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

US United States of America (PCT Rules 49ter.1 and 49ter.2)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) of the withdrawal, with effect from 18 December 2013, of the following notifications of incompatibility with its national law:

- the notification under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2006, page 3), and
- the notification under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2006, page 4).

As a consequence of the withdrawal of these notifications of incompatibility, the following PCT Rules are applied by the USPTO with effect from 18 December 2013, respectively:

- PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d); and
- PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g).

This means that the USPTO, in its capacity as designated Office, will consider requests for restoration of the right of priority, and will, in its capacity as designated Office and provided the necessary conditions are met, accept such a decision made by another Office acting as receiving Office.

The criterion applied in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority by the USPTO as designated Office, as well as the fees payable for making such requests, are the same as those which already apply for the USPTO in its capacity as receiving Office, that is: it applies the “unintentional” criterion and the applicable fee is USD 850 for small and micro entities and USD 1,700 in all other cases.

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

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

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

Decommissioning of the PCT-EASY functionality of PCT-SAFE

The International Bureau (IB) is taking steps to implement the decommissioning of the PCT-EASY functionality of the PCT-SAFE software with effect from 1 July 2015.

PCT-EASY was introduced in 1998, and was only ever intended to be an interim step prior to the development of a fully electronic filing system. PCT-EASY allowed a diskette (or now CD-R) containing bibliographic data and the abstract in text format to be provided, together with a printout of the request form and the application body in paper form, at a time when it was not yet possible to submit the request form and application body in electronic form.

PCT-EASY was quickly very popular and by 2003 was used for 45% of all international applications. However, during that year, fully electronic applications became possible at several receiving Offices and the use of PCT-EASY began to decline. It is now used in only about 2.5% of all international applications compared to 89% being filed in fully electronic format.

The IB is now concentrating its resources on offering optimal systems to allow applicants to make fully electronic filings. It is now possible to file fully electronically using ePCT-Filing with the receiving Offices of Australia, Austria, Sweden and the International Bureau (which accepts filings from applicants who are residents and/or nationals of any PCT Contracting State), with more Offices to be added soon. An ePCT-filing demo system has been set up to enable filers to familiarize themselves with the system, and filers are encouraged to move to production ePCT-Filing at their convenience. For further information and to get started, go to the ePCT Portal at:

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

or contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at:

e-mail: epct@wipo.int

telephone: (+41-22) 338 9523

The decommissioning of PCT-EASY will have no impact on those who file fully electronically using PCT-SAFE. It continues to be possible to file fully electronic PCT-SAFE applications with 26 e-filing receiving Offices, including the International Bureau.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) accepts PCT applications filed electronically using the PCT-SAFE software in combination with USPTO's EFS-Web system. Applicants filing with the USPTO should note that, even after the decommissioning of PCT-EASY, it is foreseen that it will still be possible for them to create an "EASY zip" for upload to EFS-Web.

It is recalled that applicants who file their international applications fully electronically benefit from a larger reduction in the international filing fee than that which is offered for applications filed using PCT-EASY.

Release of PCT-SAFE Client Patch

An update patch for the PCT-SAFE Client software, dated 1 April 2014, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

Please note that this patch will only update the 1 January 2014 full installation of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.061.237) and must NOT be used to update any other version.

This update patch:

- takes into account the fact that physical media electronic filing is no longer accepted by the receiving Offices of Austria and Sweden, from 1 March 2014;
- includes fee updates (where relevant) and other PCT updates; and
- includes minor software enhancements.

Further details are available on the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

PCT Information Update

BY Belarus (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2014:

For patent:

Filing fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	50
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	20
Examination fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	250
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	150
Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	[No change]	
Annual fee for the third year:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	50

For utility model:

Filing fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	100
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With regard to the payment of those national fees, the Office has notified the International Bureau that:

- for residents of Belarus, they shall be effected in BYR in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. In addition, fees are reduced by 75% in case of filing by a natural person, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).
- for non-residents of Belarus, they shall be effected, in USD, CHF, EUR or RUB in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Furthermore, the payment shall be made by a

resident of Belarus acting on their behalf or a patent attorney registered to practice before the Office.

