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## Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

### Danish Patent and Trademark Office begins receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

On 15 August 2005, the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified WIPO under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 September 2005. The notification containing the Danish Patent and Trademark Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in *PCT Gazette* No. 35/2005, Section IV, on 1 September 2005 and is available on the WIPO website at:

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

The equivalent amounts in DKK of the applicable fee reductions for electronic filing are indicated in footnote 5 of the fee tables.

### Change Regarding Signature Requirements for the Declaration of Inventorship

As from 1 October 2005, the signature of the inventors will always have to appear on the declaration of inventorship under PCT Rule 4.17(iv), which may be filed during the international phase for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America. It is recalled that currently, if the inventor has signed the Request Form (PCT/RO/101) and the declaration of inventorship is filed together with the international application, the signature of the

inventor is not required on the declaration itself (see Section 214(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). As from 1 October 2005, the signature of the inventor in Box No. X of the request form, in case the declaration is filed together with the international application, will no longer replace the signature on the declaration. Applicants are therefore advised to change their practice, if need be, accordingly. The Notes to Box No. VIII(iv) of the Request Form will be amended accordingly.

Note that information concerning the possibility of not signing the declaration of inventorship itself (in the circumstances mentioned above), which was published in the practical advice in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 10/2002 and 04/2005, is therefore superseded.

### New Edition of the IPC Available Online

A new, updated edition (the eighth edition) of the International Patent Classification (IPC) will enter into force on 1 January 2006, and is

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now available on the WIPO website ([www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ipc8](http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ipc8)). As from that date, all published patent documents should be classified according to the new edition.

The IPC, which is administered by WIPO, is a hierarchical classification system covering all fields of technology and was designed to facilitate search and retrieval of patent information in all fields of technology. The IPC is periodically revised to take account of technological developments and to ensure a more user-friendly and accessible patent classification and search tool for specialists and non-specialists alike. The eighth edition is the product of a six-year process of reform designed to adapt the IPC to the electronic environment for improved efficiency in the retrieval of patent information and to facilitate its use by industrial property offices and the general public. The changes to the IPC were prepared by WIPO member states and inter-governmental organizations participating in the IPC Revision Working Group and approved by the IPC Committee of Experts.

The reform of the IPC has resulted in a number of fundamental changes to the structure and methods of revision and use of the IPC, as follows:

- the IPC has been divided into two levels – the core and advanced levels – to better satisfy the differing needs of industrial property offices, both large and small, and the general public;
- an electronic layer has been created to include data to illustrate IPC entries and

**Reminder**

The national Offices of the following States do not yet apply the 30-month time limit for entering the national phase under Chapter I as fixed in PCT Article 22(1) (as modified with effect from 1 April 2002). Note, however, that in respect of the **regional** designation of all those States, the time limit under PCT Article 22(3) of 31 months applies.

CH Switzerland  
LU Luxembourg  
SE Sweden  
TZ United Republic of Tanzania  
UG Uganda  
ZM Zambia

A list of time limits applicable for each designated/elected Office for entering the national phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT is available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/legal\\_text.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/legal_text.htm)

provide detailed explanations including definitions of classification entries and structural chemical formulae;

- the principle of reclassification of search files has been introduced to ensure that only the most recent version of the IPC is used when undertaking a patent information search;
- a Master Classification Database will be established which will contain up-to-date classification information (that is, according to the most recent version of the IPC) for all patent documents belonging to the PCT Minimum Documentation;
- revision amendments to the seventh edition have also been included and, in total, over 1,400 new entries have been introduced in the new edition of the IPC;
- one new class and five new subclasses relating to new technologies have also been created. These include:
  - a main group (A61K 36/00) for traditional medicine based on the use of plants. Such information represents the most important part of documented traditional knowledge. This new enhancement provides classification-based access to traditional knowledge as prior art and will thereby facilitate information searches relating to traditional knowledge-based innovations;
  - a subclass (B60W) for methods or systems for conjoint control of vehicle sub-units of different function and for control of hybrid vehicles;
  - a subclass (C40B) for combinatorial chemistry – a new area in chemical technology applied to drug synthesis and discovery which allows for preparation of thousands of chemical compounds (chemical libraries) in one synthesis;
  - a subclass (G06Q) for business methods. This was created in view of the dramatic increase in the number of patent applications relating to the application of data processing systems or methods for administrative, commercial, financial and managerial purposes.

