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New PCT Contracting States

Papua New Guinea (country code: PG)

On 14 March 2003, Papua New Guinea deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 14 June 2003, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 14 June 2003, Papua New Guinea may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Papua New Guinea will be entitled from 14 June 2003 to file international applications under the PCT.

Syrian Arab Republic (country code: SY)

On 26 March 2003, the Syrian Arab Republic deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 26 June 2003, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 26 June 2003, the Syrian Arab Republic may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the Syrian Arab Republic will be entitled from 26 June 2003 to file international applications under the PCT. ■

PCT Article 22(1): Withdrawal of notification of incompatibility

Estonia

Further to its notification of the incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2002), the Estonian Patent Office, in its capac-

ity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn its notification with effect from 1 April 2003.

The 30-month time limit under PCT Article 22(1) will therefore apply to Estonia as from 1 April 2003.

The updated table of time limits for entering the national (or regional) phase under PCT Chapters I and II (see below) takes this change into account. ■

Time Limits for Entering the National Phase

An updated version of a table published in *PCT Newsletter*

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No. 08/2002, 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 and where the Contracting State concerned has been so elected within 19 months from the priority date).

The updated table takes into account changes since 1 April 2002, including the applicable time limits following the withdrawal by certain Offices of notifications of non-applicability of the new time limit under PCT Article 22(1), and new time limits for certain Offices under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b). ■

PCT Information Update

EE Estonia (provisional protection after international publication)

The Estonian Patent Office has notified provisions for provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows (the provisions where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent have not changed):

An invention being the subject of a published international patent application designating Estonia shall confer provisional protection as provided for in the Patent Act (Section 18) as from the date on which the Estonian Patent Office publishes the translation into the Estonian language of the international patent application furnished by the applicant in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Patent Act or, if the applicant seeks an earlier date, from the date on which a translation of the claims of the published international patent application into the Estonian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Estonia, or as from the date on which the said translation has been made available to the public by the Office, where the translation was communicated to the Office and the fee prescribed for the publication of the translation was paid.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (EE))

PCT Quiz

Last month's question was:

Which of the following defects would result in the international application not being accorded an international filing date? (As usual, more than one answer may be possible.)

- (a) The application does not contain any drawings.
- (b) The application does not contain the designation of at least one PCT Contracting State.
- (c) The application does not contain the name of the applicant.
- (d) The transmittal, basic, designation and search fees have not been paid.

The answer is (b) and (c). In order for the international application to be accorded an international filing date, in addition to the other requirements listed under PCT Article 11(1), it must contain the designation of at least one PCT Contracting State* (PCT Article 11(1)(iii)(b)) and it must contain the name of the applicant (PCT Article 11(1)(iii)(c)).

As far as (a) is concerned, a lack of drawings does not constitute a defect under PCT Article 11(1) and will not prevent the according of an international filing date. However, where the international application refers to drawings which are not included in the application, this constitutes a defect under PCT Article 14(2); if

the drawings are then submitted later (which may be done within 30 days of the date of receipt of the international application), this would result in the international filing date being changed to the date of receipt of the drawings. Furthermore, if the (new) international filing date is more than 12 months after the priority claim as originally indicated, the applicant runs the risk of losing that priority claim (see PCT Rule 20.2(a)(iii) and the practical advice in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/1996 (available at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/1996/index.htm).

As far as (d) is concerned, the non-payment of the transmittal, basic, designation and search fees does not constitute a defect under PCT Article 11, and will not, therefore, prevent the according of an international filing date. In all cases except the designation fees (which, under certain circumstances, may be paid later) the fees can be paid up to one month from the date of receipt of the international application (see PCT Rules 14, 15 and 16). Note, however, that if the fees are neither paid within the applicable time limits, nor upon invitation by the receiving Office to pay the missing fees in accordance with PCT Rule 16*bis* within a further time limit set in that invitation, the international application will be declared withdrawn.

* This is the situation until 31 December 2003. As from 1 January 2004, the request will give the applicant an automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT (for further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2002, page 4).

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 15 May 2003, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction:

basic fee, fee per sheet in excess of 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 (IS))

US United States of America (mailing address)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has announced that with effect from 1 May 2003 it has a new mailing address for patent-related and general matters. The new address for patent-related matters is:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
United States of America

Correspondence mailed on or after 1 May 2003 should be addressed to this new address. The address should not be used prior to 1 May 2003.

