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Meeting of International Authorities

The 22nd session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Tokyo, Japan, from 4 to 6 February 2015. The Summary by the Chair and working documents can be found on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=35263

Based on a document presented by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (“Review of PCT Improvement Plans”; document PCT/MIA/22/19), the Meeting discussed the following five issues as possible areas of further work:

- transfer of search fees and search copies via the International Bureau (IB);
- mandatory replies to negative indications by the ISA/IPEA on national phase entry;
- formal incorporation of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) into the PCT;
- review and identification of reservations; and
- mandatory written opinion in Chapter II.

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) reported on ongoing discussions between Offices via the PCT Working Group’s electronic forum on possible further steps to strengthen the links between the international and national phases of the PCT procedure (“Promoting Linkage between the International Phase and the National Phase”; document PCT/MIA/21/17). The Meeting invited the JPO to further develop a proposal aimed at further improving the usefulness of international search reports (ISRs) by indicating corresponding parts of a patent family document in the English language (where such English document exists) where the originally cited patent document is in a language other than English.

The European Patent Office (EPO) reported on its new “PCT Direct” service under which an applicant, when filing an international application claiming priority of an earlier application which had already been searched by the EPO, has the opportunity to furnish to the EPO in its capacity as an International Searching Authority (ISA) informal comments on any objections raised in the search opinion drawn up on the earlier application (document PCT/MIA/22/21) (for further information on PCT Direct, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2014, page 4). At present, this service is only available to applicants using the EPO as receiving Office (RO); Authorities supported extending this possibility to other ROs.

Authorities discussed and supported, in principle, a number of modifications to the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (PCT ISPE Guidelines) proposed by the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) concerning the requirements under PCT Rule 6.4 for dependent claims in an international application (document PCT/MIA/22/17).

The Meeting invited the EPO and the KIPO to further develop proposals on the transmittal by the RO of earlier search and/or classification results to the ISA (document PCT/MIA/22/4) for presentation to the PCT Working Group in May 2015.

Discussions on the appointment of International Authorities (document PCT/MIA/22/3) reviewed the progress of discussions in the Quality Subgroup on the quality requirements to act effectively as an Authority and how these could be better expressed in the criteria for appointment. The Meeting endorsed the recommendations of the Quality Subgroup to review Chapter 21 of the PCT ISPE Guidelines to strengthen the requirements with respect to quality management systems, and develop a standard application form for any request for appointment as an International Authority to ensure all pertinent quality issues were covered in a request (see below for further information on the meeting of the Quality Subgroup).

Authorities expressed satisfaction with the various electronic services offered by the IB for use by applicants, ROs, International Authorities and third parties (document PCT/MIA/22/2). In particular, those Authorities which offered ePCT-Filing in their capacity as RO expressed great satisfaction with this component of ePCT. There was also strong interest from Authorities to participate in eSearchCopy to receive search copies electronically from the IB, noting the potential to combine this with the transfer of the search fee via the IB, as currently piloted by the USPTO as RO and the EPO as ISA. Authorities also welcomed efforts to move to XML-based search and examination reports and the exchange of XML data rather than images or forms.

Other matters discussed included:

- PCT Minimum Documentation (documents PCT/MIA/22/7, 8 and 18), including a proposal to reactivate a task force to further discuss wider documentation of national patent collections;
- the training of patent examiners (document PCT/MIA/22/5);
- the supplementary international search system (document PCT/MIA/22/6);
- the proposed promulgation of the PCT ISPE Guidelines (document PCT/MIA/22/9);
- a new sequence listing standard (document PCT/MIA/22/10);
- revision of WIPO Standard ST.14 (Recommendation for the Inclusion of References in Cited Patent Documents) (document PCT/MIA/21/11);
- the processing of color drawings by Authorities in the international phase (document PCT/MIA/22/12)
- a third pilot on collaborative search and examination to take place over the next three years (document PCT/MIA/22/13);
- the clarification of the procedure regarding the incorporation by reference of missing parts (documents PCT/MIA/22/14 and 14 Add.);
- same day priority claims (document PCT/MIA/22/15); and
- missing IPC classes from international patent applications (PCT/MIA/22/16).

The Meeting noted a Summary by the Chair of the Meeting's Quality Subgroup (Annex II to document PCT/MIA/22/22) and approved the recommendations for further work, including:

- continued exchanges on quality policies, guidelines, quality sampling practices and rates, and checklists in quality assurance processes;
- the sharing of experiences on specific topics of the Quality Management Systems of Authorities for discussion at next year's Quality Subgroup meeting;
- a three track process for the sharing of search strategy information, including the setting up of a pilot project to record databases, classification symbols and keywords as a separate Annex to the ISR, and the continued sharing of full search records on PATENTSCOPE for Authorities interested in making this information available;
- the exchange of information and experiences by those Authorities implementing the standardized clauses for Boxes V and VIII of ISRs and international preliminary examination reports;
- the continuation of two collaborations: a pilot study between two Authorities under which feedback on ISRs and written opinions is provided by one Authority in its capacity as a designated Office to the other Authority in its capacity as an International Authority; and a joint metrics study between two Authorities under which prior art citations in respect of an international application by one Authority in its capacity as an International Authority are compared with prior art citations on the same application by the other Authority in its capacity as a designated Office;
- further discussion to improve the explanations and examples for complex cases of unity of invention and their categorization in the PCT ISPE Guidelines; and
- development of a PCT metrics framework that could provide useful information for Authorities and users, taking into account accessibility, presentation, scope of metrics and the target audience.

