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NEWSLETTER

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NEW PCT CONTRACTING STATE

Belize (country code: BZ)

On 17 March 2000, Belize deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 17 June 2000, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 17 June 2000, Belize may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Belize will be entitled from 17 June 2000 to file international applications under the PCT.

See page 3 for information about the accession of Belize to the Paris Convention.

PCT ASSEMBLY: NATIONAL PHASE PROCEDURES; ELECTRONIC FILING

The twenty-eighth session of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Union Assembly was held in Geneva from 13 to 17 March 2000. The session, which was attended by representatives from 90 PCT Contracting States, adopted measures to simplify the national phase processing of PCT applications. Progress was also made in discussing a number of aspects of the electronic filing of PCT applications.

The meeting was convened specifically to consider, prior to the Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the draft Patent Law Treaty (PLT) to be held in Geneva from 11 May

to 2 June 2000, proposed amendments to the PCT Regulations in so far as they relate to the draft PLT.

The PCT Assembly unanimously adopted a number of amendments to the PCT Regulations, which will enter into force on 1 March 2001. The amendments will have the effect of streamlining and simplifying for PCT applicants the procedures for satisfying various national law requirements, in particular, by allowing applicants to complete, when filing their international applications, standard declarations concerning certain matters on which documents or

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evidence are required in the national phase. The declarations will be forwarded by WIPO to the designated Offices concerned. Where declarations are submitted, the circumstances under which further documents and evidence can be required by designated Offices will be restricted to cases where the Offices may reasonably doubt the veracity of the declarations.

Under the amended Regulations, the request may, for the purposes of the national law in one or more designated States, contain one or more of the following declarations:

– a declaration as to the identity of the inventor;

- a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent;
- a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim priority of an earlier application;
- a declaration of inventorship;
- a declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty.

There will be a possibility to correct or add declarations within 16 months from the priority date (or, at the latest, by the completion of technical preparations for publication). Provided that the declarations are received in time, an indication that the request contains any such declarations will be published in the pamphlet.

An amendment was also adopted providing for the national law applicable by the designated Office to require that the applicant furnish a translation of the priority document, provided that such a translation may only be required where the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable. Similarly, an amendment was made such that the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) may, where the validity of a priority claim which is made in the international application is relevant for the formulation of the opinion referred to in PCT Article 33(1), invite the applicant to furnish a translation into the language or one of the languages of the IPEA.

Consultations took place with interested Offices about proposed modifications to the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT* relating to the implementation of electronic filing and processing of PCT applications in the context of the PCT Automation (IMPACT) Project. As a result, the issues to be addressed and the direction to be taken with respect to this important aspect of the project were clarified. The draft legal framework for electronic filing will be revised for discussion at a PCT consultation meeting with patent Offices and user representatives, scheduled to be held in Geneva during part of the week of 10 to 14 July 2000.

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

PCT Gazette
PCT Information Line
PCT Newsletter (Nos. 01/1997–04/2000)
Practical advice published in the *PCT Newsletter* between March 1994 and December 1996
PCT Applicant's Guide
PCT-EASY
PCT press releases/updates
PCT seminar calendar
Basic Facts about the PCT
The PCT in 1999
About the Treaty
Text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty
Status of ratifications
Text of the Regulations under the PCT
Administrative Instructions under the PCT
PCT Receiving Office Guidelines
PCT International Search Guidelines
PCT International Preliminary Examination Guidelines
Direct filing of PCT applications with the International Bureau as PCT receiving Office
PCT forms
PCT Assembly documents: 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000
PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal Matters documents: 1999

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PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

MA Morocco (general information)

A summary of requirements for entry into the national phase in Morocco is set out on pink tear-out provisional sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (MA).

RU Russian Federation (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

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

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

List of Contracting States

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

PARIS CONVENTION

Accession by Belize

On 17 March 2000, Belize (country code: BZ) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. Belize will become bound by that Convention on 17 June 2000.