Correspondence for international applications during the international phase and submissions for entry into the national phase should be addressed as follows:

Mail Stop PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
United States of America

In November 2001, the USPTO established a Post Office Box in Arlington, Virginia (P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, Virginia 22202) for use on an

emergency basis. The USPTO has notified the International Bureau that persons submitting correspondence to the USPTO should no longer use this Arlington, Virginia, Post Office Box for any correspondence (including sequence listings in electronic format) after 1 May 2003.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (US))

ZW Zimbabwe (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Zimbabwe Patent Office as receiving Office, has changed:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, has changed:

filing fee: ZWD 6,000

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (ZW), and Vol. II/D, National Chapter, Summary (ZW))

Search fee (European Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 15 May 2003, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the lower of two amounts of the search fee payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office; as from 1 June 2003, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CAD, SGD and USD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office and in USD for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

Also, for the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, there will be a change, as from 1 June 2003, in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

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 Papua New Guinea and the Syrian Arab Republic and the date of entry into force of the PCT in respect of those States (see cover page for details), and takes into account the change in the name of Yugoslavia to Serbia and Montenegro. ■

New PCT Materials on the Internet

***PCT Newsletter* collection**

Following the revision at the beginning of this year of the electronic format of the PCT Newsletter, in which the entire publication, including inserts, may be printed from a single PDF file, it is also now possible to search the whole year's collection of *PCT Newsletters* published so far at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2003/newslett_03.pdf

It is hoped that this additional feature will be useful to PCT users.

Notifications under PCT Rule 4.9(b)

A list of the States that have notified the International Bureau that PCT Rule 4.9(b), as amended with effect from 1 January 2004, shall apply in respect of the designation of the State concerned is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/legal_text.htm

Seminar Materials

Seminar materials in English, French and Japanese have been updated and are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/mat.htm

PCT Minimum Documentation

See below. ■

PCT Publications

***PCT Gazette* special issue: Minimum Documentation**

The list of published items of non-patent literature required for the purposes of PCT Rule 34.1(b)(iii) was amended with effect from 1 September 2002. The amended list was published in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* (No. S-02/2003 (E) and (F)) on 27 March 2003, under the title of "Minimum Documentation; List of Periodicals"; it replaces the list published in a previous special issue of the

PCT Gazette (No. 48/1997) on 6 November 1997.

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www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/spec_issu/index.htm ■

Further Enhancement of New Prototype of *PCT Gazette* in Electronic Form

It is recalled that a new prototype of the *PCT Gazette* in electronic form is available for public testing on the WIPO website (see <http://ipdl.wipo.int>, click on “search IPDL” and then on “PCT Full Text Database Prototype” (second item in the list)). For further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2002 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2002/2002_11

As a further enhancement of the prototype which we believe will be useful for PCT users, the images of all pamphlets corresponding to international applications published on or after 6 March 2003 are available via the prototype on the date of publication (in the current production version of the *PCT Gazette* in electronic form, the images of pamphlets are available two weeks after international publication via a link to the EPO's esp@cenet service).

User comments concerning the prototype's functionality continue to be welcome, and should be submitted to the following e-mail address: pct.legal@wipo.int. ■

Possible Delays in the Transmittal of Certain Translations of IPERs by the International Bureau

It is recalled that, pursuant to PCT Rule 72.1, any elected State may require that the international preliminary examination report (IPER), established in any language other than the official language, or one of the official languages, of its national Office, be translated into English. If this is the case, the translation of the body of the report is prepared by the International Bureau (IB), which transmits copies to the applicant and to each interested elected Office (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, para. 404).

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2002 that, due to the ongoing reorganization of the structure of the PCT Operations Division, various delays could be expected, it has come to our attention that a number of IPERs have been unavailable for translation into English (required under PCT Rule 72.1) until very recently. Please be assured that the IB is doing its best to ensure that those translations are completed and transmitted to the applicants and relevant elected Offices as soon as possible.