The complete text of the eighth edition, in English and French, is available from the Internet at:

[www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ipc8](http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ipc8)

The printed version of the core level of the IPC is available from WIPO (see [www.wipo.int/ebookshop](http://www.wipo.int/ebookshop) for further information). Additional IPC-related material, such as Catchword Indexes to the IPC, the Revision Concordance List and a new version of the IPC:CLASS CD-ROM will be published later this year.

### **Information on the Upcoming Session of the PCT Assembly**

The thirty-fourth session of the Assembly of the PCT Union will be held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

In addition to discussions on PCT reform, and the presentation of status reports on quality management systems for PCT International Authorities and on PCT automation, two main sets of proposed amendments to the PCT Regulations will be submitted for adoption which would enter into force on 1 April 2006 and 1 April 2007, respectively.

The proposed amendments which would enter into force in 2006 relate to:

- exceptions to the all-inclusive designation system under certain conditions;
- the addition of Arabic as a publication language;
- the move towards full and exclusive electronic publication of all international applications, and the publication of the *PCT Gazette* solely in electronic form; and
- the publication of declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 as part of the international application.

The proposed amendments which would enter into force in 2007 relate to:

- missing elements and parts of the international application;
- restoration of the right of priority;
- rectification of obvious mistakes; and
- PCT minimum documentation: the addition of patent documents from the Republic of Korea.

For further information on the above-mentioned proposals, see document PCT/A/34/2, and for further information on the other matters for discussion, see documents PCT/A/34/1,

PCT/A/34/4 and PCT/A/34/5, at:

[www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=9006](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=9006)

## PCT Information Update

### AT Austria (language of filing; fees)

The Austrian Patent Office has notified a change in its requirements concerning the language of filing of international applications and the request. The consolidated list of languages accepted by the Office for the filing of international applications and the request is as follows:

English, French or German

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Austrian Patent Office as receiving Office, has changed:

fee for priority document, per page (including cover sheet):	EUR	1
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plus a fee for every four pages or fraction of four pages according to the Law on Fees (*Gebührengesetz* 1957)

The Office has introduced the following new national fee, payable to it as designated and elected Office:

for utility model: filing fee:	EUR	50
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (AT) and Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (AT))

### CA Canada (fees; requirements of International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

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

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

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

Summaries of the requirements of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office 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 D and E (CA) on the WIPO website at:

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

### DK Denmark (filing of international applications in electronic form)

See cover page.

### EP European Patent Office (location)

There has been a change in the postal code of the location of the European Patent Office headquarters, as follows (the mailing address has not changed):

location:

Headquarters at Munich:

Erhardtstr. 27  
D-80469 Munich  
Germany

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

### KR Republic of Korea (fees)

As from 1 October 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in KRW to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in KRW of the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in "PCT-EASY" mode) is used or where the international application is filed in fully electronic form, as follows:

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

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

### PG Papua New Guinea (general information)

General information about Papua New Guinea as a Contracting State, as well as summaries of requirements of the Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office will be published in the electronic version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Vol. I/A,

Annex B1 (PG), Vol. I/B, Annex C (PG), and the National Chapter, Summary (PG)) on 15 September 2005 on the WIPO website at:

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

### **US United States of America (fax number)**

The fax number of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for PCT applications, international and national phase, has changed, as follows:

fax: (1-571) 273 32 01  
(PCT applications, international and national phase)

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

### **Search fee (China Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), Swedish Patent and Registration Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office))**

As from 1 October 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the lower search fee payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the equivalent amount of the higher search fee was recently readjusted with effect from 1 September 2005), 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 CHF for an international search carried out by the China Intellectual Property Office.