WIPO ELECTRONIC BOOKSHOP NOW OPERATIONAL IN FRENCH AND SPANISH

As announced in the December issue of the *PCT Newsletter* (No. 12/1999) WIPO now has an electronic bookshop, from which PCT publications, as well as other WIPO publications, may be ordered on-line. Initially the service was only operational in English, but it is now also operational in French and Spanish. The Internet address, for all language versions, is as follows:

<http://www.wipo.int/ebookshop>

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Late receipt by applicant of invitation to pay missing fees

Q: I read the practical advice in PCT Newsletter No. 03/2000, which discussed the steps which may be taken in the case where an invitation to correct physical defects in the international application under PCT Article 14(1) is received from the receiving Office much later than the date of mailing of the invitation. Could you tell me whether, similarly, when an invitation to pay missing fees is received by the applicant much later than the date of the invitation:

(1) it is possible to extend the time limits for payment of any of the fees payable in the international phase (transmittal fee, international fee and/or search fee) beyond the extension of time indicated in the invitation under PCT Rule 16bis.1(a) and (b); and

(2) whether PCT Rule 80.6 could be applied in relation to an invitation to pay missing fees.

A: Even if you receive an invitation to pay the transmittal fee, the basic fee and/or the search fee (or, if they have only partially been paid, the missing amount concerned) much later than the date of mailing, there is no provision under the PCT for any further extension of the time limit for the payment of fees beyond one month from the date of the invitation under PCT Rule 16bis.1(a) and/or (b) (Form PCT/RO/133). That invitation already gives an extension beyond the normal time limit for paying the fees (that is, one month from the international filing date, or, in the case of the designation fee where the time limit under PCT Rule 15.4(b)(ii) does not apply, one year from the priority date). Note that the late payment fee under PCT Rule 16bis.2 which the applicant may be requested to pay must also be paid, where applicable, within the time limit indicated in the invitation.

If, however, your fees are received by the receiving Office after the expiration of the time limit indicated in their invitation as a result of a delay in the receipt by you of

that invitation, it is possible to have such a delay excused if you are in a position to make use of PCT Rule 80.6, which applies to **any document or letter** emanating from a national Office or intergovernmental organization, including an invitation to pay missing fees. It is recalled that:

(1) according to PCT Rule 80.6 (first sentence), if the invitation was mailed on a day later than the date it bears, and you can prove that fact, the date of actual mailing will, for the purposes of computing the time limit, be considered by the receiving Office to be the date on which the period starts; and also

(2) according to PCT Rule 80.6 (second sentence), if the invitation is received more than seven days from the date of the invitation, you have the possibility of offering evidence which would satisfy the receiving Office that the invitation was received more than the seven days after the date it bears, in which case the receiving Office would treat the one-month period starting from the date of the invitation as expiring later by an additional number of days equal to the number of days over and above seven days from the date of the invitation which it took the invitation to reach you.

Note that, if the transmittal fee, the search fee, the basic fee and the designation fee for at least one specific designation are not paid within the prescribed time limit set in the invitation from the receiving Office, the international application may be considered withdrawn. However, any payment received by the receiving Office before it makes the declaration under PCT Article 14(3) that the international application is considered withdrawn (see PCT Rule 16bis1(e)) will be considered to have been received before the expiration of the applicable time limit. This can be a useful safeguard for applicants if the circumstances are right.

REVISED FORM FOR USE WHEN ENTERING THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL PHASE

EPO Form 1200, which is for use when entering the European phase before the European Patent Office (EPO) as designated Office or elected Office, has been revised, and the Notes thereto have been amended accordingly, for use with international applications filed on or after 1 July 1999.

It is recalled that for international applications filed on or after 1 July 1999, payment of seven times the amount of the European designation fee is deemed to cover all the Contracting States of the European Patent Convention (EPC) which were designated in the international application. The new form incorporates that ceiling on European designation fees and is precrossed to indicate that the applicant wishes to pay the seven fees and cover all EPC Contracting States designated in the international application. If the applicant wishes to pay fewer than seven European designation fees on entry into the European regional phase, an indication should be made, in Section 10.2 of EPO Form 1200, of the States which are being paid for.

Note that the old version of EPO Form 1200 should continue to be used for international applications filed before 1 July 1999.