The IB regrets the inconvenience any such delays may cause to PCT users (applicants and elected Offices). Those users who continue to experience delays that may result in undue hardship should contact the PCT Information Service at:

telephone: (41–22) 338 83 38
fax: (41–22) 338 83 39
e-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int ■

Problem with Indication of International Application Numbers on Certain PCT/IB Forms

It was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2003, page 2, that the International Bureau had issued to applicants certain PCT/IB forms, namely, Forms PCT/IB/308 (Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices) and PCT/IB/332 (Information Concerning Elected Offices Notified of their Election) on which the international application number was indicated with a six-digit serial number component instead of a five-digit one (for example, the international

application number PCT/US02/99999 would have been indicated as PCT/US02/099999).

Note that the extra digit only appears on forms issued between about 3 January and 7 March 2003, and that as from about 10 March 2003, the correct five-digit serial number components were indicated.

Should any applicants encounter any problems as a result of this six-digit number, they are invited to contact the PCT Information Service (contact details are indicated above). ■

Change in Color of Form Issued by the Swedish Patent Office

The Swedish Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority has informed the International Bureau that, for technical reasons, as from 1 April 2003 it will no longer issue Form PCT/IPEA/405 (Invitation to Restrict or Pay Additional Fees) on the usual blue sheets of paper. As from that date, and for an undetermined period of time, that form will be issued on white paper. ■

Practical Advice

The requirement to file drawings in black and white (and not in color) (even when the international application is filed in electronic form)

Q: I am going to file an international application in electronic form with the European Patent Office as receiving Office. The drawings that will accompany the application are digital photographs which currently exist in electronic form only in color. Is it possible to file the drawings in color, or will they have to be converted into black and white?

A: First of all, it should be pointed out that, for the time being, the question of filing international applications, including drawings, in electronic format concerns only international applications filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office (RO/EP), since, at the time of the publication of this “Practical

Advice,” ***that Office is the only receiving Office which has announced that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form.***

As far as drawings in general are concerned, according to PCT Rule 11.13(a), “Drawings shall be executed in durable, **black**, sufficiently dense and dark, uniformly thick and well-defined, lines and strokes **without colorings**” [emphasis added]. ***This rule applies to applications filed in electronic form as well as to applications filed on paper***, therefore, all drawings must be in black and white only, regardless of the format being used.

This rule also applies to photographs which may be presented instead of drawings. Note that, although the PCT makes no provision for photographs, they are, nevertheless, allowed where it is impossible to present in a drawing what is to be shown (for instance, crystalline structures). Where, exceptionally, photographs are submitted, they must be black and white; color photographs are not acceptable (see *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Vol. I/A, para. 174). You will therefore have to convert your digital photographs into black and white.

Note that the requirement for drawings to be in black and white will continue until such time as the International Bureau is in a position to implement international publication of international applications containing color drawings.

For further information on the presentation of drawings in international applications, see PCT Rules 11.10, 11.11 and 11.13, and the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Vol. I/A, paras. 143–178, which is available on the PCT website by selecting: “PCT Applicant’s Guide”—“Vol. I—International Phase”—“Chapter V”—“The drawings.”

Corrigendum to practical advice published last month

In the footnote to the practical advice published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2003, the reference to PCT Rule 26.3*ter*(c) should be corrected to read PCT Rule 26.3*ter*(a). ■

**Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase
Under PCT Chapters I and II**

Applicable on 1 April 2002 or Subsequently

(table updated on 1 April 2003—changes since 1 April 2002 are underlined)

(in months from priority date, or from international filing date if there is no priority claim)

Note that unless reference to a footnote is made, the time limit under Chapter I will apply, as from 1 April 2002, to international applications in respect of which the period of 20 months from the priority date expires on or after 1 April 2002 and in respect of which the acts referred to in PCT Article 22(1) have not yet been performed by the applicant. If the period of 20 months from the priority date expires before 1 April 2002, see the time limits in the corresponding table in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2001.

Note that detailed information on the excuse of delays in meeting time limits before certain designated/elected Offices is contained in the corresponding National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II.

