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## Modified Form “Notification Concerning Availability of the Publication of the International Application” (PCT/IB/311)

As a result of the change regarding the publication of international applications, whereby applications are now published wholly in electronic form and, as from 1 July 2006, the International Bureau (IB) no longer transmits a paper copy of the published application to applicants (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2006, page 3), Form PCT/IB/311 “Notification Concerning Transmittal of Copy of International Application as Published or Republished” has been amended with effect from 1 July 2006.

The modified form, now entitled: “Notification Concerning Availability of the Publication of the International Application”, notifies applicants that an international application has been published (or republished, as the case may be) and informs the applicant of the date of publication and the publication number given to the published international application. It also gives details on how to find the published international application on the WIPO web site, as well as instructions for requesting a paper copy of the published international application from the IB, if needed.

## Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws

It is recalled that, in October 2005, the PCT Assembly adopted, among others, certain new provisions of PCT Rule 20 concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements by a receiving Office or designated Office, as the case may be, and new PCT Rules 26*bis*.3, 49*ter*.1

and 49*ter*.2 concerning the restoration of the right of priority by a receiving or designated Office, as the case may be, which will enter into force on 1 April 2007. **In addition to earlier notices of incompatibility** that were announced in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 02/2006, 03/2006, 04/2006, 05/2006, 06/2006, the Offices listed below have also notified the International Bureau of such incompatibilities within the applicable time limit, as follows (to avoid repetition, please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2006, page 3, for details of the provisions of the Rules referred to below):

## PCT Rule 20.8(a) (Incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements)

The Offices of the following States (in their capacity as receiving Offices) have notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility referred to in PCT Rule 20.8(a):

IT	Italy
PH	Philippines
SG	Singapore

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**PCT Rule 20.8(b) (Incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements)**

The Offices of the following States (in their capacity as designated Offices) have notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility referred to in PCT Rule 20.8(b):

PH	Philippines
SG	Singapore

**PCT Rule 26bis.3 (Restoration of right of priority by a receiving Office)**

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility referred to in PCT Rule 26bis.3(j):

DZ	Algeria
IT	Italy
PH	Philippines
SG	Singapore

**PCT Rule 49ter.1 (Effect of restoration of right of priority by a receiving Office on a designated Office)**

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified

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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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf)

the International Bureau of the incompatibility referred to in PCT Rule 49ter.1(g):

DZ	Algeria
PH	Philippines
SG	Singapore
TR	Turkey

### **PCT Rule 49ter.2 (Restoration of right of priority by a designated Office)**

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility referred to in PCT Rule 49ter.2(h):

DZ	Algeria
PH	Philippines
SG	Singapore

The table containing all PCT reservations and incompatibilities was updated on 26 June 2006 in English, French, German and Spanish. This updated version contains all the reservations which were made in connection with the amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 April 2007. The tables are available at, respectively:

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

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

## **PCT Information Update**

### **IE Ireland (fees)**

The amounts of the following fee, payable to the Patents Office (Ireland) as receiving Office, have changed:

Fee for priority document:			
for the certified copy:	EUR	3.00	
plus, per page:	EUR	0.60	

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

### **IL Israel (fees)**

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

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

Filing fee:	ILS	932
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IL) and National Chapter, Summary (IL))

### **PG Papua New Guinea (furnishing of copies of international applications)**

The Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea has changed its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is to be furnished to it as designated (or elected) Office, as indicated below:

Is a copy of the international application required?	yes
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (PG))

### **Search fee (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)**

As from 1 September 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).

As from 15 September 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for international searches carried out by the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, and a change in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and EUR for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, EP, ES, JP, SE))

### **Time Limits for Entering the National Phase**

A revised version of the table of time limits for entering the national phase has been prepared

and is published on pages 7 and 8. The table indicates, for each designated/elected Office, the time limits for entering the national (or regional) phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT (that is, respectively, where the Contracting State concerned has been designated but has not been elected under Chapter II within 19 months from the priority date, and where the Contracting State concerned has been so elected within 19 months from the priority date).

The revised version should be more user friendly as it no longer contains many of the footnotes relating to the withdrawals of notifications of non-applicability of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) where these are no longer relevant.

