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Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO

The Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, including the thirty-fourth session of the Assembly of the PCT Union, were held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005.

Assembly of the PCT Union

The Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 April 2006 and 1 April 2007.

The amendments which will enter into force in 2006 relate to:

- changes to the exceptions to the all-inclusive designation system;
- the addition of Arabic as a publication language;
- the move towards full and exclusive electronic publication of all international applications, and the publication of the *PCT Gazette* solely in electronic form; and
- the publication of declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 as part of the international application.

The amendments which will enter into force in 2007 (in order to allow time for the International Bureau and national Offices to prepare to implement those amendments) relate to:

- missing elements and parts of the international application;
- restoration of the right of priority;
- rectification of obvious mistakes; and
- the addition of patent documents from the Republic of Korea to the PCT minimum documentation. (In practice, International

Authorities intend to search these documents as soon as possible, and will not wait until the amendments to PCT Rule 34.1 enter into force.)

The amendments were adopted in the form shown in document PCT/A/34/2 Rev. (see end of article for links).

Further details on these amendments will be included in future editions of the *PCT Newsletter* and on the PCT website.

The Assembly agreed that there would be a further session of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT before the 2006 session of the Assembly to consider outstanding proposals for amendments of the Regulations. These include the

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options for applicants of international publication in multiple languages and supplementary searches by Authorities other than the main International Searching Authority, as well as proposals relating to declaration of the source of genetic resources and traditional knowledge in patent applications.

The Assembly also received status reports on quality management systems for PCT International Authorities (PCT/A/34/4) and on PCT automation (PCT/A/34/5).

Other Bodies

The first session of the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) Assembly was held, following the entry into force of the Treaty on 28 April 2005. The Assembly adopted rules of procedure, agreed to begin consultations on developing model international forms, and decided which of the amendments and modifications of the PCT, the Regulations under the PCT and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT which have been made since the adoption of the PLT, apply for the purposes of the PLT and its Regulations.

The WIPO General Assembly also considered the work which will be carried out over the next year in relation to the draft Substantive Patent Law Treaty (SPLT), including organizing an informal open forum to consider a range of issues, including development-related and technical topics. This will be followed by an informal meeting of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP) to agree on a work program for that Committee, taking into account the discussions of the open

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

forum. Following the informal session of the SCP, an ordinary session of the SCP will commence work on the agreed work program.

Further Information

All the meeting documents (including the reports of the various meetings, when they become available) can be downloaded from the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=8043

Information concerning the Patent Law Treaty can be found at:

www.wipo.int/patent/law/en/plt.htm

Modifications of the Administrative Instructions Under the PCT

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 October 2005, to Sections 102*bis*, 214, 335 and 804, Part 7 and Annex F (including its Appendices II to IV) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. The modifications involve:

- the use of all physical media that are acceptable under Annex F, such as diskettes, CD-R and DVD-R, for the filing of the PCT-EASY request data and abstract (see modifications of Sections 102*bis* and 335, and of section 4 of Appendix IV of Annex F);
- the signature of the declaration of inventorship referred to under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) (see modifications of Section 214 and of paragraph 192C(ii) of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines);
- the processing and communication in electronic form of international applications filed on paper (see modifications of Sections 701, 702, 705, 710 and 713, and new Sections 705*bis* and 714); and
- the clarification of the wording of several provisions in Part 7 and Annex F, taking into account experience gained with the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see modifications of Sections 701 to 704 and 707 to 713, and new Section 714 as well as modifications of Annex F and its Appendices II to IV).

The text of the modifications of the Administrative Instructions is reproduced in Section IV of *PCT Gazette* No. 39/2005 dated 29 September

2005, which is available on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/

The texts of the modifications of the Administrative Instructions and of Annex F and its Appendices II to IV have also been published as documents PCT/AI/2 Rev.4 and PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.3, respectively, on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

A consolidated version of the Administrative Instructions incorporating these changes will be available both as a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* and on the PCT website at the end of this month.