DO/EO ¹	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))	DO/EO ¹	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))
Regional Offices					
<u>AP</u> ¹	<u>31</u> *	31**	<u>EP</u> ¹	31*	31**
<u>EA</u>	31*	31**	<u>OA</u> ¹	30	30
National Offices					
<u>AE</u>	30	30	<u>IL</u>	<u>30</u> ¹⁵	30
<u>AG</u> ²	30	30	<u>IN</u>	<u>31</u> *, ¹⁶	31**
<u>AL</u>	30	31**	<u>IS</u>	30	30
<u>AM</u> ³	30	31**	<u>JP</u>	<u>30</u> ¹⁷	30
<u>AT</u> ⁴	30	30	<u>KE</u> ¹²	30	30
<u>AU</u>	<u>31</u> *, ⁵	31**	<u>KG</u> ³	<u>31</u> *, ¹⁸	31**
<u>AZ</u> ³	30	31**	<u>KP</u>	30	30
<u>BA</u>	<u>34</u> ⁶	<u>34</u> ⁶	<u>KR</u>	<u>30</u> ¹⁹	30
<u>BB</u>	30	30	<u>KZ</u> ³	<u>31</u> *(<u>33</u> ⁸)	31**(<u>33</u> ⁸)
<u>BG</u> ⁴	<u>31</u> *, ⁷	31**	<u>LC</u> ²	30	30
<u>BR</u>	20***	30	<u>LK</u>	30	30
<u>BY</u> ³	<u>31</u> *	31**	<u>LR</u>	30	31**
<u>BZ</u>	30	31**	<u>LS</u> ¹²	30	31**
<u>CA</u>	<u>30</u> (<u>42</u> ⁸)	30 (<u>42</u> ⁸)	<u>LT</u>	<u>31</u> *	31**
<u>CH</u> ⁴	20***	30	<u>LU</u> ⁴	20***	30
<u>CN</u>	<u>30</u> ⁹	30	<u>LV</u>	<u>31</u> *	31**
<u>CO</u>	<u>31</u> *, ¹¹	31**	<u>MA</u>	30	31**
<u>CR</u>	<u>31</u> *	31**	<u>MD</u> ³	<u>31</u> *	31**
<u>CU</u>	30	30	<u>MG</u>	30	30
<u>CZ</u> ⁴	31*	<u>31</u> **	<u>MK</u>	<u>31</u> *	31**
<u>DE</u> ⁴	30	30	<u>MN</u>	30	31**
<u>DK</u> ⁴	20***	30	<u>MW</u> ¹²	30	30
<u>DM</u> ²	30	30	<u>MX</u>	30	30
<u>DZ</u>	<u>31</u> *	31**	<u>MZ</u> ¹²	30	31**
<u>EC</u>	<u>31</u> *	31**	<u>NI</u> ²	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>EE</u> ⁴	<u>30</u> ¹⁰	30	<u>NO</u>	20***	30
<u>ES</u> ⁴	30	30	<u>NZ</u>	<u>31</u> *	31**
<u>FI</u> ⁴	20***	30	<u>OM</u> ²	30	30
<u>GB</u> ⁴	<u>31</u> *, ⁵	31**	<u>PH</u>	30 (<u>31</u> ⁸)	30 (<u>31</u> ⁸)
<u>GD</u> ²	30	30	<u>PL</u>	30	30
<u>GE</u>	<u>31</u> *, ¹¹	31**	<u>PT</u> ⁴	30	30
<u>GH</u> ¹²	30	30	<u>RO</u> ⁴	30	30
<u>GM</u> ¹²	30	31**	<u>RU</u> ³	<u>31</u> *	31**
<u>HR</u>	<u>31</u> *, ⁵	31**	<u>SC</u> ²	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>HU</u> ⁴	<u>31</u> *, ¹³	<u>31</u> *, ¹⁴	<u>SD</u> ¹²	30	30
<u>ID</u>	30	31**	<u>SE</u> ⁴	20***	30