Copies of the revised form, as well as the old form which will remain available throughout the transitional period, can be obtained directly from the EPO. For further details on this and other changes to EPO Form 1200, see the *Official Journal of the EPO*, No. 2/2000. Reference is also made to the EPO's *Guide for Applicants*, Part 2, "Euro-PCT," paras. 313–315. Both the *Official Journal of the EPO* and the EPO's *Guide for Applicants* are available at the following Internet address:

(<http://www.european-patent-office.org>)

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR			
Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10–14 April 2000 Pretoria (ZA)	English	PCT-EASY training WIPO speaker: Mr. Fitzgerald	South African Patents and Trade Marks Office (Mr. Tsheko Ratsheko) Tel: (27–12) 310 18 93 Fax: (27–12) 323 42 57 E-mail: tratsheko@dti.pwv.gov.za
13–15 April 2000 Naples, Florida (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon, Mr. Bartels and Mr. Maassel Other speakers: Mr. Welch (Eli Lilly) and Mr. Philpott (EPO)	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1–804) 296 39 99
17–18 April 2000 Ottawa (CA)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys (FICPI Canada) (Mr. Edwin Gale) Tel: (1–613) 237 69 00 Fax: (1–613) 237 00 45 E-mail: egale@kirbyeades.com
17–18 April 2000 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants “Working with the PCT” WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Kramer	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
19 April 2000 London (GB)	English	PCT-EASY presentation WIPO speakers: Mr. Roy and Ms. Featherby	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
26–28 April 2000 Mumbai (IN)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Jaiya, Mr. Kramer, Mr. Sinha Other speakers: Dr. Weaver (European Patent Office), Dr. Paranjpe (Patent Information System), Mr. Gupta (Patent Office, Calcutta), Dr. Shah (Vision Consulting)	Department of Industrial Development, Government of India and Institute of Intellectual Property Development (IIPD) (Dr. Aditya Trivedi) Tel: (91–11) 335 73 89 Fax: (91–11) 335 73 89 E-mail: iipd@del3.vsnl.net.in
27–28 April 2000 Dallas (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Maassel	Haynes & Boone, 3M, and Dallas Intellectual Property Law Association (Ms. Linda Bradshaw) Tel: (1–512) 984 59 53 E-mail: ljbradshaw@mmm.com
28–29 April 2000 Concord (US) (CANCELLED)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1–603) 228 19 63, ext. 1108 Fax: (1–603) 224 33 42 E-mail: cruh@fplc.edu
1–2 May 2000 Minneapolis (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon, Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Maassel	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) and Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association (MIPLA) (Mr. Todd Delzer) Tel: (1–612) 278 63 26 Fax: (1–612) 333 49 27 E-mail: tdelzer@statebar.jen.mn.us

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Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
16 May 2000 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
17-18 May 2000 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
19 May 2000 Munich (DE)	German	PCT-EASY presentation WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Orichev	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
7-8 June 2000 Paris (FR)	French	Basic seminar on PCT procedures for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Baron Other speaker: Mr. Verone (Institut national de la propriété industrielle)	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 or (Mr. Jean-Pierre Cardon) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 52 70 Fax: (33-1) 42 93 63 52
9 June 2000 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys 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) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33-1) 42 66 17 37
12-13 June 2000 Jerusalem (IL)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Bryan and Mr. Kramer	Israel Patent Office (Dr. Michael Bart) Tel: (972-2) 531 67 05 Fax: (972-2) 531 85 90 E-mail: igjppelt@trendline.co.il
22 June 2000 Paris (FR)	French	Journée d'information sur les demandes de brevets PCT et les différents systèmes de dépôts de brevets ainsi que leur spécificités (<i>pour les mandataires français uniquement</i>) WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon (on the PCT) and Mr. Baechtold (on the Patent Law Treaty)	Compagnie nationale des conseils en propriété industrielle (CNCPI) (Mrs. Anne-Marie Morton) Tel: (33-1) 53 21 90 99
9-11 August 2000 Washington, D.C. (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company)	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99
13-15 August 2000 Washington, D.C. (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company)	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99
12-13 September 2000 Banska Bystrica (SK)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators	Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (Dr. Vladimir Banský or Ms. Ludmila Hladka) Tel: (421-88) 413 25 30 Fax: (421-88) 413 25 66 E-mail: vbansky@indprop.gov.sk or lhladka@indprop.gov.sk

