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ePCT Update

A new release of the ePCT system (Version 2.7) was deployed on 29 January 2013. The new features that have been made available in this version to applicants and also to receiving Offices and International Authorities are described below.

ePCT for Applicants and Third Parties

- Three new online Actions are available, allowing applicants to interact with their international applications in order to:
 - request withdrawal of the demand for international preliminary examination (Chapter II);
 - request withdrawal of elections of States; and
 - request that an indication of availability for licensing purposes be displayed on the PATENTSCOPE website.
- When a request under PCT Rule 92*bis* is submitted using the ePCT Action, suspension of online access to the international application no longer occurs automatically in all cases, but will depend on the type of change requested, for example, requesting a change of nationality or residence will not result in online access to the international application being suspended.
- On the eOwnership screen it is now possible to set up a default list of your eHandshake users to whom you would like access rights to be assigned automatically whenever you are confirmed as the original eOwner of an international application.
- The date and time in Geneva, Switzerland, is displayed at the top of the screen in order to facilitate awareness of deadlines that are based on the date and time at the International Bureau (IB) (see below).

Current time in Geneva, Switzerland 🇨🇭 Tuesday, 29 January 2013, 13:39 CET
- Additional filter options have been added to the Workbench to identify international applications where certain circumstances apply, for example, that there are fees that are outstanding for unpublished cases filed at RO/IB.

For further information on the use of ePCT for Applicants and Third Parties, please go to:

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

ePCT for Offices

- Four new online Actions are available, allowing receiving Offices and International Authorities, as appropriate, to submit updates of bibliographic data and to transmit to the IB electronic documents relating to events in the processing of an international application, such as:
 - transmittal of the record copy for international applications filed in PCT-EASY or paper format;
 - transmittal of priority documents;
 - withdrawal of the international application; and
 - withdrawal of priority claims.
- The list of document types that can be uploaded to the IB by Offices has been extended.

For further information on the use of ePCT for Offices, please go to:

http://wipo.int/pct/en/epct/epct_office.html

PCT E-Payment – Temporary Suspension of American Express Transactions in US Dollars

Please note that, due to a sudden major increase in costs on American Express payments in US dollars, the International Bureau has suspended, until further notice, the receipt of all payments by American Express credit card in US dollars. However, it remains possible to make payments using American Express credit cards in Swiss francs, and it is recalled that it is also possible to make payments using Visa and Mastercard/Eurocard in euro, Swiss francs and US dollars.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) now receives and processes international applications in electronic form

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that, with effect from 25 January 2013, it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form. The electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are included in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 24 January 2013 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html

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

World Trade Organization

Lao People's Democratic Republic

On 2 February 2013, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which is already party to the PCT and the Paris Convention, became a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), thus bringing the total number of Members to 158. The table of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the WTO has been updated accordingly at:

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

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention.

PCT Information Update

CO Colombia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) has specified, with effect from 28 January 2013, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Colombia with the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce as receiving Office.

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

FI Finland (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland have changed with effect from 5 February 2013, as follows:

Telephone: (358) (0)29 509 50 00

Fax: (358) (0)29 509 53 28

Note that the old numbers remain valid until further notice.

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

NL Netherlands (location; mailing address)

The location and the mailing address of the Netherlands Patent Office have changed with effect from 21 December 2012, as follows:

Location: Prinses Beatrixlaan 2
2595 AL Den Haag
Netherlands

Mailing address: P.O. Box 10366
2501 HJ Den Haag
Netherlands

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

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

PCT Brief

PCT Brief is a new PCT resource which contains a high-level overview of recent and future developments in the PCT, particularly useful for managers and attorneys. This page is hyperlinked to more in-depth information, databases, videos, FAQs, etc., and will be updated when significant changes occur. It is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/brief>

and readers may subscribe to the PCT Brief mailing list to be alerted to updates at:

