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## NEW PCT CONTRACTING STATE

### Cuba (country code: CU)

Cuba deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT on 16 April 1996, and will become bound by the PCT on 16 July 1996. Therefore, in any international application filed on or after 16 July 1996, Cuba may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 16 July 1996, nationals and residents of Cuba will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

## 75% REDUCTION IN TRANSMITTAL FEE FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS FILING AT RO/IB

Following the decision by the PCT Assembly in October 1995 to reduce certain PCT fees by 75% for applicants from certain Contracting States (see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 10/1995 and 11/1995 for details), the International Bureau has decided that the transmittal fee payable to it as receiving Office (presently fixed at CHF 300 or USD 200) will also be subject, as from 1 May 1996, to a 75% reduction under the same conditions. That is, in respect of international applications filed by any applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assess-

ments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997). If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the transmittal fee will be automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of nationality and residence given in Boxes II and III of the request form.

The fee reduction will be available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned criteria and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

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Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba (as from 16 July 1996), Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Gabon, Georgia, Guinea, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Niger, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

### **PCT STATISTICS - 1 January to 31 March 1996**

During the first three months of 1996, the International Bureau of WIPO received 10,394 international applications filed with PCT receiving Offices worldwide, representing an increase of 11.2% over the same period in 1995.

These international applications had the effect of 272,430 national applications and of 20,721 regional applications, which in turn had the effect of 261,385 applications for patent protection in the Contracting States of the regional patent systems; that is, a total of 533,815 applications.

The number of demands for international preliminary examination filed under Chapter II during the same period amounted to 7,770, representing an increase of 14% over the corresponding period last year.

### **PCT INFORMATION UPDATE**

#### **Belarus (telephone and fax numbers; fees)**

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

Telephone:	(7017-2) 268 50 53 (7017-2) 268 55 20
Fax:	(7017-2) 268 41 30

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Belarus Patent Office as receiving Office, has been established (see Table I(a)) and the amount of the following fee has changed:

Fee for priority document:	RUR 80,000
(plus RUR 3,000 per page in excess of 15)	

The amounts of the following fees, payable to that Office as designated and elected Office, have changed:

National fee:		
Filing fee:	USD	100
Examination fee:	USD	600
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	USD	100

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (BY), Vol. I/B, Annex C (BY) and Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (BY))

#### **Latvia (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers)**

The location and mailing address, and telephone and fax numbers, of the Latvian Patent Office have changed as follows:

Location:	Citadeles 7(70) Riga, Latvia
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 124 Riga, LV-1010, Latvia
Telephone:	(371) 702 73 56
Fax:	(371) 702 72 08

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

#### **Spain (fax number; fees)**

The fax number of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has changed, as follows:

Fax:	(34-1) 349 53 04
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The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee:	See Table I(a)
Fee for priority document:	ESP 3,510

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

#### **Sweden (fees)**

As from 1 June 1996, there will be a change in the amount of the transmittal fee,

payable to the Swedish Patent Office as receiving Office, as indicated in Table I(a).

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

### **International preliminary examination fee (Swedish Patent Office)**

As from 1 June 1996, there will be a change in the amount payable in SEK in respect of international preliminary examination carried out by the Swedish Patent Office, as indicated in Table II.

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

### **Search fee (Swedish Patent Office)**

As from 1 June 1996, there will be a change in the amount payable in SEK, and in the equivalent amounts in CHF, DKK, FIM, ISK, NOK and USD, for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex D (SE))

### **Institutions with which deposits of microorganisms may be made (United Kingdom) - corrigendum**

The new name of the "European Collection of Animal Cell Cultures (ECACC)", indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/1995, page 4, should read "European Collection of Cell Cultures (ECACC)."

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex L)

### **List of Contracting States**

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

### **PRACTICAL ADVICE**

*Q: I filed an international application as applicant/inventor (nationality: US; residence: US) together with another applicant (nationality: GB; residence: GB). The application was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as receiving*

*Office and we appointed a US patent attorney as our agent. My co-applicant, who incidentally was the applicant first named on the request form, has recently informed me that he has taken the necessary steps to assign his rights to another individual (nationality: FR; residence: FR) who wishes to appoint as agent his local French patent attorney. I, however, would prefer to retain the services of the agent previously appointed. Do I have the right to do so and, most importantly, which agent will be considered to be "the" agent as far as the PCT Authorities are concerned?*