Modifications of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

A modification has been made, with effect from 1 October 2005, to paragraph 192C(ii) of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines. The modification involves the signature of the declaration of inventorship referred to under PCT Rule 4.17(iv).

The text of the modification is reproduced in Section IV of *PCT Gazette* No. 39/2005 dated 29 September 2005, which is available on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/

See below for a reminder about the change regarding the signature of the declaration of inventorship.

Reminder re Change Regarding Signature Requirements for the Declaration of Inventorship

It is recalled that, with effect from 1 October 2005, if an applicant chooses to file the optional declaration of inventorship under PCT Rule 4.17(iv), which may be filed during the international phase for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, ***the signature of the inventors must always appear on the declaration itself***. The signature of the inventor in Box No. X of the Request Form, in case the declaration is filed together with the international application, no longer replaces the signature on the declaration. Applicants are therefore advised to change their practice, if need be, accordingly.

PCT Publications

Protecting your inventions abroad: Frequently asked questions about the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

A new publication entitled *Protecting your inventions abroad: Frequently asked questions about the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* has been published on the PCT website.

This 10-page publication answers many questions which those who are not so familiar with the PCT procedure may have. Information is given on: how to file an international application, the international search procedure, international publication, the international preliminary examination procedure and entry into the national phase.

The publication is available in English at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/basic_facts/
faqs_about_the_pct.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf)

and will soon also be available on paper. Other language versions will be published shortly.

Russian edition of the Treaty and Regulations under the PCT (April 2005 edition)

The International Bureau has published a new edition of the Russian text of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations Under the PCT*, as in force from 1 April 2005.

The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate that the language required is Russian, should be addressed to the Design, Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO:

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mailing
address: see address on page 2

The Treaty and Regulations in Russian, as in force from 1 April 2005, is also available, in PDF format, on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/ru/treaties/registration/pct/

PCT Information Update

IB International Bureau (telephone number; e-mail address)

The International Bureau has introduced a new telephone number and a new e-mail address for receiving Office purposes only. The telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

telephone: (41-22) 338 91 11
(41-22) 338 92 22
(for receiving Office purposes
only)
(41-22) 338 83 38
(PCT Information Service)

e-mail: wipo.mail@wipo.int
ro.ib@wipo.int
(for receiving Office purposes
only)
pct.infoline@wipo.int
(PCT Information Service)

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

KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea (e-mail address; language of filing; requirements concerning agent)

The Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has deleted its teleprinter address and introduced an e-mail address, as follows:

e-mail: kpipo@co.chesin.com

The Office in its capacity as receiving Office has also notified changes in its requirements concerning the language of filing of international applications. The consolidated list of languages accepted by the Office for the filing of international applications is as follows:

English, French, Korean or Russian

There has been a change in the requirements as to whether an agent is required by the receiving Office and as to who can act as agent before the Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

is an agent required by the receiving Office:

no, if the applicant resides in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

yes, if he is a non-resident

who can act as agent?
any patent agent

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

KZ Kazakhstan (name of Office; location and mailing address; Internet address)

The name and the location and mailing address of the Kazakh Patent Office have changed, and the Office has introduced two additional Internet addresses, as follows:

name of Office:

Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriginin Sanatkerlik menshik kutygy zhonindegі komiteti, Ultyk sanatkerlik menshik instituty (USMI Kazakhstan Respublikasy)

Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Committee of Intellectual Property Rights, National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan)

location and mailing address:

Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriginin Sanatkerlik menshik kutygy zhonindegі komiteti
48, Omarova St.
Astana 010000, Kazakhstan
(general matters)

Ultyk sanatkerlik menshik instituty
6, R&M Abdullins St.
Almaty 050002, Kazakhstan
(application processing)

Internet: www.kazpatent.org
www.intellkaz.kz
www.kazpatent.kz

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

LV Latvia (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Latvian Patent Office have changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

telephone: (371) 709 96 22

fax: (371) 709 96 50

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

MZ Mozambique (Internet address)

The Internet address of the Industrial Property Institute (Mozambique) has changed, as follows:

Internet: www.ipi.gov.mz

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

NO Norway (fees)

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Norwegian Patent Office as receiving Office, has changed:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (NO))

PG Papua New Guinea (fees – corrigendum)

The fees published in the Internet version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex C (PG) on 15 September 2005 were erroneous. The correct amounts were later published on 22 September 2005, but have since been superceded by those applicable as from 1 October 2005.