<http://www.wipo.int/lists/subscribe/pct-brief>

PCT Newsletter index 2012

The 2012 annual index for the *PCT Newsletter*, which contains two separate indexes, one by alphabetical order of subject and one by alphabetical order of countries and Offices, is now available in PDF format at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2012/pct_news_2012_14.pdf

Materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE)

In order to assist candidates in the preparation of materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) for prospective European patent attorneys, the International Bureau, with the agreement of the Examination Board for the EQE, has made available on the website four PDF files for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, the International Phase and the National Phase as of 31 December 2012, in English and French, at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/eqe_collection_ip.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/eqe_collection_np.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/eqe_collection_ip.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/eqe_collection_np.pdf

For printing purposes, please be warned that these PDF files are large – the complete collection in either language requires nearly 900 sheets of paper when printed recto verso – and may be difficult to download over a slow Internet connection. To avoid printing difficulties select “Fit to Printable Area” in the “Page Scaling” options when printing.

Request and Demand forms in Japanese

The September 2012 version of the Request form (PCT/RO/101) and the Demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) are now available in editable PDF format in Japanese, in addition to Chinese, English, French, German, Korean, Russian and Spanish, at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/forms/request/ed_request.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/forms/demand/ed_demand.pdf

PCT Applicant's Guide in Japanese

An updated version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* in Japanese (dated 1 April 2012) is now available, in PDF format, at:

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

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 "WIPT - Registration of International Patent".

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

Practical Advice

Publication of information relating to the applicant's wish to make a correction (or addition) of a priority claim, where the applicable time limit for making such a correction (or addition) in the international phase has expired

Q: I filed an international application on 5 June 2012 claiming the priority of an earlier national application. I did not become aware of the fact that the filing date of the earlier application had been erroneously indicated in the request form as 23 June 2011, instead of 10 June 2011 (and was therefore published with the incorrect date), until after the publication of the international application at the beginning of January 2013. Although the priority document shows the date correctly as 10 June 2011, I did not submit it until just before publication of the international application, and therefore did not receive an invitation to correct the priority date indicated in the request. Is it still possible to correct the priority date indicated in the international application? If not, is there any other action that can be taken so that the designated Offices will be aware that the priority date in the published international application is incorrect?

A: The following advice applies to the addition of a priority claim, as well as to the correction of an existing one, as the procedures which would apply are very similar. As you did not submit the priority document containing the correct priority date until just before international publication, it would have been pointless for either the receiving Office or the International Bureau (IB) to have invited you to correct the priority claim as the applicable time limit for making such a correction under PCT Rule 26bis.1(a) had expired.

The time limit for correcting a priority claim under PCT Rule 26bis(1)(a) is 16 months from the priority date or, where the correction would cause a change in the priority date, 16 months from the priority date as so changed, whichever 16-month period expires first, provided that such a notice may be submitted until the expiration of four months from the international filing date (IFD). In your case:

- (1) 16 months from the existing (defective) priority date in the request form fell on 23 October 2012;
- (2) 16 months from the "correct" priority date, were a correction to be made, would have fallen on 10 October 2012;
- (3) four months from the IFD fell on 5 October 2012.

Since (1) and (2) were later than four months from the IFD, it is the earlier of (1) and (2) which applies, that is, 10 October 2012.

As the above-mentioned time limit has expired, this means that your only recourse for requesting a correction is to take up the matter with each designated (or elected) Office before which you wish to enter the national (or regional) phase, provided that this is permitted under the applicable national (or regional) law. In cases such as this one, where the priority date which cannot be corrected in the international phase is earlier than the existing one (and there are no other earlier priority claims in the application), it would be prudent for you to calculate the time limit for entry into the national phase as if the priority claim had been corrected. In your case, therefore, with the correct priority date of 10 June 2011, the 30-month time limit for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(1) (and 39(1)(a)) would expire on 10 December 2013 (instead of on 23 December 2013).

