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## New PCT Contracting State

### Nigeria (country code: NG)

On 8 February 2005, Nigeria deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 8 May 2005, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 8 May 2005 will automatically include the designation of Nigeria. Also, because Nigeria 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 8 May 2005. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Nigeria will be entitled, as from 8 May 2005, to file international applications under the PCT.

### EPO: Limitations Concerning the PCT Applications for Which It Will Act as ISA and/or IPEA

On 27 January 2005, the International Bureau received a notification from the European Patent Office (EPO) prolonging the period for which the limitation of the EPO's competence as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) in the field of business methods is applicable. The text of the notification is as follows:

"The limitation of the EPO's competence as a PCT Authority concerning the field of business methods as set out in paragraph 1(a) and (b) of the Notice from the President of the EPO of 26 November 2001\* and due to expire on 1 March 2005, is to be prolonged for a further period of 2 years from 1 March 2005, i.e. until 1 March 2007."

For background information, see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 12/2001, cover page; 01/2002, page 5; 02/2002, page 5; 04/2002, page 5; 11/2003, page 7 and 03/2004, page 7.

\* Published in *OJ EPO* 1/2002, page 52

## PCT Information Update

### Fees payable in US dollars (various countries)

As from 1 March 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in USD to various receiving Offices, as well as a change in the equivalent amount of the reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in "PCT-EASY" mode") is used, as well as the other electronic filing fee reductions, where applicable:

international filing fee, fee per sheet in excess of 30 and PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions: see Table I(a) and footnotes

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The Offices affected are listed below. See also "Handling fee," on page 4.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (AM, AP, AZ, BY, BZ, CO, CR, CU, EA, EC, EG, GE, GH, IB, IL, IN, KE, KG, KZ, LR, MD, NI, PH, RU, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, ZW))

**EA Eurasian Patent Organization (location; telephone and fax numbers)**

The location and the telephone and fax numbers of the Eurasian Patent Office have changed, as follows:

location:

21, Staroalekseevskaya  
Moscow  
Russian Federation

telephone: (70–95) 411 61 50

fax: (70–95) 216 22 53

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

**EG Egypt (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The Egyptian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office, as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications

**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)

filed on or after 1 February 2005 by nationals and residents of Egypt with the Egyptian Patent Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office.

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

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

The following depository institution has acquired the status of international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made:

National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC)  
Blanche Lane  
South Mimms  
Potters Bar  
Herts, EN6 3QG  
United Kingdom

The address of the Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty, has changed, as follows:

Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP)  
Scottish Association for Marine Science  
Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory  
Oban, Argyll PA37 1QA  
United Kingdom

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

**IB International Bureau (fees)**

As from 1 March 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees, payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office:

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| transmittal fee:           | see Table I(a) |
| fee for priority document: | USD 43         |
| supplement for airmail:    | USD 9          |

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

**NA Namibia (general information)**

General information about Namibia as a Contracting State, as well as a summary of requirements of the Registration of Companies, Close Corporations and Industrial Property Rights Office (Namibia) as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the electronic version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (NA) and Vol. II/C, National Chapter, Summary (NA)) on the PCT website at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html)

The paper version of those annexes will be included in the next set of *PCT Applicant's Guide* update sheets.

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

The name of the Russian Patent Office has changed, as follows:

Federalnaya sluzhba po intellektualnoy sobstvennosti, patentam i tovarnym znakam  
Federal Service on Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks

The address of the Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, as follows:

Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM)  
Skryabin' Institute of Biochemistry and Physiology of Microorganisms  
Prospekt Naouki No. 5  
Pushchino 142292 (Moscow Region)  
Russian Federation

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

**SY Syrian Arab Republic (general information)**

General information about the Syrian Arab Republic as a Contracting State, as well as the requirements of the Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic) as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office will be published in the electronic version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* on

10 February 2005 (see Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (SY), Vol. I/B, Annex C (SY) and Vol. II/D, National Chapter, Summary (SY)) on the PCT website at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html)

The paper version of those annexes will be included in the next set of *PCT Applicant's Guide* update sheets.