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

The addresses of the Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM) and of the Russian National Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM), international depositary authorities under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, have changed, as follows:

Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM)
G.K. Skryabin Institute of Biochemistry and Physiology of Microorganisms
Russian Academy of Sciences
Prospekt Nauki No. 5
Pushchino 142290 (Moscow Region)
Russian Federation

Russian National Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM)
FGUP GosNII Genetika
1 Dorozhny proezd, 1
Moscow 117545
Russian Federation

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

SM San Marino (telephone and fax numbers; Internet address)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) have changed and the Office has introduced an Internet address, as follows:

telephone: (378) 549 88 29 82

fax: (378) 549 88 38 56

Internet: www.usbm.sm

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

Search fee (National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland)

For the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, there has been a change, as from 1 October 2005, in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/applicants.html)

PCT Online File Inspection System

The following documents have been added to the PCT Online File Inspection System (available at: www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/database/search-adv.jsp):

- written opinions of the International Searching Authority;
- international preliminary reports on patentability (IPRP) under Chapters I and II;
- international preliminary examination reports (IPERs) (for international applications filed as of January 2002 and before January 2004); and
- English translations of the above documents, where applicable.

Note that these documents are only available after 30 months from the priority date and, as far as the IPER or IPRP (Chapter II) is con-

cerned, only if one of the elected Offices has requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the report on its behalf under PCT Rule 94.1(c).

For further information on the new PCT Online File Inspection System, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2005, cover page.

Modified Request Form

As was announced on the cover page of *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2005, Box No. VIII(iv) and the Notes to Box No. VIII(iv) of the Request Form (PCT/RO/101) have been modified, with effect from 1 October 2005, to take into account the change regarding the signature requirements for the declaration of inventorship. Applicants are advised to use the October 2005 version of the Request Form which is available on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/

The International Patent System in 2004 – Yearly Review of the PCT

The International Patent System in 2004 – Yearly Review of the PCT is now available on the PCT website in Spanish (in addition to the English, Arabic, Chinese, German, Japanese and Russian versions) at:

www.wipo.int/pct/es/activity/pct_2004.pdf

The French version will soon be available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/activity/pct_2004.pdf

PCT Gallery of Notable Inventions and Inventors

The following entries have been made in the gallery of notable inventions (www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/):

- Electronic Paper
- Super Soaker®

Suggestions for additions to the PCT gallery should be sent to the following e-mail address: pct.infoline@wipo.int

WIPO Index of Patent Systems

Following a survey launched by WIPO in March 2005 of all its Member States regarding their national patent systems, WIPO has recently published an index of patent systems at:

www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/resources/patent_systems.html

The index currently contains information on 35 countries (or intergovernmental organizations). Each country profile reflects the status of the patent system in that country as of May 2005. For example, the country profile of Switzerland gives information on the following:

- types of protection for inventions;
- term of protection;
- subject matters excluded from patentability or not considered to be inventions;
- filing language;
- certain requirements relating to filing;
- link between different inventions in the same application;
- publication;
- classification system;
- search and examination;
- specific legal provision regarding ownership of patents derived from public (government) research funding;
- exceptions to exclusive rights conferred by a patent;
- options to challenge a patent.

The index will be regularly updated as more information becomes available.

