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NEW PROVISIONS ON PATENT TERM IN THE US TO ENTER INTO FORCE ON 8 JUNE 1995

US patents granted on international applications designating the US, whose international filing date is before 8 June 1995, will be automatically entitled to the 20-year term calculated from the international filing date or the 17-year term from the date of grant, whichever is the longer. This will apply irrespective of the date on which the international application entered the national phase in the US.

In respect of any international application designating the US, whose international filing date is on or after 8 June 1995, the term of any US patent granted thereon in the US national phase will be 20 years from the international filing date.

For further details, refer to U.S.C. Section 154, as amended 8 December 1994, and the Federal Register, Vol. 60, No. 79, 25 April 1995, pages 20195 ff (in particular, page 20207).

EXTENSION OF EUROPEAN PATENTS TO LATVIA

An agreement between the European Patent Organisation and Latvia on the extension of the effects of European patent applications and patents to Latvia entered into force on 1 May 1995. Under that agreement, it is possible to obtain patent protection in Latvia by requesting the extension of a European patent to that State. The extension procedure is also available, if the necessary requirements are met, via the PCT. The agreement with Latvia is similar to that which entered into force on 1 March 1994 in respect of Slovenia and on 5 July 1994 in respect of Lithuania (see

PCT Newsletter Nos. 01, 04 and 05/1994).

Note that Latvia (country code: LV) is not party to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and cannot itself be designated for a European patent (EP). If protection is desired in Latvia via the PCT, Latvia must be designated for the purposes of a national patent, even where protection through the extension of a European patent is desired.

The extension of a European patent to Latvia via the PCT route requires that: (i) both the designations EP (regional patent) and LV (national patent) are made – either as express designations under PCT Rule 4.9(a) or as precautionary designations

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confirmed under PCT Rule 4.9(c) – and (ii) the PCT designation fees due for these designations are paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Rule 15.4(b) or 15.5; no special indication concerning the extension should be made in the PCT request. The applicant must then, within 21 months (Chapter I) or 31 months (Chapter II) from the priority date, enter the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO) – a request for extension of the European patent is automatically deemed to have been made – and pay to the EPO the extension fee for the extension of the European patent to Latvia. The request for extension will be considered withdrawn if, upon entry into the regional phase before the EPO, the extension fee is not paid within the applicable time limit.

Upon completion of the European procedure, the EPO will transmit the European patent, if granted, to the Latvian Patent Office. That patent will have the effect of a national patent granted by the Latvian Patent Office, provided that, within three months from the publication by the EPO of the mention of grant of the European patent, a translation of the claims into Latvian is filed with, and the prescribed publication fee is paid to, the Latvian Patent Office. Renewal fees for the extended European patent will have to be paid to the Latvian Patent Office for the years following the year in which the mention of the grant of the European patent was published by the EPO.

The option of entering the national phase directly before the Latvian Patent Office within 21 or 31 months from the priority date, instead of proceeding with a request for the extension of a European patent to Latvia, is also available for any international application containing the designation of Latvia.

PCT STATISTICS – 1 January to 31 March 1995

During the first quarter of 1995, the International Bureau of WIPO received 9,343 international applications filed with PCT receiving Offices worldwide, which represented an increase of 21.9% over the same period in 1994.

The table below shows, by country of origin, the number of international applications received, under PCT Article 12, by the International Bureau. (Note that 15.1% of international applications received during this period were filed either with the European Patent Office or the International Bureau; these filings are included in the figures concerning the Contracting State of which the applicant is a national or a resident.)

PCT filings by country of origin (January-March 1995)

<i>Country of origin</i>	<i>Applications received</i>	<i>% of total</i>
US	4,031	43.1
GB	757	8.1
JP	659	7.1
FR	401	4.3
DE	378	4.1
SE	341	3.7
FI	184	2.0
CA	180	1.9
AU	160	1.7
NL	105	1.1
Other States * bound by the PCT	2,147	22.9
	9,343	100.0

*68 at the end of March 1995

The 9,343 international applications received during this period had the effect of 201,546 national applications and of 15,922 regional applications, which in turn had the effect of 208,004 applications for patent protection in the Contracting States of the regional patent systems; that is, a total of 409,550 applications.

The number of demands for international preliminary examination filed under Chapter II during the same period amounted to 6,680, which represents an increase of 33% over the corresponding period last year.

EPO REDUCES FEES FOR APPLICANTS FROM GEORGIA

The EPO has announced that the 75% reduction in the international search fee and the international preliminary examination fee charged by the EPO, referred to in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/1995, also applies, retroactively from 1 April 1995, to applicants from Georgia.

