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National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) to Start Functioning as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

It is recalled that the National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) was appointed as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT by the PCT Assembly in October 2003.

The Office has notified WIPO that it will start functioning as an ISA and an IPEA with effect from 1 April 2005 in respect of international applications which are filed on or after 1 April 2005 and for which it is a competent ISA or IPEA. The Office will act as ISA and IPEA for any international application filed in Finnish, Swedish or English by nationals or residents of Finland with either the National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) or the International Bureau as receiving Office.

As a result, nationals or residents of Finland who, on or after 1 April 2005, file international applications with either the National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) or the International Bureau as receiving Office, may specify the National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) as a competent ISA and IPEA, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent Office.

Information on fees payable to the Office in its capacity as ISA and IPEA will be published in the *PCT Newsletter* shortly.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Netherlands Industrial Property Office to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

On 28 February 2005, the Netherlands Industrial Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified WIPO under PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 24 March 2005.

The notification containing the Netherlands Industrial Property Office's requirements and practices

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with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published in *PCT Gazette* No. 11/2005, Section IV, on 17 March 2005 and will be available on the PCT website at:

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

It is recalled that the equivalent amounts in EUR of the applicable fee reductions for electronic filing are indicated in footnote 5 of the fee tables.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

It is recalled that a number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the PCT Assembly during its thirty-third (19th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 27 September to 5 October 2004, and that documents which were prepared for the PCT Assembly as well as the report of the session are available on the PCT website, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/assemblies/index.htm

The amendments relate to the following matters:

- simplification of the protest procedure before both the International Searching Authority and the International Preliminary Examining Authority in case of non-unity of invention;
- a late furnishing fee for the furnishing of sequence listings for the purposes of search and examination;

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

- corrigenda and consequential amendments further to the amendments adopted by the Assembly on 1 October 2002.

For further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2004.

The text of the amendments to the PCT Regulations, which will enter into force on 1 April 2005, is reproduced in Section IV of *PCT Gazette* No. 10/2005, dated 10 March 2005, which will be available on the PCT website at:

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

Modifications of the Administrative Instructions Under the PCT

Following the work undertaken by the Meeting of International Authorities under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, at its seventh and tenth sessions, both held in Geneva, from 10 to 14 February 2003 and from 13 to 15 September 2004, respectively, modifications have been made to Annex B of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

The modifications involve:

- the deletion of Part 2, Annex B (which contains examples illustrating unity of invention practice);
- the addition of a reference to the new location of the above-mentioned examples in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (see Chapter 10);
- a minor modification of a substantive nature concerning "Markush practice," which can also be found in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (see paragraph 10.17(b)).

The text of amended Annex B of the Administrative Instructions will be published in Section IV of *PCT Gazette* No. 11/2005, dated 17 March 2005, which will be available on the PCT website at:

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

Meeting of International Authorities Under the PCT

The eleventh session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Geneva from 21 to 25 February 2005. All of the twelve International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities were represented.

Quality Framework

The Meeting heard presentations from two of the International Authorities on various aspects of quality systems and considered how reports made by Authorities to the Meeting in accordance with Chapter 21 of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines ("A Common Quality Framework for International Search and Preliminary Examination") could be made more useful to the other Authorities in comparing quality systems and identifying good practice. The International Bureau gave a preliminary report on progress in improving its own quality systems. Further reports are expected to be made to the Working Group on Reform of the PCT in May 2005 and to the Assembly in September 2005.

Minimum Documentation

The Meeting agreed that two further traditional knowledge-related journals should be added to the list of non-patent literature forming part of the PCT minimum documentation. The Meeting also supported a proposal by the Korean Intellectual Property Office that patent documents from the Republic of Korea should be included in the PCT minimum documentation; the Office is expected to propose an amendment of Rule 34 to that effect to the PCT Assembly in September 2005. For the longer term, task forces were set up to conduct a more comprehensive review of the concept of minimum documentation and to oversee development of a search guidance intellectual property digital library.

