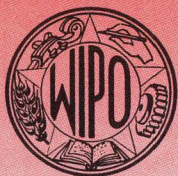


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NEWSLETTER

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MEXICO FIRST SPANISH-SPEAKING COUNTRY OF LATIN AMERICA TO JOIN PCT

Mexico (country code: MX)

Mexico deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT on 1 October 1994, and will become bound by the PCT on 1 January 1995. Therefore, in any international application filed on or after 1 January 1995, Mexico may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 1 January 1995, nationals and residents of Mexico will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

Mexico is the first Spanish-speaking country of Latin America to accede to the PCT and it is hoped that this will encourage the other Spanish-speaking countries of the region to also accede to the Treaty.

EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS FOR RE-REGISTRATION OF PATENTS IN KYRGYZSTAN

For owners of patents granted by the Patent Office of the Soviet Union and still in force, the time limit of 1 August 1994, in which to file a request with the Kyrgyz Patent Office for the grant of a Kyrgyz patent on the basis of the existing Soviet Union patent, has been extended to 31 October 1994. Applications filed before 2 August 1993 which are still pending with the Patent Office of the Russian Federation and which contained, when filed, the express or implied intention of obtaining protection also in

Kyrgyzstan, may also benefit from the extension of the time limit.

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY PROTECTION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND IN CENTRAL ASIA

WIPO has recently published a very useful volume, entitled "Industrial Property Protection in Central and Eastern Europe and in Central Asia," which reports on the current situation with respect to protection of industrial property in 27 countries in Central and Eastern Europe and in Central Asia. It contains 112 pages and is presented in the form of separate chapters for each country. In addition to information concerning membership in WIPO treaties, each chapter summarizes the major provisions of industrial property laws, including provisions concerning the confirmation of

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applications filed and rights granted in predecessor States.

The publication (WIPO Publication No. 732(E)) is available in English only. It costs 15 Swiss Francs and can be ordered from the following address:

World Intellectual Property Organization
Publications Sales and Distribution Unit
34, chemin des Colombettes
CH-1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Fax: (41-22) 733 54 28.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

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Q: I would like to obtain a copy of an application whose priority is claimed in a PCT application. How can I obtain a copy of the priority document and how much will it cost?

A: A copy of a priority document may be obtained (1) from the International Bureau, (2) from the Office with which the earlier application was filed, or (3) from some of the Offices of or acting for the PCT Contracting States designated in the international application.

(1) The International Bureau, under PCT Rule 17.2(b), furnishes copies of priority documents without the consent of the applicant only **after publication** of the international application. It furnishes them to any person upon request and subject to reimbursement of the cost. However, pursuant to PCT Rule 17.2(c), the International Bureau will not furnish such a copy if, prior to the international publication:

(a) the international application was withdrawn;

(b) the relevant priority claim was withdrawn or was considered, under PCT Rule 4.10(b), not to have been made; or,

(c) the relevant priority claim was cancelled under PCT Rule 4.10(d).

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from the International Bureau, the international publication number (WO/.....) and the international application number (PCT/...../.....) of the published application must be mentioned, together with the number and filing date of the priority application. Indicate also whether you wish to receive your copy by surface mail, by airmail or by fax. The invoice will be sent separately.

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(3) An Office of or acting for a PCT Contracting State designated in the international application will only furnish a copy of a priority document if permitted by the national law applied by that Office. Note that only a few Offices, in their capacity as designated Offices, receive copies of priority documents from the International Bureau on an automatic basis. (As of 1 October 1994, those Offices are the Patent Offices of Australia, Hungary, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America and the European Patent Office).

For the conditions and fees for the furnishing of copies of priority documents by Offices other than the International Bureau, contact the Office concerned.

Amendments to the international application

Q: Which parts of the international application can be amended, what are the time limits for filing the amendments, and with whom should the amendments be filed?

