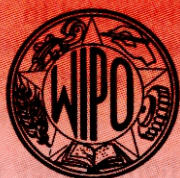


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PCT GAZETTE: NEW PAPER AND ELECTRONIC VERSIONS TO BE AVAILABLE SOON

In April 1998, the *PCT Gazette* in its current form will be replaced by a revised (bilingual) version in paper form together with a version in electronic form accessible on the Internet. Information from the *PCT Gazette* will also be available on CD-ROM. The changes follow amendments of the PCT Regulations adopted by the PCT Assembly in October 1997 (for details, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/1997).

The *PCT Gazette* in paper form

The paper version of the *PCT Gazette* will be bilingual (English and French) and will no longer contain abstracts or drawings. Special issues of the *PCT Gazette* in paper form will continue to be published in separate English and French versions (subscribers may choose which they wish to receive).

The *PCT Gazette* on the Internet

The Internet version of the *PCT Gazette* will be available, free-of-charge, via the WIPO Internet site (see address, opposite). It will contain, in English and in French, the following sections equivalent to the present content of the *PCT Gazette*:

Section I Published International Applications (the bibliographic data, the abstract and any drawing, for each international application published)

Section II Notices and Information Relating to Published International Applications

Section III Weekly Indexes

Section IV Notices and Information of a General Character.

Section I will be fully searchable. Searches will be possible by single words or by phrases, and by a number of fields, including:

- abstract in English
- abstract in French

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Information from the PCT Gazette on CD-ROM

Two series of CD-ROMs will contain information from the PCT Gazette.

Already existing is the ESPACE-FIRST CD-ROM, which is produced once a month by the European Patent Office, in cooperation with WIPO. The ESPACE-FIRST CD-ROM contains the title pages of published PCT applications with the text of the abstracts in English, French and, where available, German or Spanish. The bibliographic data and the abstracts are searchable using the MIMOSA search and retrieval software, created by the European Patent Office, the

United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Japanese Patent Office, which is included with the CD-ROM. For further details regarding the price and how to order the ESPACE-FIRST CD-ROM, see PCT Newsletter No. 02/1998.

Additionally, a new CD-ROM, which has been developed by Bundesdruckerei GmbH, in cooperation with WIPO, will be issued every week on the day on which WIPO publishes the corresponding international applications. Data will be stored cumulatively, week by week, resulting approximately every three months in a CD-ROM which will contain, in digital format, all the data for that period. Subscribers will receive CD-ROMs containing information from the PCT Gazette published since the beginning of 1998. Each CD-ROM will contain the bibliographic details, abstracts and drawings for the international applications contained on it. Bibliographic data and abstracts will be searchable and will appear in both English and French. Each CD-ROM will contain Sections I, II, III and IV of the PCT Gazette (see "the PCT Gazette on the Internet," above). The MIMOSA search and retrieval software (see ESPACE-FIRST, above) will be included with the CD-ROM.

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PCT-EASY SOFTWARE FOR FILING INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: UPDATE

As mentioned in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/1997, the International Bureau, in cooperation with the European Patent Office, is developing interactive computer software entitled "PCT-EASY" ("Electronic Application SYstem"), which will eventually enable applicants to create and file patent applications electronically.

Next month, a beta test will start in which some volunteer PCT users will have the option of producing the request form as a computer print-out using the PCT-EASY software, while at the same time having the benefit of over 140 validation functions.

For this reason, it has been determined that the format of the printout of the computer-generated request form (PCT/RO/101) prepared using the PCT-EASY software is permitted for the presentation of the request form in relation to international applications filed by registered PCT-EASY beta test users with those receiving Offices which are participating in the pilot project.

Based on the results of the beta test, modifications will be made to the software with a view to making PCT-EASY available to more users and more receiving Offices.

This first beta release represents a starting point from which vital experience will be gained with a view to the eventual generation of PCT applications in electronic form, as well as the use of electronic storage of data.

As PCT-EASY develops, further information will be given in the *PCT Newsletter*.

BUDAPEST TREATY ACCESSION

Lithuania

On 9 February 1998, Lithuania 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 Lithuania on 9 May 1998.

PARIS CONVENTION ACCESSION

Sao Tome and Principe (country code: ST)

On 12 February 1998, Sao Tome and Principe deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. Sao Tome and Principe will become bound by that Convention on 12 May 1998.

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

MW Malawi (fees)

As from 15 April 1998, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable to the Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General of Malawi as receiving Office:

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

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

Search fee (European Patent Office)

As from 15 April 1998, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in MWK 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))

Fees relating to international search (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 6 March 1998, there will be changes in the amounts of the following fee payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as International Searching Authority:

fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report:

per national document:	ESP	610
per foreign document:	ESP	859

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

List of Contracting States

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(PCT Contracting States) includes Cyprus, and the date of entry into force of the PCT in respect of that State (see cover page of *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/1998, for details).

PCT CONTRACTING STATES AND TWO-LETTER CODES

Updated versions of the translations into French, German and Spanish of the list of PCT Contracting States and notes thereto (printed on the last page of the *PCT Newsletter*) are included in this issue as tear-out sheets.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Submitting the demand for international preliminary examination at an early stage

Q: The number of PCT applications which are being filed by the corporation for which I work as a patent attorney is increasing considerably. I am looking at a number of ways of minimizing the risk of missing time limits and reducing the number of times a case must be picked up for action. Can the demand for international preliminary examination be submitted immediately after the international application itself has been filed?

A: There are no absolute time limits in the PCT regarding when a demand for international preliminary examination may or must be submitted. However, in order to delay the national phase in respect of elected States until 30 months from the priority date, the demand, which indicates the elected States, **must** be submitted before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. While PCT Article 31(3) requires that the demand be made "separately from" the international application, there is nothing to prevent it from being submitted immediately after the international application has been filed.

