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New PCT Contracting State

Malta (country code: MT)

On 1 December 2006, Malta deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 1 March 2007, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 1 March 2007 will automatically include the designation of Malta.

Also, because Malta will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 1 March 2007. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Malta will be entitled, as from 1 March 2007, to file international applications under the PCT. Note that Malta has made a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

The Japan Patent Office begins receiving and processing international applications filed using the PCT-SAFE software

It is recalled that the Japan Patent Office (JPO), in its capacity as receiving Office, began receiving and processing international applications in electronic form on 28 April 2004 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2004).

On 30 November 2006, the JPO notified WIPO under PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) that, as from 4 January 2007, it will be prepared to accept international applications filed using the PCT-SAFE software. This means that, as from that date, Japanese applicants will have the choice of using either the PCT-SAFE software or the JPO-PAS software.

A notification containing a revised version of the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published in *Official Notices* of 14 December 2006 (*PCT Gazette* No. 50/2006, Section IV), which will be available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/section_iv/index.htm

PatentScope Search Service

(www.wipo.int/pctdb)

1. Additional national phase information

It is recalled that information on whether an international application has entered the national phase, as well as other information relating to the national phase, can, where the designated or elected Office has furnished the relevant information

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- Legal text index
- *History of the PCT Regulations*
- Washington Diplomatic Conference on the PCT
- Useful tables: reservations and incompatibilities; types of protection; time limits for entering national/regional phase; powers of attorney waivers; access to the IPER; regional patents; States party to PCT/Paris/WTO
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to the International Bureau, be accessed via the PatentScope Search Service at the above-mentioned Internet address (for further information, see the "practical advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2006, page 8).

Since the publication in the above-mentioned "practical advice" of the list of countries for which national phase data is available on the PatentScope Search Service, the following countries have been added to that list:

- South Africa
- Sweden
- United States of America

The complete list of countries, which is updated when new countries start furnishing national phase data, is available at:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/nationalphase.jsp

In addition, the national phase information now includes Internet hyperlinks to the online databases of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China. This facility enables quick and easy access to information about the national processing of the application, including national language translations and status information.

PCT General Mailing List

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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/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf

2. Information about full text PCT applications

The description and claims that are available in text format for many of the published international applications on the PatentScope Search Service are obtained by applying automatic Optical Character Recognition procedures (OCR) to the scanned images of the documents. This format may, therefore, contain discrepancies with the originals and should not be accorded a legal value. The texts are used to feed the PatentScope Search Service text indexing engine and are provided as an additional service to the general public by the IB, notably in the HTML renditions displayed in the “Description” and “Claims” tabs of an application. As a consequence, **only the PDF versions of the documents**, which contain scanned images, **should be considered as the legal text**. They are obtained by clicking on the “Documents” tab of the published international application.

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.015.190), dated 24 November 2006, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

This version (“build 190”) includes the latest PCT Contracting States, fully electronic filing with RO/DE, RO/MY and RO/JP, new functionality in PCT-EASY mode for the purposes of fully electronic filing with RO/US (for further information see the “practical advice”, on page 8), fee changes and other PCT updates.

Further details are available on the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

Release of Chinese version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

The Chinese version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.014.189, dated 16 October 2006) may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/cn/support/index.html

Please note that this version is **only** for the purposes of preparing international applications that are:

- in PCT-EASY mode;
- in Chinese; and
- for submission to the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China as receiving Office (RO/CN).

PCT Newsletter Subscriptions for 2007

The subscription price for the paper version of the *PCT Newsletter* for the year 2007 will remain the same as for 2006, that is, 70 Swiss francs by regular mail and 81 Swiss francs by priority mail. Similarly, the price of the *PCT Newsletter* binder will remain the same, that is, 18 Swiss francs by regular mail and 21 Swiss francs by priority mail.

Included in this issue, as an insert, is a *PCT Newsletter* subscription form for 2007. **If you are already a subscriber, it is not necessary to return the form** since, unless notification to the contrary is received from you by WIPO, subscription renewal is automatic; subscribers will have already received, or will shortly receive, an invoice for 2007 subscriptions. You may, however, wish to use the subscription form to subscribe to additional copies – for subscriptions to more than one copy, you are entitled to 25% off the basic price for each copy subscribed to (including the first) – or to order binders for the *PCT Newsletter*.

