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May 2001

NEW PCT CONTRACTING STATE

Equatorial Guinea (country code: GQ)

On 17 April 2001, Equatorial Guinea deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and, on 17 July 2001, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, as from 17 July 2001, nationals and residents of Equatorial Guinea may file international applications under the PCT. Also, in any international application filed on or after 17 July 2001, it will be possible to designate Equatorial Guinea (country code: GQ), and because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will be possible to elect that State for the purposes of international preliminary examination. Since Equatorial Guinea is a member State of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), the designation (or election) of Equatorial Guinea will have the effect of a designation (or election) of that State for the purposes of a regional patent issued by OAPI-it will not be possible to designate Equatorial Guinea for a national patent.

Any designation in an international application for an OAPI patent will, as from 17 July 2001, automatically include the designation of Equatorial Guinea for that purpose.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE ABOUT THE FILING OF DECLARATIONS UNDER NEW PCT RULE 4.17

PCT Newsletter No. 03/2001 contained information regard-

ing declarations of inventorship under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America. in particular, that the signature of the inventor(s) must be an original signature. However, the United States Patent and Trademark Office has informed the International Bureau that, under the US Code of Federal Regulations (the relevant provision being 37 CFR 1.4(d)), the declaration *need not be an* original; it may be a direct or indirect copy of the original,

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which includes a photocopy, as well as a facsimile transmission. The original, if not submitted, should be retained as evidence of the proper execution in the event that questions arise as to the authenticity of the signature reproduced on the photocopy or the facsimile-transmitted declaration.

NEW EDITIONS OF THE TREATY AND REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT

The International Bureau has published new editions of the English and French texts of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT*, as in force from 1 March 2001. The new

PCT MATERIALS ON INTERNET

(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html) PCT InfoLine (contacts) PCT Filing - Basic Facts about the PCT - Forms - Fees - Direct filing of PCT applications with the International Bureau as PCT receiving Office - PCT Applicant's Guide - Practical advice published in the PCT Newsletter between March 1994 and December 1996 PCT-EASY PCT E-filing PCT Legal texts - About the Treaty - Texts of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, Regulations and Administrative Instructions - PCT Receiving Office Guidelines - PCT International Search Guidelines - PCT International Preliminary Examination Guidelines - Ratification situation PCT Gazette PCT News - PCT Newsletter (Nos. 01/1997-05/2001) - PCT Press Releases/Updates - The PCT in 2000 Seminar calendar and seminar materials: March 2001 seminar documents (English, French) PCT meetings (Documents): - Committee on Reform of the PCT (21-25 May 2001) - PCT Assembly: 1997-2000 - PCT Informal Consultation Meeting on Electronic Filing (July 2000); redraft of legal framework and technical standards for PCT electronic filing - PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal Matters: 1999 * * * PCT INFORMATION LINE Telephone: (41-22) 338 83 38 Fax: (41-22) 338 83 39 E-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

editions contain all amendments which were made during the PCT Union Assembly in March 2000, and which entered into force on 1 March 2001, including those amendments relating to the inclusion of certain declarations in the request. They also include the latest version of the PCT Schedule of Fees (which entered into force on 1 January 2001).

Although the above-mentioned amendments were included as an insert in the January 2001 issue of the *PCT Newsletter* (No. 01/2001), you may wish to order the new edition of the Treaty and Regulations. The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs or 18 US dollars by regular mail, and 28 Swiss francs or 21 US dollars by priority mail. Orders, which should indicate the language required and refer to WIPO Publication No. 274, should be addressed to the Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO:

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Revised editions will be available in other languages shortly. Note that the consolidated version of the Treaty and Regulations, as in force from 1 March 2001, are available in PDF format on the PCT homepage of WIPO's Internet site in English, French, and Spanish.

EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP FOR CARRYING OUT INTERNATIONAL SEARCHES IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED

The European Patent Office (EPO), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office have now fully implemented a partnership agreement which entered into force over two years ago in relation to the tasks which they perform as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) under the PCT. The Agreement between the European Patent Organisation, the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden on the Establishment of a Partnership for Carrying out International Searches was concluded in February 1999 (notices relating to the conclusion of the Agreement were published in *OJ EPO* 1999, page 66, second paragraph, and page 431, last paragraph).