A: In situations such as the one you describe, where there is no common agent (that is, all the applicants have not appointed the same agent) and no applicant has been appointed by the (other) applicant(s) as their common representative, PCT Rule 90.2(b) provides that the applicant first named in the request form who is entitled, according to PCT Rule 19.1, to file an international application with the receiving Office with which the international application in question was filed, will be considered to be the common representative ("**deemed**" **common representative**). Since, in the present case, you are the applicant who qualifies as deemed common representative according to the above-mentioned criteria (the other applicant (the previous GB applicant or the new FR applicant) not being entitled to file an international application with the USPTO as receiving Office), the agent appointed by you will be "the" agent who acts on behalf of the deemed common representative for all applicants. Moreover, under PCT Rule 90.1, only a person having the right to practice before the national Office with which the international application was filed may be appointed to act as agent. Since your international application was filed with the USPTO as receiving Office, only a person authorized to practice before the US receiving Office could be appointed as agent in the present case.

Please note, however, that neither the deemed common representative, nor his agent is entitled to withdraw the international application, any designations, any priority claims, a demand or any elections unless the notice of withdrawal is signed also by his co-applicant or the agent appointed by him (see PCT Rule 90<sup>bis</sup>.5(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>28 May 1996 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Wolff	Swedish Patent Office (Mr. Bo Hallgren) Tel: (46-8) 783 01 63 Fax: (46-8) 782 28 83
<b>28-29 May 1996 Singapore (SG)</b>	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Wang and Ms. Boutillon Other speaker: Mr. Reed (Procter & Gamble)	Productivity & Standards Board (PSB) Tel: (65) 772 95 48 Fax: (65) 777 17 65
<b>30-31 May 1996 Jakarta (Indonesia)</b>	English	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Wang and Ms. Boutillon Other speaker: Mr. Reed (Procter & Gamble)	Directorate General of Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks Tel: (62-21) 552 4992 Fax: (62-21) 552 5366
<b>7 June 1996 Tokyo (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Kimura	Japanese Patent Office Tel: (81-3) 35 92 13 08
<b>11-12 June 1996 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon Other speakers: Mr. Haïcour (Elf-Atochem), Mr. Joly (Cabinet Beau de Loménie), Mr. Philpott (EPO), Mr. Vérone (INPI)	EUROFORUM (Mrs. Françoise Parolari) Tel: (33-1) 44 88 14 88 Fax: (33-1) 44 88 14 99
<b>13 June 1996 Tokyo (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Kimura	Japanese Patent Office Tel: (81-3) 35 92 13 08
<b>13-14 June 1996 London (GB)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 364 24
<b>20 June 1996 Nagoya (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Kimura	Japanese Patent Office Tel: (81-3) 35 92 13 08
<b>21 June 1996 Osaka (JP)</b>	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Kimura	Japanese Patent Office Tel: (81-3) 35 92 13 08

## PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION

The list of published items of non-patent literature required for the purposes of PCT Rule 34.1 (b)(iii) was amended, with effect from 1 January 1996, at the meeting of the PCT/CTC (Committee for Technical Cooperation), held in Geneva from 15 to 19 May 1995. The amended list was published in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* (No. 19/1996) on 2 May 1996, under the title of "Minimum Documentation: List of Periodicals;" it replaces the list published in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* (No. 23/1993) on 16 September 1993.

If you are not a subscriber to the *PCT Gazette* and would like to obtain a copy of that special issue, orders may be addressed to the Publication Sales and Distribution Unit of WIPO at the address indicated on the cover

page. The telephone and fax numbers are indicated below:

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## PARIS CONVENTION ACCESSION

### Nicaragua (country code: NI)

On 3 April 1996, Nicaragua deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and will become bound by that Convention on 3 July 1996.

## PCT FEE TABLES

The following Tables show the amounts (including currencies – see the key to currency abbreviations following Table II) 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*, Vol. I/B, 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. **A 75% reduction in the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation and confirmation fees and the handling fee is available to applicants from certain States; see footnote 2 for details.** Footnotes to all Tables follow Table II.