Note, however, that there is still one possible course of action that you can take in the international phase which may help you in the national phase. In accordance with PCT Rule 26*bis*.2(e), you can request the IB to publish information regarding the late correction of the priority claim. The purpose of this publication would be to alert designated (or elected) Offices and third parties to the likelihood that a correction will be requested by the applicant in the national phase (and therefore that the priority date might change), while at the same time providing a basis to request such a correction in the national phase.

If you wish to take advantage of this possibility, you must request the IB to publish this information prior to the expiration of 30 months from the (defective) priority date, which in the case of your international application, is 23 December 2013. This service is subject to the payment to the IB of a special fee, which is currently 50 Swiss francs for the first sheet plus 12 Swiss francs for each additional sheet (see Section 113(c) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). The information would be published on PATENTSCOPE under the “Documents” tab of the published international application under the title “Publication of Late Submitted Request to Correct/Add Priority Claims”. It is important to note that the fact that this information is published on PATENTSCOPE **does not have the effect of a correction of the existing priority date**, however, as mentioned above, it does serve to alert Offices and third parties that a correction may be made in the national phase.

Note also that, even though the priority date indicated in the request form does not match the priority date shown on the front page of the priority document that you furnished, you can, nevertheless, request the IB to communicate that document to the designated Offices. This may increase your chances of getting the correction accepted by the designated Offices, and will remove the need for you to submit the priority document yourself to each designated Office before which you wish to enter the national phase. The document would be made publicly available on PATENTSCOPE under the “Documents” tab of the published international application, under the title “Purported P.doc for transmittal”.

Information on the procedure for correcting or adding a priority claim (when the request is made within the applicable time limit) was published in the “Practical Advice” of *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/1998.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 February 2013)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
6 February 2013 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
8 February 2013 San Jose, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
5 March 2013 Tokyo (JP)	English/ Japanese	Seminar on the strategic use of the PCT system WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed Other speakers from the Japan Patent Office and the Japan Patent Intellectual Property Association (to be announced)	WIPO Japan Office Tel: (81-3) 55 32 50 30
6 March 2013 Osaka (JP)	English/ Japanese	Seminar on the strategic use of the PCT system WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed Other speakers from the Japan Patent Office and the Japan Patent Intellectual Property Association (to be announced)	WIPO Japan Office Tel: (81-3) 55 32 50 30
11-12 March 2013 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bidwell	Center for Intellectual Property Law The John Marshall Law School (Ms. Elizabeth Sherman) Tel: (1-312) 386 28 18 Fax: (1-312) 427 52 80 E-mail: esherman@jmls.edu
22 March 2013 Greensboro, NC (US)	English	PCT update WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Tina M. Hughes) Tel: (1-919) 657 15 56 E-mail: thughes@NCBAR.org
17-18 April 2013 Dallas, TX (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
19 April 2013 Austin, TX (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith, PCT Learning Center	PCT Learning Center (see Dallas, above)
24-25 April 2013 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Weiss	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
25-26 April 2013 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Gateau	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
26–27 April 2013 Concord, NH (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property, UNH School of Law (Ms. Jacqueline Lawrie) Tel: (1-603) 513 52 46 E-mail: jacquiline.lawrie@law.unh.edu
4 June 2013 Brussels (BE)	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the “Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets” WIPO speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: christiane.melz@ceipi.edu
7 October 2013 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41–52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41–52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
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
23–24 October 2013 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
6–7 November 2013 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
22 November 2013 Basel (CH)	English	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (see Brussels, above)
5–6 December 2013 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
4–5 April 2013 Westminster (near Denver), CO (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for patent attorneys and patent agents Speaker: Mr. Oppedahl (Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC) Note that attendance is limited to 10 people.	Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC (Ms. Wendy Powell) Tel: (1-303) 252 88 00 E-mail: gtw4@oppedahl.com Internet: http://www.oppedahl.com/pct-seminar/
11–13 April 2013 Orlando, FL (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Practice: How to Master its Challenges Speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed (PCT Consultants)	Patent Resources Group (Ms. Melissa Marris) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60, ext. 20174 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: mmarris@patentresources.com Internet: www.patentresources.com

