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# NEWSLETTER

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## REMINDER: REDUCTION IN PCT FEES WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 1998

Applicants are reminded that, following the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) on 1 October 1997, the amounts in Swiss francs of the basic fee and the designation fee will be reduced by about 15% and 19%, respectively, for international applications whose date of receipt is on or after 1 January 1998 (see PCT Newsletter No. 10/1997). Note that, although the amounts in Swiss francs of the supplement per sheet over 30 (a component of the basic fee) and the handling fee have not changed, the equivalent amounts of those fees in certain currencies will change. The new amounts/ equivalent amounts of the above-mentioned fees are indicated in Table I(a), on pages 8 to 11. The new amounts of the basic fee and designation fee are also indicated in the amended Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, as amended (see below). For further explanations about which amounts are applicable when there has been a change in the amount of those fees, see "Practical advice," on page 5.

#### **PCT SCHEDULE OF FEES**

The Schedule of Fees which is annexed to the Regulations under the PCT should be replaced by the amended Schedule of Fees included as a looseleaf insert in this issue. (That sheet also contains the text of

amended PCT Rule 86-see below for details.)

The amended Schedule of Fees. which was adopted by the Assembly of the PCT Union on 1 October 1997, reflects the above-mentioned fee reductions. It will enter into force on 1 January 1998 and will be applicable only until 30 June 1998, since it has been further amended with effect from 1 July 1998 in order to take into account amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on that date (and which are not related to amounts of fees).

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## NEW FORMAT FOR *PCT GAZETTE* – ON PAPER AND IN ELECTRONIC FORM

As indicated in **PCT Newsletter** No. 10/1997, the Assembly of the PCT Union has adopted amendments to PCT Rule 86, which will provide for the PCT Gazette to be made available in two forms: a single, bilingual (English and French) paper form, containing only the bibliographic data included on the front page of the pamphlet and other information referred to in PCT Rule 86.1; and an electronic form (in English and French), containing the bibliographic data, any drawing appearing on the front page of the pamphlet, and the abstract. PCT Rule 86, as amended, which will enter into force on 1 January 1998, is reproduced together with the amended Schedule of Fees included as a loose-leaf insert in this issue.

Information about the *PCT Gazette* in electronic form will be published in the next issue of the *PCT Newsletter*. The change in the format of the *Gazette* referred to above will only be made once the technical preparations for that change have been completed and the *Gazette* in electronic form has become available. Each subscriber to the *PCT Gazette* will be informed about the changes and the availability of the *Gazette* in electronic form before the format is changed.

## PCT MATERIALS ON INTERNET (http://www.wipo.int)

**PCT** information Line

About the Treaty

Basic Facts about the PCT

The PCT in 1996

Text of the PCT

Text of the Regulations under the PCT

Documents for PCT Union Assembly (16 September–1 October 1997), including Report\* (select "PCT Assembly documents")

PCT Applicant's Guide

PCT request and demand forms

PCT Newsletter (Nos. 01 - 12\*/1997)

Recent PCT press releases

PCT seminar calendar\*

\* New or revised since last issue of the PCT Newsletter

### PCT NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1998

The 1998 annual subscription price of the *PCT Newsletter*, in Swiss francs, will be maintained at the same level as when the *PCT Newsletter* was first published in March 1994 (that is, 60 Swiss francs or, by airmail, 80 Swiss francs). The equivalent amount of the subscription price in US dollars will remain the same as for 1996 and 1997 (that is, 50 US dollars or, by airmail, 65 US dollars). The price of the *PCT Newsletter* binder (11 Swiss francs or 8 US dollars or, by airmail, in Europe: 14 Swiss francs; outside Europe: 20 Swiss francs or 15 US dollars) has also not changed.

Included in this issue is a *PCT Newsletter* subscription form for 1998. *If you are already a subscriber, it is not necessary to return the form* since, unless notification to the contrary is received from you by WIPO, *subscription renewal is automatic*; subscribers will shortly receive an invoice for 1998 subscriptions. You may, however, wish to use the subscription form in this issue to subscribe to additional copies. You are reminded that, for subscriptions to more than one copy, you are entitled to a 25% discount for each copy subscribed to (including the first). You may also use the subscription form to order binders for the *PCT Newsletter* 

You are reminded that you can view the *PCT Newsletter* on the Internet free of charge. See "PCT materials on Internet," opposite.