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

CZ Czech Republic (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The address of the Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, as follows:

Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)
Kamenice 5/building A25
625 00 Brno
Czech Republic

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

HU Hungary (fees)

As from 1 June 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in HUF to the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in HUF of the applicable fee reduction listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

KN Saint Kitts and Nevis (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Intellectual Property Office (Saint Kitts and Nevis) has specified the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities, with effect from 19 March 2014, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Kitts and Nevis as receiving Office.

US United States Patent and Trademark Office (criterion applied in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority; fees)

For information on the criterion applied in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as designated Office, as well as for the fees payable for such requests, see "Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws," above.

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

As from 1 June 2014, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and in HUF for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU and RU))

New/Updated PCT Resources

Modified PCT Regulations

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, during its meeting which was held in Geneva from 23 September to 2 October 2013, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2014 (for further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2014).

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2014, are now available in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2014.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs2014.pdf

Other languages will follow shortly.

PCT forms (Arabic)

The September 2012 version of the Demand Form (PCT/IPEA/401) is now available in editable PDF format in Arabic at:

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

Quality reports

In accordance with the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, paragraphs 21.29 and 21.30, the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities make annual reports on the quality management systems which they have implemented for their work as International Authorities. The complete set of reports for 2013 is now available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html>

PCT in the News

The following extract from the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 1, 2014) has been added to the “PCT in the News” page of the PCT website:

“Giving innovation wings: How Boeing uses its IP”

Boeing’s Vice President of IP Management, Peter Hoffman, discusses Boeing’s approach to intellectual property. Mr. Hoffman explains that the PCT allows Boeing “to delay many of the costs associated with filing patent applications broadly in multiple regions, and the international search report obtained through the PCT can be very helpful to our understanding of the relevant prior art pertaining to particular technologies.” Boeing makes consistent use of the PCT, and over the past 10 years, an average of 160 PCT applications per year were published in the company’s name.

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/pct_news.html

The complete edition of issue No. 1/2014 is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/pdf/2014/wipo_pub_121_2014_01.pdf

PATENTSCOPE Search System

National patent collection: Canada

The PATENTSCOPE search system now includes the national patent collection of Canada, with more than 1.8 million bibliographic records and almost 1 million full-text records. This brings to 37 the number of national or regional patent Offices for which data is available.

The collection is available at:

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

Practical Advice

Corrigendum

In the practical advice published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2014, the date of “12 September 2012” indicated in the penultimate paragraph should be corrected to read: “16 September 2012”.

Entitlement to file with a particular receiving Office; indicating applicants for specific designations: the example of filing with the European Patent Office

Q: I am a patent agent based in Germany, and am going to file an international application for the first time. The application will be filed on behalf of two applicants: one is a resident and national of Germany (DE), and the other is a resident and national of the United States of America (US).

(1) May I file the international application with the European Patent Office (EPO)?

(2) If so, may the applicant who is a resident and national of DE be applicant for the EP designation, and may the applicant who is a resident and national of US be indicated as applicant for all other PCT Contracting States?

A: (1) Any resident or national of a PCT Contracting State (be it a natural or a legal person) may file an international application (PCT Article 9), and if there are two or more applicants, the right to file exists if at least one of them is entitled to file an international application (PCT Rule 18.3).

It is the residence and/or nationality of the applicant on the international filing date which determines whether a receiving Office is competent to receive a particular international application: according to PCT Rule 19.1, the international application may be filed, at the option of the applicant, with the national Office of or acting for¹ the Contracting State of which the applicant is a resident and/or national, or with the International Bureau (RO/IB). If there are two or more applicants, in order to file with a particular receiving Office, **it is sufficient that one of them meets the nationality and/or residence criterion for the Office concerned** (PCT Rule 19.2). If this requirement is not complied with by any of the applicants, the receiving Office will not accept the application, and the international application will be transmitted to the receiving Office of the International Bureau (RO/IB) for further processing under PCT Rule 19.4,

¹ Usually a regional Office, such as the EPO

unless prescriptions concerning national security prevent the international application from being transmitted to the IB².