You are reminded that the contents of the *PCT Newsletter* can also be viewed on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/

Paris Convention

Accession by Yemen

On 15 November 2006, Yemen (country code: YE) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Convention to 170. Yemen will become bound by the Paris Convention on 15 February 2007. This updates the list of States party to the Paris Convention that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2006 (together with the list of States party to the PCT and Members of the WTO).

Section IV of the PCT Gazette

As of January 2007, Section IV of the *PCT Gazette*, which contains PCT notices and information of a general character, is to be renamed “*Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*”. For the convenience of readers, it will be available

in two separate English and French versions, instead of the current single, bilingual English/French version. It is recalled that current Section IV is available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/section_iv/index.htm

As from January 2007, the Internet addresses for the *Official Notices* will be, in English and French, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/officialnotices.html
www.wipo.int/pct/fr/officialnotices.html

Note that those people who have bookmarked the current address will be automatically redirected to the new address of the *Official Notices* in English.

PCT Information Update

AM Armenia (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; means of telecommunication; time limit for entry into the national phase)

The Intellectual Property Agency (Armenia) has notified its name in Armenian, as well as changes in its location and mailing address and telephone and fax numbers, as follows:

Name of Office (in Armenian):
 Mtavor Sepakanutyun Gortsakalutyun

Location and mailing address:
 Government House 3
 Central Avenue
 Yerevan 0010, Armenia

Telephone: (374-10) 52 06 73, 56 14 04
 Fax: (374-10) 54 34 67, 56 11 26

The Office has also informed WIPO that it now accepts the filing of documents by fax, and that there has been a change in the types of national protection available via the PCT as follows:

Types of protection available via the PCT:

National: basic patents, provisional patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent)

Eurasian: [no change]

In addition, 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 is 31 months from the priority date.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (AM) and National Chapter, Summary (AM))

BY Belarus (Internet address; fees)

The National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) has introduced a second Internet address. The list of Internet addresses now reads as follows:

Internet: <http://belgopatent.org.by>
<http://www.belgopatent.org>

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Office as receiving Office, has been established:

Fee for priority document:

per priority document:	BYR	26,160
plus, per additional priority document:	BYR	8,650
plus, per page in excess of 35:	BYR	520

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and C (BY))

CH Switzerland (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Annual fee for the 5 th and 6 th years, per year:	CHF	100
Annual fee as from the 7 th year, per year:	CHF	310

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (CH))

CZ Czech Republic (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The address of the Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, as follows:

Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)
 Tvrdého 14
 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex L)

GE Georgia (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone number; e-mail address)

The name, location and mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address of the

Georgian Intellectual Property Office have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:

National Intellectual Property Center
(Georgia)

Location and mailing address:

6, I. Chavchavadze
1 Lane
Tbilisi 0179
Georgia

Telephone: (995-32) 25 27 93, 98 85 18

E-mail: sakpatenti@wanex.net

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (GE))

IN India (means of telecommunication; time when name and address of inventor must be given; competence of receiving Office/designated Office)

The Patent Office (India) has informed the International Bureau of the deletion of the time limit for the furnishing of the original of a document filed by means of telecommunication (fax). It has also made a change with relation to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if India is designated (or elected), as follows:

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if India is designated (or elected):

within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)

The Office has also added a clarification concerning the competency of its various branches in the relevant footnote relating to the competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of India, and to the competent designated (or elected) Office if India is designated (or elected). The modified text of this footnote is reproduced below:

“Depending on the residence or place of business of the applicant (or of the first applicant if there are several applicants), the place from where the invention actually originated or the address for service in India for non-residents, within the territorial jurisdiction under the Indian patents legislation.”

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (IN))

JP Japan (requirement for copy of international application)

The Japan Patent Office has modified its conditions relating to whether a copy of the international application is required upon entry into the national phase. The new conditions are outlined in a new footnote, as follows:

“Where the international application was filed in Japanese, a copy of any amendments under PCT Articles 19 and 34 may be required if the communication under PCT Article 20 has not taken place within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or if an express request for early processing was filed under PCT Article 23(2).”

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (JP))

KR Republic of Korea (who can act as agent; fees; time limit for furnishing translation of priority document)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified a change in its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

any registered patent attorney or legal representative

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed), and modifications with regard to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee have been made, as follows:

For patent:

annual fees from the first to the third year, per year: KRW 27,000
plus, for the second and each subsequent claim: KRW 18,000

For utility model:

fee for request for examination: KRW 55,000
plus, for the second and each subsequent claim: KRW 14,000

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

filing fee, fee for request for examination, annual fees from the first to the third

year and fee for request for scope confirmation trial are reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and is also the inventor.

