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New PCT Contracting State

Bahrain (country code: BH)

On 18 December 2006, Bahrain deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 18 March 2007, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 18 March 2007 will automatically include the designation of Bahrain.

Also, because Bahrain 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 18 March 2007. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Bahrain will be entitled, as from 18 March 2007, to file international applications under the PCT.

Note that Bahrain has made a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

Application of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in Montenegro

Following the adoption by the National Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro of a declaration of independence on 3 June 2006, Montenegro (country code: ME) deposited, on 4 December 2006, a declaration that the PCT continues to be applicable, as from 3 June 2006, in respect of the territory of Montenegro. Further information will be published in a future issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

Note that, similarly, the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (as well as certain other WIPO-administered Treaties) also continue to be applicable in respect of Montenegro.

European Patent Convention

Accession by Malta

Malta deposited its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 1 December 2006, and will become bound by that Convention on 1 March 2007. This brings the number of Contracting States of the EPC to 32.

Therefore, any international application filed on or after 1 March 2007 will include the designation of Malta for a European patent. Moreover, as from 1 March 2007, it will be possible for nationals and residents of Malta to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the patent Office of Malta or the International Bureau of WIPO.

Further information is contained in a notice from the EPO at:

[www.european-patent-office.org/
news/info/2007_01_03_e.htm](http://www.european-patent-office.org/news/info/2007_01_03_e.htm)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B2 (EP), and Annex C (EP))

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World Trade Organization

Viet Nam becomes a Member

On 11 January 2007, Viet Nam (country code: VN), which is already a Member State of the Paris Convention and the PCT, became a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), thus bringing the total number of Members to 150. This updates the table of Members of the WTO, the PCT and the Paris Convention that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2006.

New Information Available on PatentScope

New documents available from the file of the International Bureau (IB)

The PatentScope Search Service (www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/) now includes, for all international applications filed on or after 1 January 2006, the following forms, where applicable:

- PCT/IB/304 ("Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document"), which includes the date on which the priority document was received by the IB and an indication of whether the priority document is in compliance with PCT Rule 17.1(a) or (b).

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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

- PCT/IB/306 (“Notification of the Recording of a Change”), which includes information on any changes in the person, name, residence, nationality or address of the applicant, or any changes in the person, name or address of the agent, the common representative or the inventor, as received by the IB before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

To view those forms, click on the “Documents” tab of the published international application.

Power of Attorney Waiver

Notification under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) (State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania)

Following its notification relating to the same matter (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2004), the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rule 90.4(b) to submit a separate power of attorney and notified particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required, as follows:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

For background information on power of attorney waivers, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (LT) and of the table published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2005)

PCT Information Update

BG Bulgaria (telephone and fax numbers; types of protection; provisions concerning international-type search; institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Bulgarian Patent Office have changed, and there have been changes in the types of protection available in Bulgaria via the PCT and in the provisions of the law of Bulgaria concerning international-type search, as follows:

Telephone: (359-2) 970 13 14

Fax: (359-2) 873 52 58

Types of protection available via the PCT:

National: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent)

European: [No change]

Provisions of the law of Bulgaria concerning international-type search:

Article 68(2) of the Bulgarian Law on Patents and Utility Model Registration

In addition, the address of the National Bank for Industrial Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (NBIMCC), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, as follows:

National Bank for Industrial Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (NBIMCC)
125, “Tzarigradsko shaussee” Blvd.
Block 2, et. 5
1113 Sofia
Bulgaria

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

BZ Belize (requirements concerning agent)

There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Belize Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney entitled to practice before the Office

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

DE Germany (filing of international applications in electronic form)

On 28 November 2006, the German Patent and Trade Mark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau of a correction to the list of certification authorities accepted by the Office. The corrected list is published in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette* No. 50/2006 on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/section-iv/index.htm

EG Egypt (fees)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Egyptian Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office specifically in the case of filing by individuals,

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

For patent:

Examination fee: EGP 10

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

EP European Patent Office (e-mail address; fees)

One of the e-mail addresses of the European Patent Office (EPO) has changed, and the EPO has introduced two additional e-mail addresses. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

E-mail: info@epo.org
(Helpdesk for all branches)

ro.ep.helpdesk@epo.org
(RO/EP matters)

isa.ep.helpdesk@epo.org
(ISA/EP matters)

pct.ipea.ep.helpdesk@epo.org
(IPEA/EP matters)

The EPO has modified the text of the section of the national fee relating to the payment of the extension fee and has notified changes in the text regarding exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows (other parts not indicated have not changed):

National fee:

Extension fee (for extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia or the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia):

[No change]

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

The search fee is not reduced

– where the international search report has been established by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (pending discussions between the EPO and CIPO).

The examination fee is reduced

– by 50% where the international preliminary examination report has been established by the EPO.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (EP) and National Chapter, Summary (EP))

FI Finland (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

There has been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as designated (or elected) Office concerning the translation of the international application (the other requirements have not changed), as follows:

Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies for a patent and four copies for a utility model

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

GB United Kingdom (fees)

There have been changes in the names of certain fees payable to the Patent Office (United Kingdom) as designated (or elected) Office, as well as in the special requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows (the fees/requirements not indicated have not changed):

National fee:

National fee: [No change in the amount]

Search fee: [No change in the amount]

Special requirements of the Office:

No representation by an agent is required but an address for service in the European Economic Area or the Channel Islands is necessary (see further, Address for Service, paragraph GB.04)

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

LT Lithuania (provisional protection after international publication)

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

Provisional protection shall be effective in Lithuania as from the date on which the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania publishes the translation of the claims into Lithuanian (see Article 48 of the Patent Law of the Republic of Lithuania).

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

RS Serbia (general information)

General information about Serbia as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) as receiving

Office and as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (RS), Annex C (RS), and the National Chapter, Summary (RS)) on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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

SI Slovenia (fees)

The Slovenian Intellectual Property Office has notified a change in the currency of payment of fees from Slovenian tolar (SIT) to euro (EUR), as indicated in Table I(a). The amount of the fee for the priority document is EUR 12.06.

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

TZ United Republic of Tanzania (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable in TZS to the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania) as designated (or elected) Office have changed:

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| For patent: | | |
| Filing fee: | TZS | 12,000 |
| For utility certificate: | | |
| Filing fee: | TZS | 10,000 |

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

The amounts of the following national fee, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) as designated (or elected) Office have changed:

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| First annual fee: | ZAR | 130 |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (ZA))

ZM Zambia (general information)

General information about Zambia as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Patents and Companies Registration Office (Zambia) as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (ZM), Annex C (ZM), and the National Chapter, Summary (ZM)) on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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

Preliminary examination fee (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

On 1 January 2007 there was a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Table II, and there was a change in the amount of the additional preliminary examination fee, as indicated below.

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| Additional preliminary examination fee: | EUR | 533.76 |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (ES))

Fees relating to international search and international preliminary examination (Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office)

The Austrian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the following fees applicable since 21 December 2006:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per page (PCT Rule 44.3): EUR 0.95

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, per page (PCT Rule 71.2): EUR 0.95

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per page (PCT Rule 94.2): EUR 0.95

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office has clarified the conditions under which the fee for copies of documents cited in either the international search report or the international preliminary examination report is payable to it in its capacities as International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority, respectively:

- the Authority does not require that the applicant presenting the request pay the cost of preparing and mailing the first copy of any documents cited, however, for any additional copy there is a charge of CAD 1.00 per page.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (AT and CA) and E (AT and CA))

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

Report of the Assembly of the PCT Union

The report adopted by the Assembly of the PCT Union at its thirty-fifth session held in Geneva from 25 Sep-

tember to 3 October 2006 is now available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/35

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Austrian Patent Office, and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from 1 January 2007, have been published on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.htm

Types of protection available in PCT Contracting States

The table setting out, for each Contracting State, the types of protection which can be obtained via the PCT has been updated and is available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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

Power of Attorney Waivers

The table showing the PCT Office/Authorities which have notified WIPO that they have waived the requirement to submit a power of attorney under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and/or Rule 90.5(a)(ii) has been updated and is available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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

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):

- Snow Shovel (Wovel)

Suggestions for additions to the PCT gallery should be sent to the following e-mail address:

pct.infoline@wipo.int

Official Notices (PCT Gazette)

The Internet addresses for the *Official Notices*, in English and in French, respectively, have changed as follows:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.htm

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/official_notices/index.htm

Note that those people who have bookmarked the previous address will be automatically redirected to the new address.

Reminder: Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter*, it has come to the attention of the International Bureau (IB) that PCT applicants and agents are continuing to receive invitations to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT. Whatever services might be offered in such invitations, they bear no connection to WIPO or to any of its official publications.

The invitations often identify a particular PCT application by its international publication number (for example: WO 04 xxxxxx), publication date, title of the invention, international application number, priority information and IPC symbols. The invitations typically refer to a payment, which is to be made in euro or US dollars, by cheque and/or money transfer to an address in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, the Czech Republic or the United States of America. Recent invitations which have been sent to the IB (from F.I.P.T.R. – Federal Institute for Patent & Trademark Registry, Inc.) refer to payments of USD 1,629.30 or 1,637.18 to banks based in the USA, Austria or the Czech Republic on a form similar to the example which can be found at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/fiptr.pdf

Since 2002, when these invitations first came to the attention of the International Bureau, PCT users have informed us of invitations from the following companies (spellings are as they appear in the invitations):

“FIPTR – Federal Institute for Patent & Trademark Registry, Inc.”

“CPTD - Central Patent and Trademark Database”

“CCIT - Commercial Center for Industrie and Trade”

“CPD - Central Patent Database”

“Register of International Patents”

“Register of International Patent Bulletin/
Registre des données bulletin européen des brevets”

“Institut of Commerce for Industry, Trade,
Commerce/Wirtschaftsinstitut für Industrie,
Handel, Handwerk AG”

“Central Data - Register of International Patents”

Examples of the invitations from these sources are available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.htm

Note that other industrial property Offices have made similar warnings about related invitations from the same companies, links to which are also given on the above-mentioned page of the PCT Resources page of PatentScope.

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the International Bureau of WIPO alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (see PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29. In case of doubt in relation to such an invitation, please contact the PCT Information Service at WIPO:

telephone: (41-22) 338 83 38

fax: (41-22) 338 83 39

e-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

Clarification Regarding Numbering of Japanese International Applications

Reference is made to *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2006, page 7, and the new manner in which international applications filed with the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office are numbered. That text stated that for international applications filed on or after 1 January 2007 in the following ways:

- on paper;
- containing requests prepared using the PCT-EASY functionality of the PCT-SAFE software;
- fully electronically using the Japanese software (JPO PAS);

the application will be assigned a number with “05” as the first two digits of the six-digit number, for example, PCT/JP2007/050001. Note that the six-digit number will not always be preceded by the digits “05”, but will simply **start with** “050001,” increasing consecutively. Hence, the number following “059999” would be “060000”.

Practical Advice

Dangers of relying on failure to pay PCT fees when the applicant wants the international application to be withdrawn

Q: If I decide not to proceed with an international application shortly after filing it, is it an option for me to simply not pay the fees to the receiving Office? If I do this, the receiving Office will consider the application withdrawn, dispensing with the need for me to take any action by sending a notice of withdrawal of the application.

A: By not paying the fees related to the filing of the international application within the time limit prescribed, your application should, in theory, be considered withdrawn by the receiving Office. According to PCT Rule 16*bis*, where the transmittal fee, the international filing fee and the search fee have not been paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application (see PCT Rules 14.1(c), 15.4 and 16.1(f)), the receiving Office invites the applicant under PCT Rule 16*bis*.1(a) to pay to it the amount required to cover those fees, together with, where applicable, the late payment fee under PCT Rule 16*bis*.2, within a time limit of one month from the date of the invitation. Where the applicant does not, within the time limit set in the invitation, pay in full the amount due, the receiving Office declares the international application withdrawn (PCT Article 14(3)(a) and PCT Rules 16*bis*.1(c) and 29.1) and informs the applicant accordingly.

Note, however, that it is not advisable to proceed in this way if you wish to withdraw the international application, as there are risks associated with such a “passive” form of withdrawal. The following are examples of what can occur (and has occurred) when applicants have relied on failure to pay fees to effect the application’s withdrawal:

- the receiving Office sent the invitation to pay the fees, but failed to follow up on that invitation by declaring that the application was considered withdrawn;
- the receiving Office failed to notify the International Bureau (IB) that the international application was considered withdrawn; or
- the receiving Office did notify the IB that the international application was considered withdrawn, but the notice failed to reach the IB in time to prevent international publication of the international application.

It is much safer to actively send a notice of withdrawal if you want the international application to be with-

drawn. It is recommended, although not compulsory, that applicants use Form PCT/IB/372 for this, which should be duly signed and preferably faxed to the fax number indicated on that form. Withdrawals received on this fax machine are monitored from Monday to Friday until 6.00 pm, Geneva time, and processed immediately. It is recalled that any notice of withdrawal should be signed by all applicants (PCT Rule 90*bis*.5) or by the duly appointed agent. If the notice has been signed by the agent and a power of attorney has not been submitted because the receiving Office has waived the requirement to submit powers of attorney,

the necessary power(s) of attorney should be submitted together with the notice of withdrawal.

For further information on withdrawing the international application, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 452, and PCT Rule 90*bis*. The withdrawal itself is free of charge, and by actively withdrawing the application, you still do not have to pay the fees payable on filing, and you are assured that your international application will be withdrawn. You should, nevertheless, check that your withdrawal is confirmed by the authority with which the withdrawal was made.

| PCT Seminar Calendar | | | |
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| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 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: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 31 January–1 February 2007 Milan (IT) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | 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: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 22 February 2007 Atlanta (US) <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i> | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) and State Bar of Georgia (Mr. Dan White) Tel: (1-770) 466-08 86 or 369-56 64 Fax: (1-706) 369 58 99 E-mail: dwhite@iclega.org Internet: www.iclega.org |
| 8–9 March 2007 San Francisco (US) | English | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | 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 2007 Chicago (US) | English | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | 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 |
| 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 |

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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 |
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| 19–20 April 2007 London (GB) | English | Basic formalities seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Aeri | 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 |
| 15–16 May 2007 Paris (FR) | French | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced | 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 |
| 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 |
| 11–12 September 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced | Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44–207) 539 42 45 E-mail: member@jsjones.fsnet.co.uk |

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 January 2007, 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 | SKK | Slovak koruna |
| | | 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 |
| AED | United Arab Emirates dirham | CYP | Cyprus pound | KES | Kenyan shilling | PGK | Kina | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| ALL | Albanian lek | CZK | Czech koruna | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PHP | Philippine peso | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| AMD | Armenian dram | DKK | Danish krone | KPW | KP won | PLZ | Polish zloty | ZAR | South African rand |
| AUD | Australian dollar | DZD | Algerian dinar | KRW | KR won | ROL | Romanian leu | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| AZM | Azerbaijani manat | EEK | Estonian kroon | KZT | Kazakh tenge | RSD | Serbian dinar | | |
| 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 January 2007, 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 | USD | 1,086 | 12 | 78 | – | – | – | AT EP SE |
| | (or eq in local currency) | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 January 2007, 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 | 78,500 | | 800 | 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 January 2007, 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 1,096,000 | 12,000 | 78,000 | – | 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 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 January 2007, 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 | EUR | 91 | EUR | 900 | | 10 | 64 | – | – | 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 | USD | 50 | USD | 1,086 | | 12 | – | – | – | AT SE |
| ZW | ZWD | 6,000 | ZWD eq USD | 1,086 | eq USD | 12 | eq USD 78 | – | – | AT AU CN EP RU |

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 January 2007, 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 | 6,590 | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 143,000 |
| | JPY | 238,100 | MWK | 248,000 | NOK | 12,990 | NZD | 3,208 | SEK | 15,230 | SGD | 3,120 |
| | USD | 2,059 | 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 | | |
| | * (from 1.2.07: | | 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 | 143,000 | NOK | 12,990 |
| | USD | 2,059 | | | | | | | | | | |
| US | USD | 1,000 | 300 ²⁰ | CHF | 1,289 | 387 ²⁰ | EUR | 762 | 248 ²⁰ | NZD* | 1,640 | 440 ²⁰ |
| | ZAR | 7,200 | 2,300 ²⁰ | | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.2.07: | | NZD | 1,520 | 440 ²⁰) | | | | | | | |

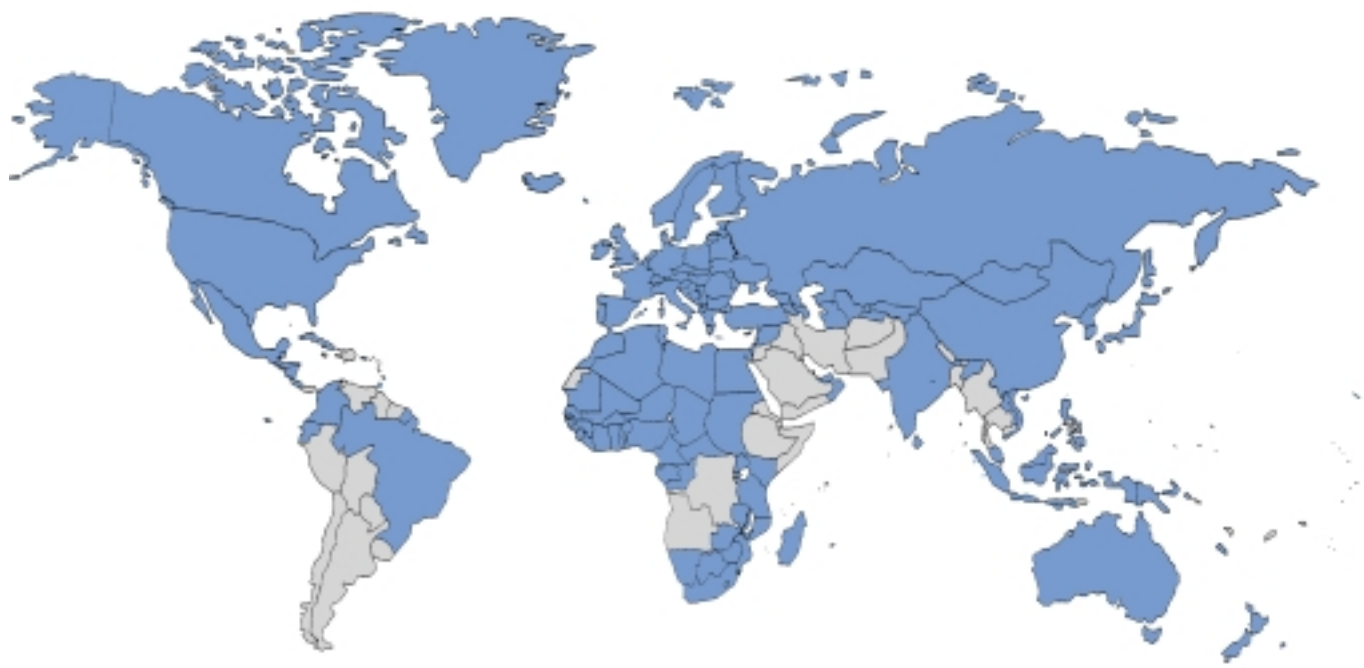
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 January 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| 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 | 533.76 | | 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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 1.50 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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 (136 on 1 January 2007)



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|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| AE United Arab Emirates | CU Cuba | IS Iceland (EP) | MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹ | SI Slovenia (EP) ² |
| AG Antigua and Barbuda | CY Cyprus (EP) ² | IT Italy (EP) ² | ML Mali (OA) ² | SK Slovakia (EP) |
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| AT Austria (EP) | DK Denmark (EP) | KG Kyrgyzstan (EA) | MT Malta (EP) (from 1 March 2007) | SN Senegal (OA) ² |
| AU Australia | DM Dominica | KM Comoros | MW Malawi (AP) | SV El Salvador |
| AZ Azerbaijan (EA) | DZ Algeria | KN Saint Kitts and Nevis | MX Mexico | SY Syrian Arab Republic |
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| BH Bahrain (from 18 March 2007) | GA Gabon (OA) ² | LI Liechtenstein (EP) | NI Nicaragua | TN Tunisia |
| BJ Benin (OA) ² | GB United Kingdom (EP) | LK Sri Lanka | NL Netherlands (EP) ² | TR Turkey (EP) |
| BR Brazil | GD Grenada | LR Liberia | NO Norway | TT Trinidad and Tobago |
| BW Botswana (AP) | GE Georgia | LS Lesotho (AP) | NZ New Zealand | TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP) |
| BY Belarus (EA) | GH Ghana (AP) | LT Lithuania (EP) | OM Oman | UA Ukraine |
| BZ Belize | GM Gambia (AP) | LU Luxembourg (EP) | PG Papua New Guinea | UG Uganda (AP) |
| CA Canada | GN Guinea (OA) ² | LV Latvia (EP) | PH Philippines | US United States of America |
| CF Central African Republic (OA) ² | GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ² | LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | PL Poland (EP) | UZ Uzbekistan |
| CG Congo (OA) ² | GR Greece (EP) ² | MA Morocco | PT Portugal (EP) | VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| CH Switzerland (EP) | GT Guatemala | MC Monaco (EP) ² | RO Romania (EP) | VN Viet Nam |
| CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ² | GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ² | MD Republic of Moldova (EA) | RS Serbia ¹ | ZA South Africa |
| CM Cameroon (OA) ² | HN Honduras | ME Montenegro | RU Russian Federation (EA) | ZM Zambia (AP) |
| CN China | HR Croatia ¹ | MG Madagascar | SC Seychelles | ZW Zimbabwe (AP) |
| CO Colombia | HU Hungary (EP) | | SD Sudan (AP) | |
| CR Costa Rica | ID Indonesia | | SE Sweden (EP) | |
| | IE Ireland (EP) ² | | SG Singapore | |
| | IL Israel | | | |
| | IN India | | | |

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

Important:

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated April 2006) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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PCT Filings in 2006

The number of applications filed under the PCT in 2006 reached approximately 145,300, representing an increase of 6.4% over 2005. **These and the following figures are estimates** as the International Bureau continues to receive, throughout the first half of 2007, PCT applications which were filed with national and regional Offices in 2006.

Applicants from the United States of America filed the largest number of applications (34.1% of all applications), followed by Japan (18.5%), Germany (11.7%), the Republic of Korea (4.1%) and France (4.1%). Applicants from the member States of the European Patent Convention, when grouped together, filed 33.8% of all international applications.

There was continued high growth in filings from North East Asia, in particular from Japan, the Republic of Korea and China. Japan again held second position with 26,906 international applications, and the Republic of Korea and China held their highest positions yet, in fourth and eighth positions, respectively, with 5,935 international applications (26.6% more applications than in 2005) filed by the applicants from the Republic of Korea and 3,910 international applications (56.8% more than in 2005) filed by applicants from China.

In 2006, a further five receiving Offices announced that they were prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, bringing the total number of Offices that are prepared to do this to 19 (see page 6 for a list of those Offices). The number of applications filed electronically increased by 26.4%, and filings on electronic media made up about 57% of all filings in 2006 (31% being filed fully electronically and 25% being filed using the PCT-EASY functionality of the PCT-SAFE software).

The top 10 applicants in 2006, together with the estimated number of international applications published in their name, were as follows:

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| 1. Philips Electronics N.V. (NL) | 2,495 |
| 2. Matsushita (JP) | 2,344 |
| 3. Siemens (DE) | 1,480 |
| 4. Nokia (FI) | 1,036 |
| 5. Bosch (DE) | 962 |
| 6. 3M (US) | 727 |
| 7. BASF (DE) | 714 |
| 8. Toyota (JP) | 704 |
| 9. Intel (US) | 690 |
| 10. Motorola (US) | 637 |

A list of the 500 PCT applicants with 30 or more applications published in 2006 is available on the Internet at:

www.wipo.int/ipstats/pct

For further information, including information on the main fields of technology in which PCT applications were published in 2006, see Press Release PR/476/2007 on the WIPO web site at:

www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/

Final figures will be available later in the year.

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- Yearly Review of the PCT
- Gallery of PCT notable inventions and inventors
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- *History of the PCT Regulations*
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- Electronic filing (PCT-SAFE)
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Modified PCT Regulations, Administrative Instructions and Forms

Regulations under the PCT

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT in English and French, as in force from 1 April 2007, are available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope – click on the relevant short cut button on the right side of the page at, respectively:

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

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/

New editions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (WIPO publication No. 274 (E) and (F)), as in force from 1 April 2007, are under preparation.

Administrative Instructions under the PCT

Following the adoption of amendments to the Regulations under the PCT which will enter into force on 1 April 2007, a number of modifications have been made to Sections 102, 113, 303, 307, 308, 309, 310, 324, 325, 410, 411, 413, 511, 607 and to Annexes D and E of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In addition to the modification of the existing Sections listed above, new Sections 305^{ter}, 308^{bis}, 310^{bis},

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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.

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| 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

310ter, 411bis and 413bis have been added. The modifications will, in general, apply to international applications filed on or after 1 April 2007.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/6), as in force from 1 April 2007, is available in PDF format, in English and French, on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope – click on the relevant short cut button on the right side of the page at:

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

PCT forms

A number of PCT forms have been modified with effect from 1 April 2007, mainly to take into account the amendments of the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on that date. The forms that have been amended are:

Modified forms relating to receiving Offices:

PCT/RO/101 (Request Form) (see below)
PCT/RO/103
PCT/RO/104
PCT/RO/105
PCT/RO/107
PCT/RO/108
PCT/RO/109
PCT/RO/110
PCT/RO/111
PCT/RO/114
PCT/RO/115
PCT/RO/118
PCT/RO/126
PCT/RO/158
PCT/RO/159

The modifications to the Request Form include:

- in Box No. VI, the option for the applicant to request restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 4.1(c)(v));
- a “Statement of Incorporation by Reference” pursuant to modified PCT Rule 4.18;
- related modifications to the Notes to the Request Form.

Modified forms relating to the International Searching Authorities:

PCT/ISA/201
PCT/ISA/209
PCT/ISA/210
PCT/ISA/216
PCT/ISA/217
PCT/ISA/237

Modified forms relating to the International Bureau:

PCT/IB/314
PCT/IB/315
PCT/IB/316
PCT/IB/318
PCT/IB/321

Modified forms relating to the International Preliminary Examining Authorities:

PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand Form)
PCT/IPEA/408
PCT/IPEA/409
PCT/IPEA/411
PCT/IPEA/412

The modified forms, which should be used from 1 April 2007 and, in general, only in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 April 2007, are available in PDF format, in English and French, on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope – click on the short cut button on the right side of the page at:

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

Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT

The fourteenth session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Geneva from 5 to 7 February 2007. All of the thirteen International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities were represented, including the recently appointed Nordic Patent Institute.

Renewal of Agreements between the International Authorities and the International Bureau

The agreements between the International Authorities and the International Bureau all expire on 31 December 2007. The Meeting discussed and exchanged views on a new draft model agreement that will form the basis of individual agreements between International Authorities and the International Bureau. The new agreements would have effect from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2017, subject to the approval of the PCT Assembly in September–October 2007.

PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines

The Meeting agreed on proposed modifications to the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, subject to consequential modifications to the Administrative Instructions and the Receiving Office Guidelines which may be necessary as a result of the 1 April 2007 Rule changes.

Quality Framework

The Meeting took note of the reports on quality management systems that had been submitted by all International Authorities, and agreed that the templates used provided a satisfactory basis for the preparation of the reports. The Secretariat was requested to prepare a draft report on the quality framework in accordance with Chapter 21 of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines for submission to the PCT Assembly in September–October 2007.

PCT Reform

The Meeting reviewed relevant aspects of proposals due to be discussed by the Working Group on Reform of the PCT from 23 to 27 April 2007. Of particular significance was:

- a proposal that would permit applicants to request that the international search report be based on an earlier national search; and
- the proposal, discussed at previous sessions of the Working Group, to establish a system of supplementary searches to be carried out by participating International Searching Authorities, in addition to the main international search.

Standard of Drawings

The Meeting had an exchange of views related to the standard of drawings required for international search and preliminary examination. The Meeting took note of several examples of drawing defects and requested the International Bureau to prepare proposals on minimum drawing standards for submission to the Meeting at its next session.

PCT Minimum Documentation

The Meeting agreed to restart the review of PCT minimum documentation as a matter of priority.

Other matters

Other matters discussed by the International Authorities include:

- the receipt of IPC codes from International Searching Authorities;
- the receipt by the International Bureau of information concerning demands for International Preliminary Examination;
- the early provision of search-report information by International Searching Authorities in order to streamline international publication; and

- the tagging of non-patent literature citations in patent documents and the development of associated standards.

Working Group on the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

Following approval by the Assemblies of the Paris Union, the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) and the PCT Union in October 2006 of the establishment of a digital access service for priority documents (see *PCT Newsletter* 10/2006), the first session of the ad hoc Working Group on the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents was held in Geneva from 7 to 9 February 2007. The Working Group agreed on principles and discussed possible procedures, based on which the International Bureau will set up a system allowing Paris Convention requirements to be fulfilled by making priority documents available in a digital library, instead of requiring the applicant to provide certified copies to each Office of second filing which requires them.

The documents of the Working Group can be found on the WIPO website. Comments are also invited from interested parties on the requirements of such a system through an electronic forum. See:

www.wipo.int/pdocaccess

The second session is expected to be held from 30 April to 3 May 2007 and will aim to finalize the recommendations concerning the administration of the service. Further details on this subject will be included in a future edition of the *PCT Newsletter*.

PatentScope Search Service

(www.wipo.int/pctdb)

Changes to the PatentScope search interface

Following the PatentScope survey results, some changes have been made to PatentScope to facilitate the carrying out of searches:

- the default page is now the Structured Search page (although the other options: Advanced Search, Simple Search, and Browse by Week are still available);
- when you click into a field, an example of what to search for will appear to the right of the field, for example, “e.g. hovercraft” in the bibliographic front page;
- the search fields have been reordered so that the most-used options are easier to find;
- when you have finished entering your terms, press Search or Enter (on your keyboard) to begin the search.

You can still enter as many fields as you want to (remember to choose the appropriate operator such as AND and OR from the left hand column).

New graphics function: data analysis of published international applications

For information on the new graphics function, see "Practical Advice" on page 7 .

PCT Information Update

AT Austria (e-mail – corrigendum)

Reference is made to the e-mail address announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2005, page 5. That e-mail address should have read:

e-mail: ingrid.weidinger@patentamt.at

CZ Czech Republic (fees)

The Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic) has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international filing fee and the search fee, and in the currency of the PCT-EASY fee reduction, from Swiss francs (CHF) to euro (EUR), as indicated in Tables I(a) and I(b). The amount and currency of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document (Czech koruna (CZK)) has not changed.

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

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

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

For patent:

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| Fee for request for examination: | [no change] |
| plus, for each claim: | KRW 32,000 |
| Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year: | [no change] |
| plus, for each claim: | KRW 18,000 |

For utility model:

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| Fee for request for examination: | [no change] |
| plus, for each claim: | KRW 14,000 |
| Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year: | [no change] |
| plus, for each claim: | KRW 5,000 |

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

SE Sweden (fees)

As from 1 April 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee payable in SEK to the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in SEK of the PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office; Canadian Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 March 2007, there will be a change in the amount payable in AUD for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b) (equivalent amounts in other currencies are not yet known and will be notified as soon as possible), as well as a change in the amount of the fees indicated below:

| | | |
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| Additional search fee: | AUD | 1,600 |
| Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per document: | AUD | 50 |

For the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, there will be a change, as from 1 April 2007, in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU) and (CA))

International preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to the international preliminary examination (Australian Patent Office)

As from 1 March 2007, there will be a change in the amount payable in AUD for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Australian Patent Office, as indicated in Table II, as well as a change in the amount of the fees indicated below:

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| Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, per document: | AUD | 50 |
| Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per document: | AUD | 50 |

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

Change to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 19 April 2007

Due to the fact that Friday, 6 April and Monday, 9 April 2007 will be non-working days at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on 19 April 2007 (publication no. 16/2007) will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 3 April 2007 (instead of on Wednesday, 4 April 2007, the day on which technical preparations would normally have been completed). This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international application should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Monday, 2 April 2007.

Electronic Filing and Processing of PCT Applications

Reproduced below is an updated list of the receiving Offices which have notified the International Bureau that they are prepared to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form (last published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2006). A table giving information on the requirements of the Offices which accept the filing of international applications in electronic form is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/notifications/efiling/efiling.pdf

Note that the table showing the receiving Offices which have notified the International Bureau that they are prepared to accept the filing of requests in PCT-EASY format is not included in this issue as no new Offices have been added to the list since it was last published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2006.

Reminder About Procedure for Paying RO/IB fees by Credit Card

As indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2006, on the cover page, it is now possible to pay by credit card the various fees due to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB). It is recalled that if the international application is filed using the PCT-SAFE software, whether it is filed wholly in electronic form or filed on paper with the request in PCT-EASY format, the new version of the software provides for a secure means for furnishing the credit card details to the RO/IB.

It is recalled that the use of Form PCT/RO/197 ("Credit card payment to the International Bureau as receiving Office") should be limited to international applications filed on paper or to those filed using the PCT-SAFE software when the fees are paid at a later date than at the time of filing, or to the exceptional case where the fees for applications filed using the PCT-SAFE software have been underpaid, and the applicant needs to pay the missing amount by credit card.

It is also recalled that if the payment is not being made using the PCT-SAFE software, only PCT/RO/197 should be used for submission of credit card information - no other form or document should be used.

Further details on all modes of payment of fees to the RO/IB are available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/modes.htm

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

See page 2 for information on the availability of the following PCT materials which have been modified

Receiving Offices prepared to accept the filing of international applications in fully electronic form

(status on 1 February 2007)

| | | | |
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| AU | Australian Patent Office | KR | Korean Intellectual Property Office |
| DE | German Patent and Trade Mark Office | MY | Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia |
| DK | Danish Patent and Trademark Office | NL | Netherlands Industrial Property Office |
| EP | European Patent Office (EPO) | PH | Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) |
| ES | Spanish Patent and Trademark Office | PL | Polish Patent Office |
| FI | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland | RO | State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) |
| FR | National Institute of Industrial Property (France) | SE | Swedish Patent and Registration Office |
| GB | The Patent Office (United Kingdom) | SK | Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) |
| IB | International Bureau of WIPO | US | United States Patent and Trademark Office |
| JP | Japan Patent Office | | (Total: 19 Offices) |

with effect from 1 April 2007: the consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, the consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and certain PCT forms.

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):

- Self Lifting Iron

Suggestions for additions to the PCT gallery should be sent to the following e-mail address:

pct.infoline@wipo.int

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

The table of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization (which was last published in the *PCT Newsletter* in August 2006) has been updated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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

Practical Advice

Data analysis of published international applications

Q: I would like to carry out research in patenting trends, and would like to know whether it is possible to obtain information on PCT filing trends, such as applications filed by applicant during a particular period of time, and applications filed by country in a particular field of technology. Is there a tool for creating such customized profiles?

A: It is recalled that a variety of data on PCT applications (for example, top applicants, country of origin of the application, fields of technology) is available in the Statistical Indicators Reports, the Yearly Reviews of the PCT and the list of top PCT applicants at: www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct/index.html. However, these sources contain only information for certain pre-specified criteria. The PatentScope Search Service can be used for obtaining a variety of information on published PCT applications for any chosen criteria for which data is available, and has recently been further complemented by a graphics function, which enables users to perform more customized analysis. The type of information obtainable using the PatentScope Search Service and its graphics function are described below.

PatentScope Search Service

With the PatentScope Search Service you can perform a search by one element, or by a combination of different elements, by typing the necessary information in the box(es) in the Structured, Simple or Advanced Search pages at: www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/. For example, to obtain data on a particular applicant, type in the applicant's name in the appropriate box of the (default) Structured search box. You will then obtain a list of all international applications published by that applicant. For instance, if we take the PCT's biggest filer, Philips, a list of over 19,000 published applications are obtained.

Here are some examples of the kinds of things you can search for, noting that all searches can be narrowed down to a particular period of time, or a particular date of publication:

1. The country of origin of published international applications (that is, the country of residence of the applicants or assignees of the application), for instance, you can search for applications originating from a given country, or you can find out which countries are developing a particular technology, for example, integrated circuits (for further information on fields of technology, see 3., below).
2. The number of international applications published in the name of a given applicant. This information can be broken down by the different variants of the applicant's name (for example, if data on "Philips" is requested, the list will include, amongst others: Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V., Philips Intellectual Property & Standards GmbH, and Philips Semiconductors, Inc.). The results given will also include cases where the applicant in question is an assignee (that is, where an international application has been assigned by another applicant to that applicant).
3. International applications by field of technology. For example, you can find out the number of international applications published in a particular field of technology, that is, by IPC subclass (the first four characters of the IPC classification). You can also find out which applicant filed the most international applications in a given field of technology, for example, which applicant filed the most applications relating to pharmaceuticals such as antimalarial drugs. By carrying out a search by applicant, third parties can find out about the inventive activity of a particular applicant. Note that one international application may be counted under several IPC subclasses.
4. Searches for inventions by keywords describing the invention, such as "Type II Collagen". This could be useful when you do not know the IPC subclass for

a given technology. For example, you could find out which IPC subclasses are given to technologies associated with bicycles by typing in the word “bicycles” in the keywords box.

5. Searches by inventor, for example the number of international applications published in the name of a particular inventor, or the fields of technology in which a particular inventor is working.


6. Searches by agent, for example the number and/or fields of technology of international applications filed by a particular agent

For help with more advanced searches, for example, searching by date range, consult “Search Help” from the list of shortcuts on the initial search page, or go to:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/help-search-adv.jsp

New graphics function

Bearing in mind that searches giving a large number of results may be difficult to analyze, the graphics function has been developed to display the results in various ways at the click of a button. It gives anybody access to data regarding published international applications in the form of four graphical charts organized by year of publication, country of origin, applicant name and IPC subclass. This new feature is found on the search results page after searching the relevant information using the Structured, Simple or Advanced Search at www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/.

Once you have obtained your list of applications, on the right hand side of the screen you will see a button which resembles a graph 

If you click on this you will obtain graphical charts, each with an independent scroll bar. Graphics can be generated very quickly for the results of any search, however searches of larger amounts of data will take a little longer.

To narrow down the graphics further, for example, to re-analyze the graphic but only for the top three countries and the top applicant (where there are several applicants listed), click to highlight each item of interest (use the Ctrl key on your keyboard to select more than one entry from a table) then press the Re-analyze

button near the top of the screen. Where you have restricted your search in this way, you will be able to see confirmation of the way the search has been restricted by hovering over the word “restrictions” at the top. Any of the data obtained can be copied by the user into their own files. To carry out a completely new search, return to the original search page, and click on “reset”.

Users of this new feature should be aware of the following:

- The feature extracts and downloads large volumes of data from PatentScope to your local computer. For this reason, it may take several seconds to display the graphics, and **the system is limited to displaying 20,000 results.**

- In the case of an applicant search, the initial search will list **all** applicants with a given name. The graphics data obtained after clicking on the graphics function tab will only give information on the **first-named** applicants in the request. Note that, if the inventor is also listed as an applicant only for the purposes of certain designations, for example, in the case of an applicant/inventor for the purposes of the US designation, the applicant/inventor will not be included in the graphics.

- The way in which you type the name of the applicant may affect your search results, for example “Philips” will get more results than “Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.” because it may include different branches of Philips, and the way in which the applicant’s name was indicated in the request form may vary. Note that typing “Philips” will also list any applicants who are natural persons and whose family name is Philips.

