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NEW PCT CONTRACTING STATE

Zambia (country code: ZM)

On 15 August 2001, Zambia deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 15 November 2001, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 15 November 2001, Zambia may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Zambia will be entitled from 15 November 2001 to file international applications under the PCT.

Since Zambia is party to the Harare Protocol within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), it will also be possible to designate Zambia for the purposes of obtaining an ARIPO patent.

Note that all international applications whose international filing date is on or after 15 November 2001 and which contain a designation for an ARIPO patent ("AP") expressed so as to include any State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT will be considered to include the designation of Zambia ("ZM") for the purposes of obtaining an ARIPO patent.

NEW WIPO INTERNET SEARCH FACILITY FOR PCT NEWSLETTER PRACTICAL ADVICE

A new search facility is now available on the WIPO Internet

site for all practical advice items published since the *PCT Newsletter* was first published in March 1994, and will be updated every month with each new item. The search facility is available from the *PCT Newsletter* part of the PCT homepage:

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search. The advanced search allows you to specify whether you wish to search the title or the text, and allows you to sort the search results by relevance or date. For further information on the use of the new search facility, you may wish to consult the search help page:

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Warning: Be careful when reading information from your search of the practical advice—although the information contained in the practical advice was correct at the time of original publication of the *PCT Newsletter*, some information may no longer be applicable; for example, amendments may have been made to the PCT Regulations and *Administrative Instructions*, as well as to PCT Forms, since the *PCT Newsletter* concerned was published; changes to certain fees and references to certain publications may no longer be valid. Wherever there is a reference to a PCT Rule, please check carefully whether the Rule in force at the date of publication of the advice has since been amended.

NEW PCT MATERIALS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET

Seminar document in German

A seminar document in German, which was prepared for patent specialists in Germany in May 2001, is now available at:

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

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

Declaration of inventorship (Box No. VIII (iv))

"Prior Applications"

Following a query raised by a PCT agent, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has confirmed to the International Bureau that on the dotted lines following the heading "Prior Applications" in the declaration of inventorship it is **not necessary to include all prior applications**—it is only necessary to include prior applications filed in a country other than the United States of America having a filing date earlier than the (earliest) priority date claimed in Box No. VI of the Request Form (as is explained in the para-

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*

PCT-EASY

PCT E-filing

PCT legal texts and guidelines

- 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
- Reservations and incompatibilities

PCT Gazette

PCT news

- *PCT Newsletter* (Nos. 01/1997–09/2001); Practical Advice published in the *PCT Newsletter* between March 1994 and December 1996 and search facility for all Practical Advice
- PCT Press Releases/Updates
- The PCT in 2000

Seminar calendar and seminar materials:

- seminar documents: March 2001 (English, French); May 2001 (Spanish, German)

PCT meetings (documents):

- Committee (21–25 May 2001) and Working Group (12–15 November 2001) on Reform of the PCT
- PCT Assembly: 1978–2001
- 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

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graph preceding that heading). The International Bureau and the USPTO advise applicants to disregard the corresponding part of Box No. VIII (iv) of the filled-in Request Form which appears in the March 2001 updating sheets of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* and in PCT seminar materials, both of which will be revised accordingly as soon as possible.

Inventor's signature/seal

The USPTO as a designated/elected Office has informed the International Bureau that, in respect of international applications filed with receiving Offices which accept seals as signatures (in particular, the China Intellectual Property Office, the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office), it will accept a seal as a signature on a declaration of inventorship (PCT Rule 4.17(iv)); it is recalled that the other declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 do not need to be signed.

Forms intended for the national phase only

The International Bureau would like to draw the attention of applicants and their agents to the following situation which should be avoided:

As was previously indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2001, some applicants are submitting forms during the international phase which are intended for the national phase only, in the expectation that they will be accepted as declarations under PCT Rule 4.17; namely, some applicants are using the combined power of attorney/declaration form (in particular for PCT applications originating from the United States of America). Note that such forms should not be used in the international phase—a separate PCT power of attorney should be filed (for example, using either a power of attorney specific to the application, or a copy of a general power of attorney, examples of which are available in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex Z) and that any declaration filed must contain the standardized wording provided for in Sections 211 to 215 of the *Administrative Instructions*. That wording can be found, respectively, in the case of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (iii) and (v) in the Notes to the Request Form, and in the case of Box No. VIII (iv) in the preprinted text contained therein.

TYPES OF PROTECTION AVAILABLE IN PCT CONTRACTING STATES

Since the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2000 of a table setting out, for each Contracting State, the types of protection which can be obtained via the PCT, several States have become bound by the PCT, and there have also been changes in the types of protection other than patents which are available in certain States. An update of that table appears on pages 10 to 12.

PCT PUBLICATIONS

Administrative Instructions under the PCT

The new consolidated text of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, as in force from 1 March 2001, was published in a Special Issue of the *PCT Gazette* (No. S-03/2001 (E) and (F)) on 30 August 2001. It incorporates all modifications which have been made since the previous publication of a consolidated text in Special Issue No. S-03/1998 (E) and (F) on 25 June 1998 (including the changes relating to the filing, under Section 801, of international applications containing sequence listings, as well as the changes relating to the filing of declarations under PCT Rule 4.17). The new special issue supersedes the previous special issue and subsequent modifications published in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette*.

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The new consolidated text of the *Administrative Instructions* is available free of charge on the Internet via the *PCT Gazette*:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/spec_iss.htm

or via "PCT legal texts":
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm>

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) (types of protection; fees)

In addition to ARIPO patents, the following type of protection is now available via the PCT in the States which are Contracting States of the Harare Protocol within the framework of ARIPO and of the PCT:

ARIPO utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a patent)

ARIPO has established the following amounts of fees in respect of utility models in USD, payable to it as designated and elected Office:

filing fee:	USD	100
maintenance fee for the first year:	USD	20
maintenance fee for the second year:	USD	25
maintenance fee for the third year:	USD	30

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B2 (AP) and Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (AP))

GB United Kingdom (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The name of the International Mycological Institute (IMI), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty, has changed, as follows:

CABI BIOSCIENCE,
 UK Centre (IMI)

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

GQ Equatorial Guinea and PH Philippines (general information)

Information about Equatorial Guinea and the Philippines as Contracting States is set out on pink tear-out provisional sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (GQ) and (PH).

SE Sweden (fees)

As from 15 November 2001, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in SEK to the

Swedish 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 (SE))

Handling fee (European Patent Office and Swedish Patent Office)

As from 15 November 2001, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in SEK to the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authorities, as indicated in Table II.

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

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 Zambia and the date of entry into force of the PCT in respect of that State (see cover page for details).

PCT CONTRACTING STATES AND TWO-LETTER CODES

Updated French, German and Spanish versions of the list of PCT Contracting States and two-letter codes, including the notes thereto (printed on the last page of the *PCT Newsletter*) are included in this issue, on pages 17 to 19, respectively.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Republic of Moldova becomes Member

On 27 July 2001, the Republic of Moldova (country code: MD), which is already a member State of the PCT and of the Paris Convention, became a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). This was already taken into account in the table of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and the Members of the WTO which was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2001.

