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## Millionth PCT Application Filed

The International Bureau is proud to announce that total PCT filings topped the one million mark at the end of 2004. The growth rate in the filing of PCT applications has been especially significant during the last eight years. It took 18 years from the beginning of PCT operations in 1978 to reach 250,000 total applications, but only four years to double that figure (500,000), and another four to double it again (1,000,000).

This milestone will be commemorated in a ceremony at the WIPO Headquarters in Geneva on 14 January 2005. At this ceremony, representatives of the following companies will speak about their experiences with the PCT in the presence of the staff of the Office of the PCT: Matsushita Electrical Industrial Co. Ltd, Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V., The Procter & Gamble Company, Nokia, Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd and Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.

The representatives of the above-mentioned companies will also participate in a roundtable discussion about the future of the PCT system.

A new page dedicated to the receipt of the millionth PCT application has been published on the PCT website at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/million/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/million/)

## WIPO Launches Internet Gallery of Notable Inventions and Inventors

WIPO has recently launched a new PCT Internet gallery featuring notable inventions that have



passed through the PCT system and notable inventors who have used it.

PCT inventions and inventors are featured in the Internet gallery on the basis of the recognition they have received either through the press, media, award programs or other publications. Short, factual descriptions are provided, as well as links to the PCT applications, a selection of web references, and other links of interest. New inventions and inventors will be added to the Internet gallery on a regular

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basis. We hope that you will find this new feature interesting.

The PCT Internet gallery is available via a link in the "New on the PCT website" box, or at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/)

## **New PCT Contracting State**

### **Comoros (country code: KM)**

On 3 January 2005, the Comoros deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 3 April 2005, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 3 April 2005 will automatically include the designation of the Comoros. Also, because the Comoros will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 3 April 2005. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the Comoros will be entitled, as from 3 April 2005, to file international applications under the PCT.

## **Paris Convention**

### **Accession by the Comoros**

On 3 January 2005, the Comoros (country code: KM) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Convention to 169. The Comoros, which is also a PCT Contracting State (see above), will become bound by the Paris Convention on 3 April 2005. This

### **Reminder**

The national Offices of the following States do not yet apply the 30-month time limit for entering the national phase under Chapter I as fixed in PCT Article 22(1) (as modified with effect from 1 April 2002). Note, however, that in respect of the **regional** designation of all those States, the time limit under PCT Article 22(3) of 31 months applies.

CH Switzerland  
LU Luxembourg  
SE Sweden  
TZ United Republic of Tanzania  
UG Uganda  
ZM Zambia

A list of time limits applicable for each designated/elected Office for entering the national phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT is available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/legal\\_text.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/legal_text.htm)

updates the list of States party to the Paris Convention that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2004 (together with the list of States party to the PCT and Members of the WTO).

## Budapest Treaty

### Accession by Armenia

On 6 December 2004, Armenia (country code: AM) deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 60. Armenia is also a PCT Contracting State. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Armenia on 6 March 2005. This updates the table of States party to the Budapest Treaty that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2004.

## PCT Information Update

### CA Canada (telephone numbers; fees; special requirements)

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office has introduced an additional telephone number. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

telephone: (1–819) 994 37 11  
(receiving Office)  
  
(1–819) 953 97 12  
(designated/elected Office)

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

fee for priority document:	CAD	35
plus, per page:	CAD	1

The following special requirement under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Office as designated (or elected) Office has been **deleted**:

furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (CA), Vol. I/B, Annex C (CA) and Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (CA))

### DE Germany (requirements concerning agent; special requirements)

There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the German

Patent and Trade Mark Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

who can act as agent?

in case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident): any patent attorney or attorney-at-law\* resident in Germany or any national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the Qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany), provided that a patent attorney or attorney-at-law,\* resident in Germany, has been authorized to receive service of official communications

in case the applicant resides in Germany:  
any natural person resident in Germany

\* The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Rechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Joachimstrasse 1, 53113 Bonn, Germany.

The Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the following additional special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*:

- furnishing of confirmation of the international application by the signature of any applicant who has not signed the request
- furnishing of any missing indication of the address and residence of each of the applicants

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

### EP European Patent Office (fees)

The European Patent Office has introduced new amounts of fees for the national basic fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, and notified changes in the list of countries to which extension of the European patent applies, as follows (other fees have not changed):

national basic fee:

where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online:

EUR 90

where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed on paper: EUR 160

extension fee (for extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Latvia, Serbia and Montenegro or the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia): [no change]

The Office has also added the examination fee to the list of fees to which a surcharge for late payment applies.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (EP))

### ES Spain (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office have changed:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)  
fee for priority document: EUR 26.11

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed :

for patent:  
filing fee: EUR 84.71  
for utility model:  
filing fee: EUR 84.71

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

### MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (name of Office; provisional protection after international publication; fees)

The name of the Industrial Property Protection Office (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) has changed, as follows:

name of Office:  
Drzaven zavod za industriska sopstvenost  
State Office of Industrial Property (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

There has also been a change in the provisions concerning provisional protection in the

former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia after international publication, as follows:

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation of the international application into Macedonian gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages (see Articles 11(3), 11(4) and 65 of the Law of Industrial Property).

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Office as receiving Office have changed:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (MK) and Vol I/B, Annex C (MK))

### TR Turkey (name of Office; provisional protection after international publication; fees)

The name of the Turkish Patent Institute (in Turkish) has changed, as follows:

name of Office:  
Türk Patent Enstitüsü  
Turkish Patent Institute

There has also been a change in the provisions concerning provisional protection in Turkey after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a **national** patent, as follows:

An international patent application designating Turkey benefits from provisional protection as from the date on which a translation of the claims as submitted by the applicant has been published by the Turkish Patent Institute or has been notified to the alleged infringer.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

for patent and utility model:  
filing fee: TRL 385,000,000  
fee for grant of letters:  
– for patent: TRL 236,000,000  
– for utility model certificate: TRL 236,000,000  
first annual fee:  
– for patent: TRL 236,000,000  
– for utility model: TRL 236,000,000  
reinstatement of rights: TRL 750,000,000

The Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified changes in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*—the first two special requirements which were previously published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/D, National Chapter, Summary (TR) should be replaced by the following new requirements:

statement justifying the applicant's right to file the application, if the applicant is not the inventor\*

statement justifying the applicant's right to file the application, if the applicant is not the owner of the priority right\*

statement justifying the applicant's right to file the application, if the applicant is not the same as the international applicant\*

\* This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (TR), and Vol. II/D, National Chapter, Summary (TR))

**US United States of America (location; telephone and fax numbers)**

As from 15 January 2005, the location of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, will change, there will be additional telephone and fax numbers for the Office, and the teleprinter address will be deleted. The new location and the telephone and fax numbers to be used are as follows:

location:

Customer Service Window  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
United States of America

(first floor of the south side of the Randolph Building, with street level access from Ballenger Avenue)

telephone: (1-703) 305 31 65 (PCT applications, international and national phase)

(1-703) 305 32 57  
(PCT Help Desk)

fax: (1-703) 305 32 30 (PCT applications, international and national phase)

(1-751) 273 04 19  
(PCT Help Desk)

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

**Search fee (Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Swedish Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)**

As from 1 March 2005, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, in NOK and SGD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, in KRW for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, in NOK for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent Office, and there will also be a change in the equivalent amount (of the lower amount—the higher amount remains unchanged) payable in CHF and in the equivalent amount (of the higher amount—the lower amount remains unchanged) payable in ZAR for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

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

There has been/will be a change in the amounts of the fee payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office for copies of documents cited in the international search report, as indicated below. The fee for copies of foreign documents is applicable from 1 January 2005; the fee for copies of national documents will be applicable as from 16 January 2005.

fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report:			
per national document:	EUR		4.69
per foreign document:	EUR		4.69

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

**Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to the international preliminary examination (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)**

As from 16 January 2005, there will be a change in the amount payable for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as

indicated in Table II, and there will be a change in the amount of the additional preliminary examination fee, as indicated below. There has been/will be a change in the amounts of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report; the fee for copies of foreign documents is applicable from 1 January 2005; the fee for copies of national documents will be applicable as from 16 January 2005.

additional preliminary examination fee: EUR 513.03

fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report:

per national document: EUR 4.69  
per foreign document: EUR 4.69

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

### **New/Updated PCT Materials on the Internet**

(PCT homepage: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/))

### **Table of reservations and incompatibilities**

The table containing all reservations and incompatibilities was updated on 1 January 2005, in English, French, German and Spanish, and is available at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf)

[www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf)

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[www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf)

### **New Internet gallery of notable inventions and inventors**

See cover page.

### **Change to the Publication Schedule**

Due to the fact that Friday, 21 January 2005 will be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the publication of *PCT Gazette* No. 05/2005 (dated 3 February 2005) and the corresponding PCT

pamphlets (published PCT applications) to be published on the same date, will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 18 January 2005, instead of on Wednesday, 19 January 2005, the day on which it would normally been published.

Note that the publication date itself will not be affected—it falls on the usual day, Thursday (3 February 2005).

### **PCT Publications**

#### **Updating of Internet version of *PCT Applicant's Guide***

It is recalled that Annexes and National Chapters in the Internet version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* ([www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html)) are regularly updated with information received by the International Bureau.

The text portions contained in Volume I, the "international phase" and Volume II, the "national phase" of the PCT procedure are usually updated twice a year and posted on the PCT website soon thereafter.

Users of the *Guide* who wish to see when any individual page of the *Guide* was last updated, can check the date printed at the bottom of that page. Each page in the *Guide* is dated in this manner.

Note that we welcome any comments from users of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* as a print publication on the future format of the *Guide*, since we are considering proposals to modify its format. Such comments should be sent to the PCT Legal Division at WIPO at the address indicated on page 2, or by e-mail to:

[pct.legal@wipo.int](mailto:pct.legal@wipo.int)

#### **Price List—*corrigendum***

The list of the prices of PCT publications that was included as a tear-out sheet in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2004 contains an error: under "*PCT Gazette* Special Issues," the "PCT Search Guidelines" and "PCT Preliminary Examination Guidelines" were erroneously indicated as separate issues. It is recalled that they were merged into one issue in March 2004, and the reference to them should therefore read: "PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines." Note that the price of that publication is correctly indicated.

## Practical Advice

### ***The importance of correcting defects in drawings***

*Q: I recently filed a PCT application containing several pages of drawings. I have received an invitation from the receiving Office to correct certain defects in the drawings within a time limit set in the invitation. What would happen if I failed to respond within the time limit set by the receiving Office?*

A: Most international applications contain drawings since they provide an excellent means to better understand the invention. All drawings (including flow sheets and diagrams, which are considered drawings under PCT Rule 7(1)) must comply with the PCT standard for drawings contained in PCT Rules 11.10, 11.11 and, in particular, 11.13. Further details on the formality requirements for drawings can be found in paragraphs 143 to 178 of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A ([www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html)).

If a receiving Office finds that the submitted drawings do not comply with the PCT requirements, it will invite the applicant (Form PCT/RO/106) to correct any defects within a time limit set in the invitation. This could, for instance, be the case where the applicant, for the purposes of filing the PCT application, simply copied informal drawings which he or she had used for an earlier filed national application. If the applicant cannot meet the set time limit, the extension of that time limit will be at the discretion of the receiving Office (PCT Rule 26.2). Some receiving Offices (for example, RO/US) prefer, however, that the applicant does not file a separate request for an extension of the time limit, but simply furnishes the replacement pages of drawings as soon as possible. It is important that such replacement sheets reach the International Bureau before the technical preparations for publication are completed, therefore the closer it is to the scheduled international publication date, the less likely receiving Offices are to grant further extensions of time.