Changes in certain equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee at various Offices

Following the decision by the Swiss National Bank, on 15 January 2015, to discontinue its policy of maintaining a minimum exchange rate floor of 1.20 Swiss francs per euro, the value of the Swiss franc increased against many other currencies by between 15 and 20%. As the fees payable for the benefit of the International Bureau (IB) (the International filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30 and the handling fee), as well as the PCT-EASY and e-filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, are set in Swiss francs, but are payable in the equivalent amounts of various local currencies, the IB has exceptionally had to establish new equivalent amounts in certain of those currencies, with effect from 1 April 2015. Conversely, the equivalent amount in Swiss francs of certain fees set in other currencies (the search fee and the supplementary search fee) has also decreased with effect from that date.

The currencies that are affected by this change, in respect of which new, higher, equivalent amounts have had to be set, are as follows:

AUD	Australian dollar
CAD	Canadian dollar
DKK	Danish krone
EUR	euro
GBP	Pound sterling
HUF	Hungarian forint

ISK	Icelandic krona
KRW	Korean won
NOK	Norwegian krone
NZD	New Zealand dollar
SEK	Swedish krona
SGD	Singapore dollar
ZAR	South African rand

Some of the currencies that were initially affected by the increase in the value of the Swiss franc have since recovered a large part of their value against the Swiss franc and, consequently, have not met the conditions to have a new equivalent amount set, for example, the Japanese yen and the US dollar.

The new equivalent amounts of the affected currencies are indicated in the PCT Fee Tables. The receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities (ISAs), International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) and Authorities specified for supplementary search affected are also easily identifiable in the following list of Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/>) that are being updated. Note that, in the case of the list of ISAs, some of the changes in equivalent amounts are not necessarily as a result of the change in the value of the Swiss franc, but may be as a result of changes in the value of other currencies; they are also included here for convenience as they will also take effect from 1 April 2015.

- Annex C (ROs): AT, AU, BA, BE, CA, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IB, IE, IS, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MT, NL, NO, NZ, PT, RO, SE, SG, SI, SK, SM, ZA;
- Annex D (ISAs): AT, AU, BR, CA, CL, CN, EG, EP, ES, FI, IL, IN, JP, KR, RU, SE, US, XN;
- Annex SISA (International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)): AT, EP, FI, RU, SE, XN; and
- Annex E (IPEAs): AT, AU, CA, EP, ES, FI, KR, SE, XN.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Canada: e-filing package preparation available in ePCT-Filing for filing at Canadian Intellectual Property Office

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 2 February 2015, it accepts the filing, via CIPO's E-Filing service, of packages containing international applications prepared for submission using ePCT-Filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE.

The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are included in Fee Table I(a).

An updated notification containing the requirements and practices of CIPO with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 29 January 2015 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

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

Saudi Arabia and Latvia: the Saudi Patent Office and the Latvian Patent Office begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Saudi Patent Office and the Latvian Patent Office, in their capacities as receiving Offices, have notified the IB under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that they are/will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2015, in the case of the Saudi Patent Office, and 1 March 2015, in the case of the Latvian Patent Office. The Offices (will) accept international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are included in Fee Table I(a).

The notifications containing the requirements and practices of the Saudi Patent Office and the Latvian Patent Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form have been published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 22 January 2015 and 12 February 2015, respectively, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

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

The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by the above-mentioned Offices brings to 16¹ the total number of receiving Offices which do so, and more Offices will be added soon.

It is recalled that, as ePCT-Filing is an integral part of ePCT private services requiring a WIPO user account authenticated with a digital certificate, applicants who would like to use ePCT-Filing, but do not yet have a WIPO user account, should obtain an account using the ePCT Portal at:

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

and follow the links to create an account and obtain a WIPO digital certificate. Note that it is possible to carry out demo filings by clicking on the link "Try ePCT in DEMO mode" in the list of shortcuts on the ePCT Portal.

Change in one of the Non-working Days at the IB

With reference to the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2015 of the days on which the International Bureau (IB) will not be open for business during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015, please note that one of the days listed, 24 September 2015, which was indicated as being subject to change, should be replaced by 23 September 2015.

