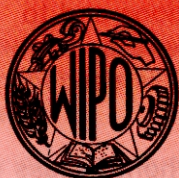


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# NEWSLETTER

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## OBTAINING PATENT PROTECTION IN THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

On 22 December 1997, the Government of the People's Republic of China informed the Director General of WIPO, further to its earlier note (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 07/1997), as follows:

"Where an applicant makes an international application under the PCT designating China for a patent for an invention or a utility model, such an application may also seek protection of a standard patent or a short-term patent from the Patents Registry, Intellectual Property Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). This is, however, subject to the following conditions:

"1. Before protection is sought in HKSAR, the international application must have validly entered its national phase before the Chinese Patent Office.

"2. If an applicant seeks protection of a standard patent in the HKSAR, he should complete the following procedures:

"(1) Request the Patents Registry, Intellectual Property Department of the HKSAR to record his application within six months after the date of issuance of the National Application Notification by the Chinese Patent Office in cases where the

application is published by the International Bureau in the Chinese language; or within six months after the date of publication of the application by the Chinese Patent Office in cases where the international publication is in a language other than Chinese. This procedure applies to applications where the date of issuance of the National Application Notification or date of publication was on or after 27 June 1997.

"(2) After the Chinese Patent Office has granted a patent, request the Patents Registry, Intellectual Property Department of the HKSAR to register and grant a standard patent within six months after the date of grant by the Chinese Patent Office; or

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within six months after the date of publication of the request to record by the Patents Registry, Intellectual Property Department of the HKSAR, whichever is the later.

“(3) If the applicant seeks protection of a short-term patent in the HKSAR, he should file an application for grant of a short-term patent with the Patents Registry, Intellectual Property Department of the HKSAR within six months after the date of entry of the application into the national phase of China; or within six months after the date of issuance of the National Application Notification by the Chinese Patent Office. This procedure applies to applications where the date of entry into the national phase or date of issuance of the National Application Notification was on or after 1 July 1997”.

Further details regarding the procedure to be followed for obtaining patent protection in HKSAR are included in the January 1998 update sheets to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/A, National Chapter (CN).

## PCT PUBLICATIONS

### 1998 prices

Included as inserts in this issue are the 1998 price lists for PCT publications, applicable

### 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  
PCT Assembly documents (16 September–1 October 1997), including Report containing rule changes  
*PCT Applicant's Guide*  
PCT request and demand forms  
*PCT Newsletter* (Nos. 01/1997–01/1998)  
Recent PCT press releases  
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from 1 January 1998, in Swiss francs and, for residents of the United States of America only, in US dollars. The lists also give details of how to order PCT publications. Note that the subscription price for the bilingual *PCT Gazette* in paper form (see below) has been reduced. The new price applies as of 1 January 1998.

## PCT GAZETTE

### *PCT Gazette* in new formats

As indicated in *PCT Newsletters* Nos. 10/1997 and 12/1997, the *PCT Gazette* will, in the near future, be available in bilingual (English/French) paper form and in electronic form (in English and French). The *PCT Gazette* will continue to be published in its present format until such time as the new paper and electronic forms are implemented. Subscribers to the *PCT Gazette* will be informed when the new formats become available.

### *PCT Gazette* special issues

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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).

### (1) Agreements relating to International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities

A special issue of the *PCT Gazette* was published on 24 December 1997 (No. 56/1997) containing the texts of the 10 Agreements recently concluded, under PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3), with the International Bureau of WIPO in respect of the functioning of the following Offices as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities:

Australian Patent Office  
 Austrian Patent Office  
 Chinese Patent Office  
 European Patent Office  
 Japanese Patent Office  
 Korean Industrial Property Office  
 Russian Agency for Patents and Trade-  
 marks  
 Swedish Patent and Registration Office  
 United States Patent and Trademark  
 Office

and in respect of the functioning of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching Authority.

## (2) General information on Contracting States, national and regional Offices and International Authorities

Consolidated general information relating to PCT Contracting States, national and regional Offices and International Authorities under the PCT was published in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* on 8 January 1998 (No. S-01/1998 (E) and (F)). It replaces the previous special issue containing consolidated general information, published on 3 July 1997 (No. 28/1997).

## PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

### (1) Changes which are also reflected in the January 1998 update sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

#### AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) (means of filing documents)

ARIPO has clarified that, where a document which may be transmitted by fax is so transmitted, the original of the document must be furnished, in all cases, within 60 days from the date of transmission.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B2 (AP))

#### BY Belarus (telephone and fax numbers; types of protection; fees)

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

telephone: (375-172) 68 50 53  
 fax: (375-172) 68 41 30  
 (375-172) 32 75 77

There has been a change in the types of protection available in Belarus via the PCT, as follows:

national: patents, utility models

Eurasian: patents

There has been a change in the amounts of the following fee payable to the Belarus Patent Office as receiving Office:

fee for priority	
document:	equivalent in BYR of USD 20
plus, per sheet	USD 0.10

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

#### CH Switzerland (fees)

There has been a change concerning the annual fees, payable to the Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute as designated and elected Office, which will no longer be payable for the third and fourth years after filing, as follows:

annual fee as from the	
fifth year:	CHF 530

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

#### GH Ghana (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Registrar General's Department of Ghana, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Swedish Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the Chinese Patent Office and the European Patent Office as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. (The European Patent Office is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only for international applications for which the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office or the Swedish Patent Office has established the international search report.)

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

#### ID Indonesia (general information; competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; fees)

General information about Indonesia as a Contracting State, information of interest if

Indonesia is designated (or elected), information on the Directorate General of Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks of Indonesia as receiving Office and a summary of requirements for entry into the national phase in Indonesia is included in the January 1998 set of update sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide* which will be sent to subscribers to the *Guide* shortly.

The Directorate General of Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks of Indonesia, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office and the Russian Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. (The European Patent Office is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only for international applications for which the European Patent Office has established the international search report.)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Directorate General of Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks of Indonesia as receiving Office, have been established:

transmittal fee, basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30 and designation fee: see Table I(a)

#### **IL Israel (fees)**

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, have changed:

transmittal fee:	see Table I(a)	
fee for priority document:	ILS	33
plus, per page:	ILS	2.30

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

national filing fee:	ILS	763
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (IL) and Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (IL))

#### **JP Japan (special requirements for entry into the national phase)**

Some of the special requirements for entry into the national phase before the Japanese Patent Office have changed, as follows:

– when the applicant is a legal entity, indication of the name of an officer representing that entity (the indication of such a name is not required where the legal entity is represented by a patent attorney);

– where the person, the name or the residence of the applicant is changed during the international phase and the change has not been reflected in the PCT pamphlet or in a Notification of the Recording of a Change (Form PCT/IB/306), a statement indicating the change (preferably on a special request form) and, in case of a change in the person of the applicant, a document evidencing the change.

The other special requirements remain unchanged.

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

#### **KR Republic of Korea (fees)**

There has been a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable to the Korean Industrial Property Office as receiving Office:

basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30 and designation fee: see Table I(a)

The new amounts supersede the amounts announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/1997, which were to take effect on the same date.

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

#### **RU Russian Federation (requirements concerning nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings)**

The requirements of the Russian Patent Office as International Searching Authority concerning the presentation of sequence listings under PCT Rule 13 *ter.* 1 have changed, as follows:

requirements concerning nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings:

machine readable form required

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

### **ZW Zimbabwe (general information; competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; fees)**

General information about Zimbabwe as a Contracting State, information of interest if Zimbabwe is designated (or elected), information on the Zimbabwe Patent Office as receiving Office and a summary of requirements for entry into the national phase in Zimbabwe are included in the January 1998 set of update sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide* which will be sent to subscribers to the *Guide* shortly.

The Zimbabwe Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office and the Russian Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. (The European Patent Office is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only for international applications for which the Austrian Patent Office or the European Patent Office has established the international search report.)

The amounts of the following fees, payable Zimbabwe Patent Office as receiving Office, have been established:

transmittal fee, basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30 and designation fee: see Table I(a)

### **Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office and Japanese Patent Office)**

The equivalent amounts payable in KRW for international searches carried out by the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office and the Japanese Patent Office have changed, as indicated in Table I(b).

As from 5 January 1998, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF, FIM, GBP and SEK for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

### **Preliminary examination fee (European Patent Office)**

As from 5 January 1998, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in

CHF, FIM, GBP and SEK for an international preliminary examination carried out by the European Patent Office, as reflected in Table II.