Current and Emerging Issues Relating to Patents

A new page has been added to the WIPO website which provides links to a number of sites, articles and studies containing a variety of views and information on a non-exhaustive list of current and emerging issues relating to patents. See:

www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/developments.html

Subjects of discussion currently include:

- access to genetic resources and benefit sharing;
- biotechnology;
- competition and patents;
- economic development and patents;

- inventions made/used in outer space;
- licensing and technology transfer;
- nanotechnology;
- protection of traditional knowledge;
- research and development, innovation and patents;
- software and business methods; and
- standards and patents.

As the debate about patents develops, further topics may be added and others might be removed.

Practical Advice

Finding the relevant provisions in PCT legal texts concerning a particular topic

Q: I am a patent administrator and have just started to file PCT applications. I would like to familiarize myself with certain aspects of the PCT, for example, the claiming of priorities under the PCT and the physical requirements for the international application, and would like to read all the relevant PCT legal texts relating to those topics. Could you tell me how I can find out in which PCT Rules or other PCT legal texts certain topics are covered?

A: The “PCT Legal Text Index” will help you find the relevant legal provisions which correspond to a particular topic. The index indicates, for each topic listed, which parts of the various PCT legal resources relate to that topic. It is available in PDF format on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/legal_index05.pdf

The main part of the Index lists the relevant provisions in the PCT legal texts for each topic. Bookmarks to the various parts of the index have been added to help you to navigate. You should select, in the left hand pane of the Acrobat Reader window, the letter with which your topic of interest begins, and then on the right hand side of the page a list of the topics beginning with that letter will be displayed. Each main topic is divided into more detailed sub-headings, following which you will find a reference to the relevant provisions in the various PCT legal resources. The PCT legal resources that are referred to are as follows:

- the Treaty (reference is preceded by “Art.”);
- the Regulations under the PCT (reference is preceded by “R.”);
- Administrative Instructions under the PCT (reference is preceded by “§”) or Annex thereto (reference is preceded by “AI Annex ...”);
- receiving Office Guidelines (reference is preceded by “ROG”);
- International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (reference is preceded by “ISPEG”); and
- PCT Forms (reference is preceded by “Form”).

An example is given below of the references which are given under the topic “margins”.

Note that all of the above PCT legal resources are available on the PCT website. The PCT Legal Text Index is updated from time to time, for example, when new PCT Regulations are introduced or where the Regulations have been amended in such a way that this would affect the Index. An earlier version of the Index is kept as a reference tool for international applications filed before the current Index entered into force. For example, the Index dated 1 January 2004 (www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/legal_index04.pdf) would be the appropriate version to use for those international applications filed before 1 January 2004.

Another source of information which directs you to the relevant provisions in the PCT legal

texts is the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/). The Guide explains in detail the various aspects of the international and national phases. Volume I contains general information on the PCT, and in particular information on the international phase of the PCT procedure. Volume II contains general information on the national phase of the PCT procedure. Both volumes contain a basic table of contents and an expanded table of contents (listing the questions that are answered in the text); Volume I also contains a comprehensive Index to that volume. In the margin of the text of the guide itself, the relevant provisions in the PCT legal texts are listed. Both volumes are searchable in PDF format.

PCT Seminar Calendar

Corrigenda

The following corrections should be made to the paper version of *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2005, as well as any printout of the Internet version, if it was printed out before 21 September 2005:

- the dates for the PCT presentation at the 4th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators should be corrected to read 17–18 November 2005 (and not 28–29 November 2005); and
- the information on the PCT seminar to be held in San Francisco from 27–28 October should be corrected to read “advanced PCT seminar” instead of “basic PCT seminar”.