PCT FEE TABLES

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies 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. The total amount of the basic fee and designation fee may be reduced by CHF 200 under certain circumstances where the request is prepared using the PCT-EASY software; see footnote 2 for details. A 75% reduction in the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee, as well as the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States; see footnote 3 for details. (Note that if both the CHF 200 reduction and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 200 reduction.) The key to the abbreviations used and the footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES
(as at 1 April 2000, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 650)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,4,5} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ² (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 650	15	140	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 427	10	92	132	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 427	10	92	132	AT EP SE
AT	ATS 700	ATS 5,627.96	123.84	1,210.91	1,733.80	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 665	15	144	205	AU
AZ	AZM ⁷ —	USD 427	10	92	n a	EP RU
BA	DEM 50	DEM 799.93	17.60	172.11	246.43	EP
BE	BEF 1,500	BEF 16,499	363	3,550	5,083	EP
BG	BGL 60	BGL eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP RU
BR	BRR 236	BRR eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT EP SE US
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 427	10	92	n a	EP RU
CA	CAD 200	CAD 630	15	136	194	EP
CH	CHF 100	CHF 650	15	140	200	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	CN
CR	USD 150	USD 427	10	92	132	EP ES
CU	USD (or CUP eq)200	USD (or CUP eq)427	10	92	n a	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP 75	CYP 235	5	50	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
DE	DEM 175	DEM 799.93	17.60	172.11	246.43	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 3,060	70	660	940	EP SE

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
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EA	RUR eq USD 50	USD 427	10	92	132	EP RU
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
EP ⁸	EUR 102	EUR 409	9	88	126	EP
ES	ESP 10,040	ESP 68,052	1,497	14,642	20,965	EP ES
FI	FIM 800	FIM 2,431.80	53.51	523.22	749.16	EP SE
FR	FRF 400 or EUR 60.98	FRF 2,682.86 or EUR 409	59.04 9	577.24 88	826.51 126	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 264	6	56	81	EP
GE	GEL 10	USD 427	10	92	n a	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 427	10	92	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	GRD 39,500	GRD 136,000	3,000	29,000	42,000	EP
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
HU	HUF ¹⁰ 10,000	HUF eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP RU
IB	CHF ³ 300 or USD ³ 200	CHF 650 or USD 427	15 10	140 92	200 132	See footnote 11
ID	IDR 500,000	IDR eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	AU EP RU
IE	IEP 60 or EUR 76.18	IEP 322.11 or EUR 409	7.09 9	69.31 88	99.23 126	EP
IL	ILS 437	USD 427	10	92	132	EP US
IN	INR 5,000 (filing by individual:1,500)	USD 427	10	92	132	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 5,500	ISK 30,800	700	6,600	n a	EP SE
IT	ITL 60,000	ITL 791,934	17,426	170,392	n a	EP
JP	JPY 18,000	JPY 46,000	1,100	9,900	14,200	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ³⁰	USD 427	10	92	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 427	10	92	132	EP RU
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	AT RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	AT AU KR
KZ	KZT ⁷ —	USD 427	10	92	132	EP RU

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
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LR	USD 45	USD 427	10	92	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL eq USD 80	USD 427	10	92	n a	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF 800	LUF/BEF 16,499	363	3,550	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	USD 427	10	92	132	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 650	15	140	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	FRF 320	FRF 2,682.86	59.04	577.24	n a	EP
MD	MDL ⁷ 180	USD 427	10	92	132	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,750	MKD eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
MN	None	CHF 650	15	140	200	EP RU
MW	MWK 2,000	MWK 18,400	400	4,000	5,700	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP ES SE US
NL	NLG 110	NLG 901.32	19.83	193.93	277.67	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 3,380	80	730	1,040	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180	NZD 822	19	178	n a	AU EP US
PL	PLZ 280	PLZ eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
PT	PTE 4,650	PTE 81,997.10	1,804.30	17,642.40	25,260.70	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 650	15	140	200	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 427	10	92	132	EP RU
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,000	SEK 3,540	80	760	1,090	EP SE
SG	SGD 135	SGD 727	17	156	224	AT AU EP
SI	SIT 22,000	SIT eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
SK	SKK 1,600	SKK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
TJ	TJR ⁷ —	USD 427	10	92	n a	EP RU