A complete list of non-working days for the IB is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/faces/page/index.xhtml>

¹ ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices: RO/IB, RO/AT, RO/AU, RO/BR, RO/CA, RO/CL, RO/EA, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/IN, RO/LV (from 1 March 2015), RO/MY, RO/NZ, RO/SA, RO/SE and RO/SG (see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/e-filing/index.html>)

PCT Information Update

International filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee (various Offices)

See “Changes in certain equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee at various Offices”, above.

AT Austria (fees)

The Austrian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) of a change in the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority. The fee is now EUR 229.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C (AT))

BE Belgium (Internet address)

The Internet address of the Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) has changed, as follows:

Internet address: <http://economie.fgov.be/opri-die-jsp?>

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

CA Canada (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office of the filing, via CIPO's E-Filing service, of packages containing international applications prepared for submission using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that are applicable, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

DK Denmark

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the IB that it also accepts the filing of documents by e-mail, in addition to fax.

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

EE Estonia (fees)

As from 1 January 2015, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable to the Estonian Patent Office as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	120
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	16

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

GE Georgia (fees)

The National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti), in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB that national fees are reduced by 70% where the

applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or retiree.

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 April 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in EUR of the transmittal fee and the fee for the priority document, payable to the IB as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	96
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	48
Supplement for airmail:	EUR	10

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

IN India (national security provisions)

The Indian Patent Office has provided additional details to the IB concerning restrictions in its national legislation, which are applicable when filing international applications with other Offices.

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

LK Sri Lanka (requirements concerning agent; fees)

There has been a change in the provision of the law of Sri Lanka concerning who can act as agent before the National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka. The relevant provision is now: Sec. 58(1) of the Intellectual Property Regulations.

There has been a change in the following national fee payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office:

Application fee: ²		
For students:	LKR	1,000
For natural persons:	LKR	2,500
For others:.....	LKR	6,000

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

LV Latvia (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance by the Latvian Patent Office as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 March 2015, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that are now applicable, see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

² This fee is subject to Value Added Tax (VAT) of 12%.

NO Norway (provisional protection after international publication; requirements concerning the translation of the international application; furnishing of copies of international applications; fees)

The Norwegian Industrial Property Office has notified changes to the requirements concerning the translation of international applications with effect from 1 January 2015. As from that date, a patent in Norway can also be granted in English. All patent documents may be furnished in Norwegian or in English. However, a translation of the claims into Norwegian is required where a patent in English is sought.

This updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, with effect from 1 January 2015, as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Norwegian or English, or, if the international application was filed in Norwegian or English, of a copy of the application as filed, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable in the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. See Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patents Act.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

[No change]

Translation of international application required into:

Norwegian or English

Is a copy of the international application required?

No, where the international application was filed in a language other than Norwegian or English

Yes, where it was filed in Norwegian or English

As from 1 March 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NOK to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NOK of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4(c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a). Note that there will also be a change in the equivalent amounts of those fees as from 1 April 2015 – see “Changes in certain equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee at various Offices”, above.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (NO), Annex C (NO) and National Chapter, Summary (NO))

SA Saudi Arabia (electronic filing; fees; summary of requirements for entry into the national phase)

For information on the acceptance by the Saudi Patent Office (SPO) as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing

fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that are now applicable, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

Information on the requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/sa.pdf>

SG Singapore (location and mailing address; e-mail and Internet addresses; fees; number of copies required)

The location and mailing address of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore have changed, and the Office has notified an additional e-mail address and the deletion of one of its Internet addresses. The addresses to be used are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	IP 101 51 Bras Basah Road, #01-01 Manulife Centre Singapore 189554
E-mail:	ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg epct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries concerning ePCT)
Internet:	www.ipos.gov.sg

There has been a change in the amount of the fee for the priority document, with effect from 14 February 2015 – the new amount is SGD 35. Also, the Office has changed its requirement concerning the number of copies of the international application to be filed with it as receiving Office: it now requires one copy, instead of three.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (SG) and Annex C (SG))

TH Thailand (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand) have changed, as follows:

563 Nonthaburi Road
Bangkasor, Muang
Nonthaburi 11000
Thailand

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

Search fee (European Patent Office, Israel Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office and various other Offices)

As from 1 March 2015, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

European Patent Office	NOK
Israel Patent Office	USD
Nordic Patent Institute	NOK
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	NOK

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (EP, IL, SE, XN))

For information on a number of changes in the equivalent amounts payable for international searches by various International Searching Authorities as from 1 April 2015, see "Changes in certain equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee at various Offices", above.

Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

The amount of the supplementary search fee payable for a supplementary international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) has been established in Swiss francs. Furthermore, on 1 March 2015, and then on 1 April 2015, there will be changes in the amount of that fee. All fee amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

For information on a number of changes in the equivalent amounts payable for a supplementary international search carried out by various Authorities specified for supplementary search as from 1 April 2015, see "Changes in certain equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee at various Offices", above.