#### 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 1998, at the meeting of the PCT/CTC (PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation), held in Geneva from 26 to 30 May 1997. The amended list was published in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* (No. 48/1997) on 6 November 1997, under the title of "Minimum Documentation: List of Periodicals;" it replaces the list published in a previous special issue of the *PCT Gazette* (No. 19/1996) on 2 May 1996.

The price per special issue is 18 Swiss francs (or by airmail: 24 Swiss francs in Europe and 31 Swiss francs outside Europe) or, for residents of the United States of America, 15 US dollars (or by airmail

26 US dollars). If you are not a subscriber to the *PCT Gazette* and would like to obtain a copy of that special issue, you can order it from the Information Products Section of WIPO:

fax: (41-22) 740 18 12

e-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int

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address: see address indicated on the

cover page

### NON-WORKING DAYS AT THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

For the purpose of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the International Bureau will not be open for business are, for the period up to February 1999, the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and

25 December 1997

26 December 1997

1 January 1998

2 January 1998

10 April 1998

13 April 1998

21 May 1998

1 June 1998

10 September 1998

24 December 1998

25 December 1998

31 December 1998

1 January 1999

#### **PCT INFORMATION UPDATE**

#### AM Armenia (types of protection)

The Armenian Patent Office has made a clarification in respect of the types of protection available via the PCT in Armenia, as follows:

types of protection available via the PCT:

national: patents, provisional patents,

utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a

patent)

Eurasian: patents

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

## BB Barbados (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers)

The location and mailing address and the telephone and fax numbers of the Corporate

Affairs and Intellectual Property Office of Barbados have changed, as follows:

location and mailing address:

Belmont Road, Bridgetown, Barbados

telephone: (1-246) 436 40 06

(1-246) 436 48 18 (1-246) 436 48 19

(1-246) 228 25 56

fax: (1-246) 437 30 72

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

#### **EE Estonia (fax number)**

The fax number of the Estonian Patent Office has changed, as follows:

fax: (372) 645 13 42

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

#### **GH Ghana (means of filing documents)**

The Registrar General's Department of Ghana now requires that the original of a document filed by fax be furnished within one month from the date of transmission if the transmitted document is an international application, a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments, a power of attorney or a deed of assignment.

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

#### **GW Guinea-Bissau (general information)**

General information about Guinea-Bissau as a Contracting State is set out on pink tearout provisional sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (GW).

#### **IS** Iceland (required contents of translation)

The Icelandic Patent Office as designated and elected Office has changed its requirements concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase, as follows:

under PCT Article 22:

description, claims (if amended, as originally filed or as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19, at applicant's option), any text matter of drawings, abstract

under PCT Article 39(1):

description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, as originally filed or as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report, at applicant's option)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (IS))

#### JP Japan (telephone number)

The telephone number of the Japanese Patent Office has changed, as follows:

telephone: (81-3) 35 92 13 08

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

#### KR Republic of Korea (fees)

As from 1 January 1998, there will be a change in the amount of the following fee, payable to the Korean Industrial Property Office as receiving Office:

fee for priority document: KRW 10,000 plus, per document: KRW 500 plus, per page: KRW 100

As from that date, there will be a change in the amount of the following national fees payable to that Office as designated and elected Office:

for patent:

filing fee: KRW 29,000

for utility model:

filing fee: KRW 20,000

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

#### LK Sri Lanka (name of Office; fees)

The name of the Registry of Patents and Trademarks has changed, as follows:

name of Office:

National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka

The amount of the following national fee, payable to that Office as designated and elected Office, has changed:

application fee: LKR 2,000

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

## LU Luxembourg (fees; requirements regarding agents; types of protection; required contents of translation for national phase)

The changes which follow are applicable as from 1 January 1998.

The following type of protection will no longer be available in Luxembourg via the PCT:

#### certificates of addition

There will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable to the Intellectual Property Office of Luxembourg as receiving Office:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

fee for priority

document: LUF or BEF 300 plus, per page: LUF or BEF 20

In the case where the applicant is a nonresident, an agent will no longer be required by that Office as receiving Office. There will be a change as to who can act as agent before that Office as designated and elected Office, as follows:

who can act as agent?

any patent agent registered to practice in Luxembourg or any member of the Luxembourg Bar.