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
(as at 1 April 2000, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		Basic fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 650)		Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,4,5} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ² (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
TM	USD ⁷	—	USD	427	10	92	132	EP RU
TR	CHF	100	CHF	650	15	140	200	AT AU CN EP RU
TT	TTD	750	USD	427	10	92	132	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD	427	10	92	n a	EP RU
US	USD	240	USD	427	10	92	132	EP US
UZ	USD ⁷	—	USD	427	10	92	132	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT AU EP RU SE
YU	YUD	600	CHF	650	15	140	200	EP
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	2,620	60	560	n a	AT AU EP US
ZW	ZWD	550	ZWD eq USD	427	eq USD 10	eq USD 92	eq USD 132	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — SEARCH FEES
(as at 1 April 2000, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	ATS	2,200	CHF	250	SGD	284	USD	170	ZAR	1,022		
AU	AUD	800	CHF	780	NZD	990	SGD	880	USD	510	ZAR	3,150
CN	CNY	800	CHF	150	USD	100						
EP ¹²	EUR	945	CYP	558	FRF	6,198.79	ITL	1,829,775	NLG	2,082.51	SEK	8,510
	ATS	13,003.48	DEM	1,848.26	GBP	638	JPY	106,200	NOK	7,800	SGD	1,680
	BEF	38,121	DKK	7,090	GRD	314,700	LUF	38,121	NZD	1,900	USD	990
	CAD	1,450	ESP	157,235	IEP	744.25	MWK	42,500	PTE	189,455.50	ZAR	6,040
	CHF	1,530	FIM	5,618.71	ISK	71,200						
ES	ESP	157,235	CHF	1,500	EUR	945	USD	990				
JP	JPY	77,000	CHF	1,087	USD	720						
KR	KRW	150,000	CHF	173	USD	110						
RU ¹³	USD	300	CHF	460								
SE	SEK	8,510	CHF	1,530	DKK	7,090	FIM	5,618	ISK	75,000	NOK	7,900
	USD	990										
US	USD	700	450 ¹⁴	CHF	1,064	684 ¹⁴	NZD	1,350	870 ¹⁴	ZAR	4,209	2,706 ¹⁴

Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES

(as at 1 April 2000, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁵			Handling fee ^{3,15} (CHF 233)					
AT	ATS	2,200		ATS	2,022.76				
AU	AUD	450		AUD	238				
CN	CNY	800		CNY eq CHF	233				
EP ¹²	EUR	1,533	DKK	11,500	IEP	1,207.34			
	ATS	21,094.54	ESP	255,070	ITL	2,968,302			
	BEF	61,841	FIM	9,114.80	LUF	61,841			
	CHF	2,480	FRF	10,055.82	NLG	3,378.29			
	CYP	904	GBP	1,035	PTE	307,338.90			
	DEM	2,998.29	GRD	510,500	SEK	13,800			
					EUR	147	DKK	1,100	IEP
				ATS	2,022.76	ESP	24,459	ITL	284,632
				BEF	5,930	FIM	874.02	LUF	5,930
				CHF	233	FRF	964.26	NLG	323.95
				CYP	84	GBP	94	PTE	29,470.90
				DEM	287.51	GRD	49,000	SEK	1,270
JP	JPY	28,000		JPY	16,500				
KR	KRW	150,000		KRW eq CHF	233				
RU ¹³	USD	200 ¹⁶	300 ¹⁷	USD	153				
SE	SEK	4,200		SEK	1,270				
US	USD	490	750 ¹⁸	USD	153				