A: Three different possibilities exist for filing amendments under the PCT. In the international phase, you may (1) amend the claims only, before the International Bureau, provided that an international search report has been established (see PCT Article 19); (2) amend the claims, the description and/or the drawings before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, provided that you file a demand for international preliminary examination (see PCT Article 34). Later, upon entry into the national phase, you also have the opportunity to file amendments to the claims, description and/or drawings before any of the designated/elected Offices (see PCT Articles 28 and 41).

The table on page 3 gives the time limits for each type of amendment and gives further details on other aspects of the amendment procedure.

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION			
Abbreviations:	INTERNATIONAL PHASE		NATIONAL PHASE
	AMENDMENTS UNDER PCT CHAPTER I (only if an international search report has been established) PCT Article 19 and Rule 46	AMENDMENTS UNDER PCT CHAPTER II (only if the applicant files a demand for international preliminary examination) PCT Article 34 and Rules 53.9 and 66	AMENDMENTS UPON ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE PCT Articles 28 and 41 and Rules 52 and 78
IPEA = International Preliminary Examining Authority IPER = international preliminary examination report			
Which part(s) of the international application may be amended?	Claims only.	Claims, description and drawings.	Claims, description and drawings. Different amendments are possible for different designated/elected Offices.
Where must the amendments be filed?	With the International Bureau.	With the IPEA.	With the designated/elected Offices.
When must the amendments be filed?	Within two months from the date of transmittal of the international search report, or 16 months from the priority date, or before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed, whichever time limit expires/event occurs later.	May be filed with the demand or during international preliminary examination. They should, however, be filed before the IPEA begins to draw up the IPER.	May be filed within one month from the date of fulfillment of the requirements for entry into the national phase. Later time limits may apply—see relevant National Chapter in the <i>PCT Applicant's Guide</i> , Vol. II.
In what language must the amendments be filed?	In the language of the international application, if that language is Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish, or in English where the international application was filed in another language.		Where the designated/elected Office requires a translation of the international application, the amendments must be in the language of the translation.
What is the allowable scope of the amendments?	Amendments must not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed. Although this requirement is not directly enforceable during the international phase, failure to comply may have adverse consequences during international preliminary examination and in the national phase.	Amendments must not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed. Although this requirement is not directly enforceable during the international phase, if any amendment does not comply, the IPEA will make comments in the written opinion and the IPER, and the IPER will be established as if the amendment had not been made.	Amendments must not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed unless the national law of the designated/elected State permits them to go beyond that disclosure—see National Chapters in the <i>PCT Applicant's Guide</i> , Vol. II.
Where do the amendments have effect?	In all designated/elected Offices.	In all elected Offices.	In those designated/elected Offices with which they are filed.
For what procedures do the amendments serve as a basis?	For examination by the IPEA (unless reversed or superseded) and for examination by the designated/elected Offices in the national phase (unless superseded by later amendments).	For examination by the IPEA, and, in the national phase, by elected Offices (unless superseded by later amendments).	For examination by the designated/elected Offices in the national phase.
May amendments be made more than once?	No.	Yes, depending on when the IPER is established. But note that amendments need not be taken into account by the IPEA if they are received after it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the IPER.	Depends on national law.
Are the amendments confidential?	They are confidential before international publication. After publication of the international application, amendments published by the International Bureau as part of the pamphlet are no longer confidential.	They are confidential until transmittal of the IPER to the elected Offices. Once the IPER has been transmitted to the elected Offices, any amendments which form part of the annexes to the IPER may be made available by any elected Office whose national law so permits.	Depends on national law.

