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Applicability of PCT Rule 4.9(b)

In October 2005, the PCT Assembly adopted, among others, an amendment to PCT Rule 4.9 (b) concerning an automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT. The text of this amended Rule, which will enter into force only on **1 April 2006**, reads as follows:

“Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(i), if, on October 5, 2005, the national law of a Contracting State provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of that State and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in that State shall have the result that the earlier national application ceases to have effect with the same consequences as the withdrawal of the earlier national application, any request in which the priority of an earlier national application filed in that State is claimed may contain an indication that the designation of that State is not made, provided that the designated Office notifies the International Bureau by January 5, 2006, that this paragraph shall apply in respect of designations of that State and that the notification is still in force on the international filing date...”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau that PCT Rule 4.9(b) shall apply in respect of the designation of the State concerned:

DE Germany
JP Japan
KR Republic of Korea
RU Russian Federation

Consequently, applicants who file an international application on or

after 1 April 2006 may indicate in the request that the designations of DE, JP, KR and/or RU are not made, provided that the international application claims the priority of an earlier national application filed in the State whose designation is not made. The Request Form will be amended accordingly with effect from 1 April 2006.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

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

On 5 January 2006, the Polish Patent 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 March 2006. The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published shortly

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The equivalent amounts in CHF of the applicable fee reductions for electronic filing (the fees are payable to the Polish Patent Office in the PLZ equivalent of the amount in CHF) are indicated in footnote 5 of the fee tables on page 19.

Meeting of International Authorities Under the PCT

The twelfth session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Geneva from 12 to 14 December 2005. All of the twelve International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities were represented.

PCT Reform

Following on from discussions that have taken place at several sessions of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT, the Meeting considered proposals for permitting applicants to request supplementary searches, in addition to the main international search, from International Authorities willing to provide such a service. The Authorities supported the concept of such a system, although no consensus was found on its appropriate scope or on procedures to be followed. The proposals which will be presented to the next session of the Work-

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Reminder

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

CH Switzerland

LU Luxembourg

SE Sweden

TZ United Republic of Tanzania

UG Uganda

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

ing Group (tentatively scheduled for 8 to 12 May 2006) are likely to include a range of options for consideration by the Contracting States.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office gave notice that it intended to make two proposals to the Working Group on Reform of the PCT to amend PCT Rule 11:

- to increase the minimum size of font permitted in an international application to avoid difficulties with optical character recognition of text;
- to permit color drawings to be filed as part of an international application.

Quality Framework

The Meeting agreed on the outline of a more consistent approach to reporting on the development of quality systems by International Authorities. The Authorities will continue to work on drafting templates to support this process. The Meeting also requested the Secretariat to develop proposals for amending the Regulations to include a more specific requirement for International Authorities to have effective quality systems in place.

Other Matters

The Meeting agreed on arrangements for updating the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines. Information was provided concerning the classification of international applications not searched before international publication, the implications of IPC Reform for the International Authorities (see the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2005 for information on the new IPC system), the comprehensive review of the PCT minimum documentation, and the development of a Search Guidance Intellectual Property Digital Library. A review was proposed to see whether PCT IT systems could be used more effectively to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of data processing within and between Offices playing roles in the PCT system. Statistical information was provided concerning the current and predicted future use of the PCT system. Recent and upcoming improvements in the availability of national phase data from the WIPO web site were noted.

The report of the session (document PCT/MIA/12/10) and other meeting documents are available on the WIPO web site at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=PCT/MIA/12

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 January 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount in AUD of the reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the international application is filed in fully electronic form, as indicated in footnote 5 of the fee tables.

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

CN China (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone number; Internet address)

The name, location and mailing address, and general telephone number of the China Intellectual Property Office have changed, and the Office has introduced an Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:

State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China

Location and mailing address:

6 Xituchenglu
Jimen Bridge
Haidian District
P.O. Box 8020
Beijing 100088
China

Telephone: (86-10) 62 08 32 68 (general)

Internet: www.sipo.gov.cn

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

CU Cuba (telephone and fax numbers; teleprinter number; fees)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Cuban Industrial Property Office have changed, and the teleprinter number has been deleted. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (537) 861 01 85, 862 97 71,
862 43 79, 861 36 02,
862 43 95

Fax: (537) 866 56 10

The code for the representation of the Cuban currency for the payment of fees has changed from CUP to CUC, although the name of the currency remains the “Cuban convertible peso”. The amounts of the transmittal and international filing fees payable to the Office as receiving Office are shown in Table I(a); the amounts of the fee for priority document and the national fee, payable to the Office as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, respectively, now read as follows:

Fee for priority document: CUC 80

National fee:

Filing fee (including publication fee and the annual fee for the 1st and the 2nd years): CUC 460

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

MN Mongolia (time limit for entry into the national phase)

The Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia 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, which has been applicable since 1 January **2005**, is 31 months from the priority date.