The EPO has provided the International Bureau with the following information on the Agreement:

> "Under this Agreement, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office respectively are competent to:

> "(a) **act as ISA** in respect of international applications for which the Office has been chosen by the applicant, and in addition

"(b) **perform the search work** on any other international application in respect of which the Office is authorised to act as an ISA, i.e. for **applications originating from Nordic countries and certain Spanish speaking countries respectively** which have specified both the EPO and the respective partner Office as ISA.

"Pursuant to lit. (b) the EPO shall entrust the respective Office with search work without prejudice to being the selected ISA; the search is to be carried out *under the responsibility of the EPO*.

"It should be noted that harmonisation of search activities is a major issue of the partnership: in searching international applications the three Offices apply besides the provisions of the PCT and of its Regulations as well as the PCT Guidelines, the Guidelines for examination in the European Patent Office for searching to the extent that they are in line with the PCT Guidelines; further, for the purpose of drawing up international search reports, the three Offices use, wherever available, the databases and search tools created by the EPO and have established other appropriate means in order to safeguard harmonisation of their search activities."

For further information, please contact the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office direct.

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) (location; telephone and fax numbers)

The location and the telephone and fax numbers of ARIPO have changed, as follows:

location:	11 Natal Road Belgravia Harare Zimbabwe
telephone:	(263–4) 79 40 54, 79 40 65
fax:	(263–4) 79 40 73

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

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 June 2001, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction:

basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, designation fee and PCT-EASY fee reduction: see Table I(a) and footnotes

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

GB United Kingdom (requirements concerning deposits of microorganisms and other biological material)

The United Kingdom Patent Office has removed a requirement in respect of international applications filed on or after 6 July 2001, as follows:

additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned: none

That Office has also introduced changes to the special provisions applying to international applications filed on or after 6 July 2001, concerning the deposit of biological material, as follows:

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the UK Patent Office with "any depositary institution anywhere in the world." It is the responsibility of the applicant to select the depositary institution with which he wishes to make his deposit and to ensure that samples of the culture deposited will be made available in accordance with Rule 17 and Schedule 2 of the UK Patents Rules 1995 as amended by the Patents (Amendment) Rules 2001. The applicant may give notice in writing to the International Bureau before technical preparations for publication of the international application are completed that a sample should be made available only to an expert.

WARNING: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the name and address of the depositor must be stated in the application and a document must be filed which will satisfy the comptroller that the depositor has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with Schedule 2 of the UK Patents Rules 1995 as amended by the Patents (Amendment) Rules 2001.

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

Search fee (European Patent Office)

As from 1 June 2001, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NZD 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))

Handling fee (Australian Patent Office)

As from 1 June 2001, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as indicated in Table II.

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

Receiving Offices prepared to accept international applications containing sequence listing part filed on an electronic medium

The Austrian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing a sequence listing part filed on an electronic medium under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii) of the Administrative Instructions and has specified, under Section 801(b), that it will accept such filings on the following electronic media:

CD-ROM CD-R

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 Ecuador and Equatorial Guinea and the dates of entry into force of the PCT in respect of those States (see cover page for details concerning Equatorial Guinea).

PCT STATISTICS

1 January to 31 March 2001

During the first three months of 2001, the International Bureau of WIPO received 26,467 international applications filed with PCT receiving Offices worldwide, representing an increase of 28.9% over the same period in 2000.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Inclusion of applicant's or agent's registration number in the request form

Q: I am going to file an international application on behalf of my client. When filling in the request form (Form PCT/RO/101), I came across a new sub-box in Box No. II entitled "Applicant's registration No. with the Office." Likewise, there is also a new sub-box entitled "Agent's registration No. with the Office" in Box No. IV. Am I required to obtain such numbers from the receiving Office with which I will be filing the international application?

A: Certain national/regional industrial property Offices, which act under the PCT as receiving Offices, have a practice of registering applicants and/or agents, and issuing them with a number—*not all receiving Offices do this though*. The boxes to which you refer are for use where an applicant or agent has already been issued with a registration number by the Office which will act as receiving Office.