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR			
Dates Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer
3-4 November 1994 London (GB)	English	Worldwide Patenting Using the PCT, Procedures and Strategies (PCT seminar for patent lawyers and attorneys) WIPO speaker: Mr. Thomas Other speakers: Mr. Philpott and Mr. Wolff	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-483) 364 24
3-4 November 1994 Munich (DE)	German	PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 47 95 12 Fax: (49-6221) 41 16 27
17-18 November 1994 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	John Marshall Law School (Ms. Rosemary Knight) Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28
21-22 November 1994 Singapore (SG)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the New Patent System of Singapore and the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels and Mr. Thomas	Registry of Trade Marks and Patents Tel: (65) 330 27 20 Fax: (65) 339 02 52
21-22 November 1994 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1-415) 331 60 68
7-8 December 1994 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-483) 364 24
9 December 1994 London (GB)	English	PCT Workshop for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-483) 364 24
12 December 1994 Munich (DE)	German	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Bartels	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 47 95 12 Fax: (49-6221) 41 16 27

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

Kenya (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Kenya Industrial Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified additional competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. The following Offices are competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities: the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the Chinese Patent Office and the European Patent Office.

New Zealand (evidence of mailing a document)

The New Zealand Patent Office will now accept evidence of mailing a document or letter, in case of loss or delay where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used to mail the document or letter (PCT Rule 82.1).

Republic of Korea (fees)

On 1 October 1994, there was a change in the amounts, in Korean Won (KRW), of the

basic fee, the supplement fee per sheet over 30 and the designation fee (see Table I(a), on page 6).

Trinidad and Tobago (fees)

The transmittal fee payable to the Intellectual Property Registry, Registrar General's Department of Trinidad and Tobago, in its capacity as receiving Office, has been established. The new fee, payable in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars (TTD), is shown in Table 1(a), on page 6.

Institutions with which deposits of microorganisms may be made (Russian Federation)

The name and address of the "Institute of Biochemistry and Physiology of Microorganisms (IBFM)" of the Russian Federation has changed to:

Russian Collection of Microorganisms
(VKM)
Prospekt Naouki, 5
142292 Puschino (Moskovskaya obl.)
Russian Federation

Search fee (Australian Patent Office)

On 1 October 1994, in addition to the change in the amount in Australian Dollars (AUD) of the fee for international search by the Austra-

lian Patent Office (see information update in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07/1994), there was also a change in the equivalent amounts of that fee in New Zealand Dollars (NZD), Swiss Francs (CHF), US Dollars (USD) and Won (KRW). The new amounts are shown in Table I(b), on page 7.

Search fee (United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO))

On 1 October 1994, in addition to the change in the amount in US Dollars (USD) of the fee for international search by the USPTO (see information update in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07/1994), there was also a change in the equivalent amount of that fee in Swiss Francs (CHF). The new amount is shown in Table I(b), on page 7, and is set out in the pink tear-out provisional sheet for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex D (US).

List of Contracting States

The pink tear-out provisional sheet for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex A (Contracting States of the PCT) includes the new PCT Contracting State, Mexico, and the date of entry into force of the PCT in respect of that State (see cover page for details).

PCT FEE TABLES

The following Tables show the amounts (including currencies) for 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 (Table I(a) and Table I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in special circumstances are not shown; nor are details of reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to changes due to fee increases or fluctuations in exchange rates. The footnotes are on page 7.

Table I(a) – TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES

(as at 1 October 1994, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ¹ (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ¹ (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2} (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) ³
AM	AMD ⁴ —	USD 530	10	128	EP RU
AP	USD 70	USD 530	10	128	EP
AT	ATS 700	ATS 6,220	122	1,510	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 748	15	182	AU
BE	BEF 1,500	BEF 18,208	358	4,421	EP
BG	BGL 600	BGL equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
BR	BRC 21,670	BRC equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT EP SE US
BY	RUR ⁴ —	USD 530	10	128	EP RU
CA	CAD 200	CAD 696 (from 18.10.94: 792)	14 (16)	168 (192)	EP
CH	CHF 100	CHF 762	15	185	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	CN
CZ	CZK 1,200	CZK equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
DE	DEM 150	DEM 883	17	214	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 3,440	70	840	EP SE
EE	EEK 1,500	EEK equiv of CHF 762	15	185	EP

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Table I(a) – TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES (continued)