BUDAPEST TREATY

Accession by Belarus

On 19 July 2001, Belarus 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 Belarus on 19 October 2001.

List of States party to the Budapest Treaty; list of intergovernmental industrial property organizations having filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of that Treaty

Two States have become party to the Budapest Treaty since the publication, in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2000, of a table setting out the States party to that Treaty and the IGOs which have filed such a declaration. An update of the table appears below.

NOTICE FROM THE EPO ABOUT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS RELATING TO METHODS OF DOING BUSINESS

The International Bureau has received the following notice from the European Patent Office (EPO) concerning international applications relating primarily to methods of doing business:

"It has become apparent in recent months that an ever increasing number of international applications for which the EPO is to act as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority relate primarily to methods of doing business

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States party to the Budapest Treaty (on 1 September 2001)		
AT Austria	HR Croatia	RO Romania
AU Australia	HU Hungary	RU Russian Federation
BE Belgium	IE Ireland	SE Sweden
BG Bulgaria	IL Israel	SG Singapore
BY Belarus (from 19 October 2001) ¹	IS Iceland	SI Slovenia
CA Canada	IT Italy	SK Slovakia
CH Switzerland	JP Japan	TJ Tajikistan
CN China	KR Republic of Korea	TR Turkey
CU Cuba	LI Liechtenstein	TT Trinidad and Tobago
CZ Czech Republic	LT Lithuania	UA Ukraine
DE Germany	LV Latvia	US United States of America
DK Denmark	MC Monaco	YU Yugoslavia
EE Estonia	MD Republic of Moldova	ZA South Africa
ES Spain	MX Mexico ¹	
FI Finland	NL Netherlands	
FR France	NO Norway	
GB United Kingdom	PH Philippines	
GR Greece	PL Poland	
	PT Portugal	(Total: 50 States)
Intergovernmental industrial property organizations having filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Budapest Treaty		
AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)		
EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)		
EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)		

1. New since last publication of this list in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2000.

and commonplace features relating to their technological implementation.

“For the avoidance of doubt the EPO wishes to remind applicants that pursuant to Rule 39.1(iii) PCT it will not carry out an international search on an application to the extent that its subject-matter relates to no more than a method of doing business, in the absence of any apparent technical effect.

“Moreover, claims to commonplace technological implementations of such methods will not be searched because it would not serve any useful purpose to do so.

“In such cases a declaration will be issued that no international search report will be established or where appropriate that a partial search report only will be established pursuant to Article 17(2) PCT.

“This may well have consequences for the procedure before the EPO as IPEA in view of the fact that claims relating to inventions for which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). Furthermore the EPO is not required to carry out an international preliminary examination on an application if its subject-matter is a method of doing business (Rule 67.1(iii) PCT).

“The EPO also wishes to remind applicants that methods of doing business per se are excluded from patentability pursuant to Article 52(2)(c) & (3) EPC. Claims to such methods and their commonplace technological implementation in European patent applications will not be searched because it would not serve any useful purpose to do so. In such cases no search report will be established or where appropriate a partial search report only will be established pursuant to Rule 45 EPC.”

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Competent International Searching Authority where the international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office

Q: I am the agent for an international application which was recently filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office. Since the only applicant at the

time of filing was a resident and national of Canada, the International Searching Authority that was marked in Box No. VII of the Request Form was the European Patent Office (EPO), the only one which was competent. It is now our intention to file a request under PCT Rule 92bis to add to the application an applicant who is a resident and national of the United States of America. If we do this, would it be possible to change our choice of ISA to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (ISA/US)?

A: Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), the competent International Searching Authority (ISA) (or Authorities) is/are, according to PCT Rule 35.3, that (or those) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the national Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant is a resident or national. Therefore, in your case, since Canada was the State indicated as the only applicant's State of residence and State of nationality in Box No. II of the Request Form at the time of filing, the only competent receiving Office other than RO/IB was the Canadian Patent Office, with the effect that the only competent ISA is the EPO (the EPO being the only ISA specified by the Canadian Patent Office). Even if further applicants are added under PCT Rule 92bis, ***it is the state of the application vis-à-vis the applicant(s) as at the international filing date which is the decisive factor when determining the competent ISA***—adding a further applicant after the filing of the application does not have a retroactive effect and therefore could not affect the ISAs which would be competent.

Note that, similarly, where the international application is filed with RO/IB, the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) (or Authorities) is/are, according to PCT Rule 59.1(b), that (or those) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the national Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant is a resident or national. In your case, as indicated earlier, the only receiving Office other than RO/IB which the international application could have been filed with was the Canadian Patent Office, therefore, the only competent IPEA

is the EPO (the EPO being the only IPEA specified by the Canadian Patent Office), even if the application is assigned, before the filing of the demand, to another applicant who is a national and/or resident of a different PCT Contracting State bound by Chapter II.

It is recalled that if there is an applicant whose State of nationality is different

from his State of residence, or if there are two or more applicants with different States of nationality and/or residence, this may, on the basis of PCT Rules 35.3 and 59.1(b), result in a wider choice of ISAs and IPEAs when filing with the RO/IB than when filing with the corresponding national or regional patent Offices as receiving Offices.

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10–11 September 2001 Castries (LC)	English	WIPO National Seminar and Workshop on the Patent Cooperation Treaty WIPO speaker: Mr. Regis	Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Ms. Kimberly Cenac-Phulgence) Tel: (1–758) 453 19 18 452 26 11, ext. 7826 Fax: (1–758) 453 20 71
19–21 September 2001 Geneva (CH)	English/ French/ Spanish	Presentation on the PCT Electronic Filing Project at the “Second WIPO International Conference on Electronic Commerce and Intellectual Property” WIPO speaker: Mr. Kalejs	Office of Legal and Organization Affairs, WIPO (Mrs. Sue Olesen) Tel: (41–22) 338 91 64 Fax: (41–22) 740 37 00 Internet: http://ecommerce.wipo.int/meetings/2001/conference/index.html
9–10 October 2001 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Matthes 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 October 2001 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of “Patent Updating Day 2001” WIPO speaker: Mr. Thomas	Swedish Patent Office (Mr. Christer Eklöf) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 32 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: christer.eklof@prv.se
12 October 2001 Stuttgart (DE)	German	PCT seminars for patent administrators (in morning) and for patent attorneys (in afternoon) WIPO speakers: Mr. Matthes and Mr. Reischle	Deutsche Vereinigung für Gewerblichen Rechtsschutz und Urheberrecht (GRUR) (Mr. Gregor Schuster) Tel: (49–711) 222 99 40 Fax: (49–711) 29 95 94
18 October 2001 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation at “The Corporate Patent Department 2001” WIPO speaker: Mr. Thomas	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
22–23 October 2001 Malabo (GQ)	French and Spanish	“Séminaire national sur la propriété industrielle et le PCT” WIPO speaker: Mrs. Simon-Vianès	Council of Scientific and Technological Research (CICTE) Tel: (240–9) 35 68 Fax: (240–9) 45 35