[No change]

There have also been changes in the special requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office regarding the translation of the priority document into Korean, as follows:

Special requirements of the Office:

translation into Korean of the priority document where it is not identical with the international application and is necessary for examination or appeal; otherwise a written statement confirming identity is sufficient.

The Office has also modified the time limit for furnishing a translation into Korean of the priority document. The modified text of the relevant footnote is reproduced below:

“Must be furnished within two months from the date of notification of the need for translation by the Office.”

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (KR) and National Chapter, Summary (KR))

LC Saint Lucia (e-mail address)

The Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia) has replaced one of its e-mail addresses by a new one. The list of e-mail addresses now reads as follows:

E-mail: registrarocip@yahoo.com
rocip2@hotmail.com

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (LC))

MC Monaco (fees)

As from 1 January 2007, there will be a change in the amount of the following fee, payable to the Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (MC))

SE Sweden (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as designated (or elected) Office,

have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Filing fee:

entry fee:	SEK	500
search fee:	SEK	2,500

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (SE))

SM San Marino (time limit for filing a translation of the international application)

The Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) has modified the time limit applicable for the filing of a translation of the international application upon entry in the national phase. The modified text of the relevant footnote is as follows:

“Where the basic fee has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the translation may be filed within a time limit of one month, provided that the additional fee for late furnishing of the translation has been paid within that time limit.”

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (SM))

US United States of America (who can act as agent)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has changed the Internet address from which it is possible to obtain the list of agents qualified to practice before the Office as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

patent attorneys and patent agents registered to practice before the Office. A list of registered patent attorneys and agents may be obtained on the Internet at <http://des.uspto.gov/OEDCI/>

UZ Uzbekistan (Internet address; fees)

The State Patent Office of Uzbekistan has deleted one of its Internet addresses. The Internet address to be used is as follows:

Internet: www.patent.uz

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed), and there have been modifications with regard to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

For patent:

examination fee for
each independent claim
in excess of one: USD 1,260

maintenance fee for the
first three years: USD 840

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the
national fee:

where an international search or an
international preliminary examination
report has been established:

examination fee: USD 1,000

examination fee for each
independent claim in
excess of one: USD 840

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1
(UZ), and National Chapter, Summary (UZ))

Search fee (United States Patent and Trademark Office)

There will be a change in the equivalent
amounts (of the higher amount—the lower
amount remains unchanged) payable in EUR
(as from 1 January 2007) and NZD (as from
1 February 2007) for an international search
carried out by the United States Patent and
Trademark Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D
(US))

Non-working Days at the IB

For the purposes of computing time limits
under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the
International Bureau (IB) will not be open for
business are, for the period from 1 January to
31 December 2007, the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and
1 and 2 January 2007
6 and 9 April 2007
17 May 2007
28 May 2007
6 September 2007
20 December 2007
25 and 26 December 2007

Note that the days indicated above concern
only the IB and not the national Offices and
other international organizations. The closing
dates in 2007 for other Offices are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/closingdates.htm

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/)

PCT in the News

The following articles, which look at inventions
and the inventors behind those inventions,
have been published in the latest edition of the
WIPO Magazine:

- “Nobel Prize for the Silence of the Genes”
- “Pills from Poisons”
- “Metal Magician Meets Engineering Wizard”

The articles are available at:

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

It is recalled that, by clicking on “PCT Articles
in the *WIPO Magazine*” in the “related links”
box, you will be able to view all PCT-related
articles which have been published in the
WIPO Magazine since 1998, and that readers
may view the complete issue of the *WIPO
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tion) is used to share content from a website or
web log, and can be used to feed information
into your own web page or into a database. For
PCT users who have their own RSS feed,
note that you can pick up the RSS feeds
setting out recently published items on Patent-
Scope by including the following url in your
RSS feed:

<http://www.wipo.int/rss/index.jsp?col=newsdocs&cat=patents&source=news-patentscope&display=6>

Summary of the Results of an RO/IB User Survey

A user survey on the services provided by the
International Bureau in its capacity as receiving
Office (RO/IB) was conducted recently, in
order to assess user satisfaction with the
services of the RO/IB.

Replies were received from applicants repre-
senting more than 50% of the filings at the
RO/IB. The results underscored broad user
satisfaction with the RO/IB, with almost 16%
saying the service was very good, over 50%

saying it was good, and almost 25% saying it was satisfactory.