Therefore, in the case in question, provided that there is an applicant who is a resident and/or national of one of the Contracting States of the European Patent Convention (EPC) (Germany in your case), the international application may be filed with EPO as receiving Office (RO/EP), although you would also have the option of filing with:

- the receiving Office of the State in respect of which the applicant is a resident or national (the German Patent and Trade Mark Office); or
- the RO/IB.

On the basis of the US residence and nationality of one of your applicants, there would also be a fourth option of filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as receiving Office, although you would not be able to represent the applicants before the USPTO unless you were registered to practice before that Office.

As the European Patent Organisation currently has 38 member States, nationals and/or residents of all those States may also file international applications with RO/EP. The list of States concerned can be seen at:

<http://www.epo.org/about-us/organisation/member-states.html>

Note that some of the EPC member States have dependent territories in which the PCT and the EPC may be applicable; applicants from those territories may therefore also be entitled to file a PCT application with RO/EP – a list of those territories has just been published in the March 2014 issue of the *Official Journal* of the EPO at:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2014/03/a33.html>

The list published at the above web page concerns only the dependent territories of EPC member States – note that there are other PCT Contracting States which are not member States of the EPC which have dependent territories. For further information about a particular dependent territory, the patent Office of the State concerned should be consulted.

Further details regarding the filing of an application specifically with the EPO as receiving Office may be found in the “Euro-PCT Guide” at:

http://www.epo.org/applying/international/guide-for-applicants/html/e/ga_b.html

It is important to emphasize that, when determining the right to file an international application with a particular Office, an Office is not competent to act as receiving Office only on the basis of a person indicated as “inventor only” being a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State. It has come to the attention of the IB that the RO/EP has received a number of international applications where, although inventors were indicated as being from member States of the EPC, the applicants were neither residents nor nationals of such a State; therefore, in respect of those applications, there were no applicants entitled to file with the RO/EP. This has occurred more often since the entry into force, in September 2012, of the provisions of the America Invents Act which resulted in the removal of the requirement for the inventor to be indicated as an applicant in the request form (PCT/RO/101) for the purposes of the US

² Such a transmission would not be prevented in the case of a filing with the EPO, which does not apply any prescriptions concerning national security.

designation. Applicants or their agents should therefore be extra vigilant to ensure that not only does the applicant have the right to file an international application, but also that the applicant has the right to file the international application with a particular receiving Office.

(2) When there are two or more applicants, any of them may be indicated as applicant for any of the designations, regardless of the applicant's State of nationality or residence (see PCT Rule 4.5(d)). However, where a particular State has been designated for both a national patent and a regional patent, the same applicant or applicants must be indicated as applicant(s) for both designations of that State (Section 203 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). In your case, therefore, whichever applicant is indicated as applicant in respect of the EP designation (whether it be the DE applicant or the US applicant) must also be indicated as applicant in respect of the national designation of all the States covered by the EP designation. This is, of course, only relevant to member States of the EPC which, like Germany, have not closed their national route³.