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29 October– 1 November 2001 Seoul (KR)	English	WIPO Regional Seminar on the PCT for the Asia and Pacific Region WIPO speakers: to be announced	Korean Intellectual Property Office (Mr. Youngmin Goo, International Cooperation Division) Tel: (82–42) 481 50 69 Fax: (82–42) 472 34 59 e-mail: ymgoo@kipo.go.kr
29–30 October 2001 Costa Mesa, CA (US) <i>[location previously indicated as San Diego]</i>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Maassel	Orange County Patent Law Association (OCPLA) (Mr. Stefan J. Kirchanski) Tel: (1–310) 734 54 03 Fax: (1–310) 734 52 99 E-mail: skirchanski@chrm.com
30–31 October 2001 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Bryan and Ms. Eriksson	National Board of Patents and Registration (Ms. Mirja Kuismanen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: Mirja.Kuismanen@prh.fi
1–2 November 2001 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Maassel	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1–415) 331 60 68 E-mail: IPI@IPISeminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
5–6 November 2001 San Francisco (US)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Maassel	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1–415) 331 60 68 E-mail: IPI@IPISeminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
5–6 November 2001 Mumbai (IN)	English	WIPO National Roving Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Kim and Mr. Sinha	Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India (Mr. Rajiv Ranjan) Tel: (91–11) 301 06 88 Fax: (91–11) 301 99 19 E-mail: rajeevranjan@ub.nic.in
8–9 November 2001 Ahmedabad (IN)	English	WIPO National Roving Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Kim and Mr. Sinha	Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India (Mr. Rajiv Ranjan) Tel: (91–11) 301 06 88 Fax: (91–11) 301 99 19 E-mail: rajeevranjan@ub.nic.in

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8—9 November 2001 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Maassel	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
12—13 November 2001 Chicago (US) <i>[dates previously indicated erroneously as 11–12 November 2001]</i>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Maassel	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
12–13 November 2001 Hyderabad (IN)	English	WIPO National Roving Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Kim and Mr. Sinha	Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India (Mr. Rajiv Ranjan) Tel: (91-11) 301 06 88 Fax: (91-11) 301 99 19 E-mail: rajeevranjan@ub.nic.in
12–15 November 2001 Lisbon (PT)	French and Portuguese	Regional Seminar for Portuguese-Speaking African Countries on Industrial Property and the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Castelo, Mr. Sery-Kore and Mrs. Simon-Vianès	National Institute of Industrial Property of Portugal Tel: (351-21) 881 82 67 Fax: (351-21) 887 53 08
19–20 November 2001 Port of Spain (TT)	English	WIPO Sub-Regional Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for Caribbean Countries WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Regis	Intellectual Property Office (Ms. Mazina Kadir) Tel: (1-868) 625 99 72 Fax: (1-868) 624 12 21
21–22 November 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
5 December 2001 London (GB)	English	PCT workshop for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Eriksson and Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
6–7 December 2001 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Eriksson and Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

TYPES OF PROTECTION AVAILABLE VIA THE PCT IN PCT CONTRACTING STATES (on 1 September 2001)								
State	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of national patent	Utility model in addition to national patent	Other
AE	X					X		Patent of addition
AG ¹	X							
AL	X					X		Extension of EP patent ²
AM	X		X			X		Provisional patent
AT	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
AU	X							Patent of addition
AZ	X		X					
BA	X							Patent of addition
BB	X							
BE				X				
BF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BG	X					X		
BJ					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BR	X					X		Certificate of addition
BY	X		X			X		
BZ	X					X		
CA	X							
CF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CH + LI	X			X				
CI					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CM					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CN	X					X		
CO	X					X		
CR	X					X		
CU	X							Patent of addition, inventor's certificate, inventor's certificate of addition
CY				X				
CZ	X					X	X	
DE	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
DK	X			X		X	X	
DM ¹	X							
DZ	X							Certificate of addition
EC	X					X		
EE	X					X	X	
ES	X			X		X		Patent of addition
FI	X			X		X	X	
FR				X				
GA					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GB	X			X				
GD ¹	X							

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State	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
GE	X					X		
GH	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Utility certificate
GM	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
GN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GQ					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GR				X				
GW					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
HR	X							"Consensual patent"
HU	X					X		
ID	X							
IE				X				
IL	X							Patent of addition
IN	X							Patent of addition
IS	X							
IT				X				
JP	X					X		
KE	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
KG	X		X			X		Provisional patent
KP	X							Inventor's certificate
KR	X					X		
KZ	X		X			X		Provisional patent
LC	X							
LI (see CH)								
LK	X							
LR	X							
LS	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
LT	X							Extension of EP patent ²
LU	X			X				
LV	X							Extension of EP patent ²
MA	X							Certificate of addition
MC				X				
MD	X		X			X		
MG	X							Certificate of addition
MK	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ²
ML					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MN	X							
MR					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MW	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition
MX	X					X		
MZ	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	

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TYPES OF PROTECTION AVAILABLE VIA THE PCT IN PCT CONTRACTING STATES [continued]								
State	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
NE					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
NL				X				
NO	X							
NZ	X							Patent of addition
OM ^{1,3}	X							
PH	X					X		
PL	X					X		
PT	X			X		X		
RO	X							Extension of EP patent ²
RU	X		X			X		
SD	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
SE	X			X				
SG	X							
SI	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ²
SK	X					X	X	
SL	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
SN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
SZ		X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
TD					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TJ	X		X			X		
TM	X		X					Provisional patent
TR	X			X		X		Patent of addition
TT	X							Utility certificate
TZ	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
UA	X					X		
UG	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Utility certificate
US	X							
UZ	X					X		Provisional patent
VN	X					X		
YU	X							Patent of addition, petty patent
ZA	X							Patent of addition
ZM ^{1,4}	X					ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
ZW	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition

1 Information regarding any other type of protection is not yet available.

2 A request for an extension may be made at the time of entry into the regional phase before the European Patent Office, provided that the PCT application contained designations both for a European patent and of the State concerned. Such a request may not be made in the PCT request form itself. See the notes to the request form and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, paragraphs 41 and 89, and Vol. II/A, National Chapter (EP) for further details as to the procedure to be followed.