As from that date, there will also be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).

As from 1 November 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in ISK for international searches carried out by the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, and in NZD for the higher search fee for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The above-mentioned fee changes are indicated in Table I(b).

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

### **Handling fee (Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office)**

As from 1 October 2005, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee, payable in CAD to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and in KRW to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as International Preliminary Examining Authorities, as indicated in Table II.

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

### **PCT Publications**

#### ***PCT Gazette Index 2004***

A bilingual (English/French) 2004 Index of the *PCT Gazette* will be published on 9 September 2005. The Index, available on CD-ROM only, contains, for international applications published in 2004, a consolidated version of the indexes published in Section III and an index to Section IV and to the Special Issues of the *PCT Gazette*.

The indexes relating to Section III are of:

- (1) international application numbers and corresponding international publication numbers;
- (2) names of applicants and corresponding international publication numbers; and
- (3) international publication numbers grouped according to International Patent Classification symbols.

The part relating to Section IV contains indexes of the notices and information of a general character which were published during 2004 in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette*.

The Index will be mailed to subscribers to the *PCT Gazette*. Those who do not subscribe to the *PCT Gazette* can order the Index from the Design, Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO:

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## Budapest Treaty

### List of States party to the Budapest Treaty; list of intergovernmental industrial property organizations having filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of that Treaty

It is recalled that the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, which was concluded in 1977, permits the disclosure of an invention involving a microorganism or the use of a microorgan-

ism or other biological material by effecting a deposit of a sample of the microorganism with a specialized institution. It thus eliminates, before the national patent Offices of the Contracting States of the Budapest Treaty and the regional Offices that have filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Treaty, the need to deposit such a sample in each country in which protection is sought.

Two States have become party to the Budapest Treaty since the publication, in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2004, of a table setting out the States party to that Treaty and the intergovernmental industrial property organizations which have filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Treaty. An update of the table appears below.

<b>States party to the Budapest Treaty (situation on 1 September 2005)</b>		
AL Albania	HU Hungary	PL Poland
AM Armenia <sup>1</sup>	IE Ireland	PT Portugal
AT Austria	IL Israel	RO Romania
AU Australia	IN India	RU Russian Federation
AZ Azerbaijan	IS Iceland	SE Sweden
BE Belgium	IT Italy	SG Singapore
BG Bulgaria	JP Japan	SI Slovenia
BY Belarus	KG Kyrgyzstan	SK Slovakia
CA Canada	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	TJ Tajikistan
CH Switzerland	KR Republic of Korea	TN Tunisia
CN China	KZ Kazakhstan	TR Turkey
CU Cuba	LI Liechtenstein	TT Trinidad and Tobago
CZ Czech Republic	LT Lithuania	UA Ukraine
DE Germany	LV Latvia	US United States of America
DK Denmark	MC Monaco	UZ Uzbekistan
EE Estonia	MD Republic of Moldova	YU Serbia and Montenegro
ES Spain	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	ZA South Africa
FI Finland	MX Mexico	
FR France	NL Netherlands	
GB United Kingdom	NO Norway	
GE Georgia <sup>1,2</sup>	PH Philippines	(Total: 61 States)
GR Greece		
HR Croatia		
<b>Intergovernmental industrial property organizations having filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Budapest Treaty</b>		
AP	African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)	
EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)	
EP	European Patent Organisation (EPO)	
1.	New since last publication of this list in <i>PCT Newsletter</i> No. 09/2004	
2.	Will become party to the Budapest Treaty on 30 September 2005.	

## European Patent Office Policy When Acting as IPEA for PCT Applications Filed on or after 1 January 2004

The following text has been published in the *Official Journal of the EPO* (OJ EPO No. 8–9/2005) (available at: [www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj\\_index\\_e.htm](http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj_index_e.htm)) to clarify certain matters where the EPO acts as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) in respect of PCT applications filed on or after 1 January 2004:

“It has become apparent that it may be useful to re-emphasise some aspects of current EPO policy when the EPO acts as IPEA for applications filed on or after 1 January 2004. In particular, some uncertainty exists about the way the EPO exercises its discretion with regard to further communications under Chapter II, prior to issuance of the IPER.