Note that if the applicant/agent has been assigned such a number, it is not a requirement to include it in the request or demand, but doing so will assist the receiving Office in its internal procedures. Those numbers are not required by the International Bureau and they will not appear in the PCT pamphlet and corresponding entry in the *PCT Gazette*.

It is recalled that the inclusion of registration numbers was made possible by amendment of certain Rules which had effect from 1 March 2001, PCT Rules 4.5(e) and 53.5 provide for the inclusion in the request and in the demand for international preliminary examination of a number or other indication under which the applicant is registered with the national Office acting as receiving Office or International Preliminary Examining Authority, as the case may be. PCT Rules 4.7(b) and 53.5 contain similar provisions with respect to agents. The amendments were made in order to make the PCT consistent with the new Patent Law Treaty (PLT) (which has not yet entered into force); PLT Rule 10(1)(a)(iii) provides that a Contracting Party may require any communication to a national Office to contain, where the applicant, owner or other interested person is registered with the Office, the number or other indication under which he is so registered and PLT Rule 10(1)(b)(iii) makes a similar provision with respect to representatives (agents).

TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE

On page 6, an updated version of a table published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2000, indicates, for each designated/elected Office, the time limits for entering the national (or regional) phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT (that is, respectively, where the Contracting State concerned has been designated but has not been elected under Chapter II within 19 months from the priority date or where the Contracting State concerned has been so elected within 19 months from the priority date).

The following States, which have become party to the PCT since the table was last published, are now included in the table: Colombia (CO), Ecuador (EC) and Equatorial Guinea (GQ) (see footnote 1), and other changes which have come into effect since May 2000 regarding the time limits for Belize (BZ), Costa Rica (CR), Algeria (DZ), Kazakhstan (KZ) and Mozambique (MZ) have been entered.

PCT SEMINAR MATERIALS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET

A seminar document in French, which was prepared for patent specialists in France in March 2001, has now been added to the PCT homepage of the WIPO Internet site.

Note that in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2001, the Internet address that was given for the PCT seminar materials was incorrect. It should have read:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/ mat.htm Г

(ii	TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING NATIONAL/REGIONAL PHASE UNDER PCT CHAPTERS I AND II (in months from priority date, or from international filing date if there is no priority claim)											
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DO/EO1	Chapter I	Chapter II	DO/EO1	Chapter I	Chapter II	DO/EO ¹ Chapter I Chapter						
Regional O	Offices		National C	Offices [conti	nued]	National C	offices [conti	nued]				
AP	21	31	ES4	20	30	M W 7	20	30				
EA	21	31	FI4	20	30	МХ	20	30				
EP	21	31	GB ⁴	21	31	M Z ⁷	21	31				
OA	20	30	GD ²	20	30	NO	20	30				
National C	Offices		GE	21	31	NZ	21	31				
AE ₂	20	30	GH7	20	30	PL	20	30				
AG ²	20	30	GM7	21	31	PT4	20	30				
AL	21	31	HR	21	31	RO	20	30				
AM ³	21	31	HU	21	30	RU ³	21	31				
AT₄	20	30	ID	21	31	SD7	20	30				
AU	21	31	IL	20	30	SE4	20	30				
AZ ³	21	31	IN	21	31	SG	20	30				
BA	21	31	IS	20	30	SI	21	31				
BB	20	30	JP	20	30	SK	21	30				
BG	21	31	KE ⁷	20	30	SL ⁷	21	31				
BR	20	30	KG ³	21	31	TJ₃	21	31				
BY ³	21	31	KP	20	30	TM ³	21	31				
BZ	21	31	KR	20	30	TR₄	20 (235)	30 (335)				
CA	20 (325)	30 (425)	KZ3	21(235)	31(335)	TT	21	31				
CH+LI₄	20	30	LC ²	20	30	TZ ⁷	21	31				
CN	20	30	LK	20	30	UA	21	31				
CO ²	20	30	LR	21	31	UG ⁷	21	31				
CR	21	31	LS7	21	31	US	20	30				
CU	20	30	LT	21	31	UZ	21	31				
CZ	21	30	LU4	20	30	VN	21	31				
DE4	20	30	LV	21	31	YU	20 (215)	30 (315)				
DK4	20	30	MA	21	31	ZA	21	31				
DM 2	20	30	MD3	21	31	ZW7	21	31				
DZ	21	31	MG	20	30							
EC 2,6	20	30	МК	21	31							
Æ	20	30	MN	21	31							