To address the few instances where a less than satisfactory response was given, in particular, regarding timeliness issues, follow-up telephone calls were made with many of the applicants concerned to better understand their concerns. As a result, changes were made to the RO/IB's internal procedures with a view to improving responsiveness and timeliness, including ensuring availability of staff to answer the RO/IB call line.

If you have any questions regarding the filing of international applications with the RO/IB, please contact the RO/IB at:

telephone: (41-22) 338 92 22
fax: (41-22) 910 06 10
e-mail: ro.ib@wipo.int

Practical Advice

Filing fully electronic PCT applications with RO/US with the request form as a PCT-EASY zip file

Q: I intend to file a fully electronic PCT application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office (RO/US) using EFS-Web. I would like to take full advantage of the USD 155 fee reduction by filing the request form as a PCT-EASY zip file. How can I create this PCT-EASY zip file and how do I sign the request form?

A: First of all you will need to install the 24 November 2006 version of the PCT-SAFE software, which can be downloaded from the Internet at:

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

This software allows you to create regular PCT-EASY-type filings (submitted on paper and accompanied by the PCT-EASY diskette) and, in this new version, create the PCT-EASY zip file for the purpose of filing in fully electronic format with the RO/US. You should start to create your request form as if you were preparing a regular PCT-EASY filing, then when you get to the "Contents" page you should check the checkbox "EFS-Web". This will enable special functionality, accessible on the "Annotate" page, that will allow you to apply the necessary electronic signatures to the request form. The electronic signature, which replaces the ink signature on a paper form, should be in the form of an alphanumeric

text string within slash characters (/), for example:

/John Doe/

In order to comply with US requirements, if the signatory is a registered practitioner acting as a legal representative for the applicant with the USPTO, the text string signature should also contain the registration number of that practitioner within the slash characters, for example:

/John Doe, Reg. No. 999999/

The name of the signatory, as entered on the "Names" page, will be printed automatically by the software below the electronic signature. Note that it is also possible to apply electronic signatures to the Declaration of Inventorship, if you are filing one as part of the request form at the time of filing.

When you have finished filling in the request form data, including the number of pages for each of your application documents (even though they will not be submitted on paper), you will need to save your request form as "ready for submission". The process is the same as if you were submitting a PCT-EASY filing with the exception that the request form is not printed. From the "Ready to submit" folder you should save your US-PCT-EASY filing to a folder on your computer, rather than to a diskette. The files saved to this folder are the PCT-EASY zip file and the PCT-EASY log file. It is the zip file that you need to upload to the EFS-Web system along with your other application documents.

For further information on how to use PCT-SAFE in PCT-EASY mode for fully electronic filing with RO/US, please see the user guide "Preparing the PCT-EASY .zip for fully electronic filing with RO/US using EFS-Web", which can be found on the Internet at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/guides/doc/us_e_easy.doc

or contact the PCT-SAFE Help Desk by e-mail: pctsafe.help@wipo.int

For further information on fully electronic filing with RO/US or EFS-Web, please contact EFS-Web support at the USPTO by e-mail at: EBC@uspto.gov or on their toll-free phone number: 866 217 91 97.

General information on filing international applications using the PCT-SAFE software can be found on the Internet at:

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

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
7–8 December 2006 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44–1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk Internet: www.management-forum.co.uk
15–17 January 2007 Zurich (CH)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the Postgraduate Program in Intellectual Property WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Aeri	Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich (ETH), Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property (Mrs. Lili Tsiamis) Tel: (41–44) 632 68 08 Fax: (41–44) 632 13 67 E-mail: tsiamis@recht.gess.ethz.ch Internet: www.masip.ethz.ch
22–23 January 2007 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
31 January–1 February 2007 Milan (IT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	EPI-CEIPI, Ordine dei Consulenti Proprietà Industriale and the Association of Patent Attorneys in Industry (AICIPI) (Dr. Francesco Macchetta) E-mail: francesco.macchetta@bracco.com
8–9 February 2007 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
8–9 March 2007 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1–415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
9 March 2007 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	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
12–13 March 2006 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: 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
14–15 March 2007 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mr. Genin	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33–4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33–4) 78 33 58 96
27–28 March 2007 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT seminar: "PCT for consultants and advanced paralegals" WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Genin	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