³ The following EPC member States have closed their national route: Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Monaco, Malta, the Netherlands and Slovenia. Lithuania will close its national route as from 4 September 2014.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 8 April 2014)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
8 April 2014 Houston, TX (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: http://pctlearningcenter.org/
9 April 2014 Munich (DE)	German	PCT presentation, within the framework of the "Annual Conference about Recent Developments in the EP, PCT and US Procedures" (9-10 April 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Naumann (formerly EPO)	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
10-11 April 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Happe	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 2014 Concord, NH (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of New Hampshire School of Law (Ms. Jacqueline Lawrie) E-mail: jacquiline.lawrie@law.unh.edu Internet: http://law.unh.edu/pct
6 May 2014 Seattle, WA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Houston, above)
13 May 2014 Nanchang (Jiangxi Province) (CN)	Chinese/ English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Yu	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) (Mr. Yang Ping) Tel: (86-10) 62 08 63 65 E-mail: yangping@sipo.gov.cn
13 May 2014 Minneapolis, MN (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
16 May 2014 Hangzhou (Zhejiang Province) (CN)	Chinese/ English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Yu	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) (see Nanchang, above)
3-5 June 2014 Geneva (CH)	English	PATENTSCOPE Training Course at WIPO Headquarters WIPO speakers: Mr. Mazenc, Mr. Pouliquen, and Mr. Diaconescu	WIPO E-mail: patentscope@wipo.int Further information and online registration: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=32383
3-4 June 2014 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	Trona Patentrådgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5-6 June 2014 Highland Heights, KY (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	NKU Chase Law and Informatics Institute, and CincyIP (Ms. Lindsey L. Jaeger) Tel: (1-859) 572 78 53 Fax: (1-859) 572 53 42 E-mail: jaegerl1@nku.edu Internet: http://chaselaw.nku.edu/centers/lawinformatics/pct.html
6 June 2014 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05
9 June 2014 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Tokyo, above)
10 June 2014 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Tokyo, above)
17 June 2014 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Ms. Alexandra Dupont) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: adupont@fnde.asso.fr
19–20 June 2014 London (GB) <i>[previously announced as 10–11 April 2014]</i>	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Gateau and Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
4 July 2014 Madrid (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Francisco Bernardo Noriega) Tel: (34) 91 417 13 00 Fax: (34) 91 417 13 01 e-mail: fbernardo@abgpatentes.com
8 July 2014 Munich (DE)	English	PCT presentation at the "IP Executive week" (7-11 July 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	European Patent Academy Deadline for registration: 31 May 2014. For further information and registration, go to: http://www.epo.org/learning-events/events/training/institutional-strengthening.html
6 October 2014 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
9 October 2014 Barcelona (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Antonio López-Carrasco Comajuncosas, Patent Office, Telefónica Digital) E-mail: alcc@tid.es

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10 October 2014 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 13th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (9-10 October 2014) 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
15–16 October 2014 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
5–6 November 2014 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
7 November 2014 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT System, within the framework of “PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants” (6–7 November 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
2–3 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Chatel	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
4 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
4–5 December 2014 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
11 December 2014 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. João Amaral, National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)) Tel: (351) 218 818 100 Fax: (351) 218 878 508 E-mail: jamaral@inpi.pt
16 January 2015 Cracow (PL) <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Lukasz Bodgan) Tel: (48) 604 406 432 E-mail: lukasz.bogdan@agh.edu.pl

PCT Webinars

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
15 April 2014 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: live demonstration of Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval (CLIR) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/951471070
17 April 2014 8.30 am to 9.30 am, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: live demonstration of CLIR WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/959273126
14 May 2014 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm, Central European time <i>[previously announced as 21 May 2014]</i>	English	“Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty for SMEs” For further information: http://www.insme.org/insmeacademy/sessions WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	Organized by International Network for Small and Medium Enterprises (INSME) Note that there are limited places available. For registration, send an e-mail with your name, country and e-mail address, to: academy@insme.it

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 April 2014, 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	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty		
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BND	Brunei dollar	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
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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 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,559 (from 1.5.14: 1,657)	18 (19)	117 (125)	234 (249)	352 (374)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 10	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	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 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,517 (from 1.5.14: 1,638)	17 (18)	114 (123)	228 (246)	342 (369)	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 130	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 1,471	eq USD ¹¹ 17	eq USD ¹¹ 111	–	–	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