Other Matters

Other matters of interest included:

- Consideration of how the reforms of the (International Patent Classification) IPC which are to come into effect with the eighth edition of the classification will affect the production of the international search report and associated activities. (Further information on the new edition of the IPC will be published in the *PCT Newsletter* shortly.)
- Discussion of some of the preliminary draft documents for the seventh session of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT, including proposals which would affect the operation of the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. See:

www.wipo.int/pct/reform/en/draftdocs/wg7/index.html

- Information concerning the interim protest procedure which is to be used at the European Patent Office from 1 April 2005 until the entry into force of the Act Revising the Convention on the Grant of European Patents of November 29, 2000 (EPC 2000) (document PCT/MIA/11/13).

The report of the session (document PCT/MIA/11/14) and other meeting documents are available from the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=PCT/MIA/11

Change in General PCT Fax Number

The general PCT fax number of the International Bureau, which can be used for all PCT matters relating to specific international applications except those relating to the International Bureau as receiving Office, has changed, as follows:

(41–22) 338 82 70

The previous general PCT fax number ((41–22) 740 14 35) will no longer be available as from 1 August 2005.

Note that faxes can also be sent to the processing team dealing with the international application concerned, the number for which can be found at the bottom of Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of receipt of record copy).

PCT Information Update

GR Greece (telephone and fax numbers)

There has been a change in the city code for Athens. The telephone and fax numbers of the Industrial Property Organization (Greece) have therefore changed, as follows:

telephone: (30–210) 618 35 48, 618 35 48

fax: (30–210) 681 92 31

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

HU Hungary (fees; special requirements)

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

where the Office is a designated Office: HUF 32,000

plus, per claim for the 11th to the 20th claim: HUF 1,600
 per claim for the 21st to the 30th claim: HUF 3,200
 for each claim in excess of 30: HUF 4,800

where the Office is an elected Office: HUF 16,000

plus, per claim for the 11th to the 20th claim: HUF 800
 per claim for the 21st to the 30th claim: HUF 1,600
 for each claim in excess of 30: HUF 2,400

There has also been a change in the special requirement under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Office concerning the appointment of an agent (the other requirements have not changed), as follows:

appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Hungary or in one of the Member States of the European Union*

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

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

The payment of fees and charges in cash is no longer possible at the International Bureau. The text of footnote 3 in Annex B2 (IB) relating to the fees and charges payable to the International Bureau in particular circumstances should now read as follows:

fees may be paid in the following ways:

- by debit of a current account established with WIPO (Swiss francs only);
- by bank transfer to WIPO bank account No. CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (Swiss francs only), SWIFT code: CRESCH ZZ12A at the Swiss Credit Bank, 1211 Geneva 70, Switzerland;
- by transfer to WIPO postal account No. 12-5000-8, Geneva, Switzerland (Swiss francs only);
- by check made payable to the World Intellectual Property Organization (Swiss francs only).

The payment of fees in cash is also no longer possible at the International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office. The text of footnote 13 in Annex C (IB) relating to the fees payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office should now read as follows:

fees may be paid in the following ways:

– by debit of a current account established with WIPO (Swiss francs only);

– by bank transfer to WIPO bank account:

- No. CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (Swiss francs)

- No. CH17 0425 1048 7080 8200 3 (euro), or

- No. CH98 0425 1048 7080 8200 0 (US dollars)

SWIFT code: CRESCH ZZ12A at the Swiss Credit Bank, 1211 Geneva 70, Switzerland;

– by transfer to WIPO postal account No. 12-5000-8, Geneva, Switzerland (Swiss francs only);

– by check made payable to the World Intellectual Property Organization (Swiss francs, euro or US dollars).