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
19–20 April 2007 Bratislava (SK)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Genin	European Patent Institute (EPI) (Ms. Martina Fromm) Tel: (49–89) 24 20 52 15 Fax: (49–89) 24 20 52 20 E-mail: info@patentepi.com
19–20 April 2007 London (GB)	English	Basic formalities seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: 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
27–28 April 2007 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	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
22 May 2007 Brussels (BE) <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the “Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets 2006–2007” WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) and the Institut des mandataires agréés près l'Office européen des brevets (EPI) (Mr. Thierry Debled) Tel: (32–65) 40 08 19 Fax: (32–65) 31 14 74 E-mail: Thierry.Debled@vesuvius.com

Other IP events

Trading Ideas – the Future of IP in Asia Pacific, Sydney (Australia), 28 to 30 January 2007

The Australian Government will host a major landmark intellectual property symposium, in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) forum, at the Hilton Sydney on 28-30 January 2007. “Trading Ideas – the future of IP in Asia Pacific” will highlight emerging IP issues in the Asia-Pacific region, stimulate discussion, provoke debate and provide a forum to explore the future direction of intellectual property. The symposium will feature speakers from leading and emerging IP Offices in the APEC region and beyond, and WIPO.

For further information on this event, and for information about enrolment, see: www.tradingideas.org

Strategic Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Goa (India), 11 to 13 March 2007

Designed for senior executives, the International Executive Program, jointly offered by the Worldwide Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Confederation of Indian Industry, teaches how intellectual property (IP) can be strategically leveraged to create value and sustain competitive advantage over time in a rapidly changing environment. Thought leaders from leading business schools and the corporate world reveal unique insights and experiences on strategic IP management using lectures, case studies, best practices and group discussions. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from each other, share experiences, reflect and apply the principles and practices of IP management in their own business environment.

For further information, please visit: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed or send an email to: execed.academy@wipo.int.

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 December 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 Item 3(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). 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 2 and 12. (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	SDP	Sudanese pound
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar
RO	receiving Office	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SIT	Slovenian tolar
		CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	SKK	Slovak koruna
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	VND	Vietnamese dong
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EER	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 December 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
					Item 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	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 1,531	16	109	219	328	AU
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	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	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,273	14	91	–	–	CA

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 December 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
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 ⁹	–	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	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	CZK eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	900		10	64	129	193	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,710		70	480	960	1,440	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 ⁹	–	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	142	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	105	EUR	900		10	64	129	193	EP
ES	EUR	66.56	EUR	900		10	64	129	193	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	900		10	64	129	193	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	900		10	64	129	193	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	611		7	44	87	131	EP
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	GEL ¹⁰	10	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,086		12	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	900		10	64	–	–	EP
GT	Information not yet available									
HN	Information not yet available									
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	CHF ¹²	100	CHF	1,400		15	100	200	300	See footnote 13
	or EUR ¹²	64	or EUR	900		10	64	129	193	
	or USD ¹²	79	or USD	1,086		12	78	155	233	
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	486	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	86,000 (from 1.1.07: 78,500)		900 (800)	6,100 (5,600)	–	–	EP SE
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	900		10	–	–	–	EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 December 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 130,300	1,400	9,300	–	27,900	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
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,027,000 (from 15.12.06: 1,096,000)	11,000 (12,000)	73,000 (78,000)	–	220,000 (235,000)	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available						
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁹ –	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP RU
LY	Information not yet available						
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹⁵ (from 1.1.07: 54 ¹⁵)	EUR 900	10	–	–	–	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 ² eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	Information not yet available						
NI	USD 200	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	129	193	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	–	–	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁶	NZD 1,748	19	125	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ –	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	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	155	233	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	200	300	AT EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUR 294	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	1,210	1,810	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	–	–	AT AU EP KR ¹⁷

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 December 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
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	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300		EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	900	10	–	–	–		EP
SV	Information not yet available									
SY	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹	–	USD	1,086	12	–	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹	–	CHF	1,400	15	–	–	–	–	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	–	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	300	USD	1,086	12	78	155	–	–	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹	–	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	–	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	7,700 (from 1.2.07: 8,710)	80 (90)	550 (620)	–	–	–	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 December 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	311	KRW	250,000	SGD	410	USD	241	ZAR	1,830
AU	AUD	1,200	CHF	1,097	EUR	702	KRW	885,000	NZD	1,423	SGD	1,440
	USD	908	ZAR*	6,060								
			ZAR	6,590								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,759	EUR	1,131	USD	1,365				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	335	EUR	215	USD	260				
EP ¹⁸	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	CYP	928	DKK	12,050	GBP	1,098	ISK*	156,000
	JPY	238,100	MWK	248,000	NOK	12,990	NZD	3,208	SEK	15,230	SGD	3,120
	USD	2,059	ZAR*	13,770								
			ISK	143,000	ZAR	14,920						
ES ¹⁸	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	USD	2,059						
FI	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	USD	2,059						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	1,042	EUR	668	KRW*	841,000	USD	861		
			KRW	789,000								
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	280	EUR	180	NZD	347	SGD	380	USD	232
RU ¹⁹	USD	300	CHF	387	EUR	248						
SE	SEK	15,230	CHF	2,525	DKK	12,050	EUR	1,615	ISK*	156,000	NOK	12,990
	USD	2,059										
			ISK	143,000								
US	USD	1,000	300 ²⁰	CHF	1,289	387 ²⁰	EUR*	828	248 ²⁰	NZD**	1,640	440 ²⁰
	ZAR*	7,200	1,910 ²⁰									
				EUR	762	248 ²⁰	ZAR	7,200	2,300 ²⁰			
				NZD	1,520	440 ²⁰						