(as at 1 October 1994, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		Basic fee ¹ (CHF 762)		Supplement per sheet over 30 ¹ (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2} (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) ³
EP ⁵	DEM	200	DEM	883	17	214	EP
ES		None	ESP	76,300	1,500	18,500	EP
FI	FIM	700	FIM	3,200	65	780	EP SE
FR	FRF	400	FRF	3,010	60	730	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	352	7	85	EP
GE	USD ⁴	–	USD	530	10	128	EP RU
GR	GRD	30,000	GRD	131,000	3,000	32,000	EP
HU	HUF	1,000	HUF	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT RU
IB	CHF	300	CHF	762	15	185	See note 6
	or USD	200	or USD	530	10	128	
IE	IEP	60	IEP	357	7	87	EP
IT	ITL	60,000	ITL	884,000	17,000	215,000	EP
JP	JPY	18,000	JPY	59,000	1,000	14,000	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv)	30	USD	530	10	128	AU AT CN EP
KG	KGS ⁴	–	USD	530	10	128	EP RU
KP	KPW	50	KPW	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	RU
KR	KRW	40,000	KRW	505,000	10,000	123,000	AT AU JP
KZ	RUR ⁴	–	USD	530	10	128	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	530	10	128	AT AU CN EP SE
LT	LTL equiv of USD	80	USD	530	10	128	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF	1,000	LUF/BEF	18,208	358	4,421	EP
LV	LVL	40	USD	530	10	128	EP RU
MC	FRF	200	FRF	3,010	60	730	EP
MD	MDL ⁴	–	USD	530	10	128	EP RU
MN		None	MNT	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
MW	MWK	8	MWK	2,350	46	570	EP
NL	NLG	110	NLG	1,000	20	240	EP
NO	NOK	500	NOK	3,940	80	960	EP SE
NZ	NZD	155	NZD	976	19	237	AU EP
PL	PLZ	1,500,000	PLZ	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
PT	PTE	3,000	PTE	89,000	1,800	21,700	EP
RO	ROL	10,000	CHF	762	15	185	AT EP RU
RU	RUR	13,000	USD	530	10	128	EP RU
SD	SDP	50	SDP	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
SE	SEK	600	SEK	4,355	85	1,060	EP SE
SI	SIT	See note 7	SIT	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
SK	SKK	1,200	SKK	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
TJ	RUR ⁴	–	USD	530	10	128	EP RU
TT	TTD	750	USD	530	10	128	AT EP SE US
UA	UAK ⁴	–	USD	530	10	128	EP RU
US	USD	210	USD	530	10	128	EP US
UZ	USD ⁴	–	USD	530	10	128	EP RU
VN	USD	50	VND	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT AU EP RU SE

Key to currency abbreviations for all fee tables:

AMD	Dram	DEM	Mark	ITL	Lira	MNT	Tugrik	SDP	Sudanese Pound
ATS	Schilling	DKK	Danish Krone	JPY	Yen	MWK	Kwacha	SEK	Swedish Krona
AUD	Australian Dollar	EEK	Estonian Krona	KES	Kenyan Shilling	NLG	Guilder	SIT	Tolar
BEF	Belgian Franc	ESP	Peseta	KGS	Som	NOK	Norwegian Krone	SKK	Slovak Koruna
BGL	Lev	FIM	Markka	KPW	Won	NZD	New Zealand Dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago Dollar
BRC	Cruzeiro Real	FRF	French Franc	KRW	Won	PLZ	Zloty		
CAD	Canadian Dollar	GBP	Pound Sterling	LTL	Lita	PTE	Escudo	UAK	Karbovanets
CHF	Swiss Franc	GRD	Drachma	LUF	Luxembourg Franc	ROL	Romanian Leu	USD	US Dollar
CNY	Yuan Renminbi	HUF	Forint	LVL	Lat	RUR	Rouble	VND	Dong
CZK	Czech Koruna	IEP	Irish Pound	MDL	Moldovan Leu				