Handling fee (various Offices)

For information on a number of changes in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee payable to various International Preliminary Examining Authorities as from 1 April 2015, see "Changes in certain equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee at various Offices", above.

Validation of European Patents in Morocco

A new agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the government of the Kingdom of Morocco will enter into force on 1 March 2015, the first such agreement to be made with a non-European State. From that date, it will be possible to validate European patents and European patent applications (including PCT applications containing a designation for a European patent) in Morocco. European patents and applications validated for Morocco will have the same legal effects there as Moroccan ones, and will be subject to Moroccan patent law.

The following information concerns the validation of a European patent granted on the basis of a PCT application. Validation of such a European patent in Morocco will occur at the applicant's request, and will be deemed requested for any international application filed on or after

1 March 2015. Note that it will not be available for PCT applications filed prior to that date, nor for any European patents resulting from such applications.

In order to validate a Euro-PCT application for Morocco, a validation fee (currently 240 euros) must be paid to the EPO prior to the 31-month time limit for entry into the European regional phase or within six months from the date of publication of the international search report, whichever is the latest. After the expiration of that time limit, the validation fee can still be validly paid, together with a 50% surcharge³,

- within a two-month grace period or
- along with the further processing concerning the designation fee: within two months of notification of a communication of loss of rights under EPC Rule 112(1) following non-payment of the designation fee.

A reference to Morocco as a validation state will be included in the form for entry into the European phase (EPO as designated or elected Office) (Form EPA/EPO/OEB 1200). The updated version of the form will be available on the EPO website as of 1 March 2015 and will also be published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* as an annex to the EP National Chapter.

For further information, please see:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20150216.html>

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notices/archive/20150216.html>

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20150121.html>

<http://www.epo.org/news-issues/news/2015/20150119.html>

<http://www.ompic.org.ma/fr/actualites/echange-de-lettres-dans-le-cadre-du-systeme-de-validation-des-brevets> (in French)

United States Patent and Trademark Office: Not Open for Business on 17 February 2015

Because of bad weather conditions, the United States Patent and Trademark Office was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 17 February 2015. Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach that Office fell on that day, that period was extended so as to expire on the next working day, 18 February 2015.

³ Same procedure as for the grace period for paying extension fees, see *OJ EPO* 2009, 603 (http://archive.epo.org/epo/pubs/oj009/12_09/12_6039.pdf).

PATENTSCOPE News

Search and examination-related documents

The “documents” tab for international applications published on PATENTSCOPE has been updated to include a new section: “Search and Examination-Related Documents”. This section is intended to help users interested in assessing the likely patentability of the claimed invention by bringing together all available search and examination-related documents, including the ISR, search strategies, written opinions, international preliminary reports on patentability, English translations of reports and opinions, and third party observations, to the extent that they have been received or prepared by the International Bureau.

National Collections of Germany and Portugal

The PATENTSCOPE search system now includes the national patent collections of Germany and Portugal.

The collection of Germany contains more than 2 million full-text documents, including patent applications and patents published as of 1987, as well as utility models published as of 1999. These documents are indexed and are therefore searchable. About 4.5 million older full-text documents were also uploaded, but were not indexed due to the unreliability of the quality of the optical character recognition. However, they can be viewed and translated automatically.

The collection of Portugal contains about 100,000 bibliographic data records. It is planned to include searchable full-text documents in Portuguese during the course of 2015.

These two new collections, which bring to 39 the number of national or regional Offices for which data is available, are available at:

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

PowerPoint presentations on the PATENTSCOPE search system

Between September 2014 and February 2015, the following webinars on the PATENTSCOPE search system were given:

- Demonstration of the analysis and translation tools available in the PATENTSCOPE search system (September 2014)
- IPC introduction & IPC statistics and searches in PATENTSCOPE (October 2014)
- Learn how to build complex queries (November 2014)
- 2014 retrospective of the PATENTSCOPE search system (December 2014)
- How to use the Simple and Field Combination search interfaces (February 2015)

The PowerPoint slides that were used for those webinars are available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/index.html>

Further webinars on the PATENTSCOPE search system will be taking place in the near future. Please refer to the list of PCT webinars at the end of the PCT Seminar Calendar.

New/updated PCT Resources

PCT Newsletter index 2014

The 2014 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/2014/pct_news_2014_14.pdf

Report of the PCT Assembly

The final report of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT/A/46/6), which met during the period from 22 to 30 September 2014 in Geneva, is now available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33287

Materials for the European Qualifying Examination

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 PCT website four PDF files containing the complete contents, as of 31 December 2014, of the “International Phase” and the “National Phase” of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* in English and French. The files are available at:

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

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

ISA and IPEA Agreements

An updated version of the Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as in force from 1 January 2015, relating to the functioning of this Authority as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, has been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf

Practical Advice

What can be done if a request for rectification of an obvious mistake has been refused by the competent authority?