There will be a change in the amount of the following national fees payable to that Office as designated and elected Office:

filing fee: LUF or BEF 600 first annual fee: LUF or BEF 800 second annual fee: LUF or BEF 1,000

There will be a change in the requirements of that Office concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase, as follows:

#### under PCT Article 22:

description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract

#### under PCT Article 39(1):

description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report), abstract

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

#### MC Monaco (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Intellectual Property Division, Department of

Economic Expansion of Monaco, has changed, as follows:

location and mailing address:

9, rue du Gabian, MC 98000 Monaco (Principauté)

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

#### MD Republic of Moldova (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Moldova Patent Office as receiving Office, has changed:

transmittal fee:

see Table I(a)

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

for patent:

filing fee:	USD	150
examination fee:	USD	500
annual fee for the 1st to the 5th year, per year:	USD	100
for utility model:		
filing fee:	USD	150

The following change has been made with regard to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, payable to that Office as designated and elected Office:

the examination fee is USD 300 where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established.

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

## MG Madagascar (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Industrial Property Office of Madagascar have changed, as follows:

telephone: (261-20) 223 05 12

fax: (261-20) 223 05 12

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

## RU Russian Federation (location and mailing address; institutions with which deposits of microorganisms may be made)

The location and mailing address of the Russian Patent Office has changed, as

follows:

location and mailing address:

ROSPATENT, Berezhkovskaya nab. 24, Moscow 121858, Russian Federation (general)

Federalny Institut Promyshlennoi Sobstvennosti, Berezhkovskaya nab. 30/1, Moscow 121858, Russian Federation (application processing)

The name of the All-Union Scientific Centre of Antibiotics (VNIIA), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty, has changed, as follows:

All Russian Scientific Centre of Antibiotics (VNIIA)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (RU) and Vol. I/B, Annex L)

#### YU Yugoslavia (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Federal Intellectual Property Office of Yugoslavia have changed, as follows:

telephone: (381-11) 311 11 62 fax: (381-11) 311 23 77

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

#### PRACTICAL ADVICE

## Amounts payable where the basic and designation fees have changed (situation before 1 July 1998)

Q: I am going to file an international application claiming the priority of an earlier application filed on 30 January 1997. If I were to file the international application, say, on 15 December 1997, would I be able to pay the new, lower, basic and designation fee amounts, which will become applicable on 1 January 1998, in view of the fact that the due date for payment of those fees would be after that date?

A: The new amounts of the basic and designation fees will be applicable only for international applications whose date of receipt by the receiving Office is on or after 1 January 1998. Since the envisaged date of receipt of your application would be before 1 January 1998, the current, higher, amounts of those fees would be payable, even though the due dates for payment

would be 15 January 1998, in respect of the basic fee (that is, one month from the date of receipt of the international application), and 30 January 1998, in respect of the designation fee (that is, 12 months from the priority date).

It is important to be aware that, in the case of a fee amount which is applicable on the date of receipt of the international application, that date is not necessarily the same date as the "international filing date" (although it is the same in most cases). It may happen that they differ, for example, if the drawings were missing from your application and were then received, say, on 5 January 1998, then that date would be the international filing date. The due date for the payment of the basic fee would, nevertheless, be calculated as from 15 December 1997the date of receipt of the first papers-and the amount payable would be that applicable on 15 December 1997 and not on 5 January 1998. The due date for payment of the designation fee would remain 30 January 1998, that is, 12 months from the priority date) and the amount payable would be that applicable on 15 December 1997.

If the lower amount of the basic and/or designation fees is paid by mistake instead of the higher amount, the receiving Office will, according to PCT Rule 16bis.1, invite the applicant to pay, within one month from the date of the invitation, the missing amount required to cover those fees. The receiving Office may, in this case, charge a late payment fee (see PCT Rule 16bis.2).

Note that the current PCT Regulations provide only for the situation where there is an increase in fees, so that, under PCT Rule 15.4(c), the applicant is protected against an increase in the basic and designation fees if those fees are paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application. If, however, as may be the case with the designation fee, the fee is paid later than one month from the date of receipt of the international application, the higher amount is due. The amendments of the PCT Regulations which enter into force on 1 July 1998 include an amendment to PCT Rule 15.4(c), which will, from that date, cover cases of decreases, as well as increases, in fees. Further details will be given in the *PCT Newsletter* nearer the time of entry into force of the amendments.