If an applicant fails to correct the defects in the drawings, the receiving Office is empowered under the Treaty to declare the international application to be considered withdrawn (Form PCT/RO/117) if it finds that, in accordance with PCT Rule 26.5, the international

application does not meet the formal requirements of PCT Rule 11 to the extent necessary for the purposes of reasonably uniform international publication. If, however, the defects noted are not of such a nature that this standard of "reasonably uniform publication" would be affected, the international application should not be declared to be considered withdrawn and the International Bureau will proceed with the international publication of the application.

Even if the application continues to be processed in the international phase, examiners in the international search and preliminary examination procedures may experience problems if the quality of the drawings is very poor. It is understandable that receiving Offices do not want to consider the entire application withdrawn because of defects in the drawings, but allowing such applications to proceed can also have the effect of slowing examiners down in their work, both in performing the original search and in identifying whether the drawing is relevant for later searches, which may thus affect the quality of later searches.

If the original defective drawings are published, further difficulties could arise in the national phase if the defects in the drawings have not been corrected, and similarly, examiners in the national phase may have difficulties performing their search. In principle, under PCT Article 27(1), no national law shall require compliance with requirements relating to the form or contents of the international application different from or in addition to those which are provided for in the Treaty and the Regulations. That provision applies to the physical requirements of PCT Rule 11. However, if the requirements of PCT Rule 11 have not been complied with, any designated Office may, in accordance with PCT Rule 49.5(g), invite the applicant to correct the defects in the drawings during the national phase. Therefore, the fact that a receiving Office did not enforce the compliance with the requirements of PCT Rule 11.13 does not constitute protection against an invitation from a designated or elected Office to comply with those requirements after entry into the national phase. Moreover, the relatively high standard of PCT Rule 26.5 of "necessary for the purpose of the reasonably uniform international publication," does not bind designated or elected Offices to accept drawings as they are contained in

international applications where the physical requirements provided in PCT Rule 11 have not been complied with.

Note that if essential elements of the invention are contained in a drawing, but that drawing has been so poorly executed that those essential elements did not properly appear in the publication, designated and elected Offices could also challenge that the invention has not been properly disclosed. This may happen, for example, where drawings which were initially executed in color have been scanned or copied by the applicant to produce black and white drawings which are inferior in quality. (It is recalled that, 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.” A “practical advice” article was written on the requirement to file drawings in black and white in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2003.)

We therefore strongly recommend that invitations from receiving Offices to correct formal

defects in drawings be taken seriously and be resolved within the set time limits. This will avoid any loss of rights and will avoid unnecessary additional work, effort and cost, for both applicants and designated/elected Offices, during the national phase.

Further details on the correction of defects in drawings may also be found in the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, paragraphs 153 to 159 ([www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ro.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ro.pdf)).

It is important to note that, when correcting formal defects in drawings, those drawings should not be modified. Should the applicant wish to correct an obvious error in a drawing, a request for rectification of an obvious error should be filed with the International Searching Authority (PCT Rule 91).

For the procedure which applies when drawings which are referred to in the description are missing, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/1996 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 238(ii) and 239.