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

Australia (fees)

As from 13 June 1995, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in Australian Dollars (AUD) of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, and designation fee, payable to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as indicated in Table I(a), on page 5.

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

Canada (fees)

As from 4 July 1995, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in Canadian Dollars (CAD) of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, and designation fee, payable to the Canadian Patent Office as receiving Office, as

indicated in Table I(a), on page 5.

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

Czech Republic (fees)

There has been a change in the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic as receiving Office, as indicated in Table I(a), on page 5. The amount of the fee indicated below, payable to that Office, has changed as follows:

Fee for priority document: CZK 500

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

International Bureau

The International Bureau, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Russian Patent Office as the competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by the nationals and residents of Madagascar.

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

Italy (telephone and fax numbers; fees)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Italian Patent and Trademark Office have changed as follows:

telephone: (39-6) 47 05 30 43

fax: (39-6) 47 05 30 32

As from 13 June 1995, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in Lira (ITL) of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, and designation fee, payable to the Italian Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, as indicated in Table I(a), on page 6.

There has been a change in the amount of the fee for priority document, payable to that Office: if the applicant does not provide a complete copy of the priority documentation (filing certificate, description, claims, drawings and abstract) an amount of ITL 250 for every page will have to be paid to the special postal account of the Office.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annexes B1 (IT) and C (IT))

Netherlands (change in name of Office, types of protection)

The name of the Netherlands Patent Office has changed to:

Netherlands Industrial Property Office

As indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/1995, the Netherlands closed its national route on 1 April 1995. Consequently, the only type of protection available in the Netherlands is a

European Patent.

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

Singapore (evidence of mailing; requirement for address for service)

The Registry of Patents of Singapore no longer accepts evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used. Also, although the Registry, in its capacity as receiving Office, does not require an agent to be appointed, it does require that there be an address for service in Singapore.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annexes B1 (SG) and C (SG)), and Vol. II/C, National Chapter, Summary (SG))

Spain (fees)

As from 4 July 1995, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in Pesetas (ESP) of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, and designation fee, payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, as indicated in Table I(a), on page 6.

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

United Kingdom (fees)

As from 20 June 1995, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in Pounds Sterling (GBP) of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, and designation fee, payable to the United Kingdom Patent Office as receiving Office, as indicated in Table I(a), on page 6.

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

Handling fee (Australian Patent Office and EPO)

As from 13 June 1995, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee in Australian Dollars (AUD) and Lira (ITL), payable to the Australian Patent Office and the EPO, respectively, for carrying out an international preliminary examination, as indicated in Table II, on page 7.

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

Preliminary examination fee (EPO)

As from 3 May 1995, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in Swiss Francs (CHF), Danish Krone (DKK), French Francs (FRF), Pounds Sterling (GBP), Irish Pounds (IEP), Lira (ITL), Escudos (PTE) and Swedish Kroner (SEK) of the fee for international preliminary examination carried out by the EPO, as indicated in Table II, on page 7.

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

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EXTENSION OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS TO CERTAIN SUCCESSOR STATES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

Applicants of certain international applications are, under PCT Rule 32, entitled to request the extension of the effects of those international applications to successor States which have made a declaration of continuation of the PCT. Every applicant eligible (depending on the international filing date) under PCT Rule 32 is sent a notification by the International Bureau concerning the extension procedure.

So far, the International Bureau has sent separate notifications in respect of the availability of extensions to the following successor States of the former Soviet Union: Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. In an attempt to simplify the procedure, and to reduce the high volume of paper which would be needed to send notifications in respect of

each of the other successor States of the former Soviet Union which have made a declaration of continuation of the PCT, namely, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, a single notification (Form PCT/IB/362/AM-TM), relating to all of those States, will shortly be sent to the applicant in respect of every international application filed after 24 December 1991 and before 15 April 1994. Further details regarding the extension procedure are included in the notification.

For international applications filed after 14 April 1994 and before 19 July 1994, as far as Armenia is concerned, and after 14 April 1994 and before 2 May 1995, as far as Turkmenistan is concerned, further notifications will be sent at a later date.

It is noted that Azerbaijan is the only successor State of the former Soviet Union which has not yet made a declaration of continuation of the PCT.