3 Will become bound by the PCT on 26 October 2001.

4 Will become bound by the PCT on 15 November 2001.

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 footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES

(as at 1 September 2001, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic 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
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 650	15	140	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 382	9	82	117	EP RU
AP	USD 30 (or eq in local 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 759	18	164	234	AU
AZ	AZM eq USD 15 plus mailing costs	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
CA	CAD 200	CAD 562	13	121	173	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 175	USD 382	9	82	117	EP ES
CU	USD (or CUP eq)200	USD (or CUP eq)382	9	82	n a (from 3.9.01: 117)	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

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic 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
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
EC	USD ⁸ —	USD 382	9	82	117	EP ES
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 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 10	USD 382	9	82	117	EP RU
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 CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
HU	HUF ¹² 10,000	HUF eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹³ 100 or USD ¹³ 60	CHF 650 or USD 382	15 9	140 82	200 117	See footnote 14
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 382	9	82	117	EP US
IN	INR 5,000 (filing by individual: 1,500)	USD 382	9	82	117	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 5,500	ISK 38,500	900	8,300	n a	EP SE
IT	ITL 60,000	ITL 791,934	17,426	170,392	n a	EP
JP	JPY 18,000	JPY 46,200	1,100	10,000	14,000	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ³⁰	USD 382	9	82	n a	ATAUCNEPSE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 382	9	82	117	EPRU
KP	KPW eq CHF 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 JP ¹⁵ KR
KZ	KZT ⁸ —	USD 382	9	82	117	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 382	9	82	n a	ATAUCNEPSE
LS	LSM ⁸ —	LSM eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	USD 382	9	82	n a	EPRU
LU	LUF/BEF 800	LUF/BEF 16,499	363	3,550	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	USD 382	9	82	117	EPRU
MA	None	CHF 650	15	140	n a	ATEPRUSE
MC	FRF 320	FRF 2,682.86	59.04	577.24	n a	EP
MD	MDL ⁸ 180	USD 382	9	82	117	EPRU
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	EPRU
MW	MWK 2,000	MWK 28,500	700	6,000	8,800	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EPESSEUS

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		Basic 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
NL	NLG	110	NLG	901.32	19.83	193.93	277.67	EP
NO	NOK	500	NOK	3,380	80	730	1,040	EPSE
NZ	NZD	180	NZD	923	21	199	284	AU EPUS
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	ATEPRU
RU	RUR	294	USD	382	9	82	117	EPRU
SD	SDP	50	SDP	eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	3,540 (from 15.11.01:3,950)	80 (90)	760 (850)	1,090 (1,220)	EPSE
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
TJ	TJR ⁸	—	USD	382	9	82	n a	EP RU
TM	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	n a	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(b) — SEARCH FEES
(as at 1 September 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	800	CHF	780	KRW	555,000	NZD	990	SGD	749	USD	510
	ZAR	3,150										
CN	CNY	800	CHF	150	USD	100						
EP ¹⁶	EUR	945	CYP	558	FRF	6,198.79	ITL	1,829,775	NLG	2,082.51	SEK	8,690
	ATS	13,003.48	DEM	1,848.26	GBP	624	JPY	103,000	NOK	7,800	SGD	1,457
	BEF	38,121	DKK	7,090	GRD	322,009	LUF	38,121	NZD	2,000	USD	846
	CAD	1,232	ESP	157,235	IEP	744.25	MWK	62,000	PTE	189,455.50	ZAR	6,500
	CHF	1,460	FIM	5,618.71	ISK	82,000						
ES ¹⁷	ESP	157,235	CHF	1,460	EUR	945	USD	846				
JP	JPY	72,000	CHF	1,170	KRW	753,000	USD	720				
KR	KRW	150,000	CHF	173	USD	110						
RU ¹⁸	USD	300	CHF	460								
SE	SEK	8,690	CHF	1,460	DKK	7,090	FIM	5,618.71	ISK	82,000	NOK	7,800
	USD	846										
US	USD	700	450 ¹⁹	CHF	1,064	684 ¹⁹	NZD	1,700	1,100 ¹⁹	ZAR	5,500	3,500 ¹⁹

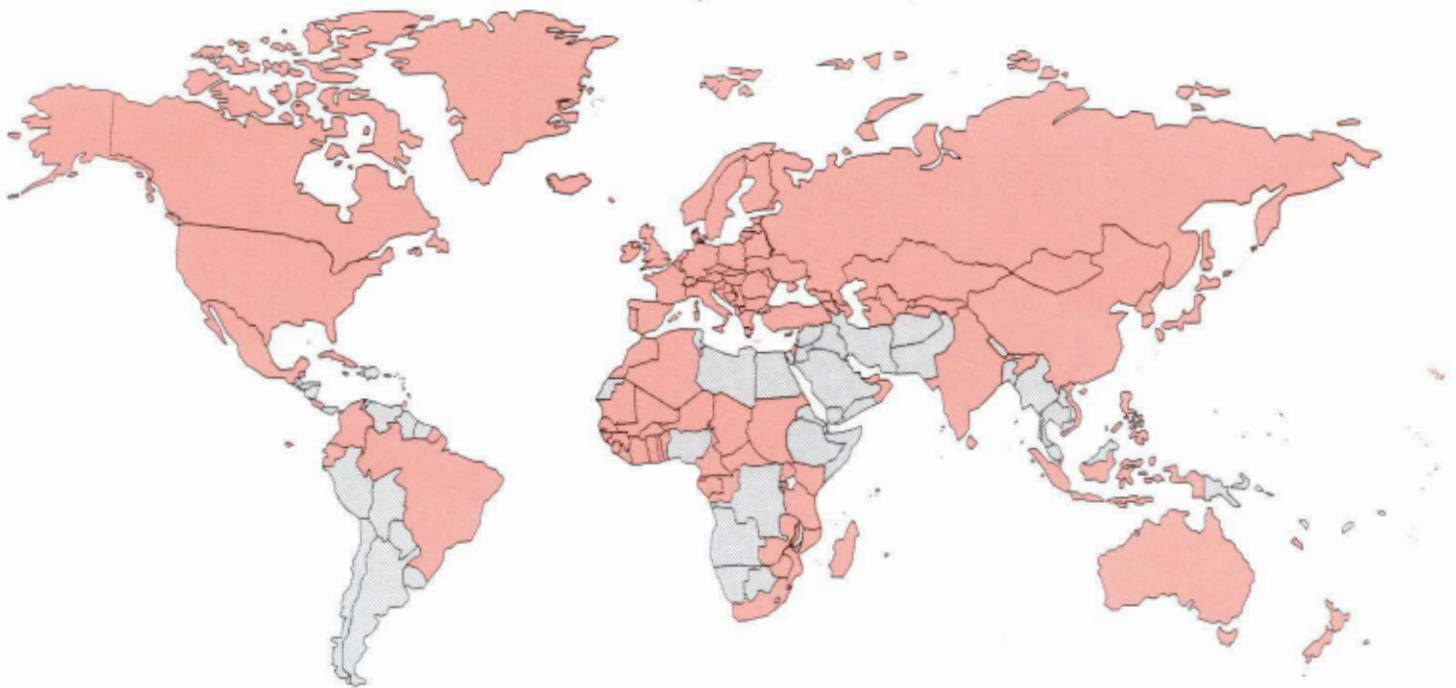
Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES
(as at 1 September 2001, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁰			Handling fee ^{3,20} (CHF 233)		
AT	ATS 2,200			ATS 2,022.76		
AU	AUD 450			AUD 272		
CN	CNY 800			CNY eq CHF 233		
EP ¹⁶	EUR 1,533	DKK 11,500	IEP 1,207.34	EUR 147	DKK 1,100	IEP 115.77
	ATS 21,094.54	ESP 255,070	ITL 2,968,302	ATS 2,022.76	ESP 24,459	ITL 284,632
	BEF 61,841	FIM 9,114.80	LUF 61,841	BEF 5,930	FIM 874.02	LUF 5,930
	CHF 2,380	FRF 10,055.82	NLG 3,378.29	CHF 233	FRF 964.26	NLG 323.95
	CYP 904	GBP 1,012	PTE 307,338.90	CYP 84	GBP 94	PTE 29,470.90
	DEM 2,998.29	GRD 522,370	SEK 14,100	DEM 287.51	GRD 49,000	SEK* 1,270
				*(from 15.11.01: SEK 1,420)		
JP	JPY 28,000			JPY 16,600		
KR	KRW 150,000			KRW 179,000		
RU ¹⁸	USD 200 ²¹ 300 ²²			USD 137		
SE	SEK 5,000			SEK* 1,270 *(from 15.11.01: SEK 1,420)		
US	USD 490 750 ²³			USD 137		