<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b>			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>18–20 January 2005 Zurich (CH)</b>	English	Presentation on the PCT within the framework of the Postgraduate Program in Intellectual Property WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Kim	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), NDS Intellectual Property (Ms. Lili Tsiamis) Tel: (41–1) 632 68 08 Fax: (41–1) 632 13 67 E-mail: tsiamis@recht.gess.ethz.ch Internet: www.ndsip.ethz.ch
<b>19–20 January 2005 London (GB)</b> <i>[POSTPONED—new dates to be announced]</i>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H G Bartels and Ms. Schwarz	Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44–207) 539 42 45 E-mail: jjones@kstrode.co.uk
<b>24–25 January 2005 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. H G Bartels	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
<b>28 January 2005 Stuttgart (DE)</b>	German	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. B. Bartels (former WIPO staff member)	Deutsche Vereinigung für Gewerblichen Rechtsschutz und Urheberrecht (GRÜR) (Mr. G. Schuster) Tel: (49–711) 222 99 40 Fax: (49–711) 222 99 433 E-mail: marken@schusterpat.de
<b>8–9 February 2005 Milan (IT)</b>	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and Patent Administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. H G Bartels and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	EPI-CEIPI (see below), Ordine Consulenti Proprietà Industriale and the Association of Patent Attorneys in Industry (AICIPI) Tel: (39–02) 55 18 51 44 Fax: (39–02) 54 12 20 66 E-mail: consiglio@ordine-brevetti.it
<b>10–11 February 2005 Houston (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speakers: Ms. Bidwell (USPTO) and Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company, US)	Institute for Intellectual Property and Information Law, University of Houston Law Center, and Haynes and Boone, LLP (Ms. Suzanne Kiefer) Tel: (1–214) 651 53 90 Fax: (1–214) 200 07 35 E-mail: suzanne.kiefer@haynesboone.com
<b>18 February 2005 Munich (DE)</b>	German	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. H G Bartels	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de

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<b>PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]</b>			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>24–25 February 2005 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar 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
<b>8–9 March 2005 Helsinki (FI)</b>	Finnish	Seminar for patent administrators on the PCT and PCT-SAFE WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe	Helsinki University of Technology, Lifelong Learning Institute of Dipoli (Ms. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358–9) 451 40 47 Fax: (358–9) 451 40 68 E-mail: arja.andsten@dipoli.hut.fi Internet: www.dipoli.hut.fi
<b>9–10 March 2005 Ecully (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33–4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33–4) 78 33 58 96
<b>17–18 March 2005 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
<b>4 April 2005 Paris (FR)</b>	French	PCT update 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
<b>20–21 April 2005 London (GB)</b>	English	Basic formalities seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
<b>26 April 2005 Brussels (BE)</b> <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the “Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets 2004–2005” WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) and l'Institut des mandataires agréés près l'Office européen des brevets (EPI) (Mr. Thierry Debled) Tel: (32–65) 40 08 21 Fax: (32–65) 31 14 74 E-mail: Thierry.Debled@BE.vesuvius.com
<b>29–30 April 2005 Concord, New Hampshire (US)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	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

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

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 international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100 under certain circumstances where the request is prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software or by CHF 200 or 300 where the international application is filed in electronic form, as prescribed; see footnotes 2 and 5 for details. A 75% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) 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 footnotes 3 and 11. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 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
		CYP	Cyprus pound	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PHP	Philippine peso	VND	Vietnamese dong
		DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PLZ	Polish zloty	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	ROL	Romanian leu	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
		EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	RUR	Russian rouble	ZAR	South African rand
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDP	Sudanese pound	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**  
(amounts on 1 January 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3,4</sup> (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2,5</sup> (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
AE	AED <sup>7</sup> —	AED eq CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT AU
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,134	12	81	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,134	12	81	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 902	10	64	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 1,525	16	109	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,134	12	n a	EP RU
BA	EUR 25.56	EUR 902	10	64	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 902	10	64	EP
BG	BGL 60	BGL eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP RU
BR	BRR 236	BRR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT EP SE US
BW	Information not yet available				
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,134	12	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,134	12	81	EP