	P	CT SEMINAR CALENDAR				
Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers			
11 December 1997 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33) 1 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33) 1 42 93 63 52			
5–7 January 1998 Zurich (CH) [Note that only a limited number of places are available for this seminar]	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Matthes and Mr. Wolff Other speaker: Mr. Jenny	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH) NDS Geistiges Eigentum Tel: (41–1) 632 68 08 Fax: (41–1) 632 13 67 E-mail: laederach@recht.reok.ethz.ch brandstaetter@recht.reok.ethz.ch			
3–4 March 1998 Milan (IT)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators	Italian Association of Patent Attorneys in Industry (AICIPI) and the Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale (Mr. Francesco Macchetta) Tel: (39–2) 2778 51 97 Fax: (39–2) 2778 51 99			

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PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR [continued] **Dates and** Language Nature of seminar Organizer and **WIPO** speakers Location contact numbers (and others where known) seminar French 24 March 1998 PCT seminar for patent attorneys and Fondation Nationale pour le Paris (FR) patent administrators Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) and WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon Association Française des Spécialistes en Propriété Industrielle de l'Industrie (ASPI) (Mme Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33-1) 42 66 17 37 26-27 March 1998 **English** Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys and Norwegian Patent Office Oslo (NO) patent administrators (Mrs. Toril Foss) Tel: (47) 22 38 74 72 Fax: (47) 22 38 73 31 Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys 30-31 March 1998 English Slovenian Intellectual Property Novo Mesto (SI) and industry representatives Office (Mrs. Alenka Bitenc) (386-61) 178 30 80 Tel: Fax: (386-61) 178 31 10 2 April 1998 French PCT seminar for patent attorneys Centre Paul Roubier Ecully (FR) WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33-478) 33 07 08 Fax: (33-478) 33 58 96 6-7 April 1998 English Management Forum Ltd Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators London (GB) Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: management\_forum@psilink.co.uk 19-21 April 1997 **English** PCT seminar for patent attorneys "Basic Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Naples, Florida (US) Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" (1-804) 296 39 99 23-25 April 1997 **English** PCT seminar for patent attorneys "Advanced Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Naples, Florida (US) Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice' Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99 6-7 May 1998 German Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators Forum Institut für Munich (DE) Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 50 05 00 Fax: (49-6221) 50 05 55 F-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de 8 May 1998 Forum Institut für German Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys Munich (DE) Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 50 05 00 Fax: (49-6221) 50 05 55 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de 15 May 1998 English PCT seminar for patent attorneys Management Forum Ltd London (GB) Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: management\_forum@psilink.co.uk 25-26 June 1998 German Advanced PCT seminar for patent Forum Institut für Chiemsee (DE) Management GmbH administrators Tel: (49-6221) 50 05 00 Fax: (49-6221) 50 05 55 F-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de