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
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 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,090	90	610	1,220	1,820	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 130	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 914	10	–	138	206	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	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 320,000 (from 1.6.14: 341,400)	HUF 3,600 (3,900)	HUF 24,100 (25,700)	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 81 or USD ¹⁵ 111	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,084 or USD 1,471	15 12 17	100 81 111	200 163 221	300 244 332	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 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	EP IL US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹⁰ –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP RU
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 177,900	2,000	13,400	26,700	40,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000	JPY 154,800	1,700	11,600	–	34,900	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						
KN	EP						
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 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
						Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸		
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,084	12	–	–	–	EP	
LV	EUR	68.87	EUR	1,084	12	81	–	–	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	1,084	12	–	–	–	EP	
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	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	1,084	12	81	–	–	EP	
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	550,000	6,200	41,400	–	–	EP	
MX	USD	323.70 ²¹	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES SE US	
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing)		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR	
NI	USD	200	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES	
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,084	12	–	163	244	EP	
NO	NOK	750	NOK	8,780	100	–	1,320	1,980	EP SE XN	
NZ	NZD	180 ²³	NZD	1,767	20	133	–	–	AU EP KR US	
OA	XAF ¹⁰	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE	
PA	USD	200	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	BR EP ES US	
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT EP ES KR US	
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	AU	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,471	17	111	221	332	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	1,084	12	81	163	244	EP	
QA	Information not yet available									
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU	
RS	RSD	7,020 ²⁴	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP	
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU	
RW	Information not yet available									
SA	USD	100	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EG EP RU	
SC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	–	–	–	EP	
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP	
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	9,440	110	710	1,420	2,130	EP SE XN	
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,835	21	138	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR	
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,084	12	81	–	–	EP	
SK	EUR	66 ²⁵	EUR	1,084	12	81	163	244	EP	
SM	EUR	70	EUR	1,084	12	–	–	–	EP	
SV	USD	200	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES	
SY	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	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	1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU	
TM	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU	
TN	TND ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP	
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE US	
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU	
US	USD	240 ²⁷ small entity ²⁸ : 120 ²⁷ micro entity ²⁸ : 60 ²⁷	USD	1,471	17	111	221	–	AU EP KR RU US	
UZ	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	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 (from 1.5.14: 15,860)	14,690 (180)	170 (180)	1,100 (1,190)	–	–	AT AU EP US	
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,471	17	–	–	–	AT SE	
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU	

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 April 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,785 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	CHF 2,190 ZAR 26,260)	KRW 2,599,000	SGD 3,020	USD 2,423	ZAR* 24,190				
AU	AUD 2,200 USD** 2,076 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> <i>***(from 1.6.14:</i>	CHF* 1,877 ZAR 20,730 CHF 1,765 NZD 2,345)	EUR* 1,529 EUR 1,449	KRW 2,070,000	USD 1,972)	NZD** 2,493	SGD 2,590			
BR ³⁰	BRL 2,250	CHF 853	EUR 697	USD 954						
CA	CAD 1,600 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	CHF* 1,403 CHF 1,299	EUR* 1,143 EUR 1,066	USD* 1,552 USD 1,442)						
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 253	USD 343						
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000	CHF 525	EUR 427	USD 580						
EP ³²	EUR 1,875 JPY 267,300 USD 2,545 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	CHF 2,301 MWK 951,000 ZAR* 25,410 ZAR 27,580)	DKK 13,990 NOK 15,180	GBP 1,582 NZD 3,057	HUF 553,600 SEK 16,330	ISK 308,000 SGD 3,180				
ES ³²	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545							
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545							
IL	ILS 3,564	CHF 913	EUR 745	USD 1,021						
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500	CHF 147 CHF 37	EUR 119 EUR 30	USD 162 USD 41						
JP	JPY 70,000	CHF 601	EUR 491	KRW 716,000	SGD 850	USD 673				
KR	For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 AUD* 1,285 CHF 1,096 EUR 893 NZD 1,456 SGD 1,510 USD 1,212 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> AUD 1,376)									
	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 AUD* 445 CHF 379 EUR 309 NZD 504 SGD 520 USD 420 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> AUD 476)									
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 CHF* 189 EUR* 154 HUF** 45,500 USD* 209 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> CHF 171 EUR 140 USD 192) <i>***(from 1.6.14:</i> HUF 41,700)									
	For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 CHF* 785 EUR* 639 HUF** 188,800 USD* 868 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> CHF 709 EUR 580 USD 795) <i>***(from 1.6.14:</i> HUF 172,900)									
SE	SEK 16,330 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	DKK 13,990	EUR 1,875	ISK 308,000	NOK 15,180				
US	USD 2,080 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	CHF 1,880 ZAR 22,550)	EUR 1,532	NZD 2,500	ZAR* 20,770					
	For small entity ²⁸ : USD 1,040 CHF 940 EUR 766 NZD 1,249 ZAR* 10,383 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> ZAR 11,280)									
	For micro entity ²⁸ : USD 520 CHF 470 EUR 383 NZD 625 ZAR* 5,191 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> ZAR 5,640)									
XN	DKK 13,990 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	EUR 1,875	ISK 308,000	NOK 15,180	SEK 16,330				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 April 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 33}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,043	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,460	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,086	
EP	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁴ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁵	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,301	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 660	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 April 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

