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New PCT Wheel

A new PCT Wheel, covering priority dates from January 2004 to December 2005, is inserted in the paper version of this issue. The PCT Wheel, which was created by patent attorneys from Davies Collison Cave, Melbourne, Australia, enables PCT users to quickly calculate the time limits for: submitting priority documents (when necessary), filing amendments under PCT Article 19, filing a demand for international preliminary examination and entering the national or regional phase, as well as determining the 18-month date for international publication. Users of the Wheel simply “dial” the month of the priority date (where no priority is claimed, the month of the international filing date), or, if relevant, the transmittal date of the international search report (ISR), and read the relevant dates through the windows of the Wheel.

This new PCT Wheel has been redesigned, in collaboration with WIPO, in order to add more due dates and to take into account recent amendments to the PCT Regulations – namely, the new time limit for filing a demand for international preliminary examination. The new Wheel now includes the following features:

- 1) The due date for filing the international application when the priority of an earlier application is claimed;
- 2) The new due dates for filing a demand for international preliminary examination; and
- 3) The time limit for filing amendments under PCT Article 19.

It has been necessary to include a second set of base dates to enable the calculation of certain due dates

which can be based on the date of transmittal of the ISR – namely, the due date for filing the demand and for filing amendments under PCT Article 19.

If you require extra Wheels, a limited number is available on request, free of charge. They can be requested from the Design, Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO at the address indicated on page 2, or from:

fax: (41–22) 740 18 12

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Although we will do our best to dispatch as soon as possible any extra Wheels that are requested, please note that there may be a slight delay due to the large number of requests we have already received.

PCT Statistics – 1 January to 31 December 2004

In 2004, a record 121,264 international applications were filed, representing an increase of 5.3% over 2003. Applicants from the United States of America filed the largest number of applications (35.2%), followed by Japan (16.6%),

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- PCT Contracting States
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- PCT legal text index

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Collection of PCT user strategies

Germany (12.5%), France (4.2%) and the United Kingdom (4.2%).

With more Offices starting to accept the filing of PCT applications in electronic form in 2004, and the PCT-SAFE software becoming generally available at the beginning of that year, there was a significant increase in the share of PCT applications that were filed in fully electronic form (14.4% in 2004 compared with 1.0% in 2003).

In 2004, the International Bureau (IB) of WIPO received 123,271 record copies (PCT applications received from PCT receiving Offices, including the receiving Office of the IB), which was 11.8% more than in 2003.

Filings of demands for international preliminary examination continued their expected downward trend of recent years in 2004 with a decrease of about 40% over 2003. The trend is mostly due to the modification of the time limit for entry into the national phase (in force since April 2002) resulting in fewer applicants filing demands in order to extend the time limit for entering the national phase.

Further information on the results of 2004, including detailed tables and graphs, is published in the document: "The International Patent System in 2004 – Yearly Review of the PCT" and is available in English on the PCT website at:

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

Other language versions will be available shortly.

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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

PCT Information Update

EC Ecuador (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, as a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

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

fee for priority document: KRW 500

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

NO Norway (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Norwegian Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

basic fee: NOK 1,100 ([No change])

examination fee: NOK 3,100 ([No change])

additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy: NOK 850

annual fees for the first three years, per year: NOK 550

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/C, National Chapter, Summary (NO))

SY Syrian Arab Republic (fax numbers)

The fax numbers of the Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic) have changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

fax: (963-11) 516 11 44,
512 23 90

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

Fees relating to international search and international preliminary examination (Korean Intellectual Property Office)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fees for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2), and documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94), applicable as from 1 April 2005, as follows:

fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per page: KRW 100

fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, per page: KRW 100

fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per page: KRW 100

The Office has also notified the amounts of the late furnishing fees 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 fees, which are applicable as from 1 May 2005, will be KRW 112,500.

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Austrian Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 July 2005, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR, and of the equivalent amounts in CHF, KRW, SGD, USD, ZAR for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b), as well as a change in the amount of the additional search fee and the introduction of a protest fee, as indicated below:

additional search fee: EUR 200

protest fee: EUR 220

As from 1 July 2005, there will be a change in the amount payable in KRW for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, and as from 15 June 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NZD for the higher search fee for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the lower search fee has not changed), as indicated in Table I(b).