Q: I submitted hastily-prepared informal drawings with an international application. When later preparing the formal drawings, I realized that the original drawings contained a small mistake, which I corrected in the formal drawings. However, the receiving Office rejected the later submitted formal drawings as they were different from the originally-filed drawings. I therefore submitted a request for rectification of an obvious mistake under PCT Rule 91.1 to the International Searching Authority (ISA), along with the replacement drawings and an

explanation of the correction. Unfortunately, that request for rectification was subsequently refused by the ISA. Is there any further action that I can take in the international phase to rectify this problem?

A: If the Authority competent to authorize a request for rectification (in this particular instance, the ISA) refuses to authorize a rectification under PCT Rule 91, you will have no further opportunity to correct the mistake in the international phase. However, you do have the possibility, in accordance with PCT Rule 91.3(d), of requesting the International Bureau (IB) to publish the request for rectification, the reasons for refusal by the authority of that request for rectification, and any further brief comments that you may wish to submit in defense of your request for rectification. The IB will already have received a copy of your request for rectification directly from the ISA, together with a notification of the ISA's refusal of your request, and the reasons for their refusal.

Any request for publication of information regarding your request for rectification and the reasons for refusal, including any brief comments that you may wish to submit, should reach the IB within two months from the date of the refusal of the request for rectification, and is subject to the payment at the same time of a special fee, the amount of which is set in Section 113(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and is also indicated in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2(IB) (http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexb2/ax_b_ib.pdf). The amount of the fee is currently 50 Swiss francs plus 12 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of one. It is recalled that applicants can upload such requests for publication to the IB using the 'Upload Documents' function in ePCT (<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>).

The information on the refused request for rectification will be published at the same time as the international application, provided that your request for publication is received before the completion of technical preparations for international publication; otherwise it will be published later.

By requesting the publication of information on the refused request for rectification, together with any comments that you wish to submit on the matter, that information will be made publicly available on PATENTSCOPE, and designated (or elected) Offices (and third parties) will therefore be aware that the drawings contain a mistake and that there is a possibility that a request for correction of that mistake may be made in the national phase. You may then pursue the matter further before the designated Offices according to their national law and practice for the rectification of obvious mistakes.

For further information on requests for rectification of obvious mistakes, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 11.033 to 11.044 (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/text.jsp?page=ip11.html#_rectif_mistakes).

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>)
(situation on 17 February 2015)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
4 February 2015 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
11 February 2015 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
19 February 2015 Irvine, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
23 February 2015 Brussels (BE)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Mr. Matthes Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) (Mr. Alain Lambermont) Tel: (32-314) 59 53 48 E-mail: Alain.Lambermont@economie.fgov.be
5 March 2015 Auckland (NZ)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (Mr. Simon Gallagher) Tel: (64-4) 978 7594 E-mail: simon.gallagher@iponz.govt.nz Internet: www.iponz.govt.nz/contactus
6 March 2015 Wellington (NZ)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (see Auckland, above)
10 March 2015 Melbourne (AU)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and IP Australia (Ms. Jennifer Bowen Smith) Tel: (61-2) 6283 2642 E-mail: jennifer.bowensmith@ipaustalia.gov.au
11 March 2015 Sydney (AU)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and IP Australia (see Melbourne, above)
13 March 2015 Brisbane (AU)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and IP Australia (see Melbourne, above)

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25 March 2015 Washington, D.C. (US) <i>[previously scheduled to take place in Northern Virginia]</i>	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
12–14 April 2015 Orlando, FL (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT course within the framework of the Spring 2015 Advanced Courses Program WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
16–17 April 2015 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT Formalities Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Fourné-Godbensen	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
13 May 2015 Osaka (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
15 May 2015 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Osaka, above)
15–16 May 2015 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the UIA Biotechnology Law seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	UIA (International Association of Lawyers) Tel: (33-1) 44 88 55 66 Fax: (33-1) 44 88 55 77 E-mail: uiacentre@uianet.org
18 May 2015 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Osaka, above)
20–21 May 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Henninger	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
28 May 2015 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (see Orlando, above)
4–5 June 2015 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Weiss	Trona Patentrådgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
10 June 2015 Dallas, TX (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Washington, above)
4 August 2015 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (see Orlando, above)
9 September 2015 New York, NY (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (see Orlando, above)