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

### **Fees relating to international search and preliminary examination (Russian Patent Office)**

The fees payable for an additional search and, where the international search report was established by another International Searching Authority, for an additional preliminary examination, carried out by the Russian Patent Office, have changed, as follows:

additional search fee:	USD	300
additional preliminary examination fee:		
where the international search report was prepared by:		
the Russian Patent Office:	USD	200
another International Searching Authority:	USD	300

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annexes D (RU) and E (RU))

### **(2) Changes which are not reflected in the January 1998 update sheets for the PCT Applicant's Guide:**

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

As from 15 February 1998, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in SGD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

### **PCT APPLICANTS GUIDE UPDATE SHEETS**

The next half-yearly set of update sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (dated January 1998) is under preparation. Pink provisional sheets obtained from last year's issues of the *PCT Newsletter*, which have been inserted in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, should

be removed from the *Guide* and replaced with the January 1998 update sheets when they are received.

## BUDAPEST TREATY ACCESSION

### Slovenia

On 12 December 1997, Slovenia deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure. That Treaty will enter into force with respect to Slovenia on 12 March 1998.

## PRACTICAL ADVICE

### ***Appointment of common representative and agent of common representative***

*Q: An international application has been filed, in respect of which there are two corporate applicants (corporation A and corporation B) and two inventors named as applicants for the US designation (applicant/inventor Y, who is employed by corporation A and applicant/inventor Z, who is employed by corporation B). Corporation A wishes to be appointed as common representative of the other applicants, and then, subsequently, to appoint L as its agent.*

*(1) To achieve the above, is it possible for applicant/inventor Y to appoint corporation A as common representative and for applicant/inventor Z to appoint corporation B as common representative, then for corporation B to appoint corporation A as common representative and, subsequently, for corporation A to appoint L as its agent?*

*(2) What would be the consequence if the appointment of corporation A as common representative could not be effected by all applicants concerned and corporation A appoints L as its agent?*

A: (1) According to PCT Rule 90.2(a), where the applicants have not appointed an agent representing all of them (a "common agent"), one of the applicants who is en-

titled to file an international application according to PCT Article 9 may be appointed by the other applicants as their common representative. However, since ***there can only be one common representative*** and that person must be appointed by ***all of the other applicants***, the scenario which you describe in question (1) is not possible. If corporation A wishes to be appointed as common representative, it must be appointed as such by each of the other applicants. If corporation A, as the appointed common representative, then appoints agent L, the latter will, as agent of the appointed common representative, have full power to represent all the applicants.

(2) If there is no common agent and no appointed common representative but corporation A happens to be the "deemed" common representative (that is, under PCT Rule 90.2(b), the first named applicant in the request who is entitled, under PCT Rule 19, to file an international application with the receiving Office with which the international application was filed), agent L, as agent of the deemed common representative, would have more limited powers. For example, agent L could sign the demand and certain other documents for the purposes of the PCT; he could not, however, validly sign, on behalf of all the applicants, the request itself or a notice effecting withdrawal of the international application, a designation, a priority claim, the demand or an election. Such documents must (subject to PCT Rules 4.15(b) and 90bis.5(b)) be signed by all applicants. Only a duly appointed agent or a duly appointed common representative, or the agent of the latter, may validly sign on behalf of an applicant. If corporation A is not the "deemed" common representative, then agent L would be entitled to act only on behalf of corporation A (and not for the other applicants).

In all cases, agent L must, of course, have the right to practice before the Office with which the international application was filed (see PCT Rule 90.1).

<b>PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR</b>			
<b>Dates and 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>26–27 February 1998 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Maassel	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1–415) 331 60 68 E-mail: VHMeyerEsq@aol.com
<b>2–3 March 1998 Chicago (US)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Maassel	John Marshall Law School (Mr. Gary T. Watson) Tel: (1–312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1–312) 427 71 28 E-mail: 6cangian@jmls.edu
<b>3–4 March 1998 Milan (IT)</b>	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
<b>24 March 1998 Paris (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) and 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
<b>26–27 March 1998 Oslo (NO)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators	Norwegian Patent Office (Mrs. Toril Foss) Tel: (47) 22 38 74 72 Fax: (47) 22 38 73 31
<b>30–31 March 1998 Novo Mesto (SI)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and industry representatives	Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (Mrs. Alenka Bitenc) Tel: (386–61) 178 30 80 Fax: (386–61) 178 31 10
<b>2 April 1998 Ecully (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33–478) 33 07 08 Fax: (33–478) 33 58 96