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**  
(amounts on 1 January 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3,4</sup> (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2,5</sup> (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,489	16	106	CA <sup>8</sup>
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	CN
CO	COP <sup>7</sup>	—	COP eq USD 1,134	eq USD 12	eq USD 81	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	175	USD 1,134	12	81	EP ES
CU	USD (or eq CUP) <sup>200</sup>	200	USD(or eq CUP) 1,134	12	81	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP	75	CYP 526	6	n a	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR 902	10	64	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK 6,700	70	480	EP SE
DM	Information not yet available					
DZ	DZD	None	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD	50	USD 1,134	12	81	EP RU
EC	USD <sup>7</sup>	—	USD 1,134	12	81	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
EG	USD	100	USD 1,134	12	81	AT EP
EP <sup>5</sup>	EUR	100	EUR 902	10	64	EP
ES <sup>5</sup>	EUR	65.27	EUR 902	10	64	EP ES
FI <sup>5</sup>	EUR	135	EUR 902	10	64	EP SE
FR <sup>5</sup>	EUR	60	EUR 902	10	64	EP
GB <sup>5</sup>	GBP	55	GBP 628	7	45	EP
GD	Information not yet available					
GE	GEL <sup>9</sup>	10	USD 1,134	12	81	EP RU
GH	GHC <sup>10</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,134	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR 902	10	64	EP
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
HU	HUF	10,000	HUF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP RU
IB <sup>5</sup>	CHF <sup>11</sup> or EUR <sup>11</sup> or USD <sup>11</sup>	100 64 81	CHF 1,400 or EUR 902 or USD 1,134	15 10 12	100 64 81	See footnote 12
ID	IDR	500,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76.00	EUR 902	10	64	EP
IL	ILS	476	USD 1,134	12	81	EP US
IN	INR	5,000 (filing by indiv: 1,500)	USD 1,134	12	81	AT AU CN EP SE US

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**  
(amounts on 1 January 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3,4</sup> (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2,5</sup> (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 80,000	900	5,700	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
JP <sup>5</sup>	JPY 13,000	JPY 123,200	1,300	8,800	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) <sup>250</sup> plus cost of mailing	USD 1,134	12	81	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,134	12	81	EP RU
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT RU
KR <sup>5</sup>	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,329,000	14,000	95,000	AT AU JP <sup>13</sup> KR
KZ	KZT <sup>7</sup> —	USD 1,134	12	81	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,134	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM <sup>7</sup> —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 902	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 902	10	64	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 <sup>14</sup>	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 1,134	12	81	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP RU
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 111,100	1,200	7,900	EP
MX	MXP <sup>3</sup> eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
NA	Information not yet available				
NI	USD 200	USD 1,134	12	81	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 902	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 7,370	80	530	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 <sup>15</sup>	NZD 1,653	18	118	AU EP US
OA	XAF —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available				
PG	Information not yet available				
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,134	12	81	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 30.99	EUR 902	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 1,134	12	81	EP RU
SC	Information not yet available				
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,140	90	580	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,926	21	138	AT AU EP
SI	SIT 22,000	SIT eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
SY	Information not yet available				

