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New: "PatentScope" Patents Portal

WIPO has recently launched a new portal centralizing all patent and PCT-related information so as to provide users with better services at:

www.wipo.int/patentscope/en

The portal includes new sections on patent data and statistics. The patent data section provides access to the complete collection of published PCT international applications (now more than one million) from 1978 to the present day in image format and to the fully searchable text of descriptions and claims for PCT international applications filed after July 1998.

PCT users familiar with the PCT website, will continue to find all of the legal and information resources relating to the filing and processing of PCT applications at the following address:

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

Similarly, PCT Offices and Member States will find the following page contains links to PCT data exchange services, PCT application data sources, as well as legal and information resources for use in their respective roles under the PCT:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/offices.html

New resources, such as tutorials on the retrieval of patent information, will be made available on the web site in the coming months. We welcome your comments on the new PatentScope portal at:

www.wipo.int/tools/en/contacts/index.jsp?area=patentscope

Comments about the PCT content of PatentScope and general ques-

tions about PCT can be sent to the PCT Information Service:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/infoline.htm

New: PCT Online File Inspection

A prototype PCT Online File Inspection System has been integrated into PatentScope. This provides access to certain documents held in the application files of the International Bureau as well as bibliographical data, text and

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PCT Resources on the Internet
(www.wipo.int/pct/en/applicants.html)**

PCT Information Service

PCT filing

- *Basic Facts about the PCT*
- Forms
- Direct filing of PCT applications with the International Bureau as PCT receiving Office
- *PCT Applicant's Guide*
- Fees

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- About the Treaty
- Texts of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, Regulations and Administrative Instructions
- PCT Receiving Office Guidelines
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- Reservations and incompatibilities
- Useful tables: time limits for entering national/regional phase; types of protection; power of attorney waivers
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images of all published international applications since 1978. Similar to the *PCT Gazette* in electronic form, an international application can be searched using the Online File Inspection System according to specific terms, publication number, date etc.

Previously, many of the documents available online had to be requested from the International Bureau under PCT Rules 17 and 94 and were furnished in paper format on payment of a fee. Currently, due to certain legal limitations and practical restrictions on the availability of documents in electronic form, not all documents held in the file of the International Bureau can be accessed online. Where access is desired to documents which are not available via this prototype service, please contact the PCT Information Service:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/infoline.htm

The International Bureau will continue to improve this new system and expand the documents and data made available online in this manner. We encourage users to provide feedback and participate in fine-tuning this tool.

PCT Online File Inspection System:

www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/database/search-adv.jsp

Feedback:

www.wipo.int/tools/en/contacts/index.jsp?area=pct-gazette

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 PCT Contracting State

Saint Kitts and Nevis (country code: KN)

On 27 July 2005, Saint Kitts and Nevis deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 27 October 2005, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 27 October 2005 will automatically include the designation of Saint Kitts and Nevis. Also, because Saint Kitts and Nevis will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 27 October 2005. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Saint Kitts and Nevis will be entitled, as from 27 October 2005, to file international applications under the PCT.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Australian Patent Office begins receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Australian Patent Office, IP Australia, in its capacity as receiving Office, began receiving and processing international applications in electronic form on 18 July 2005, **provided that they are filed by users already registered with the Office** for that purpose under its PCT-SAFE pilot introduction program for the filing of international applications in electronic form. Electronic filing will be possible for applicants in general in the near future. An announcement will be published in the *PCT Newsletter* when the date is known.

The notification containing IP Australia's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published in *PCT Gazette* No. 31/2005, Section IV, on 4 August 2005, which will be available on the PCT website at:

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

Budapest Treaty

Accession by Georgia

On 30 June 2005, Georgia (country code: GE) deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty

to 61. Georgia is also a PCT Contracting State. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Georgia on 30 September 2005. This updates the table of States party to the Budapest Treaty that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2004.

PCT Publications

PCT Gazette special issue: Minimum Documentation

The list of published items of non-patent literature required for the purposes of PCT Rule 34.1(b)(iii) was amended with effect from 1 June 2005. The amended list will be published in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* (No. S-01/2005 (E) and (F)) on 11 August 2005, under the title of "PCT Minimum Documentation; List of Periodicals"; it replaces the list published in a previous special issue of the *PCT Gazette* (No. S-02/2003 (E) and (F)) on 27 March 2003.

Subscribers to the *PCT Gazette* automatically receive special issues. If you are not a subscriber to the *PCT Gazette* but would like to obtain that special issue, you may order it from the Design, Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO:

fax: (41–22) 740 18 12
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bookshop: www.wipo.int/ebookshop
mailing
address: 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

The price per special issue is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, and 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Note that the special issue is also available in PDF format, free of charge, as part of the *PCT Gazette* on WIPO's website at:

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

PCT Information Update

AT Austria (provisional protection after international publication; requirements concerning agent)

There have been changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection in Austria after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

The applicant may, from the date of publication of the international application, claim payment of an indemnity from any person who, without being entitled to do so, uses the subject of the application. If the application is not published in German, this right commences from the date of publication of a translation of the international application into German submitted to the Austrian Patent Office.