The revised table is also available on the PCT web site in English at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time\\_limits.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf)

and will be available shortly in French at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/time\\_limits.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf)

## **PCT Publications**

### **English, French and German editions of the Treaty and Regulations under the PCT (April 2006 edition)**

The International Bureau has published new editions of the English, French and German texts of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT*, as in force from 1 April 2006.

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The Treaty and Regulations in English, French and German, as in force from 1 April 2006, are

also available separately, in PDF format, on the PCT web site at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/)

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This means that all issues of the *PCT Newsletter* published since January 1999 are now available in PDF format on the PCT website.

### **Table of reservations and incompatibilities**

For information on the updated version of the consolidated table of reservations and incompatibilities, see the last paragraph of “Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws” on page 3.

### **Table of time limits for entering the national/regional phase**

See “Time Limits for Entering the National Phase”, on page 3.

### **PCT legal text index**

The PCT legal text index has been updated to take into account the April 2006 changes to the PCT system. The index is a useful tool to help PCT users find the relevant provisions in all of the PCT legal texts (Treaty, Regulations, Administrative Instructions, Forms and the various Guidelines) corresponding to a particular topic, and is available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/legal\\_index06.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/legal_index06.pdf)

### **The International Patent System in 2005 – Yearly Review of the PCT**

“The International Patent System in 2005 – Yearly Review of the PCT” is now available in

HTML format on the PCT web site in English at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/pct\\_2005.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/pct_2005.html)

### **PCT Gallery of Notable Inventions and Inventors**

The following addition has been made to the gallery of notable inventions ([www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventions.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventions.html)):

- StrawJet

and the following addition has been made to the gallery of notable inventors ([www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventors/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventors/index.html)):

- Shuji NAKAMURA

Suggestions for additions to the PCT gallery should be sent to the following e-mail address: [pct.infoline@wipo.int](mailto:pct.infoline@wipo.int)

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In order to better understand the needs of PCT users in respect of bulk PCT data (that is, bulk data concerning published PCT applications), WIPO has posted a questionnaire at:

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There is also a link to the questionnaire under “Patent Data” on the “Services for PCT Applicants” page of the PatentScope web site. Users of PCT data are encouraged to complete the questionnaire so that we can meet their needs as closely as possible.

### **PCT Time Limit Calculator – Reminder**

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2006, on the cover page, you are reminded that a new PCT Time Limit Calculator is now available free of charge on PatentScope at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/calculator/pct-calculator.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/calculator/pct-calculator.html)

For further information on the Calculator, a detailed description is given in the above-mentioned issue of the *PCT Newsletter*. Readers are encouraged to try the Calculator out and give us their feedback, preferably by e-mail to:

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## **Practical Advice**

### ***Forms for entry into the national/regional phase***

*Q: I have seen in the national chapters of the PCT Applicant's Guide that some Offices have special forms for requesting entry into the national phase. Is it mandatory to complete these forms in respect of each of those designated/elected Offices in order to enter the national or regional phase?*

A: Even though a large number of designated/elected Offices have produced forms for entry into the national phase, and have furnished those forms to the International Bureau for the purposes of publication in the respective national chapter of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, the applicant is not obliged to use any national forms for the purposes of **entry into** the national or regional phase (henceforth: “national phase”). This is provided for by PCT Rule 49.4 (“Use of National Form”) which states:

“No applicant shall be required to use a national form when performing the acts referred to in Article 22”.

Although the completion of a form for entry into the national phase is not mandatory at the time of entry into the national phase, **after national phase entry**, the national law and practice of the respective designated/elected Offices apply also in relation to the use of forms. In other words, a designated/elected Office could not refuse an applicant who paid the required national fees and furnished, where necessary, the required translation of the international application within the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39, only because he did not also submit a particular national phase entry form. However, once the applicant has entered the national phase, the Office could require that a particular form be submitted.

If forms for entry into the national phase are made available to applicants, their use is recommended, and if such a form is to be used, bear in mind that it may be more convenient to send it when the other requirements are being complied with.

It is recalled that those acts which **must** be performed, **if applicable**, by the applicant

before the start of the national phase are as follows:

- payment of the national fee;
- furnishing of a translation, if prescribed; and
- the furnishing of a copy of the international application, in exceptional cases (if a copy of the international application has not, or could not yet have, been communicated to the designated Office under PCT Article 20 – that is, if the applicant has not received Form PCT/IB/308 (“Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices”)).

