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PCT Reform: Seventh Session of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT

The seventh session of the Working Group on Reform of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) was held in Geneva from 25 to 31 May 2005. The Working Group approved a number of proposed amendments of the PCT Regulations, with a view to their submission to the Assembly of the PCT Union in September-October 2005 for adoption, concerning the following issues:

- Missing elements and parts of the international application
- · Restoration of the right of priority
- Changes to PCT Rule 4.9 (exceptions to the all-inclusive designation system)
- · Rectification of obvious mistakes
- Addition of Arabic as a language of publication
- Addition of the patent documents of the Republic of Korea to the PCT minimum documentation
- International publication and the *PCT Gazette* in electronic form

The working documents are available from the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=7129

and the report of the session will appear shortly at the same address.

Informal discussions will be taking place over the coming weeks with a view to recommending to the PCT Assembly appropriate dates of entry into force of the proposed amendments. It is expected that

some amendments might be suitable for entry into force at the beginning of 2006, whereas it might be preferable to delay entry into force of others to the beginning of 2007.

At its next session, tentatively scheduled to take place in the first half of 2006, the Working Group will continue consideration of PCT reform-related proposals, including proposals relating to publication of the international application in multiple languages and permitting supplementary searches to be carried out by different International Authorities.

European Patent Convention

Accession by Latvia

Latvia deposited its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 5 April 2005, and will become bound by that Convention on 1 July 2005. This brings the number of Contracting States of the EPC to 31.

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Therefore, any international application filed on or after 1 July 2005 will include the designation of Latvia for a European patent, in addition to a national patent.

Moreover, as from 1 July 2005, it will be possible for nationals and residents of Latvia to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the Latvian Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO.

Effect on the extension agreement between the EPO and Latvia

The extension agreement between Latvia and the European Patent Organisation will terminate with the entry into force of the EPC in Latvia on 1 July 2005. It will thereafter no longer be possible to extend European patent applications and patents to Latvia. The extension system will, however, continue to apply to all European and international applications filed prior to 1 July 2005, as well as to all European patents granted in respect of such applications.

Further information was published in a notice from the EPO at:

www.european-patent-office.org/news/info/ 2005 04 21 e.htm

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annexes B1 (LV) and B2 (EP), and Vol. I/B, Annex C (EP))

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

New on the WIPO website

WIPO plans to launch a new web portal in July which will contain links to all of WIPO's patent-related activities, services and information, including those relating to the PCT. It will include new links to resources on patent information and patent statistics.

Further details on this new portal will be provided in the July issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

Power of Attorney Waivers

Notification under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) (German Patent and Trade Mark Office)

For background information on the abovementioned notifications, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2.

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required are as follows:

- 1. If the agent is not
 - a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law resident in Germany;
 - a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany);
- 2. In case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act.

Also, a separate power of attorney is required in the case of a common representative.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (DE) and of the table published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2004)

PCT Information Update

AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (name of Office)

The name of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) has changed, as follows:

name of Office:

African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

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

AU Australia (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The name of the Australian Government Analytical Laboratories (AGAL), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, as follows:

The National Measurement Institute (NMI)

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

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina (fees)

The Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina has notified a change in the currency of payment of certain fees from the euro to the convertible mark (BAM), as follows:

transmittal fee:	see Tal	ole I(a)
fee for priority document	: BAM	35
national fee:		
filing fee:	BAM	105
 plus for each page of the application 		
over 30:	BAM	3
 plus for each claim 		
over 10:	BAM	4
publication fee:	BAM	15

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

DE Germany (requirements concerning agent)

There have been changes in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the German Patent and Trade Mark Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office and in the address from which the list of attorneys-at-law may be obtained, as follows:

who can act as agent?

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident):

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

In case the applicant resides in Germany:

Any natural person resident in Germany.

* The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

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

HU Hungary (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The address of the National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, as follows:

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM) Faculty of Food Sciences Corvinus University of Budapest Somlói út 14-16 1118 Budapest Hungary

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

NZ New Zealand (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, for international applications filed on or after 1 June 2005. (The EPO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is being or has been performed by that Office; the USPTO is competent only if the international search report has been prepared by that Office.)

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

SL Sierra Leone (time limit for entry into the national phase)

The Administrator and Registrar General's Department (Sierra Leone) 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, applicable for any international application filed as of 28 April 2005, or before that date provided that the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) would have expired on or after 28 April 2005, is 31 months from the priority date.

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 July 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in ZAR for an

international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and as from 1 August 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF 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 (AU and KR))

New/updated PCT Materials on the Internet

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

PCT Newsletter collection

The twelve issues of the *PCT Newsletter* published in 2000 are now available in PDF format at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/list.jsp?year=2000

This means that all issues of the *PCT Newsletter* published since January 2000 are now available in PDF format on the PCT website.