**US United States of America (fax number—*corrigendum*; fees)**

The fax number to be used for the PCT Help Desk at the United States Patent and Trademark Office was incorrectly indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2005, on page 5. The number to be used is as follows:

fax: (1–571) 273 04 19  
(PCT Help Desk)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed; amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a “small entity”):

Search fee:

- if international search fee was paid to USPTO as ISA: USD 100 (50)
- if search report has been prepared by another ISA and provided to the USPTO no later than the time at which the search fee is paid: USD 400 (200)
- all other situations: USD 500 (250)

Examination fee:

- if USPTO was IPEA, and all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Articles 33(2) to (4): USD 100 (50)
- all other situations: USD 200 (100)

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

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

As from 15 March 2005, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in SGD for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, in ISK, JPY and USD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, in EUR for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, in USD for an international search carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and in ISK and USD for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

For the purposes of an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as from 1 March 2005, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts (of the lower amount—the higher amount remains unchanged) payable in NZD and ZAR, and as from 15 March 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amount (of the lower amount—the higher amount remains unchanged) payable in EUR, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

**Handling fee (Russian Patent Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office)**

As from 1 March 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in USD to the Russian Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office as International Preliminary Examining Authorities, as indicated in Table II.

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

**Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications**

**Korean Intellectual Property Office**

It is recalled that the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), in its capacity as receiving Office, has been prepared to receive international applications in electronic form since 1 January 2004 (see *PCT Newsletter*

No. 12/2003, page 2), and that changes to its requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form with it entered into force on 10 June 2004 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2004, page 4).

KIPO has announced further changes to these requirements and practices that will come into effect on 11 February 2005. In particular, KIPO as receiving Office will accept the filing with it of international applications in electronic form and other subsequent documents in electronic form (with a number of exceptions) that are filed with either the PCT-SAFE or the KEAPS software and either on CD-R or online, and will also accept online payment. For further details on the changes, see *PCT Gazette* Section IV, No. 06/2005, which will be available as from 10 February 2005 on the PCT website at:

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

Furthermore, KIPO has announced that, as from 11 February 2005, it will also be prepared to receive and process any document\* in electronic form in its capacities as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). Such documents will be accepted in accordance with the same requirements and practices that apply for KIPO as receiving Office (for details, see the above-mentioned Section IV publication).

For further information on how to file international applications and subsequent documents in electronic form at KIPO, see its website at:

[www.kipo.go.kr](http://www.kipo.go.kr)

\* With the exception of demands in the case of the IPEA

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

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

### **PCT Gallery of Notable Inventions and Inventors**

The following inventions have been added to the gallery of notable inventions ([www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventions.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventions.html)):

- Segway HT
- Remote-controlled submarine
- Vocal smoke detector

## **Closing dates of intellectual property Offices**

A table detailing closing dates of certain intellectual property Offices in PCT Contracting States in 2005 is available on the PCT website in English at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/closingdates/2005/closingdates05.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/closingdates/2005/closingdates05.htm)

## **Seminar materials**

Seminar materials covering all aspects of the PCT procedure have been updated in English and French, and are available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/mat.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/mat.htm)

## **PCT-SAFE Update**

### **Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software**

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.50 (build 0002.169)), dated 14 January 2005, is available to download from the PCT-SAFE website at:

[www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/download.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/download.htm)

This version includes several enhancements and modifications to the software. For example, it enables the attachment of a single specification file in PDF format in fully electronic applications. It also enables the filing of PCT-SAFE applications on-line with the Korean Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, with effect from 11 February 2005.

Further information on the software is available on the PCT-SAFE website at:

[www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.htm)

## **PCT Publications**

### **Russian edition of the Treaty and Regulations under the PCT (January 2004 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 January 2004.

The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, and 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 Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO:

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The Treaty and the Regulations (as in force from 1 January 2004) in Russian, are also available in PDF format on the PCT website at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/ru/treaties/registration/pct/pdf/pct\\_treaty.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/ru/treaties/registration/pct/pdf/pct_treaty.pdf)  
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### **WIPO Conference on Dispute Resolution in International Science and Technology Collaboration**

On 25 and 26 April 2005, WIPO will hold a Conference on Dispute Resolution in International Science and Technology Collaboration. The Conference, which will be organized by the Arbitration and Mediation Center of WIPO, will take place at the WIPO headquarters in Geneva. It will explore practical options to resolve complex intellectual property and technology disputes arising from increasingly complex international collaboration between partners as diverse as public and private research institutions, universities, industry, start-up companies, venture capital providers, as well as entities involved in the commercialization of intellectual property and technology. The Conference, which will bring together speakers from key institutions involved in science and technology collaboration, will consider different ways to structure collaboration, areas of potential disputes and different approaches to dispute resolution.

