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## NEW PCT CONTRACTING STATE (ALSO PARIS CONVENTION)

### Turkmenistan (country code: TM)

On 1 March 1995, Turkmenistan deposited declarations of continuation of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and of the PCT as a successor State of the former Soviet Union.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 1 March 1995, Turkmenistan may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 1 March 1995, nationals and residents of Turkmenistan are entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

Applicants are, under the PCT Regulations, afforded the possibility of requesting the extension to Turkmenistan of the effects of any international application filed after 24 December 1991 and before 2 May 1995 (see PCT Rule 32). The applicant in respect of each international application concerned, or his agent, will receive a notification from the International Bureau containing information about the possibility and the applicable conditions for extending the effects of international applications to Turkmenistan.

## NOTE ABOUT EXTENSION OF EUROPEAN PATENTS

Although it is expected that it will become possible to extend European patents to several

other PCT Contracting States in the future, at present, such an extension is only available to Lithuania (in respect of international applications filed on or after 5 July 1994) and to Slovenia (in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 March 1994). (For further details, see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 01/1994, page 4, 04/1994, page 3, and 05/1994, page 1.)

Information about the entry into force of any further agreements between the European Patent Office and other PCT States on the extension of the effects of European patent applications and patents to those States will be promptly published in the *PCT Newsletter*.

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## PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

### **African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The Office of ARIPO, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Austrian Patent Office and the Swedish Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex C (AP))

### **Iceland (fees, competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The amounts of the transmittal fee, basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, designation fee and search fee are indicated in Tables I(a) and I(b), on pages 6 and 7. The fee for priority document is ISK 2,500.

The Icelandic Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the EPO and the Swedish Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities.

### **Liberia (*PCT Applicant's Guide* corrigendum)**

In the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex C (LR) (English version only) there is an error in the amount of the supplement per sheet over 30. The correct amount of the fee is USD 12 per sheet over 30.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex C (LR))

### **United Kingdom (all national telephone numbers)**

As from 16 April 1995, national dialing codes for all localities in the United Kingdom will change. If dialing from outside the United Kingdom (country code: 44), a 1 will be placed in front of the national (city) code, for example, the present code for London of (71) will become (171). Exceptionally, in the cities of Bristol, Leeds, Leicester, Nottingham and Sheffield, the city codes will change and an extra digit will be added to individual numbers, as follows:

Bristol: (117) 9; Leeds (113) 2; Leicester (116) 2; Nottingham (115) 9; Sheffield (114) 2.

Note that the new telephone numbers for the United Kingdom Patent Office were indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/1994, on page 4, and were included in the January 1995 update of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

### **Search fees (Australian Patent Office and European Patent Office (EPO))**

There has been a change in the equivalent amount in Canadian Dollars (CAD) of the fee for international search carried out by the EPO. Equivalent amounts of the fees for international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office and the EPO have been established in Singapore Dollars (SGD), as indicated in Table I(b), on page 7.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex D (AU) and (EP))

### **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, Turkmenistan, and the date of entry into force of the PCT in respect of that State (see cover page for details).

## **INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS ON CD-ROM**

The sets of ESPACE-WORLD CD-ROMs containing international applications published between 1978 and 1985 have recently become available. This means that all international applications which have been published since PCT operations began are now available on CD-ROM.

The sets of CD-ROMs containing international applications published between 1978 and 1989 are available only from WIPO and the sets containing international applications published after 1989 are available only from the European Patent Office (see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 09/1994, pages 2 and 3, and 10/1994, page 5, for further information).

Details about the prices of the CD-ROMs available from WIPO are included in the revised order form which is inserted in this issue.

**PRACTICAL ADVICE**

*Technical preparations for international publication*

*Q: Now that international applications are published weekly, does this affect the time by which the technical preparations for publication are completed?*

A: No. The technical preparations for international publication will continue to be completed, in general, 15 calendar days before the actual publication date, as was the case when the *PCT Gazette* and international applications in the form of pamphlets were published every second Thursday.

Technical preparations may be completed earlier, however, where the publication date is not on Thursday, as usual, because the International Bureau is not open for business (for example, Ascension Day, the Thursday that follows the first Sunday of September, certain Thursdays in the Christmas/New Year period) or where there are a number of official holidays falling within that 15-day period.