There may be acts, in addition to the above-mentioned ones, which must be performed for the international application to proceed in the national phase (see the special requirements of the Office under PCT Rule 51*bis* in the relevant national chapter of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*), but none of those acts has

to be performed within the time limit for entering the national phase.

If no specific form for entry into the national phase exists, you should clearly identify the application when sending the payment and furnishing any translation by giving, at least, the international application number (thereby making it clear that the application has undergone the PCT procedure first), preferably together with the international filing date, the title of the invention and the name of the applicant (see paragraph 75 of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Volume II, Chapter VI).

For general information on the acts which the applicant may have to perform during the national phase, see the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Volume II, Chapter IV, and for the specific requirements of designated/elected offices, see the national chapters of the *Guide*, or contact the offices directly (contact details can be found in Annex B of the *Guide*).

**Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase  
under PCT Chapters I and II**

(in months from priority date)

(status on 1 July 2006)

Note that detailed information on the excuse of delays in meeting time limits before certain designated/elected Offices is contained in the corresponding National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II.

Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))	Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))
AE	30	30	GM <sup>5</sup>	30	31
AG <sup>1</sup>	30	30	HN <sup>1</sup>	30	30
AL	30	31	HR	31	31
AM <sup>2</sup>	30	31	HU <sup>4</sup>	31	31
AP <sup>3</sup>	31	31	ID	30	31
AT <sup>4</sup>	30	30	IL	30	30
AU	31	31	IN	31	31
AZ <sup>2</sup>	30	31	IS	31	31
BA	34	34	JP	30	30
BB	30	30	KE <sup>5</sup>	30	30
BG <sup>4</sup>	31	31	KG <sup>2</sup>	31	31
BR	30	30	KM <sup>1</sup>	30	30
BW <sup>1,5</sup>	30	30	KN <sup>1</sup>	30	30
BY <sup>2</sup>	31	31	KP	30	30
BZ	30	30 <sup>6</sup>	KR	31 <sup>7</sup>	31 <sup>7</sup>
CA	30 (42 <sup>8</sup> )	30 (42 <sup>8</sup> )	KZ <sup>2</sup>	31	31
CH <sup>4,9</sup>	20 <sup>10</sup>	30	LA <sup>1</sup>	30	30
CN	30	30	LC <sup>1</sup>	30	30
CO	31	31	LK	30	30
CR	31	31	LR	30	31
CU	30	30	LS <sup>5</sup>	30	31
CZ <sup>4</sup>	31	31	LT	31	31
DE <sup>4</sup>	30	30	LU <sup>4</sup>	20 <sup>10</sup>	30
DK <sup>4</sup>	31	31	LV	31	31
DM <sup>1</sup>	30	30	LY <sup>1</sup>	30	30
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ES <sup>4</sup>	30	30	MX	30	30
FI <sup>4</sup>	31 <sup>12</sup> (30 <sup>13</sup> )	31 <sup>12</sup> (30 <sup>13</sup> )	MY <sup>1,14</sup>	30	30
GB <sup>4</sup>	31	31	MZ <sup>5</sup>	31	31
GD <sup>1</sup>	30	30	NA <sup>5</sup>	31	31
GE	31	31	NG <sup>1</sup>	30	30
GH <sup>5</sup>	30	30	NI <sup>1</sup>	30	30

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Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase under PCT Chapters I and II (in months from priority date) (status on 1 July 2006)					
Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))	Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))
NO	31	31	SY	31	31
NZ	31	31	TJ <sup>2</sup>	30	31
OA <sup>15</sup>	30	30	TM <sup>2</sup>	30	31
OM <sup>1</sup>	30	30	TN <sup>1</sup>	30	30
PG	31	31	TR <sup>4</sup>	30 (33 <sup>8</sup> )	30 (33 <sup>8</sup> )
PH	30 (31 <sup>8</sup> )	30 (31 <sup>8</sup> )	TT	30	31
PL <sup>4</sup>	30	30	TZ <sup>5</sup>	21 <sup>10</sup>	31
PT <sup>4</sup>	30	30	UA	31	31
RO <sup>4</sup>	30	30	UG <sup>5</sup>	21 <sup>10</sup>	31
RU <sup>2</sup>	31	31	US	30	30
SC <sup>1</sup>	30	30	UZ	30	31
SD <sup>5</sup>	30	30	VC	30	30
SE <sup>4</sup>	20 <sup>10</sup>	30	VN	31	31
SG	30	30	YU	30 <sup>16</sup>	30 <sup>16</sup>
SK <sup>4</sup>	31	31	ZA	31	31
SL <sup>5</sup>	31	31	ZM <sup>1,5</sup>	30	30
SM	31	31	ZW <sup>5</sup>	30	31
SV <sup>1,17</sup>	30	30			