- Where the same IPC subclass is listed multiple times for the same international application, the IPC subclass is counted only once, for example if an international application is listed under B64C 27/20 and B64C 29/00, the subclass B64C will only be counted once and not twice.

For further information on the classification of international applications under the IPC, see:

www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/en/

| PCT Seminar Calendar | | | |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 22 February 2007 Atlanta (US) <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i> | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) and State Bar of Georgia (Mr. Dan White) Tel: (1-770) 466-08 86 or 369-56 64 Fax: (1-706) 369 58 99 E-mail: dwhite@iclega.org Internet: www.iclega.org |
| 8-9 March 2007 San Francisco (US) | English | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | 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 2007 Chicago (US) | English | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | 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 |
| 16 April 2007 Munich (DE) | German | PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 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: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Aeri | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |

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| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
|--|---------------------|--|--|
| 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 |
| 15–16 May 2007 Paris (FR) | French | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr |
| 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 |
| 11–12 September 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced | Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44–207) 539 42 45 E-mail: member@jsjones.fsnet.co.uk |

Other IP events

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.

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PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 2007, 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*, 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 | SKK | Slovak koruna |
| | | 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 |
| AED | United Arab Emirates dirham | CYP | Cyprus pound | KES | Kenyan shilling | PGK | Kina | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| ALL | Albanian lek | CZK | Czech koruna | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PHP | Philippine peso | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| AMD | Armenian dram | DKK | Danish krone | KPW | KP won | PLZ | Polish zloty | ZAR | South African rand |
| AUD | Australian dollar | DZD | Algerian dinar | KRW | KR won | ROL | Romanian leu | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| AZM | Azerbaijani manat | EEK | Estonian kroon | KZT | Kazakh tenge | RSD | Serbian dinar | | |
| 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 February 2007, 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 | USD 1,086 | 12 | 78 | – | – | AT EP SE |
| | (or eq in local currency) | | | | | | | |
| 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 February 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee ¹ | | International filing fee ^{1,2} | | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: | | | Competent ISA(s) ⁴ | |
|----|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} | 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 | EUR | 900 | 10 | 64 | – | – | 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 | 78,500 | 800 | 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 February 2007, 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 1,096,000 | 12,000 | 78,000 | – | 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 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 (from 1.4.07: 7,950) | 90 (90) | 600 (570) | 1,210 (1,140) | 1,810 (1,700) | 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 February 2007, 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 | EUR | 91 | EUR | 900 | | 10 | 64 | – | – | 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 | 8,710 | | 90 | 620 | – | – | AT AU EP US |
| ZM | USD | 50 | USD | 1,086 | | 12 | – | – | – | AT SE |
| 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 February 2007, 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 | 6,590 | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.3.07: AUD 1,600) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CA | CAD | 1,600 | CHF | 1,759 | EUR* | 1,131 | USD | 1,365 | | | | |
| | * (from 1.4.07: EUR 1,050) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 143,000 |
| | JPY | 238,100 | MWK | 248,000 | NOK | 12,990 | NZD | 3,208 | SEK | 15,230 | SGD | 3,120 |
| | USD | 2,059 | 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 | 789,000 | USD | 861 | | |
| 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 | 143,000 | NOK | 12,990 |
| | USD | 2,059 | | | | | | | | | | |
| US | USD | 1,000 | 300 ²⁰ | CHF | 1,289 | 387 ²⁰ | EUR | 762 | 248 ²⁰ | NZD | 1,520 | 440 ²⁰ |
| | ZAR | 7,200 | 2,300 ²⁰ | | | | | | | | | |

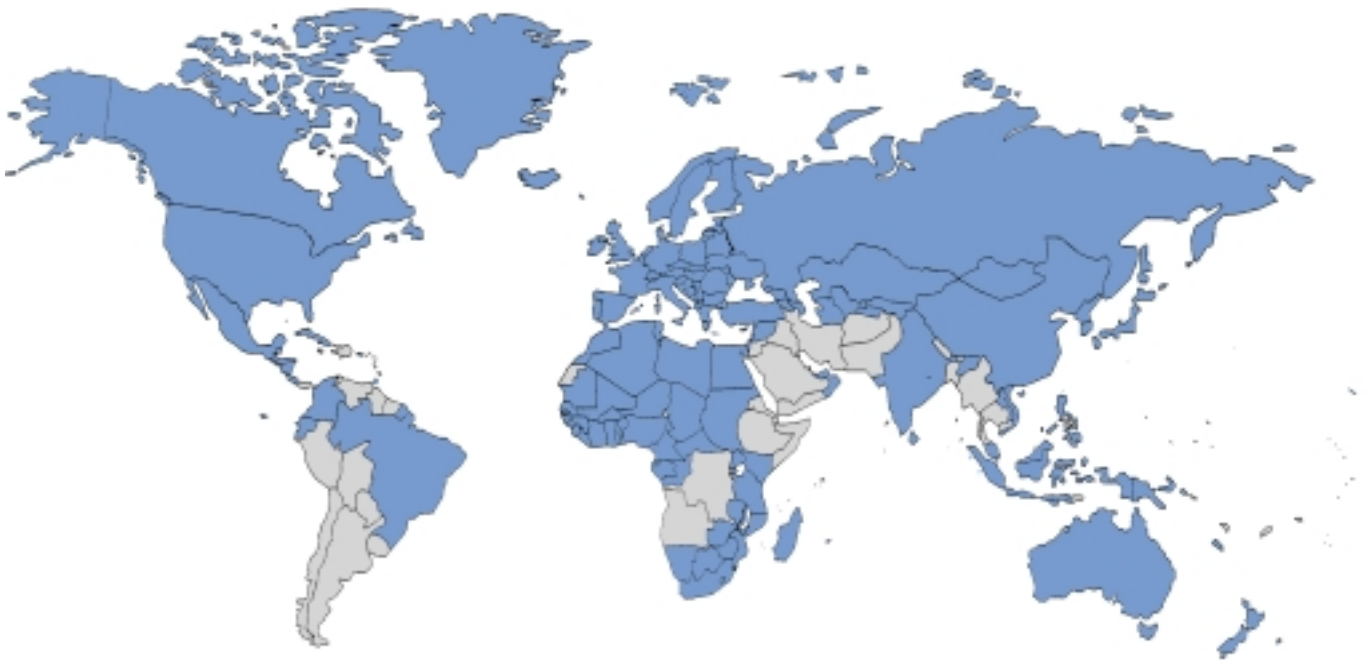
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 February 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee ²¹ | | | Handling fee ^{2, 21} (CHF 200) | |
|------------------|---|-------------------|--|---|---------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | | EUR | 129 |
| AU | AUD | 550 | 1,000* ²² *(from 1.3.07: 780) | AUD | 205 |
| CA | CAD | 800 | | CAD | 182 |
| CN | CNY | 1,500 | | CNY eq CHF | 200 |
| EP ¹⁸ | EUR | 1,595 | | EUR | 129 |
| ES | EUR | 533.76 | | EUR | 129 |
| FI | EUR | 550 | | EUR | 129 |
| JP | JPY | 36,000 | | JPY | 17,400 |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | | KRW | 147,000 |
| RU ¹⁹ | 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 Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
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- 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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*, Annex C (US)).

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|---|------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| AE United Arab Emirates | CU Cuba | IS Iceland (EP) | MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹ | SI Slovenia (EP) ² |
| AG Antigua and Barbuda | CY Cyprus (EP) ² | IT Italy (EP) ² | ML Mali (OA) ² | SK Slovakia (EP) |
| AL Albania ¹ | CZ Czech Republic (EP) | JP Japan | MN Mongolia | SL Sierra Leone (AP) |
| AM Armenia (EA) | DE Germany (EP) | KE Kenya (AP) | MR Mauritania (OA) ² | SM San Marino |
| AT Austria (EP) | DK Denmark (EP) | KG Kyrgyzstan (EA) | MT Malta (EP) (from 1 March 2007) | SN Senegal (OA) ² |
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| CN China | HU Hungary (EP) | MG Madagascar | SC Seychelles | ZW Zimbabwe (AP) |
| CO Colombia | ID Indonesia | | SD Sudan (AP) | |
| CR Costa Rica | IE Ireland (EP) ² | | SE Sweden (EP) | |
| | IL Israel | | SG Singapore | |
| | IN India | | | |

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

Important:

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated April 2006) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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New PCT Contracting State

Dominican Republic (country code: DO)

On 28 February 2007, the Dominican Republic deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 28 May 2007, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 28 May 2007 will automatically include the designation of the Dominican Republic.

Also, because the Dominican Republic 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 28 May 2007. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the Dominican Republic will be entitled, as from 28 May 2007, to file international applications under the PCT.

Malta: Closing of the National Route via the PCT

Malta, which became bound by the PCT and the European Patent Convention on 1 March 2007 (see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 12/2006 and 01/2007, respectively) has informed WIPO that it has closed the national route via the PCT.

Therefore, any international application filed on or after 1 March 2007 will include the designation of Malta for a European patent only, and not for a national patent.

It is recalled that, similarly, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Monaco, the Netherlands and Slovenia may also be designated only for a European patent, and not for a national patent.

Reminder to Use Updated Request Form

Applicants are reminded that, for international applications filed on or after

1 April 2007, the revised version of the Request Form, dated 1 April 2007, should be used. This revised version contains, in Box VI, the option for the applicant to request restoration of the right of priority (see PCT Rule 4.1(c)(v)), as well as the preprinted "Statement of Incorporation by Reference" pursuant to modified PCT Rule 4.18. The editable PDF version is available on the website from the usual forms page:

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

under "Forms in force from April 1, 2007". Other PCT forms have also been revised with effect from the same date – for further details, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2007, page 3.

PCT Information Update

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (fees)

As from 1 April 2007, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable in USD to the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization as designated (or elected) Office (other fees not indicated have not changed):

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| For patent: | |
| filing fee: | USD 250 |
| designation fee, per country: | USD 75 |

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

AU Australia (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, has changed with effect from 1 March 2007:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

Furthermore, as from 15 May 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in AUD of the PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

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

BZ Belize (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Belize Intellectual Property Office has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in addition

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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

to the European Patent Office, as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2007 by nationals and residents of Belize with the Belize Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Office (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Eurasian Patent Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

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|---|----------------|
| Transmittal fee: | see Table I(a) |
| National fee: | |
| unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing): | RUR 25,500 |
| claim fee for each claim in excess of five: | RUR 2,200 |
| examination fee: | RUR 25,500 |

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

GT Guatemala (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala), has specified the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Guatemala with the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala), in its capacity as receiving Office.

IL Israel (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions, the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office is prepared to receive, with effect from 1 February 2007, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskettes, CD-R and CD-ROM.

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

NZ New Zealand (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; fees)

The location and mailing address and the telephone and fax numbers of the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand have changed, as follows:

Location: 205 Victoria Street
Marion Square
Wellington 6141
New Zealand

Mailing address: P.O. Box 9241
Marion Square
Wellington 6141
New Zealand

Telephone: (64-3) 962 26 07
(international calls)

0508 447 669
(national free calls)

Fax: (64-4) 978 36 91

As from 1 May 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NZD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (NZ) and Annex C (NZ))

SG Singapore (fees)

As from 15 May 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in SGD to the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in SGD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Table I(a).

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

SV El Salvador (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Center of Registries (El Salvador) has specified the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of El Salvador with the National Center of Registries (El Salvador), in its capacity as receiving Office.

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 May 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the international filing fee, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa), as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the

PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Table I(a).

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

ZW Zimbabwe (name of Office; location; telephone number; e-mail address)

The name, location, the telephone numbers and the e-mail address of the Zimbabwe Patent Office have changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Zimbabwe Intellectual Property Office

Location: Century House East
38 N. Mandela Avenue
Harare
Zimbabwe

Telephone: (263-4) 78 18 35, 77 55 44/45/46

E-mail: fmaredza@yahoo.com

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office; European Patent Office; Japan Patent Office)

Further to the announcement published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2007 notifying a new amount of the search fee payable in AUD for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office as from 1 March 2007, new equivalent amounts payable in CHF, EUR, KRW, NZD, SGD, USD and ZAR have been established.

As from 1 May 2007, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in USD and EUR for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office and, as from 1 June 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office.

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

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

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Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PowerPoint presentation

A PowerPoint presentation containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations that will en-

ter into force on 1 April 2007 is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2007changes.ppt

Japanese translation of selected passages of the PCT Newsletter

Although summaries in Japanese of the *PCT Newsletter* have been published on the WIPO website since January 2003, an even more detailed translation of the *PCT Newsletter* is now being published in respect of all issues published as from January 2007. See the Japanese *PCT Newsletter* page at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ja/newslett/

Report of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT

The report of the fourteenth session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (document PCT/MIA/14/8) is now available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/mia/14

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements, as in force from 1 March 2007, between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Australian Patent Office and European Patent Office, relating to the functioning of those Authorities as International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT, have been published on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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PCT in the News

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PatentScope Search Service

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Using the search index to obtain information on national phase entries

The PatentScope search service has been updated so that it is now possible to perform a search based on PCT national phase entry information.

It is recalled that a number of patent offices (currently 27) notify WIPO of the PCT international applications that have entered the national phase, as well as other information relating to the national phase. Any user can search such information from the PatentScope database by using the four new search indexes that are shown in the table below.

The search indexes can be further combined using Boolean AND and OR operators. For example, to search for PCT international applications filed by appli-

cants from France and entering the national phase in Australia, the search expression below can be used:

ARE/FR AND NPCC/AU

The following points should be noted when searching and using PCT national phase information:

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- The data in the PatentScope database does not cover all offices or all periods of time. Users should check the country coverage carefully (see: www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/nationalphase.jsp).

Further details about the national phase information available in the PatentScope search service were published in *PCT Newsletters* Nos. 10/2006, page 7 and 12/2006, cover page.

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| Field Code | Description | Example |
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| NPED | National Phase Entry Date | NPED/20060101->20061231 Searches for PCT international applications that entered the national phase between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2006 |
| NPAN | National Phase Application Number | NPAN/11003666 Searches for the PCT application that entered the US national phase as US application number 11/003,666 |
| NPET | National Phase Entry Type | NPET/C Searches for PCT applications that entered the US national phase, filed as a continuation. Possible values are N (standard national phase entry) C (continuation) and P (continuation in part). Note that this information is only available for national phase entries in the US published since January 2006. |

Practical Advice

Change regarding the size of the text in the international application

Q: I have seen that with the rule change package that will enter into force on 1 April 2007, there is a new minimum size for text matter in the international application of 0.28 cm height for capital letters. I will soon be filing an international application, the description and claims of which have already been prepared in Times New Roman font with a 10 point font size with the result that the capital letters are less than the minimum 0.28 cm high. Why was this change in the requirement for the height of the letters made? If the international application is filed in its current format on or after 1 April 2007, will I receive an invitation to correct the size of the text? Are there any other changes to the physical requirements of international applications that I should be aware of?

A: PCT Rule 11.9(d) has been amended with effect from 1 April 2007, so as to increase the minimum height of capital letters in the text matter of the international application from 0.21 cm to 0.28 cm. This new height would be approximately equivalent to a Times New Roman 12 point font, and applies to any text matter of the international application except for the request, noting that the request as such is not published.

Although many applicants already use a larger font size and thereby already meet the new minimum height requirements, it was deemed necessary to change the current minimum height requirement, which dates back to a time when typewriters were used rather than computers. Increasing the minimum height requirement will increase the accuracy of capture where modern information and communications technology is used in the processing of PCT applications. This is the case where international applications have been filed on paper and are converted into electronic form, for example, by way of scanning and subsequent further conversion from image files to text files through Optical Character Recognition (OCR) (which is the way in which all international applications filed on paper are processed at the International Bureau). The accuracy of an OCR conversion is inversely proportional to the size of the text being scanned, and it has been found that the OCR of applications filed using the minimum size of 0.21 cm result in electronic files which contain numerous errors which have to be corrected before they can be properly searched, examined and published.

It has been found that scans of applications using a font size having a capital letter height of no less than 0.28 cm result in an acceptable level of OCR accuracy. Moreover, a larger font size is also much easier for people to read (scientific studies have shown that the ideal font size is 11 or 12).

If the text size in your international application is below the new minimum size of 0.28 cm, you will normally be invited by the receiving Office to correct the defect because of the above-mentioned negative consequences of having text that is too small to be scanned effectively.

Note, however, that now that international publication is in electronic form, many of the other physical defects which may have resulted in invitations to correct during the times of paper publication may no longer have that result, due to the fact that they are not as detrimental to the publication process. It is recalled that, according to PCT Rule 26.3, the physical requirements under PCT Rule 11 will be checked only to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of reasonable uniform international publication. Therefore invitations to correct physical requirements are not normally issued in respect of many of the minor defects, for example, if the line spacing is not set at one and a half, or if the page numbering is not centered.

None of the other requirements under PCT Rule 11 will change on 1 April 2007. However, because of the difficulty that OCR scanners have in recognizing handwritten characters, PCT Rule 26.4 has been amended so as to no longer permit corrections to the international application by hand. Therefore, in the case of a correction of any element of the international application other than the request, the applicant will be required, as from 1 April 2007, to submit a replacement sheet embodying the correction together with an accompanying letter drawing attention to the differences between the replaced sheet and the replacement sheet. As far as any correction to the request form is concerned, such correction may be stated in a letter, without the need to submit a replacement sheet, if that correction is of such a nature that it can be transferred from the letter to the request without adversely affecting the clarity and the direct reproducibility of the sheet onto which the correction is to be transferred.

It is recalled that the texts of the amendments to the Regulations under the PCT, as in force on 1 April 2007, are available in documents PCT/A/34/6 and PCT/A/35/7 at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=135

and that the consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force on 1 April 2007, is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs_april_2007.pdf

Further information about some of the other amendments to the Regulations that will enter into force on 1 April 2007 will be published in the April issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

| PCT Seminar Calendar | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--|---|
| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 12–13 March 2007 Chicago (US) | English | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | 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 |
| 16 April 2007 Munich (DE) | German | PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 17–18 April 2007 Zagreb (HR) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Carrasco Pradas and Ms. Trpkovska | State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia (Mr. Bojan Benko) Tel: (385–1) 610 94 27 Fax: (385–1) 611 20 17 E-mail: bojan.benko@dziv.hr |
| 18–19 April 2007 Helsinki (FI) | Finnish | Seminar for patent administrators on the PCT and PCT-SAFE WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe | Helsinki University of Technology, Lifelong Learning Institute Dipoli (Ms. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358–9) 451 40 47 Fax: (358–9) 451 40 68 E-mail: arja.andsten@dipoli.tkk.fi Internet: www.dipoli.tkk.fi |
| 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: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Aeri | 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 |

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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 |
| 15–16 May 2007 Paris (FR) | French | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr |
| 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 |
| 23–24 May 2007 Copenhagen (DK) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Schwarz and Ms. Trpkovska | Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Turner) Tel: (45) 43 50 65 87 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: LKT@dkpto.dk |
| 11–12 September 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced | Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44–207) 539 42 45 E-mail: member@jsjones.fsnet.co.uk |
| 11–12 October 2007 Helsinki (FI) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Schwarz | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Illmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmariinen@prh.fi |
| 11–12 October 2007 London (GB) | English | 6 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: to be announced | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |
| 24–25 October 2007 Paris (FR) | French | PCT seminar: “La demande PCT” WIPO speakers: to be announced | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr |

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 2007, 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*, 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 | Belarusian rouble | HRK | Croatian kuna | MAD | Moroccan dirham | SGD | Singapore dollar |
| RO | receiving Office | BZD | Belize dollar | HUF | Hungarian forint | MDL | Moldovan leu | SKK | Slovak koruna |
| | | 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 |
| AED | United Arab Emirates dirham | CYP | Cyprus pound | KES | Kenyan shilling | PGK | Kina | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| ALL | Albanian lek | CZK | Czech koruna | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PHP | Philippine peso | PLZ | Polish zloty |
| 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 | EEK | 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 March 2007, 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 | |
|----|-------------------------------|--------|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | Items 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 | USD | 1,086 | 12 | 78 | – | – | AT EP SE | |
| | (or eq in local currency) | | | | | | | | | |
| AT | EUR | 50 | EUR | 900 | 10 | 64 | – | – | EP | |
| AU | AUD | 150 | AUD | 1,531 <i>(from 15.5.07: 1,445)</i> | 16 <i>(15)</i> | 109 <i>(103)</i> | 219 <i>(206)</i> | 328 <i>(310)</i> | 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 | |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 March 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee ¹ | | International filing fee ^{1,2} | | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: | | | Competent ISA(s) ⁴ | | | |
|----|-------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|-------|----------------|
| | | | | Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} | Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ | Item 3(c) ⁷ | Item 3(d) ⁸ | | | | |
| 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 | – | – | CA EP |
| CA | CAD | 300 | CAD | 1,273 | | 14 | | 91 | – | – | CA |
| CH | CHF | 100 | CHF | 1,400 | | 15 | | 100 | – | – | EP |
| CN | CNY | 500 | CNY eq CHF | 1,400 | eq CHF | 15 | eq CHF | 100 | – | – | CN |
| CO | COP 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 | EUR | 900 | | 10 | | 64 | – | – | 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 | 1,600 | 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 | | | | | | | | | | |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 March 2007, 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 | |
| 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 78,500 | 800 | 5,600 | – | – | EP SE |
| IT | EUR 30.99 | EUR 900 | 10 | – | – | – | EP |
| 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 1,096,000 | 12,000 | 78,000 | – | 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 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 |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 March 2007, 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 | |
| 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 (from 1.5.07: 1,613) | 19 (17) | 125 (115) | – | – | 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 (from 1.4.07: 7,950) | 90 (90) | 600 (570) | 1,210 (1,140) | 1,810 (1,700) | EP SE |
| SG | SGD 150 | SGD 1,834 (from 15.5.07: 1,720) | 20 (18) | 131 (123) | – | – | AT AU EP KR ¹⁷ |
| SI | EUR 91 | EUR 900 | 10 | 64 | – | – | 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 |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 March 2007, 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 | |
| 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 | 8,710 (from 1.5.07: 8,230) | 90 (90) | 620 (590) | – | – | AT AU EP US |
| ZM | USD | 50 | USD | 1,086 | 12 | – | – | – | AT SE |
| 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 March 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|------|-----------|-------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | CHF | 311 | KRW | 250,000 | SGD | 410 | USD | 241 | ZAR | 1,830 |
| AU | AUD | 1,600 | CHF | 1,553 | EUR | 962 | KRW | 1,173,000 | NZD | 1,794 | SGD | 1,943 |
| | USD | 1,266 | ZAR | 8,854 | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 143,000 |
| | JPY | 238,100 | MWK | 248,000 | NOK | 12,990 | NZD* | 3,208 | SEK | 15,230 | SGD | 3,120 |
| | USD | 2,059 | 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 | 789,000 | USD* | 861 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 143,000 | NOK | 12,990 |
| | USD | 2,059 | | | | | | | | | | |
| US | USD | 1,000 | 300 ²⁰ | CHF | 1,289 | 387 ²⁰ | EUR | 762 | 248 ²⁰ | NZD | 1,520 | 440 ²⁰ |
| | ZAR | 7,200 | 2,300 ²⁰ | | | | | | | | | |

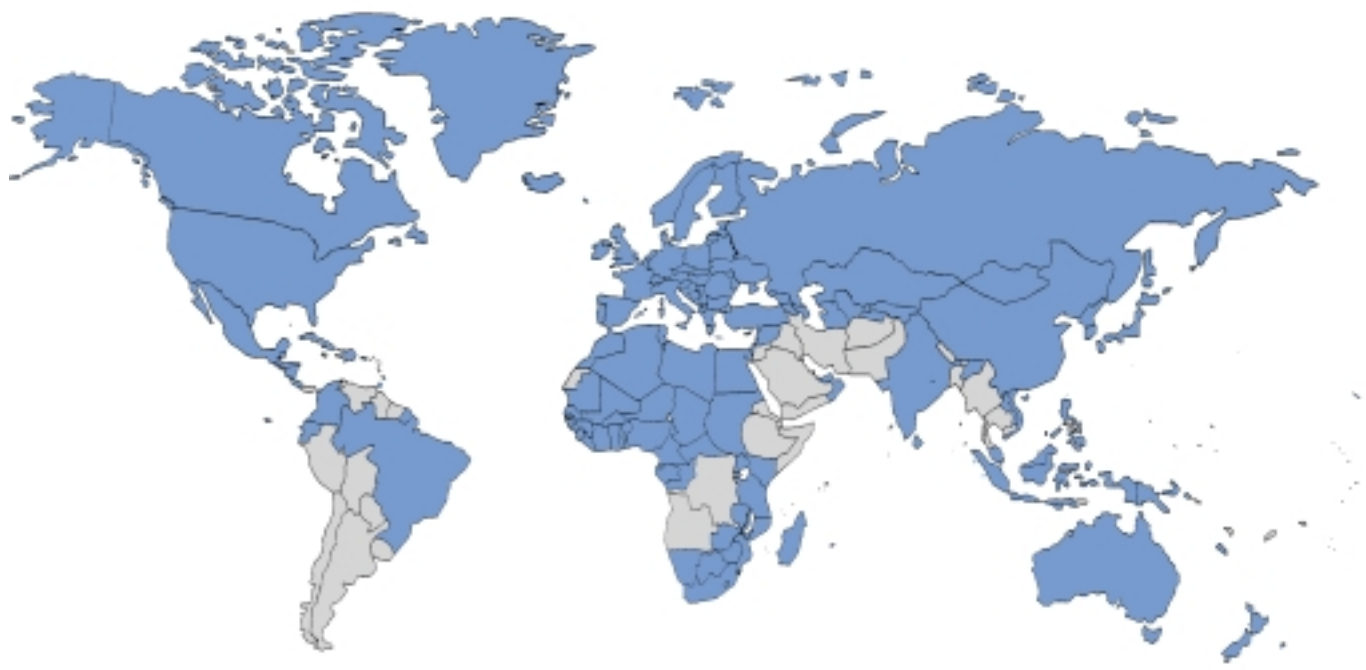
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 March 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee ²¹ | | Handling fee ^{2, 21} (CHF 200) | |
|------------------|---|-------------------|---|---------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | EUR | 129 |
| AU | AUD | 550 | AUD | 205 |
| CA | CAD | 800 | CAD | 182 |
| CN | CNY | 1,500 | CNY eq CHF | 200 |
| EP ¹⁸ | EUR | 1,595 | EUR | 129 |
| ES | EUR | 533.76 | EUR | 129 |
| FI | EUR | 550 | EUR | 129 |
| JP | JPY | 36,000 | JPY | 17,400 |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | KRW | 147,000 |
| RU ¹⁹ | USD | 200 ²³ | USD | 155 |
| SE | SEK | 5,000 | SEK | 1,210 |
| US | USD | 600 | 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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.
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- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope 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*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
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- 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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.
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- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
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- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
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| AG Antigua and Barbuda | CY Cyprus (EP) ² | IN India | MG Madagascar | SE Sweden (EP) |
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| | IE Ireland (EP) ² | | | |

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

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Latvia: Closing of the National Route via the PCT

Latvia has informed WIPO that it has closed the national route via the PCT with effect from 1 March 2007. Therefore, any international application filed on or after 1 March 2007 will include the designation of Latvia for a European patent only, and not for a national patent.

PCT Information Update

(1) Acceptance of requests for restoration of the right of priority

It is recalled that new PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2 relating to requests for restoration of the right of priority before the receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, respectively, entered into force on 1 April 2007. **Detailed information on requesting the restoration of the right of priority is contained in the "Practical Advice" on page 8.**

The Offices listed below have so far notified the International Bureau (IB) of the criteria that they apply for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(a) and 49*ter*.2(a)), and where applicable, of the fee payable for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d) and/or 49*ter*.2(d)). Information on the requirements, if any, under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(f), regarding the furnishing of declarations or other evidence in support of the statement of reasons for failure to file the international application within the priority period, will be available shortly in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C and National Chapters at:

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A table summarizing all the above-mentioned information will also be available shortly on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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

It is recalled that a list of the receiving Offices/designated or elected Offices which have notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility of PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2 with the national law applied by them is available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

AM Armenia

The Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies the "due care" criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

AT Austria

The Austrian Patent Office, in its capacities as receiving Office and as design-

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nated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g) that it applies both the "unintentionality" and the "due care" criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

Fee for requesting
restoration of the right
of priority applying both
the "unintentionality"
and the "due care"
criteria: EUR 220

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

AU Australian Patent Office

The Australian Patent Office has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g) that, in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority, it applies, in its capacity as receiving Office, both the "unintentionality" and the "due care" criteria, and in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, it applies, in accordance with PCT Rule 49ter.2(f), the requirements under the applicable national law. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fees for request-

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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

ing restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3): AUD 200

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the requirements under the applicable national law PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(f):

- for a request on the basis of circumstances beyond the control of the person, regardless of the length of extension sought: AUD 100
- for a request on other grounds, for each month or part of a month for which the extension is sought: AUD 100

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (AU) and the National Chapter (AU))

BY Belarus

The National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus), in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (BY) and the National Chapter (BY))

CA Canada

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i) that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (CA))

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The Eurasian Patent Office, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria as receiving Office, and the “unintentionality” criterion as designated Office, to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “unintentionality” criterion : RUR 16,000

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (EA) and the National Chapter (EA))

EE Estonia

The Estonian Patent Office, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (EE) and the National Chapter (EE))

EG Egypt

The Egyptian Patent Office, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fees for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion:

- for individuals: EGP 800
- for companies employing more than 10 persons: EGP 1,500
- for companies employing less than 10 persons: EGP 1,000
- for research institutions: EGP 800

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (EG) and the National Chapter (EG))

FI Finland

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion : EUR 250

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (FI) and the National Chapter (FI))

GB United Kingdom

The Patent Office (United Kingdom), in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office:

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| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “unintentionality” criterion: | GBP | 150 |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (GB) and the National Chapter (GB))

HR Croatia

The Croatian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

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| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion: | HRK | 150 |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (HR) and the National Chapter (HR))

IB International Bureau

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the International Bureau, in its capacity as receiving Office applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (IB))

IL Israel

The Israel Patent Office, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (IL) and the National Chapter (IL))

KG Kyrgyzstan

The Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i)

and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

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| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria : | USD | 100 |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (KG) and the National Chapter (KG))

LT Lithuania

The State Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i) that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (LT))

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The State Office of Industrial Property (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

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| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion: | MKD | 1,000 |
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MY Malaysia

The Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (MY) and the National Chapter (MY))

RU Russian Federation

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), in its capaci-

ties as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

SE Sweden

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i) that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

SI Slovenia

The Slovenian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i) that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office:

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| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion: | EUR | 42 |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (SI))

SK Slovakia

The Industrial Property Office (Slovakia), in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

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| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion: | SKK | 2,000 |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (SK) and the National Chapter (SK))

UA Ukraine

The State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration

of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fees for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “unintentionality” criterion:

- for residents of States whose per capita national income is below USD 3,000:
UAH 10 (or equivalent in EUR or USD)
- for residents of States whose per capita national income is above USD 3,000:
EUR 50 (or equivalent in UAH or USD)

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

US United States of America

The United States Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i) that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office:

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| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “unintentionality” criterion: | USD | 400 |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US))

(2) Other changes

GB United Kingdom (fees)

As from 1 June 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in GBP to the Patent Office (United Kingdom) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in GBP of the PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

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

Search fee (European Patent Office)

As from 1 June 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in JPY for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

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- using all pages of the old request form except for the second sheet, which you take from the new request form; or
- filing with the international application a separate statement of incorporation of reference.

Even though it is preferable to make use of the most up-to-date version of the request form, you are not obliged to do this. If it wishes to do so, the receiving Office may, however, request you to replace the old version of the request form with the current version.

It is recalled that the editable PCT version of the request form is available at:

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

Change to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 18 May 2007

Due to the fact that Thursday, 17 May 2007, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications which would normally have been published on that day, as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* which would normally have been published on that day, will be published on Friday, 18 May 2007 (publication no. 20/2007).

Note that the completion of technical preparations for that publication will take place more than the usual 15 days before publication, on Wednesday, 2 May 2007, meaning that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international

publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Tuesday, 1 May 2007.

Publication of 31 May 2007

Due to the fact that Thursday, 17 May 2007 will be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on 31 May 2007 (publication no. 22/2007) will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 15 May 2007 (instead of on Wednesday, 16 April 2007, the day on which technical preparations would normally have been completed). This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international application should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Monday, 14 May 2007.

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

Amendments to the PCT Regulations: video presentation

A video presentation in English, containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 April 2007, is now available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/video/files/changes07_256.asx

Similar presentations will also be available in other languages shortly.

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT

Modifications have been made to Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT with effect from 1 April 2007. The text of Appendix I of Annex F as modified has been published as document PCT/AI/DTD/4, dated 23 March 2007, on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm

Administrative Instructions in Russian

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as in force from 12 October 2006, is now available in Russian in PDF format, published as document PCT/AI/5, on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/index.html

Regulations under the PCT

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT in English and French, as in force from 1 April

2007, are now available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope in html format (in addition to PDF format) at, respectively:

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

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/

For information on the paper version of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations under the PCT*, see below.

Request and demand forms

The April 2007 versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) in English, French, German and Spanish, in editable PDF format, are now available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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

Receiving Office forms

Receiving Office forms, as in force from 1 April 2007, in English and French, in PDF editable format, are now available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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

PCT Reform

The documents for the upcoming PCT Reform Meeting, which will be held in Geneva from 23 to 27 April 2007, are now available on WIPO's website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/r/wg/9

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations under the PCT (April 2007 edition)

The International Bureau has published new editions of the English and French texts of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT*, as in force from 1 April 2007.

The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate the language in which the publication is required, should be addressed to the Design, Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO:

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Other languages will be available shortly. For information on the Internet version of the new consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, see "New/updated PCT resources on the Internet," above.

PatentScope Search Service

(www.wipo.int/pctdb)

Full text search range broadened

On 26 March 2007, the PatentScope database was extended, in the case of the Latin character languages (English, French, Spanish, and German), to allow users to search full text data from 1978 (the first year that international applications were published) to present day. Prior to 26 March 2007, it was possible to search the full text of claims and descriptions back to July 1998.

The full text data includes all published text of PCT international applications (including bibliographic data, descriptions and claims) that were filed in English, French, Spanish or German. This 20-year extension of availability of claims and descriptions means users will get more results than searching front page bibliographic data only. Searches of full text can be carried out in the following ways:

- in the default Structured Search interface: choose "Any Field".
- in the Advanced Search interface: choose "Full text"
- in the Simple Search interface: precede your text with the field codes CL/ (to search claims) and DE/ (to search descriptions). Text not preceded by a field code will search only the front page bibliographic data in the Simple Search interface.

Extension of PatentScope Glossary

On 28 March 2007, the PatentScope search Glossary was reformatted and extended to 87 terms. It is available at:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/help-results.html

The purpose of the Glossary is to help searchers to understand the terminology used when searching the PatentScope database.

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.018.193), dated 1 April 2007, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

This version ("build 193") includes modifications to the PCT request form, the latest new PCT Contracting States, enhanced Annex F compliance checking for fully electronic applications, revised fee schedules and other PCT updates.

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

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

Notice to Users of the EPO's *epoline*® Online Filing Software

Applicants who file international applications in electronic form via the European Patent Office's *epoline*® Online Filing Software on or after 1 April 2007 should be aware that, due to some delays in the implementation of the April 2007 Rule changes and in view of the necessary time for the incorporation of the changes made in this context to the PCT request into the *epoline*® Online Filing Software, an update of that software which includes the April 2007 Rule changes will most likely only be available some weeks after 1 April 2007.

As a result, applicants using the *epoline*® Online Filing Software for the filing of international applications between 1 April 2007 and the time when the updated software becomes available, will not as easily be able to take advantage of some of the new features of the 1 April 2007 Rule changes. This concerns primarily the possibility to incorporate by reference missing elements or parts into the international application (amended PCT Rule 20). In order to rely on the incorporation by reference, pursuant to PCT Rules 4.18 and 20, a statement of incorporation by reference needs to be included in the request at the time of filing, or if not contained in the request on that date, it has to be otherwise contained in, or submitted with, the international application.

Both the paper request form and the request in the PCT-SAFE software (fully electronic and PCT-EASY mode) will include such a statement as of 1 April 2007. Applicants using the *epoline*® Online Filing Software will, however, not have such a statement included in the software until the PCT plug-in is updated, and if they wish to make use of the new Rule, they should **add such a statement either in the request (as an Annotation or Remark) or as a separate document submitted together with the international application.**

Practical Advice

Restoration of the right of priority where the international application is filed more than 12 months from the filing date of the earlier application whose priority is claimed.

Q: I am just about to file an international application in which the priority of an earlier national application is claimed. Unfortunately, however, I have missed the 12-month priority period as the earlier application was filed 12 months and two weeks ago. Is it possible to restore the right of priority, and if so, how do I do this?

A: Amendments to the PCT Regulations have been made, with effect from 1 April 2007, to enable the applicant to restore the right of priority of an earlier filed application if the international application is filed outside the priority period (that is, after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of the earlier application whose priority is claimed (PCT Rule 2.4)), provided that the international application is filed within two months from the date on which the priority period expired. For example, if your earlier application had been filed on 1 March 2006, the priority period would have expired on 1 March 2007, and, provided your international application is filed by 1 May 2007, it may still be possible for you to request the restoration of the right of priority.

If you include the priority claim and you do not request the restoration of the right of priority, the receiving Office, provided that that Office has not notified the International Bureau (IB) of the incompatibility of PCT Rule 26bis.3 with its national law (for a list of such Offices, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf), may notify you of the possibility of submitting to the receiving Office a request to restore the right of priority by way of revised Form PCT/RO/110 ("Invitation to Correct Priority Claim and/or Notification of Possibility to Request Restoration of the Right of Priority").

Such a request for the restoration of the right of priority may be made, subject to certain conditions, during the international phase before the receiving Office (PCT Rule 26bis.3), or later, during the national phase, before the designated Office (PCT Rule 49ter.2). The conditions and procedures applicable before each authority are discussed, separately, below.

(A) Request for the restoration of the right of priority during the international phase

PCT Rule 26bis.3 "Restoration of the Right of Priority by Receiving Office"

It may be more beneficial for applicants to request the restoration of the right of priority initially during

the international phase with the receiving Office, as the decision of the receiving Office may have effect in many of the designated Offices. Note, however, that ***it is not possible to restore the priority claim before the receiving Office in all situations, and it is not possible to do so before all receiving Offices*** - there are several conditions which must be met, and actions that must be taken, as described below:

(1) The international application must be filed on or after 1 April 2007 (the date of entry into force of the new rule).

(2) The receiving Office with which the international application is filed should be one which has not filed a notice under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(j) of the incompatibility of PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(a) to (i) with its national law - requests for the restoration of the right of priority should not be made before the receiving Offices of the States and intergovernmental organization that have notified the IB of such incompatibility¹. If the receiving Office with which you normally file is one of these Offices, you have the usual option of filing your international application with the IB as receiving Office (RO/IB), which does allow for the restoration of the right of priority. Notwithstanding, if you do file an application with a receiving Office which has notified the IB of such incompatibility, the receiving Office may apply the procedure under PCT Rule 19.4(a)(iii) whereby it will transmit the application to RO/IB.