“The information in this announcement deals exclusively with cases where the WO-ISA [written opinion of the International Searching Authority] has been established by the EPO. In such cases the EPO, acting as IPEA, will consider the WO-ISA as the first written opinion for the purposes of international preliminary examination. Whether a further written opinion is issued before establishment of the IPER is entirely at the discretion of the EPO. However, as a rule, no second written opinion is established, in accordance with PCT ISPE [International Search and Preliminary Examination] Guideline 19.14. It follows that the EPO will normally proceed to the issuance of the IPER while taking into account any arguments and/or amendments duly filed by the applicant, but usually without issuing a second written opinion, even if not all objections have been overcome.

“It is therefore in the applicant's interest to deal as comprehensively as possible with all matters raised in the first written opinion immediately on filing his reply. Before the IPER is established, a request for a personal interview by telephone between the applicant or his representative and the EPO examiner responsible for preparing the report can be filed, preferably together with the demand and should give a clear indication of the issues the applicant wishes to discuss. While one such interview will, if

requested on time, normally be granted, any further such interviews are entirely at the discretion of the examiner concerned - ISPE Guidelines 19.20.”

## Practical Advice

### ***Reinstatement of rights after failure to pay fees for entry into the national phase***

*Q: I am the agent for an international application in respect of which I intend to enter the national phase before several designated Offices. Unfortunately, although the necessary translations were submitted on time, due to an oversight, the national fees were not paid until six weeks after the expiration of the time limit for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(1). It is my understanding that the international application will therefore have ceased to have effect in the designated States concerned. Is there any action that I can take to reinstate the application?*

A: According to PCT Article 24(1)(iii), if the applicant fails to perform the acts referred to in PCT Article 22 within the applicable time limit, the international application will cease to have effect in any designated State with the same consequences as the withdrawal of any national application in that State.

If the national law of a designated State provides for excuse of delays in respect of national applications, it will be possible, under PCT Article 48(2), for the Office to excuse, for reasons admitted under its national law, any delay in meeting any time limit also in respect of international applications. In other words, if a procedure for reinstatement of rights is in place in any of the designated States in which you wish to enter the national phase, it must be applied to international applications which have ceased to have effect in those designated States because the time limit to enter the national phase was missed. The relevant National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, give information on whether the national law of a Contracting State provides for such procedures for the excuse of delays.

You may also be able to reinstate your application in certain designated Offices by using PCT Rule 49.6, which entered into force on 1 January 2003. Under this rule, the majority of the

designated Offices\* are required to provide the possibility to reinstate the rights of the applicant with respect to an international application where the applicant failed to comply with the requirements under PCT Article 22 or 39.1. The Offices concerned will, upon request of the applicant, reinstate the rights of the applicant in respect of that international application if they find that:

- the delay in meeting the time limit was unintentional,

or, at the option of the designated Office:

- the delay occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken.

According to PCT Rule 49.6(b) and (c), the request to reinstate your rights, which should state the reasons for failure to comply with the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22\*\*, should be submitted to each designated Office concerned, and the acts referred to in PCT Article 22 should be performed (in your case, this is the payment of the necessary fee(s), which you have already done) within whichever of the following periods expires first:

- two months from the date of removal of the cause of the failure to meet the applicable time limit under Article 22; or
- 12 months from the date of the expiration of the applicable time limit under Article 22;

unless the national law applicable by the designated Office permits the applicant to submit it later.

Certain designated Offices require the payment of a fee in respect of this request, and some may require a declaration or other supporting evidence. Details of the requirements of each Office, including the criteria for reinstating the international application will be published in the relevant National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, as soon as those details have been received at the International Bureau (IB). Otherwise, you are advised to check directly with the Offices concerned.