Several factors need to be taken into account when deciding whether to submit a demand early. Early submission of the

demand may be an attractive possibility if you are sure at the outset that you wish to have an international preliminary examination carried out on your application and to delay national phase entry until 30 months from the priority date. There will then be no need for further monitoring to ensure that the demand is submitted before 19 months from the priority date.

If the demand is submitted early, the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) may have more time in which to carry out the international preliminary examination and therefore the international preliminary examination report (IPER) may be more satisfactory to you. Written opinions and the IPER may be available earlier, leaving you more time to respond to the IPEA and properly evaluate your chances of obtaining patents before deciding whether, and in which elected Offices, to enter the national phase. You are also likely to have more time to prepare the necessary actions for entering the national phase. But any additional time available for the IPEA to carry out the international preliminary examination, even if the demand is submitted immediately after filing the international application, will always be limited because international preliminary examination will not normally start before the international search report (ISR) is available.

One of the disadvantages of submitting the demand immediately after filing the international application is that the fees involved will have to be paid earlier than otherwise, since the preliminary examination fee is due on filing the demand or, at the latest, within one month from filing the demand (depending on the IPEA), and the handling fee is due on filing the demand¹.

Another factor to bear in mind in connection with early submission of the demand is that you will not have the opportunity to take into consideration the prior art citations contained in the ISR before deciding to proceed further with the application. In

1. Under amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 1998, the due dates for the payment of the preliminary examination and handling fees will be one month from the date on which the demand was submitted.

particular, if the ISR contains citations suggesting that the invention lacks novelty or inventive step, you may wish to avoid the extra expense of international preliminary examination or to withdraw the application altogether. If the demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the preliminary examination fee and the handling fee will normally have already been paid, and refunds of those fees are only possible under very limited circumstances (for details about such refunds, see PCT Rules 57.6 and 58.3 and *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex E, and *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/1995). Unless you are convinced at the outset that the chances of obtaining patents are strong, you may therefore prefer to wait for the results of the ISR before submitting the demand.

Another factor to consider in connection with the ISR is that, if a demand is submitted before the establishment of the ISR, and later, upon seeing the ISR you wish to file amendments under PCT Articles 19 or 34, you must act quickly to file the amendments. Otherwise, according to PCT Rule 66.4*bis*, those amendments may not be

taken into account by the IPEA for the purposes of the written opinion or the IPER. If the demand is submitted after the establishment of the ISR, you should have more time to prepare any such amendments.

If the demand is submitted at a very early stage, before the international application number or the international filing date is known, the IPEA will have difficulties identifying the international application to which the demand relates, especially where the receiving Office is not the same Office as the International Preliminary Examining Authority. If you wait at least until you receive Form PCT/RO/105 ("Notification of the International Application Number and of the International Filing Date") from the receiving Office before submitting the demand, then you will be able to include the international application number and the international filing date on the demand.

Bear in mind that, where national security provisions exist for a particular receiving Office, sending the demand to another authority abroad may not be permitted before national security clearance has been given.

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR			
Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
9 March 1998 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) and the Danish Patent Office (Ms. Inge-Lise Høybye) Tel: (45-43) 50 80 00 Fax: (45-43) 50 80 01
10 March 1998 Copenhagen (DK)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Danish Patent Office (Ms. Inge-Lise Høybye) Tel: (45-43) 50 80 00 Fax: (45-43) 50 80 01
24 March 1998 Paris (FR)	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
26-27 March 1998 Oslo (NO)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mr. Baron	Norwegian Patent Office (Mrs. Toril Foss) Tel: (47) 22 38 74 72 Fax: (47) 22 38 73 31
30-31 March 1998 Novo Mesto (SI)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and industry representatives WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (Mrs. Alenka Bitenc) Tel: (386-61) 178 30 80 Fax: (386-61) 178 31 10
2 April 1998 Ecully (FR)	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
6-7 April 1998 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: management_forum@psilink.co.uk
15-17 April 1998 Beijing (CN)	Chinese/ English	International Symposium on the PCT System in the 21st Century WIPO speakers: Mr. Curchod, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wang	WIPO and the Chinese Patent Office (Ms. Zhang Yan) Tel: (86-10) 62 09 32 88 Fax: (86-10) 62 01 96 15 E-mail: cpoicd@public.bta.net.cn
19-21 April 1998 Naples, Florida (US)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys "Basic Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels, Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Welch (Pharmacia & Upjohn, Inc.)	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99

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Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
22 April 1998 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for PCT users WIPO speakers: Mr. Inoue and Mr. Kato	Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation Tel: (81-3) 35 02 54 39 Fax: (81-3) 35 06 87 88
23-25 April 1998 Naples, Florida (US)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys "Advanced Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels, Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel Other speakers: Mr. Welch (Pharmacia & Upjohn, Inc.) and Mr. Philpott (European Patent Office)	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99
24 April 1998 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for PCT users WIPO speakers: Mr. Inoue and Mr. Kato	Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation Tel: (81-3) 35 02 54 39 Fax: (81-3) 35 06 87 88
24 April 1998 Dresden (DE)	German	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Matthes	Arzneimittelwerk Dresden GmbH (Mr. Erich Geissler) Tel: (49-351) 834 14 79 Fax: (49-351) 834 19 45
15 May 1998 London (GB)	English	Update on the PCT system for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: management_forum@psilink.co.uk
27-28 May 1998 (originally scheduled for 6-7 May 1998) Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 50 05 00 Fax: (49-6221) 50 05 55 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
29 May 1998 (originally scheduled for 8 May 1998) Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 50 05 00 Fax: (49-6221) 50 05 55 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
25-26 June 1998 Chiemsee (DE)	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 March 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2} (CHF 650)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 150)	Competent ISA(s) ⁴
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 ⁵ —	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 ⁶	DEM 200	DEM 800	19	184	EP
ES	ESP 10,040	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