The program and registration details are available on the website of the Conference at:

<http://arbiter.wipo.int/events/conferences/2005/index.html>

On 26 April 2005, a PCT presentation will also be given within the framework of the Confer-

ence. It is open to all interested persons participating in the Conference at no extra cost. Those wishing to register are requested to complete a registration form. Information specifically on the PCT presentation is available on the PCT website at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/presentations/pct\\_april.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/presentations/pct_april.html)

and can also be obtained from the PCT External Legal Relations Division at WIPO (address on page 2):

tel: (41–22) 338 81 93  
fax: (41–22) 338 71 50  
e-mail: [paola.conti@wipo.int](mailto:paola.conti@wipo.int)

### **Practical Advice**

#### ***Time limit for filing a demand for international preliminary examination***

*Q: Is the time limit of 19 months from the priority date for filing a demand for international preliminary examination still applicable? If not, what is the applicable time limit?*

A: There was never an actual “time limit” for filing the demand of 19 months from the priority date—that is just the time limit, which was applicable prior to 1 April 2002, within which a demand had to be filed in order to extend the time limit for entry into the national phase from 20 to 30 months from the priority date. Moreover, prior to 1 January 2004, there was no absolute time limit for filing a demand.

In general, it is no longer necessary to file a demand within 19 months from the priority date in order to extend the time limit for entry into the national phase, since the new time limit for national phase entry under PCT Article 22(1) is 30 months\* from the priority date, irrespective of whether a demand was filed within 19 months. Although certain States have notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility of their national law with the modified 30-month time limit, all six remaining States which have made such a notification are covered by a regional designation (AP or EP). This enables applicants to enter the **regional** phase (as distinct from the national phase) in those States within the time limit of 31 months (that is, the time limit under PCT Article 22(3) in respect of those States). The States con-

cerned, which are listed as a reminder on page 2 of each issue of the *PCT Newsletter*, are:

|    |                                  |
|----|----------------------------------|
| CH | Switzerland (EP)                 |
| LU | Luxembourg (EP)                  |
| SE | Sweden (EP)                      |
| TZ | United Republic of Tanzania (AP) |
| UG | Uganda (AP)                      |
| ZM | Zambia (AP)                      |

If, however, you have a particular need to enter the ***national*** phase in any of the above-mentioned States (as opposed to the regional phase), and you wish to extend the time limit for entry into the national phase in that or those States from 20 to 30 months, then you should make sure that the demand is filed within 19 months from the priority date.

If you do not have to file the demand within 19 months from the priority date for the above-mentioned reason, but you still wish to take advantage of international preliminary examination, you will have more time in which to file your demand. Under PCT Rule 54*bis* (which is applicable in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004), the demand may be filed at any time prior to the expiration of whichever of the following periods expires later:

- three months from the date of transmittal to the applicant of the international search report (ISR) (or of the declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) (that is, a declaration that no

ISR will be established\*\*)) and the written opinion established under PCT Rule 43*bis*.1 (see PCT Rule 54*bis*.1 (a)(i)); or

- 22 months from the priority date (see PCT Rule 54*bis*.1 (a)(ii)).

If the demand is filed after the expiration of the above-mentioned time limit under PCT Rule 54*bis*, the demand will be considered as if it had not been submitted and the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) will so declare.

For information on the filing of a demand under the new enhanced international search and examination system, see the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2003, and the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Vol. I, paragraphs 322 to 409, available on the PCT website at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2003/pct\\_news\\_2003\\_12.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2003/pct_news_2003_12.pdf)

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\* Or even later if the designated/elected Office has, in accordance with the national law applied by it, fixed a time limit under PCT Article 22(3).