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 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.
- 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, 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, Equatorial Guinea, 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, Philippines, 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, Zambia (from 15 November 2001) 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 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 (see Section 803(ii) of the Administrative Instructions).
- 5 The maximum number of designation fees payable is six.
- 6 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).
- 7 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 8 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.
- 9 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 entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 A supplement of HUF 500 is also payable for each claim in excess of 10.
- 13 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated in footnote 3.
- 14 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).
- 15 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 16 The search fee and the preliminary examination fee are 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 a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, in accordance with the 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 Turkey.
- 17 The search fee can be reduced by 75% if the international application is filed by an applicant who is a national and resident of a State which fulfills the requirements for the corresponding reduction of fees payable to the European Patent Office.
- 18 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.
- 19 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic filing fee for that US application has been paid.
- 20 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 21 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 22 In all cases where footnote 21 does not apply.
- 23 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.)

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS DU PCT ET CODES À DEUX LETTRES (114 au 1^{er} septembre 2001)



AE Émirats arabes unis	CU Cuba	IE Irlande (EP) ²	MG Madagascar	SK Slovaquie
AG Antigua-et-Barbuda	CY Chypre (EP) ²	IL Israël	MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine ¹	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AL Albanie ¹	CZ République tchèque	IN Inde	ML Mali (OA) ²	SN Sénégal (OA) ²
AM Arménie (EA)	DE Allemagne (EP)	IS Islande	MN Mongolie	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AT Autriche (EP)	DK Danemark (EP)	IT Italie (EP) ²	MR Mauritanie (OA) ²	TD Tchad (OA) ²
AU Australie	DM Dominique	JP Japon	MW Malawi (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
AZ Azerbaïdjan (EA)	DZ Algérie	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexique	TJ Tadjikistan (EA)
BA Bosnie-Herzégovine	EC Équateur	KG Kirghizistan (EA)	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TM Turkménistan (EA)
BB Barbade	EE Estonie	KP République populaire démocratique de Corée	NE Niger (OA) ²	TR Turquie (EP)
BE Belgique (EP) ²	ES Espagne (EP)	KR République de Corée	NL Pays-Bas (EP) ²	TT Trinité-et-Tobago
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finlande (EP)	LC Sainte-Lucie	NO Norvège	TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie (AP)
BG Bulgarie	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ Nouvelle-Zélande	UA Ukraine
BJ Bénin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman (à partir du 26 octobre 2001)	UG Ouganda (AP)
BR Brésil	GB Royaume-Uni (EP)	LR Libéria	PH Philippines	US États-Unis d'Amérique
BY Bélarus (EA)	GD Grenade	LS Lesotho (AP)	PL Pologne	UZ Ouzbékistan
BZ Belize	GE Géorgie	LT Lituanie ¹	PT Portugal (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CA Canada	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	RO Roumanie ¹	YU Yougoslavie
CF République centrafricaine (OA) ²	GM Gambie (AP)	LV Lettonie ¹	RU Fédération de Russie (EA)	ZA Afrique du Sud
CG Congo (OA) ²	GN Guinée (OA) ²	MA Maroc	SD Soudan (AP)	ZM Zambie (AP) (à partir du 15 novembre 2001)
CH Suisse (EP)	GO Guinée équatoriale (OA)²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SE Suède (EP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GR Grèce (EP) ²	MD République de Moldova (EA)	SG Singapour	
CM Cameroun (OA) ²	GW Guinée-Bissau (OA) ²		SI Slovénie ¹	
CN Chine	HR Croatie			
CO Colombie	HU Hongrie			
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonésie			

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).

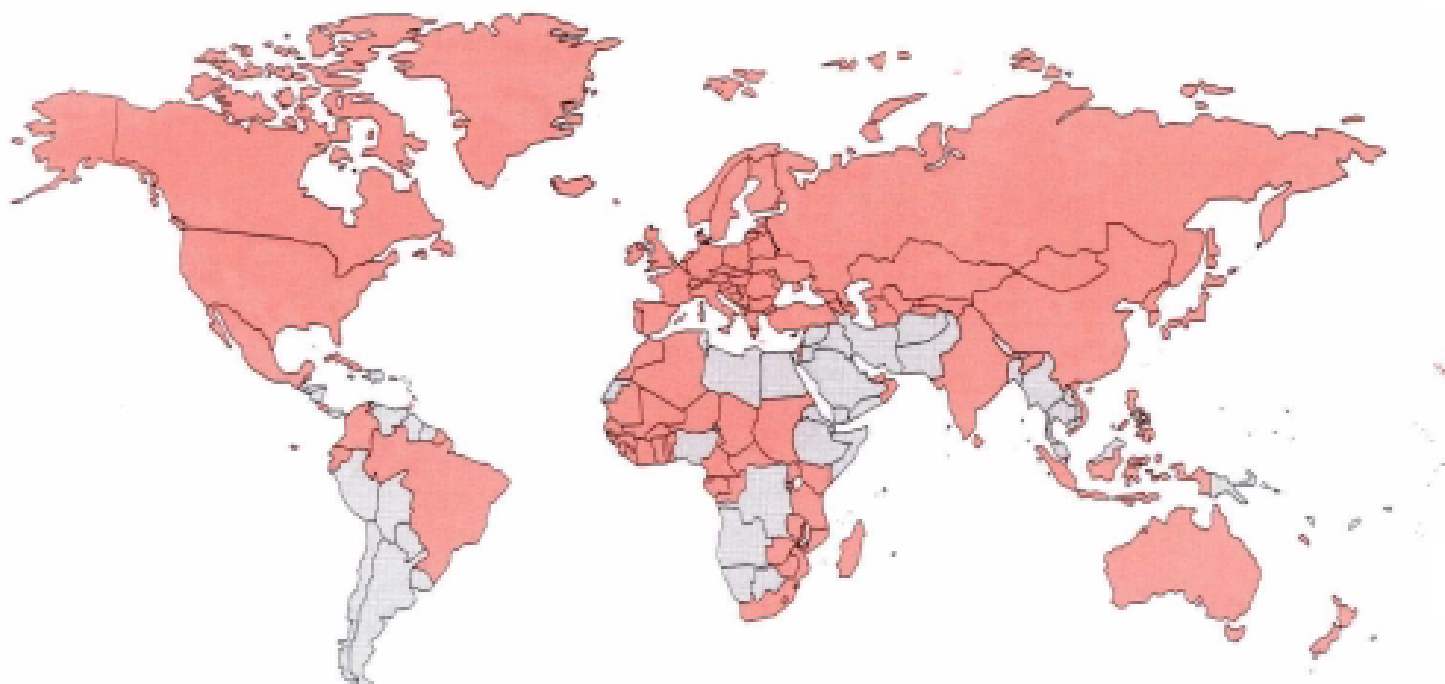
Lorsqu'un État peut être désigné aux fins d'un brevet régional, le code à deux lettres correspondant au brevet régional concerné est indiqué entre parenthèses (AP = brevet ARIPO, EA = brevet eurasiatique, EP = brevet européen, OA = brevet OAPI).