Furthermore, even if a receiving Office has notified the IB of the incompatibility of PCT Rule 26*bis*.3 with its national law, PCT Rule 26*bis*.2(c)(iii), which is applicable in respect of ***all*** receiving Offices, provides that a priority claim shall not be considered void if the international filing date is within two months from the date on which the priority period expired. Also, the date of the earlier application will serve as a basis to calculate time limits during the international phase.

(3) Depending on the criteria applied by the receiving Office², one of the following criteria for restoration must be satisfied:

a) the failure to file the international application within the priority period occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken; or

b) the failure to file the international application within the priority period was unintentional.

Note that some receiving Offices will, if the applicant so requests, apply both criteria - first "due care" and then the more lenient "unintentional".

If conditions (1) and (2) are met and you think that the applicable criterion for restoration of the right of priority under (3) can be satisfied, the following actions must be taken, where applicable:

(4) The request for restoration of the right of priority (hereinafter: "request for restoration") must be filed with the receiving Office within the time limit of two months from the expiration of the priority period; if made at the time of filing the international application, it should preferably be made by using the Section provided for this purpose in Box No. VI "Priority Claim" of the request form dated 1 April 2007. If filed separately, it can be submitted in a letter (there is no specific form for this).

(5) The request for restoration must be supplemented by a statement explaining the reasons for failure to file the international application within the priority period. That statement should indicate, for each earlier application concerned, the filing date, the earlier application number and the name or two-letter code of the country, Member of the World Trade Organization, regional Office or receiving Office. Then, for each earlier application concerned, the applicant should state the reasons for the failure to file the international application within the priority period (PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(a) and 26*bis*.3(b)(ii)).

(6) Some receiving Offices² may require the payment of a fee, which should be paid within the time limit of two months from the expiration of the priority period (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(e)).

(7) Some receiving Offices² may require the furnishing, within a reasonable time limit, of a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement of reasons (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(f)). This should preferably be submitted to the receiving Office together with the request for restoration.

Note that the time limit for submitting the request for restoration and/or, if applicable, the fee payable therefor, may be less than two months from the expiration of the priority period where the applicant makes a request for early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b), in which case they should be submitted before the completion of technical preparations for publication (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(e)).

For the restoration of the right of priority to be effective, the receiving Office must find that the criterion applied by it has been satisfied. When the receiving Office has made a decision on the request for restoration, it will notify the applicant and the International Bureau of its decision and of the criterion for restora-

tion upon which the decision was based (PCT Rule 26bis.3(h)(iii)). It is important to note that even if the receiving Office restores the priority claim, the validity of the priority claim in the national phase cannot be assured (see further details about the designated office, below).

Rule 49ter.1 "Effect of Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office" on designated Office

(1) Where the right of priority has been restored by the receiving Office:

The restoration of the right of priority by the receiving Office is, in principle, binding on the designated Office, but a limited review by the latter is possible. Whether the designated Office accepts the decision of the receiving Office will depend on:

(a) whether the designated Office has notified the IB of the incompatibility of PCT Rule 49ter.1 with its national law - if it is one of the Offices of the States or intergovernmental organization which has notified the IB of such incompatibility³ it does not have to accept that decision;

(b) for all other designated Offices, it will depend on the criterion/criteria for restoration used by the receiving Office:

- any right of priority which has been restored using the "in spite of due care" criterion is effective, subject to PCT Rule 49ter.1(c) and (d), in all such designated Offices;
- any right of priority which has been restored using the "unintentional" criterion is effective, subject to PCT Rule 49ter.1(c) and (d), in all such designated Offices which, under their applicable national law, apply that criterion or a criterion which, from the viewpoint of the applicant, is more favorable.

(2) Where the request for restoration of the right of priority has been refused by the receiving Office:

No designated State is bound by the decision of the receiving Office; any designated Office may consider the request for restoration submitted to the receiving Office to be a request for restoration submitted to it as designated Office under PCT Rule 49ter.2(a). It is recalled that even if the receiving Office refused to restore the right of priority, the priority claim will not be considered void during the international phase (see PCT Rule 26bis.2(c)(iii)).

(B) Request for the restoration of the right of priority during the national phase

Rule 49ter.2 "Restoration of Right of Priority by Designated Office"

According to PCT Rule 49ter.2, where the international application claims the priority of an earlier ap-

plication and has an international filing date which is later than the date on which the priority period expired but within the period of two months from that date, the designated Office will, on the request of the applicant, restore the right of priority if the Office finds that a criterion for restoration applied by it is satisfied. You may want to request the restoration of the right of priority in the national phase, rather than in the international phase, in the following situations:

- if the receiving Office was one of those which have declared that PCT Rule 26bis.3 is incompatible with its national law, and the international application was not transmitted to the IB as receiving Office under PCT Rule 19.4;
- if the receiving Office refused the request for restoration; or
- if you simply did not request the restoration of the right of priority during the international phase.

If you request the restoration of the priority right before the designated Office, there are several conditions which must be met and actions that must be taken, as described below:

(1) The international application must be filed on or after 1 April 2007, or, if the international application was filed before 1 April 2007, the acts referred to in PCT Article 22(1) must be performed on or after 1 April 2007.

(2) The request for restoration must be filed within a time limit of one month from the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22. As was indicated above, even where the receiving Office has refused to restore the right of priority, the priority claim remains in the application and time limits will be calculated from the filing date of the priority claim which has not been restored, including the time limit under PCT Article 22.

(3) That request should state the reasons for the failure to file the international application within the priority period and, where applicable before the designated Office concerned², be accompanied by any declaration or other evidence required and a fee.

(4) The designated Office will restore the right of priority if it finds that the criterion for restoration applied by it² is satisfied.

(5) It may not be possible to restore the right of priority before a designated Office if it is the Office of one of the States or intergovernmental organization which has notified the IB of the incompatibility of PCT Rule 49ter.2 with its national law³.

A table showing information furnished to the IB by receiving Offices and designated Offices on the criterion/criteria applied by them, and on whether a fee is payable and/or whether other evidence is required in support of the request for restoration is under preparation and will be published shortly on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope. Information on the criteria applied by, and the requirements of the Offices will also be published shortly in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C, and will be notified in the *PCT Newsletter* and the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* as and when the IB is notified of those requirements or of any changes to them.

Footnotes to practical advice:

1. The Offices of the following States and intergovernmental organization have notified the IB of the incompatibility of PCT Rule 26bis.3 with the national law applied by them: Algeria, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic, European Patent Office, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain (situation on 1 April 2007).
2. See last paragraph for further information.
3. The Offices of the following States and intergovernmental organization have notified the IB of the incompatibility of PCT Rule 49ter.1 and 2 with the national law applied by them: Algeria, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic, European Patent Office, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United States of America (situation on 1 April 2007).

| PCT Seminar Calendar | | | |
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| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 16 April 2007 Munich (DE) | German | PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 17-18 April 2007 Zagreb (HR) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Carrasco Pradas and Ms. Trpkovska | State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia (Mr. Bojan Benko) Tel: (385-1) 610 94 27 Fax: (385-1) 611 20 17 E-mail: bojan.benko@dziv.hr. |
| 18-19 April 2007 Helsinki (FI) | Finnish | Seminar for patent administrators on the PCT and PCT-SAFE WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe | Helsinki University of Technology, Lifelong Learning Institute Dipoli (Ms. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358-9) 451 40 47 Fax: (358-9) 451 40 68 E-mail: arja.andsten@dipoli.tkk.fi Internet: www.dipoli.tkk.fi |
| 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: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Aeri | 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 |
| 15 May 2007 Sapporo (JP) | Japanese | PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi | University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jauiptm.jp |
| 15-16 May 2007 Paris (FR) | French | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr |

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| 16 May 2007 Tokyo (JP) | Japanese | PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi | University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jauiptm.jp |
| 18 May 2007 Fukuoka (JP) | Japanese | PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi | (see Tokyo, above) |
| 22 May 2007 Brussels (BE) | French | PCT presentation within the framework of the "Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets 2006-2007" WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i> | 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 |
| 23-24 May 2007 Copenhagen (DK) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Schwarz and Ms. Trpkovska | Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Turner) Tel: (45) 43 50 65 87 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: LKT@dkpto.dk |
| 7-8 June 2007 Ottawa (CA) | English | 2007 Canadian PCT Administrators' Roundtable WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Ms. Aeri <i>[Requirement: minimum 2 years experience in PCT and foreign filing; limited number of places available]</i> | Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (Ms. Sue Gibson) Tel: (1-613) 787 35 50 Fax: (1-613) 787 35 58 E-mail: sgibson@blgcanada.com |
| 13-14 June 2007 Hamburg (DE) | German | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 11-12 September 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced | Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44-207) 539 42 45 E-mail: member@jsjones.fsnet.co.uk |
| 8-9 October 2007 Oslo (NO) | English | PCT seminar for consultants WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Schwarz | Norwegian Patent Office (Vigdis Aaserud) Tel: (47-22) 38 73 14/38 73 00 Fax: (47-22) 38 73 31 E-mail: vaa@patentstyret.no |
| 11-12 October 2007 Helsinki (FI) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Schwarz | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Illmarinen) Tel: (358-9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358-9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.illmarinen@prh.fi |

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| 11–12 October 2007 London (GB) | English | 6 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: to be announced | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |
| 24–25 October 2007 Paris (FR) | French | PCT seminar: “La demande PCT” WIPO speakers: to be announced | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr |
| 28–29 November 2007 Boston, Massachusetts (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell | Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Lee Carl Bromberg, President) Tel: (1–617) 443 92 92 Fax: (1–617) 443 00 04 (Attention: Lee Bromberg) E-mail: lbromberg@bromsun.com |

Other IP events

Strategic Innovation, Technology and Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Geneva (CH), 16 to 19 April 2007

An intensive program designed for middle to senior level executives who wish to learn how to strategically use the intellectual property regime to fuel innovation, maximize return on investment in R&D and move their firm up the technology ladder. The program blends innovation and technology management with IP management to offer a unique learning experience. Thought leaders from leading business schools and the corporate world will reveal unique insights and experiences using lectures, case studies, best practices and group discussions. The program includes the essentials of product design and development. For further information on this event, see: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/gva_apr_07/

WIPO-Kellogg Biotechnology: Strategies for Management of Intellectual Property Executive Program, Chicago (US), 11 to 14 June 2007

As companies seek to achieve competitive advantage through exploitation of their technological assets, managing intellectual property has become a key issue for these companies. In most cases, intellectual property is responsible for more than 70% of the market value of companies in the S & P index. This course is designed to expose participants to the various organizational skills needed so as to confidently develop, analyze and negotiate the IP of their corporation. Faculty from Kellogg School of Management and WIPO will help you understand the strategic issues involved in IP management. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty. For further information on this event, see: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/chg_jun_07/index.html

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 April 2007, 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*, 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:

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| 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 |
| | | BYR | Belarussian rouble | HRK | Croatian kuna | MAD | Moroccan dirham | SGD | Singapore dollar |
| ISA | International Searching Authority | BZD | Belize dollar | HUF | Hungarian forint | MDL | Moldovan leu | SKK | Slovak koruna |
| | | CAD | Canadian dollar | IDR | Indonesian rupiah | MKD | Macedonian denar | TJS | Tajik somoni |
| RO | receiving Office | 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 |
| AED | United Arab Emirates dirham | CYP | Cyprus pound | KES | Kenyan shilling | PGK | Kina | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| | | CZK | Czech koruna | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PHP | Philippine peso | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| ALL | Albanian lek | DKK | Danish krone | KPW | KP won | PLZ | Polish zloty | ZAR | South African rand |
| AMD | Armenian dram | DZD | Algerian dinar | KRW | KR won | ROL | Romanian leu | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| AUD | Australian dollar | EEK | Estonian kroon | KZT | Kazakh tenge | RSD | Serbian dinar | | |
| AZM | Azerbaijani manat | EUR | Euro | LSL | Lesotho loti | RUR | Russian rouble | | |
| BAM | Convertible mark | GBP | Pound sterling | | | | | | |

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 April 2007, 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 |
|----|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | | | Items 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 | 150 | AUD | 1,531 <i>(from 15.5.07: 1,445)</i> | 16 <i>(15)</i> | 109 <i>(103)</i> | 219 <i>(206)</i> | 328 <i>(310)</i> | 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 | – | – | CA 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 April 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee ¹ | | International filing fee ^{1,2} | | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: | | | Competent ISA(s) ⁴ | |
|----|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} | 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 | EUR | 900 | 10 | 64 | – | – | 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 | 1,600 | 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 (from 1.6.07: 574) | 7 (6) | 44 (41) | 87 (82) | 131 (123) | 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 | 78,500 | 800 | 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 April 2007, 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 1,096,000 | 12,000 | 78,000 | – | 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 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 (from 1.5.07: 1,613) | 19 (17) | 125 (115) | – | – | 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 7,950 | 90 | 570 | 1,140 | 1,700 | EP SE |
| SG | SGD 150 | SGD 1,834 (from 15.5.07: 1,720) | 20 (18) | 131 (123) | – | – | AT AU EP KR ¹⁷ |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 April 2007, 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 | EUR | 91 | EUR | 900 | | 10 | 64 | – | – | 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 | 8,710 (from 1.5.07: 8,230) | | 90 (90) | 620 (590) | – | – | AT AU EP US |
| ZM | USD | 50 | USD | 1,086 | | 12 | – | – | – | AT SE |
| 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 April 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|------|-----------|-------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | CHF | 311 | KRW | 250,000 | SGD | 410 | USD | 241 | ZAR | 1,830 |
| AU | AUD | 1,600 | CHF | 1,553 | EUR | 962 | KRW | 1,173,000 | NZD | 1,794 | SGD | 1,943 |
| | USD | 1,266 | ZAR | 8,854 | | | | | | | | |
| CA | CAD | 1,600 | CHF | 1,759 | EUR | 1,050 | 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 | 143,000 |
| | JPY* | 238,100 | MWK | 248,000 | NOK | 12,990 | NZD* | 3,208 | SEK | 15,230 | SGD | 3,120 |
| | USD | 2,059 | ZAR | 14,920 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | * (from 1.6.07: JPY | 255,300 | NZD | 3,010) | | | | | | |
| 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 | 789,000 | USD* | 861 | | |
| | | | * (from 1.5.07: EUR | 616 | USD | 797) | | | | | | |
| 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 | 143,000 | NOK | 12,990 |
| | USD | 2,059 | | | | | | | | | | |
| US | USD | 1,000 | 300 ²⁰ | CHF | 1,289 | 387 ²⁰ | EUR | 762 | 248 ²⁰ | NZD | 1,520 | 440 ²⁰ |
| | ZAR | 7,200 | 2,300 ²⁰ | | | | | | | | | |

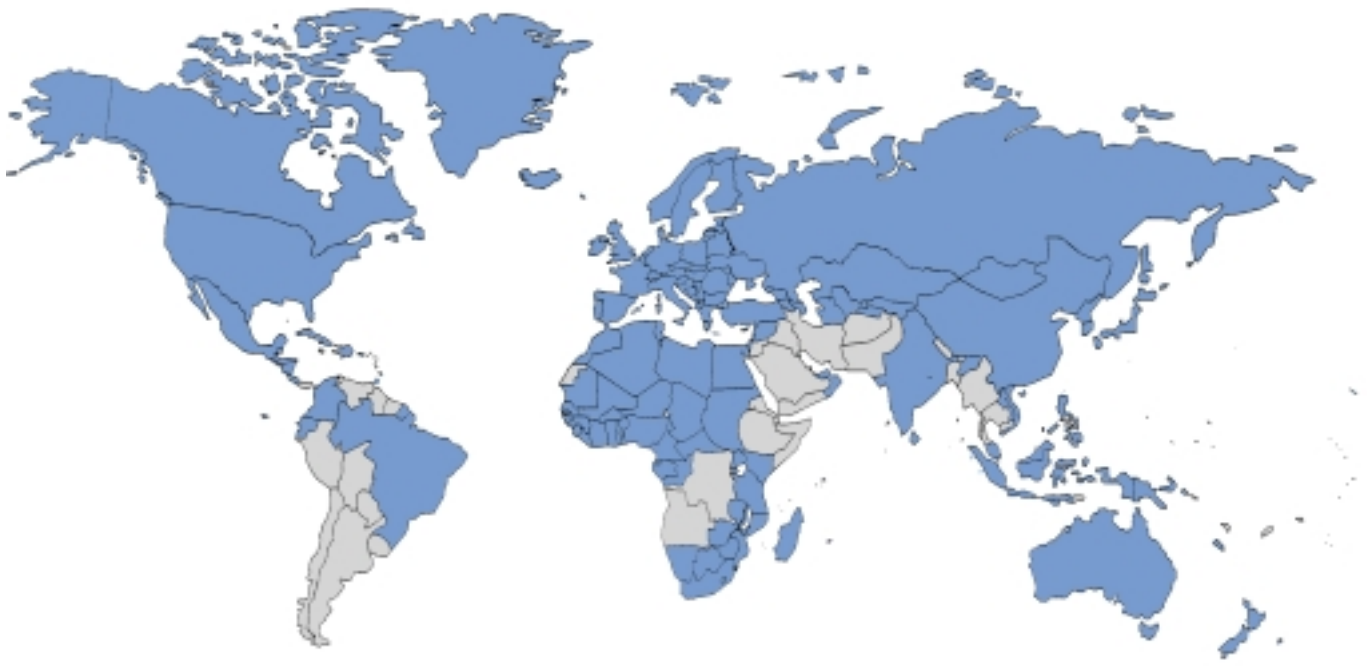
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 April 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee ²¹ | | Handling fee ^{2, 21} (CHF 200) | |
|------------------|---|-------------------|---|---------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | EUR | 129 |
| AU | AUD | 550 | AUD | 205 |
| CA | CAD | 800 | CAD | 182 |
| CN | CNY | 1,500 | CNY eq CHF | 200 |
| EP ¹⁸ | EUR | 1,595 | EUR | 129 |
| ES | EUR | 533.76 | EUR | 129 |
| FI | EUR | 550 | EUR | 129 |
| JP | JPY | 36,000 | JPY | 17,400 |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | KRW | 147,000 |
| RU ¹⁹ | USD | 200 ²³ | USD | 155 |
| SE | SEK | 5,000 | SEK | 1,210 |
| US | USD | 600 | 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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*, Annex C (US)).

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| AG Antigua and Barbuda | CZ Czech Republic (EP) | IS Iceland (EP) | MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹ | SK Slovakia (EP) |
| AL Albania ¹ | DE Germany (EP) | IT Italy (EP) ² | | SL Sierra Leone (AP) |
| AM Armenia (EA) | DK Denmark (EP) | JP Japan | | SM San Marino |
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| BG Bulgaria (EP) | FI Finland (EP) | LA Lao People's Democratic Republic | MZ Mozambique (AP) | TM Turkmenistan (EA) |
| BH Bahrain | FR France (EP) ² | LC Saint Lucia | NA Namibia (AP) | TN Tunisia |
| BJ Benin (OA) ² | GA Gabon (OA) ² | LI Liechtenstein (EP) | NE Niger (OA) ² | TR Turkey (EP) |
| BR Brazil | GB United Kingdom (EP) | LK Sri Lanka | NG Nigeria | TT Trinidad and Tobago |
| BW Botswana (AP) | GD Grenada | LR Liberia | NL Netherlands (EP) ² | TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP) |
| BY Belarus (EA) | GE Georgia | LS Lesotho (AP) | NO Norway | UA Ukraine |
| BZ Belize | GH Ghana (AP) | LT Lithuania (EP) | NZ New Zealand | UG Uganda (AP) |
| CA Canada | GM Gambia (AP) | LU Luxembourg (EP) | OM Oman | US United States of America |
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| CG Congo (OA) ² | GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ² | LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | PH Philippines | VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| CH Switzerland (EP) | GR Greece (EP) ² | MA Morocco | PL Poland (EP) | VN Viet Nam |
| CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ² | GT Guatemala | MC Monaco (EP) ² | PT Portugal (EP) | ZA South Africa |
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| | IE Ireland (EP) ² | | SE Sweden (EP) | |
| | IL Israel | | SG Singapore | |

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Filing and Processing of International Applications in Electronic Form

State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China begins receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

On 20 March 2007, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified WIPO under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 May 2007. The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 19 April 2007 and is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.htm

Working Group on Reform of the PCT

The ninth session of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT was held in Geneva from 23 to 26 April 2007.

Recommendations for Amendments to the Regulations

The Working Group approved proposed amendments to the Regulations, with a view to their submission to the PCT Assembly for consideration at its next session, in September/October 2007, to permit the applicant to request that the International Searching Authority take into account the results of an earlier search by another Office. This would be similar to the current possibility of taking into account a search which the Office acting as International Searching Authority had conducted itself.

Also approved for submission to the Assembly were minor amendments to PCT

Rule 29.1 (for clarification) and to PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d) (to permit a receiving Office to extend the time limit for payment of a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority).

While the Working Group reached agreement on what would be an appropriate set of amendments to the Regulations in order to implement a system of optional supplementary international searches as part of the international phase, there was no consensus that such a system was desirable, and thus no consensus to submit proposed amendments of the Regulations implementing such a system to the PCT Assembly for consideration at its next session.

Future Work

The Working Group noted that, while there would be an ongoing need to assess and adapt the Regulations to changing needs, there were no items remaining on its agenda which related to

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Reform of the PCT in accordance with the mandate set by the PCT Assembly in 2000. Consequently, the Working Group recommended that the PCT Assembly formally declare that the work of the Committee and Working Group on Reform of the PCT has been completed and that the mandate of both bodies has come to an end.

The report of the session (document PCT/R/WG/9/8) and other meeting documents will be made available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/r/wg/9

Modifications to the Receiving Office Guidelines

A number of modifications have been made, with effect from 1 April 2007, to the Receiving Office Guidelines and will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 April 2007. The consolidated text of the Receiving Office Guidelines (RO/GL/RO/5) is available under "PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (as in force from April 1, 2007)" in English and French at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.htm and
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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.

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| 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

Budapest Treaty

Accession by the Dominican Republic

On 3 April 2007, the Dominican Republic deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 67. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to the Dominican Republic on 3 July 2007.

This updates the table of States party to the Budapest Treaty that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2006.

Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws

SG Singapore (PCT Rules 20.8(a), 20.8(b), 26bis.3(j), 49ter.1(g) and 49ter.2(h))

Further to its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rules 20.8(a) and 20.8(b) (incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements), 26bis.3(j) (restoration of right of priority by receiving Office), 49ter.1(g) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office) and 49ter.2 (h) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office), as modified with effect from 1 April 2007, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 07/2006), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in its capacity as receiving Office, and where applicable, designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 April 2007.

PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), 20.6, 26bis.3(a) to (i), 49ter.1(a) to (f) and 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore apply with respect to the Office with effect from that date, but only in the case of international applications the international filing date of which is on or after 1 April 2007.

The table of “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” has been updated accordingly – see under subheading “Updating of various PCT tables” on page 6 for details.

PCT Information Update

(1) Acceptance of requests for restoration of the right of priority

For background information on the above-mentioned subject, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2007, pages 1 and 8.

In addition to the Offices listed in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2007, the Offices listed below have notified the International Bureau (IB) of the criteria that they apply for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rules 26bis.3(a) and 49ter.2(a)), and where applicable, of the fee payable for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d) and/or 49ter.2(d)).

For information on a new table summarizing information received by the International Bureau regarding restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices and designated Offices under PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2, see page 6.

DK Denmark

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g) that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

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| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion: | DKK 3,000 |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (DK) and the National Chapter (DK))

PL Poland

The Patent Office of the Republic of Poland, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g) that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

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| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion: | PLZ | 70 |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (PL) and the National Chapter (PL))

RS Serbia

The Intellectual Property Office (Serbia), in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g) that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Fur-

thermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

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| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the "due care" criterion: | RSD | 900 |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (RS) and the National Chapter (RS))

SG Singapore

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies both the "unintentionality" and the "due care" criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

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| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying both the "unintentionality" and the "due care" criteria: | SGD | 250 |
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(For information on the withdrawal of the Office's notification of incompatibility under PCT Rules 26.3(j) and 49*ter*.2(h), see page 3.)

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

(2) Other changes

AU Australia (fees)

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

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| Fee for priority document: | AUD | 100 |
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (AU))

EP European Patent Office (acceptance of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format)

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 April 2007, any PCT-EASY applications (that is, applications filed on paper and accompanied by the request form data and abstract on a physical medium) filed with the EPO will be processed as international applications filed on paper, and PCT-EASY physical media received by the EPO will be disregarded. Moreover, from 1 April 2007, no international application filed with the EPO as receiving Office will benefit from the fee reduction applicable to PCT-EASY applications.

As a result, in its latest update, the PCT-SAFE software has been modified accordingly when the EPO is selected as receiving Office.

It is recalled that the EPO accepts the filing of international applications in fully electronic form using the *epoline*® Online Filing Software and the PCT-SAFE software.

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

GB United Kingdom (name of Office; fax number; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name, fax number, and the e-mail and Internet addresses of the Patent Office (United Kingdom) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:

United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office
(an operating name of the Patent Office)

Fax: (44-1633) 81 77 77

E-mail: pct@ipo.gov.uk
(for PCT enquiries only)
enquiries@ipo.gov.uk
(for general enquiries)

Internet: www.ipo.gov.uk

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

ID Indonesia (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) as receiving Office, has changed with effect since 15 February 2007:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

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

IL Israel (fees; requirements concerning sequence listings; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media – *corrigendum*)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, has changed with effect from 1 April 2007:

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| Fee for priority document: | ILS | 78 |
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The Office has notified a change in the type of electronic medium that it accepts for the filing in electronic form of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto. The Office is now prepared to accept CD-R, rather than CD-ROM.

With reference to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2007, on page 3, the physical me-

dia which the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office is prepared to receive with effect from 1 February 2007 for the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, should have read: 3.5 inch diskettes and CD-R.

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

LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (general information)

General information about the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Libyan Industrial Property Office as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (LY) and Annex C (LY)) at:

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

SG Singapore (means of telecommunication; time when name and address of inventor must be given)

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has informed the IB of a change concerning the kinds of documents which may be filed by fax; only documents not requiring the payment of any fees may now be so transmitted. The Office has also removed its requirement to furnish the original of the document in all cases.

Furthermore, the Office has made a clarification concerning the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Singapore is designated (or elected), as follows:

“Where an application is initiated on or after 1 April 2007 and enters the national phase on the express request of the applicant prior to the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), that is, an express request made under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2), the time limit to give the name and address of the inventor, where required, is the later of the following periods:

- (a) 16 months from the declared priority date, or where there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of the application; or
- (b) two months from the date of national phase entry.”

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

Search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 July 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international

search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation) and in the equivalent amount (of the higher amount – the lower amount remains unchanged) payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

For the purposes of payment of fees to the IB as receiving Office, there will be a change, as from 1 July 2007, in the equivalent amount (of the lower amount – the higher amount remains unchanged) payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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

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

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

Amendments to the PCT Regulations: video presentations

Some readers have reported difficulties viewing the video presentation of the amendments to the PCT Regulations that entered into force on 1 April 2007, that was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2007. To overcome these viewing problems, the video has been made available from the following FTP site, under the folder 2007.

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html

Readers may download the video from the FTP site and view it offline, thus avoiding the browser problems encountered with the streaming video.

The video presentation is now also available in German and Spanish at the following addresses:

www.wipo.int/pct/de/video/files/changes07_256.asx

www.wipo.int/pct/es/video/files/changes07_256.asx

and it will also soon be possible to download these videos from German and Spanish FTP sites.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PowerPoint presentations in Chinese, German and Japanese

The Chinese, German and Japanese versions of the PowerPoint presentation containing an overview of

the amendments to the PCT Regulations that entered into force on 1 April 2007 are now available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/zh/texts/ppt/2007changes.ppt

www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/ppt/2007changes.ppt

www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/ja/texts/ppt/2007changes.ppt

Table concerning restoration of the right of priority

A new table summarizing information received by the International Bureau regarding restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices and designated Offices under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2 is available in English at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/restoration.html

The French version of the table will be available shortly.

The International Patent System in 2006 – Yearly Review of the PCT

“The International Patent System in 2006 – Yearly Review of the PCT” is now available in English and French in HTML and PDF formats at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/activity/

Receiving Office forms

An expanded collection of Receiving Office forms in German in editable format, which includes all of the forms that were updated in April 2007, is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/ro/index.htm

The World Intellectual Property Organization is grateful to the European Patent Organisation for preparing these translations.

It is recalled that the forms in English and French are also available at:

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

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/

Filled-in Request and Demand Forms

The filled-in April 2007 versions of the Request Form (PCT/RO/101) and Demand Form (PCT/IPEA/401) in English, French, German and Spanish are now available at:

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

Modifications to the Receiving Office Guidelines

For details, see page 2.

Updating of various PCT tables

The following tables have been updated with effect from 1 May 2007: “Applicability of 75% Reduction in Certain PCT fees” and “States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization”. They are available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

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

The table of “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” has also been updated in English, French, German and Spanish at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

PCT in the News

The *WIPO Magazine* seeks out the people behind the patents. In the latest edition, innovators from Israel (“Chute to safety”), Australia (“Shark shock”) and the United States of America (“Zapping deadly chemicals with nano-particles”) pit human ingenuity against natural and unnatural hazards. Extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* 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 you may view the complete issue of the *WIPO Magazine* at:

www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/index.html

Requesting Changes under PCT Rule 92*bis* in Respect of Multiple PCT Applications

In cases where the recording of a change under PCT Rule 92*bis* concerning the applicant, inventor or the agent is to be requested in respect of a number of different international applications, applicants or their

agents sending such requests to the International Bureau (IB) should preferably do so by way of a single letter in which the PCT application numbers concerned are listed (either in the body of the letter or in an attachment) rather than sending a separate letter for each international application concerned. Not only would this normally reduce the workload of the applicant/agent concerned, but it also facilitates the procedure at the IB where the change is then recorded for all applications concerned at the same time.

When sending such requests, please take note of the following:

- **the listing of the PCT application numbers concerned is very important** – it is not sufficient to simply request the change “in respect of all international applications filed by the applicant/agent”;
- should any of the other agents from a firm be handling different international applications, **separate requests should be sent by each agent** in respect of the international applications they are handling.

In order to ensure that the change is recorded promptly, the request for recording of changes should be sent direct to the IB, rather than to the receiving Office*, and should be sent by fax to the general PCT fax number: +41–22 338 82 70 (it is not necessary to send a confirmation copy by mail).

For further information on requesting the recording of changes under PCT Rule 92*bis*, see the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07/2005, and the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, paragraphs 427 to 431 (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf) (which includes important information on requirements for powers of attorney).

* Not all receiving Offices may be prepared to accept a request for recording a change in respect of multiple applications in a single letter.

New Contact Numbers for Processing Teams at the International Bureau

The processing of international applications at the International Bureau (IB) is carried out by 12 teams (including the team which carries out the functions of the IB as receiving Office). Each team now has its own central contact details (phone and fax numbers and e-mail address) and calls and messages to that central point can be accessed by the whole team. The central contact details will be indicated on PCT Forms sent to applicants, agents, offices and authorities, together with the name of the authorized officer concerned. The advantage of the central contact is that if the authorized officer is absent there will be some-

one available to answer the enquiry every working day, throughout the day.

For **published** international applications the contact details can be searched on PatentScope at the following address:

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

By typing the PCT application number in the box provided, the contact details of the team and the name of the supervisor in charge of the application will be given.

Practical Advice

Later furnishing of missing elements or parts of the international application

Q: I recently filed an international application in which a number of pages of the description were inadvertently omitted. The application claimed the priority of an earlier national application filed on 25 April 2006. Is it possible to submit those missing pages without affecting the international filing date which was originally accorded (4 April 2007), and if so, what must I do?

A: Following the recent entry into force of amendments to the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing elements or parts of the international application, it is possible for you to submit the missing pages of the description without affecting your international filing date, provided that certain conditions are met (further details follow). Amended PCT Rule 20 enables the inclusion of accidentally omitted *elements* of the international application referred to in PCT Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) (that is, the whole of the description or the whole of the claims) or *parts* of the international application (that is, part of the description, part of the claims or part or all of the pages of drawings) that were completely contained in an earlier filed application, the priority of which is claimed in the international application, without affecting the international filing date. Those amendments entered into force on 1 April 2007 and are applicable in respect of international applications filed on or after that date (hence they will not apply to international applications in respect of which one or more elements referred to in PCT Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office before 1 April 2007).

In order to make use of this new incorporation by reference procedure, the following requirements must be met:

- (1) the priority of the earlier filed application must have been claimed in the international application;

(2) the missing element or part must be completely contained in the earlier application concerned (PCT Rule 20.6(b));

(3) the request must contain the statement of incorporation by reference under PCT Rule 4.18, which is preprinted in the request form dated 1 April 2007¹ or, if that version of the request form was not used, a separate statement of incorporation by reference must have been filed together with the international application;

(4) confirmation of the incorporation by a written notice submitted to the receiving Office, stating that the element or part is incorporated by reference in the international application. The time limit for doing this is two months from the date on which one or more elements referred to in PCT Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, or, where the receiving Office has issued an invitation to correct the application, two months from the date of that invitation (see PCT Rule 20.7)². The notice of confirmation should be accompanied by:

(a) the missing sheet or sheets which contain the element or part as contained in the priority application;

(b) a (simple) copy of the earlier application as filed, unless such copy has already been submitted in the form of the priority document under Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-bis);

(c) a translation of the earlier application, if required (see PCT Rule 20.6(a)(iii)); and

(d) in the case of a missing part, an indication as to where in the earlier application (and, if applicable, where in the translation) the missing part is contained.

Note that if the applicant does not realize that an element or part of the international application is missing but the receiving Office does so when determining whether the application fulfills the requirements of Article 11(1) and/or when checking whether the international application complies with the formality requirements of the PCT, it will invite the applicant either:

(1) *in the case of a missing element:*

(a) to furnish the missing element as a correction under PCT Article 11(2), in which case the international filing date will be the date of receipt by the receiving Office of the missing element (assuming that all other Article 11(1) requirements are fulfilled) (see Rule 20.3(b)(i)); or, alternatively,

(b) to confirm in accordance with Rule 20.6 the incorporation by reference of the missing element, in which case the missing element will be considered to have been contained in the international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received, and the international filing date will be the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled (see Rule 20.3(b)(ii)); or

(2) *in the case of a missing part:*

(a) to complete the international application by furnishing the missing part, in which case:

(i) if no international filing date has yet been accorded, the missing part will be included in the international application and the international filing date will be the date on which all requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled (see Rule 20.5(b)); or

(ii) if an international filing date has already been accorded, the missing part will be included in the international application and the international filing date corrected to the date on which the missing part was received by the receiving Office (see Rule 20.5(c)); in this case, the applicant has the option, however, of maintaining the original filing date by requesting that the missing part be disregarded (see PCT Rule 20.5(e));

(b) to confirm in accordance with Rule 20.6 the incorporation by reference of the missing part, in which case the missing part will be considered to have been contained in the international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received, and the international filing date will be the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled (see Rule 20.5(d)).

Designated (and elected) Offices may, to a limited extent, review the decisions by receiving Offices to allow incorporation by reference (see PCT Rule 82ter.1(b) to (d)).

It is important to note that a number of receiving Offices³ and designated Offices⁴ have notified the International Bureau (IB) of the incompatibility of certain PCT Rules relating to incorporation by reference of missing elements or parts with the national law applied by those Offices. Consequently, those receiving Offices which have so notified the IB will not apply the Regulations concerning incorporation by reference but instead, in the case of the later furnishing of a missing element or part:

- (a) accord a later international filing date; or
- (b) in the case of a missing part, correct the international filing date so that it is the date of receipt of the missing part, leaving the applicant the option, however, of maintaining the original filing date by requesting that the missing part be disregarded (PCT Rule 20.5(e)).

Similarly, those designated Offices which have so notified the IB may treat the international application, in the case of the later furnishing of a missing element or part:

- (c) as if the international application had been accorded a later international filing date under Rule 20.3(b)(i) or 20.5(b); or
- (d) in the case of a missing part, as if the international filing date had been corrected under Rule 20.5(c), in which case the designated (or elected) Office must, however, give the applicant the opportunity to maintain the original filing date by requesting that the missing part be disregarded (PCT Rule 82*ter*.1(d)).