There have also been changes in the requirements as to whether an agent is required by the Austrian Patent Office as receiving Office and as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as well as changes in the special requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

is an agent required by the receiving Office?

no, if the applicant has a residence or his principal place of business in a member State of the European Union or in a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area

yes, if he has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of one of those States

who can act as agent?

any patent attorney, attorney-at-law or notary, entitled to professional representation in Austria.*

If the applicant has a residence or his principal place of business in a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, he may be represented by any natural person having a residence or his principal place of business in Austria. If the residence or the principal place of business of the applicant is outside of Austria, he has - at least - to mention a person having residence in Austria for the reception of documents.

special requirements:

appointment of an agent if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of the European Union or in a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

* The lists of patent attorneys, attorneys at law and notaries may be obtained, respectively, from (1) the Österreichische Patentanwaltskammer,

Museumstr. 3, A-1070 Wien, Austria
(www.patentanwaltskammer.at)
(2) the Österreichischer Rechtsanwaltskammertag, Rotenturmstr. 13, A-1010 Wien, Austria
(www.oerak.or.at) and
(3) the Österreichische Notariatskammer, Landesgerichtsstr. 20, A-1010 Wien, Austria
(www.notar.at)

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

AU Australia (filing of international applications in electronic form)

See cover page.

CR Costa Rica (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica) as receiving Office, has changed:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

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

FI Finland (requirements of International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

Summaries of the requirements of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority have been published in the electronic version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*. See Vol. I, Annexes C and D (FI) on the WIPO website at:

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

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

HU Hungary (fees)

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

transmittal fee:	see Table I(a)
fee for priority document, per page:	HUF 300
plus, per document:	HUF 3,000

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

where the Office is a designated Office: HUF 34,000
 plus, per claim for the 11th to the 20th claim: HUF 1,700
 plus, per claim for the 21st to the 30th claim: HUF 3,400
 plus, for each claim in excess of 30: HUF 5,100

where the Office is an elected Office: HUF 17,000
 plus, per claim for the 11th to the 20th claim: HUF 850
 plus, per claim for the 21st to the 30th claim: HUF 1,700
 plus, for each claim in excess of 30: HUF 2,550

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

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

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)
 fee for priority document: USD 39
 supplement for airmail: USD 8

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

IN India (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers)

The location and mailing address, and the telephone and fax numbers of the Kolkata branch of the Patent Office (India) have changed, as follows:

location and mailing address:

Bouddhik Sampada Bhawan
 CP-2, Sector-V
 Salt Lake City
 Kolkata 700 091
 India

telephone: (91-33) 23 67 19 43,
 23 67 19 44, 23 67 19 45,
 23 67 19 87, 23 67 50 92,
 23 67 50 93

(91-33) 23 67 50 91
 (PCT Section)

fax: (91-33) 23 67 19 88

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

MZ Mozambique (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; time limit for entry into the national phase)

The name, location and mailing address, and the telephone and fax numbers of the Central Department of Industrial Property (Mozambique) have changed, as follows:

name of Office:

Instituto da Propriedade Industrial
 Industrial Property Institute (Mozambique)

address:

Rua Consiglieri Pedroso, 165
 P.O. Box 1072
 Maputo
 Mozambique

telephone: (258-1) 354 900

fax: (258-1) 354 944

The Office 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 21 June 2005, or before that date provided that the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) would have expired on or after 21 June 2005, is 31 months from the priority date.

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

US United States of America (fees)

See "Fees payable in US dollars (various countries)", below.

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 September 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the higher search fee payable in CHF for an international

search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (the equivalent amount of the lower search fee will not change), and for the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office (IP Australia), as indicated in Table I(b).

As from 15 September 2005, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and EUR for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and in NZD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office (EPO), as indicated in Table I(b).

As from 1 October 2005, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in SGD and USD for an international search carried out by the EPO, in USD for international searches carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and in ZAR for an international search carried out by the USPTO, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

Fees payable in US dollars (various countries)

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

international filing fee, fee per sheet in excess of 30 and PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions: see Table I(a) and footnotes 2 and 5

The Offices affected are listed below. See also "Handling fee" below.

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

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

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

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

PCT Electronic Products Update for January 2006

As from January 2006, International Patent Classification (IPC) reform and the implementation of WIPO Standard ST.36 will require that WIPO change the data formats of its publication products.

The International Bureau (IB) has been publishing international application information using two formats for some time: *wo-published-application.dtd* and *SPIDI XML*. As these products contain identical data, the IB will take this opportunity to stop the production of the *SPIDI XML* and will, with effect from January 2006, use the revised *wo-published-application.dtd* format only. This will affect international applications sent both electronically and on DVD, and may require certain users to update their systems accordingly.