Important:

Cette liste comporte tous les États qui ont adhéré au PCT à la date qui figure ci-dessus. Un État dont le nom est indiqué en **italique gras** a adhéré au PCT mais n'était pas encore lié par le PCT à la date de publication de la dernière version du formulaire de requête. 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. Si le déposant souhaite désigner, aux fins d'un brevet national, un État qui est lié par le PCT à la date à laquelle il dépose la demande internationale mais qui ne figure pas dans le formulaire de requête, il doit l'ajouter dans le cadre n° V dudit formulaire en cochant la case appropriée.

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 des versions mises à jour, en règle générale, deux fois par an. Les dernières versions sont datées de juillet 2001 et peuvent être imprimées à partir du site Internet de l'OMPI (formulaires prêts à être remplis en format PDF) à l'adresse suivante: <http://www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/forms/index.htm>, ou être obtenues auprès des offices récepteurs ou du Bureau international, ou, dans le cas du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international, également auprès des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international.

PCT-VERTRAGSSTAATEN UND ZWEIBUCHSTABEN-CODES
(114 am 1. September 2001)



AE Vereinigte Arabische Emirate	CO Kolumbien	HR Kroatien	MD Republik Moldau (EA)	SG Singapur
AG Antigua und Barbuda	CR Costa Rica	HU Ungarn	MG Madagaskar	SI Slowenien ¹
AL Albanien ¹	CU Kuba	ID Indonesien	MK Die ehemalige jugoslawische Republik Mazedonien ¹	SK Slowakei
AM Armenien (EA)	CY Zypern ²	IN Indien	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AT Österreich (EP)	CZ Tschechische Republik	IE Irland (EP) ²	MN Mongolei	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australien	DE Deutschland (EP)	IL Israel	MR Mauretanien (OA) ²	SZ Swasiland (AP) ²
AZ Aserbaidschan (EA)	DK Dänemark (EP)	IS Island	MW Malawi (AP)	TD Tschad (OA) ²
BA Bosnien-Herzegowina	DM Dominica	IT Italien (EP) ²	MX Mexiko	TG Togo (OA) ²
BB Barbados	DZ Algerien	JP Japan	MZ Mosambik (AP)	TJ Tadschikistan (EA)
BE Belgien (EP) ²	EC Ecuador	KE Kenia (AP)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EE Estland	KG Kirgisistan (EA)	NL Niederlande (EP) ²	TR Türkei (EP)
BG Bulgarien	ES Spanien (EP)	KP Demokratische Volksrepublik Korea	NO Norwegen	TT Trinidad und Tobago
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FI Finnland (EP)	KR Republik Korea	NZ Neuseeland	TZ Vereinigte Republik Tansania (AP)
BR Brasilien	FR Frankreich (EP) ²	KZ Kasachstan (EA)	OM Oman (ab 26. Oktober 2001)	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GA Gabun (OA) ²	LC St. Lucia	PH Philippinen	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belize	GB Vereinigtes Königreich (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PL Polen	US Vereinigte Staaten von Amerika
CA Kanada	GD Grenada	LK Sri Lanka	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Usbekistan
CF Zentralafrikanische Republik (OA) ²	GE Georgien	LR Liberia	RO Rumänien ¹	VN Vietnam
CG Kongo (OA) ²	GH Ghana (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	RU Russische Föderation (EA)	YU Jugoslawien
CH Schweiz (EP)	GM Gambia (AP)	LT Litauen ¹	SD Sudan (AP)	ZA Südafrika
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxemburg (EP)	SE Schweden (EP)	ZM Sambia (AP) (ab 15. November 2001)
CM Kamerun (OA) ²	GW Äquatorialguinea (OA)²	LV Lettland ¹		ZW Simbabwe (AP)
CN China	GR Griechenland (EP) ²	MA Marokko		
	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²		

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).

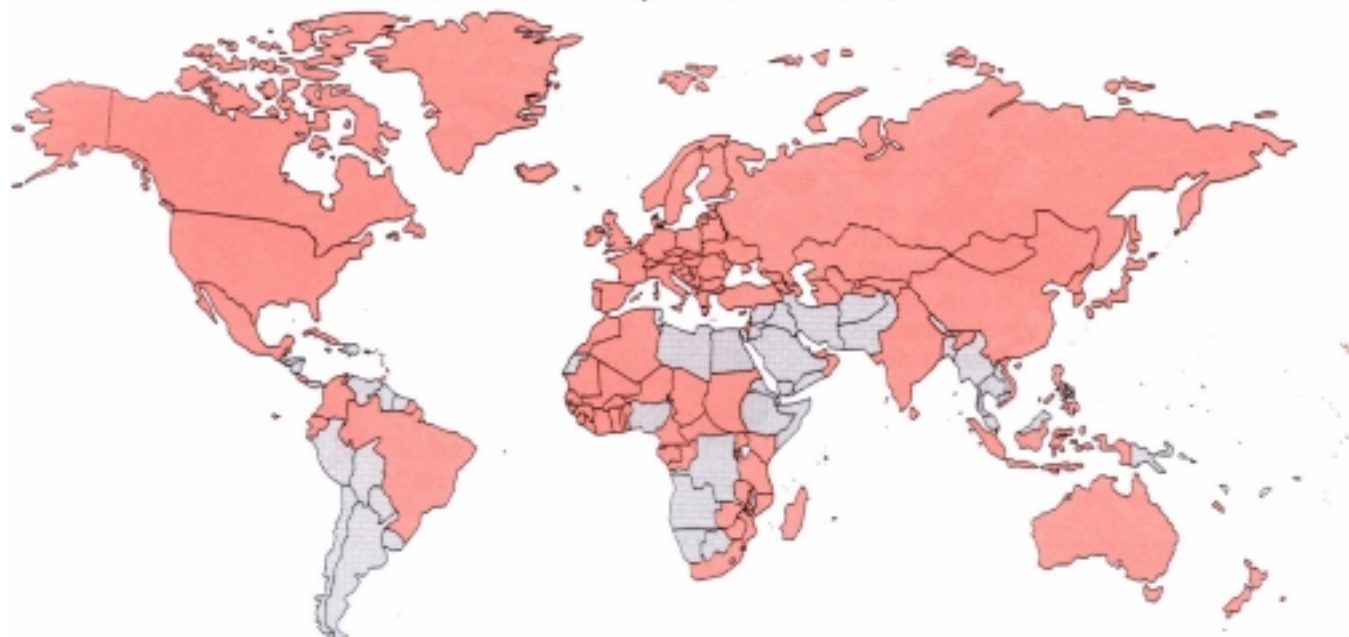
Wichtig:

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. 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. Will der Anmelder einen Staat für ein nationales Patent 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.