Footnotes to Practical Advice:

1. If you filed your international application in electronic form, you should check with your receiving Office whether the software you used at the time of filing had been updated to include that statement.
2. If a notice confirming the incorporation by reference of an element is received by the receiving Office after the expiration of the applicable time limit under PCT Rule 20.7(a) but before that Office notifies the applicant under PCT Rule 20.4(i) that the application will not be treated as an international application, that applicant's notice will be considered to have been received within that time limit (PCT Rule 20.7(b)).
3. The receiving Offices of the following States and intergovernmental organization have notified the IB under PCT Rule 20.8(a) of the incompatibility of PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6 with the national law applied by them: Belgium, Cuba, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Spain and the European Patent Office.
4. The designated Offices of the following States and intergovernmental organization have notified the IB under PCT Rule 20.8(b) of the incompatibility of PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6 with the national law applied by them: China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Turkey and the European Patent Office.

| PCT Seminar Calendar | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 14 May 2007 Zurich (CH) | German | PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i> | Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pieter Spierenburg) Tel: (41-56) 485 94 94 Fax: (41-56) 485 94 95 E-mail: ceipi@patent-anwalt.ch |
| 15 May 2007 Sapporo (JP) | Japanese | PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi | University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jauiptm.jp |
| 15-16 May 2007 Paris (FR) | French | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr |
| 16 May 2007 Tokyo (JP) | Japanese | PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi | (see Sapporo, above) |
| 18 May 2007 Fukuoka (JP) | Japanese | PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi | (see Sapporo, above) |

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| PCT Seminar Calendar [continued] | | | |
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| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 22 May 2007 Brussels (BE) | French | PCT presentation within the framework of the "Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets 2006–2007" WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i> | 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 |
| 28–29 May 2007 Singapore (SG) | English | PCT update and workshop WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Mr. Reischle | Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) (Ms. Parameswari Ramalingam) Tel: (65) 63 31 65 69 Fax: (65) 63 31 65 62 E-mail: ramalingam_parameswari@ipos.gov.sg |
| 30–31 May 2007 Johor Baru (MY) | English | PCT workshop WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Mr. Reischle | Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO) – (Ms. Jamilah Kamaruddin) Tel: (60–3) 2263 21 16 E-mail: jamilah@myipo.gov.my – (Ms. Khadijah Md Zin) Tel: (60–3) 2263 21 62 E-mail: khadijah@myipo.gov.my – (Ms. Phelomena) Tel: (60–3) 2263 21 50 E-mail: phelo@myipo.gov.my Fax: (60–3) 2274 13 32/2274 84 68 |
| 7–8 June 2007 Ottawa (CA) | English | 2007 Canadian PCT Administrators' Roundtable WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Ms. Aeri <i>[Requirement: minimum 2 years experience in PCT and foreign filing; limited number of places available]</i> | Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (Ms. Sue Gibson) Tel: (1–613) 787 35 50 Fax: (1–613) 787 35 58 E-mail: sgibson@blgcanada.com |
| 13–14 June 2007 Hamburg (DE) | German | Advanced 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: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 21–22 June 2007 Copenhagen (DK) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Turner) Tel: (45) 43 50 65 87 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: LKT@dkpto.dk |
| 25–26 June 2007 Gothenburg (SE) | German | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office) | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 2 July 2007 Osaka (JP) | Japanese | PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto | Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81–3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81–3) 35 81 12 05 |
| 3 July 2007 Nagoya (JP) | Japanese | PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto | (see Osaka, above) |
| 5 July 2007 Tokyo (JP) | Japanese | PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto | (see Osaka, above) |

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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 |
|---|----------------------------|--|--|
| 11–12 September 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced | Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44–207) 539 42 45 E-mail: member@jsjones.fsnet.co.uk |
| 5–6 October 2007 Riverside, Iowa (US) | English | PCT presentation within the framework of the annual Continuing Legal Education seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association (IIPLA) (Ms. Wendy Marsh) Tel: (1–515) 288 36 67 Fax: (1–515) 288 13 38 E-mail: marsh@ipmvs.com |
| 5–6 October 2007 Riverside, Iowa (US) | English | PCT presentation within the framework of the annual Continuing Legal Education seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association (IIPLA) (Ms. Wendy Marsh) Tel: (1–515) 288 36 67 Fax: (1–515) 288 13 38 E-mail: marsh@ipmvs.com |
| 8–9 October 2007 Oslo (NO) | English | PCT seminar for consultants WIPO speakers: to be announced | Norwegian Patent Office (Vigdis Aaserud) Tel: (47–22) 38 73 14/38 73 00 Fax: (47–22) 38 73 31 E-mail: vaa@patentstyret.no |
| 11–12 October 2007 Helsinki (FI) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Illmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmariinen@prh.fi |
| 11–12 October 2007 London (GB) | English | PCT presentation at the 6 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |
| 24–25 October 2007 Paris (FR) | French | PCT seminar: “La demande PCT” WIPO speakers: to be announced | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr |
| 28–29 November 2007 Boston, Massachusetts (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and another to be announced | Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Lee Carl Bromberg, President) Tel: (1–617) 443 92 92 Fax: (1–617) 443 00 04 (Attention: Lee Bromberg) E-mail: lbromberg@bromsun.com |

Other IP events

WIPO-Kellogg Biotechnology: Strategies for Management of Intellectual Property Executive Program, Chicago (US), 11 to 14 June 2007

As companies seek to achieve competitive advantage through exploitation of their technological assets, managing intellectual property has become a key issue for these companies. In most cases, intellectual property is responsible for more than 70% of the market value of companies in the S & P index. This course is designed to expose participants to the various organizational skills needed so as to confidently develop, analyze and negotiate the IP of their corporation. Faculty from Kellogg School of Management and WIPO will help you understand the strategic issues involved in IP management. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty. For further information on this event, see: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/chg_jun_07/index.html

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 2007, 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*, 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 | LVL | Latvian lat | SEK | Swedish krona |
| IPEA | International Preliminary Examining Authority | BRR | Brazilian real | GHC | Ghanaian cedi | LYD | Libyan dinar | SGD | Singapore dollar |
| | | BYR | Belarussian rouble | HRK | Croatian kuna | MAD | Moroccan dirham | SKK | Slovak koruna |
| ISA | International Searching Authority | BZD | Belize dollar | HUF | Hungarian forint | MDL | Moldovan leu | TJS | Tajik somoni |
| | | CAD | Canadian dollar | IDR | Indonesian rupiah | MKD | Macedonian denar | TND | Tunisian dinar |
| RO | receiving Office | CHF | Swiss franc | ILS | New Israel shekel | MWK | Malawian kwacha | TTD | Trinidad and Tobago dollar |
| | | CNY | Yuan renminbi | INR | Indian rupee | MXP | Mexican peso | | |
| <i>Currencies:</i> | | 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 |
| AED | United Arab Emirates dirham | CYP | Cyprus pound | KES | Kenyan shilling | PGK | Kina | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| | | CZK | Czech koruna | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PHP | Philippine peso | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| ALL | Albanian lek | DKK | Danish krone | KPW | KP won | PLZ | Polish zloty | ZAR | South African rand |
| AMD | Armenian dram | DZD | Algerian dinar | KRW | KR won | ROL | Romanian leu | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| AUD | Australian dollar | EEK | Estonian kroon | KZT | Kazakh tenge | RSD | Serbian dinar | | |
| AZM | Azerbaijani manat | EUR | Euro | LSL | Lesotho loti | RUR | Russian rouble | | |
| BAM | Convertible mark | GBP | Pound sterling | LTL | Lithuanian litas | SDP | Sudanese pound | | |

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 May 2007, 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 | USD 1,086 | 12 | 78 | – | – | AT EP SE |
| | (or eq in local currency) | | | | | | | |
| AT | EUR | 50 | EUR 900 | 10 | 64 | – | – | EP |
| AU | AUD | 150 | AUD 1,531 (from 15.5.07: 1,445) | 16 (15) | 109 (103) | 219 (206) | 328 (310) | 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 |
| BH | Information not yet available | | | | | | | |
| 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 | – | – | CA EP |
| CA | CAD | 300 | CAD 1,273 | 14 | 91 | – | – | CA |
| CH | CHF | 100 | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | EP |
| CN | CNY | 500 | CNY eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | CN |
| CO | COP 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 | EUR 900 | 10 | 64 | – | – | 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 | 1,600 | 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 |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 May 2007, 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 | | | |
| EG | USD | 142 | USD | 1,086 | 12 | 78 | – | – | – | AT EP US | |
| EP | EUR | 105 | EUR | 900 | 10 | – | 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 (from 1.6.07: 574) | 7 (6) | 44 (41) | 87 (82) | 131 (123) | – | 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 or EUR ¹² or USD ¹² | 100 64 79 | CHF or EUR or USD | 1,400 900 1,086 | 15 10 12 | 100 64 78 | 200 129 155 | 300 193 233 | – | See footnote 13 | |
| ID | IDR | 1,000,000 | 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 | 78,500 | 800 | 5,600 | – | – | – | EP SE | |
| IT | EUR | 30.99 | EUR | 900 | 10 | – | – | – | – | EP | |
| JP | JPY | 13,000 | JPY | 130,300 | 1,400 | 9,300 | – | 27,900 | – | EP JP | |
| KE | USD (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing | 250 | 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 | 1,096,000 | 12,000 | 78,000 | – | 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 | LYD ⁹ | – | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | – | AT EP | |
| MA | None | None | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | – | – | – | – | AT EP RU SE | |
| MC | EUR | 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 | None | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | – | EP RU | |
| MT | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 1,613 | 17 | 115 | – | – | – | AU EP KR US | |
| OA | XAF ⁹ | – | XAF eq CHF | 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | – | – | – | AT EP RU SE | |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 May 2007, 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 | |
| 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 | 7,950 | 90 | 570 | 1,140 | 1,700 | – | EP SE |
| SG | SGD | 150 | SGD (from 15.5.07: 1,720) | 1,834 (1,720) | 20 (18) | 131 (123) | – | – | – | AT AU EP KR ¹⁷ |
| SI | EUR | 91 | EUR | 900 | 10 | 64 | – | – | – | 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 | 8,230 | 90 | 590 | – | – | – | AT AU EP US |
| ZM | USD | 50 | USD | 1,086 | 12 | – | – | – | – | AT SE |
| 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 May 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | CHF | 311 | KRW | 250,000 | SGD | 410 | USD | 241 | ZAR | 1,830 |
| AU | AUD | 1,600 | CHF | 1,553 | EUR | 962 | KRW | 1,173,000 | NZD | 1,794 | SGD | 1,943 |
| | USD | 1,266 | ZAR | 8,854 | | | | | | | | |
| CA | CAD | 1,600 | CHF | 1,759 | EUR | 1,050 | 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 | 143,000 |
| | JPY* | 238,100 | MWK | 248,000 | NOK | 12,990 | NZD* | 3,208 | SEK | 15,230 | SGD | 3,120 |
| | USD | 2,059 | ZAR | 14,920 | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.6.07:) | | JPY | 255,300 | NZD | 3,010 | | | | | | |
| 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 | 616 | KRW | 789,000 | USD | 797 | | |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | CHF | 280 | EUR | 180 | NZD | 347 | SGD | 380 | USD | 232 |
| RU ¹⁹ | USD | 300 | CHF | 387 | EUR* | 248 | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.7.07:) | | EUR | 222 | | | | | | | | |
| SE | SEK | 15,230 | CHF | 2,525 | DKK | 12,050 | EUR | 1,615 | ISK | 143,000 | NOK | 12,990 |
| | USD | 2,059 | | | | | | | | | | |
| US | USD | 1,000 | 300 ²⁰ | CHF* | 1,289 | 387 ²⁰ | EUR* | 762 | 248 ²⁰ | NZD | 1,520 | 440 ²⁰ |
| | ZAR | 7,200 | 2,300 ²⁰ | | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.7.07:) | | CHF | 1,216 | 387 ²⁰ | EUR | 762 | 222 ²⁰ | | | | |

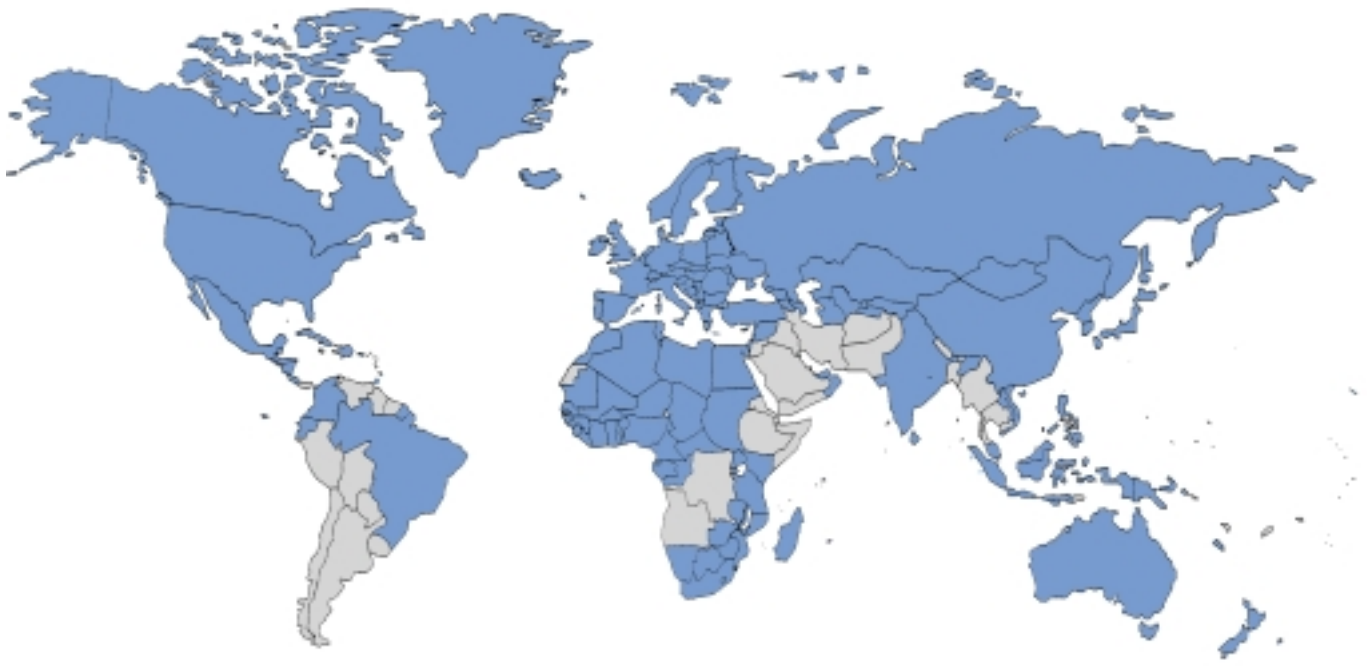
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 May 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee²¹ | | Handling fee^{2, 21} (CHF 200) | |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-----------------------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | | EUR 129 |
| AU | AUD | 550 | 780 ²² | AUD 205 |
| CA | CAD | 800 | | CAD 182 |
| CN | CNY | 1,500 | | CNY eq CHF 200 |
| EP¹⁸ | EUR | 1,595 | | EUR 129 |
| ES | EUR | 533.76 | | 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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*, Annex C (US)).

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| AE United Arab Emirates | CY Cyprus (EP) ² | IN India | MG Madagascar | SI Slovenia (EP) ² |
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| CU Cuba | ID Indonesia | | SE Sweden (EP) | |
| | IE Ireland (EP) ² | | SG Singapore | |
| | IL Israel | | | |

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

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Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated April 2007) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain PCT Articles and Rules with National Laws

Sweden (PCT Article 22(1) and PCT Rules 49ter.1(g) and 49ter.2(h))

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2002), the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it has withdrawn its notification with effect from 1 July 2007.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), the Office has notified the IB that the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase before it as designated Office and as elected Office is, with effect from 1 July 2007, 31 months from the priority date. (Updating of table of time limits for entering the national/regional phase under PCT Chapters I and II).

Further to its notifications of incompatibility under PCT Rules 49ter.1(g) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office) and 49ter.2(h) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office) as modified with effect from 1 April 2007, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2006), the Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the IB that it has withdrawn the said notifications with effect from 1 July 2007. PCT Rules 49ter.1(a) to (f) and 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore apply with respect to the Office with effect from that date.

Furthermore, the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the IB under PCT Rule 49ter.2(g) that it applies the "due care" criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Canada (PCT Rule 51bis.2(c))

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(ii) with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2001, page 2), the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the IB that it has withdrawn its notification with effect from 2 June 2007. PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(ii), concerning certain circumstances in which documents or evidence may not be required by the designated Office, therefore applies from that date.

New PCT Wheel

A new PCT Wheel, covering priority dates from January 2006 to December 2007, was inserted at the last minute in the paper version of the May 2007 issue of the *PCT Newsletter* (No. 05/2007).

The PCT Wheel, which was created by patent attorneys from Davies Collison Cave, Melbourne, Australia, enables PCT users to quickly calculate the time limits for submitting priority documents (when necessary), filing amendments under PCT Article 19, filing a demand

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It is recalled that the PCT Time Limit Calculator, a web-based resource for the computing of essential PCT time limits, is also available, free of charge, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/calculator/pct-calculator.html

A complete description of the Calculator is given in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2006.

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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 (only until 30 June 2007)
- 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

Update on the States of Serbia and Montenegro: the PCT and Extended European Patents

In a notice dated 23 May 2007, the European Patent Office published information concerning the Co-operation and Extension Agreement with the former State Union of Serbia and Montenegro. Please find below information about the applicability of the PCT in Serbia and in Montenegro (see 1(a) and 2(a)) and a summary of the information published by the EPO in connection with the extension of European patents (see 1(b) and 2(b)).

(1) Serbia

(a) *Applicability of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (reminder)*

As published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2006, cover page, as a result of the declaration of independence adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro on 3 June 2006, Serbia deposited, on 19 September 2006, a declaration to the effect that the PCT continues to be applicable as from 3 June 2006 in that State. It is recalled that, pursuant to that declaration, nationals and residents of Serbia can file international applications, and Serbia is automatically designated in international applications filed on or after 4 June 2006. Any international application the international filing date of which is prior to 4 June 2006 and in which the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro was designated will be recognized in Serbia. For further details, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2006, page 3.

(b) *Extension of European patents*

It is recalled that prior to 3 June 2006 it was possible to extend a European patent to Serbia and Montenegro. The government of the Republic of Serbia informed the European Patent Office (EPO) on 27 November 2006 that Serbia continues to exercise its rights and meet its commitments under the Agreement between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the European Patent Organisation on Co-operation in the Field of Patents of 26 November 2001, signed and ratified by the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro. It therefore remains possible to extend a European patent to Serbia. For further information, see the Notice from the EPO dated 23 May 2007 listed under "Updates" at:

www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/InformationEPO/archiveinfo/20070523.html

(2) Montenegro

(a) *Applicability of the Patent Cooperation Treaty*

Further to the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2007 of information concerning the declara-

tion of independence by Montenegro (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2006) and the declaration by Montenegro that the PCT continues to be applicable, as from 3 June 2006, in respect of that State (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2007), we inform you that the International Bureau (IB) has made comments on draft regulations submitted by the Montenegrin authorities that would provide the legal basis giving international applications effect in Montenegro where Serbia and Montenegro was designated and which were filed before its independence. These draft regulations also provide for international applications currently being processed in Serbia, and patents already granted in Serbia based on international applications. The IB is awaiting further news from Montenegrin officials.

As soon as the final text of the Regulations has been notified to the IB, a notice will be published to clarify these outstanding matters, and what steps, if any, need to be taken by applicants who wish their international applications or patents to have effect in Montenegro.

(b) *Extension of European patents*

The EPO has announced that, although it remains possible to extend a European patent to Serbia (see above), the EPO has not, up to now, been contacted by the government of the Republic of Montenegro with regard to the Co-operation and Extension Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the former State Union of Serbia and Montenegro. As soon as the EPO has any further news on this matter, it will make another announcement, but in the meantime, it has published the following information:

"...the European Patent Office bases the applicability of the Co-operation and Extension Agreement on the following assumptions:

"Serbia is the legal successor to the State Union as regards the Co-operation and Extension Agreement. As of 4 June 2006 the Co-operation and Extension Agreement no longer applies to the territory of Montenegro. European patent applications and PCT applications filed after 3 June 2006 and entering the European phase, and European patents resulting from such applications, can be extended to the territory of Serbia only.

"The protection conferred by pending European patent applications and PCT applications filed up to 3 June 2006 and entering the European phase, and by European patents resulting from such applications, can be extended to the territory of Serbia. The European Patent Office will endeavour, in co-operation with the Serbian

and Montenegrin authorities, to clarify whether the protection resulting from such applications and patents can also be extended to the territory of Montenegro.”

For further information see the above-mentioned Notice from the EPO.

PCT Information Update

CH Switzerland (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The location and mailing address and the telephone and fax numbers of the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property will change as from 25 June 2007, as follows:

Location and mailing address:

Stauffacherstrasse 65
CH-3003 Bern
Switzerland

Telephone: (41-31) 377 77 77

Fax: (41-31) 377 77 78

In addition, the e-mail and Internet addresses of the Office have changed, as follows:

E-mail: info@ipi.ch

Internet: www.ige.ch

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

RU Russian Federation (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 9 January 2007:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

Fee for priority document: RUR 600

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

There has been a change, with effect from 7 June 2007, in the amount payable in USD, as well as in the

equivalent amounts payable in CHF and EUR, for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), as indicated in Table I(b), as well as a change in the amount of the fees indicated below:

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| Additional search fee: | USD | 500 |
| Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per page: | USD | 3 |
| Late furnishing fee: | USD | 150 |

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP, ES, RU, SE and US) and E (RU))

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In accordance with PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, paragraphs 21.17 and 21.18, the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities make annual reports on the quality management systems which they have implemented for their work as International Authorities. The reports for the year 2006 are now available on the website from the following link:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html

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The German section of the website has been updated to improve navigability for German-speaking users. Those resources that are available in German are highlighted while links to alternative language versions in English and French are included where no translation in German is available. See:

www.wipo.int/pct/de/

German version of the PCT Regulations

The Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2007, are now available in German, in PDF format, at:

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Other language versions will follow shortly.

Regional patents via the PCT

The table of PCT Contracting States for which a regional patent can be obtained via the PCT was updated on 1 June 2007, and is available at:

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Filing and Processing of International Applications in Electronic Form

Possible problem with page count when using PCT-SAFE/epoline® Online Filing Software

It has come to the attention of the International Bureau (IB) that where the PCT-SAFE software or the **epoline®** Online Filing Software has been used for fully electronic filing of an international application (especially when using versions of the software incorporating changes required in accordance with amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 April 2007), there may, in the case of a limited number of international applications, be a discrepancy between the number of pages constituting the request form on the client side (applicant's computer using the software) and the number of pages on the server side (the receiving Office server). Several international applications have been identified where differences in style sheets have resulted in greater line-spacing on the client side than on the server side.

In the event of any discrepancy in the number of pages of the request caused by problems with the software, the IB does not want the applicant to be put at a disadvantage as far as the "fee per sheet over 30" is concerned. The IB as a receiving Office has therefore adopted the following procedure, and is proposing to other receiving Offices that they adopt a similar means to resolve any such fee issues that may arise:

- Where the client side shows more pages than on the server side, the applicant may have overpaid the amount of the "fee per sheet over 30" component of the international filing fee, in which case the receiving Office should refund the difference to the applicant.
- If the server side has more pages than counted on the client side, the receiving Offices should not charge a fee for the "extra pages".

A patch for the PCT-SAFE software, which stabilizes line-spacing, was released on 25 May 2007 and all PCT-SAFE registered users have been notified of this (see PCT-SAFE update, below, for details).

The EPO will, as soon as possible, issue a patch for its software which fixes the problem. This only concerns **epoline®** users filing PCT applications with the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland, the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) and the IB as receiving Offices under the PCT. It will be made available through the "EOLF live update" for users filing with the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland and the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) as receiving Offices, and on the EPO website for users filing with the IB as receiving Office. Users concerned may find more information on the EPO website.

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of PCT-SAFE Client Patch

An update patch, dated 25 May 2007, for the PCT-SAFE Client software may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

Note that this patch will only update the 1 April 2007 full installation of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.018.193) and must not be used to update any other version of the Client software.

The patch includes the following updates: the possibility of creating 1 April 2007 request forms with the receiving Offices of Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom, modified character sets to im-

prove East European character display in the request, the stabilization of line-spacing in the request form, and the possibility of on-line filing with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office as receiving Office using the PCT-SAFE software.

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

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

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)

Further to the many previous warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter*, it has come to the attention of the International Bureau (IB) that PCT applicants and agents are continuing to receive invitations to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT. Whatever services might be offered in such invitations, they bear no connection to WIPO or to any of its official publications.

The invitations often identify a particular PCT application by its international publication number (for example: WO 05 xxxxxx), publication date, title of the invention, international application number, priority information and IPC symbols. The invitations typically refer to a payment, which is to be made in euro or US dollars, by cheque and/or money transfer to addresses in various countries. Recent invitations which have been sent to the IB (from ODM – Office Data Management and IOPTS – International Organization for Patent and Trademark Service) refer to payments of EUR 981.50 and EUR 1,499.50, respectively, to banks based in Slovakia and the USA, on forms similar to the examples which can be found at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/odm.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/iopts.pdf

The WIPO website (www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.htm) also lists the names of other companies from which PCT users have received similar invitations, and gives examples of the invitations from these sources. The other companies were also listed in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2007, on page 6.

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the International Bureau of WIPO alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (see PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29. If

they have not already done so, PCT applicants and agents are advised to bring this information to the attention of the people responsible for handling payments of fees within their organizations. In case of doubt in relation to such an invitation, please contact the PCT Information Service at WIPO:

telephone: (41-22) 338 83 38

fax: (41-22) 338 83 39

e-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

Practical Advice

Submitting replacement drawings where no invitation to correct defects has been issued

Q: Upon filing an international application, I submitted drawings which had been drawn up hastily, and which I do not think were good enough quality. However, I have not yet received an invitation by the receiving Office to submit replacement drawings of better quality. Is it possible to file replacement drawings even if an invitation to correct defects (Form PCT/RO/106) has not yet been issued by the receiving Office? If so, what is the time limit for doing this? Also, if they are received by the International Bureau after international publication, will they be forwarded to the designated Offices?

*A: If the quality of the drawings you have submitted is poor, you do not need to wait for the receiving Office to issue an invitation to correct defects in the international application because substitute sheets under PCT Rule 26 may be submitted to correct formal defects in the drawings, **on the applicant's own initiative** (see PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, paragraph 209, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ro.pdf). The ability to submit replacement sheets without invitation by the receiving Office is not limited to drawings – it applies equally to the text matter of the international application. As far as your drawings are concerned, it may even be the case that the receiving Office does not intend to invite correction. You should bear in mind, however, that the omission by the receiving Office to invite correction does not prevent the designated (or elected) Offices from inviting the applicant to comply with the requirements under PCT Rule 11 in the national phase.*

In order to assess whether the quality of any drawings or text matter filed in paper form is sufficient, you should bear in mind that the sheets will be scanned by the International Bureau (IB) for publication purposes. Furthermore, certain receiving Offices which do not require applications to be filed in more than one copy may prepare a copy of the application them-

selves for search purposes (whether by photocopying or scanning), and you should be aware that that a bad reproduction of the drawings might even affect the quality of the search.

It is recalled that replacement sheets should be sent directly to the receiving Office, and not to the IB – it is the receiving Office which forwards the sheets to the IB for international publication. Where there has been no invitation from the receiving Office to correct defects, there is no fixed time limit for sending the replacement sheets to the receiving Office. However, they must be sent early enough so that the receiving Office can transmit them to the IB before the completion of technical preparations for publication (normally 15 days prior to the publication date). If they are received in time, they will be published as part of the international application.

If the formal drawings are received late by the IB and are not published, they will not be forwarded to the designated Offices, and you would need to furnish the replacement sheets separately to each designated Office concerned later, during the national phase. Nor would the formal drawings be available on the database of International Patent Applications (Patent-Scope) published on the WIPO website. They would,

nevertheless become part of the file held by the IB, and would be available as follows:

- under PCT Rule 94.1(a) they would be available, at any time, to anyone authorized by the applicant, subject to the reimbursement of the cost of the service; and
- under PCT Rule 94.1(b) they would be available to third parties after international publication of the international application, subject to the reimbursement of the cost of the service.

It is therefore recommended that the replacement drawings be submitted as soon as possible in the PCT procedure, even if you have not received an invitation to correct defects from the receiving Office, particularly if the originally filed sheets are such that if they are reproduced, the clarity and sufficiency of the disclosure might suffer.

For information on the formality requirements for drawings, see paragraphs 143 to 178 of Volume I of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

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

See also the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2005, page 7, for information on the importance of correcting defects in drawings.

| PCT Seminar Calendar | | | |
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| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 13–14 June 2007 Hamburg (DE) | German | Advanced 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: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 21–22 June 2007 Copenhagen (DK) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Turner) Tel: (45) 43 50 65 87 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: LKT@dkpto.dk |
| 25–26 June 2007 Gothenburg (SE) (CANCELLED) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office) | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 2 July 2007 Osaka (JP) | Japanese | PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto | Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81–3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81–3) 35 81 12 05 |
| 3 July 2007 Nagoya (JP) | Japanese | PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto | (see Osaka, above) |
| 5 July 2007 Tokyo (JP) | Japanese | PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto | (see Osaka, above) |
| 16–17 July 2007 Los Angeles (US) | English | Advanced PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (Mr. Michael K. Kirk) Tel: (1–703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1–703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org |
| 19–20 July 2007 Houston (US) | English | Advanced PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | (see Los Angeles, above) |
| 23–24 July 2007 Baltimore (US) | English | Advanced PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed | (see Los Angeles, above) |
| 11–12 September 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44–207) 539 42 45 E-mail: member@jsjones.fsnet.co.uk |

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| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 19 September 2007 Dusseldorf (DE) | German | PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 5-6 October 2007 Riverside, Iowa (US) | English | PCT presentation within the framework of the annual Continuing Legal Education seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association (IIPLA) (Ms. Wendy Marsh) Tel: (1-515) 288 36 67 Fax: (1-515) 288 13 38 E-mail: marsh@ipmvs.com |
| 8-9 October 2007 Oslo (NO) | English | PCT seminar for consultants WIPO speakers: to be announced | Norwegian Patent Office (Vigdis Aaserud) Tel: (47-22) 38 73 14/38 73 00 Fax: (47-22) 38 73 31 E-mail: vaa@patentstyret.no |
| 11-12 October 2007 Helsinki (FI) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Illmarinen) Tel: (358-9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358-9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmariinen@prh.fi |
| 11-12 October 2007 London (GB) | English | PCT presentation at the 6 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |
| 17-18 October 2007 Dusseldorf (DE) | German | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 22 October 2007 Troy, Michigan (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | Michigan State Bar Intellectual Property Section (Ms. Lora Freeman, loraf@mail.icle.org for questions on course content; for registration, see below) Tel: (1-877) 229 43 50 Fax: (1-877) 229 43 51 Internet: www.icle.org |
| 23 October 2007 Grand Rapids, Michigan (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | (See Troy, Michigan, above) |
| 24-25 October 2007 Paris (FR) | French | PCT seminar: "La demande PCT" WIPO speakers: to be announced | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr |

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| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
|---|---------------------|---|---|
| 1–2 November 2007 San Francisco (US) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and another 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 |
| 5–6 November 2007 Chicago (US) | English | Advanced training session on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and another 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 |
| 21–22 November 2007 Munich (DE) | German | Advanced 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: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 28–29 November 2007 Boston, Massachusetts (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and another to be announced | Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Lee Carl Bromberg, President) Tel: (1–617) 443 92 92 Fax: (1–617) 443 00 04 (Attention: Lee Bromberg) E-mail: lbromberg@bromsun.com |

Other IP events

WIPO-Kellogg Biotechnology: Strategies for Management of Intellectual Property Executive Program, Chicago (US), 11 to 14 June 2007

As companies seek to achieve competitive advantage through exploitation of their technological assets, managing intellectual property has become a key issue for these companies. In most cases, intellectual property is responsible for more than 70% of the market value of companies in the S & P index. This course is designed to expose participants to the various organizational skills needed so as to confidently develop, analyze and negotiate the IP of their corporation. Faculty from Kellogg School of Management and WIPO will help you understand the strategic issues involved in IP management. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty. For further information on this event, see: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/chg_jun_07/index.html

Strategic Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Geneva (CH), 17 to 19 September 2007

Designed for senior executives this program teaches how intellectual property (IP) can be strategically leveraged to create value and sustain competitive advantage in a rapidly changing business environment. Thought leaders and senior executives from leading business schools, corporate organizations and WIPO 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 registration, please visit www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/. For further information please contact the Research & Executive Program, WIPO Worldwide Academy, World Intellectual Property Organization, 34, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. E-mail: execed.academy@wipo.int. Tel: (+41-22) 338 92 40. Fax: (+41-22) 740 14 17

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 2007, 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*, 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 | LVL | Latvian lat | SEK | Swedish krona |
| IPEA | International Preliminary Examining Authority | BRR | Brazilian real | GHC | Ghanaian cedi | LYD | Libyan dinar | SGD | Singapore dollar |
| ISA | International Searching Authority | BYR | Belarussian rouble | HRK | Croatian kuna | MAD | Moroccan dirham | SKK | Slovak koruna |
| RO | receiving Office | BZD | Belize dollar | HUF | Hungarian forint | MDL | Moldovan leu | TJS | Tajik somoni |
| | | CAD | Canadian dollar | IDR | Indonesian rupiah | MKD | Macedonian denar | TND | Tunisian dinar |
| | | CHF | Swiss franc | ILS | New Israel shekel | MWK | Malawian kwacha | TTD | Trinidad and Tobago dollar |
| | | CNY | Yuan renminbi | INR | Indian rupee | MXP | Mexican peso | UAH | Ukrainian hryvnia |
| | | COP | Colombian peso | ISK | Icelandic krona | NOK | Norwegian krone | USD | US dollar |
| | | CUC | Cuban convertible peso | JPY | Japanese yen | NZD | New Zealand dollar | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| AED | United Arab Emirates dirham | CYP | Cyprus pound | KES | Kenyan shilling | PGK | Kina | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| ALL | Albanian lek | CZK | Czech koruna | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PHP | Philippine peso | ZAR | South African rand |
| AMD | Armenian dram | DKK | Danish krone | KPW | KP won | PLZ | Polish zloty | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| AUD | Australian dollar | DZD | Algerian dinar | KRW | KR won | ROL | Romanian leu | | |
| AZM | Azerbaijani manat | EEK | Estonian kroon | KZT | Kazakh tenge | RSD | Serbian dinar | | |
| BAM | Convertible mark | EUR | Euro | LSL | Lesotho loti | RUR | Russian rouble | | |
| | | GBP | Pound sterling | LTL | Lithuanian litas | SDP | Sudanese pound | | |

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 June 2007, 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 |
|----|-------------------------------|--------|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | | Items 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 | USD 1,086 | 12 | 78 | – | – | AT EP SE |
| | (or eq in local currency) | | | | | | | |
| AT | EUR | 50 | EUR 900 | 10 | 64 | – | – | EP |
| AU | AUD | 150 | AUD 1,445 | 15 | 103 | 206 | 310 | 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 |
| BH | Information not yet available | | | | | | | |
| 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 | – | – | CA EP |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 June 2007, 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 | |
| CA | CAD | 300 | CAD | 1,273 | 14 | 91 | – | – | CA |
| CH | CHF | 100 | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | EP |
| CN | CNY | 500 | CNY eq CHF | 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | CN |
| CO | COP 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 | EUR | 900 | 10 | 64 | – | – | 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 | 1,600 | 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 | – | 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 | 574 | 6 | 41 | 82 | 123 | 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 | 1,000,000 | 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 | 78,500 | 800 | 5,600 | – | – | EP SE |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 June 2007, 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 | |
| IT | EUR 30.99 | EUR 900 | 10 | – | – | – | EP |
| 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 1,096,000 | 12,000 | 78,000 | – | 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 | LYD ⁹ – | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | AT EP |
| MA | None | CHF 1,400 | 15 | – | – | – | AT EP RU SE |
| MC | EUR 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 |
| MT | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| 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 1,613 | 17 | 115 | – | – | 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 600 | 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 |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 June 2007, 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 | |
| SE | SEK | 1,200 | SEK | 7,950 | 90 | 570 | 1,140 | 1,700 | EP SE |
| SG | SGD | 150 | SGD | 1,720 | 18 | 123 | – | – | AT AU EP KR ¹⁷ |
| SI | EUR | 91 | EUR | 900 | 10 | 64 | – | – | 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 | 8,230 | 90 | 590 | – | – | AT AU EP US |
| ZM | USD | 50 | USD | 1,086 | 12 | – | – | – | AT SE |
| 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 June 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|---------|---------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|------|-----------|-------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | CHF | 311 | KRW | 250,000 | SGD | 410 | USD | 241 | ZAR | 1,830 |
| AU | AUD | 1,600 | CHF | 1,553 | EUR | 962 | KRW | 1,173,000 | NZD | 1,794 | SGD | 1,943 |
| | USD | 1,266 | ZAR | 8,854 | | | | | | | | |
| CA | CAD | 1,600 | CHF | 1,759 | EUR | 1,050 | 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 | 143,000 |
| | JPY | 255,300 | MWK | 248,000 | NOK | 12,990 | NZD | 3,010 | SEK | 15,230 | SGD | 3,120 |
| | USD* | 2,059 | ZAR | 14,920 | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.8.07: USD 2,197) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ES ¹⁸ | EUR | 1,615 | CHF | 2,525 | USD* | 2,059 | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.8.07: USD 2,197) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FI | EUR | 1,615 | CHF | 2,525 | USD | 2,059 | | | | | | |
| JP | JPY | 97,000 | CHF | 1,042 | EUR | 616 | KRW | 789,000 | USD | 797 | | |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | CHF | 280 | EUR | 180 | NZD | 347 | SGD | 380 | USD | 232 |
| RU ¹⁹ | USD | 300 | CHF | 387 | EUR* | 248 | | | | | | |
| | * (from 7.6.07: USD 500 CHF 644 EUR 369) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SE | SEK | 15,230 | CHF | 2,525 | DKK | 12,050 | EUR | 1,615 | ISK | 143,000 | NOK | 12,990 |
| | USD3 | 2,059 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.8.07: USD 2,197) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| US | USD | 1,000 | 300 ²⁰ | CHF* | 1,289 | 387 ²⁰ | EUR* | 762 | 248 ²⁰ | NZD** | 1,520 | 440 ²⁰ |
| | ZAR | 7,200 | 2,300 ²⁰ | | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.7.07: CHF 1,216 387 ²⁰ EUR 762 222 ²⁰) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ** (from 1.8.07: NZD 1,360 440 ²⁰) | | | | | | | | | | | |

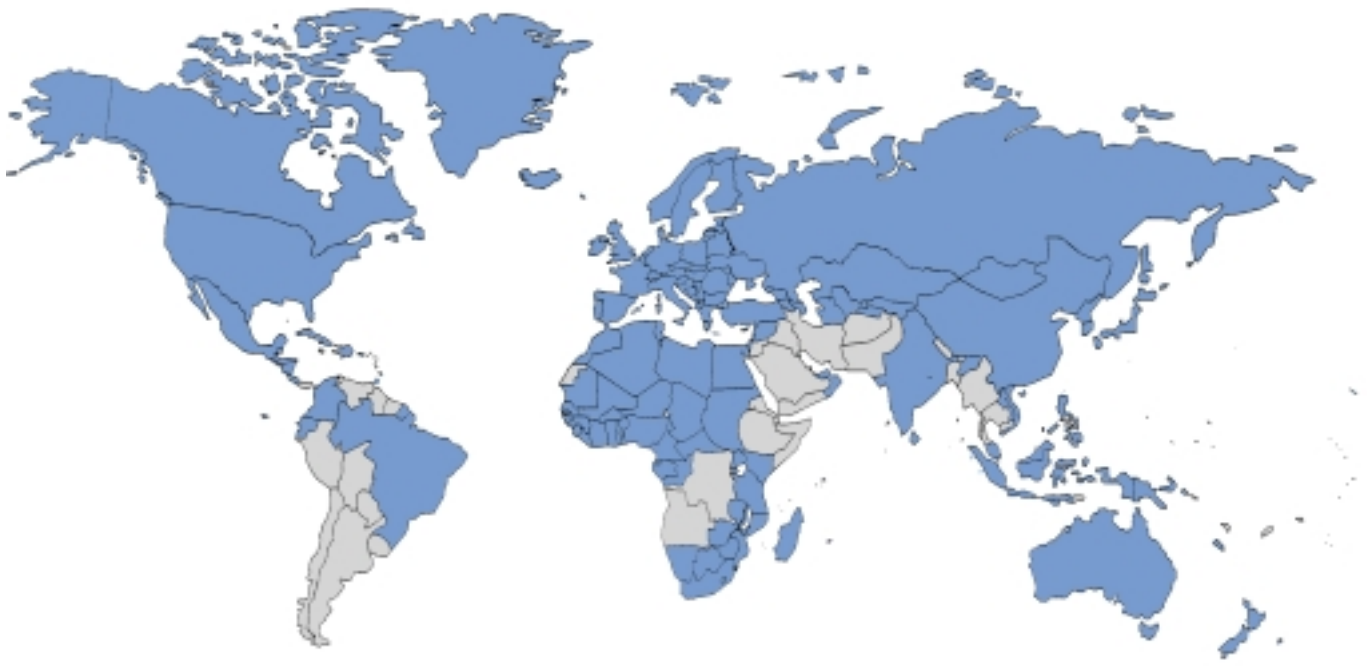
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 June 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee²¹ | | Handling fee^{2, 21} (CHF 200) | |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-----------------------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | | EUR 129 |
| AU | AUD | 550 | 780 ²² | AUD 205 |
| CA | CAD | 800 | | CAD 182 |
| CN | CNY | 1,500 | | CNY eq CHF 200 |
| EP¹⁸ | EUR | 1,595 | | EUR 129 |
| ES | EUR | 533.76 | | 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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*, Annex C (US)).

