation: The View from a Top PCT Filer” by Ken Hu, Rotating CEO and Deputy Chairman of Huawei

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

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

The complete edition of issue No. 5 is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/2013/05/

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitation

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, a new invitation has been identified originating from “WBIP – World Bureau for Intellectual Property”. To view an example of the invitation, 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 at:

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

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (*corrigendum*)

With reference to the list of PCT Contracting States and two-letter codes published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 05/2013, 06/2013, 07/2013 and 08-09/2013, please note that a footnote reference was erroneously inserted next to RS Serbia.

Practical Advice

Importance of the timely receipt of valid signatures or powers of attorney for withdrawals

Q: As the agent for an international application, I wish to withdraw the (only) priority claim in the application in order to delay entry into the national phase. However, the time limit for withdrawing the priority claim expires in two days' time, and unfortunately, there is no power of attorney on file, and I am unable to reach the applicant to obtain his signature of the notice of withdrawal. I wondered whether I could submit, today, to the International Bureau via ePCT document upload, a notice of withdrawal of the priority claim signed by me, and then submit a power of attorney at a later date, as soon as I have been able to reach the applicant. If I do this, will the IB consider the notice of withdrawal to have been received on the date on which the notice was received, and therefore within the applicable time limit?

A: It is important to be aware that, in order for a notice of withdrawal of a priority claim (as well as any other notice of withdrawal under PCT Rule 90*bis*) to be effective, that notice must fulfill both of the following requirements:

- it must be received prior to the expiration of the applicable time limit (in the case of the withdrawal of a priority claim, this is 30 months from the priority date (PCT Rule 90*bis*.3(a));

- it must contain the required signature(s) (that is, it must be signed by, or on behalf of, the applicant). If the notice of withdrawal is signed by the agent on behalf of the applicant, and the agent has not yet been duly appointed by the applicant, the notice must be accompanied by a power of attorney appointing the agent, signed by the applicant (PCT Rule 90*bis*.5).

Therefore, even if the notice of withdrawal of the priority claim is received by the International Bureau today (regardless of the means by which that notice is submitted), it is the date on which both of the above-mentioned requirements have been met that will be considered to be the date of receipt of the notice. The notice of withdrawal will therefore not be taken into account if the signed power of attorney is not furnished prior to the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

It should be noted that, in cases where there is more than one applicant in the international application, including where there are applicant/inventors (which is particularly relevant in the case of international applications filed before the relevant provisions of the America Invents Act entered into force on 16 September 2012), the signature of all other applicants would also be required in order for the notice of withdrawal to be effective.

It is therefore very important to ensure that any form of withdrawal under PCT Rule 90*bis* is accompanied by all necessary signatures, and in any case, should be notified to the International Bureau in plenty of time before the expiration of the applicable time limit, in order to allow extra time in case of procedural or technical problems.

Note also that, even if the requirement to submit a power of attorney has been waived (under PCT Rule 90.4(d) and/or 90.5(c)) by the receiving Office with which you filed the international application, you should always carefully consider whether you should nevertheless obtain the signature(s) of the applicant(s), either by the signature of a power of attorney or by the signature of the request. By obtaining that/those signature(s), any withdrawal under PCT Rule 90*bis*, which requires the signature of all applicants or a power of attorney signed by all of the applicants, can be dealt with immediately, and delays caused by the need to obtain missing signatures would be avoided. Even if the signature(s) is/are not actually submitted to the receiving Office, but is/are merely kept in the file of the agent, at least it/they would be available if needed later in the procedure.

If you are unable to obtain the necessary power of attorney before the expiration of the time limit of 30 months from the priority date, the priority claim will not be withdrawn and you will generally have to enter the national phase at 30 months from the priority date, unless any of the Offices before which you wish to enter the national phase provide for a longer time limit under their applicable national law. For information about any extensions to the 30-month time limit, see the table of “Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase under PCT Chapters I and II” at:

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

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 10 October 2013)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
11 October 2013 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 12 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (10-11 October 2013) 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
11–12 October 2013 Monrovia, IA (US)	English	PCT presentation about recent and future developments relating to the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association (Mr. Ryan N. Carter) Tel: (1-319) 286 70 04 Fax: (1-319) 286 70 50 E-mail: rncarter@nyemaster.com Internet: http://www.iipla.com
18 October 2013 Athens (GR)	English	PCT training seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Mrs. Eri Manousou) Tel: (30-210) 618 35 40 Fax: (30-210) 618 35 30 E-mail: eman@obi.gr
22 October 2013 Washington, D.C. (US)	English	ePCT Training Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Lombardi 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
23–24 October 2013 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former member of the PCT Legal Division of WIPO and of the Boards of Appeal of the EPO)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
28–29 October 2013 Ottawa (CA)	English	Canadian PCT Roundtable WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Mr. Reed Other speakers: Mr. Hesper (European Patent Office), Mr. Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office) (via web conferencing)	Intellectual Property Institute of Canada E-mail: admin@ipic.ca
29 October 2013 Helsinki (FI)	English	Update seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet	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
31 October– 1 November 2013 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bidwell	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
4–5 November 2013 Boston, MA (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bidwell	Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Joseph Maraia) Tel: (1-617) 488 81 17 E-mail: jmaraia@PierceAtwood.com

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
7–8 November 2013 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Ms. Weiss	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
22 November 2013 Basel (CH)	English	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu
2 December 2013 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division Tel: (81-3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 Internet: http://www.jpo.go.jp/cgi/link.cgi?url=/torikumi/ibento/ibento2/h25_chiteki_setumeikai.htm
3 December 2013 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Tokyo, above)
4 December 2013 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
5 December 2013 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Tokyo, above)
5–6 December 2013 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Weiss and Ms. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
7–8 January 2014 New Delhi (IN)	English	IP Leadership Forum 2014 WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	IP Fame Internet: http://www.eventipr.com
10 January 2014 Rome (IT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (see Basel, above)
4 February 2014 San Diego, CA (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: pctlearningcenter.org
6–7 February 2014 San Jose, CA (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see San Diego, above)
12 February 2014 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
10–11 April 2014 London (GB)	English	Basic 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

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PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
22 October 2013 Washington, DC (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp 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

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
17 October 2013 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm, Central European Time (9.30 am to 10.30 am Rio de Janeiro time)	Portuguese	PCT update WIPO speaker: Mr. Perez	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/183548642
5 November 2013 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time (10.00 am to 11.00 am New York time)	English	New web-based electronic filing of PCT applications WIPO speaker: Ms. Bardini	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/709580026
7 November 2013 10.00 am to 11.00 am, Central European Time	English	New web-based electronic filing of PCT applications WIPO speaker: Ms. Bardini	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/474943786
3 December 2013 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time (10.00 am to 11.00 am New York time)	English	New web-based electronic filing of PCT applications WIPO speaker: Ms. Bardini	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/709648282
5 December 2013 10.00 am to 11.00 am, Central European Time	English	New web-based electronic filing of PCT applications WIPO speaker: Ms. Bardini	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/123618714

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 October 2013, 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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
<i>Currencies:</i>		COP	Colombian peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty		
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BND	Brunei dollar	GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 October 2013, 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	1,419	16	107	–	–	–	EP RU	
AP	USD	50	USD	1,419	16	107	–	–	–	AT EP SE	
	(or eq in local currency)										
AT	EUR	50	EUR	1,100	12	83	165	248	–	EP	
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,536	17	115	231	346	–	AU KR	
AZ	AZN	10	USD	1,419	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU	
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,100	12	83	–	–	–	EP	
BE	EUR	40	EUR	1,100	12	83	–	–	–	EP	
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,419	16	–	–	–	–	AT EP US	
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	–	–	AT AU EP KR
BR	BRL ⁹	online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,419	16	107	–	–	–	EP	
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,419	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU	