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

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (Austrian Patent Office)

As from 1 July 2005, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for international preliminary examination carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, as indicated in Table II, as well as a change in the amount of the additional preliminary examination fee and the introduction of a protest fee, as indicated below:

additional preliminary examination fee:	EUR 200
protest fee:	EUR 220

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

New/Updated PCT Materials on the Internet

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

The International Patent System in 2004 – Yearly Review

The International Patent System in 2004 – Yearly Review of the PCT (which was also referred to in “PCT Statistics – 1 January to 31 December 2004”, on the cover page) is now available on the PCT website in English at:

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

New report of PCT annual statistical indicators

A new report of PCT annual statistical indicators, covering the period from 1978 to 2004, has been published on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/patents/index.html

It is recalled that if you wish to be informed by e-mail whenever any new PCT statistical indicators reports are published on the WIPO website, you may subscribe to the e-mail updating service at:

www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/contact.html

Table of time limits for entering the national/regional phase

The table of time limits for entering the national/regional phase under PCT Chapters I and II, as updated on 22 April 2005, is now available in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

Japanese version of the PCT Regulations

The Japanese version of the PCT Regulations, as in force from 1 April 2005, can now be viewed in PDF format on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/ja/pct/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf

Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PowerPoint presentation

A PowerPoint presentation containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations that came into effect on 1 April 2005 is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2005changes.ppt

PCT legal text index

The PCT legal text index has been updated to take into account the April 2005 changes to the PCT system. The index is a useful tool to help PCT users find the relevant provisions in all of the PCT legal texts (Treaty, Regulations, Administrative Instructions, Forms and the various Guidelines) corresponding to a particular topic, and is available at:

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

The previous index has been maintained as a reference tool for international applications filed before 1 January 2005, and is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/legal_index04.pdf

Collection of PCT Strategies

The following articles, written by T. David Reed (Senior Patent Advisor, The Procter & Gamble Company), have been added to the collection of PCT Strategies (www.wipo.int/pct/en/pct_strategies/index.html):

- An Applicant's Considerations When Making Key PCT Decisions
- Integrating PCT as Part of a Corporate Strategy
- Where in the World Should I File?
- International Search and Preliminary Examination

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):

- MiraVison Mirror TV
- SpaceShipOne

The following inventor has been added to the gallery of notable inventors (www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventors/index.html):

- Elwood Norris

Suggestions for additions to the PCT gallery should be sent to the following e-mail address:

pct.infoline@wipo.int

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 0002.170)), dated 1 April 2005, may be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/download.htm.

This version enables the filing of PCT-SAFE applications on-line with the Netherlands Industrial Property Office as receiving Office and the selection of the National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) as International Searching Authority. It also includes modifications to the PCT request form printout relating to the filing of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto in electronic form.

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

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.htm

Practical Advice

The filing of declarations of inventorship where there are several inventors

Q: I wish to file a declaration of inventorship in respect of the four inventors named in an international application. However, since there is only space provided for two persons on the pre-printed declaration sheet, how should I add extra inventors? Also, given that the inventors do not reside in the same area, is it possible for the inventors to each sign separate copies of the declaration?

A: In addition to containing the text of the declaration itself, the declaration of inventorship under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) (that is, Box No. VIII(iv) of the Request Form) gives space for the inclusion of information relating to two inventors. If more than two inventors are to be included in the declaration, the continuation sheet for declarations ("Continuation of Box No. VIII(I) to (v)") should be given the title "Continuation of Box No. VIII(iv)", and should be used to furnish the information in respect of the other inventors (that is, the name, residence, address and citizenship of the inventor) in the same manner as in the declaration sheet itself. In such a case, the "complete declaration" comprises Box No. VIII(iv) and the continuation sheet. The continuation box does not need to contain the actual text of the declaration. Note that if a continuation box is also required for other types of declarations, a separate continuation box should be used for each different declaration.