\* See the exceptions listed below.

\*\* Note that some Offices that apply the "unintentional" standard simply require a statement explaining that the failure to meet the time limit was unintentional

Note that PCT Rule 49.6 applies to both designated Offices (where the national phase is entered under Chapter I) and, by virtue of PCT Rule 76.5, to elected Offices (where the national phase is entered under Chapter II of the PCT).

It is important to note that some designated Offices have notified the IB under PCT Rule 49.6(f) that PCT Rule 49.6 is incompatible with their national law and thus that **they are not obliged to reinstate rights under PCT Rule 49.6(a) to (e)**. Any reinstatement request sent to such an Office will be dealt with in accordance with the applicable national law, which may be more or less favorable than the provisions of PCT Rule 49.6. The Offices which have notified the IB of such incompatibility are as follows:

Canadian Intellectual Property Office  
China Intellectual Property Office  
Croatian Intellectual Property Office  
European Patent Office  
German Patent and Trade Mark Office  
Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand  
Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)  
Japan Patent Office  
Korean Intellectual Property Office  
Latvian Patent Office  
Mexican Institute of Industrial Property  
Patent Office (India)  
Polish Patent Office  
United Kingdom Patent Office

If any of the above Offices withdraws its notification of incompatibility, that withdrawal will be notified in the *PCT Newsletter*, and the above list of Offices will be updated at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf)

Designated Offices are, of course, free to implement provisions which are even more favorable than those provided by PCT



Rule 49.6, this Rule being in the nature of a **minimum** obligation, and, notably, most of the designated Offices listed above have national procedures in place for excusing delays, and have filed reservations because their laws are more permissive than PCT Rule 49.6 (as indicated above, see the relevant National Chapters in *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, for further details).

For further information on the excusing of delays in meeting time limits in general, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II, paragraphs 67 to 70. For cases where the time limit is not met due to irregularities in the mail service (delay or loss in mail, or interruption in the mail service), see PCT Article 48(1) and PCT Rule 82, and the "Practical advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/1999.

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b>			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>16 September 2005</b> <b>Los Angeles, CA (US)</b>	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
<b>28 September 2005</b> <b>Cologne (DE)</b>	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
<b>10 October 2005</b> <b>Cologne (DE)</b>	German	Presentation on the PCT as part of a "PCT for Attorneys" conference WIPO speaker: Mr. H.G. Bartels	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
<b>12-13 October 2005</b> <b>Heidelberg (DE)</b> <i>(previously announced as taking place in Stuttgart)</i>	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
<b>12-13 October 2005</b> <b>Helsinki (FI)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mrs. Eira Juntunen) Tel: (358-9) 69 39 52 38 Fax: (358-9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: eira.juntunen@prh.fi
<b>24-25 October 2005</b> <b>Orange County, California (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and other to be announced	Orange County Patent Law Association (OCPLA) (Mr. Stefan J. Kirchanski) Tel: (1-310) 500 35 00 Fax: (1-310) 500 35 01 E-mail: skirchanski@linerlaw.com

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<b>PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]</b>			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>27–28 October 2005 Helsinki (FI)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	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
<b>27–28 October 2005 San Francisco, California (US)</b>	English	<b>Basic</b> Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and other to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1–415) 331 60 68 E-mail: IPI@IPISeminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
<b>31 October– 1 November 2005 Boston, Massachusetts (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and other to be announced	Boston Patent Law Association Tel: (1–617) 517 55 58 Fax: (1–617) 439 41 70 Internet: www.bpla.org
<b>7–8 November 2005 Chicago, Illinois (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT training session WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and other to be announced	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1–312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1–312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
<b>22–23 November 2005 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
<b>28–29 November 2005 17–18 November 2005 (reinstated dates) London (GB)</b>	English	PCT presentation at the 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
<b>28–29 November 2005 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bonvallet	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
<b>8–9 December 2005 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
<b>13–14 December 2005 Paris (FR)</b>	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
<b>11 February 2006 St. Paul, MN (US)</b>	English	“William Mitchell’s Intellectual Property Symposium: The Patent Cooperation Treaty and the International Patent System” WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling and Ms. Boutillon	William Mitchell College of Law and Fredrickson & Byron (Mrs. Meg Daniel) Tel: (1–651) 290 64 25 Internet: www.wmitchell.edu/lectures/pct+symposium