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|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| AE United Arab Emirates | CY Cyprus (EP) ² | IS Iceland (EP) | MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹ | SK Slovakia (EP) |
| AG Antigua and Barbuda | DE Germany (EP) | IT Italy (EP) ² | ML Mali (OA) ² | SL Sierra Leone (AP) |
| AL Albania ¹ | DK Denmark (EP) | JP Japan | MN Mongolia | SM San Marino |
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| BF Burkina Faso (OA) ² | FI Finland (EP) | LC Saint Lucia | NE Niger (OA) ² | TM Turkmenistan (EA) |
| BG Bulgaria (EP) | FR France (EP) ² | LI Liechtenstein (EP) | NG Nigeria | TN Tunisia |
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| BR Brazil | GD Grenada | LS Lesotho (AP) | NO Norway | TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP) |
| BW Botswana (AP) | GE Georgia | LT Lithuania (EP) | NZ New Zealand | UA Ukraine |
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| CM Cameroon (OA) ² | HN Honduras | MG Madagascar | RU Russian Federation (EA) | ZW Zimbabwe (AP) |
| CN China | HR Croatia ¹ | | SC Seychelles | |
| CO Colombia | HU Hungary (EP) | | SD Sudan (AP) | |
| CR Costa Rica | ID Indonesia | | SE Sweden (EP) | |
| CU Cuba | IE Ireland (EP) ² | | SG Singapore | |
| | IL Israel | | SI Slovenia (EP) ² | |
| | IN India | | | |

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated April 2007) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain PCT Articles and Rules with National Laws

Sweden (PCT Rule 51bis.2) – Certain circumstances in which documents or evidence may not be required

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(i) and (ii) with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2001, page 2), the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn its notification with effect from 1 July 2007. This means that the Office shall not, unless it reasonably doubts the veracity of the indications or declaration concerned, require any document or evidence relating to, respectively:

- the identity of the inventor, if the indications concerning the inventor are contained in the request or if a declaration as to the identity of the inventor has been made;
- the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent, if a declaration as to that matter has been made.

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New PCT National Phase Information for Finland

Thanks to the cooperation of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the PatentScope Search Service now includes PCT national phase information for Finland. This brings to 29 the number of offices for which national phase information is now available – see complete list of offices and dates covered at:

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Internet hyperlinks are also available for some Offices that direct the user from the PatentScope Search Service to the online database of the Office where additional status information can be found in English. For an example, see:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/ia.jsp?IA=US2002023078&DISPLAY=NATIONAL

Informal comments to be made publicly available on PatentScope

With the aim of further increasing the number of documents relating to international applications which are available on PatentScope, informal comments on the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA) received by the International Bureau (IB) from January 2004 onwards, will, in the near future, and where applicable, become one of the documents listed under the "documents" tab of international applications published under the PatentScope Search Service.

It is recalled that, since 1 January 2004, written opinions have been issued together with the international search report under the international search procedure under Chapter I of the PCT, and

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that it is possible for the applicant to submit written comments to the International Bureau (IB) on an informal basis ("informal comments") to address, in the international phase, the issues raised in the written opinion of the ISA. This may be particularly useful if a demand for international preliminary examination is not filed.

Informal comments have, since their inception, always been open to public inspection, after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date:

- as part of the file of an international application at the IB (PCT Rules 44*ter*.1 and 94.1); and
- as part of the file of the designated Offices, depending on the applicable national law (if no demand is filed, the informal comments are forwarded to the designated Offices together with the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter I)).

The addition of informal comments to the PatentScope Search Service, as well as other future additions to the service, will facilitate access to information relating to published international applications.

For further information on submitting informal comments, see the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2004, page 7.

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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
- 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:

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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 8 and 9. 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.

The revised table is also available on the WIPO website in English at:

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

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 7 September 2007

Due to the fact that Thursday, 6 September 2007, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications, as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* which would normally have been published on that day, will be published on Friday, 7 September 2007 (publication no. 36/2007).

Note that the completion of technical preparations for that publication will take place more than the usual 15 days before publication, on Wednesday, 22 August 2007, meaning that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Tuesday, 21 August 2007.

Publication of 20 September 2007

Due to the fact that Thursday, 6 September 2007 will be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on 20 September 2007 (publication no. 38/2007) will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 4 September 2007 (instead of on Wednesday, 5 September 2007, the day on which technical preparations would normally have been completed). This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international application should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Monday, 3 September 2007.

PCT Information Update

(1) Acceptance of requests for restoration of the right of priority

For background information on the above-mentioned subject, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2007, pages 1 and 8.

It is recalled that a table summarizing information received by the International Bureau regarding restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices and designated Offices under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2 is available in English at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/restoration.html

The French version of the table is now also available at:

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BZ (Belize)

In addition to the Offices listed in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 04/2007 and 05/2007, the Belize Intellectual Property Office, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies both the “unintentional” and “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the fees for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of both fees is BZD 150.

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

(2) Other changes

BG Bulgaria (fees)

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

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

In addition, the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

For patent:

| | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| Filing fee: | BGL | 50 |
| Publication of the application fee: | BGL | 80 |
| Formal requirements examination fee: | BGL | 50 |
| Preliminary examination and check of application admissibility fee: | | |
| – for one invention: | BGL | 160 |
| – for a group of two inventions: | BGL | 200 |
| – for each subsequent invention of the group in excess of two inventions: | BGL | 80 |
| Search and examination fee: | | |
| – for one invention: | BGL | 200 |

| | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| – for a group of two inventions: | BGL | 300 |
| – for each subsequent invention of the group in excess of two inventions: | BGL | 80 |
| Fee for priority claims, per priority: | BGL | 20 |
| For utility model: | | |
| Filing fee: | BGL | 50 |
| Formal examination fee: | BGL | 200 |
| Fee for priority claims, per priority: | BGL | 20 |
| Registration fee: | BGL | 100 |

There have been changes in the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

For patents:

The filing and all examination fees are reduced by 50% where the applicant is the inventor, a State educational institution, an academic research organization, a budgetary organization or a small or medium-sized enterprise.

For utility models:

The filing fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is the inventor, a State educational institution, an academic research organization, a budgetary organization or a small or medium-sized enterprise.

All of the above-mentioned changes are applicable with effect from 1 May 2007.

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

DK Denmark (fees)

As from 1 September 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the international filing fee, payable in DKK to the Danish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in DKK of the PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

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

IS Iceland (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Icelandic Patent Office have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address:

Engjateigi 3
150 Reykjavik
Iceland

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

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 September 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in JPY of the PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

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

LK Sri Lanka (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; Internet address)

The location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and Internet address of the National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address:

“Samagam Medura”
3rd Floor
400 D.R. Wijayawardana Mawatha
Colombo 10
Sri Lanka

Telephone: (94-11) 268 93 68

Fax: (94-11) 268 93 67

Internet: www.nipo.lk

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

MY Malaysia (general information)

General information about Malaysia as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* – see Annex B1 (MY) and Annex C (MY) at:

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

NL Netherlands (location; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The location and the e-mail and Internet addresses of the Netherlands Patent Office have changed, as follows:

Location: Patentlaan 2
2288 EE Rijswijk (ZH)
Netherlands

E-mail: info@octrooicentrum.nl

Internet: www.octrooicentrum.nl

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

SE Sweden (fees; special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified the fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, with effect from 2 July 2007. The amount of both fees is SEK 500.

There has been a change, with effect from 1 July 2007, in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51 *bis* of the Office as designated (or elected) Office. The deed of transfer where the applicant is not the inventor is no longer required.

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

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office; Canadian Intellectual Property Office; European Patent Office; National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland))

As from 1 August 2007 there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office and as from 1 September 2007 there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in SGD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office.

For the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, as from 1 August 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland), and as from 1 September 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, CA, EP and FI))

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

Patent resources in Chinese

The Chinese section of the website has been updated to improve navigability for Chinese-speaking users. The resources that are available in Chinese are highlighted while links to alternative language versions in

English are included where no translation in Chinese is available. See:

www.wipo.int/pct/zh/

The site also includes a new video presentation in Chinese containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations that entered into force on 1 April 2007. See:

www.wipo.int/pct/zh/video/files/changes07_256.asx

Table of reservations and incompatibilities

The table containing all PCT reservations and incompatibilities was updated on 5 July 2007, in English, French, German and Spanish, and is available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

Table of time limits for entering the national/regional phase

See page 3.

Contact Details at the International Bureau

The PCT Receiving and Processing Section of the International Bureau (IB) can be contacted as indicated below. Please note that these contact details should be used specifically and only for inquiries relating to:

- international applications filed directly with the IB in its capacity as receiving Office, or
- international applications transferred to the IB as receiving Office under PCT Rule 19.4 (that is: where the national (or regional) Office with which the application was filed is not competent to receive the application concerned; where the application is not in a language accepted by that national Office; or for any other reason where the national Office and the IB agree that the procedure under this Rule should apply).

Telephone: (41-22) 338 92 22

Fax: (41-22) 910 06 10

E-mail: ro.ib@wipo.int

Correspondence relating to any specific international application other than the above should be addressed to the PCT Operations Division:

Fax: (41-22) 338 82 70

or the fax number indicated on the IB forms issued in connection with the application concerned. Those forms also indicate the telephone number of the processing teams dealing with the application concerned. For further information on contacting the processing teams, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2007, page 7.

For general/legal inquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure to be followed during the international phase of the PCT, you may contact the PCT Information Service as follows:

Telephone: (41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (41-22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

For orders of, or subscriptions to, PCT information products or publications, please use the WIPO Electronic Bookshop: www.wipo.int/ebookshop/ or contact the Design, Marketing and Distribution Section:

E-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int

Fax: (41-22) 740 18 12

Practical Advice

Information available to third parties about a withdrawn priority claim

Q: After filing an international application claiming the priority of an earlier filed national application, I realized that the earlier application contained information that was not contained in the international application, and which should never have been disclosed in the earlier application in the first place. I would like to know what my options are, if any, for the information contained in the earlier application not to be made available to the public. Will it be sufficient for me to withdraw the priority claim so that neither the priority document nor information about the priority claim will be available to third parties?

A: If you withdraw a priority claim under the PCT, the extent to which the priority document itself and information about that priority claim are available to third parties in respect of the PCT application depends on the time at which you withdraw the priority claim, as explained below under item (1), noting that the options available to you under the PCT system cannot be considered in isolation from the status of your earlier national application or any other application you

may have filed outside the PCT system (see item (2), below).

(1)(a) Withdrawal of a priority claim before completion of technical preparations for publication

If your notice of withdrawal of the priority claim is received by the International Bureau (IB) before the completion of technical preparations for international publication, that is, before 15 days prior to the date of publication (if the notice of withdrawal is sent to the receiving Office, it will have to be sent even earlier, as the receiving Office must then be able to notify the IB of the withdrawal before completion of technical preparations for publication):

- the priority document will not be available to third parties (in accordance with PCT Rule 17.2(c)(ii)), either via the IB's PatentScope search service (www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/) or upon specific request addressed to the IB; and
- information concerning that priority claim will not be included in the bibliographic data on the front page of the published international application.

Having said that, it is very important to note that third parties may obtain information about the priority claim concerned if they request the IB to furnish copies of certain documents contained in its file, in particular the request form (priority claim(s) will appear in Box No. VI) or subsequent correspondence relating to priority claims (such as a declaration correcting or adding a priority claim or a notice of withdrawal of a priority claim). It is recalled that access to such documents by third parties is governed by PCT Rule 94.1(b), which provides that a third party can, after international publication of the international application, request the IB to furnish copies of any document contained in its file (subject to PCT Article 38 and PCT Rule 44^{ter}.1 and subject to the reimbursement of the cost of the service).

(b) Withdrawal of a priority claim after completion of technical preparations for publication but before international publication of the international application

If your notice of withdrawal of the priority claim is received by the IB during the 15 days between the date of completion of technical preparations for international publication and the actual publication date:

- the priority document will not be available to third parties (in accordance with PCT Rule 17.2(c)(ii)), either via the PatentScope search service or upon specific request addressed to the IB;

but:

- it will be too late for the IB to omit the information concerning the priority claim from the front page of the published international application;
- the IB will publish a separate notice on the PatentScope search service (under the "notices" tab of the international application concerned) announcing the withdrawal of the priority claim after completion of technical preparations for publication (PCT Rule 48.6(c)); and
- the PatentScope search service will include an indication on the bibliographical data screen (under the tab "biblio. data") that the priority claim has been withdrawn.

Third parties will therefore be aware that the priority claim had been made and subsequently withdrawn, but will not have access to the priority document itself.

(c) Withdrawal of a priority claim after international publication of the international application

If your notice of withdrawal of the priority claim is received by the IB after the international application has been published:

- the priority document will be available to third parties both via the PatentScope search service and upon specific request addressed to the IB (PCT Rule 17.2(c));
- information concerning the priority claim will have already been included on the front page of the published international application; and
- the IB will publish a separate notice on the PatentScope search service (under the "notices" tab of the international application concerned) announcing the withdrawal of the priority claim after international publication (PCT Rule 48.6(c)); and
- the PatentScope search service will include an indication on the bibliographical data screen (under the tab "biblio. data") that the priority claim has been withdrawn.

(2) Withdrawal of the national application, or any other subsequent applications claiming priority of that application

On the assumption that you are able to withdraw the priority claim before completion of the technical preparations for international publication (see item (1)(a)), you must also withdraw the earlier national application itself so that it is not published under the applicable national law. Similarly, if other applications have been filed outside the PCT system, you must ensure

that they are also withdrawn. In other words, attending only to the withdrawal of the priority claim in the PCT application to prevent access to the priority document, or publication of information about the priority claim, does not have any effect on the access to that document and related information as far as the priority application and other related applications are concerned.

On the assumption that you are not able to withdraw the priority claim before completion of technical preparations for international publication (see items (1)(b) and (c) above), information about the priority claim (and possibly also the priority document itself) will be accessible to third parties under the PCT system, but you may be able to limit the extent to which information may become available in respect of the priority application itself or other applications filed outside the PCT system. It may be that under the circumstances, limiting access is the best you can achieve, rather than preventing access altogether. You must then take action under each applicable national law as a matter of urgency.

(3) Information on withdrawing priority claims under the PCT

It is recalled that you can withdraw a priority claim at any time prior to the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (PCT Rule 90*bis*.3(a)) and that, where the withdrawal of a priority claim causes a change in the priority date, any time limit which had been computed from the original (earliest) priority date and which has not already expired will be recomputed from the priority date resulting from that change (that is, recomputed from the international filing date or, if there is another priority claim, the new priority date resulting from the withdrawal of the earliest priority claim) (PCT Rule 90*bis*.3(d)). It is recommended that you always submit withdrawals of priority claims, as well as any other types of withdrawal under PCT Rule 90*bis*, to the IB, and that you use Form PCT/IB/372 (Notice of Withdrawal), ensuring that you mark the box which enables you to make the withdrawal conditional on its being received by the IB in time to prevent international publication.

Please be aware that before withdrawing any priority claim, you must consider the consequences that such withdrawal will have on the assessment of novelty and inventive step in the light of the relevant prior art, which would then include prior art published before the international filing date or any other priority date.

For information on the withdrawal of priority claims see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 460-461, and for information on the withdrawal of priority claims in order to postpone entry into the national phase, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2003, page 11.

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

(in months from priority date)
(status on 1 July 2007)

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)) |
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| AE | 30 | 30 | GE | 31 | 31 |
| AG ¹ | 30 | 30 | GH ⁵ | 30 | 30 |
| AL | 30 | 31 | GM ⁵ | 30 | 31 |
| AM ² | 31 | 31 | GT ¹ | 30 | 30 |
| AP ³ | 31 | 31 | HN ¹ | 30 | 30 |
| AT ⁴ | 30 | 30 | HR | 31 | 31 |
| AU | 31 | 31 | HU ⁴ | 31 | 31 |
| AZ ² | 30 | 31 | ID | 30 | 31 |
| BA | 34 | 34 | IL | 30 | 30 |
| BB | 30 | 30 | IN | 31 | 31 |
| BG ⁴ | 31 | 31 | IS | 31 | 31 |
| BH ¹ | 30 | 30 | JP | 30 | 30 |
| BR | 30 | 30 | KE ⁵ | 30 | 30 |
| BW ⁵ | 31 | 31 | KG ² | 31 | 31 |
| BY ² | 31 | 31 | KM ¹ | 30 | 30 |
| BZ | 30 | 30 ⁶ | KN ¹ | 30 | 30 |
| CA | 30 (42 ⁷) | 30 (42 ⁷) | KP | 30 | 30 |
| CH ^{4,8} | 20 ⁹ | 30 | KR | 31 | 31 |
| CN | 30 | 30 | KZ ² | 31 | 31 |
| CO | 31 | 31 | LA ¹ | 30 | 30 |
| CR | 31 | 31 | LC ¹ | 30 | 30 |
| CU | 30 | 30 | LK | 30 | 30 |
| CZ ⁴ | 31 | 31 | LR | 30 | 31 |
| DE ⁴ | 30 | 30 | LS ⁵ | 30 | 31 |
| DK ⁴ | 31 | 31 | LT | 31 | 31 |
| DM ¹ | 30 | 30 | LU ⁴ | 20 ⁹ | 30 |
| DO ¹ | 30 | 30 | LY ¹ | 30 | 30 |
| DZ | 31 | 31 | MA | 31 | 31 |
| EA | 31 | 31 | MD ² | 31 | 31 |
| EC | 31 | 31 | ME ¹ | 30 | 30 |
| EE ⁴ | 31 | 31 | MG | 30 | 30 |
| EG | 30 | 30 | MK | 31 | 31 |
| EP ¹⁰ | 31 | 31 | MN | 31 | 31 |
| ES ⁴ | 30 | 30 | MW ⁵ | 30 | 30 |
| FI ⁴ | 31 ¹¹ (30 ¹²) | 31 ¹¹ (30 ¹²) | MX | 30 | 30 |
| GB ⁴ | 31 | 31 | MY ¹ | 30 | 30 |
| GD ¹ | 30 | 30 | MZ ⁵ | 31 | 31 |

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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 2007) | | | | | |
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| 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)) |
| NA ⁵ | 31 | 31 | SL ⁵ | 31 | 31 |
| NG | 30 | 30 | SM | 31 | 31 |
| NI ¹ | 30 | 30 | SV ¹ | 30 | 30 |
| NO | 31 | 31 | SY | 31 | 31 |
| NZ | 31 | 31 | TJ ² | 30 | 31 |
| OA ¹³ | 30 | 30 | TM ² | 30 | 31 |
| OM ¹ | 30 | 30 | TN ¹ | 30 | 30 |
| PG | 31 | 31 | TR ⁴ | 30 (33 ⁷) | 30 (33 ⁷) |
| PH | 30 (31 ⁷) | 30 (31 ⁷) | TT | 30 | 31 |
| PL ⁴ | 30 | 30 | TZ ⁵ | 21 ⁹ | 31 |
| PT ⁴ | 30 | 30 | UA | 31 | 31 |
| RO ⁴ | 30 | 30 | UG ⁵ | 21 ⁹ | 31 |
| RS | 30 ¹⁴ | 30 ¹⁴ | US | 30 | 30 |
| RU ² | 31 | 31 | UZ | 31 | 31 |
| SC | 31 | 31 | VC | 30 | 30 |
| SD ⁵ | 30 | 30 | VN | 31 | 31 |
| SE ⁴ | 31 | 31 | ZA | 31 | 31 |
| SG | 30 | 30 | ZM ⁵ | 30 | 30 |
| SK ⁴ | 31 | 31 | ZW ⁵ | 30 | 31 |

- 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*.
- If designated/elected for a Eurasian patent, see EA as as designated/elected Office (DO/EO) for the applicable time limits.
- This Office acts as DO/EO for the following State which does not act in the capacity of DO/EO: SZ.
- If designated/elected for a European patent, see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- If designated/elected for an ARIPO patent, see AP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- May be extended upon written request of the applicant.
- 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).
- This Office acts as DO/EO for the following State which does not act in the capacity of DO/EO: LI.
- 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.
- 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, LV, MC, MT, NL, SI.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The time limit can be extended by 30 days if the applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase.

| PCT Seminar Calendar | | | |
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| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 16–17 July 2007 Los Angeles (US) | English | Advanced PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Mrs. 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 |
| 19–20 July 2007 Houston (US) | English | Advanced PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | (see Los Angeles, above) |
| 23–24 July 2007 Baltimore (US) | English | Advanced PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed | (see Los Angeles, above) |
| 11–12 September 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44–207) 539 42 45 E-mail: member@jsjones.fsnet.co.uk |
| 13–14 September 2007 Athens (GR) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office) | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 19 September 2007 Dusseldorf (DE) | German | PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 5–6 October 2007 Riverside, Iowa (US) | English | PCT presentation within the framework of the annual Continuing Legal Education seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association (IIPLA) (Ms. Wendy Marsh) Tel: (1–515) 288 36 67 Fax: (1–515) 288 13 38 E-mail: marsh@ipmvs.com |
| 8–9 October 2007 Oslo (NO) | English | PCT seminar for consultants WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | Norwegian Patent Office (Vigdis Aaserud) Tel: (47–22) 38 73 14/38 73 00 Fax: (47–22) 38 73 31 E-mail: vaa@patentstyret.no |
| 11–12 October 2007 Helsinki (FI) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Illmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmariinen@prh.fi |
| 11–12 October 2007 London (GB) | English | PCT presentation at the 6 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |
| 17–18 October 2007 Dusseldorf (DE) | German | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 22 October 2007 Troy, Michigan (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | Michigan State Bar Intellectual Property Section (Ms. Lora Freeman, loraf@mail.icle.org for questions on course content; for registration, see below) Tel: (1–877) 229 43 50 Fax: (1–877) 229 43 51 Internet: www.icle.org |

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| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
|--|----------------------------|---|--|
| 23 October 2007 Grand Rapids, Michigan (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | (See Troy, Michigan, above) |
| 24–25 October 2007 Paris (FR) | French | PCT seminar: "La demande PCT" WIPO speakers: to be announced | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr |
| 1–2 November 2007 San Francisco (US) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell | 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 |
| 5–6 November 2007 Chicago (US) | English | Advanced training session on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell | 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 |
| 12 November 2007 Hilton Head (US) | English | PCT presentation as part of the annual Corporate Patent Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed | The Procter & Gamble Company (Mr. Tim Guffey) Tel: (1–513) 534 07 96 Fax: (1–866) 771 93 93 Email: guffey.tb@pg.com Internet: www.corporatepatent.com |
| 21–22 November 2007 Munich (DE) | German | Advanced 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: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 28–29 November 2007 Boston, Massachusetts (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Bidwell | Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Lee Carl Bromberg, President) Tel: (1–617) 443 92 92 Fax: (1–617) 443 00 04 (Attention: Lee Bromberg) E-mail: lbromberg@bromsun.com |

Other IP events**Strategic Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Geneva (CH), 17 to 19 September 2007**

Designed for senior executives, this program teaches how intellectual property (IP) can be strategically leveraged to create value and sustain competitive advantage in a rapidly changing business environment. Thought leaders and senior executives from leading business schools, corporate organizations and WIPO 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 registration, please visit www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/. For further information please contact the Research & Executive Program, WIPO Worldwide Academy, World Intellectual Property Organization, 34, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. E-mail: execed.academy@wipo.int. Tel: (+41-22) 338 92 40. Fax: (+41-22) 740 14 17

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 July 2007, 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*, 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:

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|------|---|-----|------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| eq | equivalent of – | BGL | Bulgarian lev | GEL | Georgian lari | LVL | Latvian lat | SDP | Sudanese pound |
| IPEA | International Preliminary Examining Authority | BRR | Brazilian real | GHC | Ghanaian cedi | LYD | Libyan dinar | 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 | SKK | Slovak koruna |
| | | 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 | MYR | Malaysian ringgit | UAH | Ukrainian hryvnia |
| | | CUC | Cuban convertible peso | JPY | Japanese yen | NOK | Norwegian krone | USD | US dollar |
| AED | United Arab Emirates dirham | CYP | Cyprus pound | KES | Kenyan shilling | NZD | New Zealand dollar | USD | US dollar |
| ALL | Albanian lek | CZK | Czech koruna | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PGK | Kina | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| AMD | Armenian dram | DKK | Danish krone | KPW | KP won | PHP | Philippine peso | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| AUD | Australian dollar | DZD | Algerian dinar | KRW | KR won | PLZ | Polish zloty | ZAR | South African rand |
| AZM | Azerbaijani manat | EEK | Estonian kroon | KZT | Kazakh tenge | ROL | Romanian leu | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| BAM | Convertible mark | EUR | Euro | LSL | Lesotho loti | RSD | Serbian dinar | | |
| | | GBP | Pound sterling | LTL | Lithuanian litas | RUR | Russian rouble | | |

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 July 2007, 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) ⁵ (CHF 100) | Item 3(c) ⁶ (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 150 | AUD 1,445 | 15 | 103 | 206 | 310 | 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 80 | BGL eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | EP RU |
| BH | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| 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 | – | – | CA EP |
| CA | CAD 300 | CAD 1,273 | 14 | 91 | – | – | CA |
| CH | CHF 100 | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | EP |
| CN | CNY 500 | CNY eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | CN |
| CO | COP 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 | EUR 900 | 10 | 64 | – | – | EP |
| DE | EUR 90 | EUR 900 | 10 | 64 | 129 | 193 | EP |
| DK | DKK 1,500 | DKK 6,710 (from 1.9.07: 6,340) | 70 (70) | 480 (450) | 960 (910) | 1,440 (1,360) | EP SE |
| DM | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| DZ | DZD None | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | AT EP |
| EA | RUR 1,600 | 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 |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 July 2007, 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 | | | |
| EG | USD | 142 | USD | 1,086 | 12 | 78 | – | – | – | AT EP US | |
| EP | EUR | 105 | EUR | 900 | 10 | – | 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 | 574 | 6 | 41 | 82 | 123 | – | 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 or EUR ¹² or USD ¹² | 100 64 79 | CHF or EUR or USD | 1,400 900 1,086 | 15 10 12 | 100 64 78 | 200 129 155 | 300 193 233 | – | See footnote 13 | |
| ID | IDR | 1,000,000 | 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 | 78,500 | 800 | 5,600 | – | – | – | EP SE | |
| IT | EUR | 30.99 | EUR | 900 | 10 | – | – | – | – | EP | |
| JP | JPY | 13,000 | JPY | 130,300 (from 1.9.07: 138,200) | 1,400 (1,500) | 9,300 (9,900) | – | 27,900 (29,600) | – | EP JP | |
| KE | USD (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing | 250 | 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 | 1,096,000 | 12,000 | 78,000 | – | 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 | LYD ⁹ | – | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | – | AT EP | |
| MA | None | None | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | – | – | – | – | AT EP RU SE | |
| MC | EUR | 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 | None | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | – | EP RU | |
| MT | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | MYR | 375 ¹⁶ | MYR eq CHF | 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | – | AU EP KR | |
| 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 ¹⁷ | NZD | 1,613 | 17 | 115 | – | – | – | AU EP KR US | |
| OA | XAF ⁹ | – | XAF eq CHF | 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | – | – | – | AT EP RU SE | |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 July 2007, 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 | |
| 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 600 | 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 7,950 | 90 | 570 | 1,140 | 1,700 | EP SE |
| SG | SGD 150 | SGD 1,720 | 18 | 123 | – | – | AT AU EP KR ¹⁸ |
| SI | EUR 91 | EUR 900 | 10 | 64 | – | – | 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 8,230 | 90 | 590 | – | – | AT AU EP US |
| ZM | USD 50 | USD 1,086 | 12 | – | – | – | AT SE |
| 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 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee ¹ | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| AT | EUR 200 | CHF 311 | KRW 250,000 | SGD 410 | USD* 241 | ZAR 1,830 | | |
| | * (from 1.8.07: USD 272) | | | | | | | |
| AU | AUD 1,600 | CHF 1,553 | EUR 962 | KRW 1,173,000 | NZD 1,794 | SGD 1,943 | | |
| | USD 1,266 | ZAR 8,854 | | | | | | |
| CA | CAD 1,600 | CHF 1,759 | EUR 1,050 | USD* 1,365 | | | | |
| | * (from 1.9.07: USD 1,490) | | | | | | | |
| CN | CNY 2,100 | CHF 335 | EUR 215 | USD 260 | | | | |
| EP ¹⁹ | EUR 1,615 | CHF 2,525 | CYP 928 | DKK 12,050 | GBP 1,098 | ISK 143,000 | | |
| | JPY 255,300 | MWK 248,000 | NOK 12,990 | NZD 3,010 | SEK 15,230 | SGD* 3,120 | | |
| | USD** 2,059 | ZAR 14,920 | ** (from 1.8.07: USD 2,197) | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.9.07: SGD 3,310) | | | | | | | |
| ES ¹⁹ | EUR 1,615 | CHF 2,525 | USD* 2,059 | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.8.07: USD 2,197) | | | | | | | |
| FI | EUR 1,615 | CHF 2,525 | USD* 2,059 | * (from 1.8.07: USD 2,197) | | | | |
| JP | JPY 97,000 | CHF 1,042 | EUR 616 | KRW 789,000 | USD 797 | | | |
| KR | KRW 225,000 | CHF 280 | EUR 180 | NZD 347 | SGD 380 | USD 232 | | |
| RU ²⁰ | USD 500 | CHF 644 | EUR 369 | | | | | |
| SE | SEK 15,230 | CHF 2,525 | DKK 12,050 | EUR 1,615 | ISK 143,000 | NOK 12,990 | | |
| | USD* 2,059 | * (from 1.8.07: USD 2,197) | | | | | | |
| US | USD 1,000 | 300 ²¹ | CHF 1,216 | 387 ²¹ | EUR 762 | 222 ²¹ | NZD* 1,520 | 440 ²¹ |
| | ZAR 7,200 | 2,300 ²¹ | * (from 1.8.07: NZD 1,360 440 ²¹) | | | | | |

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

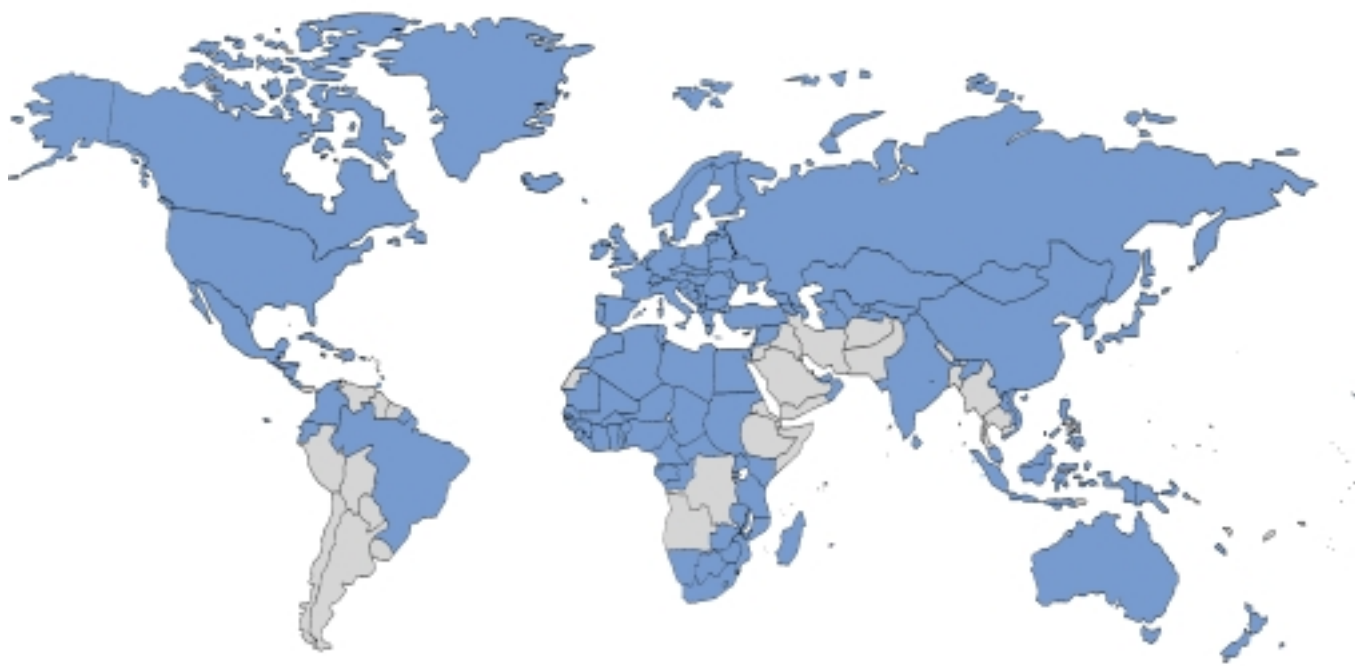
(amounts on 1 July 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee²² | | Handling fee^{2, 22} (CHF 200) | |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-----------------------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | | EUR 129 |
| AU | AUD | 550 | 780 ²³ | AUD 205 |
| CA | CAD | 800 | | CAD 182 |
| CN | CNY | 1,500 | | CNY eq CHF 200 |
| EP¹⁹ | EUR | 1,595 | | EUR 129 |
| ES | EUR | 533.76 | | EUR 129 |
| FI | EUR | 550 | | EUR 129 |
| JP | JPY | 36,000 | | JPY 17,400 |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | | KRW 147,000 |
| RU²⁰ | USD | 200 ²⁴ | 300 ²⁵ | USD 155 |
| SE | SEK | 5,000 | | SEK 1,210 |
| US | USD | 600 | 750 ²⁶ | 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 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.
- 19 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 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.
- 22 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 24 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 25 In all cases where footnote 24 does not apply.
- 26 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*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (137 on 1 July 2007)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

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

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Budapest Treaty

Accession by Oman

On 16 July 2007, Oman (country code: OM) deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 68. Oman is also a PCT Contracting State. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Oman on 16 October 2007. (This information updates the table of States party to the Budapest Treaty that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2006.)

World Trade Organization

Tonga becomes a Member

On 27 July 2007, Tonga (country code: TO), which is already a member State of the Paris Convention but is not yet a member State of the PCT, became a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), thus bringing the total number of Members to 151. (This information updates the table of Members of the WTO, the PCT and the Paris Convention that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2006.)

Filing and Processing of International Applications in Electronic Form

Inclusion of practitioner's registration number with the text string signature when filing with the USPTO

Applicants filing international applications electronically with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office using EFS-Web should note that if the signatory is a registered patent practitioner acting as a legal representative for the applicant before the USPTO, **his or her registration number must be included either as part of the S-signature** (that is, a signature inserted between forward slash marks

which is not a handwritten signature), **or immediately below or adjacent to the S-signature.**

In the case of filings where the request form is submitted as a PCT-EASY zip file, the text string signature must contain the registration number of that practitioner **within the slash characters**, for example:

/John Doe, Reg. No. 99999/

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The name of the signatory must also be included below or adjacent to the signature. Note that in the PCT-EASY mode the name of the signatory, as entered on the "Names" page, will be printed automatically by the software below the electronic signature.

For further information on fully electronic filing with RO/US or EFS-WEB, please

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Information on filing fully electronic PCT applications with RO/US with the request form as a PCT-EASY zip file was published in the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2006, page 8, and guidelines are available under "Instructions for the use of PCT-SAFE in combination with EFS-Web (e-filing with RO/US)" at:

[www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/
user_documentation.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/user_documentation.htm)

Change Regarding Payment of Fees to RO/IB

Applicants filing international applications with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) should note that the account numbers and SWIFT code to be used when making payments by direct bank transfer to RO/IB have changed, as follows:

CHF Account
number (IBAN): CH51 0483 5048 7080 8100 0

USD Account
number (IBAN): CH17 0483 5048 7080 8200 0

EUR Account
number (IBAN): CH33 0483 5048 7080 8200 3

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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
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

For further information on the modes of payment of the transmittal fee, the search fee and the international filing fee to RO/IB, see:

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

Types of Protection Available in PCT Contracting States

Since the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2005 of a table setting out, for each Contracting State, the types of protection which can be obtained via the PCT, several States have become bound by the PCT, and there have also been changes in the types of protection, other than patents, which are available in certain States. An update of that table appears on pages 9 to 12, and is also available at:

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

PCT Information Update

(1) Acceptance of requests for restoration of the right of priority

For background information on the above-mentioned subject, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2007, pages 1 and 8.

It is recalled that a table summarizing information received by the International Bureau regarding restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices and designated Offices under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2 is available in English and French at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/restoration.html

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/restoration.html

SY (Syrian Arab Republic)

In addition to the Offices listed in the online table mentioned above, the Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic), in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies both the "unintentional" and "due care" criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

2) Other changes

Fees payable in Euro (various Offices)

As from 1 October 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in EUR to various

receiving Offices (see below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in EUR of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (AT, BA, BE, CZ, DE, EP, ES, FI, FR, GR, IB, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, NL, PT, SI and SM))

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (telephone numbers)

The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) has notified two additional telephone numbers. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (263-4) 79 40 54, 79 40 65,
79 40 66, 79 40 68, 79 40 74

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

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 October 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in AUD of PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

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

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina (name of Office, location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name, location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail and Internet addresses of the Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:

Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Location and mailing address:

Head Office: Kralja Petra Kresimira IV/8
88000 Mostar
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Branch Office: Hamdije Cemerlica 2/7
71000 Sarajevo
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Telephone:

Head Office: (387-36) 33 43 81
Branch Office: (387-33) 65 27 65

Fax:

Head Office: (387-36) 31 84 20
 Branch Office: (387-33) 65 27 57

E-mail:

Head Office: info@ipr.gov.ba
 mostar@ipr.gov.ba
 Branch Office: sarajevo@ipr.gov.ba

Internet: www.ipr.gov.ba

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

BG Bulgaria (types of protection)

There has been a change in the types of protection available in Bulgaria via the PCT, as follows:

Patents, utility model registration (a utility model registration may be sought instead of a national patent or in parallel with a national patent)

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

ES Spain (fees)

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau that the amount of the following fees, payable to it as receiving Office, changed on 1 January 2007:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

Fee for priority document: EUR 27.16

On the same date, the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, changed:

For patent:
 Filing fee: EUR 88.13
 For utility model:
 Filing fee: EUR 88.13

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

HR Croatia (requirements concerning agent)

There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia) as receiving Office, as follows:

1. any natural or legal person entered in the Register of Representatives maintained by the Office, or
2. any attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association.

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

HU Hungary (means of telecommunication; fees)

The Hungarian Patent Office has discontinued the use of its teleprinter. The only means of telecommunication by which it will accept the filing of documents is by fax.

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):

For a patent application:

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

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

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| For a utility model application: | HUF | 17,000 |
| plus: | | |
| for each claim in excess of 20: | HUF | 1,100 |

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

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 September 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ISK of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Table I(a).

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

JP Japan (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The Japan Patent Office has notified the deletion of the Institute of Applied Microbiology (IAM) from the list of depositary institutions with which deposits of

microorganisms may be made for the purposes of patent procedure.

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

MD Moldova (time limit for furnishing translation; fees)

The State Agency on Intellectual Property (Moldova) has notified a change in the time limit for furnishing a translation of the international application into Moldovan or Romanian as well as the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. The new time limit is three months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

The amount of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

Fee for priority document: USD 20

In addition, 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):

For patent:

Filing fee: USD 100

Examination fee: USD 400

For utility model:

Filing fee: USD 100

Examination fee: USD 200

There have been changes in the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

For patents:

The examination fee is USD 250 where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established.

For utility models:

The examination fee is USD 150 where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established.

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

NL Netherlands Patent Office (means of telecommunication)

The requirements concerning the filing of documents by fax to the Netherlands Patent Office have changed,

as follows: the original of the document must now be furnished in all cases.