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR

Dates Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
1-2 June 1995 Copenhagen (DK)	English	Advanced PCT workshop for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Bryan	Danish Patent Office (Ms. Inge-Lise Høybye) Tel: (45-43) 50 80 00 Fax: (45-43) 50 80 01
14-15 June 1995 Boston (US)	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
21 June 1995 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Kimura	Japanese Patent Office Tel: (81-3) 35 92 13 08
22 June 1995 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Kimura	Japanese Patent Office Tel: (81-3) 35 92 13 08
27 June 1995 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Kimura	Japanese Patent Office Tel: (81-3) 35 92 13 08
17-18 July 1995 San Francisco (US)	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
20-21 July 1995 Denver (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Sheridan, Ross & McIntosh (Ms. Susan P. Willson) Tel: (1-303) 863 97 00 Fax: (1-303) 863 02 23
23-25 July 1995 Maui, Hawaii (US)	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
27-29 July 1995 Maui, Hawaii (US)	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

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Search fees (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, EPO, Japanese Patent Office, Swedish Patent Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO))

There has been a change in the equivalent amounts in Won (KRW) of the fee for international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office and the Japanese Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b), on page 7.

Changes in the equivalent amounts, in various currencies, of the fee for international search carried out by the Offices mentioned below are indicated in Table I(b), on page 7, and will take place on the dates shown in parentheses:

Australian Patent Office: Swiss Francs (CHF) (1 June 1995); New Zealand Dollars (NZD) (1 July 1995);

Austrian Patent Office: US Dollars (USD) (20 June 1995);

EPO: Swiss Francs (CHF), Danish Krone (DKK), Pesetas (ESP), French Francs (FRF), Pounds Sterling (GBP), Drachma (GRD), Irish Pounds (IEP), Lira (ITL), Escudos (PTE) and Swedish Kroner (SEK) (3 May 1995);

US Dollars (USD) (20 June 1995); Canadian Dollars (CAD) (4 July 1995);

Japanese Patent Office: US Dollars (USD) (1 June 1995);

Swedish Patent Office: Icelandic Kronur (ISK) (1 June 1995);

USPTO: Swiss Francs (CHF) (1 June 1995).

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

ACCESSION TO THE PARIS CONVENTION

On 9 March 1995, Saint Lucia (country code: LC) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. Saint Lucia will become bound by that Convention on 9 June 1995.

ACCESSION TO THE BUDAPEST TREATY

On 1 April 1995, China deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to China on 1 July 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 May 1995, 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 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 (from 13.06.95: 906)	15 (18)	182 (220)	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 604	12	147	EP RU
CA	CAD 200	CAD 792 (from 04.07.95: 963)	16 (19)	192 (234)	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 1,500	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 May 1995, 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 (from 04.07.95: 87,000)	1,500 (1,700)	18,500 (21,000)	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 (from 20.06.95: 419)	7 (8)	85 (102)	EP
GE	USD ⁴	—	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	CHF	762	15	185	See note 6
	or USD	200	or USD	604	12	147	
IE	IEP	60	IEP	357	7	87	EP
IS	ISK	5,000	ISK	40,000	800	9,700	EP SE
IT	ITL	60,000	ITL	884,000 (from 13.06.95: 1,130,000)	17,000 (22,000)	215,000 (270,000)	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 SE
KG	KGS ⁴	—	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 ⁴	—	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 ⁴	—	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	AT 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 ⁴	—	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 ⁴	—	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 May 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹										
AT	ATS 2,200	CHF 285	KRW 184,000	USD* 198							
	*(from 20.06.95: USD 225)										
AU	AUD 800	CHF* 778	KRW 461,000	NZD** 990	SGD 882	USD 592					
	*(from 01.06.95: CHF 672)		**(from 01.07.95: NZD 905)								
CN	CNY 800	CHF* 210	USD* 146								
	*(from 23.05.95: CHF 120)		USD 100)								
EP	DEM 2,400	CHF* 2,060	FRF* 8,350	ISK 105,000	MWK 6,400	PTE* 250,000					
	ATS 17,140	DKK* 9,600	GBP* 1,000	ITL*2,449,000	NLG 2,740	SEK* 11,940					
	BEF 50,300	ESP *201,700	GRD*369,200	JPY 149,000	NOK 10,300	SGD 2,308					
	CAD***2,235	FIM 7,500	IEP* 1,017	LUF 50,300	NZD 2,557	USD** 1,537					
	*(from 03.05.95: CHF 2,040)		DKK 9,840	ESP 225,800	FRF 8,730	GBP 1,104					
	GRD 400,000	IEP 1,103	ITL 2,963,000	PTE 258,800	SEK 12,700)						
	(from 20.06.95: USD 1,722)		*(from 04.07.95:CAD 2,456)								
ES	ESP 60,000	CHF 600	USD 455								
JP	JPY 77,000	CHF 1,060	KRW 695,000	USD* 740							
	*(from 01.06.95: USD 874)										
RU	RUR 53,000	CHF* 288	USD 200								
	*(from 23.05.95 CHF 245)										
SE	SEK 2,600 ⁸	3,600 ⁹	4,200 ¹⁰	FIM 1,710 ⁸	2,360 ⁹	2,760 ¹⁰	USD 347 ⁸	480 ⁹	560 ¹⁰		
	CHF 460 ⁸	635 ⁹	740 ¹⁰	ISK* 22,000 ⁸	30,000 ⁹	35,000 ¹⁰					
	DKK 2,115 ⁸	2,930 ⁹	3,420 ¹⁰	NOK 2,430 ⁸	3,365 ⁹	3,925 ¹⁰					
	*(from 01.06.95: ISK 22,000 ⁸		31,000 ⁹	36,000 ¹⁰)							
US	USD 640	(420 ¹¹)	CHF 840	(550 ¹¹)							
	*(from 01.06.95: CHF 727		(477 ¹¹))								