## PCT Fee Tables

### (amounts on 1 September 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	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SIT	Slovenian tolar
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUP	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
		EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	LSM	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**  
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RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup> (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2, 5</sup> (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
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
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,489 (from 1.10.05: 1,340)	16 (14)	106 (96)	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	CN

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**  
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RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup> (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2, 5</sup> (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
CO	COP <sup>7</sup> —	COP eq USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	eq USD 13 (12)	eq USD 87 (79)	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP ES
CU	USD (or eq CUP) <sup>200</sup>	USD (or eq CUP) 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	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 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP RU
EC	USD <sup>7</sup> —	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
EG	USD 100	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	AT EP US
EP <sup>5</sup>	EUR 100	EUR 902	10	64	EP
ES <sup>5</sup>	EUR 65.27	EUR 902	10	64	EP ES
FI <sup>5</sup>	EUR 135	EUR 902	10	64	EP FI SE
FR <sup>5</sup>	EUR 60	EUR 902	10	64	EP
GB <sup>5</sup>	GBP 55	GBP 628	7	45	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL <sup>8</sup> 10	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP RU
GH	GHC <sup>9</sup> 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 <sup>5</sup>	CHF <sup>10</sup> 100 or EUR <sup>10</sup> 64 or USD <sup>10</sup> 87 (from 1.10.05: 79)	CHF 1,400 or EUR 902 or USD 1,211 (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	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 <sup>5</sup>	JPY 13,000	JPY 123,200	1,300	8,800	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) <sup>250</sup> 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