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
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GE	GEL ⁵ —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁷ 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 ⁸ 10,000	HUF equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP RU
IB	CHF ² 300 or USD ² 200	CHF 650 or USD 455	15 10	150 105	See footnote ⁹
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 equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	AT AU JP
KZ	KZT ⁶ —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 455	10	105	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁵ —	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 ⁵ 180	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 (from 15.4.98: 10,000)	200 (230)	1,900 (2,310)	EP
MX	MXP ² 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

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
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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 See footnote 10	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 ⁵ —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
TM	USD ⁵ —	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
UA	UAH 255	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 455	10	105	EP US
UZ	USD ⁵ —	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 March 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	ATS	2,200	CHF	250	SGD	320	USD	180				
AU	AUD	800	CHF	820	NZD	910	SGD	875	USD	570		
CN	CNY	800	CHF	140	USD	100						
EP ¹⁰	DEM	2,200	CHF	1,850	FRF	7,590	ISK	87,300	MWK*	22,400	PTE	227,800
	ATS	15,710	DKK	8,640	GBP	780	ITL	2,222,000	NLG	2,510	SEK	9,950
	BEF	46,100	ESP	189,700	GRD	358,300	JPY	152,000	NOK	9,200	SGD	1,890
	CAD	1,740	FIM	6,770	IEP	846	LUF	46,100	NZD	1,980	USD	1,250
	*(from 15.4.98:		MWK		27,000)							
ES	ESP	76,520	CHF	724	USD	494						
JP	JPY	77,000	CHF	910	USD	640						
RU ¹¹	USD	300	CHF	430								
SE	SEK	6,200 ¹²	6,800 ¹³	FIM	4,200 ¹²	4,600 ¹³	USD	815 ¹²	895 ¹³			
	CHF	1,180 ¹²	1,290 ¹³	ISK	58,500 ¹²	64,000 ¹³						
	DKK	5,300 ¹²	5,800 ¹³	NOK	5,750 ¹²	6,300 ¹³						
US	USD	700	450 ¹⁴	CHF	1,000	640 ¹⁴	NZD*	1,110	710 ¹⁴			
	*(from 15.3.98:		NZD		1,207		776 ¹⁴)					

Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES

(as at 1 March 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁶			Handling fee^{2,16} (CHF 233)				
AT	ATS	2,200		ATS	2,020			
AU	AUD	450		AUD	230			
CN	CNY	800		CNY equiv of CHF 233				
EP¹¹	DEM	3,000	FIM 9,230	LUF	62,900	DEM 285	FIM 860	ITL 281,000
	ATS	21,430	FRF 10,340	NLG	3,430	ATS 2,020	FRF 960	LUF 5,900
	BEF	62,900	GBP 1,064	PTE	310,600	BEF 5,900	GBP 100	NLG 320
	CHF	2,520	GRD 488,600	SEK	13,570	CHF 233	GRD 46,000	PTE 29,000
	DKK	11,790	IEP 1,154			DKK 1,000	IEP 110	SEK 1,250
	ESP	258,600	ITL 3,030,000			ESP 25,000		
JP	JPY	28,000		JPY	19,700			
RU¹²	USD	200 ¹⁷	300 ¹⁸	USD	162			
SE	SEK	4,200		SEK	1,250			
US	USD	490	750 ¹⁹	USD	162			

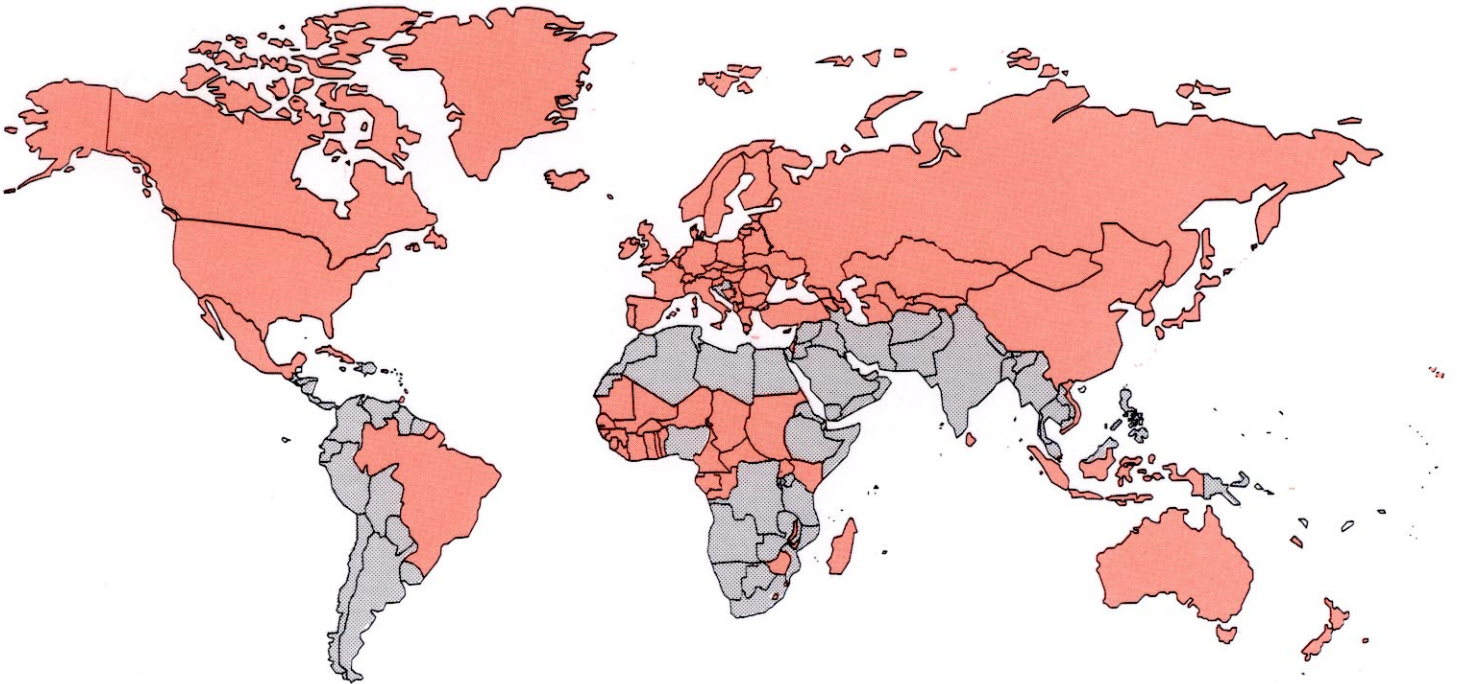
Key to currency abbreviations for all fee tables:

ALL Albanian lek	CZK Czech koruna	IEP Irish pound	LVL Latvian lat	SEK Swedish krona
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	
CUP Cuban convertible peso	IDR Indonesian rupiah	LUF Luxembourg franc	SDP Sudanese pound	

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, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Niger, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia or Zimbabwe. For further details, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/1995, cover page, No. 11/1995, page 6, and No. 05/1996, cover page.
- 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 The amounts of the transmittal fee in currencies other than DEM are as follows: ATS 1,430, BEF/LUF 4,200, CHF 170, DKK 790, ESP 17,200, FIM 620, FRF 690, GBP 71, GRD 32,600, IEP 77, ITL 202,000, NLG 230, PTE 20,700, SEK 900. The amounts in those currencies of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30 and designation fee are the same as those indicated for the receiving Offices of the respective States, that is RO/AT, BE, CH, etc.
- 7 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 8 A supplement of HUF 500 is also payable for each claim in excess of 10.
- 9 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (IB).
- 10 5% of the total value of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, designation fee and search fee.
- 11 Nationals (natural or legal persons) of States which fulfill the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also footnote 2), or of countries in transition ("reform States") (until 1 April 1998), may be eligible for reductions in the search and preliminary examination fees. For details, including the amount of the fee reduction, the countries concerned and applicable conditions, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annexes D (EP) and E (EP).
- 12 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable on the date of payment at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 13 If, on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Swedish Patent Office, the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland), the Norwegian Patent Office or the Icelandic Patent Office.
- 14 In all cases where footnote 13 does not apply.
- 15 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic national fee for that US application has been paid.
- 16 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 17 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 18 In all cases where footnote 17 does not apply.
- 19 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C.)

PCT CONTRACTING STATES AND TWO-LETTER CODES (95 on 1 March 1998)



AL Albania ¹	CN China	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SG Singapore
AM Armenia (EA)	CU Cuba	IL Israel	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia ¹
AT Austria (EP)	CY Cyprus (EP) (from 1 April 1998)	IS Iceland	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia
AU Australia	CZ Czech Republic	IT Italy (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MW Malawi (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MX Mexico	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria	FR France (EP) ²	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway	TR Turkey
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LK Sri Lanka	PL Poland	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia	PT Portugal (EP)	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GM Gambia (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	RO Romania ¹	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	SE Sweden (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau	LV Latvia ¹		YU Yugoslavia
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HU Hungary	MC Monaco (EP) ²		ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	ID Indonesia			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

² May only be designated for a regional patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed).

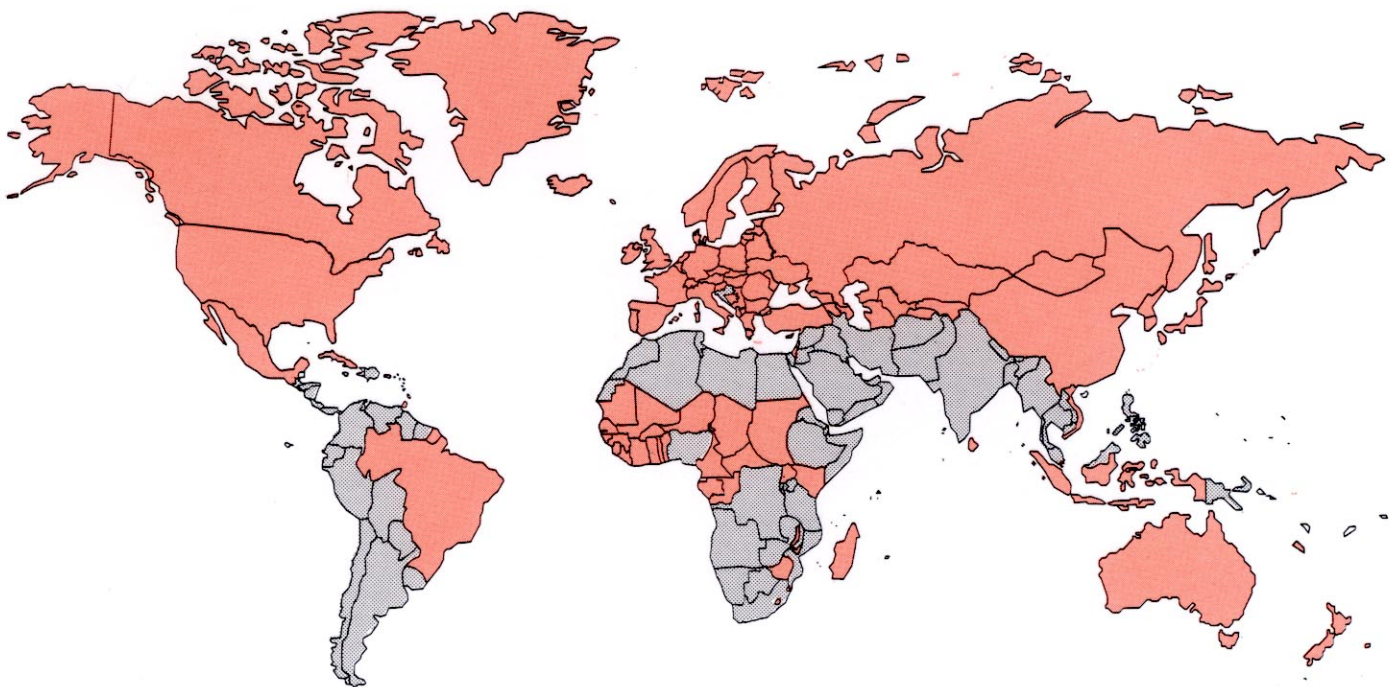
Where a State can be designated for a regional patent, the two-letter code for the regional patent concerned is indicated in parentheses (AP = ARIPO patent, EA = Eurasian patent, EP = European patent, OA = OAPI patent).