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

NG Nigeria (general information)

General information about Nigeria as a Contracting State will be published in the electronic version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (NG), Vol. I/B) on 12 January 2006 on the PCT website at:

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

US United States of America (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, with effect from 1 January 2006, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the USPTO, as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. (The EPO is a competent

International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is being or has been performed by the EPO.)

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

Search fee (Japan Patent Office; State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China)

As from 1 January 2006, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF, EUR and USD for an international search carried out by the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, and as from 1 March 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.001.176), dated 1 January 2006, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

This version enables PCT-SAFE e-filing with the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) (RO/SK) from 1 January 2006 and with the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (RO/SE) from 1 February 2006. It also introduces stricter Annex F compliance checking for file attachments in fully electronic mode (sections 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_anf_2.pdf), updated fee schedules, and other changes.

Further details are available on the PCT-SAFE web site at:

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

World Trade Organization

Saudi Arabia becomes a Member

On 11 December 2005, Saudi Arabia (country code: SA), which is already a member State of

the Paris Convention, became a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), thus bringing the total number of Members to 149. This updates the table of Members of the WTO, the PCT and the Paris Convention that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2005.

IPC Forum

WIPO will organize, on 13 February 2006, an IPC Forum to commemorate the publication and entering into force of the reformed IPC (IPC-2006). The Forum will be open to all wishing to attend but special invitations will be sent to Member States of WIPO, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations accredited with WIPO, certain industrial companies and commercial providers of patent information. A dedicated page, including information on the Forum and facilities for online registration, is available on the WIPO web site at:

www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/en/reform/ipc_forum/index.html

The objective of the Forum will be to discuss the role of the IPC in accessing and searching patent information, to consider principal features of IPC reform and to highlight advantages that the reform has brought to the users. Presentations at the Forum will be made by leading experts in patent information and patent classification.

Practical Advice

Searching for information published in the *PCT Newsletter*

Q: I am searching for information on a particular PCT-related topic, and have already searched the PCT Legal Text Index and the PCT Applicant's Guide, as suggested in the "Practical Advice" in PCT Newsletter No. 10/2005. I would now like to continue my research by looking at relevant articles that might have been published in the PCT Newsletter. How can I search for such articles?

A. There are several ways to search for information published in the *PCT Newsletter*. One is to search the *PCT Newsletter* collection on the PCT web site (see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/). The collection for a given year (apart from the current year) is listed at the top of the *PCT Newsletter* index page for that year.

The latest collection can be viewed by clicking on the "links" box on the right hand side of the *PCT Newsletter* homepage. The collection is bookmarked by issue, and by clicking on "+" next to each issue, the main headings in that issue will be shown. To search the year's collection, it is not necessary to open each issue separately – you simply perform a word search in PDF of the whole year's collection using the "find" button in the Adobe PDF tool bar. All issues published since 2000 are available in yearly collections, and it is hoped that earlier issues will be added to the collections shortly.

If you wish to search for words which occur frequently in the *PCT Newsletter*, searching the collection could take quite a long time. For example, the words "priority" or "time limit" occur very frequently, and your search would present you with many results. Particular topics are also listed in the *PCT Newsletter* annual index, which is published every year in January, covering the previous year's 12 issues. The index is split into two parts – the first part is by subject, and the second part is by country or Office. If you receive the paper version of the *PCT Newsletter*, the index is included as an insert in the January issue; in the case of the Internet version of the *PCT Newsletter*, the index is accessible direct from the *PCT Newsletter* index page for the year concerned. The Internet version of the index can be searched by performing a word search in the PDF file using the "find" button in the Adobe PDF tool bar. Note that the index for 2005 is included as an insert in the paper version of this issue, and is available on the Internet, in PDF format, at the top of the 2005 index page at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/list.jsp?year=2005

Finally, where a topic has been discussed in the "Practical Advice" part of the *PCT Newsletter*, it is possible to search for that topic using the WIPO search engine by clicking on "Search Practical Advice" in the "links" box referred to above. To narrow down your search, you should then click on "Advanced Search" and tick the "PCT Newsletter" box in the list of collections.