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

NZ New Zealand (location and mailing address; fees)

The location and mailing address of the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand have changed, as follows:

Location: 205 Victoria Street
Wellington
New Zealand

Mailing address: P.O. Box 9241
Wellington
New Zealand

As from 1 October 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NZD to the Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NZD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (NZ) and Annex C (NZ))

PG Papua New Guinea (location and mailing address; telephone numbers)

The location and mailing address and the telephone numbers of the Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address:

3rd Floor Credit Corporation Building
Cuthbertson Street
P.O. Box 1281
Port Moresby, N.C.D.
Papua New Guinea

Telephone: (675) 308 44 44, 321 73 11,
308 44 34

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

PH Philippines (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) have changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (632) 752 54 50 to 65
(extensions 401, 404)

Fax: (632) 890 48 62, 897 17 37

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

PL Poland (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland have changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (48-22) 579 01 45, 579 01 27
 Fax: (48-22) 579 03 63

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

PT Portugal (fax number; e-mail address; fees)

The fax number and e-mail address of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) have changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Fax: (351-21) 887 85 08
 E-mail: dripi@inpi.pt

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2007 (for changes in the equivalent amounts in EUR of other fees payable to that Office, see also "Fees payable in Euro (various Offices)", above):

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)
 Fee for priority document: EUR 39.01

In addition, the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2007:

For patent and utility model:
 Filing fee: EUR 122.61
 Examination fee: EUR 222.91
 Fee for submission of any document: EUR 5.58

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (PT) and C (PT) and National Chapter, Summary (PT))

SM San Marino (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

There has been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) as designated (or elected) Office concerning the translation of the international application (the other requirements have not changed). The translation must now be furnished in four copies instead of two.

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

SY Syrian Arab Republic (telephone number and Internet address)

The telephone number and Internet address of the Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic) have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (963-11) 516 11 39

Internet: www.spo.gov.sy

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 1 September 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for international searches carried out by the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, and there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in KRW for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office.

For the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, there will be a change, as from 1 September 2007, in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, and in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

As from 1 October 2007 there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF, KRW, USD and ZAR for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office.

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

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

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.022.197), dated 1 July 2007, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

This version ("build 197") includes:

- the Russian language version of the 1 April 2007 request form;
- the implementation of the 1 April 2007 request form for filings with RO/AU;
- information on the Libyan Industrial Property Office (RO/LY) as receiving Office;

- improved handling of pdf documents; and
- fee and other PCT updates.

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

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

Enhancements to PatentScope

PatentScope Search Service

The presentation of PCT documents through the PatentScope Search Service has recently been enhanced so as to make the official publication of PCT applications easier to find and identify – the published international application (together with any other documents which form part of the published international application, for example, later published international search reports or declarations under PCT Rule 4.17) is now listed at the top of the page under the “documents” tab, separately from any other documents relating to the international application which are also made available via PatentScope. It is hoped that the changes will also facilitate navigation to the different renditions of documents (PDF, HTML, ZIP, etc.) – it is now clearer which file type should be accessed for viewing the document, and which file type should be accessed for printing the document out. See:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/

Changes on PatentScope website

All information regarding PCT Data Products and Services available for PCT applicants and industrial property Offices has been updated and can now be easily found at:

www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/data/

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

FAQs

Two items entitled:

- “Amendments to the PCT Regulations, April 1, 2007” (including general questions about the amendments, as well as specific questions relating to restoration of the right of priority, missing parts and incorporation by reference, and rectification of obvious mistakes) and
- “Rule 49.6; Reinstatement of Rights after Failure to Perform the Acts Referred to in Article 22”

have been added to the collection of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and are available at:

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

Table of types of protection available in PCT Contracting States

See page 3.

Patent resources in Russian

The Russian section of the website has been updated to improve navigability for Russian-speaking users. The resources that are available in Russian are highlighted while links to alternative language versions in English and French are included where no translation in Russian is available. See:

www.wipo.int/pct/ru/

PCT presentation

An updated version of the English PCT overview presentation entitled “The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and its advantages”, by Matthew Bryan, Director, PCT Legal Division, is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/presentations/pct_presentations.html

Seminar materials

Seminar materials covering all aspects of the PCT procedure have been updated in Chinese, English, French, German and Japanese, and are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* (the latest one was published in issue No. 06/2007, on page 6), about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau (IB) of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from “ODM - Register of International Patents”.

To view an example of the new invitation, as well as the many other examples which have been brought to the attention of the IB by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.htm

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the IB alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (see PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29.

Practical Advice

Access to the inventor's address by third parties

Q: I am going to file, on behalf of a client, an international application, the subject matter of which is fairly sensitive. The inventor is worried about having his address made available to the public by way of the published international application. Is there any way that the information concerning the inventor can be excluded from the published international application, or even from the file of the international application so that it will not be made publicly available?

A: The request should, in accordance with PCT Article 4(v) and Rules 4.1(a)(iv) and 4.6(a), contain the name and address of the inventor where the national law of at least one of the designated (or elected) States requires that the name and address of the inventor be furnished at the time of filing a national application. It is recalled that, for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, the inventor(s) must also be named as applicant(s) in the international application*.

Any information included in the request form regarding the applicant and inventor will be automatically published on the front page (in the bibliographical data) of the published international application (PCT Rule 48.2(b)(i)) (note that it is not possible under the PCT to request that certain information be excluded from publication). The bibliographic screen of the Patentscope Search Service will also contain the address of the inventor as indicated in the request as well as any changes recorded under Rule 92*bis* after international publication. Furthermore, access to the file may be requested under Rule 94.1(b) to certain other documents in the file of the International Bureau that may contain the inventor's address.

Note, however, that ***there is no requirement under the PCT that the address indicated in the request form be the inventor's "home" address*** (PCT Rule 4.4(c)) – it is normally possible to use the address of the inventor's employer instead. If this is not possible or desired for any particular reason, it would be a matter for the applicants/inventors (and a matter of the national law of the relevant designated Offices) as to what address could be indicated). In any event, for the purposes of the international phase, the International Bureau would not object to the use of an address which is not the inventor's home address.

Another option would be to simply not indicate any address in the request form, in which case the receiving Office may bring to your attention the fact that the address of the inventor (or the applicant/inventor) is not indicated. If you choose to leave out the address, and do not reply to any invitation to correct is-

sued by the receiving Office, the processing of the application would simply continue, and the application would be published without the address of the inventor concerned. The consequences of any such defect would then be a matter for the national phase.

While some designated Offices require the inclusion of the inventor's name and address in the request form, some Offices allow that information to be furnished later, in the national phase, and the designated Offices of Austria, China, Israel and Spain do not require the address of the inventor at all. Annexes B1 and B2 of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/) give information on the requirements of the designated Offices regarding the furnishing of the name and address of the inventor, noting that in the case of many of those Offices, even though it is a requirement of the Office to include that information in the request form, if the information is missing from the request at the expiration of the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

If you intend to file a declaration of inventorship, which must include the inventor's address, during the international phase, that declaration will, provided the declaration is received prior to the completion of technical preparations for publication, be published. Note that in view of the fact that it is the law of the United States of America which governs the contents of that declaration and which provides for consequences of non-compliance with requirements of the US national law, it would be advisable to contact the United States Patent and Trademark Office for questions regarding the US law and practice regarding the inventor's address. It is recalled that you always have the option of filing the declaration of inventorship in the national phase.

As far as the indication of the inventor's address in the request is concerned, it is recommended that, in order to avoid any problems in the national phase, applicants always include the address of the inventor in the request unless there are special reasons for not doing so, recalling what was said above about the fact that the address does not necessarily have to be the inventor's home address.

* Note that, although under Rules 4.5(a)(ii) and 4.6(a) the request form should contain the address of the applicants and/or inventors, Rule 26.2*bis*(b) provides that if there is more than one applicant and the address has been given in respect of at least one applicant who is entitled to file the application with the receiving Office, this is considered sufficient and the receiving Office is not required to invite the applicant to furnish any missing address in respect of any other applicant/inventor.

| Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 August 2007) | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|---|---|--|
| | National patent | ARIPO patent (AP) | Eurasian patent (EA) | European patent (EP) | OAPI patent (OA) | Utility model instead of national patent | Utility model in addition to national patent | Other |
| AE | X | | | | | X | | Patent of addition |
| AG ¹ | X | | | | | | | |
| AL | X | | | | | X | | Extension of EP patent ² |
| AM | X | | X | | | X | | Provisional patent |
| AT | X | | | X | | X | X | Patent of addition |
| AU | X | | | | | | | Patent of addition |
| AZ | X | | X | | | X | | |
| BA | X | | | | | | | Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ^{2,3} |
| BB | X | | | | | | | |
| BE | | | | X | | | | |
| BF | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| BG | X | | | X | | X | X | |
| BH ^{1,4} | X | | | | | | | |
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| BZ | X | | | | | X | | |
| CA | X | | | | | | | |
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| CG | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| CH + LI | X | | | X | | | | |
| CI | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| CM | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| CN | X | | | | | X | | |
| CO | X | | | | | X | | |
| CR | X | | | | | X | | |
| CU | X | | | | | | | Patent of addition, inventor's certificate, inventor's certificate of addition |
| CY | | | | X | | | | |
| CZ | X | | | X | | X | X | |
| DE | X | | | X | | X | X | Patent of addition |
| DK | X | | | X | | X | X | |

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| Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 August 2007) | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | National patent | ARIPO patent (AP) | Eurasian patent (EA) | European patent (EP) | OAPI patent (OA) | Utility model instead of patent | Utility model in addition to patent | Other |
| DM | X | | | | | X | | |
| DO ¹ | X | | | | | | | |
| DZ | X | | | | | | | Certificate of addition |
| EC | X | | | | | X | | |
| EE | X | | | X | | X | X | |
| EG | X | | | | | X | | |
| ES | X | | | X | | X | | Patent of addition |
| FI | X | | | X | | X | X | |
| FR | | | | X | | | | |
| GA | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| GB | X | | | X | | | | |
| GD ¹ | X | | | | | | | |
| GE | X | | | | | X | | |
| GH | X | X | | | | ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | Utility certificate |
| GM | X | X | | | | ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | |
| GN | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| GQ | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| GR | | | | X | | | | |
| GT ¹ | X | | | | | | | |
| GW | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| HN ¹ | X | | | | | | | |
| HR | X | | | | | | | "Consensual patent," extension of EP patent ² |
| HU | X | | | X | | X | | |
| ID | X | | | | | | | |
| IE | | | | X | | | | |
| IL | X | | | | | | | Patent of addition |
| IN | X | | | | | | | Patent of addition |
| IS | X | | | X | | | | |
| IT | | | | X | | | | |
| JP | X | | | | | X | | |
| KE | X | X | | | | National or ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | |
| KG | X | | X | | | X | | |
| KM ¹ | X | | | | | | | |
| KN ¹ | X | | | | | | | |
| KP | X | | | | | X | | Inventor's certificate |
| KR | X | | | | | X | | |
| KZ | X | | X | | | X | | Provisional patent |
| LA ¹ | X | | | | | | | |

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| Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States (status on 1 August 2007) | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| | National patent | ARIPO patent (AP) | Eurasian patent (EA) | European patent (EP) | OAPI patent (OA) | Utility model instead of patent | Utility model in addition to patent | Other |
| LC | X | | | | | | | |
| LI (see CH) | | | | | | | | |
| LK | X | | | | | | | |
| LR | X | | | | | | | |
| LS | X | X | | | | National or ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | |
| LT | X | | | X | | | | Extension of EP patent ^{2,5} |
| LU | X | | | X | | | | |
| LV | | | | X ⁵ | | | | Extension of EP patent ^{2,6} |
| LY | X | | | | | | | Patent of addition |
| MA | X | | | | | | | Certificate of addition |
| MC | | | | X | | | | |
| MD | X | | X | | | X | | |
| ME | X | | | | | | | Patent of addition, petty patent |
| MG | X | | | | | | | Certificate of addition |
| MK | X | | | | | | | Patent of addition, extension of EP patent ² |
| ML | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| MN | X | | | | | | | |
| MR | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| MT ¹ | X | | | X | | | | |
| MW | X | X | | | | ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | Patent of addition |
| MX | X | | | | | X | | |
| MY | X | | | | | | | "utility innovation" |
| MZ | X | X | | | | National or ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | |
| NA | X | X | | | | ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | |
| NE | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| NG | X | | | | | | | |
| NI | X | | | | | X | | |
| NL | | | | X | | | | |
| NO | X | | | | | | | |
| NZ | X | | | | | | | Patent of addition |
| OM ¹ | X | | | | | | | |
| PG | X | | | | | | | |
| PH | X | | | | | X | | |
| PL | X | | | X | | X | | |
| PT | X | | | X | | X | X | |
| RO | X | | | X | | | | |
| RS | X | | | | | | | Patent of addition, petty patent, extension of EP patent ² |

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|--|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | National patent | ARIPO patent (AP) | Eurasian patent (EA) | European patent (EP) | OAPI patent (OA) | Utility model instead of patent | Utility model in addition to patent | Other |
| RU | X | | X | | | X | | |
| SC | X | | | | | | | |
| SD | X | X | | | | ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | |
| SE | X | | | X | | | | |
| SG | X | | | | | | | |
| SI | | | | X | | | | |
| SK | X | | | X | | X | X | |
| SL | X | X | | | | National or ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | |
| SM | X | | | | | | | |
| SN | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| SV ¹ | | | | | | | | |
| SY | X | | | | | | | Certificate of addition |
| SZ | | X | | | | ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | |
| TD | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| TG | | | | | X | OAPI utility model | | OAPI certificate of addition |
| TJ | X | | X | | | X | | |
| TM | X | | X | | | | | Provisional patent |
| TN | X | | | | | | | |
| TR | X | | | X | | X | | Patent of addition |
| TT | X | | | | | | | Utility certificate |
| TZ | X | X | | | | ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | |
| UA | X | | | | | X | | |
| UG | X | X | | | | ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | Utility certificate |
| US | X | | | | | | | |
| UZ | X | | | | | X | | |
| VC | X | | | | | | | Utility certificate |
| VN | X | | | | | | | "Patent for utility solution" |
| ZA | X | | | | | | | Patent of addition |
| ZM | X | X | | | | ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | Patent of addition |
| ZW | X | X | | | | ARIPO utility model | ARIPO utility model | Patent of addition |

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

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

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

4 Will become bound by the PCT on 18 March 2007.

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

6 Only for international applications filed before 1 July 2005.

| PCT Seminar Calendar | | | |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 7 September 2007 Chicago (US) | English | PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan | Chicago-Kent College of Law CLE program Tel: (1-312) 906 50 90 Fax: (1-312) 906 50 93 E-mail: clestaff@kentlaw.edu Online registration: www.kentlaw.edu/depts/cle/ |
| 11-12 September 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44-207) 539 42 45 E-mail: member@jsjones.fsnet.co.uk |
| 13 September 2007 Toronto (CA) | English | PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan | Center for Innovation Law and Policy, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto (Ms. Jean McNeil) Tel: (1-416) 978 37 24 E-mail: jean.mcneil@utoronto.ca |
| 13-14 September 2007 Athens (GR) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office) | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 19 September 2007 Dusseldorf (DE) | German | PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 5-6 October 2007 Riverside, Iowa (US) | English | PCT presentation within the framework of the annual Continuing Legal Education seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association (IIPLA) (Ms. Wendy Marsh) Tel: (1-515) 288 36 67 Fax: (1-515) 288 13 38 E-mail: marsh@ipmvs.com |
| 8-9 October 2007 Oslo (NO) | English | PCT seminar for consultants WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | Norwegian Patent Office (Vigdís Aaserud) Tel: (47-22) 38 73 14/38 73 00 Fax: (47-22) 38 73 31 E-mail: vaa@patentstyret.no |
| 12 October 2007 Helsinki (FI) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Ilmarinen) Tel: (358-9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358-9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi |
| 12 October 2007 London (GB) | English | PCT presentation at the 6 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |
| 17-18 October 2007 Dusseldorf (DE) | German | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Lindner | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 22 October 2007 Troy, Michigan (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | Michigan State Bar Intellectual Property Section (Ms. Lora Freeman, loraf@mail.icle.org for questions on course content; for registration, see below) Tel: (1-877) 229 43 50 Fax: (1-877) 229 43 51 Internet: www.icle.org |
| 23 October 2007 Grand Rapids, Michigan (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | (See Troy, Michigan, above) |

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| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|
| 24–25 October 2007 Paris (FR) | French | PCT seminar: "La demande PCT" WIPO speakers: to be announced | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr |
| 1–2 November 2007 San Francisco (US) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell | 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 |
| 5–6 November 2007 Chicago (US) | English | Advanced training session on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell | 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 |
| 12 November 2007 Hilton Head (US) | English | PCT presentation as part of the annual Corporate Patent Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed | The Procter & Gamble Company (Mr. Tim Guffey) Tel: (1–513) 534 07 96 Fax: (1–866) 771 93 93 Email: guffey.tb@pg.com Internet: www.corporatepatent.com |
| 21–22 November 2007 Munich (DE) | German | Advanced 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: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 28–29 November 2007 Boston, Massachusetts (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Bidwell | Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Lee Carl Bromberg, President) Tel: (1–617) 443 92 92 Fax: (1–617) 443 00 04 (Attention: Lee Bromberg) E-mail: lbromberg@bromsun.com |
| 4–5 December 2007 Paris (FR) | French | PCT seminar: "La demande PCT module avancé" WIPO speakers: to be announced | See "Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI)", above |
| 6–7 December 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |

Other IP events**Strategic Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Geneva (CH), 17 to 19 September 2007**

Designed for senior executives, this program teaches how intellectual property (IP) can be strategically leveraged to create value and sustain competitive advantage in a rapidly changing business environment. Thought leaders and senior executives from leading business schools, corporate organizations and WIPO 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.

Strategic Intellectual Property Finance Executive Program, Geneva (CH), 12 to 15 November 2007

Designed for finance executives, managers and analysts, this program teaches essential concepts and recent developments in the rapidly evolving and complex area of intellectual property (IP) finance

Registration for both programs: please visit www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/. For further information please contact the Research & Executive Program, WIPO Worldwide Academy, World Intellectual Property Organization, 34, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. E-mail: execed.academy@wipo.int; tel: (+41-22) 338 92 40; Fax: (+41-22) 740 14 17

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 August 2007, 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*, 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 | LVL | Latvian lat | SEK | Swedish krona |
| IPEA | International Preliminary Examining Authority | BRR | Brazilian real | GHC | Ghanaian cedi | LYD | Libyan dinar | SGD | Singapore dollar |
| ISA | International Searching Authority | BYR | Belarusian rouble | HRK | Croatian kuna | MAD | Moroccan dirham | SKK | Slovak koruna |
| RO | receiving Office | BZD | Belize dollar | HUF | Hungarian forint | MKD | Macedonian denar | TJS | Tajik somoni |
| | | CAD | Canadian dollar | IDR | Indonesian rupiah | MWK | Malawian kwacha | TND | Tunisian dinar |
| | | CHF | Swiss franc | ILS | New Israel shekel | MXP | Mexican peso | TTD | Trinidad and Tobago dollar |
| | | CNY | Yuan renminbi | INR | Indian rupee | MYR | Malaysian ringgit | UAH | Ukrainian hryvnia |
| | | COP | Colombian peso | ISK | Icelandic krona | NOK | Norwegian krone | USD | US dollar |
| | | CUC | Cuban convertible peso | JPY | Japanese yen | NZD | New Zealand dollar | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| AED | United Arab Emirates dirham | CYP | Cyprus pound | KES | Kenyan shilling | PGK | Kina | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| ALL | Albanian lek | CZK | Czech koruna | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PHP | Philippine peso | ZAR | South African rand |
| AMD | Armenian dram | DKK | Danish krone | KPW | KP won | PLZ | Polish zloty | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| AUD | Australian dollar | DZD | Algerian dinar | KRW | KR won | ROL | Romanian leu | | |
| AZM | Azerbaijani manat | EEK | Estonian kroon | KZT | Kazakh tenge | RSD | Serbian dinar | | |
| BAM | Convertible mark | EUR | Euro | LSL | Lesotho loti | RUR | Russian rouble | | |
| | | GBP | Pound sterling | LTL | Lithuanian litas | SDP | Sudanese pound | | |

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 August 2007, 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 |
|----|-------------------------------|--------|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | | Items 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 | USD 1,086 | 12 | 78 | – | – | AT EP SE |
| | (or eq in local currency) | | | | | | | |
| AT | EUR | 50 | EUR 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | – | – | EP |
| AU | AUD | 150 | AUD 1,445 (from 1.10.07: 1,347) | 15 (14) | 103 (96) | 206 (192) | 310 (289) | AU |
| AZ | AZM | 55,000 | USD 1,086 | 12 | – | – | – | EP RU |
| BA | BAM | 50 | EUR 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | – | – | EP |
| BE | EUR | 40 | EUR 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | – | – | EP |
| BG | BGL | 80 | BGL eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | EP RU |
| BH | Information not yet available | | | | | | | |
| 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 | – | – | CA EP |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 August 2007, 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 | |
| CA | CAD | 300 | CAD 1,273 | 14 | 91 | – | – | CA |
| CH | CHF | 100 | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | EP |
| CN | CNY | 500 | CNY eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | CN |
| CO | COP 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 | EUR 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | – | – | EP |
| DE | EUR | 90 | EUR 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | 129 (122) | 193 (182) | EP |
| DK | DKK | 1,500 | DKK 6,710 (from 1.9.07: 6,340) | 70 (70) | 480 (450) | 960 (910) | 1,440 (1,360) | EP SE |
| DM | Information not yet available | | | | | | | |
| DZ | DZD | None | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | AT EP |
| EA | RUR | 1,600 | 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 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | – | 129 (122) | 193 (182) | EP |
| ES | EUR | 67.89 | EUR 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | 129 (122) | 193 (182) | EP ES |
| FI | EUR | 135 | EUR 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | 129 (122) | 193 (182) | EP FI SE |
| FR | EUR | 60 | EUR 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | 129 (122) | 193 (182) | EP |
| GB | GBP | 55 | GBP 574 | 6 | 41 | 82 | 123 | 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 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | – | – | 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 or EUR ¹² or USD ¹² | 100 64 79 | CHF 1,400 or EUR 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) or USD 1,086 | 15 10 (9) 12 | 100 64 (61) 78 | 200 129 (122) 155 | 300 193 (182) 233 | See footnote 13 |
| ID | IDR | 1,000,000 | IDR eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | AU EP KR RU |
| IE | EUR | 76 | EUR 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | – | – | 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 78,500 (from 1.9.07: 70,500) | 800 (800) | 5,600 (5,000) | – (–) | – (–) | EP SE |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 August 2007, 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 | |
| IT | EUR 30.99 | EUR 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | – | – | – | EP |
| JP | JPY 13,000 | JPY 130,300 <i>(from 1.9.07: 138,200)</i> | 1,400 <i>(1,500)</i> | 9,300 <i>(9,900)</i> | – | 27,900 <i>(29,600)</i> | 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 1,096,000 | 12,000 | 78,000 | – | 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 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | 64 <i>(61)</i> | – | – | EP RU |
| LU | EUR 19 | EUR 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | – | – | – | EP |
| LV | LVL 47.20 | EUR 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | 64 <i>(61)</i> | – | – | EP RU |
| LY | LYD ⁹ – | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | AT EP |
| MA | None | CHF 1,400 | 15 | – | – | – | AT EP RU SE |
| MC | EUR 54 ¹⁵ | EUR 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | – | – | – | EP |
| MD | USD 40 | 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 |
| MT | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| 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 | MYR 375 ¹⁶ | MYR eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | AU EP KR |
| NI | USD 200 | USD 1,086 | 12 | 78 | – | – | EP ES |
| NL | EUR 50 | EUR 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | 64 <i>(61)</i> | 129 <i>(122)</i> | 193 <i>(182)</i> | EP |
| NO | NOK 550 | NOK 7,030 | 80 | 500 | – | – | EP SE |
| NZ | NZD 180 ¹⁷ | NZD 1,613 <i>(from 1.10.07: 1,479)</i> | 17 <i>(16)</i> | 115 <i>(106)</i> | – | – | 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 33.44 | EUR 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | 64 <i>(61)</i> | – | – | 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 600 | 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 |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 August 2007, 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 | |
| SE | SEK | 1,200 | SEK | 7,950 | | 90 | 570 | 1,140 | 1,700 | EP SE |
| SG | SGD | 150 | SGD | 1,720 | | 18 | 123 | – | – | AT AU EP KR ¹⁸ |
| SI | EUR | 91 | EUR | 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | – | – | 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 (from 1.10.07: 851) | | 10 (9) | – | – | – | 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 | 8,230 | | 90 | 590 | – | – | AT AU EP US |
| ZM | USD | 50 | USD | 1,086 | | 12 | – | – | – | AT SE |
| 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 August 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|---------|---------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|------|-------------------|-----|---------|-------------------|---------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | CHF | 311 | KRW | 250,000 | SGD | 410 | USD | 272 | ZAR | 1,830 |
| AU | AUD | 1,600 | CHF* | 1,553 | EUR | 962 | KRW* | 1,173,000 | NZD | 1,794 | SGD | 1,943 |
| | USD* | 1,266 | ZAR* | 8,854 | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.10.07: CHF 1,663 KRW 1,266,000 USD 1,372 ZAR 9,560) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CA | CAD | 1,600 | CHF | 1,759 | EUR* | 1,050 | USD* | 1,365 | | | | |
| | * (from 1.9.07: EUR 1,112 USD 1,490) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CN | CNY | 2,100 | CHF | 335 | EUR | 215 | USD | 260 | | | | |
| EP ¹⁹ | EUR | 1,615 | CHF* | 2,525 | CYP | 928 | DKK | 12,050 | GBP | 1,098 | ISK | 143,000 |
| | JPY | 255,300 | MWK | 248,000 | NOK | 12,990 | NZD | 3,010 | SEK | 15,230 | SGD* | 3,120 |
| | USD | 2,197 | ZAR | 14,920 | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.9.07: CHF 2,668 SGD 3,310) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ES ¹⁹ | EUR | 1,615 | CHF* | 2,525 | USD | 2,197 | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.9.07: CHF 2,668) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FI | EUR | 1,615 | CHF* | 2,525 | USD | 2,197 | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.9.07: CHF 2,668) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| JP | JPY | 97,000 | CHF | 1,042 | EUR | 616 | KRW* | 789,000 | USD | 797 | | |
| | * (from 1.9.07: KRW 739,000) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | CHF | 280 | EUR | 180 | NZD | 347 | SGD | 380 | USD | 232 |
| RU ²⁰ | USD | 500 | CHF | 644 | EUR | 369 | | | | | | |
| SE | SEK | 15,230 | CHF* | 2,525 | DKK | 12,050 | EUR | 1,615 | ISK | 143,000 | NOK | 12,990 |
| | USD | 2,197 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.9.07: CHF 2,668) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| US | USD | 1,000 | CHF | 1,216 | 387 ²¹ | EUR | 762 | 222 ²¹ | NZD | 1,360 | 440 ²¹ | |
| | ZAR | 7,200 | 2,300 ²¹ | | | | | | | | | |

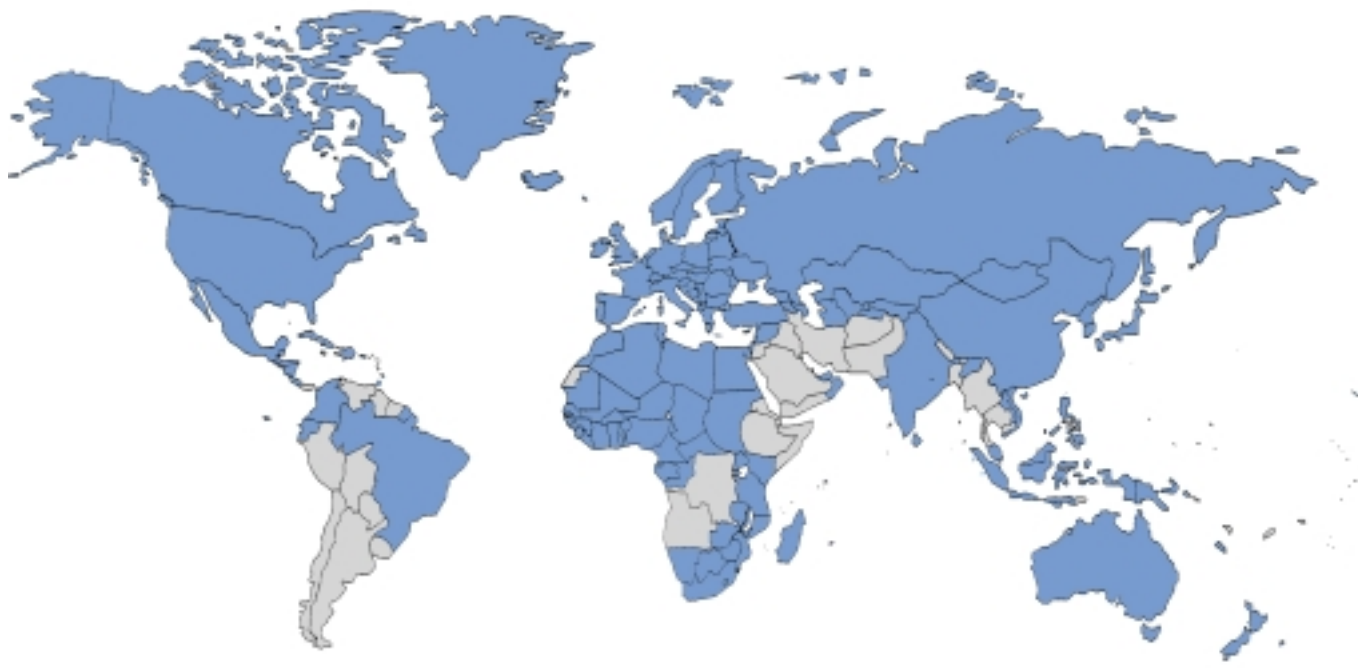
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 August 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee ²² | | Handling fee ^{2, 22} (CHF 200) | |
|------------------|---|-------------------|---|----------------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | EUR | 129 |
| AU | AUD | 550 | 780 ²³ | AUD 205 |
| CA | CAD | 800 | | CAD 182 |
| CN | CNY | 1,500 | | CNY eq CHF 200 |
| EP ¹⁹ | EUR | 1,595 | | EUR 129 |
| ES | EUR | 533.76 | | EUR 129 |
| FI | EUR | 550 | | EUR 129 |
| JP | JPY | 36,000 | | JPY 17,400 |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | | KRW 147,000 |
| RU ²⁰ | USD | 200 ²⁴ | 300 ²⁵ | USD 155 |
| SE | SEK | 5,000 | | SEK 1,210 |
| US | USD | 600 | 750 ²⁶ | USD 155 |

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
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- 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.
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- 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*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 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.
- 19 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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.
- 20 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.
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- 25 In all cases where footnote 24 does not apply.
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|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
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| AG Antigua and Barbuda | CZ Czech Republic (EP) | IT Italy (EP) ² | ML Mali (OA) ² | SK Slovakia (EP) |
| AL Albania ¹ | DE Germany (EP) | JP Japan | MN Mongolia | SL Sierra Leone (AP) |
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| BE Belgium (EP) ² | ES Spain (EP) | LA Lao People's Democratic Republic | NA Namibia (AP) | TG Togo (OA) ² |
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| BG Bulgaria (EP) | FR France (EP) ² | LI Liechtenstein (EP) | NG Nigeria | TM Turkmenistan (EA) |
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| BJ Benin (OA) ² | GB United Kingdom (EP) | LR Liberia | NL Netherlands (EP) ² | TR Turkey (EP) |
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| BW Botswana (AP) | GE Georgia | LT Lithuania (EP) | NZ New Zealand | TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP) |
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| | IL Israel | | | |
| | IN India | | | |

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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Change Concerning Senior PCT Staff Member at WIPO

Departure of Jay Erstling

After four years as Director of the Office of the PCT at WIPO and a year as Director-Adviser in the Office of the Director General, Dr. Kamil Idris, Mr. Jay Erstling recently left WIPO and returned to the United States of America to pursue other interests in the field of intellectual property.



Jay Erstling

As Director of the Office of the PCT, Mr. Erstling was responsible for PCT operations and administration and the PCT legal divisions. Mr. Erstling had also worked in a legal capacity in the Industrial Property Division of WIPO from 1976 to 1986.

Mr. Erstling has become Professor of Law at the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, and is Of Counsel at the intellectual property firm of Patterson, Thunte, Skaar and Christensen in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

We would like to thank Mr. Erstling for his valued work in the Office of the PCT, which he carried out with dedication and professionalism, and wish him luck in his future professional endeavors.

Information on the Upcoming Session of the PCT Assembly

The thirty-sixth session of the Assembly of the PCT Union will be held in Geneva from 24 September to 3 October 2007, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

The Assembly is invited to adopt proposed amendments to the Regulations under the PCT (document PCT/A/36/2) which, if adopted, would generally enter into force on 1 July 2008, relating to:

- international search: the use of the results of earlier searches by an Office other than the Office acting as International Searching Authority;
- restoration of the right of priority: extension of the time period for the applicant to pay to the receiving Office the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority;
- international applications considered withdrawn: clarification that international publication can only be reliably prevented by way of an express withdrawal under PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 received by the International Bureau prior to completion of technical preparations for international publication.

In addition, the Assembly will also discuss the following proposals:

- a proposal by Brazil (document PCT/A/36/6) to appoint the Brazilian

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National Institute of Industrial Property, and a proposal by India (document PCT/A/36/10) to appoint the Indian Patent Office, as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT;

- a proposal by Brazil (document PCT/A/36/9) to add Portuguese, and a proposal by the Republic of Korea (document PCT/A/36/8) to add Korean, to the list of languages referred to in PCT Rule 48.3(a) in which international applications may be published;
- a proposal by France (document PCT/A/36/7), based on a proposal discussed at length during the Working Group on PCT Reform, to adopt proposed amendments to the Regulations under the PCT introducing a supplementary international search system (the text of possible appropriate amendments of the Regulations is set out in Annex II of document PCT/A/36/1);
- a proposal by the United States of America and Japan (document PCT/A/36/11) to amend the PCT Schedule of Fees so as to reduce by 15 % the amount of the current international filing fee and handling fee.

Furthermore, the Assembly is invited to approve the revision of a "flexibility formula" which allows for the number of posts for staff to be varied in response to unbudgeted variations in the number of PCT international applications received at the International

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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
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:

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Bureau (document PCT/A/36/5); to note the status of various aspects of the work being undertaken in connection with reform of the PCT, including the results of the latest session of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT (document PCT/A/36/1); to take note of a report on the quality management systems set up by the International Authorities under the PCT (document PCT/A/36/3); and to extend the appointment of the existing International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT for a period of 10 years (document PCT/A/36/4).

All documents submitted to the PCT Assembly for discussion at its next session are available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=13306

Information on the outcome of the meetings will be published in the October issue of the *PCT Newsletter* (No. 10/2007).

Electronic Transfer of Priority Documents from the USPTO to the IB

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has announced that, with effect from 31 August 2007, it has updated its electronic system that supports the administrative processing of international applications. That update includes an enhancement enabling the USPTO to electronically transfer certified copies of US priority documents to the International Bureau (IB) where the applicant has made a request in accordance with PCT Rule 17.1(b).

Furthermore, given that such electronic transfer of US priority documents is now highly automated, the USPTO no longer requires a fee for transmitting the priority document in respect of international applications filed with the USPTO as receiving Office (RO/US) on or after 31 August 2007.

Therefore, if an applicant files an international application with RO/US on or after 31 August 2007, and checks the box in the request form (PCT/RO/101) requesting the RO/US to transmit a certified copy of a priority document to the IB ("Transmit certified copy" under Box No. VI "Priority Claim") (or, if using the PCT-SAFE software, checks the corresponding box on the Priority page), the USPTO will electronically transmit a copy of the US priority document to the IB free-of-charge, regardless of whether the application was filed on paper or electronically. Note that the \$20 "fee for priority document" will continue to be required for the transmittal of a US priority document to the IB

in accordance with PCT Rule 17.1(b) for international applications filed prior to 31 August 2007.

For further information, see the USPTO's announcement about this change at:

www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/e_pd_ib.pdf

PCT Information Update

Fees payable in US dollars (various Offices)

As from 15 November 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in USD to various receiving Offices (see below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

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

DO Dominican Republic (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Office of Industrial Property of Dominican Republic, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities.

ME Montenegro (competent receiving Office)

The Government of the Republic of Montenegro has notified the International Bureau that, until its intellectual property office becomes fully operational, it is delegating the functions of receiving Office under the PCT, in relation to international applications filed by nationals or residents of Montenegro under PCT 19.1(b), to the International Bureau of WIPO in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT.

US United States of America (fees)

See "Fees payable in US dollars," above.

Search fee and other fees related to the international search (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 15 October 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in SGD for an interna-

tional search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and there will be a change in the equivalent amount (of the lower amount – the higher amount remains unchanged) payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

As from 1 November 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office.

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

The European Patent Office has notified that the search fee paid for an earlier search with a written opinion on a national application, made on behalf of the Office of France, the Netherlands or Turkey and refunded when the Authority benefits from that search in carrying out an international search, shall be refunded to the same extent in the case of national applications filed as from 1 January 2007 when the earlier search is made on behalf of the Office of Belgium or Luxembourg.

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

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

Documents for PCT Assembly

See "Information on the upcoming session of the PCT Assembly" on the cover page.

PCT Applicant's Guide

The following parts of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* have been updated to take into account the PCT Rule changes that entered into force on 1 April 2007:

- Introduction to the International Phase
- Index to the International Phase
- Introduction to the National Phase

and have been published on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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

The French translation is under preparation.

It is recalled that all *Guide* users may subscribe to an e-mail update service at the above-mentioned Inter-

net address, which will provide them with a weekly e-mail informing them which *Guide* information has been updated that week and containing links to those updated elements.

PCT legal text index

The PCT legal text index has been updated to take into account the April 2007 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 (the 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_index07.pdf

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau (IB) of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from "IOIP - Organization for Intellectual Property".

To view an example of the new invitation, as well as the many other examples which have been brought to the attention of the IB by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.htm

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the IB alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (see PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29.

States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the WTO

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention.

The table on pages 7 to 9, which lists the Contracting States of the PCT, together with the States party to the Paris Convention and Members of the WTO, up-

dates the table which was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2006. The table has also been updated on the WIPO website at:

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

Budapest Treaty

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

It is recalled that the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure permits the disclosure of an invention involving a microorganism, or the use of a microorganism or other biological material, by effecting a deposit of a sample of the microorganism with a specialized institution. It thus eliminates, before the national patent Offices of the Contracting States of the Budapest Treaty and the regional Offices that have filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Treaty, the need to deposit such a sample in each country in which protection is sought.

Several changes have been made, since its publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2006, to the table setting out the States party to that Treaty and the intergovernmental industrial property organizations which have filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Treaty. An update of the table appears on page 10.

Practical Advice

Late transmittal of the priority document

Q: I have filed, on behalf of my client, an international application claiming the priority of an earlier filed national application. Since the applicant lived in a different country when he filed the earlier application, the receiving Office with which the international application was filed is not the same as the Office with which the earlier application was filed. I was therefore unable to make use of the facility in the request form for requesting the receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application. The time limit for transmitting the certified copy to the International Bureau of 16 months from the priority date has nearly expired and I have still not received it from the national Office in question. What will be the consequences for the priority claim if I am unable to submit the certified copy to the International Bureau in time?