- The Offices of the PCT Contracting States which follow are not designated Offices (DOs)/elected Offices (EOs) (the DO/EO applicable for each of those States is shown in parentheses): BE (EP), BF (OA), BJ (OA), CF (OA), CG (OA), CI (OA), CM (OA), CY (EP), FR (EP), GA (OA), GN (OA), GQ (OA)(will become bound by the PCT on 17 July 2001), GR (EP), GW (OA), IE (EP), IT (EP), LI (CH), MC (EP), ML (OA), MR (OA), NE (OA), NL (EP), SN (OA), SZ (AP), TD (OA), TG (OA).
- 2. In the absence of information from the Office concerned, the time limits shown are those which would normally apply under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a). If the Office decides to apply longer time limits, that information will be published in the *PCT Newsletter*.
- 3. If designated/elected for a Eurasian patent, see EA as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- 4. If designated/elected for a European patent, see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- 5. Time limit applicable if applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase.
- 6. Will become bound by the PCT on 7 May 2001.
- 7. If designated/elected for an ARIPO patent, see AP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.

	PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR									
Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers							
7–8 (a.m.) May 2001 Quito (EC)	Spanish	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Carrasco Pradas and Mr. Hernández Vigaud	Instituto Ecuatoriano de la Propriedad Intelectual (Mr. Nelson Velasco) Tel: (593–2) 50 80 79							
8 May 2001 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							
9–10 May 2001 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							
11 May 2001 Munich (DE)	German	PCT-EASY training 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							
16–17 May 2001 Paris (FR)	French	Basic seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mr. Genin	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 42 93 63 52							
23 May 2001 Dublin (IE)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Baron	The European Patent Office in cooperation with the Irish Patents Office (Ms. Claudia Oenhausen) Tel: (43–1) 52 126 251 Fax: (43–1) 52 126 32 92 E-mail: coenhausen@epo.org							
24 May 2001 Dublin (IE)	English	PCT presentation on the latest developments of the PCT (in connection with the PATLIB 2001 Conference) WIPO speaker: Mr. Baron	The European Patent Office in cooperation with the Irish Patents Office (Ms. Claudia Oenhausen) Tel: (43–1) 52 126 251 Fax: (43–1) 52 126 32 92 E-mail: coenhausen@epo.org							
8 June 2001 French Paris (FR)		"Journée d'information sur les demandes de brevets européens, PCT et français ainsi que leurs spécificités" (pour les mandataires français uniquement) WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon (on the PCT) Other speaker: Mr. Philpott (EPO) (on EPO matters)	Compagnie nationale des conseils en propriété industrielle (CNCPI) (Mrs. Anne-Marie Morton) Tel: (33–1) 53 21 90 99							
12–13 June 2001 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mr. Genin	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 42 93 63 52							
14–15 June 2001 Beira (MZ)	English/ Portuguese	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Nyagua and Ms. Santos	National Directorate of Industry, Industrial Property Department (Mr. Francisco Miguel Guendo) Tel: (258–1) 31 15 65 Fax: (258–1) 31 15 64							

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 an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States; see footnote 13 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.