It is important to note that, although information which was published in earlier issues of

the *PCT Newsletter* was correct at the time of original publication, some information may no longer be applicable. For example, since the *PCT Newsletter* concerned was published, amendments may have been made to the PCT Regulations, Administrative Instructions under the PCT, PCT Forms and fees may have changed and references to certain publications

may no longer be valid. Wherever there is a reference to a PCT Rule, please check carefully whether the Rule in force at the date of publication of the *PCT Newsletter* has since been amended (to do this, you can refer to the PCT Legal Text Index, as discussed in the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2005).

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
16–18 January 2006 Zurich (CH)	English	Course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Aeri	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), NDS Intellectual Property (Ms. Andrea Burer) Tel: (41–1) 632 68 08 Fax: (41–1) 632 13 67 E-mail: ndsge@recht.reok.ethz.ch Internet: www.ndsip.ethz.ch
11 February 2006 St. Paul, MN (US)	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
13–14 February 2006 Copenhagen (DK)	English	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
2–3 March 2006 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle; second speaker 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
6–7 March 2006 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT training session WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle; second speaker 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
8–9 March 2006 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33–4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33–4) 78 33 58 96
27 March 2006 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l’Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33–1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33–1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
21–22 April 2006 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1–603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1–603) 224 33 42 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/pct

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 2006, 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
		CUC	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
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSM	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling						

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 January 2006, 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 1,086	12	78	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 1,435	15	103	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 900	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 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,086	12	78	EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,273	14	91	CA

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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 1,086	eq USD 12	eq USD 78	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,086	12	78	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP 75	CYP 516	6	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 900	10	64	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,710	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 1,086	12	78	EP RU
EC	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
EG	USD 100	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP US
EP ⁵	EUR 100	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 65.27	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 900	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 79	CHF 1,400 or EUR 900 or USD 1,086	15 10 12	100 64 78	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 900	10	64	EP
IL	ILS 480	USD 1,086	12	78	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,086	12	78	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 68,000	700	4,900	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 121,800	1,300	8,700	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,086	12	78	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU

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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 1,123,000	12,000	80,000	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	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 900	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 1,086	12	78	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 134,700	1,400	9,600	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
NI	USD 200	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
NL ⁵	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,584	17	113	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	PGK 250	USD 1,086	12	78	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,086	12	78	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 1,086	12	78	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 8,450	90	600	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	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 900	10	N a	EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 January 2006, 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	
SY	USD ⁷	—	USD	1,086		12		78	AT EP RU	
TJ	TJS ⁷	—	USD	1,086		12		n a	EP RU	
TM	USD ⁷	—	USD	1,086		12		78	EP RU	
TN	TND ⁷	—	CHF	1,400		15		n a	EP	
TR	CHF	100	CHF	1,400		15		100	EP	
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,086		12		78	AT EP SE US	
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH)	1,086		12		N a	EP RU	
US	USD	300	USD	1,086		12		78	EP US	
UZ	USD ⁷	—	USD	1,086		12		78	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	6,910		70		490	AT AU EP US	
ZM	Information not yet available									
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD	eq USD 1,086		eq USD 12		eq USD 78	AT AU CN EP RU	

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 January 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	311	KRW	250,000	SGD	410	USD	241	ZAR*	1,540
AU	AUD	1,200	CHF	1,171	EUR	752	KRW	939,000	NZD	1,324	SGD	1,530
	USD	908	ZAR	5,780								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,759	EUR	1,131	USD	1,365				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	335	EUR	215	USD	260				
EP ¹⁵	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,412	CYP	888	DKK	11,560	GBP	1,052	ISK	117,000
	JPY	209,800	MWK	232,000	NOK	12,110	NZD	2,728	SEK	14,560	SGD	3,160
	USD	1,871	ZAR	11,910								
ES ¹⁵	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,412	USD	1,871						
FI	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,412	USD	1,871						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	1,115	EUR	717	KRW	895,000	USD*	865		
	* (from 1.3.06:		USD	810)								
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	280	EUR	180	NZD	317	USD	218		
RU ¹⁶	USD	300	CHF	387	EUR	248						
SE	SEK	14,560	CHF	2,412	DKK	11,560	EUR	1,550	ISK	117,000	NOK	12,110
	USD	1,871										
US	USD	1,000	300 ¹⁷	CHF	1,289	387 ¹⁷	EUR	828	248 ¹⁷	NZD	1,460	440 ¹⁷
	ZAR	6,360	1,910 ¹⁷									