Seminar materials

Seminar materials in English, French, German and Spanish have been updated and are available from:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/mat.htm

Regulations under the PCT

The French and German texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2005, are available at:

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

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

They include, at the end, notes containing important transitional arrangements which apply to selected amendments to the PCT Regulations.

New editions of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* and *Regulations* (WIPO publication No. 274 (F) and (G)) in those languages, as in force from 1 April 2005, will also be available shortly.

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 in French, German and Spanish, in addition to English, at, respectively:

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

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

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

Collection of PCT strategies

The following article, written by Alan J. Kasper (Director of International Department, Sughrue Mion, PLLC), has been added to the collection of PCT Strategies:

International Search and Examination:
 Strategies for Controlling Costs and Taking
 Informed Business Decisions

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

ISA and IPEA Agreements

The current versions of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and the various International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT have been published on the PCT website at:

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

PCT Publications

Contrary to what was written in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2004, page 3, about the possible availability in April 2005 of the next special issue of the *PCT Gazette* containing general information on Contracting States, national and regional Offices and International Authorities, and in the context of a move to single source, up-to-date, electronic information products, it

has been decided to discontinue the publication of the special issue referred to above.

It is recalled that all the information contained in the above-mentioned special issue is available in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, the paper version of which was updated on 1 April 2005, and the Internet version of which is updated, in general, once a week. The *PCT Applicant's Guide* is available at:

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

WIPO Online Forum

WIPO is hosting an "Online Forum on Intellectual Property in the Information Society" from 1 to 15 June 2005. The forum is designed to enable and encourage an open discussion on issues related to intellectual property and the information society, in light of the goals of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

The forum focuses on 10 themes and commentaries (with background resources), including discussion on the role of patents and access to knowledge, automated delivery of patent information including the PCT, and the role of intellectual property in promoting innovation and creativity in the digital environment.

All persons who have an interest in these issues are invited to post their comments on the WIPO Online Forum during the two-week period. For further information, including instructions on how to participate, go to:

www.wipo.int/ipisforum/en/

or contact:

tel: (41–22) 338 81 38 e-mail: ecommerce@wipo.int

Practical Advice

The setting of fees payable during the international phase, and the establishment of the equivalent amounts of certain of those fees in various currencies

Q: I am a patent administrator and I deal, in particular, with the payment of patent-related fees. I would like to know more about who establishes the various PCT fees payable

during the international phase. Also, the "PCT Information Update" section of the PCT Newsletter often notifies changes in "equivalent amounts" of certain fees – please could you explain to me under what conditions such equivalent amounts change?

A: The following fees are the main fees payable during the international phase*:

- · the transmittal fee
- the international filing fee
- · the search fee
- the international preliminary examination fee
- the handling fee

The establishment of the above-mentioned fees

1) The transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)

The transmittal fee is intended to cover the costs involved with the processing of the international application by the receiving Office. It is payable to the receiving Office, although some Offices have chosen not to require the payment of this fee.

The amount of the transmittal fee is fixed by the receiving Office and is payable in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it. The currency is usually the local currency used in the country in which the receiving Office is situated. However, as happens in a few cases, it may also be payable in Swiss francs (CHF), US dollars (USD) or euro (EUR) where that currency is not the local currency, or else the amount may be set in CHF or USD or EUR, but payable in an equivalent amount of the local currency, calculated on the basis of the applicable exchange rate on the day of payment.

The amount of the transmittal fee payable to each receiving Office can be found in Table I(a) of the PCT fee tables at the end of

^{*} Fees other than the ones listed are payable to the receiving Office, the International Bureau or the International Preliminary Examining Authority under certain circumstances – see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annexes C, D and E.

this issue, or on the relevant page of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C.

2) The international filing fee (PCT Rule 15)

The international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), payable for the benefit of the International Bureau (IB), is intended to cover the costs involved with processing and publishing the international application.

The international filing fee is collected by the receiving Office, which then transmits it to the IB. It is fixed in CHF by the PCT Assembly and is set out, together with the amounts of the reductions in the international filing fee for the different forms of electronic filing, in the Schedule of Fees, annexed to the PCT Regulations (see PCT Rule 96). It is payable in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by the receiving Office. For each receiving Office which prescribes the payment of that fee in a currency other than CHF, the Director General of WIPO, after consultation with the receiving Office of, or acting under PCT Rule 19.1(b) for, the State whose official currency is the same as the prescribed currency, will establish the equivalent amount in that other currency.