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any States indicated in **bold italics** have adhered to the PCT but were not yet bound by the PCT on the date of issue of the latest version of the request form. If the applicant wishes to designate any States which are bound by the PCT on the date on which the international application is filed but which are not listed in the request form, he must add them in Box No. V of the request form and mark the corresponding check-box. Where a State has adhered to but is not yet bound by the PCT, the date on which it will become bound is shown in parentheses; it cannot be designated in international applications filed before that date.

Applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401), new versions of which are normally issued twice yearly. The latest versions are dated January 1998. The forms are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (January 1998 update), and can be printed from the WIPO Internet site, in PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/eng/pct/forms/index.htm>. The request form can also be obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau. The demand form can also be obtained from receiving Offices, International Preliminary Examining Authorities or the International Bureau.

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS DU PCT ET CODES À DEUX LETTRES (95 au 1^{er} mars 1998)



AL Albanie ¹	CY Chypre (EP) (à compter du 1^{er} avril 1998)	IS Islande	MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine ¹	SL Sierra Leone
AM Arménie (EA)	CZ République tchèque	IT Italie (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SN Sénégal (OA) ²
AT Autriche (EP)	DE Allemagne (EP)	JP Japon	MN Mongolie	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AU Australie	DK Danemark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MR Mauritanie (OA) ²	TD Tchad (OA) ²
AZ Azerbaïdjan (EA)	EE Estonie	KG Kirghizistan (EA)	MW Malawi (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BA Bosnie-Herzégovine	ES Espagne (EP)	KP République populaire démocratique de Corée	MX Mexique	TJ Tadjikistan (EA)
BB Barbade	FI Finlande (EP)	KR République de Corée	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkménistan (EA)
BE Belgique (EP) ²	FR France (EP) ²	KZ Kazakstan (EA)	NL Pays-Bas (EP) ²	TR Turquie
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LC Sainte-Lucie	NO Norvège	TT Trinité-et-Tobago
BG Bulgarie	GB Royaume-Uni (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ Nouvelle-Zélande	UA Ukraine
BJ Bénin (OA) ²	GE Géorgie	LR Sri Lanka	PL Pologne	UG Ouganda (AP)
BR Brésil	GH Ghana (AP)	LS Libéria	PT Portugal (EP)	US États-Unis d'Amérique
BY Bélarus (EA)	GM Gambie (AP)	LT Lituanie ¹	RO Roumanie ¹	UZ Ouzbékistan
CA Canada	GN Guinée (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	RU Fédération de Russie (EA)	VN Viet Nam
CF République centrafricaine (OA) ²	GR Grèce (EP) ²	LV Lettonie ¹	SG Singapour	YU Yougoslavie
CG Congo (OA) ²	GW Guinée-Bissau	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SI Slovénie ¹	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
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CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	ID Indonésie	MG Madagascar		
CM Cameroun (OA) ²	IE Irlande (EP) ²			
CN Chine	IL Israël			
CU Cuba				

1 Possibilité d'extension d'un brevet européen.

2 Ne peut être désigné qu'aux fins d'un brevet régional (suite à la fermeture de la "voie nationale" via le PCT).

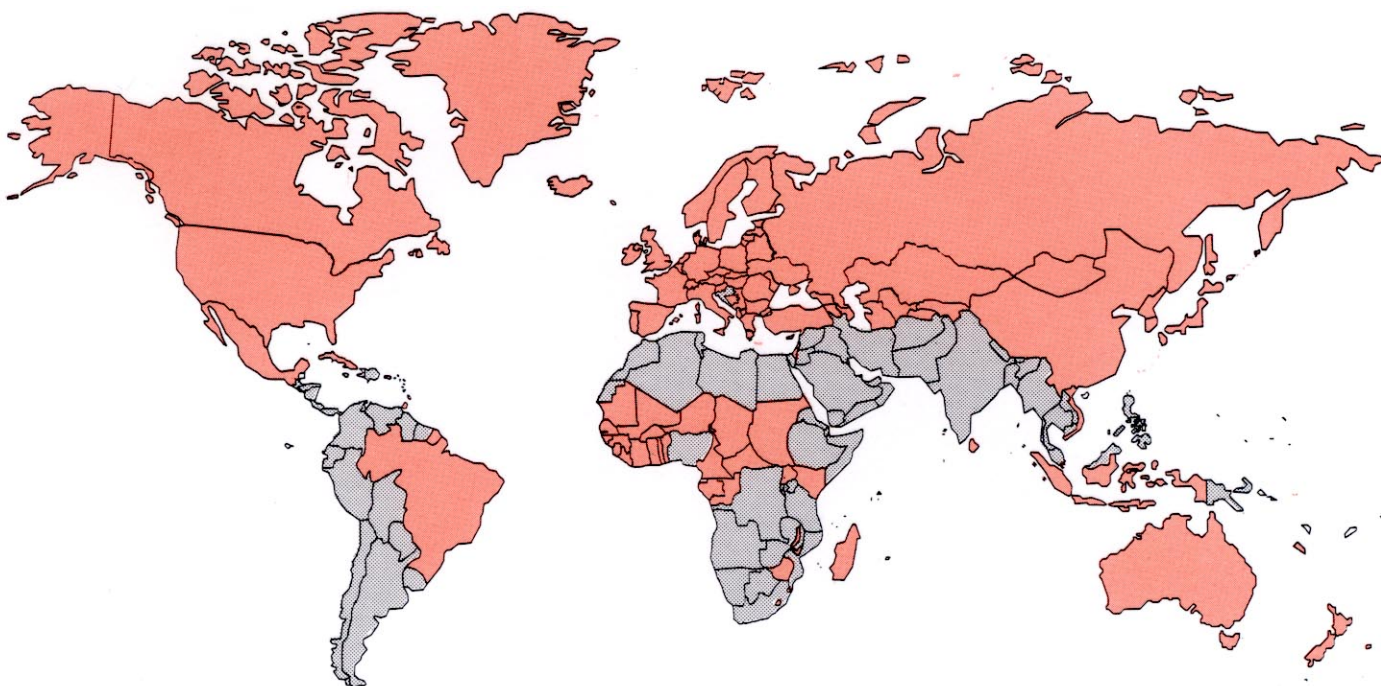
Lorsqu'un État peut être désigné aux fins d'un brevet régional, le code à deux lettres correspondant au brevet régional concerné est indiqué entre parenthèses (AP = brevet ARIPO, EA = brevet eurasien, EP = brevet européen, OA = brevet OAPI).