Extract from the PCT Legal Text Index:

Margin(s)

file reference in —	§ 109, ROG 143
line numbering to appear in right half of left —	R. 11.8(b)
— of IA generally	Art. 3(4)(ii), R. 11.6-11.8, ROG 142-143
markings to be made by RO in — of Req. where	
additional matter deleted in Req.	R. 4.17(b), § 303
check list completed by RO	R. 3.3(b), § 313(b)
defects under R. 26.4(a) corrected or obvious error under R. 91.1 rectified	§ 325(a)(ii)
designations of non-Contracting States cancelled	§ 318
priority claim corrected or added	R. 26bis, § 314(a)
priority claim considered not to have been made	R. 26bis.2(b), § 302
sheet numbering not to be placed in —	R. 11.7(b)
size of — in IA	R. 11.6

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10 October 2005 Hamburg (DE) <i>(previously announced as taking place in Cologne)</i>	German	Presentation on the PCT as part of a "PCT for Attorneys" conference 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
12-13 October 2005 Heidelberg (DE) <i>(previously announced as taking place in Stuttgart)</i>	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
12-13 October 2005 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mrs. Eira Juntunen) Tel: (358-9) 69 39 52 38 Fax: (358-9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: eira.juntunen@prh.fi
24-25 October 2005 Orange County, California (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Bryan and Mr. Reischle	Orange County Patent Law Association (OCPLA) (Mr. Stefan J. Kirchanski) Tel: (1-310) 500 35 00 Fax: (1-310) 500 35 01 E-mail: skirchanski@linerlaw.com
27-28 October 2005 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	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
27-28 October 2005 San Francisco, California (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Ms. Bidwell (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	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
31 October- 1 November 2005 Boston, Massachusetts (US)	English	Advanced PCT Practice Seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and other to be announced Other speaker: Ms. Bidwell (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	Boston Patent Law Association Tel: (1-617) 517 55 58 Fax: (1-617) 439 41 70 Internet: www.bpla.org
7-8 November 2005 Chicago, Illinois (US)	English	Advanced PCT training session WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Ms. Bidwell (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
10 November 2005 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Nakamaki	Japan Patent Office (Regional Branch Administration Section, General Affairs Division) Tel: (81-3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 E-mail: PA02CO@jpo.go.jp

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
11 November 2005 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Nakamaki	(See Osaka, above)
15 November 2005 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Nakamaki	(See Osaka, above)
22–23 November 2005 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
28–29 November 2005 17–18 November 2005 (reinstated dates) London (GB)	English	PCT presentation at the 4 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
28–29 November 2005 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bonvallet	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
8–9 December 2005 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
13–14 December 2005 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 52
11 February 2006 St. Paul, MN (US)	English	“William Mitchell’s Intellectual Property Symposium: The Patent Cooperation Treaty and the International Patent System” WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling and Ms. Boutillon	William Mitchell College of Law and Fredrickson & Byron (Mrs. Meg Daniel) Tel: (1–651) 290 64 25 Internet: www.wmitchell.edu/lectures/pct+symposium
8–9 March 2006 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation 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
27 March 2006 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
21–22 April 2006 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	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 October 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 10. (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	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SIT	Slovenian tolar
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUP	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
		EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	LSM	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,102	12	79	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,102	12	79	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 1,102	12	n a	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	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 1,102	12	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,102	12	79	EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,340	14	96	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	CN

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
CO	COP ⁷ —	COP eq USD 1,102	eq USD 12	eq USD 79	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,102	12	79	EP ES
CU	USD (or eq CUP) 200	USD (or eq CUP) 1,102	12	79	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 1,102	12	79	EP RU
EC	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,102	12	79	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
EG	USD 100	USD 1,102	12	79	AT EP US
EP ⁵	EUR 100	EUR 902	10	64	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 65.27	EUR 902	10	64	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 902	10	64	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 902	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 628	7	45	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,102	12	79	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,102	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 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP RU
IB ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 79	CHF 1,400 or EUR 902 or USD 1,102	15 10 12	100 64 79	See footnote 11
ID	IDR 500,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 902	10	64	EP
IL	ILS 476	USD 1,102	12	79	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,102	12	79	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 74,000	800	5,300	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 123,200	1,300	8,800	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,102	12	79	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,102	12	79	EP RU