#### **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, as well as the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, 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 December 1997, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		Basic fee (CHF 76		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 (from 1.1.98:	762	15	185	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	650) 530	(15) 10	(150) 128	EP RU
AP	USD	70	(from 1.1.98: USD	455) 530	(10) 10	(105) 128	AT EP SE
АТ	(or equiv in it	ocal currency) 700	(from 1.1.98: ATS	<i>455)</i> 6,730	<i>(10)</i> 133	<i>(105)</i> 1,630	EP
AU	AUD	100	(from 1.1.98: AUD	<i>5,600)</i> 685	<i>(130)</i> 13	<i>(1,300)</i> 166	AU
			(from 1.1.98:	640)	(14)	(150)	
AZ	AZM <sup>5</sup>	_	<b>USD</b> (from 1.1.98:	530 <i>455)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	128 (105)	EP RU
ВА	DEM	50	<b>DEM</b> (from 1.1.98:	955 <i>800)</i>	19 <i>(19)</i>	232 (184)	EP
BE	BEF	1,500	BEF	19,700	388	4,780	EP
BG	BGL	60,000		16,500) of <b>CHF</b> 762	<i>(380)</i> equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15	(3,800) equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185	EP RU
BR	BRR	236	(from 1.1.98: BRR equiv o	650) of <b>CHF</b> 762	( <i>15)</i> equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15	<i>(150)</i> equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185	AT EP SE US
DV	BYR equiv	-4 LICD 70	(from 1.1.98:	650)	(15)	(150)	ED DII
BY	BYR equiv	of <b>USD</b> 70	(from 1.1.98:	530 <i>455)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	128 <i>(105)</i>	EP RU
CA	CAD	200	CAD (from 1.1.98:	708 <i>632)</i>	14 <i>(15</i> )	172 (146)	EP
СН	CHF	100	CHF (from 1.1.98:	762 650)	15 <i>(15)</i>	185 <i>(150)</i>	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY equiv o	of <b>CHF</b> 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	CN
CU	USD (or CU	JP equiv) 200	(from 1.1.98: USD (or CUP equ (from 1.1.98:	650) uiv) 530 455)	(15) <b>USD</b> (or <b>CUP</b> equiv)10 (10)	(150) USD (or CUP equiv) 128 (105)	AT EP ES RU
CZ	СZК	1,500	CZK equiv o	of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	Equiv of CHF 185	EP
DE	DEM	150	(from 1.1.98: <b>DEM</b>	<i>650)</i> 955	( <i>15</i> )	(150) 232	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	(from 1.1.98: <b>DKK</b>	<i>800)</i> 3,740	(19) 74	<i>(184)</i> 910	EP SE
EA	RUR equiv	of <b>USD</b> 100	(from 1.1.98: USD	<i>3,050)</i> 530	<i>(70)</i> 10	(710) 128	EP RU
EE	EEK	1,500	(from 1.1.98:	<i>455)</i> of <b>CHF</b> 762	(10) equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15	<i>(105)</i> equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185	EP
	LEK	1,500	(from 1.1.98:	650)	(15)	(150)	EF
EP <sup>6</sup>	DEM	200	<b>DEM</b> (from 1.1.98:	955 <i>800)</i>	19 <i>(19)</i>	232 (184)	EP
ES	ESP	9,470	ESP (from 1.1.98:	74,300 68,000)	1,500 <i>(1,600)</i>	18,000 <i>(16,000)</i>	EP ES
FI	FIM	800	FIM (from 1.1.98:	2,900 2,400)	55 (55)	700 (550)	EP SE
FR	FRF	400	FRF	3,300	65	800	EP
GB	GBP	55	(from 1.1.98: GBP	2,690) 328	(60) 6	(620) 80	EP
			(from 1.1.98:	285)	(6)	(65)	used on post possil

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued] (as at 1 December 1997, unless otherwise indicated)

			(as at 1 Decer	mber 1997,	unless otherwise indica	ited)	_
RO	Transmittal fe	e <sup>1</sup>	Basic fee (CHF 76		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>
GE	GEL <sup>5</sup>	_	USD	530	10	128	EP RU
GH	<b>GHC</b> <sup>7</sup> 2, or 5,	500	(from 1.1.98: <b>USD</b> (from 1.1.98:	<i>455)</i> 530 <i>455</i> )	(10) 10 (10)	(105) 128 (105)	AT AU CN EP
GR		500	GRD (from 1.1.98:	145,000 127,000)	3,000 (3,000)	35,000 (30,000)	EP
HU	<b>HUF</b> <sup>8</sup> 10,	000	l '	CHF 762 650)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15 ( <i>15</i> )	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185 (150)	EP RU
IB	0	300 200	CHF or USD	762 530	15 10	185 128	See footnote 9
			(from 1.1.98: <b>CHF</b> (or <b>USD</b>	650) 455)	(15) (10)	(150) (105)	
ΙE	IEP	60	<b>IEP</b> (from 1.1.98:	335 300)	7 (7)	82 (70)	EP
IL	ILS	383	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 <i>455)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	128 <i>(105)</i>	EP US
IS		500	ISK (from 1.1.98:	37,400 32, <i>000)</i>	700 <i>(700)</i>	9,100 <i>(7,400)</i>	EP SE
IT		000	ITL (from 1.1.98:	953,000 783, <i>000)</i>	19,000 <i>(18,000)</i>	232,000 (181,000)	EP
JP		000	JPY (from 1.1.98:	59,800 <i>55,000)</i>	1,200 <i>(1,300)</i>	14,500 <i>(12,700)</i>	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv)	30	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 <i>455)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	128 <i>(105)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	·		USD (from 1.1.98:	530 <i>455)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	128 <i>(105)</i>	EP RU
KP	KPW equiv of CHF	50	KPW equiv of (from 1.1.98:	650)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15 ( <i>15</i> )	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185 <i>(150)</i>	AT RU
KR		000	KRW (from 1.1.98:	507,000 <i>405,000</i> )	10,000 <i>(9,300)</i>	123,000 (93,000)	AT AU JP
KZ	KZT⁵	_	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 <i>455)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	128 <i>(105)</i>	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 <i>455</i> )	10 <i>(10)</i>	128 <i>(105)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM <sup>5</sup>	_	`	CHF 762 650)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15 (15)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185 (150)	AT EP
LT	LTL equiv of USD	80	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 <i>455)</i>	10 <i>(10)</i>	128 (105)	EP RU
LU		,000 3 <i>00</i> )	LUF/BEF (from 1.1.98:	19,700 <i>16,500)</i>	388 <i>(380)</i>	4,780 (3,800)	EP
LV	LVL	40	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 <i>455</i> )	10 <i>(10)</i>	128 (105)	EP RU
МС		300	FRF (from 1.1.98:	3,300 2,690)	65 (60)	800 (620)	EP
MD	MDL <sup>5</sup>	180	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 <i>455)</i>	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,	750	· ·	650)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15 (15)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185 (150)	EP
MN	N	one	CHF (from 1.1.98:	762 <i>650)</i>	15 (15)	185 (150)	EP RU
MW	MWK	8	<b>MWK</b> (from 1.1.98:	8,600 8,100)	200 (200)	2,100 (1,900)	EP
MX	MXP <sup>2</sup> equiv of USD	200	MXP equiv of (from 1.1.98:	CHF 762 650)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15 ( <i>15</i> )	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185 <i>(150)</i>	EP ES SE US
NL	NLG	110	NLG (from 1.1.98:	1,070 <i>900)</i>	21 (21)	260 (208)	EP
NO		500	NOK (from 1.1.98:	3,660 <i>3,300)</i>	70 (75)	890 (770)	EP SE
NZ		155	<b>NZD</b> (from 1.1.98:	784 <i>7</i> 20)	15 <i>(16)</i>	190 <i>(165)</i>	AU EP US
PL	PLZ	240	PLZ equiv of (from 1.1.98:	650)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15 ( <i>15)</i>	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185 <i>(150)</i>	EP