All inventors must sign and date the declaration* (see Section 214(b) of the Administrative

* **Important:** Applicants are advised to include the signature(s) of the inventor(s) on the declaration itself. It is recalled that, under current practice, the signature of an inventor is not required on the declaration if that inventor has signed the Request Form, and if the declaration is submitted together with the Request Form. Note however that, following a suggestion made by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, a proposal is under discussion to no longer provide for the possibility for inventors to sign Box No. X of the Request Form instead of the declaration itself.

Instructions under the PCT), and any inventors identified on the continuation sheet should sign and date that sheet. The signatures do not have to appear on the same piece of paper – they may appear on different copies of the same declaration, provided that each copy contains the complete declaration, that is, contains the details regarding **all** the inventors. In other words, you may send photocopies of the filled-in declaration **and** continuation sheet to each of the four inventors for signing and dating, and when they have been returned to you, submit all four copies to the International Bureau. By doing this, all inventors will have provided their signature for the purposes of the declaration even if the four signatures do not physically appear on the same piece of paper, and they will have all signed a declaration which correctly lists the names of all co-inventors. Note that if you submit the declaration separately from the Request Form, you

should remember to indicate the PCT application number within the text of Box No. VIII(iv).

For further information on the declaration of inventorship, see the practical advice in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2005, and for further information on the filing of declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 in general, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, paragraphs 102A to J and 250A to G, the Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII(i) to (v) of the Request Form, and the following issues of the *PCT Newsletter*:

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- No. 05/2001, cover page
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- No. 09/2001, page 2
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PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
11 May 2005 Gothenburg (SE)	English	PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	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
12 May 2005 Gothenburg (SE) <i>[Change of venue – originally indicated as Stockholm]</i>	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
19–20 May 2005 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Ms. Trpkovska	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Inge-Lise Høybye) Tel: (45-43) 50 80 00 Fax: (45-43) 50 80 01 E-mail: IHL@DKPTO.DK
2–3 June 2005 Lille (FR)	French	Presentation on the PCT procedure WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 42 93 63 52
7–8 June 2005 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 42 93 63 52
10 June 2005 Paris (FR)	French	“Réunion d’information brevet européen/PCT/PLT” WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon (on the PCT) and Mr. Baechtold (on the Substantive Patent Law Treaty)	Compagnie nationale des conseils en propriété industrielle (CNCPI) (Mrs. Anne-Marie Morton) Tel: (33-1) 53 21 90 99 Fax: (33-1) 42 51 43 11
16–17 June 2005 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
21–22 July 2005 Minneapolis (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Erstling	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (Ms. Iris Howell) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet (for registration): www.aipla.org
25–26 July 2005 San Diego (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Erstling	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (see above)
27–28 October 2005 Helsinki (FI)	Finnish	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe	Helsinki University of Technology, Lifelong Learning Institute of Dipoli (Ms. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358-9) 451 40 47 Fax: (358-9) 451 40 68 E-mail: arja.andsten@dipoli.hut.fi Internet: www.dipoli.hut.fi

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 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 May 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
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				

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 May 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
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 FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 902	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 628	7	45	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,211	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 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,211	13	87	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 74,000	800	5,300	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 123,200	1,300	8,800	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,211	13	87	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,211	13	87	EP RU
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 1,195,000	13,000	85,000	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 ⁵	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				

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees *[continued]*
(amounts on 1 May 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
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
SM	EUR 50	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
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 May 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT	EUR* 159	CHF* 247	KRW***235,000	SGD* 350	USD* 214	ZAR* 1,320		
	* (from 1.7.05)	EUR 200	CHF 311	KRW 264,000	SGD 430	USD 262		
	** (from 1.6.05)	ZAR 1,620						
		KRW 211,000)						
AU	AUD 1,200	CHF 1,050	EUR 684	KRW 948,000	NZD 1,282	SGD 1,490		
	USD 942	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 129,000	JPY 217,300	MWK 194,000	NOK 12,650	NZD 2,884	SEK 13,870		
	SGD 3,410	USD 2,075	ZAR 12,000					
ES ¹⁵	EUR 1,550	CHF 2,432	USD 2,075					
FI	EUR 1,550	CHF 2,432	USD 2,075					
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,097	EUR 692	KRW 986,000*	USD 887			
	* (from 1.7.05)	KRW 920,000)						
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 238	EUR 168	USD 218				
RU ¹⁶	USD 300	CHF 344	EUR 227					
SE	SEK 13,870	CHF 2,432	DKK 11,520	EUR 1,550	ISK 129,000	NOK 12,650		
	USD 2,075							
US	USD 1,000	300 ¹⁷	CHF 1,171	342 ¹⁷	EUR 787	224 ¹⁷	NZD 1,460*	420 ¹⁷
	ZAR 6,000	1,700 ¹⁷						
	* (from 15.6.05)	NZD 1,360)						