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		(CHF 650)		Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,5,6} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ² (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁷
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	650	15	140	n a	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	382	9	82	117	EP RU
AP	USD (or eq in local	30 currency)	USD	382	9	82	117	AT EP SE
AT	ATS	700	ATS	5,627.96	123.84	1,210.91	1,733.80	EP
AU	AUD	100	AUD (from 1.	665 6.01 759)	15 <i>(18)</i>	144 (164)	205 <i>(234)</i>	AU
AZ	AZM eq USE plus mailing c		USD	382	9	82	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	382	9	82	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD	220	USD	382	9	82	117	EP
СА	CAD	200	CAD	562	13	121	173	EP
СН	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	175	USD	382	9	82	117	EP ES
CU	USD (or CUI			or CUP eq)382	9	82	n a	AT EP ES RU
СҮ	СҮР	75	СҮР	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
DZ	DZD ⁸	—	CHF	650	15	140	n a	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD	50	USD	382	9	82	117	EP RU
EE	EEK	1,800	EEK	eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
EP ⁹	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 or EUR	400 60.98	FRF or EUR	2,682.86 409	59.04 9	577.24 88	826.51 126	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	264	6	56	81	EP
GE	GEL ¹⁰	10	USD	382	9	82	117	EP RU
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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES (as at 1 May 2001, unless otherwise indicated)

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹			sic fee ^{1,2,3} HF 650)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,5,6} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ² (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁷
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	382	9	82	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 C HF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
ΗU	HUF ¹²	10,000	HUF	eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹³	100	CHF	650	15	140	200	See footnote 14
	or USD ¹³	60	or USD	382	9	82	117	
ID	IDR	500,000	IDR	eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	AU EP RU
IE	IEP	60	IEP	, 322.11	7.09	69.31	, 99.23	EP
	or EUR	76.18	or EUR	409	9	88	126	
IL	ILS	437	USD	382	9	82	117	EP US
IN	INR (filing by ind	5,000 dividual: 1,500)	USD	382	9	82	117	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	na	EP
JP	JPY	18,000	JPY	46,200	1,100	10,000	14,000	EP JP
KE	USD (or K	ES equiv)30	USD	382	9	82	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq U	SD 100	USD	382	9	82	117	EP RU
КР	KPW eq C	HF 50	KPW	eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	ATRU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	500,000	12,000	108,000	154,000	AT AU KR
κz	к z т ⁸	_	USD	382	9	82	117	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	382	9	82	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁸	_	LSM	eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	ATEP
LT	LTL	320	USD	382	9	82	na	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF	800	LUF/BE	EF 16,499	363	3,550	n a	EP
LV	LVL	47.20	USD	382	9	82	117	EP RU
MA		None	CHF	650	15	140	na	AT EP RU SE
MC	FRF	320	FRF	2,682.86	59.04	577.24	n a	EP
MD	MDL ⁸	180	USD	382	9	82	117	EP RU
мк	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	28,500	700	6,000	8,800	EP
МΧ	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	923	21	199	n a	AUEPUS
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	
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF	650	15	140	200	ATEPRU

Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued] (as at 1 May 2001, unless otherwise indicated)

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹			sic fee ^{1,2,3} CHF 650)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,5,6} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ² (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁷
RU	RUR	294	USD	382	9	82	117	EP RU
SD	SDP	50	SDP	eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	3,540	80	760	1,090	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD	638	15	137	196	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
ΤJ	TJR ⁸	—	USD	382	9	82	n a	EP RU
тм	USD ⁸	_	USD	382	9	82	117	EP RU
TR	CHF	100	CHF	650	15	140	200	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	382	9	82	117	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD	382	9	82	n a	EP RU
US	USD	240	USD	382	9	82	117	EP US
UZ	USD ⁸	_	USD	382	9	82	117	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND	eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	na	AT AU EP RU SE
YU	YUD	600	CHF	650	15	140	200	EP
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	3,152	72	680	972	AT AU EP US
zw	ZWD	1,000	ZWD	eq USD 382	eq USD 9	eq USD 82	eq USD 117	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued] (as at 1 May 2001, unless otherwise indicated)