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<b>PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR [continued]</b>			
<b>Dates and 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>6–7 April 1998 London (GB)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: management_forum@psilink.co.uk
<b>19–21 April 1998 Naples, Florida (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys “Basic Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice”	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1–804) 296 39 99
<b>23–25 April 1998 Naples, Florida (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys “Advanced Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice”	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1–804) 296 39 99
<b>6–7 May 1998 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 50 05 00 Fax: (49–6221) 50 05 55 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
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<b>25–26 June 1998 Chiemsee (DE)</b>	German	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 50 05 00 Fax: (49–6221) 50 05 55 E-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 January 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	Basic fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 650)	Supplement per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 15)	Designation fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 150)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 650	15	150	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
AP	USD 70 (or equiv in local currency)	USD 455	10	105	AT EP SE
AT	ATS 700	ATS 5,600	130	1,300	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 640	14	150	AU
AZ	AZM <sup>5</sup> —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
BA	DEM 50	DEM 800	19	184	EP
BE	BEF 1,500	BEF 16,500	380	3,800	EP
BG	BGL 60,000	BGL equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP RU
BR	BRR 236	BRR equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	AT EP SE US
BY	BYR equiv of USD 70	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
CA	CAD 200	CAD 632	15	146	EP
CH	CHF 100	CHF 650	15	150	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	CN
CU	USD (or CUP equiv) 200	USD (or CUP equiv) 455	10	105	AT EP ES RU
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
DE	DEM 150	DEM 800	19	184	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 3,050	70	710	EP SE
EA	RUR equiv of USD 100	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
EE	EEK 1,500	EEK equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
EP <sup>6</sup>	DEM 200	DEM 800	19	184	EP
ES	ESP 9,470	ESP 68,000	1,600	16,000	EP ES
FI	FIM 800	FIM 2,400	55	550	EP SE
FR	FRF 400	FRF 2,690	60	620	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 285	6	65	EP
GE	GEL <sup>5</sup> —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
GH	GHC <sup>7</sup> 2,500 or 5,000	USD 455	10	105	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	GRD 39,500	GRD 127,000	3,000	30,000	EP
HU	HUF <sup>8</sup> 10,000	HUF equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP RU
IB	CHF <sup>2</sup> 300 or USD <sup>2</sup> 200	CHF 650 or USD 455	15 10	150 105	See footnote <sup>9</sup>
ID	IDR 300,000	IDR equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	AU EP RU
IE	IEP 60	IEP 300	7	70	EP
IL	ILS 399	USD 455	10	105	EP US
IS	ISK 5,500	ISK 32,000	700	7,400	EP SE
IT	ITL 60,000	ITL 783,000	18,000	181,000	EP
JP	JPY 18,000	JPY 55,000	1,300	12,700	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 30	USD 455	10	105	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS equiv of USD 60	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
KP	KPW equiv of CHF 50	KPW equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	AT RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 715,700	16,600	165,200	AT AU JP

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

(as at 1 January 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	Basic fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 650)	Supplement per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 15)	Designation fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 150)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
KZ	KZT <sup>5</sup> —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 455	10	105	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM <sup>5</sup> —	LSM equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	AT EP
LT	LTL equiv of USD 80	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF 800	LUF/BEF 16,500	380	3,800	EP
LV	LVL 40	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
MC	FRF 300	FRF 2,690	60	620	EP
MD	MDL <sup>5</sup> 180	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,750	MKD equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
MN	None	CHF 650	15	150	EP RU
MW	MWK 8	MWK 8,100	200	1,900	EP
MX	MXP <sup>2</sup> equiv of USD 200	MXP equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP ES SE US
NL	NLG 110	NLG 900	21	208	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 3,300	75	770	EP SE
NZ	NZD 155	NZD 720	16	165	AU EP US
PL	PLZ 240	PLZ equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
PT	PTE 3,600	PTE 82,000	1,900	19,000	EP
RO	ROL 10,000	CHF 650	15	150	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294,000	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
SD	SDP 50	SDP equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
SE	SEK 1,000	SEK 3,500	80	800	EP SE
SG	SGD 135	SGD 690	16	160	AT AU EP
SI	SIT <i>See footnote</i> <sup>10</sup>	SIT equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
SK	SKK 1,600	SKK equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
TJ	TJR <sup>5</sup> —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>5</sup> —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
TR	CHF 100	CHF 650	15	150	AT AU CN EP RU
TT	TTD 750	USD 455	10	105	AT EP SE US
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UZ	USD <sup>5</sup> —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
VN	VND equiv of USD 150	VND equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	AT AU EP RU SE
YU	YUD 200	CHF 650	15	150	EP
ZW	ZWD 550	ZWD equiv of USD 455	equiv of USD 10	equiv of USD 105	AT AU EP RU