A: In general, the priority document (copy of an earlier application certified by the authority with which it was filed) must be furnished to the International Bureau (IB) within 16 months from the priority date (PCT Rule 17.1). However, if you are unable to transmit it to the IB before the expiration of that time limit, you may in fact have more time as the IB will consider the priority document to have been received by it on the last day of that 16-month period if it reaches it before the date of international publication of the international application (which is, according to PCT Article 21(2)(a), usually as soon as possible after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date, unless you have requested early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b)). Although PCT Rule 17.1 states that the priority document should be submitted by the applicant to the IB or to the receiving Office, when it is transmitted after the filing of the international application, it is advisable to send it **directly to the IB**.

If the IB does receive the priority document in time, or for cases where the applicant is in a position to request the receiving Office to furnish the priority document to the IB under PCT Rule 17.1(b)*, the IB furnishes, at the specific request of a designated Office (but only after the international publication of the international application) a copy of the priority document to that Office, together with information about when the priority document was received (or considered received, as the case may be). In such cases, no designated Office may ask the applicant himself to furnish it with a copy (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

You should make every effort to ensure that the IB receives the priority document in time in order to avoid any extra work in the national phase. Even if the priority document is not submitted to the IB within the time limit under PCT Rule 17.1(a) (and PCT Rule 17.1(b) is not complied with*), please note the following:

- the IB will still transmit the priority document to the designated Offices but with an indication that it was received outside the applicable time limit – any designated Office may, nevertheless, request a new certified copy from the applicant;

* It is recalled that where the Office with which the earlier application was filed is the same Office as the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office, before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, to prepare and transmit the priority document to the IB, preferably by checking the "Transmit certified copy" box under Box No. VI "Priority claim" of the request form (PCT/RO/101), or, if using the PCT-SAFE software, by checking the corresponding box on the Priority page.

- no designated Office should disregard the priority claim before giving the applicant an opportunity to furnish the priority document within a reasonable time limit (PCT Rule 17.1(c)); and
- no designated Office should disregard the priority claim if the earlier application was filed with it in its capacity as national Office (PCT Rule 17.1(d)).

Note that in 2004, PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) was adopted to enable applicants to request receiving Offices or the IB to obtain the priority document from digital libraries. Although this new Rule is not yet in operation, priority documents will in the future be made avail-

able, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (as yet to be modified accordingly), to the receiving Office or to the IB from a digital library. Thus, instead of submitting the priority document, you will be able to request the authority concerned, not later than 16 months after the priority date, to obtain the priority document from that digital library, and, in the case of the receiving Office, request it to transmit it to the IB. Furthermore, no designated Office will be able to disregard the priority claim if the priority document is, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, available to it from a digital library (PCT Rule 17(d)).

**States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention
and Members of the World Trade Organization**
(status on 1 September 2007)

| States/Members | PCT (137) | Paris (171) | WTO (151) | States/Members | PCT | Paris | WTO |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---|----------------|------------------|-----|
| Albania (AL) | X | X | X | Canada (CA) | X | X | X |
| Algeria (DZ) | X | X | – | Central African Republic (CF) | X | X | X |
| Andorra (AD) | – | X | – | Chad (TD) | X | X | X |
| Angola (AO) | – | – | X | Chile (CL) | – | X | X |
| Antigua and Barbuda (AG) | X | X | X | China (CN) | X ¹ | X ^{1,2} | X |
| Argentina (AR) | – | X | X | Colombia (CO) | X | X | X |
| Armenia (AM) | X | X | X | Comoros (KM) | X | X | – |
| Australia (AU) | X | X | X | Congo (CG) | X | X | X |
| Austria (AT) | X | X | X | Costa Rica (CR) | X | X | X |
| Azerbaijan (AZ) | X | X | – | Côte d'Ivoire (CI) | X | X | X |
| Bahamas (BS) | – | X | – | Croatia (HR) | X | X | X |
| Bahrain (BH) | X | X | X | Cuba (CU) | X | X | X |
| Bangladesh (BD) | – | X | X | Cyprus (CY) | X | X | X |
| Barbados (BB) | X | X | X | Czech Republic (CZ) | X | X | X |
| Belarus (BY) | X | X | – | Democratic People's Republic of Korea (KP) | X | X | – |
| Belgium (BE) | X | X | X | Democratic Republic of the Congo (CD) | – | X | X |
| Belize (BZ) | X | X | X | Denmark (DK) | X | X | X |
| Benin (BJ) | X | X | X | Djibouti (DJ) | – | X | X |
| Bhutan (BT) | – | X | – | Dominica (DM) | X | X | X |
| Bolivia (BO) | – | X | X | Dominican Republic (DO) | X | X | X |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA) | X | X | – | Ecuador (EC) | X | X | X |
| Botswana (BW) | X | X | X | Egypt (EG) | X | X | X |
| Brazil (BR) | X | X | X | El Salvador (SV) | X | X | X |
| Brunei Darussalam (BN) | – | – | X | Equatorial Guinea (GQ) | X | X | – |
| Bulgaria (BG) | X | X | X | Estonia (EE) | X | X | X |
| Burkina Faso (BF) | X | X | X | European Communities | – | – | X |
| Burundi (BI) | – | X | X | Fiji (FJ) | – | – | X |
| Cambodia (KH) | – | X | X | Finland (FI) | X | X | X |
| Cameroon (CM) | X | X | X | France (FR) | X | X | X |

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**States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention
and Members of the World Trade Organization**
(status on 1 September 2007)

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

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(status on 1 September 2007)

| States/Members | PCT | Paris | WTO | States/Members | PCT | Paris | WTO |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|--|-----|-------|-----|
| Norway (NO) | X | X | X | Sri Lanka (LK) | X | X | X |
| Oman (OM) | X | X | X | Sudan (SD) | X | X | – |
| Pakistan (PK) | – | X | X | Suriname (SR) | – | X | X |
| Panama (PA) | – | X | X | Swaziland (SZ) | X | X | X |
| Papua New Guinea (PG) | X | X | X | Sweden (SE) | X | X | X |
| Paraguay (PY) | – | X | X | Switzerland (CH) | X | X | X |
| Peru (PE) | – | X | X | Syrian Arab Republic (SY) | X | X | – |
| Philippines (PH) | X | X | X | Taiwan, Province of China (TW) ³ | – | – | X |
| Poland (PL) | X | X | X | Tajikistan (TJ) | X | X | – |
| Portugal (PT) | X | X | X | Thailand (TH) | – | – | X |
| Qatar (QA) | – | X | X | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MK) | X | X | X |
| Republic of Korea (KR) | X | X | X | Togo (TG) | X | X | X |
| Romania (RO) | X | X | X | Tonga (TO) | – | X | X |
| Russian Federation (RU) | X | X | – | Trinidad and Tobago (TT) | X | X | X |
| Rwanda (RW) | – | X | X | Tunisia (TN) | X | X | X |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis (KN) | X | X | X | Turkey (TR) | X | X | X |
| Saint Lucia (LC) | X | X | X | Turkmenistan (TM) | X | X | – |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VC) | X | X | X | Uganda (UG) | X | X | X |
| San Marino (SM) | X | X | – | Ukraine (UA) | X | X | – |
| Sao Tome and Principe (ST) | – | X | – | United Arab Emirates (AE) | X | X | X |
| Saudi Arabia (SA) | – | X | X | United Kingdom (GB) | X | X | X |
| Senegal (SN) | X | X | X | United Republic of Tanzania (TZ) | X | X | X |
| Serbia (RS) | X | X | – | United States of America (US) | X | X | X |
| Seychelles (SC) | X | X | – | Uruguay (UY) | – | X | X |
| Sierra Leone (SL) | X | X | X | Uzbekistan (UZ) | X | X | – |
| Singapore (SG) | X | X | X | Venezuela (VE) | – | X | X |
| Slovakia (SK) | X | X | X | Viet Nam (VN) | X | X | X |
| Slovenia (SI) | X | X | X | Yemen (YE) | – | X | – |
| Solomon Islands (SB) | – | – | X | Zambia (ZM) | X | X | X |
| South Africa (ZA) | X | X | X | Zimbabwe (ZW) | X | X | X |
| Spain (ES) | X | X | X | | | | |

1. China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the PCT and the Paris Convention apply also to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
2. China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the Paris Convention applies also to the Macao Special Administrative Region.
3. Also referred to as “Chinese Taipei” or, within the context of the WTO, as “Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.”

**States party to the Budapest Treaty
(status on 1 September 2007)**

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|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| AL Albania | HN Honduras | NL Netherlands |
| AM Armenia | HR Croatia | NO Norway |
| AT Austria | HU Hungary | OM Oman ^{1,2} |
| AU Australia | IE Ireland | PH Philippines |
| AZ Azerbaijan | IL Israel | PL Poland |
| BE Belgium | IN India | PT Portugal |
| BG Bulgaria | IS Iceland | RO Romania |
| BY Belarus | IT Italy | RS Serbia |
| CA Canada | JP Japan | RU Russian Federation |
| CH Switzerland | KG Kyrgyzstan | SE Sweden |
| CN China | KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea | SG Singapore |
| CU Cuba | KR Republic of Korea | SI Slovenia |
| CZ Czech Republic | KZ Kazakhstan | SK Slovakia |
| DE Germany | LI Liechtenstein | SV El Salvador |
| DK Denmark | LT Lithuania | TJ Tajikistan |
| DO Dominican Republic ¹ | LV Latvia | TN Tunisia |
| EE Estonia | MC Monaco | TR Turkey |
| ES Spain | MD Moldova | TT Trinidad and Tobago |
| FI Finland | ME Montenegro | UA Ukraine |
| FR France | MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | US United States of America |
| GB United Kingdom | MX Mexico | UZ Uzbekistan |
| GE Georgia | NI Nicaragua | ZA South Africa |
| GR Greece | | |
| GT Guatemala | | (Total: 68 States) |

**Intergovernmental industrial property organizations having filed a declaration of
acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Budapest Treaty**

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| AP | African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) |
| EA | Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) |
| EP | European Patent Organisation (EPO) |

1. New since last publication of this list in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2006.
2. Will become party to the Budapest Treaty on 16 October 2007.

| PCT Seminar Calendar | | | |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|
| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 11–12 September 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44–207) 539 42 45 E-mail: member@jsjones.fsnet.co.uk |
| 13 September 2007 Toronto (CA) | English | Presentation on recent developments in the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan | Center for Innovation Law and Policy, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto (Ms. Jean McNeil) Tel: (1–416) 978 37 24 E-mail: jean.mcneil@utoronto.ca Internet: www.innovationlaw.org |
| 13–14 September 2007 Athens (GR) (CANCELLED) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office) | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 19 September 2007 Dusseldorf (DE) | German | PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 20–21 September 2007 Pretoria (ZA) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Thomas Plus other speakers from: the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office and the European Patent Office | Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (CIPRO) and South African Institute of Intellectual Property (SAIPL) (Ms. Letitia Roeloffse (CIPRO) and Mr. Bastiaan Koster (SAIPL)) Tel: (27–12) 394 95 00 Fax: (27–12) 394 95 01 E-mail: LRoeloffse@cipro.gov.za |
| 27–28 September 2007 Ottawa (CA) | English | Comprehensive PCT Seminar for patent lawyers, agents and administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs Bidwell and Mr. Reed | University of Ottawa (Ms. Veronique Larose) Tel: (1–613) 562 58 00 ext. 3278 Fax: (1–613) 562 51 24 E-mail: veronique.larose@uottawa.ca |
| 5–6 October 2007 Riverside, Iowa (US) | English | PCT presentation within the framework of the annual Continuing Legal Education seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association (IIPLA) (Ms. Wendy Marsh) Tel: (1–515) 288 36 67 Fax: (1–515) 288 13 38 E-mail: marsh@ipmvs.com |
| 8–9 October 2007 Oslo (NO) | English | PCT seminar for consultants WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | Norwegian Patent Office (Vigdis Aaserud) Tel: (47–22) 38 73 14/38 73 00 Fax: (47–22) 38 73 31 E-mail: vaa@patentstyret.no |
| 11–12 October 2007 Helsinki (FI) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Ilmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi |
| 12 October 2007 London (GB) | English | PCT presentation at the 6 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |
| 17–18 October 2007 Dusseldorf (DE) | German | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Lindner | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |

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| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| 22 October 2007 Troy, Michigan (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | Michigan State Bar Intellectual Property Section (Ms. Lora Freeman, loraf@mail.icle.org for questions on course content; for registration, see below) Tel: (1-877) 229 43 50 Fax: (1-877) 229 43 51 Internet: www.icle.org |
| 23 October 2007 Grand Rapids, Michigan (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | (See Troy, Michigan, above) |
| 24–25 October 2007 Paris (FR) | French | PCT seminar: "La demande PCT" WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr |
| 1–2 November 2007 San Francisco (US) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell | 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 |
| 5–6 November 2007 Chicago (US) | English | Advanced training session on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell | 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 |
| 7–8 November 2007 Rochester (US) | English | Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed | PatentEducation™ Tel: (1-585) 214 24 05 E-mail: answers@patenteducation.com Internet (for information and registration): www.patenteducation.com |
| 12 November 2007 Hilton Head (US) | English | PCT presentation as part of the annual Corporate Patent Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed | The Procter & Gamble Company (Mr. Tim Guffey) Tel: (1-513) 534 07 96 Fax: (1-866) 771 93 93 Email: guffey.tb@pg.com Internet: www.corporatepatent.com |
| 21–22 November 2007 Munich (DE) | German | Advanced 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: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 22–24 November 2007 Beijing (CN) | English/ Chinese | Conference on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Gurry, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Zhao and Mr. Zhou Other speakers: to be announced | WIPO, State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) and the Beijing People's Government For interested persons who are not residents of China, contact: Ms. Nathalie Magellan, WIPO Tel: (41-22) 338 98 33 Fax: (41-22) 910 00 30 E-mail: nathalie.magellan@wipo.int Contact person for residents of China: to be announced. |

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| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
|---|----------------------------|--|---|
| 28–29 November 2007 Boston, Massachusetts (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Bidwell | Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Lee Carl Bromberg, President) Tel: (1–617) 443 92 92 Fax: (1–617) 443 00 04 (Attention: Lee Bromberg) E-mail: lbromberg@bromsun.com |
| 4–5 December 2007 Paris (FR) | French | PCT seminar: “La demande PCT module avancé” WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet | See “Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI)”, above |
| 5 December 2007 London (GB) | English | PCT lecture “The Role of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in the International Patent System” WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, University of London E-mail (for information and registration): qmipri@qmul.ac.uk Tel: (44–20) 78 82 80 89 Fax: (44–20) 78 82 81 01 |
| 6–7 December 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |

Other IP events**Strategic Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Geneva (CH), 17 to 19 September 2007**

Designed for senior executives, this program teaches how intellectual property (IP) can be strategically leveraged to create value and sustain competitive advantage in a rapidly changing business environment. Thought leaders and senior executives from leading business schools, corporate organizations and WIPO 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.

Strategic Intellectual Property Finance Executive Program, Geneva (CH), 12 to 15 November 2007

Designed for finance executives, managers and analysts, this program teaches essential concepts and recent developments in the rapidly evolving and complex area of intellectual property (IP) finance

Registration for both programs: please visit www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/. For further information please contact the Research & Executive Program, WIPO Worldwide Academy, World Intellectual Property Organization, 34, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. E-mail: execed.academy@wipo.int; tel: (+41-22) 338 92 40; Fax: (+41-22) 740 14 17

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 2007, 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*, 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 | LVL | Latvian lat | SEK | Swedish krona |
| IPEA | International Preliminary Examining Authority | BRR | Brazilian real | GHC | Ghanaian cedi | LYD | Libyan dinar | SGD | Singapore dollar |
| | | BYR | Belarussian rouble | HRK | Croatian kuna | MAD | Moroccan dirham | SKK | Slovak koruna |
| ISA | International Searching Authority | BZD | Belize dollar | HUF | Hungarian forint | MKD | Macedonian denar | TJS | Tajik somoni |
| | | CAD | Canadian dollar | IDR | Indonesian rupiah | MWK | Malawian kwacha | TND | Tunisian dinar |
| RO | receiving Office | CHF | Swiss franc | ILS | New Israel shekel | MXP | Mexican peso | TTD | Trinidad and Tobago dollar |
| | | CNY | Yuan renminbi | INR | Indian rupee | MYR | Malaysian ringgit | | |
| | | 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 |
| AED | United Arab Emirates dirham | CYP | Cyprus pound | KES | Kenyan shilling | PGK | Kina | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| | | CZK | Czech koruna | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PHP | Philippine peso | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| ALL | Albanian lek | DKK | Danish krone | KPW | KP won | PLZ | Polish zloty | ZAR | South African rand |
| AMD | Armenian dram | DZD | Algerian dinar | KRW | KR won | ROL | Romanian leu | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| AUD | Australian dollar | EEK | Estonian kroon | KZT | Kazakh tenge | RSD | Serbian dinar | | |
| AZM | Azerbaijani manat | EUR | Euro | LSL | Lesotho loti | RUR | Russian rouble | | |
| BAM | Convertible mark | GBP | Pound sterling | LTL | Lithuanian litas | SDP | Sudanese pound | | |

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 September 2007, 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) ⁵ (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 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | EP RU |
| AP | USD (or eq in local currency) | 50 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | AT EP SE |
| AT | EUR | 50 | EUR 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | 64 <i>(61)</i> | – | – | EP |
| AU | AUD | 150 | AUD 1,445 <i>(from 1.10.07: 1,347)</i> | 15 <i>(14)</i> | 103 <i>(96)</i> | 206 <i>(192)</i> | 310 <i>(289)</i> | AU |
| AZ | AZM | 55,000 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | – | – | – | EP RU |
| BA | BAM | 50 | EUR 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | 64 <i>(61)</i> | – | – | EP |
| BE | EUR | 40 | EUR 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | 64 <i>(61)</i> | – | – | EP |
| BG | BGL | 80 | BGL eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | EP RU |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 September 2007, 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 | | |
| BH | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | | |
| BR | BRR | 236 | BRR eq CHF | 1,400 | eq CHF | 15 | eq CHF | 100 | – | – | AT EP SE US |
| BW | USD ⁹ | – | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | | 12 <i>(12)</i> | | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | EP |
| BY | BYR eq USD | 70 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | | 12 <i>(12)</i> | | – | – | – | EP RU |
| BZ | BZD | 300 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | | 12 <i>(12)</i> | | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | CA EP |
| CA | CAD | 300 | CAD | 1,273 | | 14 | | 91 | – | – | CA |
| CH | CHF | 100 | CHF | 1,400 | | 15 | | 100 | – | – | EP |
| CN | CNY | 500 | CNY eq CHF | 1,400 | eq CHF | 15 | eq CHF | 100 | – | – | CN |
| CO | COP ⁹ | – | COP eq USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | eq USD | 12 <i>(12)</i> | eq USD | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | AT, EP, ES, RU |
| CR | USD | 250 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | | 12 <i>(12)</i> | | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | EP ES |
| CU | CUC | 200 | CUC | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | | 12 <i>(12)</i> | | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | AT EP ES RU |
| CY | CYP | 75 | CYP | 516 | | 6 | | – | – | – | EP |
| CZ | CZK | 1,500 | EUR | 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | | 10 <i>(9)</i> | | 64 <i>(61)</i> | – | – | EP |
| DE | EUR | 90 | EUR | 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | | 10 <i>(9)</i> | | 64 <i>(61)</i> | 129 <i>(122)</i> | 193 <i>(182)</i> | EP |
| DK | DKK | 1,500 | DKK | 6,340 | | 70 | | 450 | 910 | 1,360 | EP SE |
| DM | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | | |
| DO | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | | |
| DZ | DZD | None | CHF | 1,400 | | 15 | | 100 | – | – | AT EP |
| EA | RUR | 1,600 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | | 12 <i>(12)</i> | | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | EP RU |
| EC | USD ⁹ | – | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | | 12 <i>(12)</i> | | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | EP ES |
| EE | EEK | 1,800 | EEK eq CHF | 1,400 | eq CHF | 15 | eq CHF | 100 | – | – | EP |
| EG | USD | 142 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | | 12 <i>(12)</i> | | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | AT EP US |
| EP | EUR | 105 | EUR | 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | | 10 <i>(9)</i> | | – | 129 <i>(122)</i> | 193 <i>(182)</i> | EP |
| ES | EUR | 67.89 | EUR | 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | | 10 <i>(9)</i> | | 64 <i>(61)</i> | 129 <i>(122)</i> | 193 <i>(182)</i> | EP ES |
| FI | EUR | 135 | EUR | 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | | 10 <i>(9)</i> | | 64 <i>(61)</i> | 129 <i>(122)</i> | 193 <i>(182)</i> | EP FI SE |
| FR | EUR | 60 | EUR | 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | | 10 <i>(9)</i> | | 64 <i>(61)</i> | 129 <i>(122)</i> | 193 <i>(182)</i> | EP |
| GB | GBP | 55 | GBP | 574 | | 6 | | 41 | 82 | 123 | EP |
| GD | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | | |
| GE | GEL ¹⁰ | 10 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | | 12 <i>(12)</i> | | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | EP RU |
| GH | GHC ¹¹ | 2,500 or 5,000 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | | 12 <i>(12)</i> | | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 September 2007, 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 | |
| GR | EUR | 115 | EUR | 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | – | – | – | 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 or EUR ¹² or USD ¹² | 100 64 79 | CHF or EUR or USD | 1,400 900 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) | 15 10 (9) 12 (12) | 100 64 (61) 78 (83) | 200 129 (122) 155 (166) | 300 193 (182) 233 (249) | | See footnote 13 |
| ID | IDR | 1,000,000 | IDR | eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | – | AU EP KR RU |
| IE | EUR | 76 | EUR | 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | – | – | – | EP |
| IL | ILS | 486 | USD | 1,086 (from 15.11.07 1,163) | 12 (12) | 78 (83) | – | – | – | EP US |
| IN | INR | 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000) | USD | 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) | 12 (12) | 78 (83) | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE US |
| IS | ISK | 6,500 | ISK | 70,500 | 800 | 5,000 | – | – | – | EP SE |
| IT | EUR | 30.99 | EUR | 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | – | – | – | – | EP |
| JP | JPY | 13,000 | JPY | 138,200 | 1,500 | 9,900 | – | 29,600 | – | EP JP |
| KE | USD (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing | 250 | USD | 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) | 12 (12) | 78 (83) | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE |
| KG | KGS eq USD | 100 | USD | 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) | 12 (12) | 78 (83) | – | – | – | 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 | 1,096,000 | 12,000 | 78,000 | – | 235,000 | – | AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR |
| KZ | KZT | 7,360 | USD | 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) | 12 (12) | 78 (83) | – | – | – | EP RU |
| LA | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | |
| LR | USD | 45 | USD | 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) | 12 (12) | – | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE |
| LS | LSM ⁹ | – | LSM | eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | – | – | – | AT EP |
| LT | LTL | 320 | EUR | 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | – | – | – | EP RU |
| LU | EUR | 19 | EUR | 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | – | – | – | – | EP |
| LV | LVL | 47.20 | EUR | 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | 64 (61) | – | – | – | EP RU |
| LY | LYD ⁹ | – | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | – | AT EP |
| MA | | None | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | – | – | – | – | AT EP RU SE |
| MC | EUR | 54 ¹⁵ | EUR | 900 (from 1.10.07: 851) | 10 (9) | – | – | – | – | EP |
| MD | USD | 40 | USD | 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) | 12 (12) | 78 (83) | – | – | – | EP RU |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 September 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

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|----|-------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ | Item 3(c) ⁷ | Item 3(d) ⁸ | |
| 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 |
| MT | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | MYR | 375 ¹⁶ | MYR | eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | – | AU EP KR |
| NI | USD | 200 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | EP ES |
| NL | EUR | 50 | EUR | 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | 64 <i>(61)</i> | 129 <i>(122)</i> | 193 <i>(182)</i> | – | EP |
| NO | NOK | 550 | NOK | 7,030 | 80 | 500 | – | – | – | EP SE |
| NZ | NZD | 180 ¹⁷ | NZD | 1,613 <i>(from 1.10.07: 1,479)</i> | 17 <i>(16)</i> | 115 <i>(106)</i> | – | – | – | 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 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | AU |
| PH | PHP | 3,500 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | 155 <i>(166)</i> | 233 <i>(249)</i> | – | 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 | 33.44 | EUR | 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | 64 <i>(61)</i> | – | – | – | 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 | 600 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | EP RU |
| SC | USD ⁹ | – | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | – | – | – | – | EP |
| SD | SDP | 50 | SDP | eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | – | – | – | EP |
| SE | SEK | 1,200 | SEK | 7,950 | 90 | 570 | 1,140 | 1,700 | – | EP SE |
| SG | SGD | 150 | SGD | 1,720 | 18 | 123 | – | – | – | AT AU EP KR ¹⁸ |
| SI | EUR | 91 | EUR | 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | 64 <i>(61)</i> | – | – | – | 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 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i> | 10 <i>(9)</i> | – | – | – | – | EP |
| SV | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | |
| SY | USD ⁹ | – | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | AT EP RU |
| TJ | TJS ⁹ | – | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | – | – | – | – | EP RU |
| TM | USD ⁹ | – | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | EP RU |
| TN | TND ⁹ | – | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | – | – | – | – | EP |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 September 2007, 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 | | | |
| TR | CHF | 100 | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | EP | | |
| TT | TTD | 750 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | AT EP SE US | | |
| UA | UAH | 255 | USD (or eq UAH) | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | – | – | – | EP RU | | |
| US | USD | 300 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | 155 <i>(166)</i> | – | EP KR US | | |
| UZ | USD ⁹ | – | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | 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 | 8,230 | | 90 | 590 | – | – | AT AU EP US | |
| ZM | USD | 50 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | – | – | – | – | AT SE | |
| ZW | ZWD | 6,000 | ZWD eq USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | eq USD | 12 <i>(12)</i> | eq USD | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | AT AU CN EP RU |

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 September 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|------|-----------|-------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | CHF | 311 | KRW | 250,000 | SGD | 410 | USD | 272 | ZAR | 1,830 |
| AU | AUD | 1,600 | CHF* | 1,553 | EUR | 962 | KRW* | 1,173,000 | NZD | 1,794 | SGD** | 1,943 |
| | USD* | 1,266 | ZAR* | 8,854 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | CHF | 1,663 | KRW | 1,266,000 | USD | 1,372 | ZAR | 9,560 | | |
| | | | SGD | 2,090 | | | | | | | | |
| CA | CAD | 1,600 | CHF | 1,759 | EUR | 1,112 | USD | 1,490 | | | | |
| CN | CNY | 2,100 | CHF | 335 | EUR | 215 | USD | 260 | | | | |
| EP ¹⁹ | EUR | 1,615 | CHF | 2,668 | CYP | 928 | DKK | 12,050 | GBP | 1,098 | ISK | 143,000 |
| | JPY | 255,300 | MWK | 248,000 | NOK | 12,990 | NZD* | 3,010 | SEK | 15,230 | SGD | 3,310 |
| | USD | 2,197 | ZAR | 14,920 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | NZD | 2,810 | | | | | | | | |
| ES ¹⁹ | EUR | 1,615 | CHF | 2,668 | USD | 2,197 | | | | | | |
| FI | EUR | 1,615 | CHF | 2,668 | USD | 2,197 | | | | | | |
| JP | JPY | 97,000 | CHF | 1,042 | EUR | 616 | KRW | 739,000 | USD | 797 | | |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | CHF | 280 | EUR | 180 | NZD | 347 | SGD | 380 | USD | 232 |
| RU ²⁰ | USD | 500 | CHF | 644 | EUR | 369 | | | | | | |
| SE | SEK | 15,230 | CHF | 2,668 | DKK | 12,050 | EUR | 1,615 | ISK | 143,000 | NOK | 12,990 |
| | USD | 2,197 | | | | | | | | | | |
| US | USD | 1,000 | 300 ²¹ | CHF | 1,216 | 387 ²¹ | EUR | 762 | 222 ²¹ | NZD* | 1,360 | 440 ²¹ |
| | ZAR | 7,200 | 2,300 ²¹ | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | NZD | 1,360 | 380 ²¹ | | | | | | |
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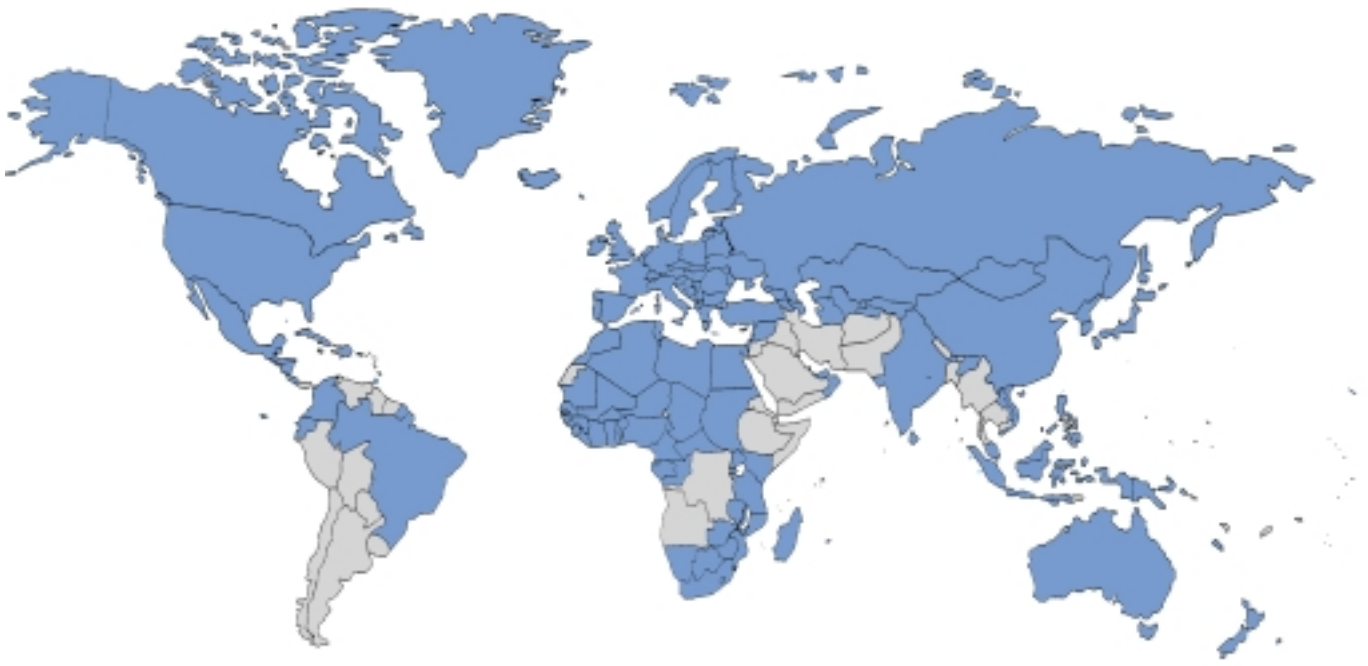
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 September 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee²² | | Handling fee^{2, 22} (CHF 200) | |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-----------------------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | | EUR 129 |
| AU | AUD | 550 | 780 ²³ | AUD 205 |
| CA | CAD | 800 | | CAD 182 |
| CN | CNY | 1,500 | | CNY eq CHF 200 |
| EP¹⁹ | EUR | 1,595 | | EUR 129 |
| ES | EUR | 533.76 | | EUR 129 |
| FI | EUR | 550 | | EUR 129 |
| JP | JPY | 36,000 | | JPY 17,400 |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | | KRW 147,000 |
| RU²⁰ | USD | 200 ²⁴ | 300 ²⁵ | USD 155 |
| SE | SEK | 5,000 | | SEK 1,210 |
| US | USD | 600 | 750 ²⁶ | 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 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.
- 19 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 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.
- 22 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 24 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 25 In all cases where footnote 24 does not apply.
- 26 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*, Annex C (US)).

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| | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| AE United Arab Emirates | CY Cyprus (EP) ² | IS Iceland (EP) | MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹ | SK Slovakia (EP) |
| AG Antigua and Barbuda | CZ Czech Republic (EP) | IT Italy (EP) ² | ML Mali (OA) ² | SL Sierra Leone (AP) |
| AL Albania ¹ | DE Germany (EP) | JP Japan | MN Mongolia | SM San Marino |
| AM Armenia (EA) | DK Denmark (EP) | KE Kenya (AP) | MR Mauritania (OA) ² | SN Senegal (OA) ² |
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| BB Barbados | EE Estonia (EP) | KR Republic of Korea | MZ Mozambique (AP) | TG Togo (OA) ² |
| BE Belgium (EP) ² | EG Egypt | LA Lao People's Democratic Republic | NA Namibia (AP) | TJ Tajikistan (EA) |
| BF Burkina Faso (OA) ² | ES Spain (EP) | LC Saint Lucia | NE Niger (OA) ² | TM Turkmenistan (EA) |
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| BR Brazil | GB United Kingdom (EP) | LS Lesotho (AP) | NO Norway | TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP) |
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| CN China | HR Croatia ¹ | | SC Seychelles | |
| CO Colombia | HU Hungary (EP) | | SD Sudan (AP) | |
| CR Costa Rica | ID Indonesia | | SE Sweden (EP) | |
| CU Cuba | IE Ireland (EP) ² | | SG Singapore | |
| | IL Israel | | SI Slovenia (EP) ² | |
| | IN India | | | |

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

Important:

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated April 2007) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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New PCT Contracting State

Angola (country code: AO)

On 27 September 2007, Angola deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 27 December 2007, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 27 December 2007 will automatically include the designation of Angola.

Also, because Angola will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 27 December 2007. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Angola will be entitled, as from 27 December 2007, to file international applications under the PCT.

Paris Convention

Accession by Angola

On 27 September 2007, Angola, 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 172. Angola will become bound by the Paris Convention on 27 December 2007. This updates the list of States party to the Paris Convention that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2007 (together with the list of States party to the PCT and Members of the WTO).

Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO

The Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, including the thirty-sixth session of the Assembly of the PCT Union, were held in Geneva from 24 September to 3 October 2007.

Assembly of the PCT Union

Supplementary international search

The Assembly approved the introduction of a new system of supplementary inter-

national searches, which will give applicants the option to request, in addition to the "main" international search, one or more supplementary searches to be carried out by International Authorities, other than the International Searching Authority (ISA) that carries out the main international search. The system is intended to allow a more complete overview of the prior art to be achieved in the international phase, in particular including documents in languages which may not be searched effectively by the Authority conducting the main search. ISAs are free to decide whether to provide a supplementary search service and, if so, under what conditions.

The amendments to the PCT Regulations establishing the new supplementary international search system will enter into force on 1 January 2009, and will apply not only to international applications filed after the date of entry into force but also to pending applications for which it would still be practicable, having regard to the time limits involved, for a supplementary search request to be requested and carried out. In any event, supplementary international searches

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will not be available in practice until such time as at least one ISA is prepared to offer that service. The Rules and associated details of entry into force and understandings are as set out in documents PCT/A/36/1, 7 and 7 Add. Further information on this new system will be included in a future edition of the *PCT Newsletter*.

Appointment and reappointment of International Authorities; quality management systems

The PCT Assembly appointed the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the Indian Patent Office as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. The appointments will take effect from the entry into force of the necessary agreement between the Offices and the International Bureau. The Offices will become the 14th and 15th International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. The Assembly also reappointed all of the existing 13 Authorities for a further period of 10 years. In this context, the Assembly also noted status reports on the quality management systems of the International Authorities (PCT/A/36/3), which are now available on the PCT Resources page of the Patent-Scope website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html

PCT publication languages

Two more languages, Korean and Portuguese, are to be included as "languages of publication" under PCT Rule 48.3. In view of the appointment of the Brazilian

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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
- 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

National Institute of Industrial Property as an International Authority, this will permit the processing of international applications filed in these languages to be completed without requiring translations during the international phase. The amendments will apply to international applications whose international filing date is on or after January 1, 2009.

Other matters

The PCT Assembly also adopted other amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2008, and apply to international applications the international filing dates of which are on or after that date, subject to transitional arrangements in relation to certain provisions. These amendments are as set out in document PCT/A/36/2 and relate to:

- use of results of earlier searches (the applicant may request the ISA to take into account, in carrying out the international search, not only, as at present, the results of an earlier search carried out by that Authority but also the results of an earlier search carried out by another ISA or any national Office) (see new PCT Rules 4.12 and 12*bis*);
- restoration of right of priority by the receiving office (permitting the receiving Office to extend the time limit for paying a fee for requesting restoration) (see amended PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)); and
- international applications considered withdrawn (clarification that international publication can only be reliably prevented by way of an express withdrawal received by the International Bureau prior to completion of technical preparations for international publication) (see amended PCT Rule 29.1(v)).

The PCT Assembly further requested the International Bureau to carry out a study on the eligibility criteria for determining the group of developing and least developed countries whose applicants should benefit from a reduction in the amount of PCT fees but did not agree on proposals for an across-the-board PCT fee reduction at this stage.

The PCT Assembly also decided that, with the adoption of the above amendments, the work of both the Committee on Reform of the PCT and the Working Group on Reform of the PCT had been completed and that the mandate of both bodies had come to an end. It approved a proposal to convene, should the need arise to consider a matter which required submission to the PCT Assembly, a new Working Group to do preparatory work rather than submitting the matter directly to the Assembly.

Digital Access Service for priority documents

A joint session of the Paris Union Assembly, PCT Assembly, and Patent Law Treaty (PLT) Assembly noted that the system architecture, general principles

and framework provisions of a Digital Access Service for priority documents had been agreed and that work was under way to implement it. This service will allow applicants to meet priority document requirements by requesting an Office of second filing to access the document from a digital library instead of having to provide a physical certified copy from the Office of first filing.

Patent Law Treaty

In addition to deciding the applicability to the PLT of two modifications of the PCT Administrative Instructions made in the past year (PLT/A/3/1), the PLT Assembly adopted model international forms, which can be used for the relevant purposes before the Office of any party to the Treaty (PLT/A/3/2). These cover:

- Request for Recordation of Change in Applicant or Owner;
- Certificate of Transfer;
- Request for Recordation/Cancellation of Recordation of a License; and
- Request for Recordation/Cancellation of Recordation of a Security Interest.

Further information

All the meeting documents (including the reports of the various meetings, when they become available) can be downloaded from the WIPO website at

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/36

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=a/43

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=plt/a/3

Information concerning the amendments of the Regulations under the PCT will be made available on the PCT Resources page of the PatentScope website at:

www.wipo.int/pct

Publication Schedule and Non-Working Days at the IB during the Holiday Period

Non-working days at the IB

The non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during the end-of-year holiday period, in addition to the weekends, will be 20, 25 and 26 December 2007, and 1 and 2 January 2008. The IB will be open for business on 21, 24, 27, 28 and 31 December 2007, and will then be open as usual as from 3 January 2008.

Closing dates of the PCT Information Service

The PCT Information Service will be closed from Monday, 24 December 2007 to Wednesday, 2 Janu-

ary 2008. It will reopen on Thursday, 3 January 2008, at 9.00 a.m., Geneva (local) time.

Please note, however, that if you call the PCT Information Service (telephone no.: (+41-22) 338 83 38) during the holiday period, there will be a facility for leaving messages and a telephone number will be given for use in cases requiring urgent attention. It is recalled that the PCT Information Service answers general inquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure to be followed during the international phase of the PCT.