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

(amounts on 1 October, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,394 (from 1.11.13: 1,490)	16 (17)	105 (112)	210 (224)	314 (336)	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 130	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 1,419	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 107	–	–	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 865,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, BR, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,419	16	107	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,100	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,100	12	83	–	–	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,100	12	83	165	248	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,200	90	620	1,230	1,850	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,100	12	83	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 125	EUR 1,100	12	–	165	248	EP
ES	EUR 73.51	EUR 1,100	12	83	165	248	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,100	12	–	165	248	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,100	12	83	165	248	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 939	11	–	141	212	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,419	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,100	12	83	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 314,700	HUF 3,500	HUF 23,700	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 83 or USD ¹⁵ 107	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,100 or USD 1,419	15 12 16	100 83 107	200 165 213	300 248 320	See footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,100	12	83	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 October 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
IL	ILS 546	USD 1,419	16	107	213	320	EP IL US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US (from 15.10.13: IN)
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 173,100	2,000	13,000	26,000	39,000	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,100	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000	JPY 135,500	1,500	10,200	–	30,600	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP RU
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	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ¹⁸	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,419	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,100	12	83	165	248	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,100	12	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL 48.40 (as from 1.1.14: EUR 68.87)	EUR 1,100	12	83	–	–	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 1,100	12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	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 1,100	12	83	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 424,700	4,800	31,900	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²¹	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing) ²²	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,100	12	–	165	248	EP
NO	NOK 750	NOK 8,130	90	–	1,220	1,830	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²³	NZD 1,712	19	129	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	Information not yet available						
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,419	eq USD 16	eq USD 107	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,419	16	107	–	–	AU

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

(amounts on 1 October 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,419		16	107	213	320	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	20.85	EUR	1,100		12	83	165	248	EP
QA	Information not yet available									
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,100		12	83	165	248	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,020 ²⁴	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available									
SA	USD	100	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	CA EG EP RU
SC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,419		16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	9,330		110	700	1,400	2,100	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,743		20	131	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,100		12	83	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁵	EUR	1,100		12	83	165	248	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	1,100		12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	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	1,419		16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	–	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,419		16	107	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	240 ²⁷	USD	1,419		16	107	213	–	AU EP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	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	14,320		160	1,080	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,419		16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,419	eq USD	16	eq USD 107	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,159	KRW	2,566,000	SGD*	2,830	USD	2,303	ZAR	23,530
		<i>*(from 1.11.13:</i>	SGD	<i>3,040)</i>								
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,905	EUR	1,572	KRW	2,352,000	NZD	2,573	SGD	2,570
	USD	2,084	ZAR	20,470								
BR ²⁹	BRL	2,250	CHF	955	EUR	770	USD	1,010				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF*	1,527	EUR	1,186	USD	1,536				
		<i>*(from 1.11.13:</i>	CHF	<i>1,428)</i>								
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	313	EUR	259	USD	334				
EG ³⁰	EGP	4,000	CHF	559	EUR	456	USD	593				
EP ³¹	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	DKK	13,980	GBP	1,619	HUF	542,900	ISK	290,000
	JPY	234,800	MWK	724,000	NOK	14,860	NZD	3,136	SEK	15,900	SGD*	2,970
	USD	2,419	ZAR	24,720								
		<i>*(from 1.11.13:</i>	SGD	<i>3,190)</i>								
ES ³¹	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	USD	2,419						
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	USD	2,419						
IL	ILS	3,500	CHF	902	EUR	737	USD	959				
(IN) ³²	(INR	10,000	CHF	159	EUR	129	USD	172				
	<i>In case of filing by an individual:</i>											
	INR	2,500	CHF	40	EUR	32	USD	43				
JP	JPY	70,000	CHF	687	EUR	559	KRW	776,000	SGD	878	USD	710
KR	For searches carried out in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,216	CHF	1,094	EUR	904	NZD	1,408	SGD	1,430
	USD	1,167										
	For searches carried out in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	421	CHF	379	EUR	313	NZD	487	SGD	500
	USD	404										
RU	RUB	6,750	CHF	204	EUR	157	HUF	48,300	USD	217		
SE	SEK	15,900	CHF	2,268	DKK	13,980	EUR	1,875	ISK	290,000	NOK	14,860
	USD	2,419										
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,950	EUR	1,612	NZD	2,660	ZAR	21,120		
XN	DKK	13,980	CHF	2,268	EUR	1,875	ISK	290,000	NOK	14,860	USD	2,419