Any matter which the applicant wishes the International Bureau to take into account for the purposes of publication must reach the International Bureau prior to the completion of technical preparations. For example, if the publication date is Thursday, 13 April 1995, the indications must reach the International Bureau at the latest on Tuesday, 28 March 1995, since the technical preparations will be completed on Wednesday, 29 March 1995. It is strongly recommended that applicants communicate such indications (see list below) to the International Bureau as early as possible, preferably by fax, noting that the cutoff time for receipt of such indications is midnight in Geneva on Tuesday for the issue to be published on Thursday, 15 days later. It must

be borne in mind, however, that more time will be needed if the International Bureau has to take any action in connection with the matter before the completion of technical preparations for publication.

The kinds of indications concerned include:

- a withdrawal, in order to prevent international publication, of the international application, a designation or a priority claim under PCT Rules 90<sup>bis</sup>.1 (c), 90<sup>bis</sup>.2(e) or 90<sup>bis</sup>.3(e), respectively
- an amendment of the claims under PCT Article 19 (PCT Rule 46.1 )
- an authorization of a rectification of an obvious error under PCT Rule 91.1 (g<sup>bis</sup>) or (g<sup>ter</sup>)
- a request for publication of a refusal of a rectification of an obvious error under PCT Rule 91.1(f)
- indications relating to deposited microorganisms furnished under PCT Rule 13<sup>bis</sup>.4, last two sentences
- changes in indications concerning the applicant, agent, common representative or inventor (such as changes in person, name or address) under PCT Rule 92<sup>bis</sup>.

Note that a withdrawal can be made on the condition that it is to be effective only if the notice of withdrawal is received by the International Bureau before completion of the technical preparations for international publication (that is, if international publication can still be stopped). Otherwise, withdrawals can validly be made within the applicable time limit of 20 or 30 months from the priority date, as the case may be; for further details, see PCT Rules 90<sup>bis</sup>.1(a), 90<sup>bis</sup>.2(a), 90<sup>bis</sup>.3(a) and 90<sup>bis</sup>.4(a).

<b>PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR</b>			
<b>Dates Location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>6 April 1995 Ecully (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-78) 33 07 08 Fax: (33-78) 33 58 96
<b>7 April 1995 Geneva (CH)</b>	English French German	PCT presentation during the International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Matthes	Salon International des Inventions de Genève and WIPO [see insert in <i>PCT Newsletter</i> No. 02/1995 for details]

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### PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR [continued from page 3]

<b>Dates Location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>24-26 April 1995 Hilton Head Island (US)</b>	English	Seminar for patent attorneys: "Basic Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels, Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99
<b>27-29 April 1995 Hilton Head Island (US)</b>	English	Seminar for patent attorneys: "Advanced Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels, Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99
<b>1-2 May 1995 Los Angeles (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon, Mr. Matthes and Mr. Maassel	Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association (LAIPLA) (Ms. Sharon Yeo) Tel: (1-213) 975 1572 Fax: (1-213) 975 1573
<b>4-5 May 1995 London (GB)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-483) 364 24
<b>15-16 May 1995 Munich (DE)</b>	German	PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 47 95 12 Fax: (49-6221) 41 16 27
<b>18-19 May 1995 Munich (DE)</b>	German	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 47 95 12 Fax: (49-6221) 41 16 27
<b>22-23 May 1995 Ljubljana (SI)</b>	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Slovenian Intellectual Property Office Tel: (386-61) 131 23 22 Fax: (386-61) 31 89 83
<b>14-15 June 1995 Boston (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Ron Kransdorf) (Mr. Peter Landau) Tel: (1-617) 720 35 00 Fax: (1-617) 720 24 41
<b>17-18 July 1995 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1-415) 331 60 68
<b>20-21 July 1995 Denver (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Sheridan, Ross & M <sup>c</sup> Intosh (Ms. Susan P. Willson) Tel: (1-303) 863 97 00 Fax: (1-303) 863 02 23
<b>23-25 July 1995 Maui, Hawaii (US)</b>	English	Seminar for patent attorneys: "Basic Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels, Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99
<b>27-29 July 1995 Maui, Hawaii (US)</b>	English	Seminar for patent attorneys: "Advanced Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels, Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99

## TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS UNDER NEW SINGAPORE PATENTS ACT

The new Singapore Patents Act 1994 repealed the former Singapore Registration of United Kingdom Patents Act, which enabled the re-registration of United Kingdom patents in Singapore, and introduced a national patent system for Singapore. The new Act came into force on 23 February 1995. The PCT also entered into force for Singapore on that date (see *PCT Gazette* No. 02/1995 and *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/1995), so that Singapore (two-letter code: SG) may be designated in international applications filed on or after that date.