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

IL Israel (e-mail and Internet addresses)

The Israel Patent Office has deleted one of its e-mail addresses and introduced an Internet address. The e-mail and Internet addresses are now as follows:

e-mail: michaelb@justice.gov.il

Internet: www.justice.gov.il/MOJHeb/RashamHaptentim

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

IN India (means of telecommunication; time limit for filing original document; modification of conditions for filing; fees)

The Patent Office (India) has informed WIPO that there has been a change in the time limit for the furnishing of the original of a document filed by fax. The original must now be furnished within one month from the date of transmission. The Office has also informed WIPO that it will accept evidence of mailing a

document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used.

The Office has also informed WIPO of a modification of the conditions under which an Indian resident may file an international application (appearing in footnote 2 relating to the competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of India). The text of this footnote is reproduced below:

"An Indian resident shall not file an international application: (i) except under the authority of a written permit granted by or on behalf of the Controller in a request on Form 25 along with INR 4,000 (INR 1,000 for individuals); or (ii) except where an application for a patent for the same invention has been made in India and not less than six weeks have elapsed without any direction having been given by the Controller prohibiting publication or communication of the same. These restrictions do not apply in relation to an invention for which an application for protection has first been filed in a country outside India by a person resident outside India."

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, have changed:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

fee for priority document:	INR 4,000	(1,000)
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The amounts of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

filing fee:		
up to 30 sheets and 10 claims:	INR 4,000	(1,000)
- for each additional priority, multiple of:	INR 4,000	(1,000)
- each additional sheet:	INR 400	(100)
- each additional claim:	INR 800	(200)

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

IS Iceland (provisional protection after international publication; fees)

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

Iceland after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, as follows:

Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Icelandic of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (see Section 83 of the Patent Act).

As from 1 May 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ISK of the reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in “PCT-EASY” mode”) is used, as follows:

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

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

MA Morocco (time limit for entry into the national phase)

The Industrial and Commercial Property Office of Morocco has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before it as a designated Office. The new time limit of 31 months from the priority date is applicable for any international application filed on or after 20 December 2004 and for any international application filed before that date for which the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) would have expired on or after 20 December 2004.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Vol. II/C, National Chapter, Summary (MA))

MD Republic of Moldova (name of Office; language of translation)

The name of the State Agency on Industrial Property Protection (Republic of Moldova) has changed, as follows:

Agentia de Stat pentru Proprietatea
Intellectuala

State Agency on Intellectual Property
(Republic of Moldova)

There has been a change concerning the requirements relating to the language of translation of the international application for entry into the national phase before the Office—a translation may now be furnished in Moldovan or Romanian.

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

MG Madagascar (fees)

On 1 January 2005, the currency of payment of fees changed from the Malagasy franc (MGF) to the Ariary (MGA). The amounts of the following fees have been established in the new currency and have been applicable since that date:

filing fee:	MGA	80,000
annual fees:		
for the 3 rd to the 5 th year, per year:	MGA	40,000
for the 6 th to the 10 th year, per year:	MGA	120,000
for the 11 th to the 15 th year, per year:	MGA	200,000
for the 16 th to the 20 th year, per year:	MGA	240,000
fee for requesting extension of protection beyond the 15 th year:	MGA	22,000

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Vol. II/C, National Chapter, Summary (MG))

MZ Mozambique (e-mail address)

The Central Department of Industrial Property (Mozambique) has notified its e-mail address, as follows:

e-mail: ipi@ipi.gov.mz

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

TR Turkey (provisional protection after international publication: corrigendum; fees)

There was an error in the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2005, on page 4, concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent. The text should refer to a translation of the “application” instead of a translation of the “claims.”

The Institute has also notified the International Bureau that there are no longer any exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee.

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

Search fee (Korean Intellectual Property Office)

As from 15 April 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

Fees relating to the international search and preliminary examination (European Patent Office)

The European Patent Office has notified the amount of the late furnishing fee under PCT Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2 (as amended with effect from 1 April 2005), payable to it as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, respectively, for the late furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings. The fee, which is applicable as from 1 April 2005, will be EUR 200.