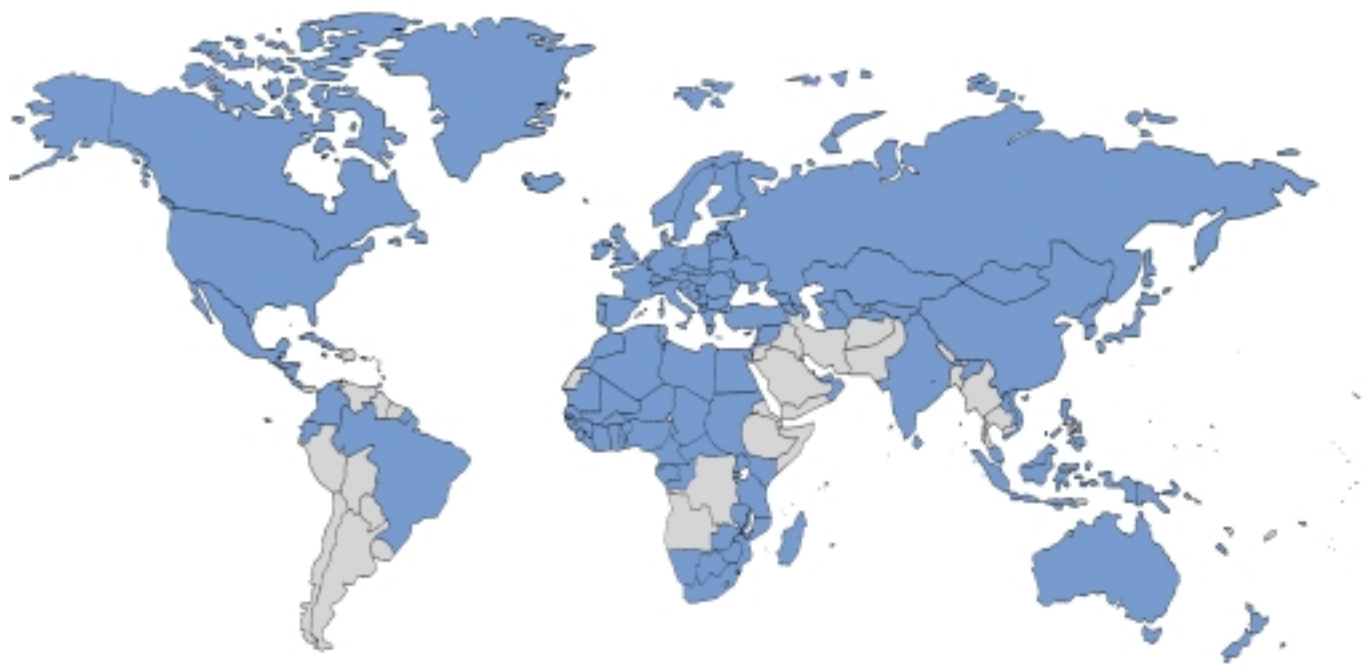
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 December 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee²¹		Handling fee^{2, 21} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129	
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ²²	AUD	205
CA	CAD	800		CAD	182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP¹⁸	EUR	1,595		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	147,000
RU¹⁹	USD	200 ²³	300 ²⁴	USD	155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²⁵	USD	155

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 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
- 3 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*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 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.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 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.
- 12 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
- 13 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).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1 (*from 1.1.07: plus EUR 1.50*) for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 17 The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications, the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006.
- 18 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.
- 19 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 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 (134 on 1 December 2006)



AE United Arab Emirates	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania ¹	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MT Malta (from 1 March 2007)	SM San Marino
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