The amount of the international filing fee payable to each receiving Office can be found in Table I(a) of the PCT fee tables at the end of this issue, or on the relevant page of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C.

3) The search fee (PCT Rule 16)

The search fee, which is fixed by each International Searching Authority (ISA), is payable for the benefit of the ISA and is intended to cover the various costs incurred while carrying out the tasks entrusted to the ISAs, for example the costs of carrying out the international search, and establishing the international search report and the written opinion of the ISA.

The search fee is collected by the receiving Office, which then transmits it to the ISA. It is payable in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by the receiving Office. The equivalent amount of the search fee in any receiving Office currency, other than the currency of the ISA headquarters, is estab-

lished by the Director General in a similar way to the establishment of the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee (see above).

The amount of the search fee payable to each ISA can be found in Table I(b) of the PCT fee tables at the end of this issue, or on the relevant page of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex D.

4) The international preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58)

The international preliminary examination fee, which is fixed by each International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), is intended to cover the various costs incurred while carrying out the tasks entrusted to the IPEAs, for example, carrying out the international preliminary examination, establishing the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) and, if applicable, the written opinion of the IPEA. It is payable direct to the IPEA, usually in the currency used in the country in which the IPEA is situated.

The amount of the international preliminary examination fee payable to each IPEA can be found in Table II of the PCT fee tables at the end of this issue, or on the relevant page of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex E.

5) The handling fee (PCT Rule 57)

The handling fee is intended to cover the costs incurred by the International Bureau for carrying out various tasks during the Chapter II procedure, for example, for the processing of a demand for international preliminary examination, and for the handling and, where applicable, translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) into English.

The handling fee is payable to the IPEA for the benefit of the IB and is fixed in CHF by the PCT Assembly (see the Schedule of Fees, annexed to the PCT Regulations). It is collected by the IPEA, which then transmits it to the IB. The equivalent amount of the handling fee in any currency prescribed by the IPEA is established by the Director General in a similar way to the establishment of the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee (see above).

The amount of the handling fee payable to each IPEA can be found in Table II of the PCT fee tables at the end of this issue, or on the relevant page of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex E.

Conditions under which equivalent amounts of fees are changed

1) The transmittal fee

In the context of the transmittal fee, the question of changing equivalent amounts only arises in a few cases where the transmittal fee is set in CHF or USD, but is payable in the equivalent amount of the local currency, and the exchange rate between the local currency and either the CHF or the USD fluctuates. In such cases the receiving Office concerned should be contacted to find out what the current amount is in the local currency.

2) The international filing fee, the search fee and the handling fee

The equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, the search fee and the handling fee may change in the following circumstances:

- international filing fee: the exchange rate between the CHF and a freely convertible currency prescribed by the receiving Office for the payment of that fee changes (PCT Rule 15.2(d));
- search fee: the exchange rate between the currency of the ISA headquarters and a freely convertible currency prescribed by a receiving Office for the payment of that fee changes (PCT Rule 16.1(d));
- handling fee: the exchange rate between the CHF and a freely convertible currency prescribed by the IPEA for the payment of that fee changes (PCT Rule 57.2(e)).

Changes to the equivalent amounts of the above-mentioned fees can be made at the time of each ordinary session of the PCT Assembly (usually held every two years in September/October, for example, the next ordinary session will be held in September/October 2005) and on an ad hoc basis when certain conditions prevail (see below). The

Director General establishes the new amount in the prescribed receiving Office or IPEA currency, as the case may be, according to the directives given by the PCT Assembly.

The directives of the PCT Assembly, the latest version of which are published in the Report of the 2003 PCT Assembly (document PCT/A/32/8, Annex II, available at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/meetings.htm) provide that the equivalent amounts are to be changed when the exchange rate between the CHF and any other currency has differed, to a certain extent, for more than 30 consecutive days:

Difference of at least 5%: the receiving Office which prescribes the currency concerned may take the initiative and ask the Director General to newly establish the amount of the fee in the currency according to the exchange rate prevailing on the day preceding the day on which the request is made.

Difference of at least 10%: the Director General takes the initiative to commence consultations with the receiving Office concerned, after which he will newly establish the amount of the fee in the currency concerned according to the exchange rate prevailing on the day preceding the day on which the consultation is initiated by the Director General.

If the change in the equivalent amount is decided at the time of an ordinary session of the PCT Assembly, the new amount will enter into force on the first day of the calendar year following that session; if the change is made on an ad hoc basis, the new amount becomes applicable two months after the date of its publication in the *PCT Gazette*, unless the receiving Office concerned and the Director General agree on an earlier date.