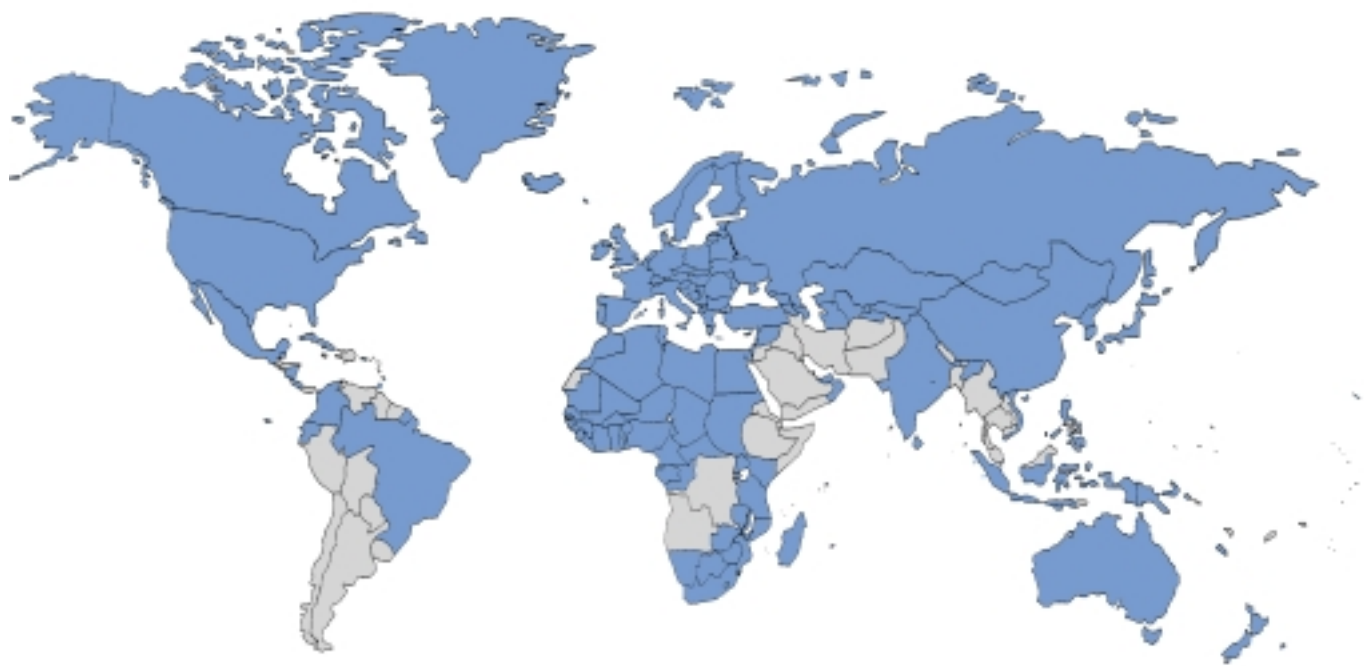
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 January 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁸		Handling fee^{3, 18} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ¹⁹	AUD 205
CA	CAD	800		CAD 182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EP¹⁵	EUR	1,530		EUR 129
ES	EUR	523.29		EUR 129
FI	EUR	550		EUR 129
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY 17,400
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW 160,000
RU¹⁶	USD	200 ²⁰	300 ²¹	USD 155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²²	USD 155

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, 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=AUD 205, DKK 960, EUR 129, GBP 87, KRW 161,000, (from 1.2.06: SEK 1,210), USD 155; CHF 300=AUD 308, DKK 1,440, EUR 193, GBP 131, JPY 26,100, KRW 241,000, (from 1.2.06: SEK 1,810), USD 233.**
- 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)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (128 on 1 January 2006)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

Where a State can be designated for a regional patent, the two-letter code for the regional patent concerned is indicated in parentheses (AP = ARIPO patent, EA = Eurasian patent, EP = European patent, OA = OAPI patent).

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This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated October 2005 and April 2005, respectively) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, and can be printed from the PCT website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.