Important:

Cette liste comporte tous les États qui ont adhéré au PCT à la date qui figure ci-dessus. Les États dont le nom est indiqué en **italique gras** ont adhéré au PCT mais n'étaient pas encore liés par le PCT à la date de publication de la dernière version du formulaire de requête. Si le déposant souhaite désigner des États qui sont liés par le PCT à la date à laquelle il dépose la demande internationale mais qui ne figurent pas dans le formulaire de requête, il doit les ajouter dans le cadre n° V dudit formulaire en cochant les cases appropriées. Lorsqu'un État a adhéré au PCT mais n'est pas encore lié par le PCT, la date à laquelle il deviendra lié figure entre parenthèses; il ne peut être désigné dans des demandes internationales déposées avant cette date.

Il est recommandé aux déposants de toujours utiliser les dernières versions du formulaire de requête (PCT/RO/101) et du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international (PCT/IPEA/401), dont il est publié de nouvelles versions, en règle générale, deux fois par an. Les dernières versions sont datées de janvier 1998. Ces formulaires sont reproduits aux annexes X et Y, respectivement, du volume I/B du *Guide du déposant du PCT* (mise à jour de janvier 1998); ils peuvent être imprimés à partir du site Internet de l'OMPI (format PDF) à l'adresse suivante: <http://www.OMPI.int/fre/pct/forms/index.htm>. Le formulaire de requête peut également être obtenu auprès des offices récepteurs ou du Bureau international et le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international auprès des offices récepteurs, des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international ou du Bureau international.

PCT-VERTRAGSSTAATEN UND ZWEIBUCHSTABEN-CODES (95 am 1. März 1998)



AL Albanien ¹	CU Kuba	IE Irland (EP) ²	MG Madagaskar	SI Slowenien ¹
AM Armenien (EA)	CY Zypern (EP)	IL Israel	MK Die ehemalige jugoslawische Republik	SK Slowakei
AT Österreich (EP)	<i>(1. April 1998)</i>	IS Island	MZ Mazedonien ¹	SL Sierra Leone
AU Australien	CZ Tschechische Republik	IT Italien (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AZ Aserbaidschan (EA)	DE Deutschland (EP)	JP Japan	MN Mongolei	SZ Swasiland (AP) ²
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BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finnland (EP)	KR Republik Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BG Bulgarien	FR Frankreich (EP) ²	KZ Kasachstan (EA)	NL Niederlande (EP) ²	TR Türkei
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabun (OA) ²	LC St. Lucia	NO Norwegen	TT Trinidad und Tobago
BR Brasilien	GB Vereinigtes Königreich (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ Neuseeland	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgien	LR Liberia	PL Polen	US Vereinigte Staaten von Amerika
CA Kanada	GH Ghana (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Usbekistan
CF Zentralafrikanische Republik (OA) ²	GM Gambia (AP)	LT Litauen ¹	RO Rumänien ¹	VN Vietnam
CG Kongo (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxemburg (EP)	RU Russische Föderation (EA)	YU Jugoslawien
CH Schweiz (EP)	GR Griechenland (EP) ²	LV Lettland ¹	SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Simbabwe (AP)
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SE Schweden (EP)	
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CN China	ID Indonesien			

¹ Erstreckung eines europäischen Patents möglich.

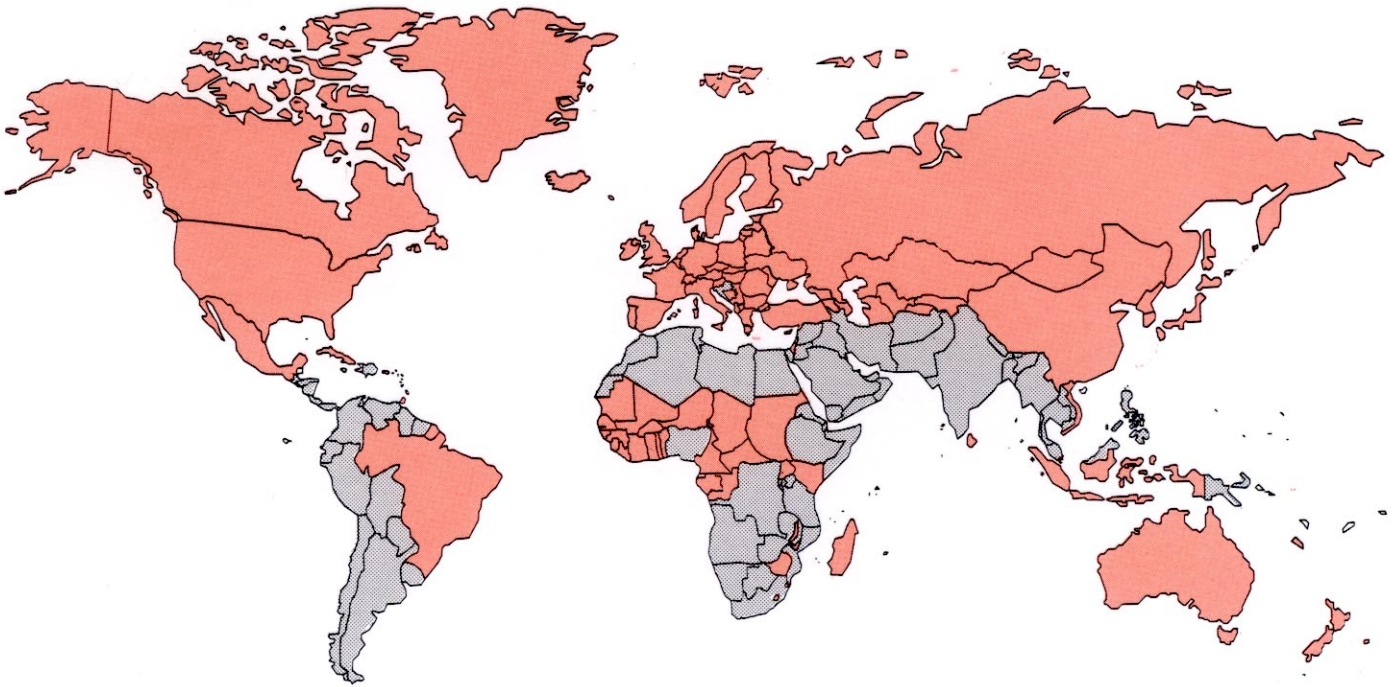
² Kann nur für ein regionales Patent bestimmt werden (die nationale Route über den PCT-Weg ist geschlossen worden).