**Table I(b) — SEARCH FEES**

(as at 1 January 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT	ATS	2,200	CHF	250	KRW	278,000	SGD	275	USD	180		
AU	AUD	800	CHF	820	KRW	828,000	NZD	910	SGD	875	USD	570
CN	CNY	800	CHF	140	USD	100						
EP <sup>11</sup>	DEM	2,200	CHF*	1,900	FRF	7,590	ISK	87,300	MWK	22,400	PTE	227,800
	ATS	15,710	DKK	8,640	GBP*	815	ITL	2,222,000	NLG	2,510	SEK*	10,190
	BEF	46,100	ESP	189,700	GRD	358,300	JPY	152,000	NOK	9,200	SGD**	1,890
	CAD	1,740	FIM*	6,880	IEP	846	LUF	46,100	NZD	1,980	USD	1,250
	*	(from 5.1.98:	CHF	1,850	FIM	6,770	GBP	780	SEK	9,950)		
	**	(from 15.2.98:	SGD	2,100)								
ES	ESP	72,190	CHF	695	USD	480						
JP	JPY	77,000	CHF	910	KRW	939,000	USD	640				
RU <sup>12</sup>	USD	300	CHF	430								
SE	SEK	6,200 <sup>13</sup>	6,800 <sup>14</sup>	FIM	4,200 <sup>13</sup>	4,600 <sup>14</sup>	USD	815 <sup>13</sup>	895 <sup>14</sup>			
	CHF	1,180 <sup>13</sup>	1,290 <sup>14</sup>	ISK	58,500 <sup>13</sup>	64,000 <sup>14</sup>						
	DKK	5,300 <sup>13</sup>	5,800 <sup>14</sup>	NOK	5,750 <sup>13</sup>	6,300 <sup>14</sup>						
US	USD	700	450 <sup>15</sup>	CHF	1,000	640 <sup>15</sup>	NZD	1,110	710 <sup>15</sup>			

**Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES**

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<b>IPEA</b>	<b>Preliminary examination fee<sup>16</sup></b>			<b>Handling fee<sup>2,16</sup> (CHF 233)</b>				
<b>AT</b>	<b>ATS</b>	2,200		<b>ATS</b>	2,020			
<b>AU</b>	<b>AUD</b>	450		<b>AUD</b>	230			
<b>CN</b>	<b>CNY</b>	800		<b>CNY equiv of CHF 233</b>				
<b>EP<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>DEM</b>	3,000	<b>FIM*</b> 9,380	<b>LUF</b>	62,900	<b>DEM</b> 285	<b>FIM</b> 860	<b>ITL</b> 281,000
	<b>ATS</b>	21,430	<b>FRF</b> 10,340	<b>NLG</b>	3,430	<b>ATS</b> 2,020	<b>FRF</b> 960	<b>LUF</b> 5,900
	<b>BEF</b>	62,900	<b>GBP*</b> 1,111	<b>PTE</b>	310,600	<b>BEF</b> 5,900	<b>GBP</b> 100	<b>NLG</b> 320
	<b>CHF*</b>	2,600	<b>GRD</b> 488,600	<b>SEK*</b>	13,890	<b>CHF</b> 233	<b>GRD</b> 46,000	<b>PTE</b> 29,000
	<b>DKK</b>	11,790	<b>IEP</b> 1,154			<b>DKK</b> 1,000	<b>IEP</b> 110	<b>SEK</b> 1,250
	<b>ESP</b>	258,600	<b>ITL</b> 3,030,000			<b>ESP</b> 25,000		
	*(from 5.1.98:							
	<b>CHF</b>	2,520	<b>FIM</b> 9,230	<b>GBP</b> 1,064				
	<b>SEK</b>	13,570)						
<b>JP</b>	<b>JPY</b>	28,000		<b>JPY</b>	19,700			
<b>RU<sup>12</sup></b>	<b>USD</b>	200 <sup>17</sup>	300 <sup>18</sup>	<b>USD</b>	162			
<b>SE</b>	<b>SEK</b>	4,200		<b>SEK</b>	1,250			
<b>US</b>	<b>USD</b>	490	750 <sup>19</sup>	<b>USD</b>	162			