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5 October 2015 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 intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
14–15 October 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
30 October 2015 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 14th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (29-30 October 2015) 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
4–5 November 2015 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
10 November 2015 San Diego, CA (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
2–3 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet and other speaker, to be announced	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
8 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
17 February 2015 17:30 to 18:30, Central European Time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: Advanced search WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/178967871302245388
19 February 2015 8:30 to 9:30, Central European Time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: Advanced search WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/178967871302245388
19 February 2015 15:30 to 16:30, Central European time 9:30 to 10:30, New York time	English	General introduction to ePCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8838293742404339714
3 March 2015 15:30 to 16:30, Central European time 9:30 to 10:30, New York time	English	The filing of PCT applications electronically using ePCT-Filing WIPO speaker: Ms. Gateau and Mr. Sim	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7108737762657238274
10 March 2015 14:30 to 15:30, Central European time 9:30 to 10:30, New York time	English	Using ePCT actions to conduct PCT transactions with the International Bureau WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1563406943082956802
24 March 2015 17:30 to 18:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: The result list and translation tools WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5078114607741901836
26 March 2015 8:30 to 9:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: The result list and translation tools WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5078114607741901836
28 April 2015 17:30 to 18:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: A live demonstration of CLIR (Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/111297328659143682
30 April 2015 8:30 to 9:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: A live demonstration of CLIR (Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/111297328659143682

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
18 February 2015 Irvine, CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: Learn the Basics Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
24 March 2015 Washington, D.C. (US) <i>[previously scheduled to take place in Northern Virginia]</i>	English	PCT Boot Camp: Learn the Basics Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Irvine, above)
9 June 2015 Dallas, TX (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: Learn the Basics Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Irvine, above)

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 17 February 2015, 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 16. (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	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty		
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	RON	New leu		
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RUB	Russian rouble		
AUD	Australian dollar	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDG	Sudanese pound		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SEK	Swedish krona		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni		
BND	Brunei dollar								

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 17 February 2015, 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) ⁵ (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	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	165 (191)	247 (287)	–	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,582 (from 1.4.15: 1,848)	18 (21)	– (–)	238 (278)	357 (417)	–	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30 ⁹	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	–	EP
BE	EUR	120	EUR	1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR
BR	BRL ¹⁰	online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	200	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,544 (from 1.4.15: 1,799)	17 (20)	116 (135)	232 (270)	348 (406)	–	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹	1,384	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 104	208	312	–	CL 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

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

(amounts on 17 February 2015, 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	
CO	COP 865,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	CL EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 163	EUR 1,097	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,160 (from 1.4.15: 9,480)	90 (110)	610 (710)	1,230 (1,430)	1,840 (2,140)	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,384	16	104	208	312	EP RU
EC	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 130	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
ES	EUR 74.99	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 862 (from 1.4.15: 948)	10 (11)	– (–)	130 (142)	194 (214)	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹⁴ 100	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁵ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	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 337,500 (from 1.4.15: 392,000)	HUF 3,800 (4,400)	HUF 25,400 (29,500)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁶ 100 or EUR ¹⁶ 82 (from 1.4.15: 96) or USD ¹⁶ 104	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273) or USD 1,384	15 12 (14) 16	100 82 (96) 104	200 165 (191) 208	300 247 (287) 312	See footnote 17
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 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,384	16	104	208	312	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD 1,384	16	104	208	312	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹³ –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP IN RU (from 1.3.15: CN)
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 167,800 (from 1.4.15: 190,800)	1,900 (2,200)	12,600 (14,300)	25,200 (28,700)	37,800 (43,000)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP

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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	
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 150,900 (from 1.3.15: 164,300)	1,700 (1,900)	11,300 (12,400)	– (–)	34,000 (37,100)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						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 ¹⁹ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ²⁰	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹³ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	(–)EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹³ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ²¹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²²	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	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 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²³	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	CL EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²⁴ 550 (paper filing) ²⁴	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 8,990 (from 1.3.15: 10,020) (from 1.4.15: 10,990)	100 (110) (120)	– (–) (–)	1,350 (1,510) (1,650)	2,030 (2,260) (2,480)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²⁵	NZD 1,770 (from 1.4.15: 1,945)	20 (22)	133 (146)	266 (293)	399 (439)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹³ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	eq USD 104	–	–	AT EP ES KR US (from 8.1.15: BR and CL)
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,384	16	104	208	312	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 20.90	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP RU