1. In the absence of information from the Office concerned, the time limits shown are those which would normally apply under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a). If the Office decides to apply longer time limits, that information will be published in the *PCT Newsletter*.
2. If designated/elected for a Eurasian patent, see EA as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
3. This Office acts as designated/elected Office (DO/EO) for the following State which does not act in the capacity of DO/EO: SZ.
4. If designated/elected for a European patent, see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
5. If designated/elected for an ARIPO patent, see AP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
6. May be extended upon written request of the applicant.
7. Time limit under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), applicable since 3 March 2006 to any international application for which the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) did not expire before 3 March 2006.
8. Time limit applicable if applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase (see relevant national chapter of *PCT Applicant's Guide* for details).
9. This Office acts as DO/EO for the Office of LI which does not act in the capacity of DO/EO.
10. This Office has notified the International Bureau of the non-applicability of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 – it does not yet apply the 30-month time limit for entering the national phase.
11. This Office acts as DO/EO for the following States which do not act in the capacity of DO/EO: BE, CY, FR, GR, IE, IT, MC, NL, SI.
12. Time limit under PCT Article 22(3) or 39(1)(b), as the case may be, applicable in respect of international applications for which national protection by means of a patent is sought.
13. Time limit under PCT Article 22(1) or 39(1)(a), as the case may be, applicable in respect of international applications for which national protection by means of a utility model is sought.
14. Will become bound by the PCT on 16 August 2006.
15. This Office acts as DO/EO for the following States which do not act in the capacity of DO/EO: BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG.
16. The time limit can be extended by 30 days if the applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase.
17. Will become bound by the PCT on 17 August 2006.



<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>14 July 2006 Portland (US)</b>	English	PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Erstling	The Lewis and Clark Law School, the Oregon Patent Law Association and the Portland Bar Association Prof. Joseph Miller Tel: (1-503) 768 66 00 E-mail: jsmiller@lclark.edu
<b>17-18 July 2006 Seattle (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
<b>20-21 July 2006 Chicago (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
<b>24-25 July 2006 Philadelphia (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
<b>11-12 September 2006 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Santos	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>27 September 2006 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	Patent Updating Day WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	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>21-22 September 2006 London (GB)</b>	English	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	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

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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>28–29 November 2006 Paris (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar: “La demande PCT” 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 E-mail: csadrin@inpi.fr
<b>29–30 November 2006 Boston, Massachusetts (US)</b>	English	PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bidwell	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Ingrid A. Beattie, President) Tel: (1–617) 348 18 38 Fax: (1–617) 542 22 41 (Attention: Ingrid Beattie) E-mail: iabeattie@mintz.com
<b>7–8 December 2006 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced PCT Formalities seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	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

### **Other WIPO event – Strategic Intellectual Property Management**

The Worldwide Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization is launching a new executive program offering world class business-oriented intellectual property (IP) education to business managers. The first open enrolment program – “Strategic Intellectual Property Management” – will be held at WIPO’s headquarters in Geneva on 18 and 19 September 2006. This intensive two-day program will examine the role of IP as a strategic business tool using case studies, best practices and interactive discussions.