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
KM	Information not yet available				
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT RU
KR⁵	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,126,000	12,000	80,000	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT ⁷ —	USD 1,211	13	87	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,102	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	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 ¹³	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 1,102	12	79	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 ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
NA	Information not yet available				
NG	Information not yet available				
NI	USD 200	USD 1,102	12	79	EP ES
NL⁵	EUR 50	EUR 902	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,370	80	530	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,653	18	118	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁷ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available				
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,102	12	79	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,102	12	79	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 902	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 1,102	12	79	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
SM	EUR 50	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
SY	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,102	12	79	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁷ —	USD 1,102	12	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,102	12	79	EP RU
TN	TND ⁷ —	CHF 1,400	15	n a	EP

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
TR	CHF	100	CHF	1,400	15	100	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,102	12	79	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH)	1,102	12	n a	EP RU
US	USD	300	USD	1,102	12	79	EP US
UZ	USD ⁷	—	USD	1,102	12	79	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	1,102	eq USD 12	eq USD 79	AT AU CN EP RU

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

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	311	KRW	264,000	SGD	430	USD	262	ZAR	1,620
AU	AUD	1,200	CHF	1,126	EUR	769	KRW	948,000	NZD	1,282	SGD	1,490
	USD	942	ZAR	5,800								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,681	EUR	1,078	USD	1,336				
CN	CNY	1,500	CHF	240	EUR	137	USD	181				
EP ¹⁵	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,432	CYP	905	DKK	11,520	GBP	1,078	ISK*	129,000
	JPY	217,300	MWK	194,000	NOK	12,650	NZD	2,622	SEK	13,870	SGD	3,150
	USD	1,877	ZAR	12,000								
	* (from 1.11.05: ISK 121,000)											
ES ¹⁵	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,432	USD	1,877						
FI	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,432	USD	1,877						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	1,097	EUR	692	KRW	920,000	USD	887		
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	272	EUR	168	NZD	315	USD	218		
RU ¹⁶	USD	300	CHF	389	EUR	227						
SE	SEK	13,870	CHF	2,432	DKK	11,520	EUR	1,550	ISK*	129,000	NOK	12,650
	USD	1,877										
	* (from 1.11.05: ISK 121,000)											
US	USD	1,000	300 ¹⁷	CHF	1,269	390 ¹⁷	EUR	787	224 ¹⁷	NZD*	1,360	420 ¹⁷
	ZAR	6,800	2,100 ¹⁷									
	* (from 1.11.05: NZD 1,460 420 ¹⁷)											