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

New/Updated PCT Materials on the Internet

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

Collection of PCT Strategies

A collection of PCT strategies is being assembled for publication on the PCT website. The first articles are:

- “The Third (and Best) Way to Use the PCT: Why the Patent Cooperation Treaty Makes U.S. Prosecution Better” by John H. Hornickel (Intellectual Property Counsel, PolyOne Corporation);
- “Integrating PCT Practice into a Corporate Patent Strategy—a U.S. Perspective” by J. Timothy Meigs (Of Counsel, Sughrue Mion PLLC)

and are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/pct_strategies/index.html

More articles will follow shortly.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

See page 2.

Modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT

See page 3.

Change to the Publication Schedule

Due to the fact that Friday, 25 March 2005 and Monday, 28 March 2005 will be non-working days at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the publication of *PCT Gazette* No. 14/2005 (dated 7 April 2005) and the corresponding PCT pamphlets (published PCT applications) to be published on the same date, will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 22 March 2005, instead of on Wednesday, 23 March 2005, the day on which it would normally have been completed.

Note that the publication date itself will not be affected—it falls on the usual day, Thursday (7 April 2005).

Gallery of Notable PCT Inventions and Inventors

The Office of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (OPCT) welcomes suggestions for additions to its gallery of notable PCT inventions and inventors (www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions). The main criterion used by the OPCT is acknowledgement—most often in the popular media—of the importance or contribution of the invention or inventor. Suggestions for additions should be sent by e-mail to:

pct.infoline@wipo.int

and should include citations of media references.

Future Availability of New PCT Wheel

A new PCT Wheel, containing priority dates from January 2004 to December 2005, is in the process of being printed. It has been necessary to redesign the wheel to take into account the amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force in January 2004,

in particular, the new time limit for filing the demand.

As soon as the new wheel is available, we will insert it in the *PCT Newsletter* and announce its availability by e-mail via the PCT e-mail updating service and in the *Newsletter*. You are reminded that to subscribe, free-of-charge, to the PCT e-mail updating service, you simply go the PCT website (www.wipo.int/pct/en/), click on “subscribe” in the box on the bottom right-hand corner of the screen, and then fill in your e-mail address.

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Although the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is located in Virginia, it has been accepting mail at a Washington, D.C. address. That practice is changing. Effective 4 April 2005, all mail sent to the USPTO's Washington, D.C. 20231 address will be returned to sender; such returned mail will not be considered proof of filing. Unless otherwise indicated, patent-related mailings should be sent to:

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

For further information, see the USPTO website at:

www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/elim20231.pdf

Practical Advice

Time limit for submitting a formal response to a written opinion of the ISA where a demand for international preliminary examination is being filed

Q: I intend to file a demand for international preliminary examination, as well as a response to the written opinion of the ISA (in the form of arguments), including amendments under Article 34. I will file the demand within the new time limit under PCT Rule 54bis for filing a demand. However, that time limit will expire very shortly and the response to the written opinion is not ready yet. Does the response to the written opinion have to be filed at the same time as the demand, or can it be filed later, and if so, what is the time limit for doing so? Can*

the time limit for filing the response be extended? What happens if the response is submitted late?

A: At the earliest, a formal response to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA) and/or amendments under PCT Article 34 may be submitted by the applicant to the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) together with the demand. At the latest, such responses may be submitted until the time when the examiner at the IPEA starts to draw up the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) (IPRP (Chapter II)) (PCT Rule 66.4bis).

The time when the IPEA starts to draw up the IPRP (Chapter II) depends on the inner workings of the IPEA and is therefore difficult to monitor for applicants; at the earliest, it should not normally be before the time limit under PCT Rule 54bis.1(a) for filing the demand (that is, within 3 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report (ISR) and of the written opinion of the ISA, or within 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later) (see PCT Rule 69.1). It is more likely to occur very shortly after the expiration of that time limit where the first written opinion (established by the ISA) is used by the IPEA as its own first opinion (PCT Rule 66.1bis(a)). One rather exceptional situation which may result in the IPRP (Chapter II) being drawn up before the expiration of that time limit would be if both the demand is filed early, before the international search has started, and if the ISA also acts as IPEA, in which case the international preliminary examination may start at the same time as the international search (see PCT Rule 69.1(b)).