\*\* Where a declaration has been made by the International Searching Authority that no ISR will be established, although nothing prevents an applicant from filing a demand, the claims are unlikely to be examined by the IPEA since, according to PCT Rule 66.1(e), claims relating to inventions in respect of which no ISR has been established need not be the subject of international preliminary examination.

| <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 February 2005<br/>Munich (DE)</b>   | German                     | PCT update seminar<br>WIPO speaker: Mr. H G Bartels   | Forum Institut für Management GmbH<br>Tel: (49-6221) 500 500<br>Fax: (49-6221) 500 505<br>E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de   |
| <b>24–25 February 2005<br/>San Francisco (US)</b>   | English                    | Basic PCT seminar<br>WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Maassel  | Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer)<br>Tel: (1-415) 289 74 71<br>Fax: (1-415) 331 60 68<br>E-mail: IPI@IPISeminars.com<br>Internet: www.ipiseminars.com                                      |
| <b>26–28 February 2005<br/>Amman (Jordan)</b><br><i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i> | English                    | PCT presentation within the framework of a seminar: "Patents Drafting & Standard Setting"               | Innovation Center–Institute of Industrial Property & Medical Research (Ms. Lina Mohammed)<br>Tel: (962-65) 51 25 61<br>Fax: (962-65) 51 25 63<br>E-mail: sips@wanadoo.jo   |
| <b>28 February–1 March 2005<br/>Chicago (US)</b>  | English                    | Basic PCT seminar<br>WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle   | The John Marshall Law School<br>Department of Event Management<br>Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20<br>Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28<br>E-mail: Events@jmls.edu  |
| <b>8–9 March 2005<br/>Helsinki (FI)</b>   | Finnish                    | Seminar for patent administrators on the PCT and PCT-SAFE<br>WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe                | Helsinki University of Technology, Lifelong Learning Institute of Dipoli (Ms. Arja Andsten)<br>Tel: (358-9) 451 40 47<br>Fax: (358-9) 451 40 68<br>E-mail: arja.andsten@dipoli.hut.fi<br>Internet: www.dipoli.hut.fi |
| <b>9–10 March 2005<br/>Ecully (FR)</b>  | French                     | PCT seminar for patent attorneys<br>WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon   | Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi)<br>Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08<br>Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96  |
| <b>17–18 March 2005<br/>Munich (DE)</b>   | German                     | Advanced PCT seminar<br>WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle<br>Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office) | Forum Institut für Management GmbH<br>Tel: (49-6221) 500 500<br>Fax: (49-6221) 500 505<br>E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de   |
| <b>4 April 2005<br/>Paris (FR)</b>  | French                     | PCT update<br>WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon   | Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé)<br>Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19<br>Fax: (33-1) 42 66 17 37<br>E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr   |

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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>20–21 April 2005<br/>London (GB)</b>  | English                    | Basic formalities seminar on the PCT<br>WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms Aeri   | Management Forum Ltd<br>Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99<br>Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24<br>E-mail:<br>josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk  |
| <b>22 April 2005<br/>London (GB)</b>   | English                    | PCT-SAFE workshop<br>WIPO speaker: Ms. Featherby   | Management Forum Ltd<br>Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99<br>Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24<br>E-mail:<br>josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk  |
| <b>26 April 2005<br/>Brussels (BE)</b><br><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”<br>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)<br>Tel: (32–65) 40 08 21<br>Fax: (32–65) 31 14 74<br>E-mail:<br>Thierry.Debled@BE.vesuvius.com |
| <b>29–30 April 2005<br/>Concord, New Hampshire (US)</b>  | English                    | Basic PCT seminar<br>WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel   | Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh)<br>Tel: (1–603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108<br>Fax: (1–603) 224 33 42<br>E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu<br>Internet:<br>www.piercelaw.edu/TreatySem/Treatsem.htm  |

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 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 February 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>        | International filing fee <sup>1,2,3</sup><br>(CHF 1,400) | Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3,4</sup><br>(CHF 15) | PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2,5</sup><br>(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<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                        | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | EP RU                         |
| AP | USD 50<br>(or eq in local currency) | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                        | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | 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<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                        | 12<br>(13)   | 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                   |