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
12 March 2013 10.00 am to 11.00 am, Central European Time (6.00 pm to 7.00 pm Tokyo time)	English	ePCT overview WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/802525746
12 March 2013 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time (10.00 am to 11.00 am New York time)	English	ePCT overview WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/794522474
9 April 2013 10.00 am to 11.00 am, Central European Time (5.00 pm to 6.00 pm Tokyo time)	English	ePCT overview WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/432960306
9 April 2013 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time (10.00 am to 11.00 am New York time)	English	ePCT overview WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/773030954
7 May 2013 10.00 am to 11.00 am, Central European Time (5.00 pm to 6.00 pm Tokyo time)	English	ePCT overview WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/773035562
7 May 2013 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Central European Time (10.00 am to 11.00 am New York time)	English	ePCT overview WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/266302122

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 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 –	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 February 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	1,367	15	103	206	308	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	Information not yet available								
BR	BRL ⁹	200	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,419	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 February 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		
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,419		16	107	–	–	CA EP	
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,394		16	105	210	314	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	812,000 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 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	879		10	–	132	198	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 eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵	100	CHF	1,330		15	100	200	300	See footnote 16	
	or EUR ¹⁵	83	or EUR	1,100		12	83	165	248		
	or USD ¹⁵	107	or USD	1,419		16	107	213	320		
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,100		12	83	–	–	EP	

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

(amounts on 1 February 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
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 175,600	2,000	13,200	26,400	39,600	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,100	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000	JPY 110,700 (from 1.3.13: 121,400)	1,200 (1,400)	8,300 (9,100)	– (–)	25,000 (27,400)	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
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	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	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	MXN eq USD 323.70 ²¹	MXN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing) ²²	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,419	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
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 20.28	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

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

(amounts on 1 February 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	
RS	RSD 6,100 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						
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 11,850	130	890	–	–	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 February 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	19,240
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	2,140	EUR	1,769	KRW	2,543,000	NZD	2,754	SGD	2,800
	USD	2,282	ZAR	19,070								
BR ²⁹	BRL	1,900	CHF	879	EUR	727	USD	938				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,527	EUR	1,263	USD	1,629				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	313	EUR	259	USD	334				
EP ³⁰	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	DKK	13,980	GBP	1,499	ISK	299,000	JPY*	188,700
	MWK	724,000	NOK	13,860	NZD	2,919	SEK	15,900	SGD	2,970	USD	2,419
	ZAR	20,210										
	*(from 1.3.13:		JPY 206,700)									
ES ³⁰	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	USD	2,419						
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,268	USD	2,419						
IL	ILS	3,500	CHF	839	EUR	694	USD	895				
JP	JPY	70,000	CHF*	841	EUR*	696	KRW*	1,000,000	SGD	1,057	USD*	897
	*(from 1.3.13:		CHF 767 EUR 635 KRW 917,000 USD 834)									
KR	For searches carried out in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,125	CHF	1,094	EUR	904	NZD	1,408	SGD	1,430
	USD	1,167										
	For searches carried out in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	389	CHF	379	EUR	313	NZD	487	SGD	500
	USD	404										
RU	RUB	6,750	CHF	204	EUR	168	USD	217				
SE	SEK	15,900	CHF	2,268	DKK	13,980	EUR	1,875	ISK	299,000	NOK	13,860
	USD	2,419										
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,950	EUR	1,612	NZD	2,510	ZAR	17,380		
XN	DKK	13,980	CHF	2,268	EUR	1,875	ISK	299,000	NOK	13,860	USD	2,419

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 February 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 31}
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 ³² 11,800 (18,880) ³³	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,268	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,268	CHF 200