 Table I(b) — SEARCH FEES

 (as at 1 May 2001, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA		Search fee ¹											
AT	ATS	2,200	CHF	250	KRW	188,000	SGD	247	USD	170	ZAR	1,165	
AU	AUD ZAR	800 3,150	CHF	780	KRW	555,000	NZD	990	SGD	749	USD	510	
CN	CNY	800	CHF	150	USD	100							
EP ¹⁵	EUR ATS BEF CAD CHF *(from	945 13,003. 38,121 1,320 1,460 m 1.6.01:	DKK	558 1,848.26 7,090 157,235 5,618.71 <i>NZD</i>	grd Iep	6,198.79 624 322,009 744.25 75,000	itl 1, Jpy Luf Mwk	,829,775 103,000 38,121 62,000	nlg Nok NZD* Pte	2,082.51 7,800 1,900 189,455.50	SGD USD	8,690 1,457 846 7,000	
ES	ESP	157,235	CHF	1,460	EUR	945	USD	846					
JP	JPY	72,000	CHF	1,170	USD	720							
KR	KRW	150,000	CHF	173	USD	110							
RU ¹⁶	USD	300	CHF	460									
SE	SEK USD	8,690 846	CHF	1,460	DKK	7,090	FIM	5,618.71	ISK	75,000	NOK	7,800	
US	USD	700	450 ¹⁷	CHF 1	,064	684 ¹⁷	NZD	1,600 1,03	30 ¹⁷	ZAR	5,500	3,500 ¹⁷	

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IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁸	Handling fee ^{3,18} (CHF 233)					
AT	ATS 2,200	ATS 2,022.76					
AU	AUD 450	AUD 238 (from 1.6.01: AUD 272)					
CN	CNY 800	CNY eq CHF 233					
EP ¹⁵	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 2,380 FRF 10,055.82 NLG 3,378.29 CYP 904 GBP 1,012 PTE 307,338.90 DEM 2,998.29 GRD 522,370 SEK 14,100	EUR 147 DKK 1,100 IEP 115.77 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 16,600					
KR	KRW 150,000	KRW 179,000					
RU ¹⁶	USD 200 ¹⁹ 300 ²⁰	USD 137					
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,270					
US	USD 490 750 ²¹	USD 137					

Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES (as at 1 May 2001, unless otherwise indicated)