Table I(b) – SEARCH FEES
(as at 1 October 1994, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT	ATS	2,200	CHF	285	KRW	161,000	USD	198	
AU	AUD	800	CHF	778	KRW	516,000	NZD	990	USD 592
CN	CNY	800	CHF	210	USD	146			
EP	DEM	2,400	CHF	2,060	FRF	8,480	ITL	2,449,000	NLG 2,740 SEK 11,590
	ATS	17,140	DKK	9,600	GBP	960	JPY	149,000	NOK 10,300 USD 1,537
	BEF	51,000	ESP	203,400	GRD	363,600	LUF	51,000	NZD 2,557
	CAD	1,870	FIM	8,200	IEP	1,017	MWK	6,400	PTE 255,300
	<i>(from 05.10.94:</i>		BEF	50,300	ESP	201,700	FRF	8,350	GBP 1,000 GRD 369,200
	LUF	50,300	PTE	250,000	SEK	11,940			
ES	ESP	50,100	CHF	537	USD	373			
JP	JPY	77,000	CHF	1,060	KRW	612,000	USD	740	
RU	RUR	53,000	CHF	288	USD	200			
SE	SEK	2,600 ⁸	3,600 ⁹	4,200 ¹⁰	FIM	1,875 ⁸	2,600 ⁹	3,030 ¹⁰	
	CHF	460 ⁸	635 ⁹	740 ¹⁰	NOK	2,430 ⁸	3,365 ⁹	3,925 ¹⁰	
	DKK	2,115 ⁸	2,930 ⁹	3,420 ¹⁰	USD	320 ⁸	442 ⁹	515 ¹⁰	
US	USD	640	(420 ¹¹)	CHF	840	(550 ¹¹)			

Table II – PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES

(as at 1 October 1994, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹²				Handling fee ¹² (CHF 233)					
AT	ATS	2,200			ATS	1,902				
AU	AUD	450			AUD	229				
CN	CNY	800			CNY equiv of CHF 233					
EP	DEM	3,000	FRF	10,600	NLG	3,430	DEM	270	FRF 920	NLG 305
	ATS	21,430	GBP	1,200	PTE	319,100	ATS	1,902	GBP 108	PTE 27,000
	BEF	63,700	IEP	1,271	SEK	14,490	BEF	5,568	IEP 109	SEK 1,330
	CHF	2,580	ITL	3,061,000			CHF	233	ITL 270,000	
	DKK	12,000	LUF	63,700			DKK	1,050	LUF 5,568	
	<i>(from 05.10.94:</i>		BEF	62,900	FRF	10,430				
		GBP	1,250	LUF	62,900	PTE	312,500			
	SEK	14,930								
JP	JPY	28,000			JPY	18,000				
RU	RUR	26,000	USD	300	USD	162				
SE	SEK	3,200			SEK	1,330				
US	USD	460	(690 ¹³)		USD	162				

1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.

2 The confirmation fee payable under PCT Rules 4.9(c) and 15.5 is 50% of the designation fee.

3 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.

4 The amounts are not yet known. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.

5 Payments can also be made in ATS, BEF, CHF, DKK, ESP, FRF, GBP, GRD, IEP, ITL, LUF, NLG, PTE or SEK. For the amounts in the said currencies, reference should be made to the latest issue of the *Official Journal* of the EPO.

6 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.

7 10% of the basic fee, supplement fee, designation fee and search fee.