Kann ein Staat für ein regionales Patent bestimmt werden, so ist der Zweibuchstaben-Code für das entsprechende regionale Patent in Klammern angegeben (AP = ARIPO-Patent, EA = eurasisches Patent, EP = europäisches Patent, OA = OAPI-Patent).

Wichtig:

Diese Liste umfaßt alle Staaten, die dem PCT bis zu dem in der Überschrift genannten Datum beigetreten sind. Diejenigen Staaten, deren Namen **fett und kursiv** gedruckt sind, sind dem PCT beigetreten, waren jedoch am Tag der Herausgabe der letzten Fassung des Antragsformulars noch nicht durch den PCT gebunden. Will der Anmelder einen Staat bestimmen, der an dem Tag, an dem die internationale Anmeldung eingereicht wird, durch den PCT gebunden, aber nicht auf dem Antragsformular aufgeführt ist, so muß er diesen Staat in Feld Nr. V hinzufügen und das entsprechende Kästchen ankreuzen. Ist ein Staat dem PCT beigetreten, aber noch nicht durch den PCT gebunden, so ist das Datum, ab dem dieser Staat durch den PCT gebunden sein wird, in Klammern angegeben; dieser Staat kann in internationalen Anmeldungen, die vor diesem Datum eingereicht werden, nicht bestimmt werden. Anmelder sollten stets die letzte Fassung des Antragsformulars (PCT/RO/101) sowie des Formulars für den Antrag auf internationale vorläufige Prüfung (PCT/IPEA/401) benutzen. Neufassungen beider Formulare erscheinen üblicherweise zweimal im Jahr; die letzten Neufassungen tragen das Datum von Januar 1998. Das Antragsformular kann von den Anmeldeämtern oder dem Internationalen Büro bezogen werden. Das Formular für den Antrag auf internationale vorläufige Prüfung ist bei den Anmeldeämtern, den mit der internationalen vorläufigen Prüfung beauftragten Behörden oder dem Internationalen Büro erhältlich. Die Formulare können darüber hinaus von der WIPO Internet site unter: <http://www.wipo.int/eng/pct/forms/index.htm> (in PDF Format) ausgedruckt werden.

ESTADOS CONTRATANTES DEL PCT Y CÓDIGOS DE DOS LETRAS (95 el 1 de marzo de 1998)



AL Albania ¹	CU Cuba	IL Israel	MD República de	SG Singapur
AM Armenia (EA)	CY Chipre (EP) (a partir del 1 de abril de 1998)	IS Islandia	Moldova (EA)	SI Eslovenia ¹
AT Austria (EP)		IT Italia (EP) ²	MG Madagascar	SK Eslovaquia
AU Australia		JP Japón	MK Ex República	SL Sierra Leona
AZ Azerbaiyán (EA)	CZ República Checa	KE Kenya (AP)	Yugoslava de	SN Senegal (OA) ²
BA Bosnia y Herzegovina	DE Alemania (EP)	KG Kirguistán (EA)	Macedonia ¹	SZ Swazilandia (AP) ²
BB Barbados	DK Dinamarca (EP)	KP República Popular Democrática de	ML Malí (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Bélgica (EP) ²	EE Estonia	Corea	MN Mongolia	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES España (EP)	KR República de Corea	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	TJ Tayikistán (EA)
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CA Canadá	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	NZ Nueva Zelandia	UG Uganda (AP)
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CG Congo (OA) ²	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxemburgo (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistán
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CN China	HU Hungría		SE Suecia (EP)	
	ID Indonesia			
	IE Irlanda (EP) ²			

¹ Posible extensión de patente europea.

² Puede ser designado solamente para una patente regional (ha sido cerrada la "vía nacional" por medio del PCT).

Cuando se puede designar un Estado para una patente regional, se indica entre paréntesis el código de dos letras respecto de la patente regional en cuestión (AP = patente ARIPO, EA = patente euroasiática, EP = patente europea, OA = patente OAPI).

Importante:

Esta lista incluye todos los Estados adheridos al PCT en la fecha indicada en el título. Los Estados indicados en *italicas negritas* se han adherido al PCT pero aún no estaban obligados por el PCT en la fecha de publicación de la última versión del formulario del petitorio. Si el solicitante desea designar a cualquier Estado que esté obligado por el PCT en la fecha de presentación de la solicitud internacional, pero que aún no esté relacionado en el formulario del petitorio, deberá añadirlo en el recuadro N° V del formulario del petitorio y marcar las casillas correspondientes. Cuando un Estado se haya adherido al PCT pero aún no esté obligado por el mismo, se indica entre paréntesis la fecha en la que quedará obligado; no podrá ser designado en solicitudes internacionales presentadas antes de esa fecha.