The format changes will apply from the first publication of 2006, that is, on 5 January 2006. It should be noted that when requesting documents through the Communication on Request (COR) service (a service which is only available to PCT Offices and Authorities – see: <https://pctcor.wipo.int/epct>), published PCT international applications created prior to January 2006 will be provided in the format in which they were originally produced. Note that the presentation of the front page of the published PCT application will also have to be modified to comply with the IPC display formatting changes (as described in WIPO Standard ST.10/C).

Further information is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/edi/en/wo_publication_information/index.html

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/applicants.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 1 July 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

Types of protection available in PCT Contracting States

See separate item, below.

States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization

See separate item, below.

Request and Demand Forms – Russian

The April 2005 versions of the Request and Demand Forms in Russian are now available on the WIPO website at:

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

Consolidated version of Regulations under the PCT including transitional arrangements – Russian

The Russian text of the consolidated version of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 January 2004, is available at:

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

It includes, at the end, notes containing important transitional arrangements which apply to many of the amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 January 2004.

Updated History of the PCT Regulations

The *History of the PCT Regulations* has been updated to include the text of the Regulations as in force from 19 June 1970 to 1 April 2005, and is now available in English on the PCT website at:

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

The History reproduces the text of the Regulations as in force from 19 June 1970 to 1 April 2005, and includes all superseded provisions in order to show the evolution of the Regulations, with dates in the margins indicating the period during which the respective provisions were in force.

PCT electronic filing user documents – Chinese

Documentation to assist those filing PCT applications electronically is now available in Chinese at:

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

Types of Protection Available in PCT Contracting States

Since the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2004 of a table setting out, for each Contracting State, the types of protection which can be obtained via the PCT, several States have become bound by the PCT, and there have also been changes in the types of protection, other than patents, which are available in certain States. An update of that table appears on pages 11 to 14, and is also available on the WIPO website at:

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

States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention. The table on pages 15 to 17, which lists the Contracting States of the PCT, together with the States party to the Paris Convention and Members of the WTO, updates the table which was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2004. This table is now also available on the WIPO website at:

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

Reminder: Change in General PCT Fax Number

As was already indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2005, 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

Change to the Publication Schedule

Due to the fact that Thursday, 8 September 2005 will be a non-working day at WIPO, *PCT Gazette* No. 36/2005 and the corresponding PCT pamphlets (published PCT applications) will be published on Friday, 9 September instead of on Thursday, 8 September.

Note also that the completion of technical preparations for the publication of *PCT Gazette* No. 38/2005 (dated 22 September 2005) and the corresponding PCT pamphlets will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 6 September 2005, instead of on Wednesday, 7 September 2005, the day on which it would normally have been completed.

WIPO Publications

Guide on patents for business

WIPO has just published a new guide, specifically geared towards entrepreneurs, inventors and small and medium-sized businesses, entitled "Inventing the Future: An Introduction to Patents for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises". The Guide explains, in practical terms, using concrete examples, how patents can be used to further strategic business goals.

The guide explores some of the most frequently asked questions about the patent system, providing companies with hints and tips on how to go about developing a patent strategy that is suited to their needs. While readers are advised to consult a patent expert when seeking to protect, exploit or enforce a patent, the guide provides practical information to help readers understand the basics and to enable them to ask the right questions when consulting a patenting expert.

The guide can be downloaded as a PDF document from WIPO's SME website (www.wipo.int/sme/en/documents/guides_manuals.htm) or may be obtained in hard copy by sending an e-mail to:

publications.mail@wipo.int

Information About Mail Received Erroneously at EPO or German Patent and Trade Mark Office

Up until recently, applicants have been able to benefit from an Administrative Agreement between the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA) and the European Patent Office (EPO) concerning the procedure on receipt of documents and payments. This agreement concerned documents intended for the DPMA which were erroneously filed with the EPO and then forwarded by the EPO to the DPMA, and vice versa. It allowed for the date of receipt of documents filed with the EPO to become the date of receipt of the documents at the DPMA, and vice versa.

As a result of a judgment dated 23 November 2004 (11 W (pat) 41/03), in which the Federal Patents Court ruled this procedure unlawful, the DPMA stopped applying the Administrative Agreement on 1 March 2005. The DPMA and the EPO have, in the interest of legal certainty, agreed that the EPO will also stop applying the Administrative Agreement on 1 September 2005. This means that the filing date of documents intended for one office but received and forwarded by the other will carry the (later) date of receipt at the office for which they were intended. Both offices will continue, as a courtesy service, their postal exchange of documents received in error (to avoid further delays in returning them to senders), but with no guarantee that it will occur within such time limits as may apply. The same applies to payments received by post at the wrong office.