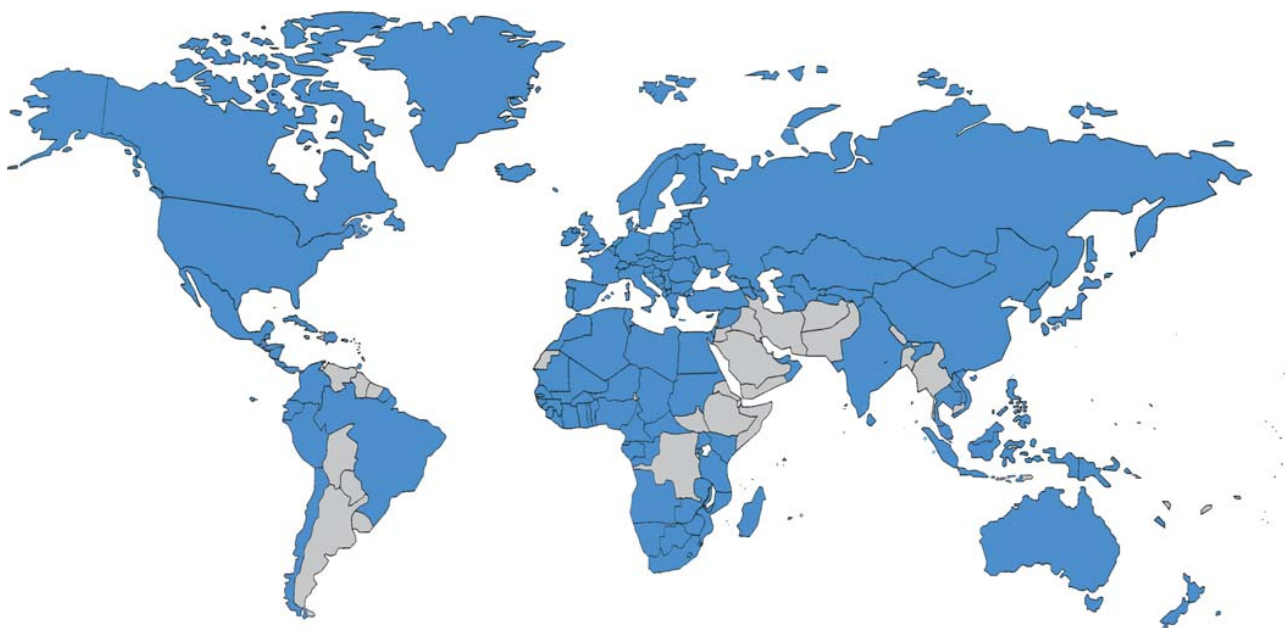
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 February 2013, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁴		Handling fee ^{2, 34} (CHF 200)	
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,675	EUR	165
AU	AUD	590	AUD	206
BR ²⁹	BRL	710	BRL	432
CA	CAD	800	CAD	210
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ³⁰	EUR	1,850	EUR	165
ES	EUR	577.87	EUR	165
FI	EUR	600	EUR	165
IL	ILS	1,500	ILS	834
JP	JPY	26,000	JPY	16,600 (from 1.3.13: 18,300)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	238,000
RU	RUB	2,700 ³⁶	USD	213
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,400
US	USD	600	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.
- 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
- 16 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.
- 19 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 23 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 26 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 27 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed on or after 15 November 2011 other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities: USD 200.
- 28 The fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 29 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 30 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 31 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 (Rospatent) (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)).

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AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IN India	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP)
AO Angola	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TD Chad (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TG Togo (OA) ²
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TH Thailand
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BN Brunei Darussalam	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TT Trinidad and Tobago
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BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	UA Ukraine
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CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova ³	RS Serbia (EP) ^{1,4}	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CL Chile	HN Honduras	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	VN Viet Nam
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP)	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP) ⁵	ZA South Africa
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SE Sweden (EP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SG Singapore	

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

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

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

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

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

Where a State can be designated for a regional patent, the two-letter code for the regional patent concerned is indicated in parentheses (AP = ARIPO patent, EA = Eurasian patent, EP = European patent, OA = OAPI patent).

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