**Table I(a) – TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES**  
(as at 1 May 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	Basic fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 15)	Designation fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 762	15	185	EP
AM	AMD <sup>5</sup> —	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
AP	USD 70	USD 677	13	164	AT EP SE
AT	ATS 700	ATS 6,730	133	1,630	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 906	18	220	AU
AZ	AZM <sup>5</sup> —	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
BE	BEF 1,500	BEF 19,700	388	4,780	EP
BG	BGL 600	BGL equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
BR	BRR 157.52	BRR equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT EP SE US
BY	RUR equiv of USD 70	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
CA	CAD 200	CAD 914	18	222	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 955	19	232	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 3,740	74	910	EP SE
EA	RUR equiv of USD 100	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
EE	EEK 1,500	EEK equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
EP <sup>6</sup>	DEM 200	DEM 955	19	232	EP
ES	ESP 8,770	ESP 83,500	1,640	20,300	EP ES
FI	FIM 800	FIM 2,900	55	700	EP SE
FR	FRF 400	FRF 3,300	65	800	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 430	8	104	EP
GE	USD <sup>5</sup> —	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
GR	GRD 34,000	GRD 162,000	3,190	39,400	EP
HU	HUF <sup>7</sup> 10,000	HUF equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
IB	CHF <sup>2</sup> 300 or USD <sup>2</sup> 200	CHF 762 or USD 677	15 13	185 164	See footnote 8
IE	IEP 60	IEP 425	8	103	EP
IS	ISK 5,500	ISK 43,100	848	10,500	EP SE
IT	ITL 60,000	ITL 1,090,000	21,500	265,000	EP
JP	JPY 18,000	JPY 67,400	1,300	16,400	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 30	USD 677	13	164	AT AU CN EP-SE
KG	KGS equiv of USD 60	USD 677	13	164	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 544,000	10,700	132,000	AT AU JP
KZ	KZT <sup>5</sup> —	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 677	13	164	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM <sup>5</sup> —	LSM equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT EP
LT	LTL equiv of USD 80	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF 1,000	LUF/BEF 19,700	388	4,780	EP

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

(as at 1 May 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	Basic fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 15)	Designation fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
LV	LVL 40	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
MC	FRF 300	FRF 3,300	65	800	EP
MD	MDL <sup>5</sup> 54	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,750	MKD equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
MN	None	MNT equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
MW	MWK 8	MWK 10,100	199	2,460	EP
MX	MXP equiv of USD200	MXP equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP ES SE US
NL	NLG 110	NLG 1,070	21	260	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 4,250	84	1,030	EP SE
NZ	NZD 155	NZD 1,020	20	248	AU EP
PL	PLZ 200	PLZ equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
PT	PTE 3,500	PTE 101,000	1,990	24,500	EP
RO	ROL 10,000	CHF 762	15	185	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294,000	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
SD	SDP 50	SDP equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
SE	SEK 600 (from 01.06.96: 1,000)	SEK 4,770	94	1,160	EP SE
SG	SGD 120	SGD 971	19	236	AT AU EP
SI	SIT See footnote 9	SIT equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
SK	SKK 1,600	SKK equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
TJ	RUR <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
TR	CHF 100	CHF 762	15	185	AT CN EP RU
TT	TTD 750	USD 677	13	164	AT EP SE US
UA	UAK 21,000,000	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
US	USD 220	USD 677	13	164	EP US
UZ	USD <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
VN	USD 50	VND equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT AU EP RU SE