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## Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued] (as at 1 December 1997, 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>
PT	PTE	3,600	PTE (from 1.1.98:	89,000 82, <i>000</i> )	1,800 (1,900)	22,000 (19,000)	EP
RO	ROL	10,000	CHF (from 1.1.98:	762 650)	15 (15)	185 (150)	AT EP RU
RU	RUR	294,000	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
SD	SDP	50	•	uiv of <b>CHF</b> 762 650)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15 ( <i>15</i> )	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185 <i>(150)</i>	EP
SE	SEK	1,000	SEK (from 1.1.98:	4,200 3,500)	80 (80)	1,000 ( <i>800</i> )	EP SE
SG	SGD	135	<b>SGD</b> (from 1.1.98:	743 690)	15 <i>(16)</i>	180 <i>(160)</i>	AT AU EP
SI	SIT	See footnote 10	SIT equ (from 1.1.98:	iv of <b>CHF</b> 762 <i>650</i> )	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15 (15)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185 (150)	EP
SK	SKK	1,600	`	uiv of <b>CHF</b> 762 650)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15 (15)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185 (150)	EP
TJ	TJR <sup>5</sup>	_	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 <i>455</i> )	10	128 (105)	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>5</sup>	_	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 455)	(10) 10 (10)	(105) 128 <i>(105</i> )	EP RU
TR	CHF	100	CHF (from 1.1.98:	762 650)	15 (15)	185 (150)	AT AU CN EP RU
тт	TTD	750	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 <i>455</i> )	10 (10)	128 (105)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
US	USD	240	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP US
UZ	USD <sup>5</sup>	_	USD (from 1.1.98:	530 455)	10 10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
VN	VND	equiv of <b>USD</b> 150	•	uiv of <b>CHF</b> 762 650)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15 (15)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185 (150)	AT AU EP RU SE
YU	YUD	200	CHF (from 1.1.98:	762 650)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 15 (15)	equiv of <b>CHF</b> 185 <i>(150)</i>	EP