8 If on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Swedish Patent Office.

9 If on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) or the Norwegian Patent Office.

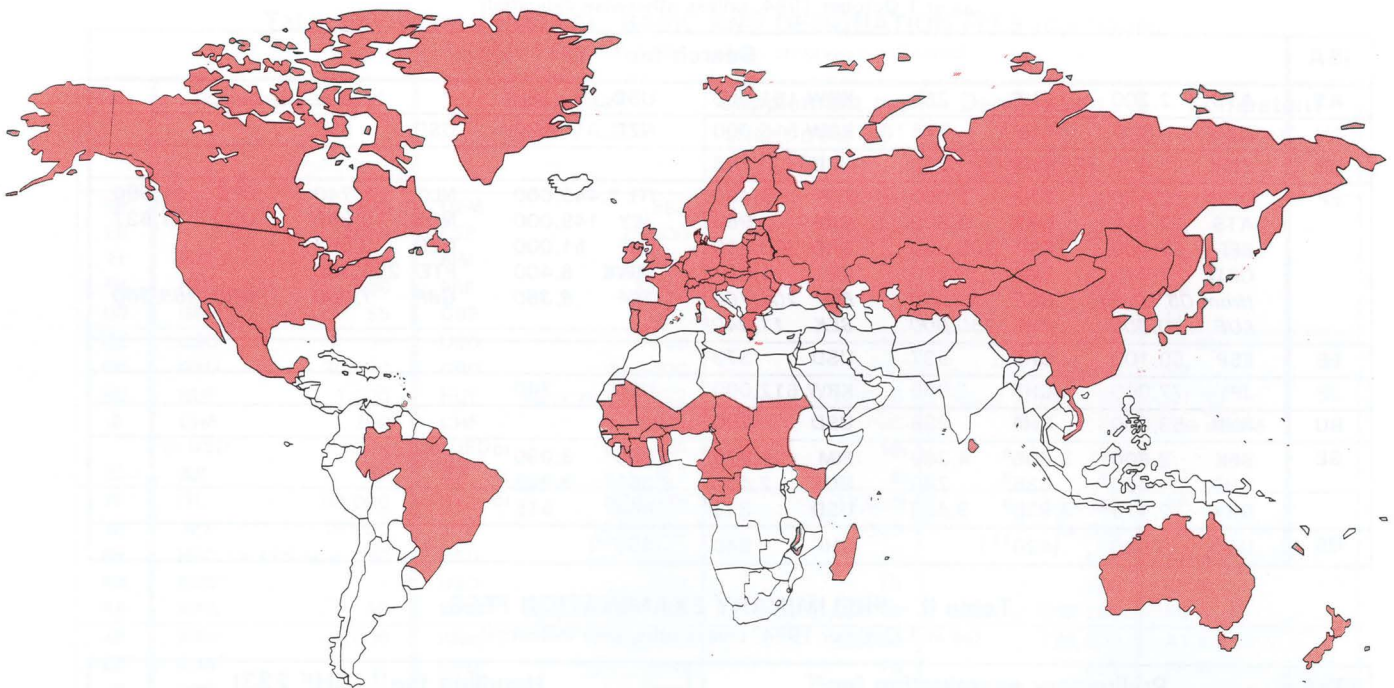
10 In all cases where 8 and 9 do not apply.

11 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic national fee for that US application has been paid.

12 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.

13 Payable when the international search report was not established by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

PCT CONTRACTING STATES AND TWO-LETTER CODES (74 on 1 October 1994)



In the Americas

- BB Barbados
- BR Brazil
- CA Canada
- MX Mexico (from 1 January 1995)**
- TT Trinidad and Tobago
- US United States of America

In Europe

- EPO (EP)*
- AT Austria
- BE Belgium
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- DE Germany
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- GB United Kingdom
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- LI Liechtenstein
- LU Luxembourg
- MC Monaco
- NL Netherlands
- PT Portugal
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- NO Norway
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- SI Slovenia
- SK Slovakia
- UA Ukraine

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- SD Sudan
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- CI Côte d'Ivoire
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- GN Guinea
- ML Mali
- MR Mauritania
- NE Niger
- SN Senegal
- TD Chad
- TG Togo

Non-ARIPO or -OAPI

- LR Liberia**
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In Asia and the Pacific

- AM Armenia
- AU Australia
- CN China
- GE Georgia
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- KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- KR Republic of Korea
- KZ Kazakhstan
- LK Sri Lanka
- MN Mongolia
- NZ New Zealand
- TJ Tajikistan
- UZ Uzbekistan
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