For further information, see the notices published on the EPO and DPMA websites at:

www.european-patent-office.org/news/info/pdf/not07_07_2005.pdf

www.dpma.de/veroeffentlichungen/mitteilungen/mittlg2005_23.html

Practical Advice

The importance of checking the contents of PCT applications before they are filed electronically

Q: I will shortly be filing international applications electronically for the first time. A colleague of mine has already filed a number of international applications electronically and once experienced problems as the data in his application as filed and as noticed by him in the published international application did not conform exactly to the data in the original document (before the file was converted into PDF format for the purpose of electronic filing). What can I do to prevent this from happening?

A: In a few very rare cases, the International Bureau (IB) has received international applications in which certain data has been unintentionally modified when the applicant converted it into either PDF format or XML format. For example, certain symbols or drawings may not have been converted successfully.

Since this problem is not related to the transmittal (that is, the electronic transfer) of the international application to the receiving Office,

but occurs prior to the transmittal (during the conversion process), the best practice of double-checking the contents of an international application prior to filing should carry over from the paper world to modern electronic-based practices. You are therefore reminded that it is your responsibility (as applicant or agent) to carefully check that any converted file that is to be filed electronically corresponds to the pre-conversion file, to ensure proper disclosure and avoid the risk of the application being published with errors or missing data.

Also, the IB sometimes receives electronic files as attachments that are unrelated to the PCT application – you should therefore also carefully check that the files you are attaching are the correct ones.

Note that the International Bureau and/or the receiving Office concerned will, of course, do all they can to assist applicants who experience any of the above-mentioned problems.

For further information on the filing of international applications electronically, go to the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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
16 September 2005 Los Angeles, CA (US)	English	Symposium “The International Patent System: WIPO Comes to UCLA” WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Wichard	UCLA School of Law Tel: (1–310) 825 09 71 E-mail: events@law.ucla.edu
28 September 2005 Cologne (DE)	German	Reforms in the Field of Intellectual Property WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
12–13 October 2005 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mrs. Juntunen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 38 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22
27–28 October 2005 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	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
17–18 November 2005 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation at the 4 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
8–9 December 2005 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
13–14 December 2005 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 52

Other WIPO event

From 8 to 9 September 2005 in Vancouver, Canada: the 2005 Worldwide Forum on Marks and Designs will be jointly organized by WIPO and the International Trademark Association (INTA). Attendees will gain a basic understanding of the most common protection systems and of the international registration systems that tie the various national and regional systems together. WIPO speaker: Mr. Datri. For more information: www.inta.org/forums/2005/worldwide/

Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (situation on 1 August 2005)								
State	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of national patent	Utility model in addition to national patent	Other
AE	X					X		Patent of addition
AG ¹	X							
AL	X					X		Extension of EP patent ²
AM	X		X			X		Provisional patent
AT	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
AU	X							Patent of addition
AZ	X		X			X		
BA	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ^{2,3}
BB	X							
BE				X				
BF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BG	X			X		X		
BJ					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BR	X					X		Certificate of addition
BW	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
BY	X		X			X		
BZ	X					X		
CA	X							
CF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CH + LI	X			X				
CI					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CM					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CN	X					X		
CO	X					X		
CR	X					X		
CU	X							Patent of addition, inventor's certificate, inventor's certificate of addition
CY				X				
CZ	X			X		X	X	
DE	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
DK	X			X		X	X	
DM	X					X		

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States <i>[continued]</i> (situation on 1 August 2005)								
State	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
DZ	X							Certificate of addition
EC	X					X		
EE	X			X		X	X	
EG	X					X		
ES	X			X		X		Patent of addition
FI	X			X		X	X	
FR				X				
GA					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GB	X			X				
GD ¹	X							
GE	X					X		
GH	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Utility certificate
GM	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
GN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GQ					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GR				X				
GW					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
HR	X							"Consensual patent," extension of EP patent ^{2,4}
HU	X			X		X		
ID	X							
IE				X				
IL	X							Patent of addition
IN	X							Patent of addition
IS	X			X ⁵				
IT				X				
JP	X					X		
KE	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
KG	X		X			X		
KM ¹	X							
KN ^{1,6}	X							
KP	X					X		Inventor's certificate
KR	X					X		
KZ	X		X			X		Provisional patent
LC	X							
LI (see CH)								
LK	X							

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States <i>[continued]</i> (situation on 1 August 2005)								
State	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
LR	X							
LS	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
LT	X			X ⁷				Extension of EP patent ^{2,8}
LU	X			X				
LV	X			X ⁹				Extension of EP patent ^{2,10}
LY ^{1,11}	X							
MA	X							Certificate of addition
MC				X				
MD	X		X			X		
MG	X							Certificate of addition
MK	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ²
ML					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MN	X							
MR					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MW	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition
MX	X					X		
MZ	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
NA	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
NE					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
NG ¹	X							
NI	X					X		
NL				X				
NO	X							
NZ	X							Patent of addition
OM ¹	X							
PG	X							
PH	X					X		
PL	X			X		X		Patent of addition
PT	X			X		X	X	
RO	X			X ¹²				Extension of EP patent ^{2,13}
RU	X		X			X		
SC	X							
SD	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
SE	X			X				
SG	X							