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Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase Under PCT Chapters I and II Applicable on 1 April 2002 or Subsequently (table updated on 1 April 2003) [continued]					
DO/EO ¹	CHAPTER I (under PCT Article 22)	CHAPTER II (under PCT Article 39(1))	DO/EO ¹	CHAPTER I (under PCT Article 22)	CHAPTER II (under PCT Article 39(1))
National Offices [continued]					
SG	20 ^{***}	30	UA	30	31 ^{**}
SI ^{1,4}	<u>31</u> [*]	31 ^{**}	UG ¹²	21 ^{*,***}	31 ^{**}
SK ⁴	<u>31</u> ^{*,20}	31 ^{**}	US	30	30
SL ¹²	30	31 ^{**}	UZ	30	31 ^{**}
TJ ³	30	31 ^{**}	VC ²	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
TM ³	30	31 ^{**}	VN	<u>31</u> [*]	31 ^{**}
TN ²	30	30	YU	20 ^{***} (21 ⁸)	30 (31 ⁸)
TR ⁴	30	30 (33 ⁸)	ZA	21 ^{*,***}	31 ^{**}
TT	30	31 ^{**}	ZM ¹²	20 ^{***}	30
TZ ¹²	21 ^{*,***}	31 ^{**}	ZW ¹²	30	31 ^{**}

* This time limit has been fixed in accordance with PCT Article 22(3) by the Office concerned.

** This time limit has been fixed in accordance with PCT Article 39(1)(b) by the Office concerned.

*** This Office has notified the International Bureau of the non-applicability of the new time limit under PCT Article 22(1) of 30 months, as modified with effect from 1 April 2002.

- The Offices of the following PCT Contracting States do not act in the capacity of designated Offices (DOs)/elected Offices (EOs). The Office acting as DO/EO 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), GR (EP), GW (OA), IE (EP), IT (EP), LI (CH), MC (EP), ML (OA), MR (OA), NE (OA), NL (EP), SI (EP) (Slovenia has closed the national route via the PCT for international applications filed on or after 1 December 2002), SN (OA), SZ (AP), TD (OA), TG (OA).
- 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*.
- If designated/elected for a Eurasian patent, see EA as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- If designated/elected for a European patent, see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- The Office has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with the applicable national law with effect from 1 April 2002. This is the new time limit under PCT Article 22(3) applicable since 1 April 2002.
- Time limit under PCT Article 22(3) or 39(1)(b), as the case may be, applicable since 27 August 2002.
- The Office has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with the applicable national law with effect from 9 July 2002. This is the new time limit under PCT Article 22(3) applicable since 9 July 2002.
- Time limit applicable if applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase.
- The Office has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with the applicable national law with effect from 1 February 2003. This is the time limit, applicable since 1 February 2003, under PCT Article 22(1), in respect of international applications for which the 20-month time limit expired on or after 1 February 2003 and in respect of which the acts referred to in PCT Article 22(1) had not yet been performed by the applicant.
- The Office has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with the applicable national law with effect from 1 April 2003. This is the time limit, applicable with effect from 1 April 2003, under PCT Article 22(1), in respect of international applications for which the 20-month time limit expires on or after 1 April 2003 and in respect of which the acts referred to in PCT Article 22(1) have not yet been performed by the applicant.
- New time limit under PCT Article 22(3) applicable since 2 January 2003.
- If designated/elected for an ARIPO patent, see AP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- The Office has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with the applicable national law with effect from 1 January 2003. This is the new time limit under PCT Article 22(3) applicable since 1 January 2003.
- New time limit under PCT Article 39(1)(b), applicable since 1 January 2003.
- The Office has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with the applicable national law with effect from 4 October 2002. This is the time limit, applicable since 4 October 2002, under PCT Article 22(1), in respect of international applications for which the 20-month time limit expired on or after 4 October 2002 and in respect of which the acts referred to in PCT Article 22(1) had not yet been performed by the applicant.
- New time limit under PCT Article 22(3), applicable since 7 May 2002.
- The Office has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with the applicable national law with effect from 1 September 2002. This is the time limit, applicable since 1 September 2002, under PCT Article 22(1), in respect of international applications for which the 20-month time limit expired on or after 1 September 2002 and in respect of which the acts referred to in PCT Article 22(1) had not yet been performed by the applicant.
- New time limit under PCT Article 22(3), applicable since 1 April 2002.
- The Office has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with the applicable national law with effect from 12 March 2003. This is the time limit, applicable since 12 March 2003, under PCT Article 22(1), in respect of international applications for which the 20-month time limit expired on or after 12 March 2003 and in respect of which the acts referred to in PCT Article 22(1) had not yet been performed by the applicant.
- The Office has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with the applicable national law with effect from 1 August 2002. This is the new time limit under PCT Article 22(3) applicable since 1 August 2002.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
8-9 April 2003 Kampala (UG)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT and Industrial Property WIPO speaker: Mr. Nyagua	Registrar General's Department (Uganda) (Mr. B. Kyomuhendo) Tel: (256-41) 23 32 19 Fax: (256-41) 25 48 29
8 April 2003 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Oku and Mr. Isozumi	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (Ms. Nahoko Tsujimura) Tel: (81-3) 35 81 12 11 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 91 88 E-mail: XBM07344@nifty.com
9-10 April 2003 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Ms. Aeri	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
10 April 2003 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
10 April 2003 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: see Tokyo, above	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (see Tokyo, above)
11 April 2003 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: see Tokyo, above	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (see Tokyo, above)
11 April 2003 London (GB)	English	PCT-EASY Workshop WIPO speaker: Mrs. Featherby	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
11 April 2003 Cary, North Carolina (US)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Annual Continuing Legal Education Meeting WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speakers: Ms. Anne Chasser (USPTO) and Ms. Bidwell (USPTO)	Intellectual Property Section of the North Carolina Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Department Tel: (1-919) 677 05 61 Fax: (1-919) 677 17 74 E-mail: CLEinfo@ncbar.org Internet: www.ncbar.org/cle/exception/760IPL.asp
25-26 April 2003 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company (US))	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1-603) 224 33 42 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/TreatySem/Treatsem.htm
27-29 April 2003 Naples, Florida (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-434) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-434) 975 20 66
28-29 April 2003 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mr. Reischle	National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) (Ms. Mirja Kuismanen) Tel: (358-9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358-9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: mirja.kuismanen@prh.fi
1-3 May 2003 Naples, Florida (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-434) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-434) 975 20 66