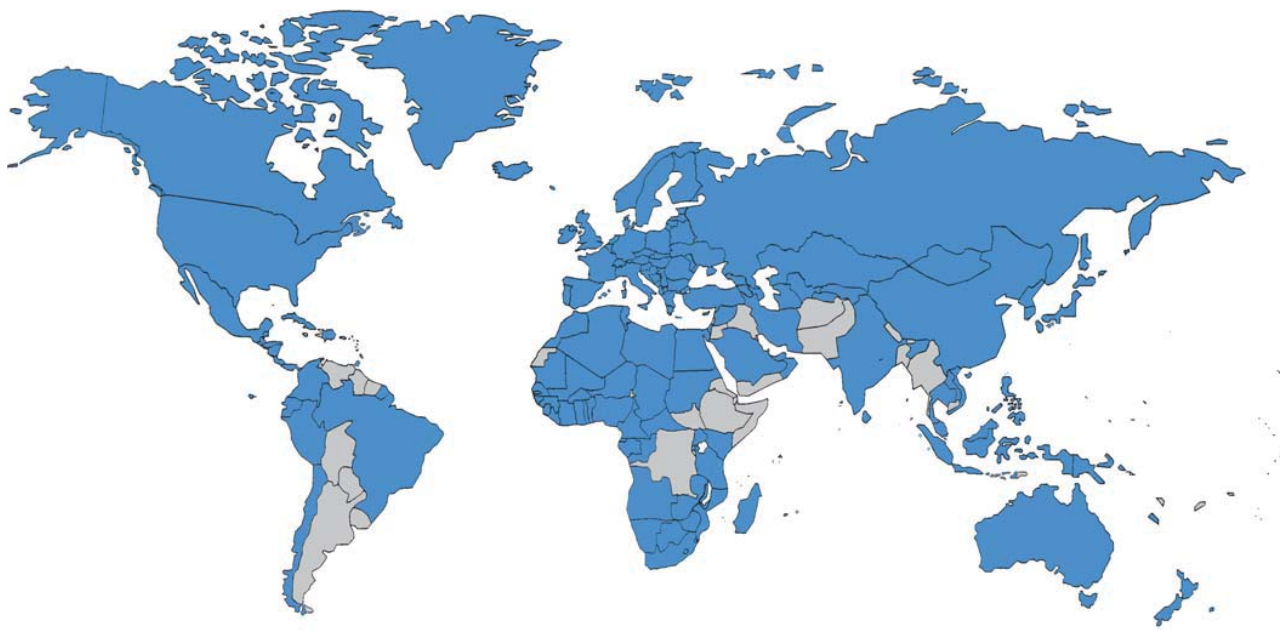
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁶	Handling fee ^{2, 36} (CHF 200)
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,675	EUR 163
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁷	AUD 234 (from 1.5.14: AUD 249)
BR ³⁰	BRL 840	BRL 488
CA	CAD 800	CAD 228 (from 1.5.14: CAD 246)
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³¹	EGP 3,000	EGP 1,525
EP ³²	EUR 1,930	EUR 163
ES	EUR 583.65	EUR 163
FI	EUR 600	EUR 163
IL	ILS 1,527	ILS 786
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 221
JP	JPY 26,000	JPY 23,300
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 237,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁸ 4,050 ³⁹ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁸ 15,750 ³⁹	USD 221
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,420
US	USD 600 760 ⁴⁰ For small entity ²⁸ : USD 300 380 ⁴⁰ For micro entity ²⁸ : USD 150 190 ⁴⁰	USD 221
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,220

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

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 other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 28 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 29 The fee is 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).
- 30 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.
- 31 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 32 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>
- 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.
- 35 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).
- 36 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 39 In all cases where footnote 38 does not apply.
- 40 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	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	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	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros (OA) ^{2,3}	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
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BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
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CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP) ⁵	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SA Saudi Arabia	
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	ID Indonesia		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IL Israel		SG Singapore	

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