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Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States <i>[continued]</i> (situation on 1 August 2005)								
State	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
SI				X				
SK	X			X		X	X	
SL	X	X				National or ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
SM	X							
SN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
SY	X							Certificate of addition
SZ		X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
TD					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TJ	X		X			X		
TM	X		X					Provisional patent
TN	X							
TR	X			X		X		Patent of addition
TT	X							Utility certificate
TZ	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	
UA	X					X		
UG	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Utility certificate
US	X							
UZ	X					X		
VC	X							
VN	X							Patent for utility solution
YU	X							Patent of addition, petty patent, extension of EP patent ^{2,14}
ZA	X							Patent of addition
ZM	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition
ZW	X	X				ARIPO utility model	ARIPO utility model	Patent of addition

1 Information regarding any other type of national protection is not yet available.

2 A request for an extension may be made at the time of entry into the regional phase before the European Patent Office, provided that the designations of EP and/or of the State concerned have not been withdrawn, or, in the case of international applications filed before 1 January 2004, provided that the PCT application contained designations both for a European patent and of the State concerned. Such a request may not be made in the PCT request form itself. See the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, paragraphs 41 and 89, and Vol. II/A, National Chapter (EP) for further details as to the procedure to be followed.

3 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 December 2004.

4 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2004.

5 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2004.

6 Will become bound by the PCT on 27 October 2005.

7 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 December 2004.

8 Only for international applications filed before 1 December 2004.

9 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005.

10 Only for international applications filed before 1 July 2005.

11 Will become bound by the PCT on 15 September 2005.

12 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2003.

13 Only for international applications filed before 1 March 2003.

14 Only for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2004.

**States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention
and Members of the World Trade Organization**
(situation on 1 August 2005)

States/Members	PCT (128)	Paris (169)	WTO (148)	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Albania (AL)	X	X	X	Canada (CA)	X	X	X
Algeria (DZ)	X	X	–	Central African Republic (CF)	X	X	X
Andorra (AD)	–	X	–	Chad (TD)	X	X	X
Angola (AO)	–	–	X	Chile (CL)	–	X	X
Antigua and Barbuda (AG)	X	X	X	China (CN)	X ¹	X ^{1,2}	X
Argentina (AR)	–	X	X	Colombia (CO)	X	X	X
Armenia (AM)	X	X	X	Comoros (KM)	X	X	–
Australia (AU)	X	X	X	Congo (CG)	X	X	X
Austria (AT)	X	X	X	Costa Rica (CR)	X	X	X
Azerbaijan (AZ)	X	X	–	Côte d'Ivoire (CI)	X	X	X
Bahamas (BS)	–	X	–	Croatia (HR)	X	X	X
Bahrain (BH)	–	X	X	Cuba (CU)	X	X	X
Bangladesh (BD)	–	X	X	Cyprus (CY)	X	X	X
Barbados (BB)	X	X	X	Czech Republic (CZ)	X	X	X
Belarus (BY)	X	X	–	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (KP)	X	X	–
Belgium (BE)	X	X	X	Democratic Republic of the Congo (CD)	–	X	X
Belize (BZ)	X	X	X	Denmark (DK)	X	X	X
Benin (BJ)	X	X	X	Djibouti (DJ)	–	X	X
Bhutan (BT)	–	X	–	Dominica (DM)	X	X	X
Bolivia (BO)	–	X	X	Dominican Republic (DO)	–	X	X
Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	X	X	–	Ecuador (EC)	X	X	X
Botswana (BW)	X	X	X	Egypt (EG)	X	X	X
Brazil (BR)	X	X	X	El Salvador (SV)	–	X	X
Brunei Darussalam (BN)	–	–	X	Equatorial Guinea (GQ)	X	X	–
Bulgaria (BG)	X	X	X	Estonia (EE)	X	X	X
Burkina Faso (BF)	X	X	X	European Communities	–	–	X
Burundi (BI)	–	X	X	Fiji (FJ)	–	–	X
Cambodia (KH)	–	X	X	Finland (FI)	X	X	X
Cameroon (CM)	X	X	X	France (FR)	X	X	X

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**States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention
and Members of the World Trade Organization [continued]**
(situation on 1 August 2005)