The new Act contains a number of transitional provisions which may be of interest to applicants who filed international applications under the PCT before 23 February 1995. The main features of those transitional provisions are outlined in the following paragraphs.

### Pending applications

Under Section 117(6) of the new Act, in the case of an international application filed with any PCT receiving Office before 23 February 1995 and still pending on that date, and which contains a designation of the United Kingdom for either a national patent or a European patent, the applicant may, within 12 months from 23 February 1995, make an application to the Registry of Patents of

Singapore for the grant under the new Act of a patent based on that international application, preserving both the international filing date and the priority date. It is not necessary, in order to take advantage of this provision, for the international application to have entered the national or regional phase of processing before the United Kingdom Patent Office or the European Patent Office.

It was not possible, of course, for an international application filed before 23 February 1995 to contain a designation of Singapore, and the transitional provision just mentioned should not be confused with the procedure for entering the national or regional phase before a designated Office. In particular, the time limit for taking action under that transitional provision is 12 months from 23 February 1995, irrespective of the applicable time limit for entering the national or regional phase before the various designated Offices.

### Re-registration of granted United Kingdom patents

Where a patent has been granted under the United Kingdom Patents Act 1977 not earlier than 36 months before, or not later than 12 months after, 23 February 1995, the patentee may obtain a certificate of registration as if the former Singapore Registration of United Kingdom Patents Act had not been repealed, provided that the application for such a certificate is made within 24 months from 23 February 1995.

## PCT FEE TABLES

The following Tables show the amounts (including currencies—keys to currency abbreviations are listed at the bottom of page 6) 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 March 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		Basic fee <sup>1</sup> (CHF 762)		Supplement per sheet over 30 <sup>1</sup> (CHF 15)	Designation fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>3</sup>
AM	AMD <sup>4</sup>	—	USD	604	12	147	EP RU
AP	USD	70	USD	604	12	147	AT EP SE
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 <sup>4</sup>	—	USD	604	12	147	EP RU
CA	CAD	200	CAD	792	16	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 March 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	Basic fee <sup>1</sup> (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 <sup>1</sup> (CHF 15)	Designation fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>3</sup>
EP <sup>5</sup>	DEM 200	DEM 883	17	214	EP
ES	None	ESP 76,300	1,500	18,500	EP
FI	FIM 700	FIM 2,800	55	690	EP SE
FR	FRF 400	FRF 3,010	60	730	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 352	7	85	EP
GE	USD <sup>4</sup> —	USD 604	12	147	EP RU
GR	GRD 30,000	GRD 147,000	3,000	36,000	EP
HU	HUF 4,000	HUF equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT EP RU
IB	CHF 300 or USD 200	CHF 762 or USD 604	15	185	See note 6
IE	IEP 60	IEP 357	7	147	EP
IS	(from 23.03.95): (ISK (5,000))	(ISK 40,000)	(800)	(9,700)	(EP SE)
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 604	12	147	AU AT CN EP
KG	KGS <sup>4</sup> —	USD 604	12	147	EP RU
KP	KPW 50	KPW equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT RU
KR	KRW 40,000	KRW 505,000	10,000	123,000	AT AU JP
KZ	RUR <sup>4</sup> —	USD 604	12	147	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 604	12	147	AT AU CN EP SE
LT	LTL equiv of USD 80	USD 604	12	147	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF 1,000	LUF/BEF 18,208	358	4,421	EP
LV	LVL 40	USD 604	12	147	EP RU
MC	FRF 200	FRF 3,010	60	730	EP
MD	MDL <sup>4</sup> —	USD 604	12	147	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
MX	MXP equiv of USD 200	MXP equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP ES US
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 604	12	147	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
SG	SGD 120	SGD 880	17	214	AU EP
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 <sup>4</sup> —	USD 604	12	147	EP RU
TT	TTD 750	USD 604	12	147	AT EP SE US
UA	UAK 900,000	USD 604	12	147	EP RU
US	USD 210	USD 604	12	147	EP US
UZ	USD <sup>4</sup> —	USD 604	12	147	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	DKK	Danish Krone	ITL	Lira	MNT	Tugrik	SDP	Sudanese Pound
ATS	Schilling	EEK	Estonian Kroon	JPY	Yen	MWK	Kwacha	SEK	Swedish Krona
AUD	Australian Dollar	ESP	Peseta	KES	Kenyan Shilling	MXP	Mexican Peso	SGD	Singapore Dollar
BEF	Belgian Franc	FIM	Markka	KGS	Som	NLG	Guilder	SIT	Tolar
BGL	Lev	FRF	French Franc	KPW	Won	NOK	Norwegian Krone	SKK	Slovak Koruna
BRC	Cruzeiro Real	GBP	Pound Sterling	KRW	Won	NZD	New Zealand Dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago Dollar
CAD	Canadian Dollar	GRD	Drachma	LTL	Lita	PLZ	Zloty	UAK	Karbovanets
CHF	Swiss Franc	HUF	Forint	LUF	Luxembourg Franc	PTE	Escudo	USD	US Dollar
CNY	Yuan Renminbi	IEP	Irish Pound	LVL	Lat	ROL	Romanian Leu	VND	Dong
CZK	Czech Koruna	ISK	Icelandic Kronur	MDL	Moldovan Leu	RUR	Rouble		
DEM	Mark								