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**  
(amounts on 1 January 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3,4</sup> (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2,5</sup> (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
TJ	TJS <sup>7</sup> —	USD 1,134	12	n a	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>7</sup> —	USD 1,134	12	81	EP RU
TN	TND <sup>7</sup> —	CHF 1,400	15	n a	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,134	12	81	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,134	12	n a	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,134	12	81	EP US
UZ	USD <sup>7</sup> —	USD 1,134	12	81	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available				
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 7,270	80	520	AT AU EP US
ZM	Information not yet available				
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,134	eq USD 12	eq USD 81	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**  
(amounts on 1 January 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT	EUR 159	CHF 247	KRW 235,000	SGD 310	USD* 182	ZAR 1,320						
	* (from 1.3.05: USD 214)											
AU	AUD 1,200	CHF 1,050	EUR 684	KRW 1,014,000	NZD 1,282	SGD 1,490						
	USD 865	ZAR 5,300										
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,520	EUR 985	USD* 1,195								
	*(from 15.1.05: USD 1,336)											
CN	CNY 1,500	CHF* 245	EUR* 158	USD 181								
	* (from 1.2.05: CHF 207)		EUR 137)									
EP <sup>16</sup>	EUR 1,550	CAD 2,520	CHF 2,432	CYP 905	DKK 11,520	GBP 1,078	ISK 138,000	JPY 200,100	MWK 194,000	NOK* 13,450	NZD 2,884	SEK 13,870
	SGD* 3,130	USD 1,920	ZAR 12,000									
	* (from 1.3.05: NOK 12,650)		SGD 3,410)									
ES <sup>16</sup>	EUR 1,550	CHF 2,432	USD 1,920									
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,097	EUR 752	KRW* 1,066,000	USD 887							
	* (from 1.3.05: KRW 986,000)											
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 238	EUR 151	USD 194								
RU <sup>17</sup>	USD 300	CHF* 406	EUR* 262									
	* (from 1.2.05: CHF 344)		EUR 227)									
SE	SEK 13,870	CHF 2,432	DKK 11,520	EUR 1,550	ISK 138,000	NOK* 13,450						
	USD 1,920	* (from 1.3.05: NOK 12,650)										
US	USD 1,000	300 <sup>18</sup>	CHF** 1,318	395 <sup>18</sup>	EUR 787	254 <sup>18</sup>	NZD*** 1,570	470 <sup>18</sup>				
	ZAR**** 6,600	2,000 <sup>18</sup>	* (from 15.1.05: CHF 1,171 395 <sup>18</sup> )									
	** (from 1.3.05: CHF 1,171 342 <sup>18</sup> )											
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	**** (from 1.3.05: ZAR 6,000 2,000 <sup>18</sup> )											

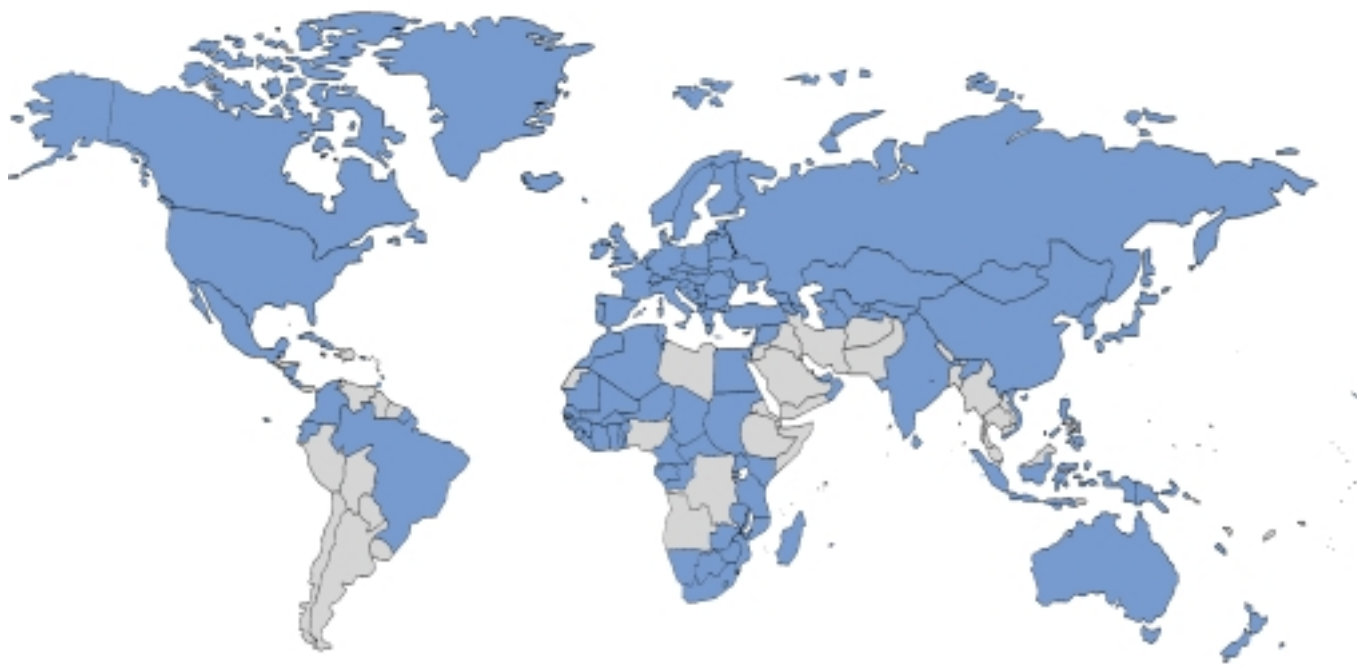
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 January 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>19</sup>		Handling fee <sup>3,19</sup> (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	159	EUR	129	
AU	AUD	550	1,000 <sup>20</sup>	AUD	218
CA	CAD	800		CAD	213
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP <sup>16</sup>	EUR	1,530		EUR	129
ES	EUR	502.97	(from 16.1.05: EUR 513.03)	EUR	129
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	17,600
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW	190,000
RU <sup>17</sup>	USD	200 <sup>21</sup>	300 <sup>22</sup>	USD	162
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,160
US	USD	600	750 <sup>23</sup>	USD	162