**Table I(b)** — **SEARCH FEES** (as at 1 December 1997, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA						Searc	h fee <sup>1</sup>					
AT	ATS *(from	2,200 1.1.98:	CHF* CHF	268 250	KRW USD	177,000 <i>180)</i>	SGD	275	USD*	177		
AU	AUD *(from	800 1.1.98:	CHF*	856 <i>820</i>	KRW* KRW	609,000 <i>500,000</i>	NZD* <i>NZD</i>	905 910	SGD* SGD	900 <i>87</i> 5	USD* USD	592 <i>570)</i>
CN	CNY	800	CHF*	136	USD	100	*(from	1.1.98:	CHF	140)		
EP <sup>11</sup>	DEM ATS BEF CAD* *(from	2,200 15,710 46,100 1,646 1.1.98:	CHF DKK ESP FIM CAD NZD	1,900 8,640 189,700 6,880 1,740 1,980	FRF GBP GRD IEP ISK USD	7,590 815 358,300 846 87,300 1,250)	ISK* ITL JPY* LUF JPY	93,000 2,222,000 145,000 46,100 152,000	MWK* NLG NOK* NZD* <i>MWK</i>	19,600 2,510 8,800 1,890 22,400	PTE SEK SGD USD* NOK	227,800 10,190 1,890 1,180 9,200
ES	ESP	72,190	CHF*	737	USD*	500	*(from	1.1.98:	CHF	695	USD	480)
JP	JPY *(from	77,000 1.1.98:	CHF* CHF	990 <i>910</i>	KRW* <i>KRW</i>	607,000 <i>565,300</i>	USD* USD	690 <i>640)</i>				
RU <sup>11</sup>	RUR	840,000	CHF*	292	USD*	200	*(from	1.1.98:	CHF	430	USD	300)
SE	SEK CHF DKK	6,200 <sup>12</sup> 1,180 <sup>12</sup> 5,300 <sup>12</sup>	6,800 1,290 5,800	) <sup>13</sup>	FIM ISK NOK	4,200 <sup>12</sup> 58,500 <sup>12</sup> 5,750 <sup>12</sup>	4,60 64,00 6,30	O <sup>13</sup>	USD	815 <sup>12</sup>	895	13
US	USD *(from	700 1.1.98:	450 <sup>1</sup>	4	CHF* CHF	1,020 1,000	65 <i>64</i>	6 <sup>14</sup> 10 <sup>14</sup>	NZD* <i>NZD</i>	1,048 1,110	673 710	1 <sup>14</sup> )

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(as at 1 December 1997, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA		Prelimi	nary examir	ation fee1	5	Handling fee <sup>2,15</sup> (CHF 233)				
AT	ATS	2,200				ATS	2,060	(from 1.1.98:	ATS	2,020)
AU	AUD	450				AUD	210	(from 1.1.98:	AUD	230)
CN	CNY	800				CNY e	quiv of CHF	233		
EP <sup>11</sup>	DEM ATS BEF CHF DKK ESP	3,000 21,430 62,900 2,600 11,790 258,600	FIM 9,3 FRF 10,3 GBP 1,1 GRD 488,6 IEP 1,1 ITL 3,030,0	40 NLG 11 PTE 00 SEK 54	62,900 3,430 310,600 13,890	DEM* ATS* BEF* CHF DKK* ESP* *(from DEM ATS BEF DKK ESP	292 2,060 6,020 233 1,140 23,500 1.1.98: 285 2,020 5,900 1,000 25,000	FIM* 887 FRF* 1,000 GBP 100 GRD* 44,000 IEP* 102  FIM 860 FRF 960 GRD 46,000 IEP 110 ITL 281,000	ITL* LUF* NLG* PTE* SEK*  LUF NLG PTE SEK	295,000 6,020 328 27,000 1,300 5,900 320 29,000 1,250)
JP	JPY	28,000				JPY	18,300	(from 1.1.98:	JPY	19,700)
RU <sup>11</sup>	RUR	1,260,000	USD 3	00		USD	162	·		
SE	SEK	4,200			- <u></u>	SEK	1,300	(from 1.1.98:	SEK	1,250)
US	USD	490	750 <sup>16</sup>		•	USD	162	_	•	