States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Gabon (GA)	X	X	X	Lao People's Democratic Republic (LA)	–	X	–
Gambia (GM)	X	X	X	Latvia (LV)	X	X	X
Georgia (GE)	X	X	X	Lebanon (LB)	–	X	–
Germany (DE)	X	X	X	Lesotho (LS)	X	X	X
Ghana (GH)	X	X	X	Liberia (LR)	X	X	–
Greece (GR)	X	X	X	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (LY)	X ³	X	–
Grenada (GD)	X	X	X	Liechtenstein (LI)	X	X	X
Guatemala (GT)	–	X	X	Lithuania (LT)	X	X	X
Guinea (GN)	X	X	X	Luxembourg (LU)	X	X	X
Guinea-Bissau (GW)	X	X	X	Macao, China (MO)	–	– ²	X
Guyana (GY)	–	X	X	Madagascar (MG)	X	X	X
Haiti (HT)	–	X	X	Malawi (MW)	X	X	X
Holy See (VA)	–	X	–	Malaysia (MY)	–	X	X
Honduras (HN)	–	X	X	Maldives (MV)	–	–	X
Hong Kong, China (HK)	– ¹	– ¹	X	Mali (ML)	X	X	X
Hungary (HU)	X	X	X	Malta (MT)	–	X	X
Iceland (IS)	X	X	X	Mauritania (MR)	X	X	X
India (IN)	X	X	X	Mauritius (MU)	–	X	X
Indonesia (ID)	X	X	X	Mexico (MX)	X	X	X
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IR)	–	X	–	Monaco (MC)	X	X	–
Iraq (IQ)	–	X	–	Mongolia (MN)	X	X	X
Ireland (IE)	X	X	X	Morocco (MA)	X	X	X
Israel (IL)	X	X	X	Mozambique (MZ)	X	X	X
Italy (IT)	X	X	X	Myanmar (MM)	–	–	X
Jamaica (JM)	–	X	X	Namibia (NA)	X	X	X
Japan (JP)	X	X	X	Nepal (NP)	–	X	X
Jordan (JO)	–	X	X	Netherlands (NL)	X	X	X
Kazakhstan (KZ)	X	X	–	New Zealand (NZ)	X	X	X
Kenya (KE)	X	X	X	Nicaragua (NI)	X	X	X
Kuwait (KW)	–	–	X	Niger (NE)	X	X	X
Kyrgyzstan (KG)	X	X	X	Nigeria (NG)	X	X	X

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**States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention
and Members of the World Trade Organization [continued]**
(situation on 1 August 2005)

States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Norway (NO)	X	X	X	Spain (ES)	X	X	X
Oman (OM)	X	X	X	Sri Lanka (LK)	X	X	X
Pakistan (PK)	–	X	X	Sudan (SD)	X	X	–
Panama (PA)	–	X	X	Suriname (SR)	–	X	X
Papua New Guinea (PG)	X	X	X	Swaziland (SZ)	X	X	X
Paraguay (PY)	–	X	X	Sweden (SE)	X	X	X
Peru (PE)	–	X	X	Switzerland (CH)	X	X	X
Philippines (PH)	X	X	X	Syrian Arab Republic (SY)	X	X	–
Poland (PL)	X	X	X	Taiwan, Province of China (TW) ⁵	–	–	X
Portugal (PT)	X	X	X	Tajikistan (TJ)	X	X	–
Qatar (QA)	–	X	X	Thailand (TH)	–	–	X
Republic of Korea (KR)	X	X	X	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MK)	X	X	X
Republic of Moldova (MD)	X	X	X	Togo (TG)	X	X	X
Romania (RO)	X	X	X	Tonga (TO)	–	X	–
Russian Federation (RU)	X	X	–	Trinidad and Tobago (TT)	X	X	X
Rwanda (RW)	–	X	X	Tunisia (TN)	X	X	X
Saint Kitts and Nevis (KN)	X ⁴	X	X	Turkey (TR)	X	X	X
Saint Lucia (LC)	X	X	X	Turkmenistan (TM)	X	X	–
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VC)	X	X	X	Uganda (UG)	X	X	X
San Marino (SM)	X	X	–	Ukraine (UA)	X	X	–
Sao Tome and Principe (ST)	–	X	–	United Arab Emirates (AE)	X	X	X
Saudi Arabia (SA)	–	X	–	United Kingdom (GB)	X	X	X
Senegal (SN)	X	X	X	United Republic of Tanzania (TZ)	X	X	X
Serbia and Montenegro (YU)	X	X	–	United States of America (US)	X	X	X
Seychelles (SC)	X	X	–	Uruguay (UY)	–	X	X
Sierra Leone (SL)	X	X	X	Uzbekistan (UZ)	X	X	–
Singapore (SG)	X	X	X	Venezuela (VE)	–	X	X
Slovakia (SK)	X	X	X	Viet Nam (VN)	X	X	–
Slovenia (SI)	X	X	X	Zambia (ZM)	X	X	X
Solomon Islands (SB)	–	–	X	Zimbabwe (ZW)	X	X	X
South Africa (ZA)	X	X	X				

1. China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the PCT and the Paris Convention apply also to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
2. China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the Paris Convention applies also to the Macao Special Administrative Region.
3. Will become bound by the PCT on 15 September 2005.
4. Will become bound by the PCT on 27 October 2005.
5. Also referred to as "Chinese Taipei" or, within the context of the WTO, as "Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu."