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

| RO                     | Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>          | International filing fee <sup>1,2,3</sup><br>(CHF 1,400) | Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3,4</sup><br>(CHF 15) | PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2,5</sup><br>(CHF 100) | Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>BW</b>              | Information not yet available         |  |  |  |                               |
| <b>BY</b>              | <b>BYR</b> eq USD 70                  | <b>USD</b> 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                 | 12<br>(13)   | n a  | EP RU                         |
| <b>BZ</b>              | <b>BZD</b> 220                        | <b>USD</b> 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                 | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | EP                            |
| <b>CA</b>              | <b>CAD</b> 300                        | <b>CAD</b> 1,489   | 16   | 106  | CA <sup>8</sup>               |
| <b>CH</b>              | <b>CHF</b> 100                        | <b>CHF</b> 1,400   | 15   | 100  | EP                            |
| <b>CN</b>              | <b>CNY</b> 500                        | <b>CNY</b> eq CHF 1,400                                  | eq CHF 15  | eq CHF 100                                     | CN                            |
| <b>CO</b>              | <b>COP</b> <sup>7</sup> —             | <b>COP</b> eq USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)          | eq USD 12<br>(eq USD 13)                             | eq USD 81<br>(eq USD 87)                       | AT, EP, ES, RU                |
| <b>CR</b>              | <b>USD</b> 175                        | <b>USD</b> 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                 | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | EP ES                         |
| <b>CU</b>              | <b>USD</b> (or eq CUP) <sup>200</sup> | <b>USD</b> (or eq CUP) 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)     | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | AT EP ES RU                   |
| <b>CY</b>              | <b>CYP</b> 75                         | <b>CYP</b> 526   | 6  | n a  | EP                            |
| <b>CZ</b>              | <b>CZK</b> 1,500                      | <b>CZK</b> eq CHF 1,400                                  | eq CHF 15  | eq CHF 100                                     | EP                            |
| <b>DE</b>              | <b>EUR</b> 90                         | <b>EUR</b> 902   | 10   | 64   | EP                            |
| <b>DK</b>              | <b>DKK</b> 1,500                      | <b>DKK</b> 6,700   | 70   | 480  | EP SE                         |
| <b>DM</b>              | Information not yet available         |  |  |  |                               |
| <b>DZ</b>              | <b>DZD</b> None                       | <b>CHF</b> 1,400   | 15   | 100  | AT EP                         |
| <b>EA</b>              | <b>RUR</b> eq USD 50                  | <b>USD</b> 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                 | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | EP RU                         |
| <b>EC</b>              | <b>USD</b> <sup>7</sup> —             | <b>USD</b> 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                 | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | EP ES US                      |
| <b>EE</b>              | <b>EEK</b> 1,800                      | <b>EEK</b> eq CHF 1,400                                  | eq CHF 15  | eq CHF 100                                     | EP                            |
| <b>EG</b>              | <b>USD</b> 100                        | <b>USD</b> 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                 | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | AT EP US                      |
| <b>EP</b> <sup>5</sup> | <b>EUR</b> 100                        | <b>EUR</b> 902   | 10   | 64   | EP                            |
| <b>ES</b> <sup>5</sup> | <b>EUR</b> 65.27                      | <b>EUR</b> 902   | 10   | 64   | EP ES                         |
| <b>FI</b> <sup>5</sup> | <b>EUR</b> 135                        | <b>EUR</b> 902   | 10   | 64   | EP SE                         |
| <b>FR</b> <sup>5</sup> | <b>EUR</b> 60                         | <b>EUR</b> 902   | 10   | 64   | EP                            |
| <b>GB</b> <sup>5</sup> | <b>GBP</b> 55                         | <b>GBP</b> 628   | 7  | 45   | EP                            |
| <b>GD</b>              | Information not yet available         |  |  |  |                               |

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

| RO              | Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>  | International filing fee <sup>1,2,3</sup><br>(CHF 1,400)            | Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3,4</sup><br>(CHF 15) | PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2,5</sup><br>(CHF 100) | Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup> |
|-----------------|---|---|--|--|-------------------------------|
| GE              | GEL <sup>9</sup> 10   | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                                   | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | EP RU                         |
| GH              | GHC <sup>10</sup> 2,500<br>or 5,000   | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                                   | 12<br>(13)   | 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> 100<br>or EUR <sup>11</sup> 64<br>or USD <sup>11</sup> 81<br>(from 1.3.05 USD 87) | CHF 1,400<br>or EUR 902<br>or USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: USD 1,211) | 15<br>10<br>12<br>(13)                               | 100<br>64<br>81<br>(87)                        | 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<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                                   | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | EP US                         |
| IN              | INR 5,000<br>(filing by indiv: 1,500)   | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                                   | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | AT AU CN EP SE US             |
| 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) 250<br>plus cost of mailing  | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                                   | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | AT AU CN EP SE                |
| KG              | KGS eq USD 100  | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                                   | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | 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<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                                   | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | EP RU                         |
| LR              | USD 45  | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                                   | 12<br>(13)   | 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                            |