**Table I(b) – SEARCH FEES**  
(as at 1 March 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

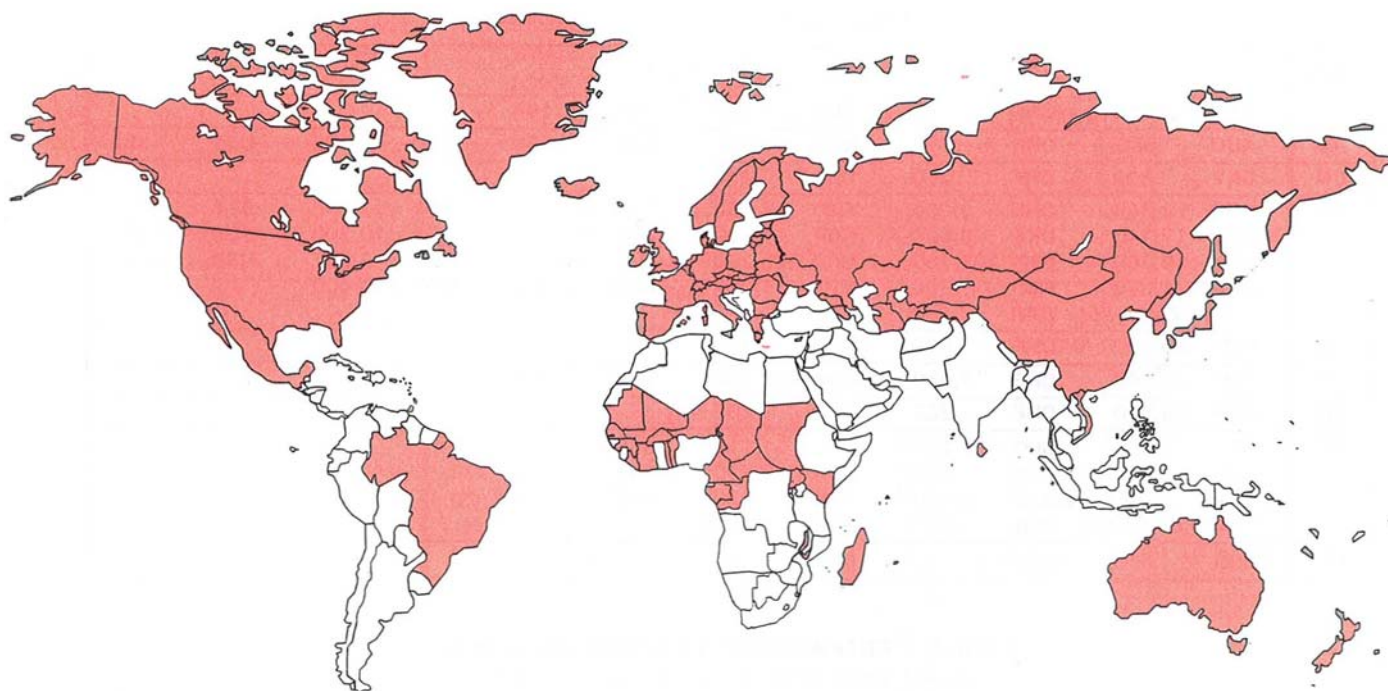
ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT	ATS	2,200	CHF	285	KRW	161,000	USD	198				
AU	AUD	800	CHF	778	KRW	516,000	NZD	990	SGD	882	USD	592
CN	CNY	800	CHF	210	USD	146						
EP	DEM	2,400	CHF	2,060	FRF	8,350	ITL	2,449,000	NLG	2,740	SEK	11,940
	ATS	17,140	DKK	9,600	GBP	1,000	JPY	149,000	NOK	10,300	SGD	2,308
	BEF	50,300	ESP	201,700	GRD	369,200	LUF	50,300	NZD	2,557	USD	1,537
	CAD*	1,870	FIM	7,500	IEP	1,017	MWK	6,400	PTE	250,000		
*(from 23.04.95: CAD 2,235)												
ES	ESP	60,000	CHF	600	USD	455						
JP	JPY	77,000	CHF	1,060	KRW	612,000	USD	740				
RU	RUR	53,000	CHF	288	USD	200						
SE	SEK	2,600 <sup>8</sup>	3,600 <sup>9</sup>	4,200 <sup>10</sup>	FIM	1,710 <sup>8</sup>	2,360 <sup>9</sup>	2,760 <sup>10</sup>				
	CHF	460 <sup>8</sup>	635 <sup>9</sup>	740 <sup>10</sup>	NOK	2,430 <sup>8</sup>	3,365 <sup>9</sup>	3,925 <sup>10</sup>				
	DKK	2,115 <sup>8</sup>	2,930 <sup>9</sup>	3,420 <sup>10</sup>	USD*	320 <sup>8</sup>	442 <sup>9</sup>	515 <sup>10</sup>				
	*(from 01.04.95: USD 347 <sup>8</sup> 480 <sup>9</sup> 560 <sup>10</sup> )											
US	USD	640	(420 <sup>11</sup> )	CHF	840	(550 <sup>11</sup> )						