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AMD	Armenian dram	DEM	Deutsche mark	ISK	Icelandic krona	MKD	Macedonian denar	SIT	Slovenian tolar
ATS	Austrian schilling	DKK	Danish krone	ITL	Italian lira	MWK	Malawian kwacha	SKK	Slovak koruna
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	JPY	Japanese yen	MXP	Mexican peso	TJR	Tajik rouble
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	ESP	Spanish peseta	KES	Kenyan shilling	NLG	Netherlands guilder	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago
BEF	Belgian franc	FIM	Finnish markka	KGS	Kyrgyz som	NOK	Norwegian krone		dollar
BGL	Bulgarian lev	FRF	French franc	KPW	KP won	NZD	New Zealand dollar	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
BRR	Brazilian real	GBP	Pound sterling	KRW	KR won	PLZ	Polish zloty	USD	US dollar
BYR	Belarussian rouble	GEL	Georgian lari	KZT	Kazakh tenge	PTE	Portuguese escudo	VND	Vietnamese dong
CAD	Canadian dollar	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LSM	Lesotho loti	ROL	Romanian leu	YUD	Yugoslav dinar
CHF	Swiss franc	GRD	Greek drachma	LTL	Lithuanian litas	RUR	Russian rouble		
CNY	Yuan renminbi	HUF	Hungarian forint	LUF	Luxembourg franc	SDP	Sudanese pound		
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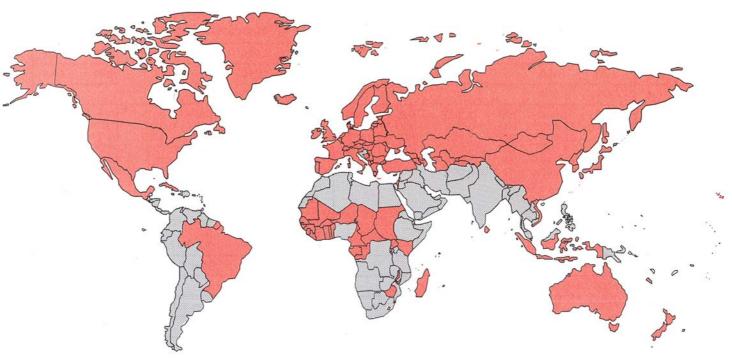
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- (ii) the schedule of all fees payable to the receiving Offices, the International Bureau, and the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities,
- (iii) notices the publication of which is required under the Treaty or these Regulations,
- (iv) information, if and to the extent furnished to the International Bureau by the designated or elected Offices, on the question whether the requirements provided for in Articles 22 or 39 have been complied with in respect of the international applications designating or electing the Office concerned,
- (v) any other useful information prescribed by the Administrative Instructions, provided access to such information is not prohibited under the Treaty or these Regulations.
  - (b) The information referred to in paragraph (a) shall be made available in two forms:
- (i) as a Gazette in paper form, which shall contain the data specified by the Administrative Instructions taken from the front page of the pamphlet published under Rule 48 ("bibliographic data") and the matters referred to in paragraph (a)(ii) to (v);
- (ii) as a Gazette in electronic form, which shall contain the bibliographic data, the drawing (if any) appearing on the said front page, and the abstract.

#### 86.2 Languages; Access to the Gazette

- (a) The Gazette in paper form shall be published in a bilingual (English and French) edition. It shall also be published in editions in any other language, provided the cost of publication is assured through sales or subventions.
- (b) The Assembly may order the publication of the Gazette in languages other than those referred to in paragraph (a).

(c) The Gazette in electronic form referred to in Rule 86.1(b)(ii) shall be made accessible, in English and French at the same time, by any electronic ways and means specified in the Administrative Instructions. The translations shall be ensured by the International Bureau in English and French. The International Bureau shall ensure that the making accessible of the Gazette in electronic form shall be effected on, or as soon as possible after, the date of publication of the pamphlet containing the international application.

86.3 to 86.6 [No change]

#### SCHEDULE OF FEES\*

Fees			Amou	nts		
1.	Basic Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))					
	(a)	if the international application contains not more than 30 sheets	650**	Swiss francs		
	(b)	if the international application contains more than 30 sheets	650**	Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of 30 sheets		
2.	Designation Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))					
	(a)	for designations made under Rule 4.9(a)	150**	Swiss francs per designation, provided that any designation made under Rule 4.9(a) in excess of 11 shall not require the payment of a designation fee		
	(b)	for designations made under Rule 4.9(b) and confirmed under Rule 4.9(c)	150**	Swiss francs per designation		
3.		firmation Fee: 50% of the sum of the designation payable under item 2(b)		9		
4.		adling Fee: le 57.2(a))	233	Swiss francs		

All fees are reduced by 75% for 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 national income is below US\$3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997); if there are several applicants, each must satisfy those criteria.

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<sup>\*</sup> Editor's Note: The Schedule of Fees will be further amended with effect from July 1, 1998.

<sup>\*\*</sup> *Editor's Note:* The amounts of the basic fee and the designation fee as shown apply only to international applications filed on or after January 1, 1998. The amounts previously in force (basic fee: 762 Swiss francs, designation fee: 185 Swiss francs) remain applicable for international applications filed before that date.