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

| RO | Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>  | International filing fee <sup>1,2,3</sup><br>(CHF 1,400) | Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3,4</sup><br>(CHF 15) | PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2,5</sup><br>(CHF 100) | Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup> |
|----|-------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------|
| MD | MDL 180                       | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                        | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | 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 |  |  |  |                               |
| NG | Information not yet available |  |  |  |                               |
| NI | USD 200                       | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                        | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | 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 <sup>7</sup> —            | 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<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                        | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | 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<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                        | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | 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 | USD <sup>7</sup> —            | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                        | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | AT EP RU                      |
| TJ | TJS <sup>7</sup> —            | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                        | 12<br>(13)   | n a  | EP RU                         |
| TM | USD <sup>7</sup> —            | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                        | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | EP RU                         |
| TN | TND <sup>7</sup> —            | CHF 1,400  | 15   | n a  | EP                            |
| TR | CHF 100                       | CHF 1,400  | 15   | 100  | EP                            |

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

| RO | Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>  |       | International filing fee <sup>1,2,3</sup><br>(CHF 1,400) | Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3,4</sup><br>(CHF 15) | PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2,5</sup><br>(CHF 100) | Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup> |
|----|-------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|-------------------------------|
| TT | TTD                           | 750   | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                        | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | AT EP SE US                   |
| UA | UAH                           | 255   | USD (or eq UAH) 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)            | 12<br>(13)   | n a  | EP RU                         |
| US | USD                           | 300   | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                        | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | EP US                         |
| UZ | USD <sup>7</sup>              | —     | USD 1,134<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                        | 12<br>(13)   | 81<br>(87)                                     | 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<br>(from 1.3.05: 1,211)                 | eq USD 12<br>(eq USD 13)                             | eq USD 81<br>(eq USD 87)                       | AT AU CN EP RU                |

**Table I(b) — Search fees**  
(amounts on 1 February 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 15.3.05: SGD 350)     |                     |         |       |                     |       |           |                   |         |       |                       |
|                  | **                      | (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   | 1,336     |                   |         |       |                       |
| CN               | CNY                     | 1,500                       | CHF                 | 207     | EUR   | 137                 | USD   | 181       |                   |         |       |                       |
| 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 15.3.05: ISK 129,000) |                     |         | JPY   | 217,300             | USD   | 2,075)    |                   |         |       |                       |
|                  | **                      | (from 1.3.05: NOK 12,650)   |                     |         | SGD   | 3,410)              |       |           |                   |         |       |                       |
| ES <sup>16</sup> | EUR                     | 1,550                       | CHF                 | 2,432   | USD*  | 1,920               |       |           |                   |         |       |                       |
|                  | *                       | (from 15.3.05: USD 2,075)   |                     |         |       |                     |       |           |                   |         |       |                       |
| JP               | JPY                     | 97,000                      | CHF                 | 1,097   | EUR*  | 752                 | KRW** | 1,066,000 | USD               | 887     |       |                       |
|                  | *                       | (from 15.3.05: EUR 692)     |                     |         |       |                     |       |           |                   |         |       |                       |
|                  | **                      | (from 1.3.05: KRW 986,000)  |                     |         |       |                     |       |           |                   |         |       |                       |
| KR               | KRW                     | 225,000                     | CHF                 | 238     | EUR   | 151                 | USD   | 194       |                   |         |       |                       |
| RU <sup>17</sup> | USD                     | 300                         | 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 15.3.05: ISK 129,000) |                     |         | USD   | 2,075)              |       |           |                   |         |       |                       |
|                  | **                      | (from 1.3.05: NOK 12,650)   |                     |         |       |                     |       |           |                   |         |       |                       |
| US               | USD                     | 1,000                       | 300 <sup>18</sup>   | CHF*    | 1,171 | 395 <sup>18</sup>   | EUR** | 787       | 254 <sup>18</sup> | NZD*    | 1,460 | 470 <sup>18</sup>     |
|                  | ZAR*                    | 6,600                       | 2,000 <sup>18</sup> |         |       |                     |       |           |                   |         |       |                       |
|                  | *                       | (from 1.3.05: CHF 1,171)    |                     |         |       | 342 <sup>18</sup>   | NZD   | 1,460     | 420 <sup>18</sup> | ZAR     | 6,000 | 1,700 <sup>18</sup> ) |
|                  | **                      | (from 15.3.05: EUR 787)     |                     |         |       | 224 <sup>18</sup> ) |       |           |                   |         |       |                       |