3) The international preliminary examination fee

Each IPEA currently prescribes the international preliminary examination fee in *only one currency*, which is usually the currency used in the country in which the IPEA is situated.

		PCT Seminar Calenda	r			
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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 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			
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13–14 September 2005 Oslo (NO)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Norwegian Patent Office (Ms. Åse Skogø) Tel: (47–22) 38 76 17/38 73 00 Fax: (47–22) 38 73 31 E-mail: ask@patentstyret.no			
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PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 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 filling 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 filled in electronic form, as prescribed; see footnotes 2 and 5 for details. A 75% reduction in 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	BRR	Brazilian real	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SGD	Singapore dollar
	Examining Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SIT	Slovenian tolar
ISA	International Searching	BZD	Belize dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
	Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	TJS	Tajik somoni
n a	not applicable	CHF	Swiss franc	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CNY	Yuan renminbi	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago
		COP	Colombian peso	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso		dollar
Curre	ncies:	CUP	Cuban convertible peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
AED	United Arab Emirates	CYP	Cyprus pound	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
	dirham	CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PHP	Philippine peso	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PLZ	Polish zloty	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	ROL	Romanian leu	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	RUR	Russian rouble	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDP	Sudanese pound	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark								

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 June 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		fil	ternational ing fee ^{1, 2, 3} CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶	
AG	Information	n not yet availal	ole					
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,400	15	n a	EP	
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,211	13	87	EP RU	
AP	USD	ISD 50		D 50 USD 1,211		13	87	AT EP SE
	(or eq in lo	cal currency)						
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	
ва	BAM	50	EUR	902	10	64	EP	
ВЕ	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	

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

RO	Transmitta	filing f		ternational ling 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
BW	Information not	yet availat	ole				
ву	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
СН	CHF	100	CHF	1,400	15	100	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	CN
со	COP ⁷	_	СОР	eq USD 1,211	eq USD 13	eq USD 87	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	175	USD	1,211	13	87	EP ES
си	USD (or eq C	UP)200	USD (or	eq CUP) 1,211	13	87	AT EP ES RU
CY	СҮР	75	СҮР	526	6	n a	EP
cz	СZК	1,500	СZК	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 availat	ole				
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 availat	ole				

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

RO	Transm	nittal fee ¹	fi	iternational ling 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
GE	GEL ⁸	10	USD	1,211	13	87	EP RU
GН	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	CHF	1,400	15	100	See footnote 11
	or EUR ¹⁰	64	or EUR	902	10	64	
	or USD ¹⁰	87	or USD	1,211	13	87	
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 (filing by inc	8,000 liv: 2,000)	USD	1,211	13	87	AT AU CN EP SE US
ıs	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 U	ISD 100	USD	1,211	13	87	EP RU
KM	Information	not yet availal	ble				
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
ΚZ	KZT ⁷	_	USD	1,211	13	87	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,211	13	na	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
МС	EUR	49 ¹³	EUR	902	10	na	EP

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

RO	Transn	nittal fee ¹	In fi	iternational ling 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				
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				
МХ	MXP ³ eq	USD 200	MXP	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US				
NA	Information	n not yet availat	ole								
NG	Information	n not yet availat	ole								
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 KR US				
OA	XAF ⁷	_	— XAF eq CHF 1,400 eq CHF 15 na AT E								
ОМ	Information not yet available										
PG	Information	n not yet availal	ole								
РН	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				
РТ	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	n not yet availat	ole								
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				
sĸ	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				
тм	USD ⁷	_	USD	1,211	13	87	EP RU				
TN	TND ⁷	_	CHF	1,400	15	n a	EP				

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶			
TR	CHF	100	CHF	1,400	15	100	EP			
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,211	13	87	AT EP SE US			
UA	UAH	255	USD (or e	q 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 availa	ble							
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 June 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

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ISA						Search	fee ¹					
AT	EUR*	159	CHF*	247	KRW*	211,000	SGD*	350	USD*	214	ZAR*	1,320
	* (fro	om 1.7.05	EUR	200	CHF	311	KRW	264,000	SGD	430	USD	262
			ZAR	1,620)								
AU	AUD	1,200	CHF	1,050	EUR	684	KRW	948,000	NZD	1,282	SGD	1,490
	USD	942	ZAR*	5,300								
	* (fro	om 1.7.05	ZAR	5,800)								
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	СҮР	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		
	* (fro	om 1.7.05	KRW	920,000)								
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF*	238	EUR	168	USD	218				
	* (fro	om 1.8.05	CHF	272)								
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 ZAR	1,000 6,000	300 ¹⁷ 1,700 ¹⁷	CHF	1,171	342 ¹⁷	EUR	787	224 17	NZD	1,460*	420 ¹⁷
	* (fro	om 15.6.05	NZD	1,360)								
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Table II — Preliminary examination fees