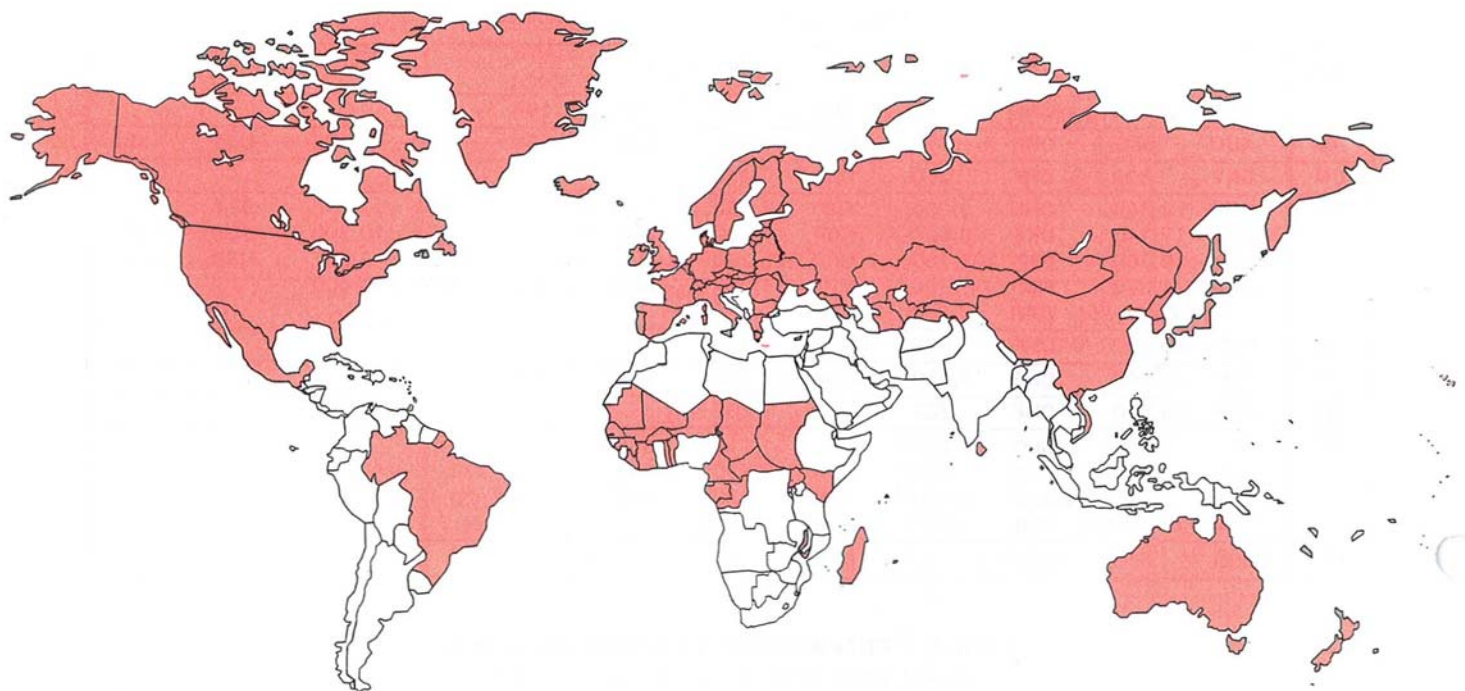
Table II – PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES
(as at 1 May 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹²				Handling fee ¹² (CHF 233)					
AT	ATS 2,200				ATS 1,902					
AU	AUD 450				AUD 229					
				(from 13.06.95: AUD 277)						
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					
	*(from 03.05.95: CHF 2,550		DKK 12,300	*(from 13.06.95: ITL 343,000)						
	FRF 10,910	GBP 1,380	IEP 1,379							
	ITL 3,704,000	PTE 323,500	SEK 15,870)							
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 ¹³)			USD 185					

Footnotes for all fee tables:

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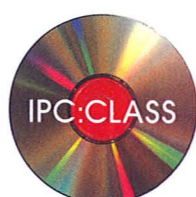
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