Se recomienda a los solicitantes siempre utilizar las versiones más recientes del formulario del petitorio (PCT/RO/101) y del formulario de la solicitud de examen preliminar internacional (PCT/IPEA/401), nuevas versiones de las cuales son normalmente publicadas dos veces al año. Las versiones más recientes son de enero de 1998. Se reproducen los formularios en los Anexos X y Y, respectivamente, del Volumen I/B de la *Guía del solicitante PCT* (actualización de enero de 1998); pueden imprimirse los formularios desde la página de acceso de la OMPÍ a Internet donde están disponibles en formato PDF en: <http://www.wipo.int/spa/pct/forms/index.htm>. El formulario del petitorio puede obtenerse en las Oficinas receptoras o en la Oficina Internacional. El formulario de la solicitud de examen preliminar internacional también puede obtenerse en las Oficinas receptoras, las Administraciones encargadas del examen preliminar internacional o la Oficina Internacional.

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PCT Contracting States

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Name of State followed by country code	Date on which State became bound by the PCT	Name of State followed by country code	Date on which State became bound by the PCT
Albania AL	4 October 1995	Indonesia ¹ ID	5 September 1997
Armenia ¹ AM	25 December 1991 (17 May 1994 ²)	Ireland IE	1 August 1992
Australia AU	31 March 1980	Israel IL	1 June 1996
Austria AT	23 April 1979	Italy IT	28 March 1985
Azerbaijan AZ	25 December 1995	Japan JP	1 October 1978
Barbados BB	12 March 1985	Kazakhstan ¹ KZ	25 December 1991 (16 February 1993 ²)
Belarus ¹ BY	25 December 1991 (14 April 1993 ²)	Kenya KE	8 June 1994
Belgium BE	14 December 1981	Kyrgyzstan ¹ KG	25 December 1991 (14 February 1994 ²)
Benin BJ	26 February 1987	Latvia LV	7 September 1993
Bosnia and Herzegovina BA	7 September 1996	Lesotho LS	21 October 1995
Brazil BR	9 April 1978	Liberia LR	27 August 1994
Bulgaria BG	21 May 1984	Liechtenstein LI	19 March 1980
Burkina Faso BF	21 March 1989	Lithuania LT	5 July 1994
Cameroon CM	24 January 1978	Luxembourg LU	30 April 1978
Canada CA	2 January 1990	Madagascar MG	24 January 1978
Central African Republic CF	24 January 1978	Malawi MW	24 January 1978
Chad TD	24 January 1978	Mali ML	19 October 1984
China CN	1 January 1994	Mauritania MR	13 April 1983
Congo CG	24 January 1978	Mexico MX	1 January 1995
Côte d'Ivoire CI	30 April 1991	Monaco MC	22 June 1979
Cuba ¹ CU	16 July 1996	Mongolia ¹ MN	27 May 1991
Cyprus CY	(will become bound on 1 April 1998)	Netherlands ⁵ NL	10 July 1979
Czech Republic CZ	1 January 1993 (18 December 1992 ²)	New Zealand NZ	1 December 1992
Democratic People's Republic of Korea KP	8 July 1980	Niger NE	21 March 1993
Denmark DK	1 December 1978	Norway ³ NO	1 January 1980
Estonia EE	24 August 1994	Poland ³ PL	25 December 1990
Finland ³ FI	1 October 1980	Portugal PT	24 November 1992
France ^{1,4} FR	25 February 1978	Republic of Korea KR	10 August 1984
Gabon GA	24 January 1978	Republic of Moldova ¹ MD	25 December 1991 (14 February 1994 ²)
Gambia GM	9 December 1997	Romania ¹ RO	23 July 1979
Georgia ¹ GE	25 December 1991 (18 January 1994 ²)	Russian Federation ¹ RU	29 March 1978
Germany DE	24 January 1978	Saint Lucia ¹ LC	30 August 1996
Ghana GH	26 February 1997	Senegal SN	24 January 1978
Greece GR	9 October 1990	Sierra Leone SL	17 June 1997
Guinea GN	27 May 1991	Singapore SG	23 February 1995
Guinea-Bissau GW	12 December 1997	Slovakia SK	1 January 1993 (30 December 1992 ²)
Hungary ¹ HU	27 June 1980	Slovenia SI	1 March 1994
Iceland IS	23 March 1995	Spain ES	16 November 1989
		Sri Lanka LK	26 February 1982
		Sudan SD	16 April 1984

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Name of State followed by country code	Date on which State became bound by the PCT	Name of State followed by country code	Date on which State became bound by the PCT
Swaziland SZ	20 September 1994	Uganda UG	9 February 1995
Sweden ³ SE	17 May 1978	Ukraine ¹ UA	25 December 1991 (21 September 1992 ²)
Switzerland CH	24 January 1978	United Kingdom ⁶ GB	24 January 1978
Tajikistan ¹ TJ	25 December 1991 (14 February 1994 ²)	United States of America ^{7, 8} US	24 January 1978
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia MK	10 August 1995	Uzbekistan ¹ UZ	25 December 1991 (18 August 1993 ²)
Togo TG	24 January 1978	Viet Nam VN	10 March 1993
Trinidad and Tobago TT	10 March 1994	Yugoslavia YU	1 February 1997
Turkey TR	1 January 1996	Zimbabwe ZW	11 June 1997
Turkmenistan ¹ TM	25 December 1991 (1 March 1995 ²)		

¹ With the declaration provided for in Article 64(5).

² The date in parentheses is the date on which the State deposited a declaration of continued application of the PCT (Rule 32).

³ With the declaration provided for in Article 64(2)(a)(ii).

⁴ Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.

⁵ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

⁶ Extends to the Isle of Man.

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

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