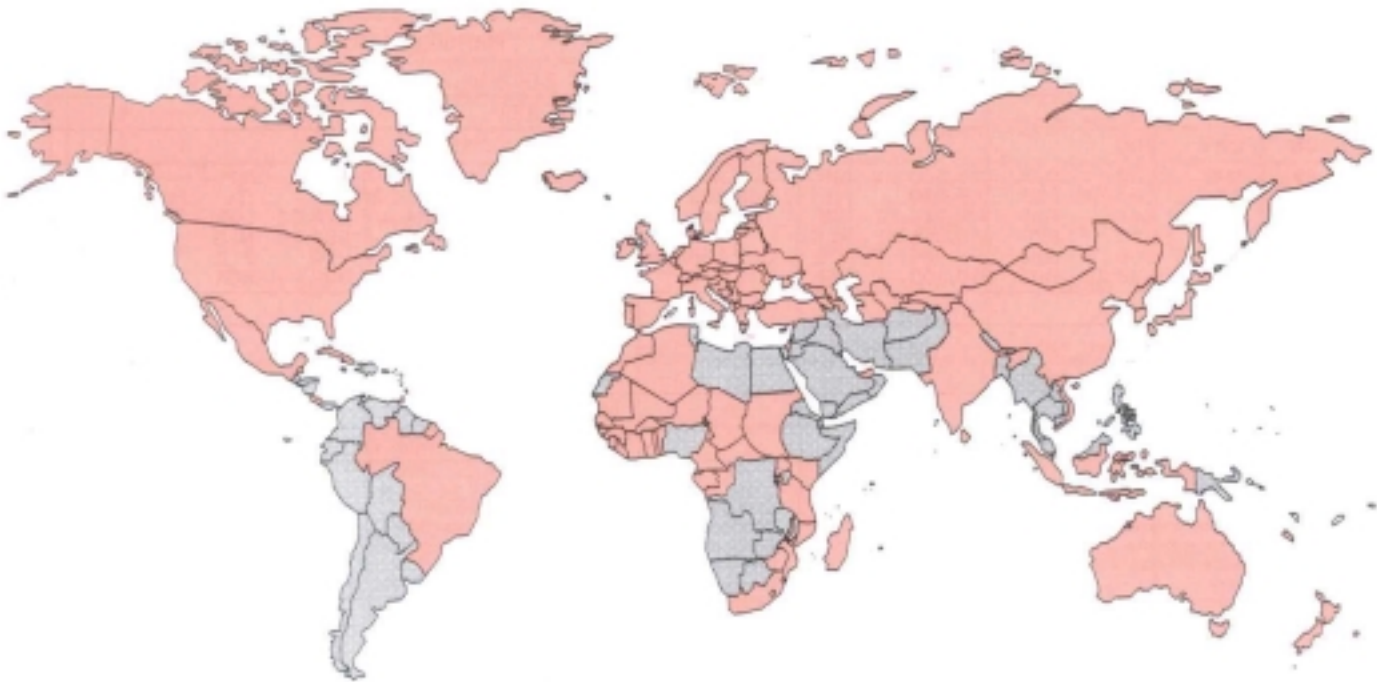
Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of	BRR	Brazilian real	GEL	Georgian lari	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LSM	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	GRD	Greek drachma	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SEK	Swedish krona
n a	not applicable	CHF	Swiss franc	HRK	Croatian kuna	LUF	Luxembourg franc	SGD	Singapore dollar
RO	receiving Office	CNY	Yuan renminbi	HUF	Hungarian forint	LVL	Latvian lat	SIT	Slovenian tolar
		CUP	Cuban convertible peso	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
		CYP	Cyprus pound	IEP	Irish pound	MDL	Moldovan leu	TJR	Tajik rouble
		CZK	Czech koruna	ILS	New Israel shekel	MKD	Macedonian denar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		DEM	Deutsche mark	INR	Indian rupee	MWK	Malawian kwacha	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	ISK	Icelandic krona	MXP	Mexican peso	USD	US dollar
AMD	Armenian dram	EEK	Estonian kroon	ITL	Italian lira	NLG	Netherlands guilder	VND	Vietnamese dong
ATS	Austrian schilling	ESP	Spanish peseta	JPY	Japanese yen	NOK	Norwegian krone	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AUD	Australian dollar	EUR	Euro	KES	Kenyan shilling	NZD	New Zealand dollar	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	FIM	Finnish markka	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BEF	Belgian franc	FRF	French franc	KPW	KP won	PTE	Portuguese escudo		
BGL	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu		