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. Neuaufstellungen beider Formulare erscheinen üblicherweise zweimal im Jahr; die letzten Neuaufstellungen tragen das Datum Juli 2001. Beide Formulare können von der Webseite der WIPO unter <http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/index.htm> (in editierbarem PDF Format) ausgedruckt oder von den Anmeldeämtern, dem internationalen Büro oder, hinsichtlich des Antrags auf internationale vorläufige Prüfung, auch von der mit der internationalen vorläufigen Prüfung beauftragten Behörde bezogen werden.

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ESTADOS CONTRATANTES DEL PCT Y CÓDIGOS DE DOS LETRAS (114 el 1 de septiembre de 2001)



AE Emiratos Árabes Unidos	CR Costa Rica	IE Irlanda (EP) ²	MK Ex República Yugoslava de Macedonia ¹	SL Sierra Leona (AP)
AG Antigua y Barbuda	CY Chipre (EP) ²	IL Israel	ML Mali (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AL Albania ¹	CZ República Checa	IN India	MN Mongolia	SZ Swazilandia (AP) ²
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Alemania (EP)	IS Islandia	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DK Dinamarca (EP)	IT Italia (EP) ²	MW Malawi (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
AU Australia	DM Dominica	JP Japón	MX México	TJ Tayikistán (EA)
AZ Azerbaiyán (EA)	DZ Argelia	KE Kenia (AP)	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TM Turkmenistán (EA)
BA Bosnia y Herzegovina	EC Ecuador	KG Kirguistán (EA)	NE Níger (OA) ²	TR Turquía (EP)
BB Barbados	EE Estonia	KP República Popular Democrática de Corea	NL Países Bajos (EP) ²	TT Trinidad y Tabago
BE Bélgica (EP) ²	ES España (EP)	KR República de Corea	NO Noruega	TZ República Unida de Tanzania (AP)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finlandia (EP)	KZ Kazajistán (EA)	NZ Nueva Zelanda	UA Ucrania
BG Bulgaria	FR Francia (EP) ²	LC Santa Lucía	OM Omán (a partir del 26 de octubre de 2001)	UG Uganda (AP)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabón (OA) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PH Filipinas	US Estados Unidos de América
BR Brasil	GB Reino Unido (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	PL Polonia	UZ Uzbekistán
BY Belarús (EA)	GD Granada	LR Liberia	PT Portugal (EP)	VN Viet Nam
BZ Belice	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	RO Rumania ¹	YU Yugoslavia
CA Canadá	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lituania ¹	RU Federación de Rusia (EA)	ZA Sudáfrica
CF República Centroafricana (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxemburgo (EP)	SE Suecia (EP)	ZM Zambia (AP) (a partir del 15 de noviembre de 2001)
CG Congo (OA) ²	GO Guinea Ecuatorial (OA)²	LV Letonia ¹	SG Singapur	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CH Suiza (EP)	GR Grecia (EP) ²	MA Marruecos	SI Eslovenia ¹	
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MC Mónaco (EP) ²	SK Eslovaquia	
CM Camerún (OA) ²	HR Croacia	MD República de Moldova (EA)		
CN China	HU Hungría	MG Madagascar		
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia			

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).

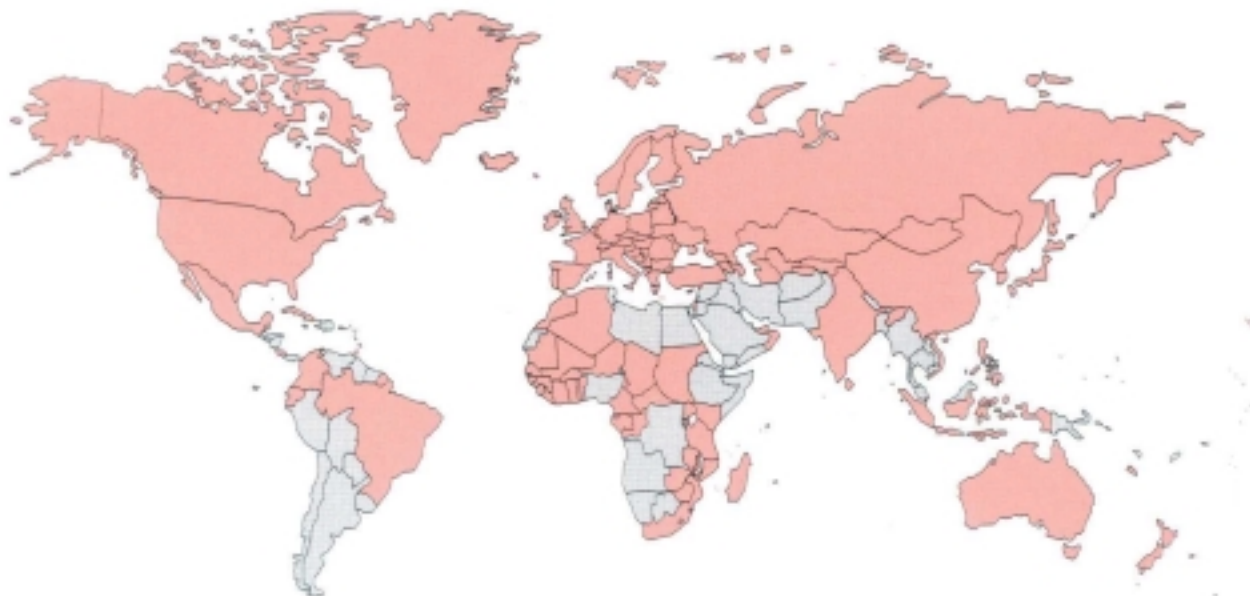
Cuando se puede designar un Estado para una patente regional, se indica entre paréntesis el código de dos letras respecto de la patente regional en cuestión (AP = patente ARIPO, EA = patente euroasiática, EP = patente europea, OA = patente OAPI).

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. 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. Si el solicitante desea designar, para una patente nacional, 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.