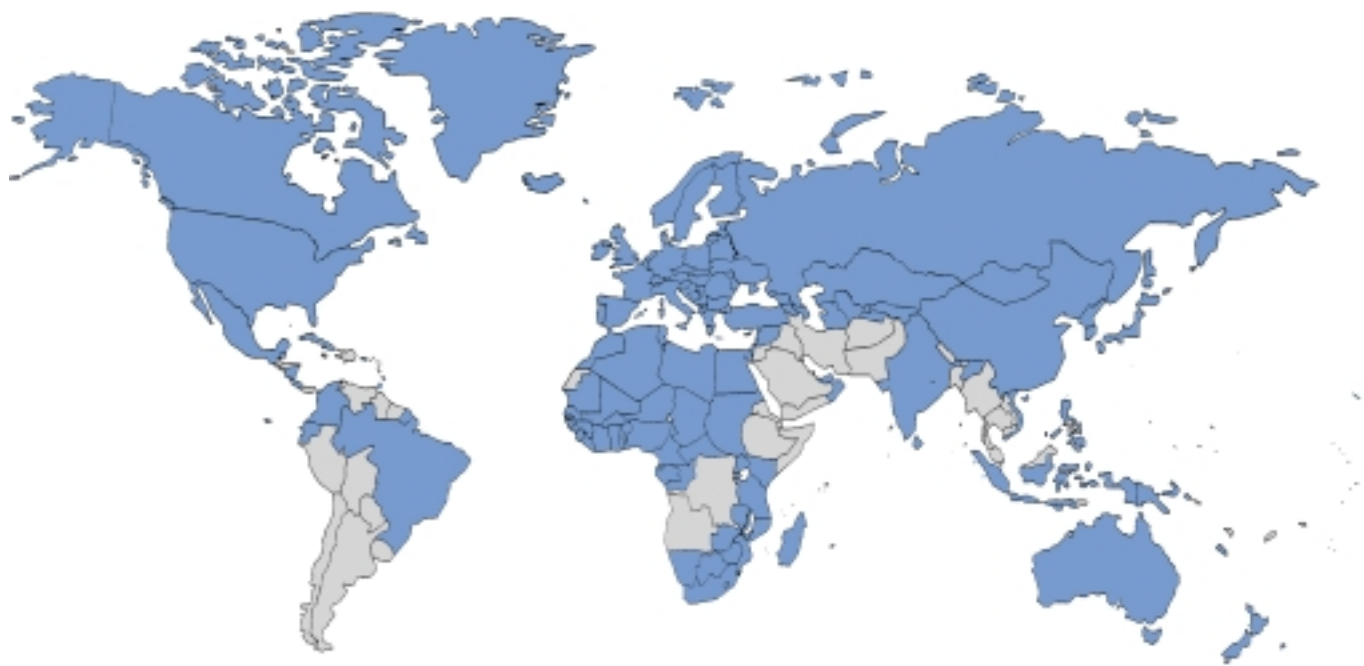
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 October 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁸		Handling fee ^{3, 18} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	200	EUR 129
AU	AUD	550 1,000 ¹⁹	AUD 218
CA	CAD	800	CAD 192
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EP ¹⁵	EUR	1,530	EUR 129
ES	EUR	513.03	EUR 129
FI	EUR	550	EUR 129
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY 17,600
KR	KRW	225,000	KRW 161,000
RU ¹⁶	USD	200 ²⁰ 300 ²¹	USD 157
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,160
US	USD	600 750 ²²	USD 157

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
- 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, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP, KR and NL. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200=DKK 960, EUR 129, GBP 90, KRW 161,000, USD 157; CHF 300=DKK 1,440, EUR 193, GBP 134, JPY 26,400, KRW 241,000, USD 236.**
- 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 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 10 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
- 11 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (IB).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 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, with the exception of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 16 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 17 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a), ((i) prior to 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid, or (ii) on or after 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a), the search fee under 37 CFR 1.16(k) and the examination fee under 37 CFR 1.16(o) have 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.
- 18 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 19 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 21 In all cases where footnote 20 does not apply.
- 22 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 (128 on 1 October 2005)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SM San Marino
AL Albania ¹	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IT Italy (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AT Austria (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AU Australia	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	TD Chad (OA) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis (from 27 October 2005)	NA Namibia (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TN Tunisia
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TR Turkey (EP)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BR Brazil	FR France (EP) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NZ New Zealand	UA Ukraine
BW Botswana (AP)	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LR Liberia	OM Oman	UG Uganda (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	US United States of America
BZ Belize	GD Grenada	LT Lithuania (EP)	PH Philippines	UZ Uzbekistan
CA Canada	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GH Ghana (AP)	LV Latvia (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CG Congo (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	RO Romania (EP)	YU Serbia and Montenegro ¹
CH Switzerland (EP)	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia ¹	MG Madagascar	SE Sweden (EP)	
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SG Singapore	
	ID Indonesia		SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SK Slovakia (EP)	
	IL Israel			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

Where a State can be designated for a regional patent, the two-letter code for the regional patent concerned is indicated in parentheses (AP = ARIPO patent, EA = Eurasian patent, EP = European patent, OA = OAPI patent).

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated October 2005 and April 2005, respectively) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, and can be printed from the WIPO Internet site, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/index.htm, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.