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

(amounts on 17 February 2015, 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 7,140 ²⁶	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,384	16	104	208	312	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,970 (from 1.4.15: 12,070)	110 (140)	750 (910)	1,500 (1,820)	2,250 (2,720)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,767 (from 1.4.15: 1,953)	20 (22)	133 (147)	266 (294)	399 (441)	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁷	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	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 ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹³ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁸ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 240 ²⁹ small entity ³⁰ : 120 ²⁹ micro entity ³⁰ : 60 ²⁹	USD 1,384	16	104	208	–	AU EP IL KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	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 15,580 (from 1.4.15: 16,720)	180 (190)	1,170 (1,260)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	eq USD 104	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 17 February 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ³¹	EUR 1,864 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 2,260 <i>CHF 1,947</i>	KRW* 2,510,000 <i>KRW 2,316,000</i>	SGD 3,000 <i>USD 2,112</i>	USD* 2,353 <i>ZAR 24,470)</i>	ZAR* 26,470		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD* 1,925 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 1,849 ZAR 21,660 <i>CHF 1,583</i>	EUR 1,525 <i>NZD 2,311</i>	KRW 2,053,000 <i>USD 1,789)</i>	NZD* 2,461	SGD 2,460		
BR ³²	Online: <i>*(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.4.15:</i>	BRL 1,685 USD 632 <i>CHF 560)</i>	CHF** 667	EUR 550	USD* 694			
	On paper: <i>*(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.4.15:</i>	BRL 2,525 USD 948 <i>CHF 840)</i>	CHF** 1,000	EUR 824	USD* 1,040			
CA	CAD 1,600 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 1,379 <i>CHF 1,183</i>	EUR 1,137 <i>USD 1,284)</i>	USD* 1,435				
CL	USD 2,000 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF 1,922 <i>EUR 1,765)</i>	EUR* 1,585					
	In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity ² : <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	EUR 353	USD 400	CHF 384	EUR* 317			
	In case of filing by a university ³³ : <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	EUR 265	USD 300	CHF 288	EUR* 238			
CN	CNY 2,100 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 329 <i>CHF 310</i>	EUR* 271 <i>EUR 297)</i>	USD 342				
EG ³⁴	EGP 4,000 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 538 <i>CHF 483)</i>	EUR 443	USD 559				
EP ³⁵	EUR 1,875 JPY*, ** 257,900 USD** 2,366 <i>*(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF** 2,274 NOK* 15,360 ZAR** 26,630 <i>JPY 278,500</i> <i>CHF 1,958</i>	DKK 13,960 NZD 3,026 <i>NOK 17,000)</i> <i>JPY 251,600</i>	GBP 1,474 SEK 17,040 <i>USD 2,125</i>	HUF 577,000 SGD 3,020 <i>ZAR 24,620)</i>	ISK 287,000		
ES ³⁵	EUR 1,875 <i>(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF 2,274 <i>CHF 1,958</i>	USD 2,366 <i>USD 2,125)</i>					
FI	EUR 1,875 <i>(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF 2,274 <i>CHF 1,958</i>	USD 2,366 <i>USD 2,125)</i>					
IL	ILS* 3,564 <i>*(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 931 <i>ILS 3,554</i> <i>EUR 809)</i>	EUR*, ** 768 <i>CHF 875</i>	USD* 969 <i>EUR 728</i>	USD 909			
IN	INR 10,000 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF 157 <i>EUR 142)</i>	EUR* 129	USD 163				
	In case of filing by an individual: <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	EUR 36	INR 2,500	CHF 39	EUR 32	USD 41		
JP ¹⁸	JPY 70,000 <i>*(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 617 <i>CHF 567</i> <i>EUR 522</i>	EUR*, ** 509 <i>EUR 471</i> <i>KRW 638,000)</i>	KRW** 685,000 <i>SGD 766)</i>	SGD* 820	USD 577		
KR	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD 422 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	AUD 482 <i>CHF 378</i>	CHF* 405 <i>EUR 362)</i>	EUR* 334	NZD 539	SGD 540		
	For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,219 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	AUD 1,393 <i>CHF 1,093</i>	CHF* 1,171 <i>EUR 1,046)</i>	EUR* 965	NZD 1,558	SGD 1,560		
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 <i>(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF 163 <i>CHF 138</i> <i>CHF 95</i>	EUR 135 <i>EUR 115</i> <i>EUR 91</i>	HUF 41,400 <i>HUF 35,200</i> <i>HUF 27,900</i>	USD 170 <i>USD 144)</i> <i>USD 103)</i>			
	For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 <i>(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF 677 <i>CHF 573</i> <i>CHF 393</i>	EUR 558 <i>EUR 477</i> <i>EUR 376</i>	HUF 171,700 <i>HUF 146,100</i> <i>HUF 115,800</i>	USD 704 <i>USD 598)</i> <i>USD 426)</i>			
SE	SEK 17,040 USD** 2,366 <i>*(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF** 2,274 <i>NOK 17,000)</i> <i>CHF 1,958</i>	DKK 13,960 <i>USD 2,125)</i>	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK* 15,360		

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 17 February 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,998	EUR*	1,648	NZD	2,660	ZAR	23,410		
	*(from 1.4.15:		EUR	1,835)								
	For small entity ³⁰ :		USD	1,040	CHF	999	EUR*	824	NZD	1,330	ZAR	11,700
	*(from 1.4.15:		EUR	918)								
XN	DKK	13,960	CHF**	2,274	EUR	1,875	ISK	287,000	NOK*	15,360	SEK	17,040
	USD**	2,366	NOK 17,000)									
	*(from 1.3.15:		CHF	1,958	USD	2,125)						
	**(from 1.4.15:											