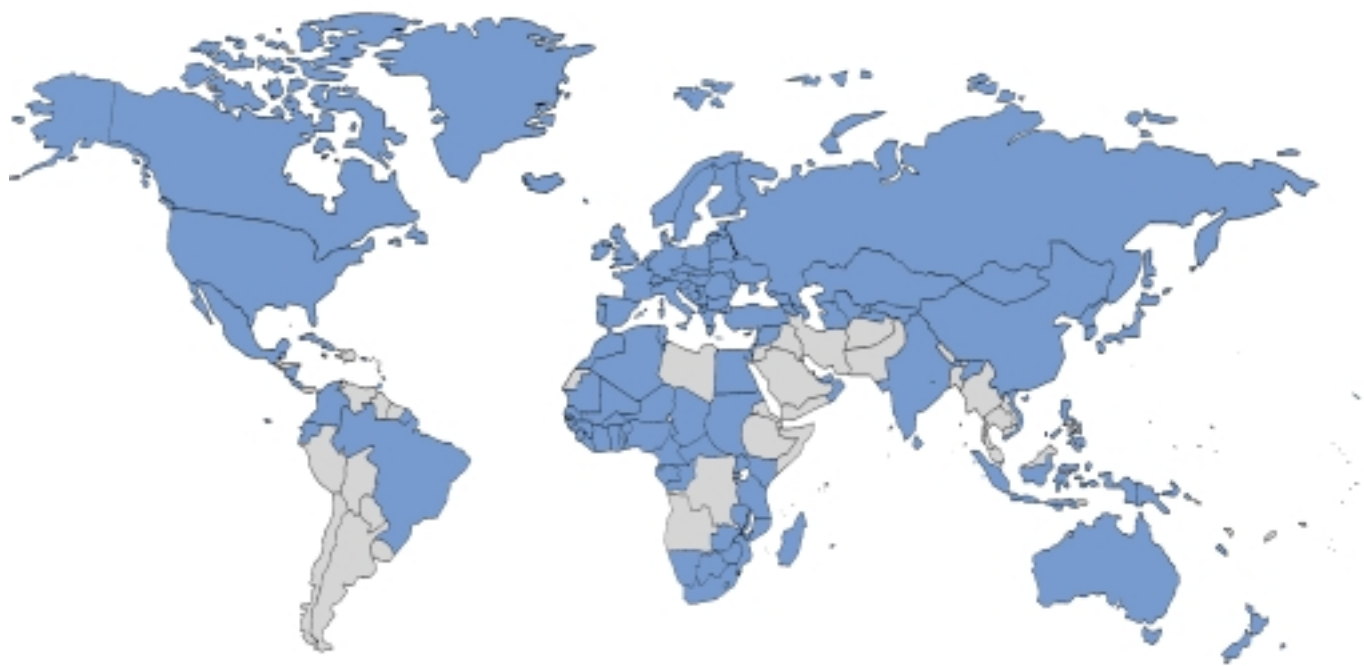
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 February 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

| 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                                       | 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 (from 1.3.05: USD 173) |
| SE               | SEK                                       | 5,000             |  | SEK        | 1,160                      |
| US               | USD                                       | 600               | 750 <sup>23</sup>                      | USD        | 162 (from 1.3.05: USD 173) |

*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 (from 1.3.05: USD 173); CHF 300=EUR 193, GBP 134, JPY 26,400, KRW 285,000, USD 243 (from 1.3.05: USD 260).
- 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)).

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| AL Albania <sup>1</sup>                       | CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>2</sup>            | IS Iceland (EP)   | MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>2</sup>     | SY Syrian Arab Republic               |
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| BW Botswana (AP)                              | GB United Kingdom (EP)                 | LR Liberia  | PG Papua New Guinea                 | US United States of America           |
| BY Belarus (EA)                               | GD Grenada                             | LS Lesotho (AP)   | PH Philippines                      | UZ Uzbekistan                         |
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| CN China                                      | HR Croatia <sup>1</sup>                | MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>1</sup> | SG Singapore                        |                                       |
| CO Colombia                                   | HU Hungary (EP)                        |   | SI Slovenia (EP) <sup>2</sup>       |                                       |
|   | ID Indonesia                           |   | SK Slovakia (EP)                    |                                       |
|   | IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>           |   | SL Sierra Leone (AP)                |                                       |

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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