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 33}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,028 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,439 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,056	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,268	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,268	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁴ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁵	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,268	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,268 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 650	CHF 200

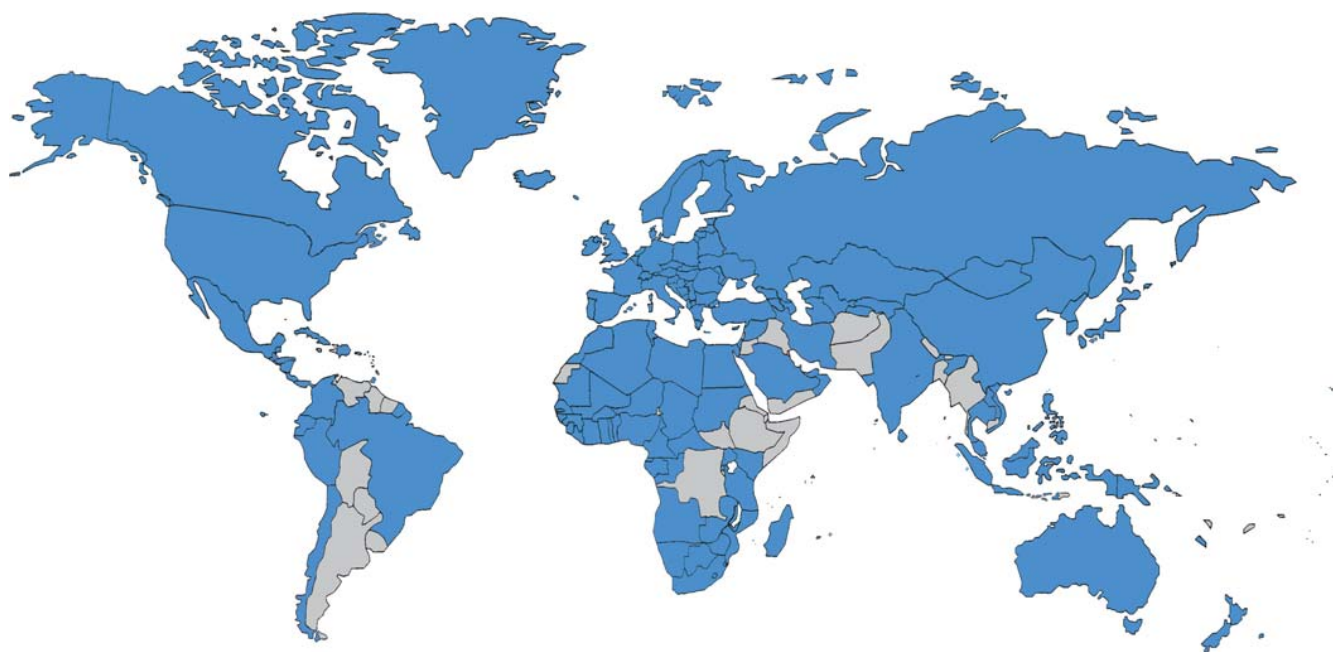
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 October 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁶		Handling fee ^{2, 36} (CHF 200)	
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,675	EUR	165
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁷	AUD	231
BR ²⁹	BRL	840	BRL	432
CA	CAD	800	CAD	210 (from 1.11.13: 224)
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EG ³⁰	EGP	3,000	EGP	1,432
EP ³¹	EUR	1,850	EUR	165
ES	EUR	577.87	EUR	165
FI	EUR	600	EUR	165
IL	ILS	1,500	ILS	776
(IN) ³²	(INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000)		(USD	213)
JP	JPY	26,000	JPY	20,400
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	238,000
RU	RUB	2,700 ³⁸ 4,050 ³⁹	USD	213
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,400
US	USD	600 750 ⁴⁰	USD	213
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,230

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
- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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%.
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- 31 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>
- 32 This Office will begin operating as ISA and IPEA with effect from 15 October 2013.
- 33 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 34 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.
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- 39 In all cases where footnote 38 does not apply.
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2 May only be designated for a regional patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed).

3 Only international applications filed on or after 25 May 2013 include the designation of this State for an OAPI patent. For international applications filed before that date, extension of OAPI patent possible.

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