Kow to abbroviations used in fee tables

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:										
equivalent of	BYR	Belarussian rouble	GEL	Georgian lari	LSM	Lesotho loti	SEK	Swedish krona		
International Preliminary	BZD	Belize dollar	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SGD	Singapore dollar		
Examining Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	GRD	Greek drachma	LUF	Luxembourg franc		Slovenian tolar		
International Searching	CHF	Swiss franc	HRK	Croatian kuna	LVL	Latvian lat	SKK	Slovak koruna		
Authority					MAD			Tajik rouble		
		Cuban convertible peso			MDL		TTD	Trinidad and Tobago		
receiving Office		Cyprus pound	IEP					dollar		
		Czech koruna	ILS					Ukrainian hryvnia		
								US dollar		
								Vietnamese dong		
Armenian dram								Yugoslavian dinar		
				Japanese yen				South African rand		
		Spanish peseta					ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar		
		Euro								
Brazilian real	GBP	Pound sterling	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDP	Sudanese pound				
	equivalent of International Preliminary Examining Authority International Searching Authority not applicable receiving Office <i>ncies:</i> Albanian lek	equivalent of BYR International Preliminary BZD Examining Authority CAD International Searching CHF Authority CNY not applicable CUP receiving Office CYP <i>CZK</i> <i>ncies:</i> DEM Albanian lek DKK Armenian dram DZD Austrian schilling EEK Australian dollar ESP Azerbaijani manat EUR Belgian franc FIM Bulgarian lev FRF	equivalent of BYR Belarussian rouble International Preliminary BZD Belize dollar Examining Authority CAD Canadian dollar International Searching CHF Swiss franc Authority CAD Canadian dollar International Searching CHF Swiss franc Authority CUP Cuban convertible peso not applicable CUP Cyprus pound creceiving Office CYP Cyprus pound <i>CZK</i> Czech koruna <i>ncies:</i> DEM Deutsche mark Albanian lek DKK Danish krone Australian dollar ESP Spanish peseta Australian dollar EUR Euro Belgian franc FIM Finnish markka Bulgarian lev FR French franc	equivalent of International Preliminary BZD Belarussian rouble Belize dollar GHC Examining Authority CAD Canadian dollar GRD International Searching CHF Swiss franc HRK Authority CAD Canadian dollar GRD not applicable CUP Cuban convertible peso IDR receiving Office CYP Cypus pound IEP <i>ncies:</i> DEM Deutsche mark INR Albanian lek DKK Danish krone ISK Armenian dram DZD Algerian dinar ITL Australian dollar ESP Spanish peseta KES Azerbaijani manat EUR Euro KGS Belgian franc FIM Bulgarian lev FIR French franc KRW	equivalent of International Preliminary BZDBelarussian rouble Belize dollarGEL GHCGeorgian lari GHCExamining Authority International Searching OthorityCAD CHFCanadian dollar Swiss francGHC GHZGhanaian cedi GHZAuthority not applicable receiving OfficeCYP CYPYuan renminbi Cyprus poundHUF Hungarian forint HUF Hungarian forint <i>Authority</i> not applicable ccise: Albanian lek Austrain dollarCYP CYP Cyprus poundEVP List New Israel shekel Indian rupee <i>Authority</i> ncies: Austrain dollar Belgian franc FilmDEM Film Spanish peseta French francNew Israel shekel Indian rupeeAustraina chilling Belgian franc Belgian francEVR Film Finnish markka Firench franc KRW KR wonSama KRW KR won	equivalent of International Preliminary BZD Belarussian rouble Belize dollar GEL GHC Georgian lari GHC LSM Examining Authority CAD Canadian dollar GHC Ghanaian cedi LTL International Searching CHF Swiss franc HRK Croatian kuna LVF Authority CNY Yuan renminbi HUF Hungarian forint MAD not applicable CUP Cypus pound IEP Irish pound MVK ncies: DEM Deutsche mark INR Indian rupee MXP Austrailan dollar EK Stonian kroon JPY Japanese yen NZG Austrailan dollar EK Estonian kroon JPY Japanese yen NZD Austrailan dollar EUR Euro KGS Kyrgyz som PTE Belgian franc FIM Finnish markka KPW KOV ROL	equivalent of International Preliminary BZDBelarussian rouble Belize dollarGEL GHC GHC Ghanaian cediLSM Lesotho lotiExamining Authority International Searching Other Strain CHFCHF Swiss francGRD Greek drachmaCHF Luxembourg francAuthority 	equivalent of International Preliminary BZDBelarussian rouble Belize dollarGEL GHC GHC Ghanaian cediLSM Lesotho lotiSEK Lithuanian litasExamining Authority International Searching AuthorityCHF CHFSwiss franc StrancHRK HRK Croatian kunaLUF Luxembourg francLUF Luxembourg francSIT SKS ST Luxembourg francAuthority not applicable ceeiving Office CHFCYP Cyprus poundHRK Croatian kunaLVL Luxembourg francLVL Luxembourg francSIT SKS ST Luxembourg franc <i>ncies:</i> Albanian lek Austrain dollarDEK DAK DZ Austrain dollarDEK Logerian dinarNEX Lesotho lotiSEK Lithuanian lith SKK Latvian latSKK SKD SKD MAD MDL MOIdovan leu MKK Malewian kwachaUAH MCK Macedonian denar MKK Malewian kwachaUAH MCK Macedonian denar MKK Malewian kwachaUAH MCK Macedonian denar MKK Malewian kwachaUAH MCK Macedonian denar MKK Malewian kwachaUAH MCK Macedonian denar MKK Malewian kwachaUAH MCK MAE MKK Malewian kwachaUAH MCK MAE MKK Malewian kwachaUAH MCK MAE MKK Malewian kwachaUAH MCK MAE MKK Malewian kwachaUAH MCK MCK Norwegian krone MCK Mok MCK Norwegian krone MCK Mok Macedonian denar MCK MAE		

Footnotes to fee tables:

- Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
 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 PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to
- electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
 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, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, Ecuador (from 7 May 2001), Equatorial Guinea (from 17 July 2001), 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, 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.
 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the PCT Administrative Instructions, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the supplement per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part
- a fixed component of 400 times the supplement per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the Administrative Instructions).
- The maximum number of designation fees payable is six
- 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; 6 see footnote 3).
- For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority. 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 160; CYP 60; DEM 199.49; DKK 770; ESP 16,971; FIM 606.46; FRF 669.08; GBP 67; GRD 34,757; IEP 80.33; ITL 197,500; LUF 4,115; NLG 224.78; PTE 20,449.20; SEK 940. 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.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person. 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to
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- 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. A supplement of HUF 500 is also payable for each claim in excess of 10. This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated in footnote 3. 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). The search fee and the preliminary examination fee are reduced by 75% if the application is filed by a natural person who is a national of a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfills the requirements for the corresponding reduction of fees payable to the International Bureau, and is resident in such a State (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000). The States concerned are those indicated in footnote 3, with the exception of Turky. 15
- Newsletter No. 11/2000). The States concerned are those indicated in roothole 3, with the exception of Turkey.
 16 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.
 17 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic filing fee for that US application has been paid.
 18 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
 19 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
 20 In all cases where footnote 19 does not apply.

- 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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	Belize		Grenada	LI	Liechtenstein (EP)	ΡT	Portugal (EP)		Yugoslavia
	Canada		Georgia		Sri Lanka	-	Romania ¹		South Africa
CF	Central African		Ghana (AP)		Liberia Lesotho (AP)	RU	Russian Feder- ation (EA)	ZW	Zimbabwe (AP)
CG	Republic (OA) ² Congo (OA) ²		Gambia (AP) Guinea (OA) ²		Lithuania ¹	SD	Sudan (AP)		
	Switzerland (EP)		Equatorial		Luxembourg (EP)		Sweden (EP)		
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	Cameroon (OA) ²		17 July 2001)		Morocco	SI	Slovenia		
	China		Greece (EP) ²		Monaco (EP) ²		Slovakia		
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2 May only be designated for a regional patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed).

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Algeria DZ ¹	8 March 2000	Hungary HU ¹	
Antigua and Barbuda AG		Iceland IS	
Armenia AM ¹		India IN ¹	
Australia AU		Indonesia ID ¹	
Austria AT		Ireland IE	
Azerbaijan AZ		Israel IL	
Barbados BB		Italy IT	
Belarus BY ¹		Japan JP	
Belgium BE		Kazakhstan KZ^{1}	
Belize BZ		Kazakiistan KZ	
Benin BJ.	2	Kyrgyzstan KG ¹	
Bosnia and Herzegovina BA	-		
Brazil BR	-	Lesotho LS	
Bulgaria BG		Liberia LR	
Burkina Faso BF.		Liechtenstein LI	
Cameroon CM	5	Lithuania LT	5
Canada CA	5	Luxembourg LU	
Central African Republic CF	24 January 1978	Madagascar MG	
Chad TD		Malawi MW	
China CN	•	Mali ML	
Colombia CO	2	Mauritania MR	
Congo CG		Mexico MX	-
Costa Rica CR		Monaco MC	
Côte d'Ivoire CI	-	Mongolia MN	
Croatia HR	1 July 1998	Morocco MA	
Cuba CU ¹		Mozambique MZ ¹	18 May 2000
Cyprus CY		Netherlands NL ⁴	10 July 1979
Czech Republic CZ.	1 January 1993	New Zealand NZ.	1 December 1992
Democratic People's		Niger NE.	
Republic of Korea KP	8 July 1980	Norway NO ²	1 January 1980
Denmark DK	1 December 1978	Poland PL ²	25 December 1990
Dominica DM	7 August 1999	Portugal PT	24 November 1992
Ecuador EC (w		Republic of Korea KR	
	7 May 2001)	Republic of Moldova MD ¹ .	. 25 December 1991
Equatorial Guinea GQ (w	vill become bound on	Romania RO ¹	
	17 July 2001)	Russian Federation RU ¹	
Estonia EE	24 August 1994	Saint Lucia LC ¹	30 August 1996
Finland FI ²	1 October 1980	Senegal SN	
Finland FI ²	25 February 1978	Sierra Leone SL	-
Gabon GA		Singapore SG	
Gambia GM	-	Slovakia SK	-
Georgia GE ¹		Slovenia SI	
Germany DE.	24 January 1978	South Africa ZA ¹	
Ghana GH		Spain ES	
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- 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.

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^{*} All PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II of the PCT relating to the international preliminary examination.

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

⁵ Extends to the Isle of Man.

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

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