Note that if the IPEA is not the same as the ISA, and the IPEA has notified the International Bureau under PCT Rule 66.1bis(b) that the written opinion of the ISA will not be considered by the IPEA as its own written opinion (the European Patent Office is the only Office which has made such a notification—see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 4), you will receive an additional written opinion established by the IPEA (Form PCT/IPEA/408), and will therefore be given an additional opportunity to respond to the written opinion within a time limit fixed by the IPEA. That time limit may be extended upon request (see PCT Rule 66.2(e)).

If the IPEA does consider the written opinion of the ISA to be its own written opinion (PCT Rule 66.1bis(a)), and you intend to file a response to that written opinion with the intention that it be considered by the IPEA, but are not in a position to submit it with the demand, and especially if you are in danger of missing the time limit under PCT Rule 54bis.1(a), you could try and delay the establishment of the IPRP (Chapter II) until your response has been received by the IPEA by:

1) asking the IPEA to wait until a formal response has been received before it starts to draw up the IPRP (Chapter II), either by a letter filed with the demand, or by phone with the examiner in charge of your case (but bear in mind that, if the time limit under PCT Rule 54bis.1(a) has expired, it will be at the discretion of the IPEA whether it will wait for your formal response); or

2) checking Box No. IV, item (1), on the Demand Form to indicate that you wish the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of the description, claims or drawings as amended under PCT Article 34. If you do not submit such amendments with the demand, the IPEA will invite you to submit the amendments within a time limit fixed in the invitation (see PCT Rule 60.1(g)) and should not start the international preliminary examination before it has received the amendments or before the time limit fixed in the invitation has expired, whichever occurs first (see PCT Rule 69.1(e)). Note that, apart from the situa-

tion where the IPEA issues its own written opinion (see third paragraph of this answer), this is the only situation in which the IPEA will invite the applicant to submit the amendments—it will not issue any reminders otherwise.

In order to be certain that your amendments and arguments will be taken into account by the IPEA, it is therefore in your best interest, wherever possible, to respond as soon as possible to the written opinion of the ISA, preferably, at the time of filing the demand, or at least not later than at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 54bis.1(a). When this is not possible, however, your best option is to follow one of the two alternatives mentioned above.

Note that this item relates specifically to **formal responses** under Chapter II to the written opinion of the ISA, and that **informal comments** under Chapter I on the written opinion of the ISA are dealt with separately in the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2004. For further information on responses under Chapter II to the written opinion of the ISA, see *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, paragraphs 393 to 394. For general information on the new search and examination system, see the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2003.

* The demand must still be filed within 19 months from the priority date where the applicant wishes to enter the national phase (rather than the regional phase) in those States which have not withdrawn their notifications of incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1).

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
9–10 March 2005 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33–4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33–4) 78 33 58 96
17–18 March 2005 Munich (DE)	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
4 April 2005 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33–1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33–1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
20–21 April 2005 London (GB)	English	Basic formalities seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms Aeri	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
22 April 2005 London (GB)	English	PCT-SAFE workshop WIPO speaker: Ms. Featherby	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
26 April 2005 Brussels (BE) <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the "Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets 2004–2005" WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) and l'Institut des mandataires agréés près l'Office européen des brevets (EPI) (Mr. Thierry Debled) Tel: (32–65) 40 08 21 Fax: (32–65) 31 14 74 E-mail: Thierry.Debled@BE.vesuvius.com
29–30 April 2005 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1–603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1–603) 224 33 42 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/TreatySem/Treatsem.htm
12 May 2005 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT-SAFE workshop WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Mrs. Ihla Hägglöf, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46–8) 782 27 07 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: ihla.hagglof@prv.se