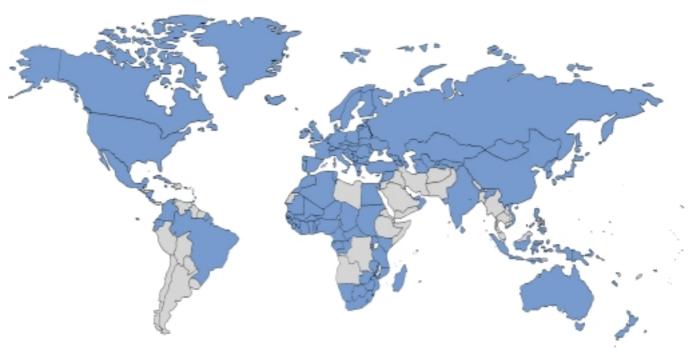
(amounts on 1 June 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA		Prelimir	nary examination	on fee ¹⁸	H	landling 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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ΑE	United Arab		Costa Rica	IL.	Israel		Mali (OA) ²	SN	Senegal (OA) ²
	Emirates		Cuba	ΪΝ	India		Mongolia	SY	Syrian Arab
AG	Antigua and		Cyprus (EP) ²	IS	Iceland (EP)		Mauritania (OA) ²		Republic
	Barbuda		Czech Republic (EP)	IT	Italy (EP) ²		Malawi (AP)	SZ	Swaziland (AP) ²
AL	Albania ¹		Germany (EP)	JP KE	Japan Kanya (AB)		Mexico	TD	Chad (OA) ²
	Armenia (EA)		Denmark (EP)	KG	Kenya (AP) Kyrgyzstan (EA)		Mozambique (AP)	TG	Togo (OA) ²
ΑT	Austria (EP)		Dominica		Comoros		Namibia (AP)	TJ	Tajikistan (EA)
ΑU	Australia		Algeria	KP	Democratic	NE	Niger (OA) ²	TM	Turkmenistan (EA)
ΑZ	Azerbaijan (EA)	_	Ecuador		People's Republic		Nigeria	ΤN	Tunisia
BA			Estonia (EP)		of Korea		Nicaragua	TR	Turkey (EP)
ВВ	Herzegovina ¹ Barbados	EG	Egypt Spain (EP)	KR	Republic of Korea		Netherlands (EP) ² Norway	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
BE	Belgium (EP) ²	FI	Finland (EP)		Kazakhstan (EA)		New Zealand	ΤZ	United Republic of
BF	Burkina Faso (OA) ²		France (EP) ²	_	Saint Lucia	—	Oman		Tanzania (AP)
BG	Bulgaria (EP)		Gabon (OA) ²	LI	Liechtenstein (EP)		Papua New Guinea	_	Ukraine
BJ	Benin (OA) ²		United Kingdom (EP)		Sri Lanka	PH	Philippines		Uganda (AP)
BR			Grenada	LR LS	Liberia	PL	Poland (EP)	US	United States of
BW	Botswana (AP)	ĞE	Georgia	LT	Lesotho (AP) Lithuania (EP)	PT	Portugal (EP)		America
BY	Belarus (EÀ)		Ghana (AP)	Ľΰ	Luxembourg (EP)	RO	Romania (EP)		Uzbekistan
ΒZ	Belize	GM	Gambia (AP)	LV	Latvia ¹ (EP from		Russian	VC	Saint Vincent and
CA	Canada		Guinea (OA) ²	_,	1 July 2005)		Federation (EA)		the Grenadines
CF	Central African	GQ	Equatorial	MA	Morocco	SC	Seychelles		Viet Nam
	Republic (OA) ²		Guinea (OA) ²	MC	Monaco (EP)2	SD	Sudan (AP)	YU	Serbia and
	Congo (OA) ²		Greece (EP) ²	MD	Republic of	SE	Sweden (EP)		Montenegro ¹
	Switzerland (EP)		Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²		Moldova (EA)		Singapore	ZA	
CI	Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²		Croatia ¹		Madagascar	SI	Slovenia (EP) ²		Zambia (AP)
	Cameroon (OA) ²		Hungary (EP)	MK	The former	SK	Slovakia (EP)	ZW	Zimbabwe (AP)
	China	ID	Indonesia		Yugoslav Republic	SL	Sierra Leone (AP)		
CO	Colombia	ΙE	Ireland (EP)2		of Macedonia ¹	SIVI	San Marino		

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