Se recomienda a los solicitantes utilizar siempre las versiones más recientes del formulario del petitorio (PCT/RO/101) y del formulario de la solicitud de examen preliminar internacional (PCT/IPEA/401), de los que se publican nuevas versiones normalmente dos veces al año. Las versiones más recientes son de julio de 2001; se puede imprimir los formularios desde la página de acceso de la OMPI en Internet, disponibles en formato PDF, y en versión para cumplimentar en: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/index.htm>. Se puede obtener los formularios en las Oficinas receptoras o en la Oficina Internacional o, en cuanto al formulario de la solicitud de examen preliminar internacional, también en las Administraciones encargadas del examen preliminar internacional.

PCT CONTRACTING STATES AND TWO-LETTER CODES (114 on 1 September 2001)



AE United Arab Emirates	CN China	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CO Colombia	HR Croatia	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia ¹
AL Albania ¹	CR Costa Rica	HU Hungary	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia
AM Armenia (EA)	CU Cuba	ID Indonesia	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AT Austria (EP)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	CZ Czech Republic	IL Israel	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IN India	MW Malawi (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	DK Denmark (EP)	IS Iceland	MX Mexico	TG Togo (OA) ²
BB Barbados	DM Dominica	IT Italy (EP) ²	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	DZ Algeria	JP Japan	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EE Estonia	KE Kenya (AP)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BG Bulgaria	EC Ecuador	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	NO Norway	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BJ Benin (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BR Brazil	FI Finland (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	OM Oman (from 26 October 2001)	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	FR France (EP) ²	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belize	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LC Saint Lucia	PL Poland	US United States of America
CA Canada	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GD Grenada	LK Sri Lanka	RO Romania ¹	VN Viet Nam
CG Congo (OA) ²	GE Georgia	LR Liberia	RU Russian Federation (EA)	YU Yugoslavia
CH Switzerland (EP)	GH Ghana (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	SD Sudan (AP)	ZA South Africa
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GM Gambia (AP)	LT Lithuania ¹	SE Sweden (EP)	ZM Zambia (AP) (from 15 November 2001)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)		ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA)²	LV Latvia ¹		
	GR Greece (EP) ²	MA Morocco		
		MC Monaco (EP) ²		

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 July 2001, and can be printed from the WIPO Internet site, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/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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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	Hungary HU ¹	27 June 1980
Algeria DZ ¹	8 March 2000	Iceland IS	23 March 1995
Antigua and Barbuda AG	17 March 2000	India IN ¹	7 December 1998
Armenia AM ¹	25 December 1991	Indonesia ID ¹	5 September 1997
Australia AU	31 March 1980	Ireland IE	1 August 1992
Austria AT	23 April 1979	Israel IL	1 June 1996
Azerbaijan AZ	25 December 1995	Italy IT	28 March 1985
Barbados BB	12 March 1985	Japan JP	1 October 1978
Belarus BY ¹	25 December 1991	Kazakhstan KZ ¹	25 December 1991
Belgium BE	14 December 1981	Kenya KE	8 June 1994
Belize BZ	17 June 2000	Kyrgyzstan KG ¹	25 December 1991
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
Colombia CO	28 February 2001	Mexico MX	1 January 1995
Congo CG	24 January 1978	Monaco MC	22 June 1979
Costa Rica CR	3 August 1999	Mongolia MN	27 May 1991
Côte d'Ivoire CI	30 April 1991	Morocco MA	8 October 1999
Croatia HR	1 July 1998	Mozambique MZ ¹	18 May 2000
Cuba CU ¹	16 July 1996	Netherlands NL ⁴	10 July 1979
Cyprus CY	1 April 1998	New Zealand NZ	1 December 1992
Czech Republic CZ	1 January 1993	Niger NE	21 March 1993
Democratic People's Republic of Korea KP	8 July 1980	Norway NO ²	1 January 1980
Denmark DK	1 December 1978	Oman OM ¹	(will become bound on 26 October 2001)
Dominica DM	7 August 1999	Philippines PH	17 August 2001
Ecuador EC	7 May 2001	Poland PL ²	25 December 1990
Equatorial Guinea GQ	17 July 2001	Portugal PT	24 November 1992
Estonia EE	24 August 1994	Republic of Korea KR	10 August 1984
Finland FI ²	1 October 1980	Republic of Moldova MD ¹	25 December 1991
France FR ^{1,3}	25 February 1978	Romania RO ¹	23 July 1979
Gabon GA	24 January 1978	Russian Federation RU ¹	29 March 1978
Gambia GM	9 December 1997	Saint Lucia LC ¹	30 August 1996
Georgia GE ¹	25 December 1991	Senegal SN	24 January 1978
Germany DE	24 January 1978	Sierra Leone SL	17 June 1997
Ghana GH	26 February 1997	Singapore SG	23 February 1995
Greece GR	9 October 1990	Slovakia SK	1 January 1993
Grenada GD	22 September 1998	Slovenia SI	1 March 1994
Guinea GN	27 May 1991	South Africa ZA ¹	16 March 1999
Guinea-Bissau GW	12 December 1997	Spain ES	16 November 1989

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Sri Lanka LK	26 February 1982	Ukraine UA ¹	25 December 1991
Sudan SD	16 April 1984	United Arab Emirates AE	10 March 1999
Swaziland SZ	20 September 1994	United Kingdom GB ⁵	24 January 1978
Sweden SE ²	17 May 1978	United Republic of Tanzania TZ	14 September 1999
Switzerland CH	24 January 1978	United States of America US ^{6,7}	24 January 1978
Tajikistan TJ ¹	25 December 1991	Uzbekistan UZ ¹	25 December 1991
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia MK	10 August 1995	Viet Nam VN	10 March 1993
Togo TG	24 January 1978	Yugoslavia YU	1 February 1997
Trinidad and Tobago TT	10 March 1994	Zambia ZM	(will become bound on 15 November 2001)
Turkey TR	1 January 1996	Zimbabwe ZW	11 June 1997
Turkmenistan TM ¹	25 December 1991		
Uganda UG	9 February 1995		

* 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).

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.

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Information on Contracting States

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EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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General information

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Equatorial Guinea:	African Intellectual Property Organization or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Equatorial Guinea is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (see Volume II)
May Equatorial Guinea be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1	Information on Contracting States	B1
PH	PHILIPPINES	PH

General information

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office
Location and mailing address:	IPO Bldg., 351 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Makati City 1200, Philippines
Telephone:	(632) 752 54 50 to 65, extensions 401, 405 (632) 890 49 42, 897 17 37
Facsimile machine:	(632) 890 48 62
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	mail@ipophilippines.gov.ph
Internet:	ipophilippines.gov.ph
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Information not yet available
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Philippines:	Intellectual Property Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Philippines is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Office (see Volume II)
May the Philippines be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a patent)
Provisions of the law of the Philippines concerning international-type search:	None

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PHILIPPINES

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

Information not yet available

Information of interest if the Philippines is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if the Philippines is designated (or
elected):

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

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)