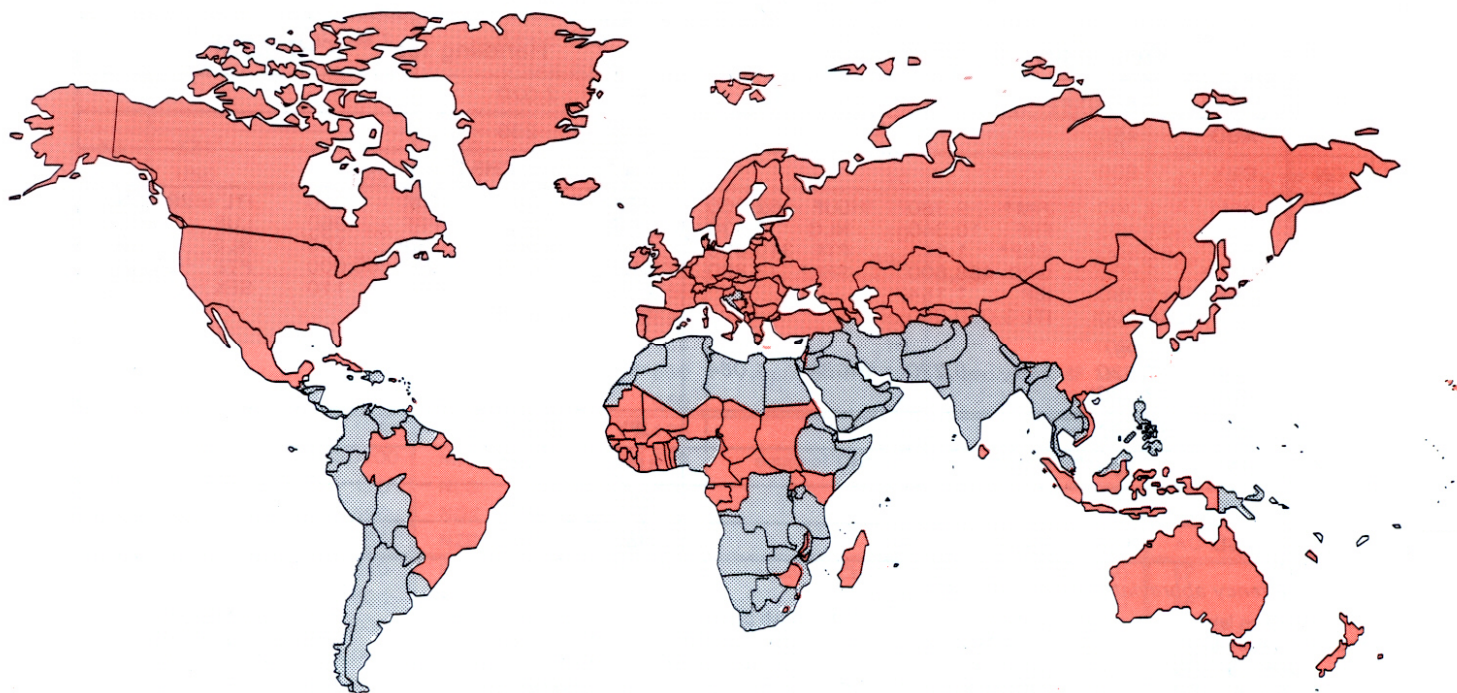
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AMD Armenian dram	DEM Deutsche mark	ILS New Israel shekel	MDL Moldovan leu	SGD Singapore dollar
ATS Austrian schilling	DKK Danish krone	ISK Icelandic krona	MKD Macedonian denar	SIT Slovenian tolar
AUD Australian dollar	EEK Estonian kroon	ITL Italian lira	MWK Malawian kwacha	SKK Slovak koruna
AZM Azerbaijani manat	ESP Spanish peseta	JPY Japanese yen	MXP Mexican peso	TJR Tajik rouble
BEF Belgian franc	FIM Finnish markka	KES Kenyan shilling	NLG Netherlands guilder	TTD Trinidad and Tobago dollar
BGL Bulgarian lev	FRF French franc	KGS Kyrgyz som	NOK Norwegian krone	UAH Ukrainian hryvnia
BRR Brazilian real	GBP Pound sterling	KPW KP won	NZD New Zealand dollar	USD US dollar
BYR Belarussian rouble	GEL Georgian lari	KRW KR won	PLZ Polish zloty	VND Vietnamese dong
CAD Canadian dollar	GHC Ghanaian cedi	KZT Kazakh tenge	PTE Portuguese escudo	YUD Yugoslav dinar
CHF Swiss franc	GRD Greek drachma	LSM Lesotho loti	ROL Romanian leu	ZWD Zimbabwe dollar
CNY Yuan renminbi	HUF Hungarian forint	LTL Lithuanian litas	RUR Russian rouble	
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