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**  
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RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup> (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2, 5</sup> (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
<b>KM</b>	Information not yet available				
<b>KP</b>	<b>KPW</b> eq CHF 50	<b>KPW</b> eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT RU
<b>KR<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>KRW</b> 45,000	<b>KRW</b> 1,195,000 (from 1.10.05: 1,126,000)	13,000 (12,000)	85,000 (80,000)	AT AU JP <sup>12</sup> KR
<b>KZ</b>	<b>KZT<sup>7</sup></b> —	<b>USD</b> 1,211	13	87	EP RU
<b>LR</b>	<b>USD</b> 45	<b>USD</b> 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
<b>LS</b>	<b>LSM<sup>7</sup></b> —	<b>LSM</b> eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
<b>LT</b>	<b>LTL</b> 320	<b>EUR</b> 902	10	64	EP RU
<b>LU</b>	<b>EUR</b> 19	<b>EUR</b> 902	10	n a	EP
<b>LV</b>	<b>LVL</b> 47.20	<b>EUR</b> 902	10	64	EP RU
<b>MA</b>	None	<b>CHF</b> 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
<b>MC</b>	<b>EUR</b> 49 <sup>13</sup>	<b>EUR</b> 902	10	n a	EP
<b>MD</b>	<b>MDL</b> 180	<b>USD</b> 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP RU
<b>MK</b>	<b>MKD</b> 2,700	<b>MKD</b> eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
<b>MN</b>	None	<b>CHF</b> 1,400	15	100	EP RU
<b>MW</b>	<b>MWK</b> 6,000	<b>MWK</b> 111,100	1,200	7,900	EP
<b>MX</b>	<b>MXP<sup>3</sup></b> eq USD 200	<b>MXP</b> eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
<b>NA</b>	Information not yet available				
<b>NG</b>	Information not yet available				
<b>NI</b>	<b>USD</b> 200	<b>USD</b> 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP ES
<b>NL<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>EUR</b> 50	<b>EUR</b> 902	10	64	EP
<b>NO</b>	<b>NOK</b> 500	<b>NOK</b> 7,370	80	530	EP SE
<b>NZ</b>	<b>NZD</b> 180 <sup>14</sup>	<b>NZD</b> 1,653	18	118	AU EP KR US
<b>OA</b>	<b>XAF<sup>7</sup></b> —	<b>XAF</b> eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP RU SE
<b>OM</b>	Information not yet available				
<b>PG</b>	<b>PGK</b> 250	<b>USD</b> 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	AU
<b>PH</b>	<b>PHP</b> 3,500	<b>USD</b> 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	AU EP JP KR US
<b>PL</b>	<b>PLZ</b> 300	<b>PLZ</b> eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
<b>PT</b>	<b>EUR</b> 31.73	<b>EUR</b> 902	10	64	EP
<b>RO</b>	<b>ROL</b> 300,000	<b>CHF</b> 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
<b>RU</b>	<b>RUR</b> 294	<b>USD</b> 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP RU
<b>SC</b>	Information not yet available				
<b>SD</b>	<b>SDP</b> 50	<b>SDP</b> eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
<b>SE</b>	<b>SEK</b> 1,200	<b>SEK</b> 8,140	90	580	EP SE
<b>SG</b>	<b>SGD</b> 150	<b>SGD</b> 1,926	21	138	AT AU EP
<b>SI</b>	<b>SIT</b> 22,000	<b>SIT</b> eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
<b>SK</b>	<b>SKK</b> 2,000	<b>SKK</b> eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
<b>SM</b>	<b>EUR</b> 50	<b>EUR</b> 902	10	n a	EP
<b>SY</b>	<b>USD<sup>7</sup></b> —	<b>USD</b> 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	AT EP RU
<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJS<sup>7</sup></b> —	<b>USD</b> 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	n.a	EP RU
<b>TM</b>	<b>USD<sup>7</sup></b> —	<b>USD</b> 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP RU
<b>TN</b>	<b>TND<sup>7</sup></b> —	<b>CHF</b> 1,400	15	n a	EP

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RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup> (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2, 5</sup> (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	n a	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	EP US
UZ	USD <sup>7</sup> —	USD 1,211 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	13 (12)	87 (79)	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 (from 1.10.05: 1,102)	eq USD 13 (12)	eq USD 87 (79)	AT AU CN EP RU

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

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT	EUR 200	CHF 311	KRW 264,000	SGD 430	USD 262	ZAR 1,620						
AU	AUD 1,200	CHF 1,126	EUR 769	KRW 948,000	NZD 1,282	SGD 1,490						
	USD 942	ZAR 5,800										
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF* 1,520	EUR* 985	USD 1,336								
	* (from 15.9.05: CHF 1,681	EUR 1,078)										
CN	CNY 1,500	CHF* 207	EUR 137	USD 181	*(from 1.10.05: CHF 240)							
EP <sup>15</sup>	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									
	* (from 1.11.05: ISK 121,000)											
	** (from 15.9.05: NZD 2,622)											
	*** (from 1.10.05: SGD 3,150	USD 1,877)										
ES <sup>15</sup>	EUR 1,550	CHF 2,432	USD* 2,075	*(from 1.10.05: USD 1,877)								
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 <sup>16</sup>	USD 300	CHF* 344	EUR 227	*(from 1.10.05: CHF 389)								
SE	SEK 13,870	CHF 2,432	DKK 11,520	EUR 1,550	ISK 129,000	NOK 12,650						
	USD* 2,075											
	* (from 1.11.05: ISK 121,000)											
	** (from 1.10.05: USD 1,877)											
US	USD 1,000	300 <sup>17</sup>	CHF* 1,269	342 <sup>17</sup>	EUR 787	224 <sup>17</sup>	NZD** 1,360	420 <sup>17</sup>				
	ZAR* 6,000	1,700 <sup>17</sup>										
	* (from 1.10.05: CHF 1,269	390 <sup>17</sup>	ZAR 6,800	2,100 <sup>17</sup> )								
	** (from 1.11.05: NZD 1,460	420 <sup>17</sup> )										