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
8–9 May 2003 Quito (EC)	Spanish	WIPO Workshop on the Preparation of PCT Applications WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy	Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property (IEPI) (Mr. Nelson Velasco) Tel: (593–2) 250 80 23 Fax: (593–2) 250 80 26
20–21 May 2003 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speaker: 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
20–21 May 2003 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
21–22 May 2003 Oslo (NO)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Barmes and Ms. Trpkovska	Norwegian Patent Office (Mr. Otto Scharff) Tel: (47–22) 38 76 69 Fax: (47–22) 38 73 01 e-mail: otto.scharff@patentstyret.no
22–23 May 2003 Vienna (AT)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
23 May 2003 Oslo (NO)	English	PCT-EASY course WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe	Norwegian Patent Office (Mr. Otto Scharff) Tel: (47–22) 38 76 69 Fax: (47–22) 38 73 01 e-mail: otto.scharff@patentstyret.no
17–18 June 2003 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speaker: 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
10–12 August 2003 Washington, D.C. (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–434) 296 39 00 Fax: (1–434) 975 20 66
14–16 August 2003 Washington, D.C. (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (see above)
11–12 September 2003 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
16–17 October 2003 Boston (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Neil P. Ferraro) Tel: (1–617) 720 35 00 Fax: (1–617) 720 24 41 E-mail: nferraro@wolfgreenfield.com

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 or where the international application is filed in electronic form, as prescribed; see footnotes 2 and 7 for details. A 75% reduction in the basic fee, the fee 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 –	BGL	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSM	Lesotho loti	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SIT	Slovenian tolar
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CHF	Swiss franc	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso		
		CUP	Cuban convertible peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PHP	Philippine peso	VND	Vietnamese dong
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDP	Sudanese pound		

Table I(a) — Transmittal, basic and designation fees
(as at 1 April 2003, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 650)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,5,6} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,7} (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁸
AE	AED ⁹ —	AED eq CHF 650	15	140	n a	AT AU
AG	Information not yet available					
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 650	15	140	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 407 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i>	9 <i>(12)</i>	88 <i>(104)</i>	125 <i>(148)</i>	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 407 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i>	9 <i>(12)</i>	88 <i>(104)</i>	125 <i>(148)</i>	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 746	17	161	230	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 407 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i>	9 <i>(12)</i>	88 <i>(104)</i>	n a	EP RU
BA	EUR 25.56	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 444	10	96	137	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	eq CHF 200	AT EP SE US
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 407 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i>	9 <i>(12)</i>	88 <i>(104)</i>	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 407 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i>	9 <i>(12)</i>	88 <i>(104)</i>	125 <i>(148)</i>	EP
CA	CAD 200	CAD 639 <i>(from 15.4.03: 730)</i>	15 <i>(17)</i>	138 <i>(157)</i>	197 <i>(224)</i>	EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal, basic and designation fees [continued]