For further information on the structure and objectives of the program, and for information about enrolment, see: [www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/](http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/)

## PCT Fee Tables

### (amounts on 1 July 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
		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	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

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

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 1,086	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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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**  
(amounts on 1 July 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

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>
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 <sup>7</sup> —	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 <sup>7</sup> —	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 <sup>5</sup>	EUR 105	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES <sup>5</sup>	EUR 66.56	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI <sup>5</sup>	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR <sup>5</sup>	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB <sup>5</sup>	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL <sup>8</sup> 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC <sup>9</sup> 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 <sup>5</sup>	CHF <sup>10</sup> 100 or EUR <sup>10</sup> 64 or USD <sup>10</sup> 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 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 78,600	800	5,600	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
JP <sup>5</sup>	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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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**  
(amounts on 1 July 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

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>
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 RU
KR <sup>5</sup>	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,027,000	11,000	73,000	AT AU JP <sup>12</sup> 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 <sup>7</sup> —	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
LY	Information not yet available				
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 <sup>13</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>5</sup>	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 <sup>14</sup>	NZD 1,748	19	125	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF <sup>7</sup> —	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 KR <sup>15</sup>

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

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>
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
SV	Information not yet available						
SY	USD <sup>7</sup>	—	USD	1,086	12	78	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS <sup>7</sup>	—	USD	1,086	12	n a	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>7</sup>	—	USD	1,086	12	78	EP RU
TN	TND <sup>7</sup>	—	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 KR US
UZ	USD <sup>7</sup>	—	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 July 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
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	885,000	NZD	1,423	SGD	1,440
	USD	908	ZAR	5,350								
	* (from 15.9.06: EUR 702)											
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,759	EUR	1,131	USD	1,365				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	335	EUR	215	USD	260				
EP <sup>16</sup>	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	CYP	928	DKK	12,050	GBP	1,098	ISK	142,000
	JPY	222,800	MWK	248,000	NOK	12,990	NZD	3,208	SEK	15,230	SGD	3,120
	USD*	1,925	ZAR	11,840								
	* (from 15.9.06: USD 2,059)											
ES <sup>16</sup>	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	USD*	1,925						
	* (from 15.9.06: USD 2,059)											
FI	EUR	1,550	CHF	2,412	USD	1,871						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF*	1,115	EUR*	717	KRW	841,000	USD**	810		
	* (from 15.9.06: CHF 1,042 EUR 668)											
	** (from 1.9.06: USD 861)											
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	280	EUR	180	NZD	347	SGD	380	USD	232
RU <sup>17</sup>	USD	300	CHF	387	EUR	248						
SE	SEK	15,230	CHF	2,525	DKK	12,050	EUR	1,615	ISK	142,000	NOK	12,990
	USD*	1,925										
	* (from 15.9.06: USD 2,059)											
US	USD	1,000	300 <sup>18</sup>	CHF	1,289	387 <sup>18</sup>	EUR	828	248 <sup>18</sup>	NZD	1,640	440 <sup>18</sup>
	ZAR	6,360	1,910 <sup>18</sup>									

**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**

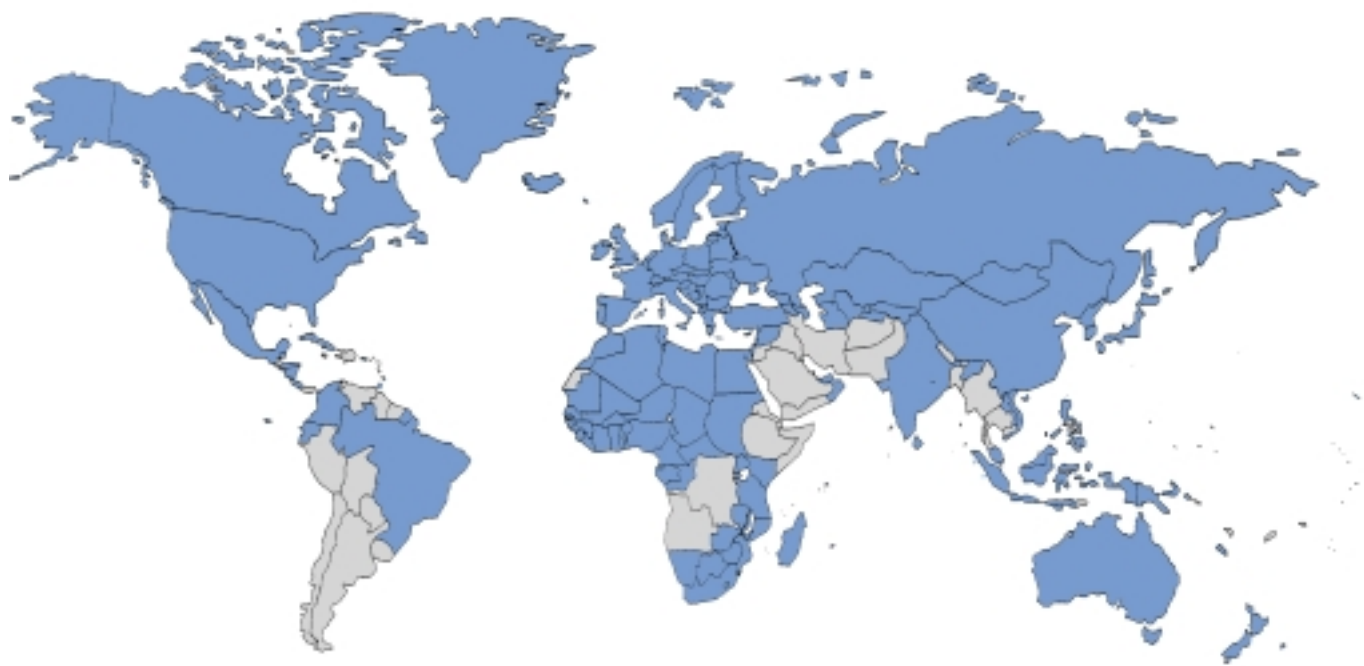
(amounts on 1 July 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