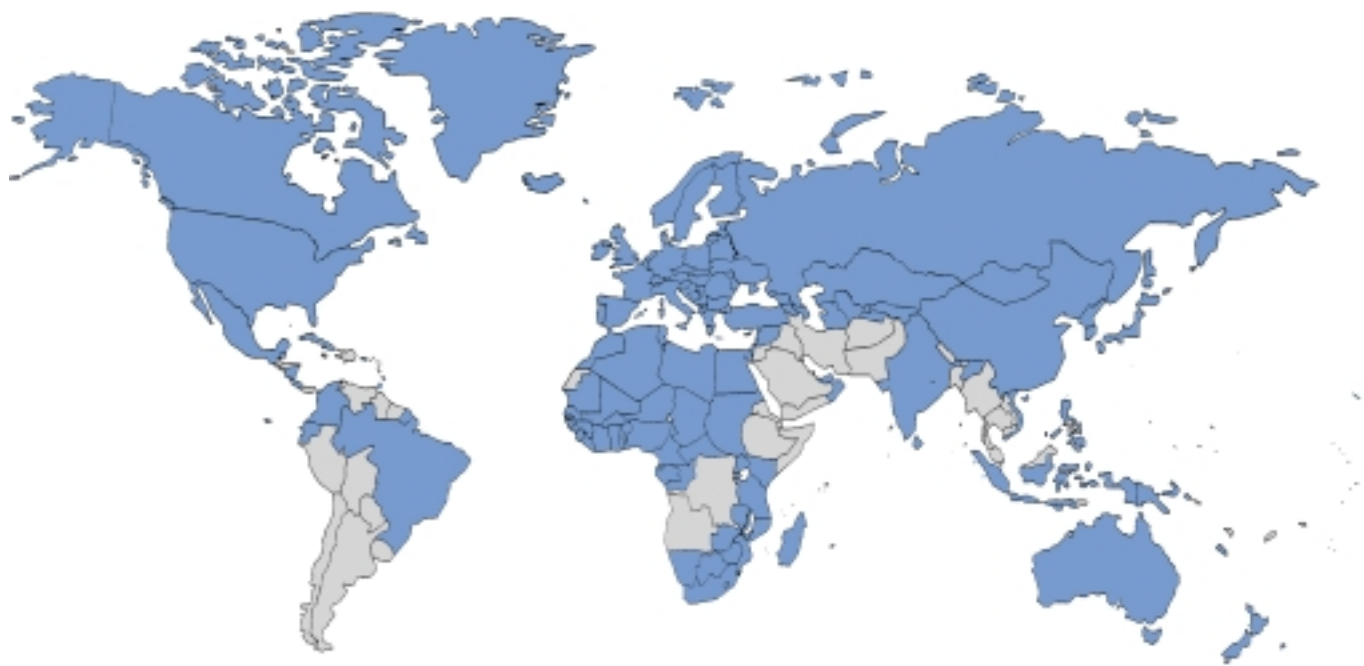
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 September 2005, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>18</sup>		Handling fee <sup>3, 18</sup> (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129
AU	AUD	550	1,000 <sup>19</sup>	AUD 218
CA	CAD	800	CAD	213 (from 1.10.05: 192)
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP <sup>15</sup>	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 (from 1.10.05: 161,000)
RU <sup>16</sup>	USD	200 <sup>20</sup>	300 <sup>21</sup>	USD 173
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,160
US	USD	600	750 <sup>22</sup>	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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/EP, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP, KR and NL. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: CHF 200=DKK 960, EUR 129, GBP 90, KRW 171,000 (from 1.10.05: KRW 161,000), USD 173 (from 1.10.05: USD 157); CHF 300=DKK 1,440, EUR 193, GBP 134, JPY 26,400, KRW 256,000 (from 1.10.05: KRW 241,000), 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.
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- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
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