(as at 1 April 2003, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 650)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,5,6} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,7} (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁸
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
CO	COP ⁹ —	COP eq USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	eq USD 9 (12)	eq USD 88 (104)	eq USD 125 (148)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 175	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	EP ES
CU	USD (or eq CUP)200	USD (or eq CUP)407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP 75	CYP 258	6	56	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 3,300	80	710	1,020	EP SE
DM	Information not yet available					
DZ	DZD ⁹ —	CHF 650	15	140	200	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD 50	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ —	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
EP ⁷	EUR 100	EUR 444	10	96	137 ⁷	EP
ES	EUR 62.74	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 278	6	60	86	EP
GD	Information not yet available					
GE	GEL ¹⁰ 10	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 444	10	96	137	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 or EUR ¹³ 68	CHF 650 or USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476) or EUR 444	15 9 (12) 10	140 88 (104) 96	200 125 (148) 137	See footnote 14
ID	IDR 500,000	IDR eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	AU EP RU
IE	EUR 76.00	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
IL	ILS 476	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	EP US
IN	INR 5,000 (filing by indiv: 1,500)	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	AT AU CN EP SE US

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Table I(a) — Transmittal, basic and designation fees [continued]

(as at 1 April 2003, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 650)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,5,6} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,7} (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁸
IS	ISK 5,500	ISK 41,300 (from 15.5.03: 37,400)	1,000 (860)	8,900 (8,000)	11,600 (11,500)	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP
JP	JPY 18,000	JPY 54,000	1,200	11,600	16,600	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	EP RU
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	AT RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 530,000	12,000	114,000	163,000	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR
KZ	KZT ⁹ —	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁹ —	LSM eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 650	15	140	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹⁶	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,750	MKD eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
MN	None	CHF 650	15	140	200	EP RU
MW	MWK 2,000	MWK 25,000	600	5,400	7,700	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP ES SE US
NI	Information not yet available					
NL	EUR 50	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 3,560	80	770	1,090	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁷	NZD 890	20	192	274	AU EP US
OA	Information not yet available					
OM	Information not yet available					
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
PT	EUR 23.19	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 650	15	140	200	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	EP RU
SC	Information not yet available					
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 4,390	100	950	1,350	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 720 (from 15.4.03: 828)	17 (19)	156 (178)	222 (255)	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

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Table I(a) — Transmittal, basic and designation fees [continued]
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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 650)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,5,6} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,7} (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁸
TJ	TJS ⁹ —	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ —	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ —	CHF 650	15	140	n a	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 650	15	140	200	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	n a	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	EP US
UZ	USD ⁹ —	USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	9 (12)	88 (104)	125 (148)	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available					
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 4,240	98	910	1,300	AT AU EP US
ZM	Information not yet available					
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476)	eq USD 9 (12)	eq USD 88 (104)	eq USD 125 (148)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(as at 1 April 2003, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	159	CHF	230	KRW	191,000	SGD	259	USD	150	ZAR	1,280
AU	AUD	1,000	CHF	871	EUR	560	KRW	710,000	NZD*	1,222	SGD	1,030
	USD	592	ZAR	5,360								
	* (from 15.4.03: NZD 1,073)											
CN	CNY	1,500	CHF	250	EUR	185	USD	180				
EP ¹⁸	EUR	945	CAD*	1,440	CHF	1,383	CYP	550	DKK	7,030	GBP	592
	ISK	83,000	JPY	117,900	MWK	53,000	NOK	7,070	NZD	1,889	SEK	8,720
	SGD*	1,660	USD*	936	ZAR	8,600						
	* (from 1.6.03: CAD 1,552 SGD 1,780 USD 1,020)											
ES ¹⁸	EUR	945	CHF	1,383	USD*	936	*(from 1.6.03: USD 1,020)					
JP	JPY	72,000	CHF	870	EUR	620	KRW	798,000	USD	611		
KR	KRW	150,000	CHF	180	EUR	130	USD	120				
RU ¹⁹	USD	300	CHF	410	EUR	306						
SE	SEK	8,720	CHF	1,383	DKK	7,030	EUR	945	ISK	83,000	NOK	7,070
	USD*	936	*(from 1.6.03: USD 1,020)									
US	USD	700	450 ²⁰	CHF*	947	609 ²⁰	EUR	714	459 ²⁰	NZD**, 1,440	920 ²⁰	
	ZAR	6,000	4,000 ²⁰									
	* (from 15.4.03: NZD 1,270 (920 ²⁰))											
	** (from 15.5.03: NZD 1,270 (810 ²⁰))											