PCT Fee Tables

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

Currencies:

AED	United Arab Emirates dirham
ALL	Albanian lek
AMD	Armenian dram
AUD	Australian dollar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat
BAM	Convertible mark

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 902	10	64	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 1,525	16	109	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	n a	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 902	10	64	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 902	10	64	EP
BG	BGL 60	BGL eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP RU
BR	BRR 236	BRR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT EP SE US
BW	Information not yet available				
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	n a	EP RU

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees *[continued]*
(amounts on 1 August 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
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,211 <i>(from 1.10.05: 1,102)</i>	13 <i>(12)</i>	87 <i>(79)</i>	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 <i>(from 1.10.05: 1,102)</i>	eq USD 13 <i>(12)</i>	eq USD 87 <i>(79)</i>	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,211 <i>(from 1.10.05: 1,102)</i>	13 <i>(12)</i>	87 <i>(79)</i>	EP ES
CU	USD (or eq CUP)200	USD (or eq CUP) 1,211 <i>(from 1.10.05: 1,102)</i>	13 <i>(12)</i>	87 <i>(79)</i>	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 <i>(from 1.10.05: 1,102)</i>	13 <i>(12)</i>	87 <i>(79)</i>	EP RU
EC	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,211 <i>(from 1.10.05: 1,102)</i>	13 <i>(12)</i>	87 <i>(79)</i>	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
EG	USD 100	USD 1,211 <i>(from 1.10.05: 1,102)</i>	13 <i>(12)</i>	87 <i>(79)</i>	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 <i>(from 1.10.05: 1,102)</i>	13 <i>(12)</i>	87 <i>(79)</i>	EP RU

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 August 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
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 902	10	64	EP
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP RU
IB ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 87 (from 1.10.05: 79)	CHF 1,400 or EUR 902 or USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	15 10 13 (12)	100 64 87 (79)	See footnote 11
ID	IDR 500,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76.00	EUR 902	10	64	EP
IL	ILS 476	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 74,000	800	5,300	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 123,200	1,300	8,800	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	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 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 902	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 902	10	64	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 902	10	n a	EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 August 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
MD	MDL 180	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP RU
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 111,100	1,200	7,900	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
NA	Information not yet available				
NG	Information not yet available				
NI	USD 200	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	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	n a	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available				
PG	Information not yet available				
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 902	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP RU
SC	Information not yet available				
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,140	90	580	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,926	21	138	AT AU EP
SI	SIT 22,000	SIT eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 902	10	n a	EP
SY	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁷ —	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	n.a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP RU
TN	TND ⁷ —	CHF 1,400	15	n a	EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 August 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 <i>(from 1.10.05: 1,102)</i>		13 <i>(12)</i>		87 <i>(79)</i>	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH)	1,211 <i>(from 1.10.05: 1,102)</i>		13 <i>(12)</i>		n a	EP RU
US	USD	300	USD	1,211 <i>(from 1.10.05: 1,102)</i>		13 <i>(12)</i>		87 <i>(79)</i>	EP US
UZ	USD ⁷	—	USD	1,211 <i>(from 1.10.05: 1,102)</i>		13 <i>(12)</i>		87 <i>(79)</i>	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 <i>(from 1.10.05: 1,102)</i>		eq USD 13 <i>(12)</i>		eq USD 87 <i>(79)</i>	AT AU CN EP RU

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

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	311	KRW	264,000	SGD	430	USD	262	ZAR	1,620
AU	AUD	1,200	CHF	1,126	EUR*	684	KRW	948,000	NZD	1,282	SGD	1,490
	USD	942	ZAR	5,800	<i>*(from 1.9.05: EUR</i>	<i>769)</i>						
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF*	1,520	EUR*	985	USD	1,336				
	<i>*(from 15.9.05: CHF</i>	<i>1,681</i>	<i>EUR</i>	<i>1,078)</i>								
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						
	<i>*(from 15.9.05: NZD</i>	<i>2,622)</i>	<i>SGD</i>	<i>3,150</i>	<i>USD</i>	<i>1,877)</i>						
	<i>*(from 1.10.05: SGD</i>	<i>3,150</i>	<i>USD</i>	<i>1,877)</i>								
ES ¹⁵	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,432	USD*	2,075	<i>*(from 1.10.05: USD</i>	<i>1,877)</i>				
FI	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,432	USD	2,075						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	1,097	EUR	692	KRW	920,000	USD	887		
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	272	EUR	168	NZD	315	USD	218		
RU ¹⁶	USD	300	CHF	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	<i>*(from 1.10.05: USD</i>	<i>1,877)</i>								
US	USD	1,000	300 ¹⁷	CHF*	1,171	342 ¹⁷	EUR	787	224 ¹⁷	NZD	1,360	420 ¹⁷
	ZAR**	6,000	1,700 ¹⁷									
	<i>*(from 1.9.05: CHF</i>	<i>1,269</i>	<i>342¹⁷⁾</i>									
	<i>** (from 1.10.05: ZAR</i>	<i>6,800</i>	<i>2,100¹⁷⁾</i>									