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 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	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	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUP	Cuban convertible peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDP	Sudanese pound		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 March 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
AE	AED ⁷ —	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 1,211	13	87	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,211	13	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 1,211	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
BW	Information not yet available				
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,211	13	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,211	13	87	EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,489	16	106	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 March 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 1,211	eq USD 13	eq USD 87	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 175	USD 1,211	13	87	EP ES
CU	USD (or eq CUP) ²⁰⁰	USD(or eq CUP) 1,211	13	87	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 1,211	13	87	EP RU
EC	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,211	13	87	EP ES US
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
EG	USD 100	USD 1,211	13	87	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 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 1,211	13	87	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,211	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 ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 87	CHF 1,400 or EUR 902 or USD 1,211	15 10 13	100 64 87	See footnote 11
ID	IDR 500,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76.00	EUR 902	10	64	EP
IL	ILS 476	USD 1,211	13	87	EP US
IN	INR 5,000 (filing by indiv: 1,500)	USD 1,211	13	87	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 80,000 (from 1.5.05: 74,000)	900 (800)	5,700 (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 1,211	13	87	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,211	13	87	EP RU

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 March 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
KR ⁵	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,329,000	14,000	95,000	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT ⁷ —	USD 1,211	13	87	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,211	13	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 1,211	13	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 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 1,211	13	87	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 902	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 7,370	80	530	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,653	18	118	AU EP US
OA	XAF ⁷ —	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 1,211	13	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 1,211	13	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

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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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	
SY	USD ⁷	—	USD	1,211		13		87	AT EP RU	
TJ	TJS ⁷	—	USD	1,211		13		n a	EP RU	
TM	USD ⁷	—	USD	1,211		13		87	EP RU	
TN	TND ⁷	—	CHF	1,400		15		n a	EP	
TR	CHF	100	CHF	1,400		15		100	EP	
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,211		13		87	AT EP SE US	
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH)	1,211		13		n a	EP RU	
US	USD	300	USD	1,211		13		87	EP US	
UZ	USD ⁷	—	USD	1,211		13		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 1,211		eq USD 13		eq USD 87	AT AU CN EP RU	

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

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	159	CHF	247	KRW	235,000	SGD*	310	USD	214	ZAR	1,320
	* (from 15.3.05: SGD		350)									
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 ¹⁵	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	12,650	NZD	2,884	SEK	13,870
	SGD	3,410	USD*	1,920	ZAR	12,000						
	* (from 15.3.05: ISK		129,000		JPY		217,300		USD		2,075)	
ES ¹⁵	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	986,000	USD	887		
	* (from 15.3.05: EUR		692)									
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	238	EUR	151	USD*	194	*(from 15.4.05: USD		218)	
RU ¹⁶	USD	300	CHF	344	EUR	227						
SE	SEK	13,870	CHF	2,432	DKK	11,520	EUR	1,550	ISK*	138,000	NOK	12,650
	USD*	1,920										
	* (from 15.3.05: ISK		129,000		USD		2,075)					
US	USD	1,000	300 ¹⁷	CHF	1,171	342 ¹⁷	EUR*	787	254 ¹⁷	NZD	1,460	420 ¹⁷
	ZAR	6,000	1,700 ¹⁷									
	* (from 15.3.05: EUR		787		224 ¹⁷)							