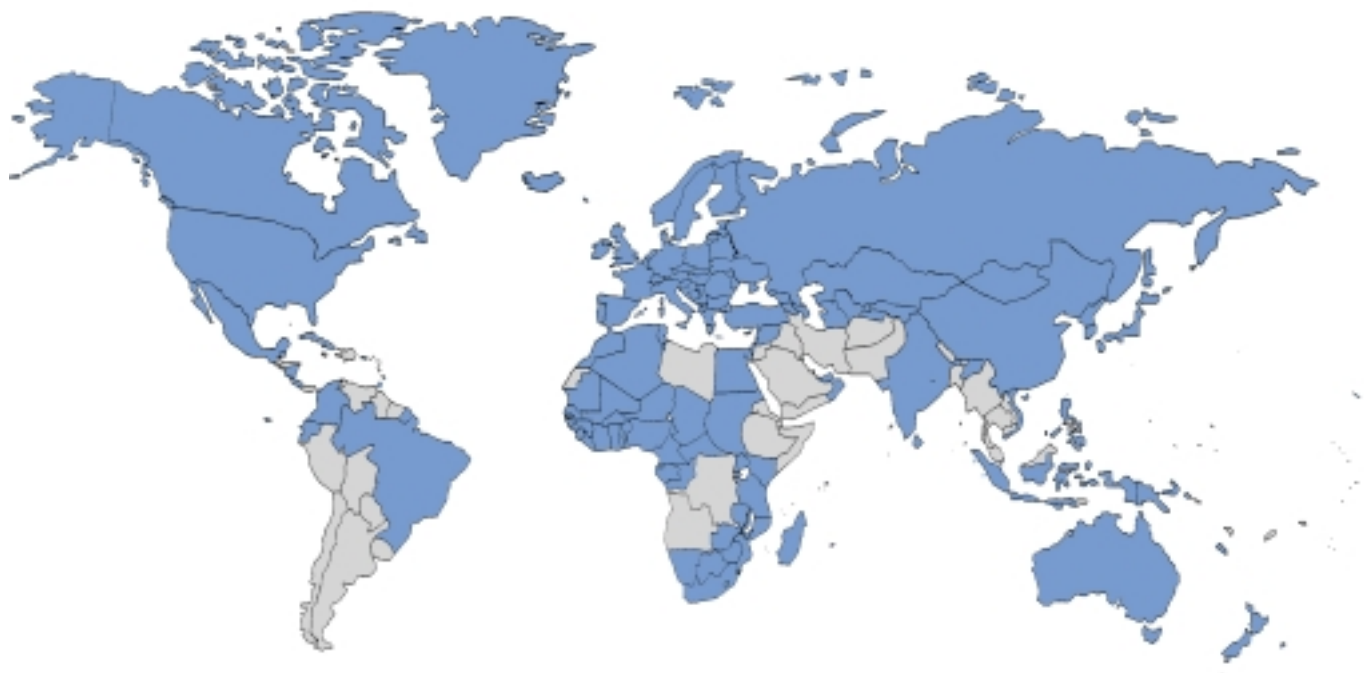
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 May 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁸		Handling fee ^{3, 18} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	159 (from 1.7.05: 200)	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
FI	EUR	500	EUR 129
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY 17,600
KR	KRW	225,000	KRW 171,000
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. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: CHF 200=EUR 129, GBP 90, KRW 171,000, USD 173; CHF 300=EUR 193, GBP 134, JPY 26,400, KRW 256,000.
- 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)).

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

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).

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This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but 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.

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