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 17 February 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	(from 1.4.15:	
	CHF 1,031	
	CHF 888)	
EP	– for a search of the European and North American documentation:	CHF 200
	(from 1.4.15:	
	CHF 1,443	
	CHF 1,243)	
RU	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 200
	(from 1.4.15:	
	CHF 2,062	
	CHF 1,776)	
FI	CHF 2,274 (from 1.4.15: CHF 1,958)	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,274 (from 1.4.15: CHF 1,958)	CHF 200
XN	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 200
	(from 1.4.15:	
	CHF 2,274	
	CHF 1,958)	
XN	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 200
	(from 1.4.15:	
	CHF 650	
	CHF 560)	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 17 February 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

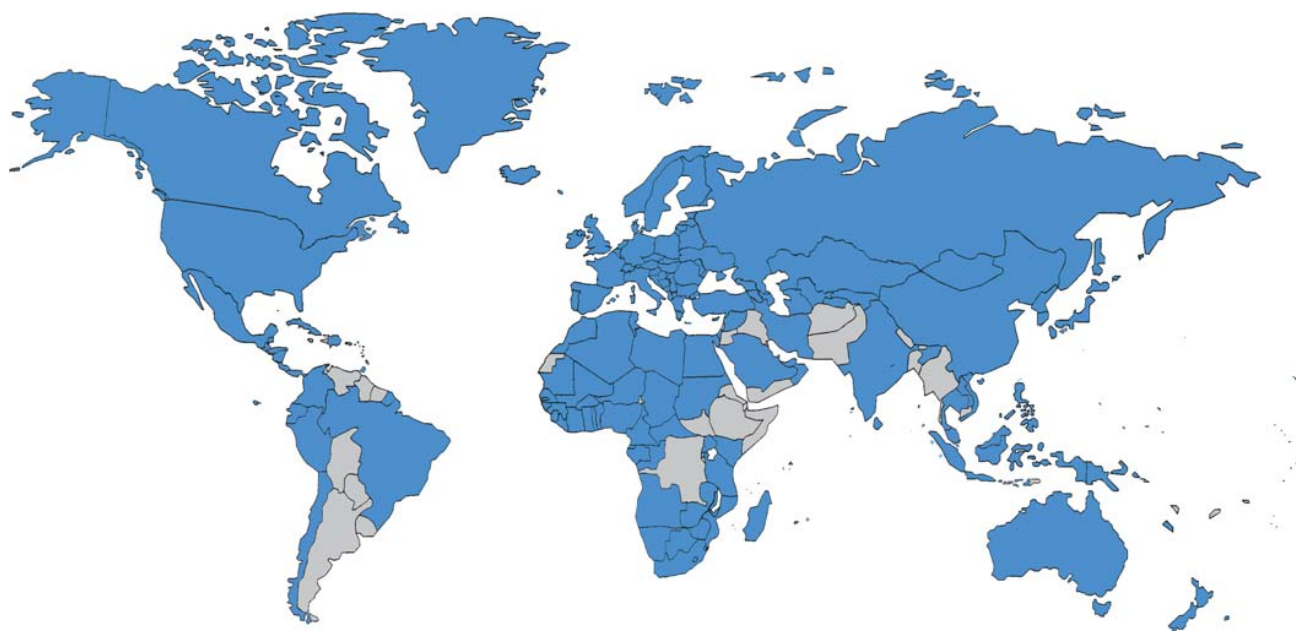
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁸	Handling fee ^{2, 38} (CHF 200)
AT ³¹	EUR 1,749	EUR 165 (from 1.4.15: 191)
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁹	AUD 238 (from 1.4.15: 278)
BR ³²	Online: BRL 630 On paper: BRL 945	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 800	CAD 232 (from 1.4.15: 270)
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³³ : USD 300	USD 208
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³⁴	EGP 3,000	USD 208
EP ³⁵	EUR 1,930	EUR 165 (from 1.4.15: 191)
ES	EUR 589.49	EUR 165 (from 1.4.15: 191)
FI	EUR 600	EUR 165 (from 1.4.15: 191)
IL	ILS 1,527 (from 1.3.15: 1,523)	ILS 766
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 208
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁸	JPY 22,700 (from 1.3.15: 24,700)
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 222,000 (from 1.4.15: 238,000)
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ⁴⁰ 4,050 ⁴¹ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ⁴⁰ 15,750 ⁴¹	USD 208
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,500 (from 1.4.15: 1,820)
US	USD 600 760 ⁴² For small entity ³⁰ : USD 300 380 ⁴² For micro entity ³⁰ : USD 150 190 ⁴²	USD 208
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,230 (from 1.4.15: 1,430)

[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: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No.06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.
- 10 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.
- 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 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.
- 14 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 15 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.
- 16 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
- 17 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).
- 18 This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm
- 19 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 20 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.
- 21 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).
- 22 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 23 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 24 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.
- 25 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 26 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 27 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 28 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%.
- 29 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.
- 30 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
- 31 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).
- 32 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.
- 33 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 34 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".
- 35 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>
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 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).
- 38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
- 42 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (148 on 1 February 2015)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

⁴ Only international applications filed on or after 19 August 2014 will include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe 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).

Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 16 September 2012 and 1 January 2015, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.