Table I(b) – SEARCH FEES

(as at 1 May 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT	ATS	2,200	CHF	250	KRW	177,000	SGD	317	USD	225		
AU	AUD	800	CHF	672	KRW	471,000	NZD	905	SGD	900	USD	592
CN	CNY	800	CHF	110	USD	100						
EP <sup>10</sup>	DEM	2,400	CHF	2,000	FRF	8,420	ISK	108,100	MWK	25,440	PTE	254,800
	ATS	17,140	DKK	9,500	GBP	1,091	ITL	2,643,000	NLG	2,740	SEK	11,760
	BEF	50,300	ESP	206,900	GRD	400,000	JPY	169,000	NOK	10,660	SGD	2,440
	CAD	2,300	FIM	7,500	IEP	1,055	LUF	50,300	NZD	2,557	USD	1,700
ES	ESP	64,275	CHF	613	USD	526						
JP	JPY	77,000	CHF	870	KRW	622,000	USD	775				
RU <sup>10</sup>	RUR	840,000	CHF	225	USD	200						
SE	SEK	2,600 <sup>11</sup>	3,600 <sup>12</sup>	4,200 <sup>13</sup>	FIM	1,540 <sup>11</sup>	2,130 <sup>12</sup>	2,480 <sup>13</sup>	USD	347 <sup>11</sup>	480 <sup>12</sup>	560 <sup>13</sup>
	CHF	410 <sup>11</sup>	570 <sup>12</sup>	660 <sup>13</sup>	ISK	22,000 <sup>11</sup>	31,000 <sup>12</sup>	36,000 <sup>13</sup>				
	DKK	2,000 <sup>11</sup>	2,710 <sup>12</sup>	3,160 <sup>13</sup>	NOK	2,240 <sup>11</sup>	3,100 <sup>12</sup>	3,620 <sup>13</sup>				
	<i>(from 01.06.96:</i>											
	SEK	6,200 <sup>11</sup>	6,200 <sup>12</sup>	6,800 <sup>13</sup>	FIM	4,500 <sup>11</sup>	4,500 <sup>12</sup>	4,950 <sup>13</sup>	USD	960 <sup>11</sup>	960 <sup>12</sup>	1,055 <sup>13</sup>
	CHF	1,180 <sup>11</sup>	1,180 <sup>12</sup>	1,290 <sup>13</sup>	ISK	64,000 <sup>11</sup>	64,000 <sup>12</sup>	70,000 <sup>13</sup>				
	DKK	5,500 <sup>11</sup>	5,500 <sup>12</sup>	6,050 <sup>13</sup>	NOK	6,150 <sup>11</sup>	6,150 <sup>12</sup>	6,750 <sup>13</sup>				
US	USD	660	(430 <sup>14</sup> )		CHF	740	(480 <sup>14</sup> )					

Table II – PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES

(as at 1 May 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>15</sup>			Handling fee <sup>2,15</sup> (CHF 233)				
AT	ATS	2,200		ATS	2,060			
AU	AUD	450		AUD	277			
CN	CNY	800		CNY equiv of CHF 233				
EP <sup>10</sup>	DEM	3,000	FIM 9,380	LUF	62,900	DEM 292	FIM 887	LUF 6,020
	ATS	21,430	FRF 10,530	NLG	3,430	ATS 2,060	FRF 1,000	NLG 328
	BEF	62,900	GBP 1,364	PTE	318,500	BEF 6,020	GBP 131	PTE 30,900
	CHF	2,500	GRD 500,000	SEK	14,710	CHF 233	IEP 130	SEK 1,460
	DKK	11,880	IEP 1,319			DKK 1,140	ITL 333,000	
	ESP	258,600	ITL 3,304,000					
JP	JPY	28,000		JPY	20,600			
RU <sup>10</sup>	RUR	1,260,000	USD 300	USD	207			
SE	SEK	3,200	(from 01.06.96: SEK 4,200)	SEK	1,460			
US	USD	470	(710 <sup>16</sup> )	USD	207			

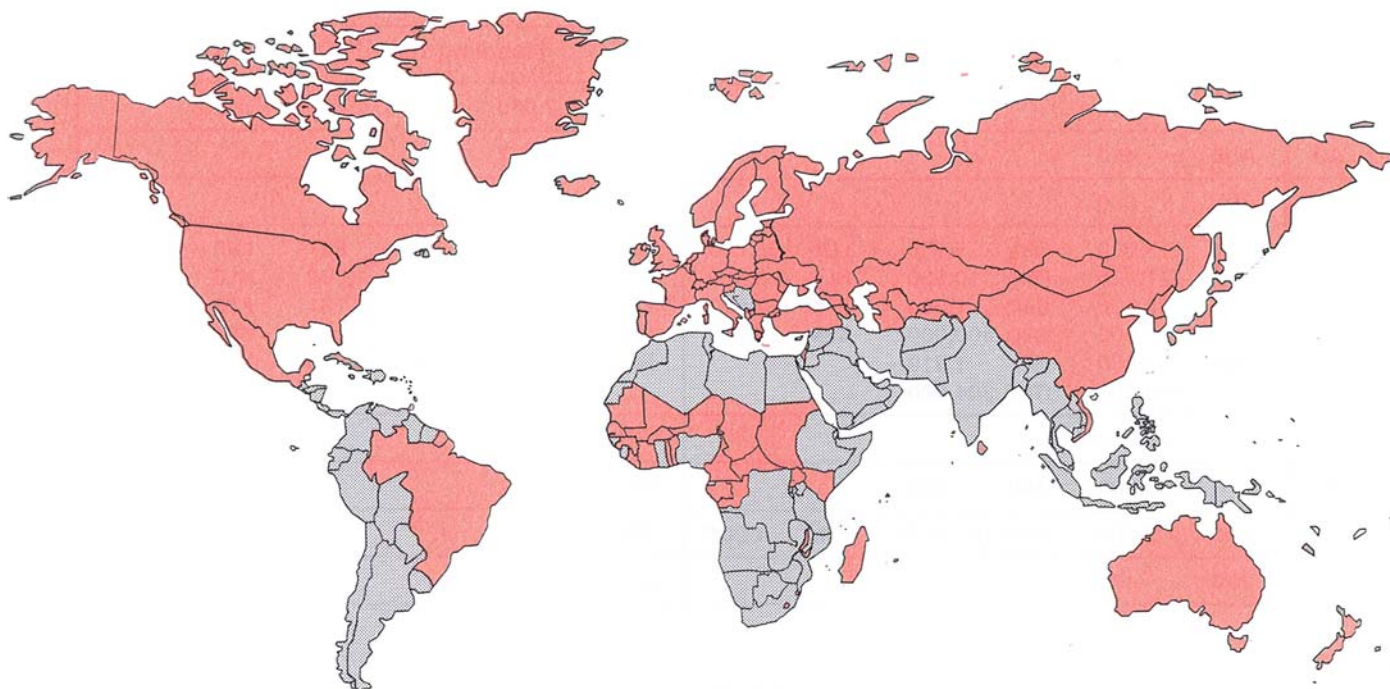
## Key to currency abbreviations for all fee tables:

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

## Footnotes for all 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 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 Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba (as from 16 July 1996), Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Gabon, Georgia, Guinea, Hungary, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Niger, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan or Viet Nam. For further details see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/1995, cover page, and No. 11/1995, page 6, and cover page of this issue.
- 3 The confirmation fee payable under PCT Rules 4.9(c) and 15.5 is 50% of the designation fee.
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 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.
- 6 Payments can also be made in ATS, BEF, CHF, DKK, ESP, FIM, FRF, GBP, GRD, IEP, ITL, LUF, NLG, PTE and SEK. For the amounts in the said currencies, reference should be made to the latest issue of the *Official Journal* of the EPO.
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Benin BJ	26 February 1987	Monaco MC	22 June 1979
Brazil BR	9 April 1978	Mongolia MN	27 May 1991
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Canada CA	2 January 1990	Norway <sup>2</sup> NO	1 January 1980
Central African Republic CF	24 January 1978	Poland PL	25 December 1990
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Congo CG	24 January 1978	Republic of Moldova <sup>3</sup> MD	25 December 1991
Côte d'Ivoire CI	30 April 1991	Romania <sup>3</sup> RO	23 July 1979
Cuba <sup>3</sup> CU	16 July 1996	Russian Federation <sup>3</sup> RU	29 March 1978
Czech Republic CZ	1 January 1993	Senegal SN	24 January 1978
Democratic People's Republic of Korea KP	8 July 1980	Singapore SG	23 February 1995
Denmark DK	1 December 1978	Slovakia SK	1 January 1993
Estonia EE	24 August 1994	Slovenia SI	1 March 1994
Finland <sup>2</sup> FI	1 October 1980	Spain <sup>1</sup> ES	16 November 1989
France <sup>3,4</sup> FR	25 February 1978	Sri Lanka LK	26 February 1982
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Georgia <sup>3</sup> GE	25 December 1991	Swaziland SZ	20 September 1994
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Guinea GN	27 May 1991	Tajikistan <sup>3</sup> TJ	25 December 1991
Hungary <sup>3</sup> HU	27 June 1980	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia MK	10 August 1995
Iceland IS	23 March 1995	Togo TG	24 January 1978
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Italy IT	28 March 1985	Turkmenistan <sup>3</sup> TM	25 December 1991
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Kenya KE	8 June 1994	United Kingdom <sup>6</sup> GB	24 January 1978
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<sup>2</sup> With the declaration provided for in Article 64(2)(a)(ii).

<sup>3</sup> With the declaration provided for in Article 64(5).

<sup>4</sup> Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.

<sup>5</sup> Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe, Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles.

<sup>6</sup> Extends to the territory of Hong Kong and to the Isle of Man.

<sup>7</sup> With the declarations provided for in Articles 64(3)(a) and 64(4)(a).

<sup>8</sup> Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.