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(as at 1 April 2003, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²¹		Handling fee ^{3,21} (CHF 233)		
AT	EUR	159	EUR	159	
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ²²	AUD	267
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	233
EP ¹⁸	EUR	1,530		EUR	159
JP	JPY	28,000		JPY	19,200
KR	KRW	150,000		KRW	190,000
RU ¹⁹	USD	200 ²³	300 ²⁴	USD	146 (from 15.4.03: USD 172)
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,570
US	USD	490	750 ²⁵	USD	146 (from 15.4.03: USD 172)

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, Nicaragua, Niger, Papua New Guinea (from 14 June 2003), Philippines, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic (from 26 June 2003), Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia 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 fee 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 five.
- 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 The same amount of reduction of the basic and designation fee as indicated in footnote 2 applies where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the *Administrative Instructions* and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the *Administrative Instructions* that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form—only the European Patent Office has sent such a notification so far.
- 8 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 9 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.
- 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 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, 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, and 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 Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 19 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.
- 20 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee for that US application has been paid.
- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 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 (US)).

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AL Albania ¹	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MW Malawi (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MX Mexico	TG Togo (OA) ²
AU Australia	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TN Tunisia
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NO Norway	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LK Sri Lanka	PG Papua New Guinea (from 14 June 2003)	UG Uganda (AP)
BR Brazil	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LR Liberia	PH Philippines	US United States of America
BY Belarus (EA)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PL Poland	UZ Uzbekistan
BZ Belize	GD Grenada	LT Lithuania ¹	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CA Canada	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	YU Serbia and Montenegro
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	SC Seychelles	ZA South Africa
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SD Sudan (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SE Sweden (EP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia	MG Madagascar	SG Singapore	
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SK Slovakia (EP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SL Sierra Leone (AP)	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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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.

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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	Nicaragua NI	6 March 2003
Democratic People's Republic of Korea KP	8 July 1980	Niger NE	21 March 1993
Denmark DK	1 December 1978	Norway NO ²	1 January 1980
Dominica DM	7 August 1999	Oman OM ¹	26 October 2001
Ecuador EC	7 May 2001	Papua New Guinea PG	(will become bound on 14 June 2003)
Equatorial Guinea GQ	17 July 2001	Philippines PH	17 August 2001
Estonia EE	24 August 1994	Poland PL ²	25 December 1990
Finland FI ²	1 October 1980	Portugal PT	24 November 1992
France FR ^{1,3}	25 February 1978	Republic of Korea KR	10 August 1984
Gabon GA	24 January 1978	Republic of Moldova MD ¹	25 December 1991
Gambia GM	9 December 1997	Romania RO ¹	23 July 1979
Georgia GE ¹	25 December 1991	Russian Federation RU ¹	29 March 1978
Germany DE	24 January 1978	Saint Lucia LC ¹	30 August 1996
Ghana GH	26 February 1997	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines VC ¹	6 August 2002
Greece GR	9 October 1990	Senegal SN	24 January 1978
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Singapore SG	23 February 1995	Trinidad and Tobago TT	10 March 1994
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Slovenia SI	1 March 1994	Turkey TR	1 January 1996
South Africa ZA ¹	16 March 1999	Turkmenistan TM ¹	25 December 1991
Spain ES	16 November 1989	Uganda UG	9 February 1995
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
Syrian Arab Republic SY	(will become bound on 26 June 2003)	Uzbekistan UZ ¹	25 December 1991
Tajikistan TJ ¹	25 December 1991	Viet Nam VN	10 March 1993
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia MK	10 August 1995	Zambia ZM	15 November 2001
		Zimbabwe ZW	11 June 1997

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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.