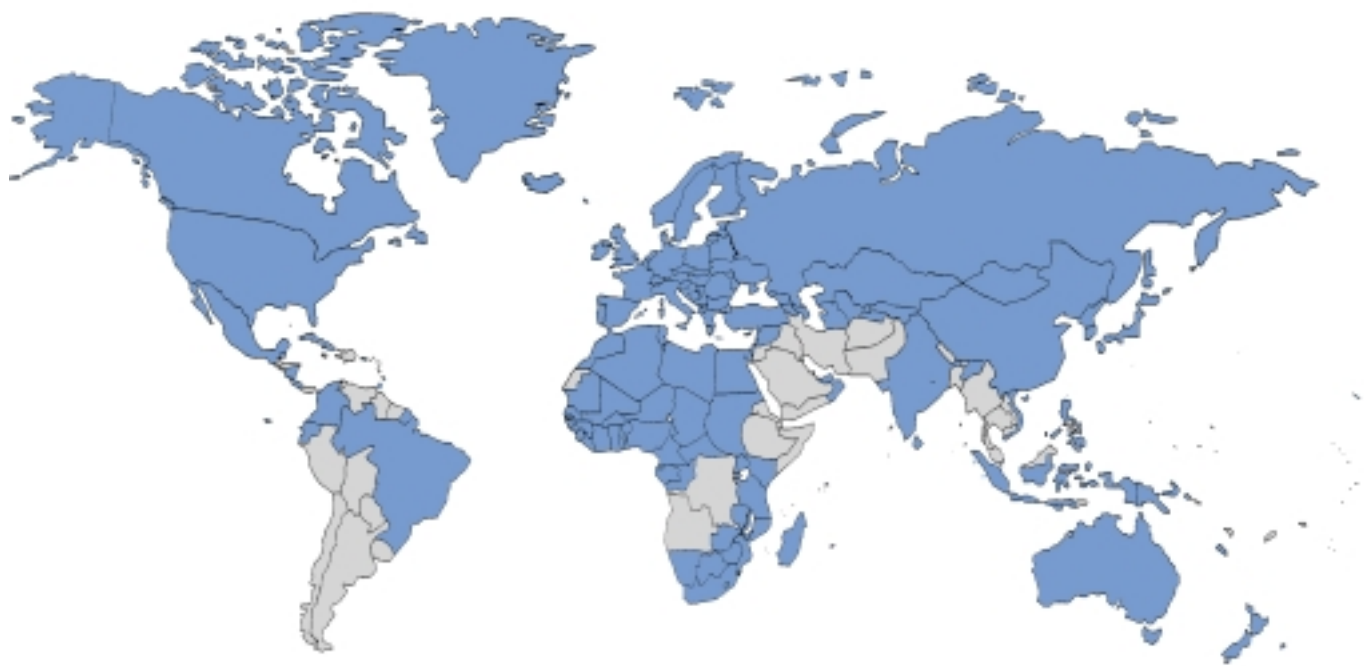
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 August 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁸		Handling fee ^{3, 18} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	200	EUR 129
AU	AUD	550 1,000 ¹⁹	AUD 218
CA	CAD	800	CAD 213
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EP ¹⁵	EUR	1,530	EUR 129
ES	EUR	513.03	EUR 129
FI	EUR	550	EUR 129
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY 17,600
KR	KRW	225,000	KRW 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 (from 1.10.05: 157)

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/EP, 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 (from 1.10.05: USD 157); CHF 300=EUR 193, GBP 134, JPY 26,400, KRW 256,000, USD 260 (from 1.10.05: USD 236)**.
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 10 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 11 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (IB).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in part 1 of the table on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf, with the exception of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 16 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 17 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a), ((i) prior to 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid, or (ii) on or after 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a), the search fee under 37 CFR 1.16(k) and the examination fee under 37 CFR 1.16(o) have been paid) and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application.
- 18 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 19 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 21 In all cases where footnote 20 does not apply.
- 22 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US)).

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AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AL Albania ¹	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IT Italy (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SM San Marino
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SY Syrian Arab Republic
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AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MX Mexico	TD Chad (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis (from 27 October 2005)	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
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BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NG Nigeria	TN Tunisia
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TR Turkey (EP)
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CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia ¹	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)		SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SG Singapore	
	IL Israel		SI Slovenia (EP) ²	

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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