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The total amount of the basic fee and designation fee is reduced by 200 Swiss francs where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the international application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 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, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belize (from 17 June 2000), Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, Estonia, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique (from 18 May 2000), Niger, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, 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.
- 4 The maximum number of designation fees payable is eight.
- 5 The confirmation fee payable under PCT Rules 4.9(c) and 15.5 is 50% of the designation fee due (taking into account any applicable 75% reduction; see footnote 3).
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 The amounts of the transmittal fee in currencies other than EUR are as follows: ATS 1,403.55; BEF 4,115; CHF 170; CYP 60; DEM 199.49; DKK 770; ESP 16,971; FIM 606.46; FRF 669.08; GBP 69; GRD 34,000; IEP 80.33; ITL 197,500; LUF 4,115; NLG 224.78; PTE 20,449.20; SEK 920. 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 A supplement of HUF 500 is also payable for each claim in excess of 10.
- 11 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).
- 12 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 3) may be eligible for reductions in the search and preliminary examination fees. For details, including the amount of the fee reduction and applicable conditions, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annexes D (EP) and E (EP). The list of countries concerned is indicated in footnote 3.
- 13 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.
- 14 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic filing fee for that US application has been paid.
- 15 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 16 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 17 In all cases where footnote 16 does not apply.
- 18 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.)

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AE United Arab Emirates	CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	HU Hungary	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SG Singapore
AG <i>Antigua and Barbuda</i>	CM Cameroon (OA) ²	ID Indonesia	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia ¹
AL Albania ¹	CN China	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia
AM Armenia (EA)	CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AT Austria (EP)	CU Cuba	IN India	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	CZ Czech Republic	IT Italy (EP) ²	MW Malawi (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MX Mexico	TG Togo (OA) ²
BB Barbados	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MZ <i>Mozambique</i> <i>(from 18 May 2000)</i>	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)		TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	DZ <i>Algeria</i>	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TR Turkey
BG Bulgaria	EE Estonia	KR Republic of Korea	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BJ Benin (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NO Norway	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BR Brazil	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NZ New Zealand	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PL Poland	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ <i>Belize</i> <i>(from 17 June 2000)</i>	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	PT Portugal (EP)	US United States of America
CA Canada	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia	RO Romania ¹	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	RU Russian Federation (EA)	VN Viet Nam
CG Congo (OA) ²	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania ¹	SD Sudan (AP)	YU Yugoslavia
CH Switzerland (EP)	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	SE Sweden (EP)	ZA South Africa
	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia ¹		ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	GN Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco		
	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²		
	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²			
	HR Croatia			

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 State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but was not yet bound by the PCT on the date of issue of the latest version of the request form. Where any 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. If the applicant wishes to designate, for the purposes of a national patent, any State which is bound by the PCT on the date on which the international application is filed but which is not listed in the request form, he must add it in Box No. V of the request form and mark the corresponding check-box.

Applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401), updated versions of which are normally issued twice yearly. The latest versions are dated January 2000. The forms are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (January 2000 update), and can be printed from the WIPO Internet site, in PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/eng/pct/forms/index.htm>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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Albania AL	4 October 1995	India IN ¹	7 December 1998
Algeria DZ ¹	8 March 2000	Indonesia ID ¹	5 September 1997
Antigua and Barbuda AG	17 March 2000	Ireland IE	1 August 1992
Armenia AM ¹	25 December 1991	Israel IL	1 June 1996
Australia AU	31 March 1980	Italy IT	28 March 1985
Austria AT	23 April 1979	Japan JP	1 October 1978
Azerbaijan AZ	25 December 1995	Kazakhstan KZ ¹	25 December 1991
Barbados BB	12 March 1985	Kenya KE	8 June 1994
Belarus BY ¹	25 December 1991	Kyrgyzstan KG ¹	25 December 1991
Belgium BE	14 December 1981	Latvia LV	7 September 1993
Belize BZ	(will become bound on 17 June 2000)	Lesotho LS	21 October 1995
Benin BJ	26 February 1987	Liberia LR	27 August 1994
Bosnia and Herzegovina BA	7 September 1996	Liechtenstein LI	19 March 1980
Brazil BR	9 April 1978	Lithuania LT	5 July 1994
Bulgaria BG	21 May 1984	Luxembourg LU	30 April 1978
Burkina Faso BF	21 March 1989	Madagascar MG	24 January 1978
Cameroon CM	24 January 1978	Malawi MW	24 January 1978
Canada CA	2 January 1990	Mali ML	19 October 1984
Central African Republic CF	24 January 1978	Mauritania MR	13 April 1983
Chad TD	24 January 1978	Mexico MX	1 January 1995
China CN	1 January 1994	Monaco MC	22 June 1979
Congo CG	24 January 1978	Mongolia MN	27 May 1991
Costa Rica CR	3 August 1999	Morocco MA	8 October 1999
Côte d'Ivoire CI	30 April 1991	Mozambique MZ ¹	(will become bound on 18 May 2000)
Croatia HR	1 July 1998	Netherlands NL ⁴	10 July 1979
Cuba CU ¹	16 July 1996	New Zealand NZ	1 December 1992
Cyprus CY	1 April 1998	Niger NE	21 March 1993
Czech Republic CZ	1 January 1993	Norway NO ²	1 January 1980
Democratic People's Republic of Korea KP	8 July 1980	Poland PL ²	25 December 1990
Denmark DK	1 December 1978	Portugal PT	24 November 1992
Dominica DM	7 August 1999	Republic of Korea KR	10 August 1984
Estonia EE	24 August 1994	Republic of Moldova MD ¹	25 December 1991
Finland FI ²	1 October 1980	Romania RO ¹	23 July 1979
France FR ^{1,3}	25 February 1978	Russian Federation RU ¹	29 March 1978
Gabon GA	24 January 1978	Saint Lucia LC ¹	30 August 1996
Gambia GM	9 December 1997	Senegal SN	24 January 1978
Georgia GE ¹	25 December 1991	Sierra Leone SL	17 June 1997
Germany DE	24 January 1978	Singapore SG	23 February 1995
Ghana GH	26 February 1997	Slovakia SK	1 January 1993
Greece GR	9 October 1990	Slovenia SI	1 March 1994
Grenada GD	22 September 1998	South Africa ZA ¹	16 March 1999
Guinea GN	27 May 1991	Spain ES	16 November 1989
Guinea-Bissau GW	12 December 1997	Sri Lanka LK	26 February 1982
Hungary HU ¹	27 June 1980	Sudan SD	16 April 1984
Iceland IS	23 March 1995	Swaziland SZ	20 September 1994
		Sweden SE ²	17 May 1978
		Switzerland CH	24 January 1978

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Tajikistan TJ ¹	25 December 1991	United Arab Emirates AE	10 March 1999
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia MK	10 August 1995	United Kingdom GB ⁵	24 January 1978
Togo TG	24 January 1978	United Republic of Tanzania TZ	14 September 1999
Trinidad and Tobago TT	10 March 1994	United States of America US ^{6,7}	24 January 1978
Turkey TR	1 January 1996	Uzbekistan UZ ¹	25 December 1991
Turkmenistan TM ¹	25 December 1991	Viet Nam VN	10 March 1993
Uganda UG	9 February 1995	Yugoslavia YU	1 February 1997
Ukraine UA ¹	25 December 1991	Zimbabwe ZW	11 June 1997

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

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

³ Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.

⁴ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

⁵ Extends to the Isle of Man.

⁶ With the declarations provided for in Articles 64(3)(a) and 64(4)(a).

⁷ Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****MA****INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF MOROCCO****MA****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: 21 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	French
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, 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)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).
National fee:	Currency: Moroccan dirham (MAD) For patent or certificate of addition: Filing fee: ¹ MAD 405 Publication fee: ¹ MAD 405 Surcharge according to length of text ² Surcharge for each sheet of drawings in excess of 4: MAD 162 For patent: Maintenance fee: — for the second year: MAD 270 — for the third year: MAD 270
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Surcharge calculated on the basis of the number of lines of the description and claims in excess of 300 lines, as indicated in separate Schedule of fees.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****MA****INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF MOROCCO****MA***[Continued]*Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*).³

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Morocco

Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

Copy or translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies

Translation of the cover page of the priority document

Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in Morocco

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.