**Table II – PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES**  
(as at 1 March 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>12</sup>				Handling fee <sup>12</sup> (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	10,430	NLG	3,430	DEM	270	FRF	920	NLG	305
	ATS	21,430	GBP	1,250	PTE	312,500	ATS	1,902	GBP	108	PTE	27,000
	BEF	62,900	IEP	1,271	SEK	14,930	BEF	5,568	IEP	109	SEK	1,330
	CHF	2,580	ITL	3,061,000			CHF	233	ITL	270,000		
	DKK	12,000	LUF	62,900			DKK	1,050	LUF	5,568		
JP	JPY	28,000			JPY	18,000						
RU	RUR	26,000	USD	300	USD	185						
SE	SEK	3,200			SEK	1,330						
US	USD	460	(690 <sup>13</sup> )			USD	185					

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 5% of the total value of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, 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 (78 on 1 March 1995)**



**In the Americas**

- BB Barbados
- BR Brazil
- CA Canada
- MX Mexico
- TT Trinidad and Tobago
- US United States of America

**In Europe**  
*EPO (EP)*

- AT Austria
- BE Belgium
- CH Switzerland
- DE Germany
- DK Denmark
- ES Spain
- FR France
- GB United Kingdom
- GR Greece
- IE Ireland
- IT Italy
- LI Liechtenstein
- LU Luxembourg
- MC Monaco
- NL Netherlands
- PT Portugal
- SE Sweden

*Non-EPO*

- BG Bulgaria
- BY Belarus
- CZ Czech Republic
- EE Estonia
- FI Finland
- HU Hungary
- IS Iceland** (from 23 March 1995)
- LT Lithuania
- LV Latvia
- MD Republic of Moldova
- NO Norway
- PL Poland
- RO Romania
- RU Russian Federation
- SI Slovenia
- SK Slovakia
- UA Ukraine

**In Africa**

*ARIPO (AP)*

- KE Kenya
- MW Malawi
- SD Sudan
- SZ Swaziland
- UG Uganda**

*OAPI (OA)*

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- BJ Benin
- CF Central African Republic
- CG Congo
- CI Côte d'Ivoire
- CM Cameroon
- GA Gabon
- GN Guinea
- ML Mali
- MR Mauritania
- NE Niger
- SN Senegal
- TD Chad
- TG Togo

*Non-ARIPO or -OAPI*

- LR Liberia
- MG Madagascar

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- CN China
- GE Georgia
- JP Japan
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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
- SG Singapore**
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Bulgaria BG	21 May 1984	Mongolia MN	27 May 1991
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Canada CA	2 January 1990	Niger NE	21 March 1993
Central African Republic CF	24 January 1978	Norway <sup>2</sup> NO	1 January 1980
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Greece <sup>1</sup> GR	9 October 1990	Swaziland SZ	20 September 1994
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3 With the declaration provided for in Article 64(5).

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