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE 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 fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 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 Administrative Instructions under the PCT, 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 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, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP and KR. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200**=EUR 129, GBP 90, KRW 190,000, USD 162; **CHF 300**=EUR 193, GBP 134, JPY 26,400, KRW 285,000, USD 243.
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 8 For international applications filed before 26 July 2004, the competent ISA is the European Patent Office. For international applications filed on or after 26 July 2004, the competent ISA is the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.
- 9 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 10 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.
- 11 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 12 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).
- 13 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 14 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 15 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 16 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 Item 4(a) of 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 part 1 of the table on the PCT website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf), with the exception of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 17 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.
- 18 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a), the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid, and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application.
- 19 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 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 (US)).

## PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (125 on 3 January 2005)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	ML Mali (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IN India	MN Mongolia	SZ Swaziland (AP) <sup>2</sup>
AL Albania <sup>1</sup>	CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>2</sup>	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>2</sup>	TD Chad (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>2</sup>	MW Malawi (AP)	TG Togo (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AT Austria (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MX Mexico	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
AU Australia	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	NA Namibia (AP)	TN Tunisia
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup>	DZ Algeria	<b>KM Comoros</b> ( <i>from 3 April 2005</i> )	NE Niger (OA) <sup>2</sup>	TR Turkey (EP)
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BE Belgium (EP) <sup>2</sup>	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NL Netherlands (EP) <sup>2</sup>	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) <sup>2</sup>	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NO Norway	UA Ukraine
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NZ New Zealand	UG Uganda (AP)
BJ Benin (OA) <sup>2</sup>	FR France (EP) <sup>2</sup>	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	OM Oman	US United States of America
BR Brazil	GA Gabon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LK Sri Lanka	PG Papua New Guinea	VN Viet Nam
BW Botswana (AP)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia	PH Philippines	YU Serbia and Montenegro <sup>1</sup>
BY Belarus (EA)	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	PL Poland (EP)	ZA South Africa
BZ Belize	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CA Canada	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	RO Romania (EP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia <sup>1</sup>	RU Russian Federation (EA)	
CG Congo (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GN Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MA Morocco	SC Seychelles	
CH Switzerland (EP)	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MC Monaco (EP) <sup>2</sup>	SD Sudan (AP)	
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GR Greece (EP) <sup>2</sup>	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SE Sweden (EP)	
CM Cameroon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MG Madagascar	SG Singapore	
CN China	HR Croatia <sup>1</sup>	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>1</sup>	SI Slovenia (EP) <sup>2</sup>	
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SK Slovakia (EP)	
	ID Indonesia		SL Sierra Leone (AP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>		SM San Marino	
			SN Senegal (OA) <sup>2</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> Extension of European patent possible.

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