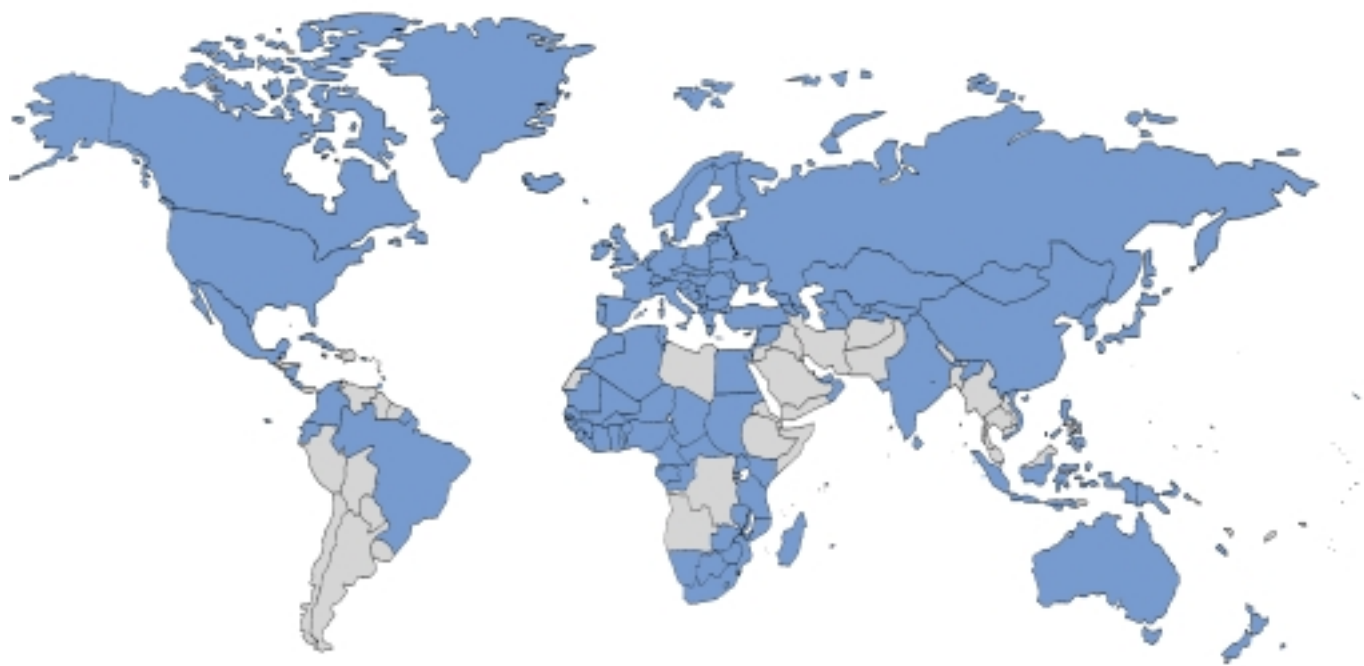
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 March 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁸		Handling fee ^{3,18} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	159	EUR	129	
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ¹⁹	AUD	218
CA	CAD	800		CAD	213
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁵	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 ¹⁶	USD	200 ²⁰	300 ²¹	USD	173
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,160
US	USD	600	750 ²²	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
- 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, KR and NL (*from 24 March 2005*). The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200**=EUR 129, GBP 90, KRW 190,000, USD 173; **CHF 300**=EUR 193, GBP 134, JPY 26,400, KRW 285,000, 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 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), 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.
- 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 (126 on 1 March 2005)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	ML Mali (OA) ²	SM San Marino
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IN India	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AL Albania ¹	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MW Malawi (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MX Mexico	TD Chad (OA) ²
AU Australia	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	NA Namibia (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros (from 3 April 2005)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria (from 8 May 2005)	TN Tunisia
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TR Turkey (EP)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	UA Ukraine
BR Brazil	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	UG Uganda (AP)
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
BZ Belize	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CA Canada	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia ¹	RO Romania (EP)	YU Serbia and Montenegro ¹
CG Congo (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CH Switzerland (EP)	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MG Madagascar	SE Sweden (EP)	
CN China	HR Croatia ¹	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SG Singapore	
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
	ID Indonesia		SK Slovakia (EP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SL Sierra Leone (AP)	

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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 January 2004) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (the latest version is dated January 2004). The request and demand forms are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (January 2004 update), 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. The PCT-SAFE software is available from the PCT-SAFE website at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.htm