<b>IPEA</b>	<b>Preliminary examination fee<sup>19</sup></b>		<b>Handling fee<sup>3, 19</sup> (CHF 200)</b>	
<b>AT</b>	<b>EUR</b>	200	<b>EUR</b>	129
<b>AU</b>	<b>AUD</b>	550	1,000 <sup>20</sup>	<b>AUD</b> 205
<b>CA</b>	<b>CAD</b>	800		<b>CAD</b> 182
<b>CN</b>	<b>CNY</b>	1,500		<b>CNY eq CHF</b> 200
<b>EP<sup>16</sup></b>	<b>EUR</b>	1,595		<b>EUR</b> 129
<b>ES</b>	<b>EUR</b>	523.29		<b>EUR</b> 129
<b>FI</b>	<b>EUR</b>	550		<b>EUR</b> 129
<b>JP</b>	<b>JPY</b>	36,000		<b>JPY</b> 17,400
<b>KR</b>	<b>KRW</b>	225,000		<b>KRW</b> 147,000
<b>RU<sup>17</sup></b>	<b>USD</b>	200 <sup>21</sup>	300 <sup>22</sup>	<b>USD</b> 155
<b>SE</b>	<b>SEK</b>	5,000		<b>SEK</b> 1,210
<b>US</b>	<b>USD</b>	600	750 <sup>23</sup>	<b>USD</b> 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](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=AUD 205, DKK 960, EUR 129, GBP 87, SEK 1,210, USD 155; CHF 300=AUD 308, DKK 1,440, EUR 193, GBP 131, JPY 26,100, KRW 220,000, 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](http://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 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.
- 16 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](http://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.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.
- 19 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 21 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 22 In all cases where footnote 21 does not apply.
- 23 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 (132 on 1 July 2006)



AE United Arab Emirates	CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>2</sup>	IT Italy (EP) <sup>2</sup>	ML Mali (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MN Mongolia	<b>SV El Salvador</b> (from 17 August 2006)
AL Albania <sup>1</sup>	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AM Armenia (EA)	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MW Malawi (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) <sup>2</sup>
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MX Mexico	TD Chad (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AU Australia	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	<b>MY Malaysia</b> (from 16 August 2006)	TG Togo (OA) <sup>2</sup>
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BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup>	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BB Barbados	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) <sup>2</sup>	TN Tunisia
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BG Bulgaria (EP)	FR France (EP) <sup>2</sup>	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NL Netherlands (EP) <sup>2</sup>	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
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BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	US United States of America
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CF Central African Republic (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GN Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PT Portugal (EP)	YU Serbia and Montenegro <sup>1</sup>
CG Congo (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GR Greece (EP) <sup>2</sup>	MA Morocco	RO Romania (EP)	ZA South Africa
CH Switzerland (EP)	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) <sup>2</sup>	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	HR Croatia <sup>1</sup>	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>1</sup>	SD Sudan (AP)	
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)		SE Sweden (EP)	
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>		SI Slovenia (EP) <sup>2</sup>	
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