Note that calls relating to specific international applications should be directed to the relevant processing team, the number for which is given on the IB forms. Correspondence relating to specific applications should be addressed to the PCT Operations Division, fax no.: (+41-22) 338 82 70 or to the specific fax number indicated on the IB forms.

Publication schedule and technical preparations for publication

During the forthcoming holiday period, PCT applications will be published on the usual publication day, Thursday, except for those which would normally have been published on Thursday, 20 December 2007, which is a non-working day at WIPO – those applications will be published a day later, on Friday, 21 December 2007.

However, as from the publication date of 29 November 2007, the completion of technical preparations for publication will take place earlier than the usual 15 days before publication; the schedule for the completion of technical preparations will return to normal for international applications that will be published on 24 January 2008. For further details, see the following table, which gives the schedule for the publications that will be affected, and the respective dates by which any changes should be received by the IB.

Any applicant who, in respect of an international application to be published during the above-mentioned period, wishes to make any change which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication, should be aware of the above-mentioned dates. For example, if the applicant wishes to withdraw the international application, a designation or a priority claim under PCT Rules 90*bis*.1(c), 90*bis*.2(e) or 90*bis*.3(e), in sufficient time to prevent international publication thereof, or if the applicant wishes to submit amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 and the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1 will expire soon, or wishes to change an indication concerning the applicant, agent, common representative or inventor under PCT Rule 92*bis* – any such notice must reach the IB by the date indicated in the right hand column of the table if the changes are to be reflected in the international publication.

| International publication: dates affected by forthcoming holiday period | |
|--|---|
| <i>Date of international publication</i> | <i>Last day on which applicants' communications must reach WIPO</i> |
| Thursday, 29 November 2007 | Monday, 12 November 2007 |
| Thursday, 6 December 2007 | Friday, 16 November 2007 |
| Thursday, 13 December 2007 | Thursday, 22 November 2007 |
| Friday, 21 December 2007 | Wednesday, 28 November 2007 |
| Thursday, 27 December 2007 | Tuesday, 4 December 2007 |
| Thursday, 3 January 2008 | Monday, 10 December 2007 |
| Thursday, 10 January 2008 | Friday, 14 December 2007 |
| Thursday, 17 January 2008 | Monday, 31 December 2007 |

It is, as always, strongly recommended that applicants notify the IB of any change as early as possible before completion of technical preparations for publication, preferably by fax, bearing in mind that more time will be needed if the IB has to take any action in connection with the matter in the last few days before the completion of technical preparations for publication.

PCT Information Update

(1) Acceptance of requests for restoration of the right of priority

For background information on the above-mentioned subject, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2007, pages 1 and 8. It is recalled that a table summarizing information received by the International Bureau regarding restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices and designated Offices under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2 is available in English and French at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/restoration.html

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/restoration.html

CN (China)

In addition to the Offices listed in the online table mentioned above, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International

Bureau under PCT Rule 26bis.3(i) that it applies both the “unintentional” and “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (CN))

2) Other changes

BE Belgium (fees)

The Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) has notified a change in its denomination of the fee for the priority document. The term “in fee stamps” has been changed to “in fiscal duties”.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (BE))

BR Brazil (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses; means of telecommunication; fees; requirements concerning agent)

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Internet: www.inpi.gov.br

Furthermore, the Office has discontinued the use of its teleprinter. The only means of telecommunication by which it will accept the filing of documents is by fax.

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

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

Fee for priority document: BRR 95

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

For patent:

Filing fee: BRR 140

First annual fee:

– if patent already issued: BRR 505

– or, if patent not already issued: BRR 195

For utility model:

Filing fee: BRR 140

First annual fee:

– if utility model already issued: BRR 260

–or, if utility model not already issued: BRR 130

With relation to the information concerning how to obtain a list of those persons who can act as agent before the Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, there has been a change in the address and fax number of the Associação Brasileira dos Agentes de Propriedade Industrial – ABAPI (Brazilian Association of Industrial Property Agents), as follows:

Av. Rio Branco 100 – 7° Andar
20040-007 Rio de Janeiro, RJ,
Brazil

Fax: (55-21) 22 24 59 42

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annexes B1 (BR) and C (BR) and National Chapter, Summary (BR))

DO Dominican Republic (general information)

General information about the Dominican Republic as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the National Office of Industrial Property as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* (see Annex B1 (DO) and Annex C (DO)) on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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

EG Egypt (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Egyptian Patent Office have changed. The numbers to be used are as follows:

Telephone: (202) 27 92 12 72

Fax: (202) 27 92 12 73

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (EG))

FI Finland (acceptance of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format)

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 January 2008, any PCT-EASY applications (that is, appli-

cations filed on paper and accompanied by the request form data and abstract on a physical medium) filed with the Office will no longer be accepted. Furthermore, from 1 January 2008, no international application filed with the Office as receiving Office will benefit from the fee reduction applicable to PCT-EASY applications.

As a result, in its latest update, the PCT-SAFE software has been modified when the Finnish Patent Office is selected as receiving Office. It is recalled that the Office accepts the filing of international applications in fully electronic form using the epoline® Online Filing Software and the PCT-SAFE software.

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

JP Japan (evidence of mailing a document)

There has been a change in the requirements as to whether the Japan Patent Office would accept evidence of mailing of a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used; as from 1 October 2007 it accepts such evidence provided that the delivery service satisfies prescribed criteria and is approved by the Japanese Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, under the Japanese Law Concerning Correspondence Delivery Provided by Private-Sector Operators. A list of approved delivery services (in Japanese) is available at the following website: www.soumu.go.jp/yusei/pdf/tokutei_g.pdf

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

US United States of America (fees)

It is recalled that the fee for the priority document (pursuant to PCT Rule 17.1(b)) is no longer payable in respect of international applications filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office on or after 31 August 2007 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2007, page 3).

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 9 November 2007, there will be a change in the amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Table I(b). Note that, as from that date, the lower amount which is currently payable in certain circumstances (see footnote 21 of the Fee Tables for further details), will no longer be applicable. The new equivalent amounts of the search fee in CHF, EUR, NZD and ZAR, which have not yet been established, will be published in the next issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

As from 9 November 2007, there will also be a change in the amount of the additional search fee, as indicated below:

Additional search fee: USD 1,800
(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (US))

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of PCT-SAFE Client Patch

An update patch, dated 1 October 2007, for the PCT-SAFE Client software may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

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

Note that this patch will only update the 1 July 2007 full installation of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.022.197) and must not be used to update any other version of the Client software.

The patch includes the following changes:

- updated fee schedules where relevant, including new international filing fee amounts in EUR (effective 1 October 2007) and USD (effective 15 November 2007);
- compliance with Annex F file naming convention with respect to powers of attorney;
- other minor functionality enhancements;
- other PCT updates.

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

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

Note About Epoline® Online Filing Software

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified WIPO that, in view of the availability of the upgraded version of the epoline® Online Filing software (version 3.20) free of charge from the epoline® website (www.epoline.org), it will, as from 1 November 2007, cease to accept international patent applications (as well as European patent applications) produced with version 2.10, or any earlier version of the software. For further details, see:

www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/InformationEPO/archiveinfo/20070130.html

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations under the PCT (April 2007 edition)

The International Bureau has published new editions of the Chinese and German texts of the *Patent Coop-*

eration Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2007.

The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate the language in which the publication is required, should be addressed to the Design, Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO:

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 e-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int
 electronic
 bookshop: www.wipo.int/ebookshop
 mailing
 address: see address on page 2

For information on the Internet version of the Chinese consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, see below.

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

Chinese version of the PCT Treaty and Regulations

The PCT Treaty and the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2007, are now available in Chinese, in PDF format, at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf
 www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/zh/texts/pdf/pct.pdf

For information about the paper version, see above.

PCT in the News

The latest edition of the *WIPO Magazine* features an article entitled “Harry Potter and the IP Bonanza”, which traces the path from rights to riches both for author J.K. Rowling, and for a vast network of licensees and rights holders. Related to this is an article which describes a cloaking device which has been the subject of a PCT application. Extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* 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 you may view the complete issue of the *WIPO Magazine* at:

www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/index.html

Demand form in Russian

The April 2007 version of the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) in Russian, in editable PDF format,

is now available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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

PatentScope Search Service

(www.wipo.int/pctdb)

New PCT regional phase information for EPO

The PatentScope Search Service now includes PCT regional phase information for the European Patent Office (under the “national phase” tab of the international application concerned). This brings to 30 the number of Offices for which national phase information is now available – see the complete list of offices and dates covered at:

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

It is recalled that users can search for national/regional phase entries in any of these Offices by using the PatentScope Search Service. PCT national phase entries are searchable using four search indexes (national phase country code, national phase entry date, national phase application number and national phase entry type). For further information see *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2007, page 5.

Applicants’ informal comments on the written opinion

Applicants’ informal comments on the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority are now available on the PatentScope Search Service (under the “documents” tab of the international application concerned) for any international application filed on or after January 2004. Note that these documents are only available after 30 months from the first priority date.

Changes regarding the publication of sequence listings

Changes have recently been made in order to make the publication of sequence listings (SLs) on PatentScope (at: www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/sequences/) more complete and easier to use. For further information, see:

www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/pctdb/2007/news_0010.html

Practical Advice

The consequences of receiving a declaration of non-establishment of an international search report

Q: I have received Form PCT/ISA/203 declaring that no international search report will be established on

my international application because it relates to a subject matter on which my chosen International Searching Authority (ISA) will not carry out searches. What is the consequence of this for the international application? Also, as my receiving Office has specified several authorities as competent ISAs, is it possible to request that another search now be carried out by another ISA that will carry out searches on that particular subject matter?

A: A declaration of non-establishment of an international search report (ISR) (Form PCT/ISA/203) can be made if the ISA considers that a meaningful search could not be carried out because the international application relates to a subject matter which, under the PCT Regulations, the ISA is not required to search and, in the particular case, decides not to search (see PCT Article 17(2)(a)). ISAs often search only subject matter encompassed by the national/regional patent granting procedure under the provisions of their applicable national/regional law. A list of the subject matters which the ISA can decide not to search is provided in PCT Rule 39.1; information relating to the subject matters which will not be searched by a particular ISA can be found on the relevant page of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D; however, for full details, it is preferable to contact the ISA concerned direct. It is recommended that before filing the international application applicants inform themselves about which subject matters the ISA they intend to choose will not search.

Note that a declaration of non-establishment of an ISR can also be made if the ISA considers:

- that the description, the claims, or the drawings do not comply with the prescribed requirements; or
- that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and/or tables related thereto are not furnished in accordance with the prescribed standard and technical requirements or in an electronic form

to such an extent that a meaningful search could not be carried out.

Where no ISR has been established, this does not in itself have any influence on the validity of the international application, the processing of which will continue, including its publication and communication to the designated (or elected) Offices. Note, however, that if no ISR has been established, it will not be possible to file amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19, and, although you may in principle file a demand and amendments to the international application under PCT Article 34, the International Preliminary Examining Authority is not obliged to examine the claims concerned (see PCT Rule 66.1(e)). Upon entry into the national phase, however, you will be given the opportunity to amend the application before

the Office concerned under PCT Article 28(1) or 41(1). Note, however, that any amendments must not go beyond what was originally disclosed in the international application.

Where a declaration of non-establishment of an ISR under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is made, there would normally still be, as a formal matter, a written opinion (Form PCT/ISA/237) in accordance with PCT Rule 43bis.1(a), but it would not normally contain any opinion of substance, but rather a corresponding observation would be made by the ISA in Box No. III of the form that no meaningful opinion could be established since no ISR had been established. The International Bureau would make a similar observation on the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP Chapter I of the PCT) (Form PCT/IB/373). If the International Bureau receives any informal comments from the applicant following the ISA's notification on Form PCT/ISA/237, it would simply communicate them to the designated Offices (for further information on informal comments, see the Practical Advice in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2004, page 7).

As far as your ability to request a further international search by another ISA is concerned, under the current PCT Regulations, you are not permitted to do this. Notwithstanding, this will probably change in the near future, once the newly adopted regulations enter into force which provide for the supplementary international search system, and once at least one ISA has announced that it is prepared to carry out such supplementary international search reports (see cover page for further details). Even when this new system does become operational, however, where the first ISA has made the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) and that declaration is available to the Authority specified for supplementary search before it starts the search, that Authority may decide not to establish a supplementary international search report, in which case it shall so declare and promptly notify the applicant and the International Bureau accordingly (see new PCT Rule 45bis.5 (e)). If you cannot obtain an ISR, it may be possible for you to request a private prior art search of the application.

Without an ISR, you will be in less of a position to make an informed evaluation about whether you are likely to obtain a patent in the national phase, noting however, that since this is a decision to be taken by the designated (or elected) Offices, and since the national/regional law applied by those Offices varies as to what subject matter is patentable, the fact that no ISR was established might have different consequences on the further patent granting procedure before the various Offices.

For further information on the refusal of the ISA to search certain subject matter, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraph 279.

| PCT Seminar Calendar | | | |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 8–9 October 2007 Oslo (NO) | English | PCT seminar for consultants WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | Norwegian Patent Office (Vigdis Aaserud) Tel: (47–22) 38 73 14/38 73 00 Fax: (47–22) 38 73 31 E-mail: vaa@patentstyret.no |
| 11–12 October 2007 Helsinki (FI) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Illmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmariinen@prh.fi |
| 12 October 2007 London (GB) | English | PCT presentation at the 6 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |
| 17–18 October 2007 Dusseldorf (DE) | German | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Lindner | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 22 October 2007 Troy, Michigan (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | Michigan State Bar Intellectual Property Section (Ms. Lora Freeman, loraf@mail.icle.org for questions on course content; for registration, see below) Tel: (1–877) 229 43 50 Fax: (1–877) 229 43 51 Internet: www.icle.org |
| 23 October 2007 Grand Rapids, Michigan (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell | (See Troy, Michigan, above) |
| 24–25 October 2007 Paris (FR) | French | PCT seminar: “La demande PCT” WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr |
| 1–2 November 2007 San Francisco (US) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell | 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 |
| 5–6 November 2007 Chicago (US) | English | Advanced training session on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell | 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 |
| 7–8 November 2007 Rochester (US) | English | Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed | PatentEducation™ Tel: (1–585) 214 24 05 E-mail: answers@patenteducation.com Internet (for information and registration): www.patenteducation.com |
| 12 November 2007 Hilton Head (US) | English | PCT presentation as part of the annual Corporate Patent Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed | The Procter & Gamble Company (Mr. Tim Guffey) Tel: (1–513) 534 07 96 Fax: (1–866) 771 93 93 Email: guffey.tb@pg.com Internet: www.corporatepatent.com |

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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 |
|---|----------------------------|--|---|
| 21–22 November 2007 Munich (DE) | German | Advanced 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: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 22–24 November 2007 Beijing (CN) | English/ Chinese | Conference on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Gurry, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Zhao and Mr. Zhou Other speakers: to be announced | WIPO, State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) and the Beijing People's Government For interested persons who are not residents of China, contact: Ms. Nathalie Magellan, WIPO Tel: (41–22) 338 98 33 Fax: (41–22) 910 00 30 E-mail: nathalie.magellan@wipo.int Contact person for residents of China: to be announced. |
| 28–29 November 2007 Boston, Massachusetts (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Bidwell | Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Lee Carl Bromberg, President) Tel: (1–617) 443 92 92 Fax: (1–617) 443 00 04 (Attention: Lee Bromberg) E-mail: lbromberg@bromsun.com |
| 4–5 December 2007 Paris (FR) | French | PCT seminar: “La demande PCT module avancé” WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet | See “Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI)”, above |
| 5 December 2007 London (GB) | English | PCT lecture “The Role of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in the International Patent System” WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, University of London E-mail (for information and registration): qmipri@qmul.ac.uk Tel: (44–20) 78 82 80 89 Fax: (44–20) 78 82 81 01 |
| 6–7 December 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |
| 7–9 January 2008 Zurich (CH) | English | PCT presentation in the framework of the Postgraduate Program in Intellectual Property WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Kim | Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich (ETH), Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property (Ms. Caroline Frischknecht) Tel: (41–44) 632 68 08 Fax: (41–44) 632 13 67 E-mail: frischknecht@recht.gess.ethz.ch Internet: www.masip.ethz.ch |

Other IP events**Strategic Intellectual Property Finance Executive Program, Geneva (CH), 12 to 15 November 2007**

Designed for finance executives, managers and analysts, this program teaches essential concepts and recent developments in the rapidly evolving and complex area of intellectual property (IP) finance

Registration: please visit www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/. For further information please contact the Research & Executive Program, WIPO Worldwide Academy, World Intellectual Property Organization, 34, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. E-mail: execed.academy@wipo.int; tel: (+41-22) 338 92 40; Fax: (+41-22) 740 14 17

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 October 2007, 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*, 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 | LVL | Latvian lat | SEK | Swedish krona |
| IPEA | International Preliminary Examining Authority | BRR | Brazilian real | GHC | Ghanaian cedi | LYD | Libyan dinar | SGD | Singapore dollar |
| ISA | International Searching Authority | BYR | Belarussian rouble | HRK | Croatian kuna | MAD | Moroccan dirham | SKK | Slovak koruna |
| RO | receiving Office | BZD | Belize dollar | HUF | Hungarian forint | MKD | Macedonian denar | TJS | Tajik somoni |
| | | CAD | Canadian dollar | IDR | Indonesian rupiah | MWK | Malawian kwacha | TND | Tunisian dinar |
| | | CHF | Swiss franc | ILS | New Israel shekel | MXP | Mexican peso | TTD | Trinidad and Tobago dollar |
| | | CNY | Yuan renminbi | INR | Indian rupee | MYR | Malaysian ringgit | UAH | Ukrainian hryvnia |
| | | COP | Colombian peso | ISK | Icelandic krona | NOK | Norwegian krone | USD | US dollar |
| | | CUC | Cuban convertible peso | JPY | Japanese yen | NZD | New Zealand dollar | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| AED | United Arab Emirates dirham | CYP | Cyprus pound | KES | Kenyan shilling | PGK | Kina | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| ALL | Albanian lek | CZK | Czech koruna | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PHP | Philippine peso | ZAR | South African rand |
| AMD | Armenian dram | DKK | Danish krone | KPW | KP won | PLZ | Polish zloty | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| AUD | Australian dollar | DZD | Algerian dinar | KRW | KR won | ROL | Romanian leu | | |
| AZM | Azerbaijani manat | EEK | Estonian kroon | KZT | Kazakh tenge | RSD | Serbian dinar | | |
| BAM | Convertible mark | EUR | Euro | LSL | Lesotho loti | RUR | Russian rouble | | |
| | | GBP | Pound sterling | LTL | Lithuanian litas | SDP | Sudanese pound | | |

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 October 2007, 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 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | EP RU |
| AP | USD | 50 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | AT EP SE |
| AT | EUR | 50 | EUR 851 | 9 | 61 | – | – | EP |
| AU | AUD | 150 | AUD 1,347 | 14 | 96 | 192 | 289 | AU |
| AZ | AZM | 55,000 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | – | – | – | EP RU |
| BA | BAM | 50 | EUR 851 | 9 | 61 | – | – | EP |
| BE | EUR | 40 | EUR 851 | 9 | 61 | – | – | EP |
| BG | BGL | 80 | BGL eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | EP RU |
| BH | Information not yet available | | | | | | | |
| BR | BRR | 305 | BRR eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | AT EP SE US |
| BW | USD ⁹ | – | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | EP |
| BY | BYR eq USD | 70 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | – | – | – | EP RU |
| BZ | BZD | 300 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | CA EP |
| CA | CAD | 300 | CAD 1,273 | 14 | 91 | – | – | CA |
| CH | CHF | 100 | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | EP |
| CN | CNY | 500 | CNY eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | CN |
| CO | COP ⁹ | – | COP eq USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | eq USD 12 <i>(12)</i> | eq USD 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | AT, EP, ES, RU |
| CR | USD | 250 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | EP ES |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 October 2007, 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 | |
| CU | CUC | 200 | CUC | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | AT EP ES RU |
| CY | CYP | 75 | CYP | 516 | 6 | – | – | – | – | EP |
| CZ | CZK | 1,500 | EUR | 851 | 9 | 61 | – | – | – | EP |
| DE | EUR | 90 | EUR | 851 | 9 | 61 | 122 | 182 | – | EP |
| DK | DKK | 1,500 | DKK | 6,340 | 70 | 450 | 910 | 1,360 | – | EP SE |
| DM | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | |
| DO | USD | 275 | USD eq CHF | 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | – | EP ES |
| DZ | DZD | None | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | – | AT EP |
| EA | RUR | 1,600 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | EP RU |
| EC | USD ⁹ | – | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | EP ES |
| EE | EEK | 1,800 | EEK eq CHF | 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | – | EP |
| EG | USD | 142 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | AT EP US |
| EP | EUR | 105 | EUR | 851 | 9 | – | 122 | 182 | – | EP |
| ES | EUR | 67.89 | EUR | 851 | 9 | 61 | 122 | 182 | – | EP ES |
| FI | EUR | 135 | EUR | 851 | 9 | 61 | 122 | 182 | – | EP FI SE |
| FR | EUR | 60 | EUR | 851 | 9 | 61 | 122 | 182 | – | EP |
| GB | GBP | 55 | GBP | 574 | 6 | 41 | 82 | 123 | – | EP |
| GD | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | |
| GE | GEL ¹⁰ | 10 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | EP RU |
| GH | GHC ¹¹ | 2,500 or 5,000 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | – | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE |
| GR | EUR | 115 | EUR | 851 | 9 | 61 | – | – | – | 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 or EUR ¹² or USD ¹² | 100 64 79 | CHF or EUR or USD | 1,400 851 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 15 9 12 <i>(12)</i> | 100 61 78 <i>(83)</i> | 200 122 155 <i>(166)</i> | 300 182 233 <i>(249)</i> | – | See footnote 13 |
| ID | IDR | 1,000,000 | IDR eq CHF | 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | – | AU EP KR RU |
| IE | EUR | 76 | EUR | 851 | 9 | 61 | – | – | – | EP |
| IL | ILS | 486 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | EP US |
| IN | INR | 8,000 <i>(filing by indiv: 2,000)</i> | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE US |
| IS | ISK | 6,500 | ISK | 70,500 | 800 | 5,000 | – | – | – | EP SE |
| IT | EUR | 30.99 | EUR | 851 | 9 | – | – | – | – | EP |
| JP | JPY | 13,000 | JPY | 138,200 | 1,500 | 9,900 | – | 29,600 | – | EP JP |
| KE | USD (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing | 250 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE |
| KG | KGS eq USD | 100 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | 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 | 1,096,000 | 12,000 | 78,000 | – | 235,000 | – | AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR |
| KZ | KZT | 7,360 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | – | EP RU |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 October 2007, 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 | |
| LA | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| LR | USD 45 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE |
| LS | LSM ⁹ – | LSM eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | – | – | AT EP |
| LT | LTL 320 | EUR 851 | 9 | 61 | – | – | EP RU |
| LU | EUR 19 | EUR 851 | 9 | – | – | – | EP |
| LV | LVL 47.20 | EUR 851 | 9 | 61 | – | – | EP RU |
| LY | LYD ⁹ – | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | AT EP |
| MA | None | CHF 1,400 | 15 | – | – | – | AT EP RU SE |
| MC | EUR 54 ¹⁵ | EUR 851 | 9 | – | – | – | EP |
| MD | USD 40 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | 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 |
| MT | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| 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 | MYR 375 ¹⁶ | MYR eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | AU EP KR |
| NI | USD 200 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | EP ES |
| NL | EUR 50 | EUR 851 | 9 | 61 | 122 | 182 | EP |
| NO | NOK 550 | NOK 7,030 | 80 | 500 | – | – | EP SE |
| NZ | NZD 180 ¹⁷ | NZD 1,479 | 16 | 106 | – | – | 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 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | AU |
| PH | PHP 3,500 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | 155 <i>(166)</i> | 233 <i>(249)</i> | 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 33.44 | EUR 851 | 9 | 61 | – | – | 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 600 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | EP RU |
| SC | USD ⁹ – | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | – | – | – | EP |
| SD | SDP 50 | SDP eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | – | – | EP |
| SE | SEK 1,200 | SEK 7,950 | 90 | 570 | 1,140 | 1,700 | EP SE |
| SG | SGD 150 | SGD 1,720 | 18 | 123 | – | – | AT AU EP KR ¹⁸ |
| SI | EUR 91 | EUR 851 | 9 | 61 | – | – | 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 851 | 9 | – | – | – | EP |
| SV | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| SY | USD ⁹ – | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | AT EP RU |
| TJ | TJS ⁹ – | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | – | – | – | EP RU |
| TM | USD ⁹ – | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | EP RU |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 October 2007, 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 | | |
| TN | TND ⁹ | – | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | – | – | – | EP | |
| TR | CHF | 100 | CHF | 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | EP | |
| TT | TTD | 750 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | AT EP SE US | |
| UA | UAH | 255 | USD (or eq UAH) | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | – | – | – | EP RU | |
| US | USD | 300 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | 155 <i>(166)</i> | – | EP KR US | |
| UZ | USD ⁹ | – | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | 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 | 8,230 | | 90 | 590 | – | – | AT AU EP US |
| ZM | USD | 50 | USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | | 12 <i>(12)</i> | – | – | – | AT SE |
| ZW | ZWD | 6,000 | ZWD eq USD | 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> | eq USD | 12 <i>(12)</i> | eq USD 78 <i>(83)</i> | – | – | AT AU CN EP RU |

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | CHF | 311 | KRW | 250,000 | SGD | 410 | USD | 272 | ZAR | 1,830 |
| AU | AUD | 1,600 | CHF | 1,663 | EUR | 962 | KRW | 1,266,000 | NZD | 1,794 | SGD* | 1,943 |
| | USD | 1,372 | ZAR | 9,560 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | SGD | 2,090 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CA | CAD | 1,600 | CHF | 1,759 | EUR | 1,112 | USD | 1,490 | | | | |
| CN | CNY | 2,100 | CHF | 335 | EUR | 215 | USD | 260 | | | | |
| EP ¹⁹ | EUR | 1,615 | CHF | 2,668 | CYP | 928 | DKK | 12,050 | GBP | 1,098 | ISK | 143,000 |
| | JPY | 255,300 | MWK | 248,000 | NOK | 12,990 | NZD* | 3,010 | SEK | 15,230 | SGD | 3,310 |
| | USD | 2,197 | ZAR | 14,920 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | NZD | 2,810 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ES ¹⁹ | EUR | 1,615 | CHF | 2,668 | USD | 2,197 | | | | | | |
| FI | EUR | 1,615 | CHF | 2,668 | USD | 2,197 | | | | | | |
| JP | JPY | 97,000 | CHF | 1,042 | EUR | 616 | KRW | 739,000 | USD | 797 | | |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | CHF | 280 | EUR | 180 | NZD | 347 | SGD | 380 | USD | 232 |
| RU ²⁰ | USD | 500 | CHF | 644 | EUR | 369 | | | | | | |
| SE | SEK | 15,230 | CHF | 2,668 | DKK | 12,050 | EUR | 1,615 | ISK | 143,000 | NOK | 12,990 |
| | USD | 2,197 | | | | | | | | | | |
| US | USD* | 1,000 | 300 ²¹ | CHF | 1,216 | 387 ²¹ | EUR | 762 | 222 ²¹ | NZD** | 1,360 | 440 ²¹ |
| | ZAR | 7,200 | 2,300 ²¹ | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | USD | 1,800 | | (equivalent amounts in other currencies to follow) | | | | | |
| | | | | NZD | 1,360 | 380 ²¹ | | | | | | |

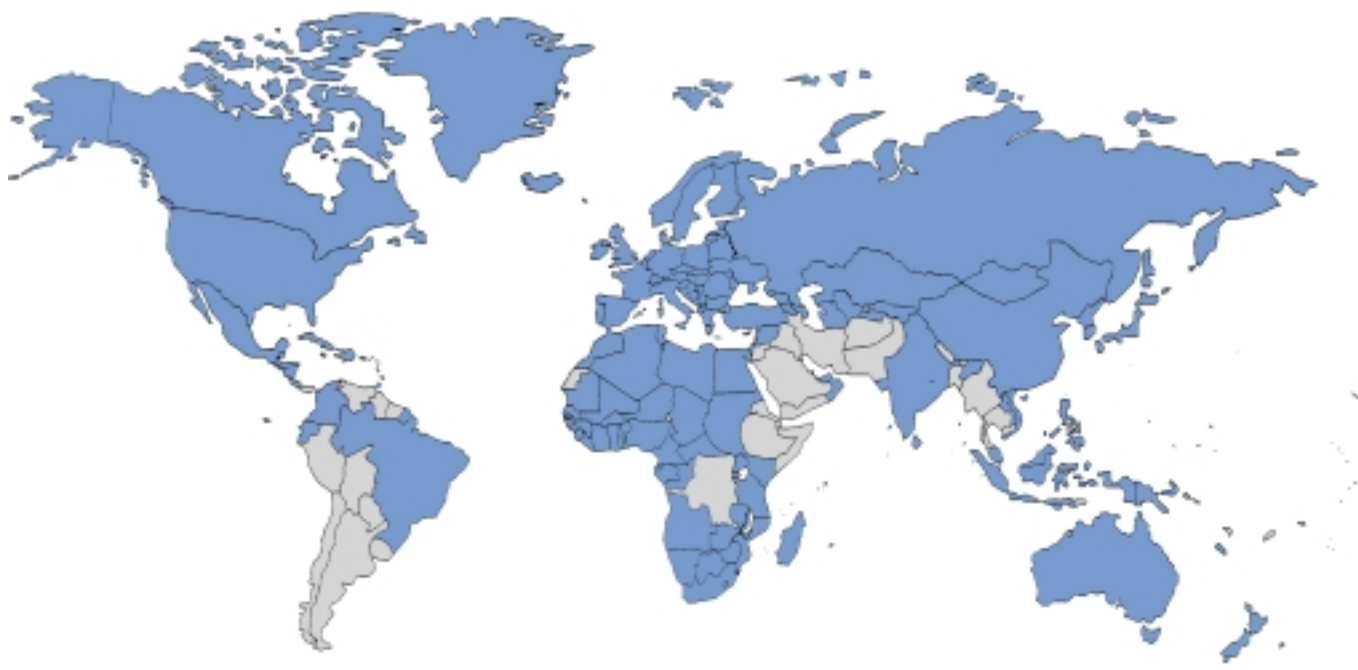
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 October 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee ²² | | Handling fee ^{2, 22} (CHF 200) |
|------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| AT | EUR | 200 | EUR 129 |
| AU | AUD | 550 780 ²³ | AUD 205 |
| CA | CAD | 800 | CAD 182 |
| CN | CNY | 1,500 | CNY eq CHF 200 |
| EP ¹⁹ | EUR | 1,595 | EUR 129 |
| ES | EUR | 533.76 | EUR 129 |
| FI | EUR | 550 | EUR 129 |
| JP | JPY | 36,000 | JPY 17,400 |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | KRW 147,000 |
| RU ²⁰ | USD | 200 ²⁴ 300 ²⁵ | USD 155 |
| SE | SEK | 5,000 | SEK 1,210 |
| US | USD | 600 750 ²⁶ | 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 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.
- 19 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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.
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- 21 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.
- 22 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 24 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 25 In all cases where footnote 24 does not apply.
- 26 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*, Annex C (US)).

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| AL Albania ¹ | CZ Czech Republic (EP) | IS Iceland (EP) | MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹ | SK Slovakia (EP) |
| AM Armenia (EA) | DE Germany (EP) | IT Italy (EP) ² | ML Mali (OA) ² | SL Sierra Leone (AP) |
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| BH Bahrain | GA Gabon (OA) ² | LZ Lao People's Democratic Republic | NG Nigeria | TN Tunisia |
| BJ Benin (OA) ² | GB United Kingdom (EP) | LC Saint Lucia | NI Nicaragua | TR Turkey (EP) |
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| | ID Indonesia | | SD Sudan (AP) | |
| | IE Ireland (EP) ² | | SE Sweden (EP) | |

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

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As a result of the entry into force of the revised version of the European Patent Convention (EPC 2000) on 13 December 2007, the European Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, or where applicable, designated Office, has withdrawn a number of notifications of incompatibility with its national law with effect from that date, as follows:

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- PCT Rules 20.8(a) and 20.8(b) (incorporation by reference of missing element or part) as modified since 1 April 2007 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2006, page 3);

- PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(j) (restoration of right of priority by receiving Office), 49*ter*.1(g) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office) and 49*ter*.2(h) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office) as modified since 1 April 2007 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2006, cover page) (see "PCT Information Update" for information on the criterion for restoration applied by the EPO);

- PCT Rule 49.6(f) (reinstatement of rights after failure to perform the acts referred to in PCT Article 22) as modified since 1 January 2003 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2003, page 5) (see "PCT Information Update" for information on the criterion for reinstatement applied by the EPO); and

- PCT Rule 51*bis*.1(f) (furnishing of translation of priority document if the validity of the priority claim is relevant) as modified since 1 March 2001 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2001, page 2).

This means that PCT Rules 4.10(a) and (b), as amended with effect from 1 January 2000, 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), 20.6, 26*bis*.3(a) to (i), 49.6(a) to (e), 49*ter*.1(a) to (f), 49*ter*.2(a) to (g) and 51*bis*.1(e) apply with respect to the EPO with effect from 13 December 2007. Transitional arrangements

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CH Switzerland
LU Luxembourg
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

that apply to the withdrawal of these notifications of incompatibility will be published in the *Official Journal of the EPO* (www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj_index_e.htm), and the table of “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” (www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf) will be updated accordingly soon.

Furthermore, as a result of the entry into force of the EPC 2000, the interim protest procedure under PCT Rules 40.2(c) and (d), and 68.3(c) and (d) that is currently applied by the EPO acting as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority will no longer apply to international applications filed as of 13 December 2007. For further details, see the *Official Journal of the EPO*, Special Edition no. 3/2007, page 140 (www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj007/08_07/special_edition_3_epc_2000_decisions.pdf)

PCT Information Update

(1) Acceptance of requests for restoration of the right of priority

For background information on the above-mentioned subject, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2007, pages 1 and 8. It is recalled that a table summarizing information received by the International Bureau (IB) regarding restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices and designated Offices under PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 is available in English and French at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/restoration.html

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/restoration.html

EP European Patent Office

Further to the withdrawal of its notifications of incompatibility under PCT Rules 26bis.3(j) and 49ter.2(h) (restoration of the right of priority) and PCT Rule 49.6(f) (reinstatement of rights after failure to perform the acts referred to in PCT Article 22) with effect from 13 December 2007 (see cover page), the EPO, in its capacity as receiving Office and as designated Office, has informed the IB that it applies the “due care” criterion to both requests for restoration of the right of priority and to requests for reinstatement of rights. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting such restoration or reinstatement, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office: EUR 550.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (receiving Offices) (EP) and the National Chapter (EP))

(2) Other changes

International fee, search fee and handling fee (various Offices)

As from 1 January 2008, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts, in certain currencies, of the international filing fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the PCT-EASY and electronic filing reductions (where applicable), the search fee and the handling fee, as indicated in the PCT fee tables on pages 9 to 15.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase:

- Annex C (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BE, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CO, CR, CU, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EA, EC, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GH, GR, IB, IE, IL, IN, IS, IT, JP, KE, KG, KR, KZ, LR, LT, LU, LV, MC, MD, MW, NI, NL, NO, NZ, PG, PH, PT, RU, SC, SE, SG, SI, SM, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, ZA, ZM, ZW;
- Annex D (International Searching Authorities): AT, AU, CA, CN, EP, ES, FI, JP, KR, RU, SE, US; and
- Annex E (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): AU, CA, EP, ES, FI, JP, KR, RU, SE, US)

BR Brazil (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) have changed. The addresses and numbers to be used are as follows:

Location and mailing address:

Rua Mayrink Veiga No. 09 – 27º andar
Centro, CEP20090-910
Rio de Janeiro, RJ
Brazil

Telephone: (55-21) 21 39 33 17, 21 39 33 18,
21 39 33 19, 21 39 34 93

Fax : (55-21) 21 39 35 41 (PCT Section)

E-mail: pct@inpi.gov.br

The Office has indicated that there are now special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are outlined in the Normative Act No. 127/1997 of their national legislation.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (BR) and Annex L)

DO Dominican Republic (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic), in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 January 2008, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts in EUR and USD of the following fees, payable to the IB as receiving Office:

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----|
| Transmittal fee: | see Table I(a) | |
| Fee for priority document: | EUR | 30 |
| | USD | 43 |
| Supplement for airmail: | EUR [no change] | |
| | USD | 9 |

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

MX Mexico (fees)

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office, has changed with effect from 13 September 2007, as indicated in Table I(a).

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

US United States of America (fees)

There has been a change in the amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority payable in USD to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office. The new amount, applicable from 9 November 2007 for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2007, is USD 1,410.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 30 September 2007 (the amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a "small entity"; certain other fees not indicated have not changed):

| | |
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| Basic national fee: | USD 310 (155) |
| Search fee: | |
| – IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): | [No change] |
| – International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA: | [No change] |

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| – Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO: | USD 410 (205) |
| – All other situations: | USD 510 (255) |

Examination fee:

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|--|---------------|
| – IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): | [No change] |
| – All other situations: | USD 210 (105) |

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceed 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed on an electronic medium):

USD 260 (130)

Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three:

USD 210 (105)

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:

[No change]

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application:

USD 370 (185)

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

Search fee (United States Patent and Trademark Office)

Further to the announcement published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2007 notifying a new amount of the search fee payable in USD for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as from 9 November 2007, new equivalent amounts payable in CHF, EUR, NZD and ZAR have been established, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

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It is recalled that the English version is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/glossary.html

Spanish version of the PCT Regulations

The Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2007, are now available in Spanish, in PDF format, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf

Documents for the Meetings of International Authorities under the PCT (MIA)

The complete set of meeting documents for the Meetings of International Authorities under the PCT is now available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=128

Documentation for most meetings has been available for some time and the following recent additions that complete this collection concern the documents from the early sessions I-VI which were previously not available in electronic version.

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It has come to our attention that some subscribers to the PCT e-mail updating service have not been receiving the e-mails announcing the publication of the *PCT Newsletter* on the Internet, as well as other important announcements. We have looked into this problem and it is possible that the persons affected are no longer receiving the e-mails because their firm

has an e-mail filter system that is picking up the notification and treating it as spam.

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Presently, the following topics are available, or will be coming soon: energy, textiles and traditional medicine. Further topics will shortly be added to this list and, as the technologies evolve, some topics might be removed.

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www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/data/terms.html

Practical Advice

Publication of a rectification of an obvious mistake after international publication

Q: I filed an international application on 16 April 2007, claiming priority of an earlier application filed on 25 April 2006. It was only after my international application was published recently that I noticed that there was a mistake in the description of the invention. I therefore immediately submitted to the International Searching Authority (ISA) a request for rectification of an obvious mistake. If that request for rectification is authorized by the ISA, will the international application be republished with the corrected text? If it is not authorized, can the request for rectification itself be published so that designated Offices and third parties can be made aware of that mistake?

A: Since your international application was filed after 1 April 2007, PCT Rule 91, as amended with effect from that date, applies (it is important to note that for international applications filed before 1 April 2007, PCT Rule 91 as applicable prior to that date applies*).

It is recalled that under new PCT Rule 91.2, the applicant may request the competent authority to authorize a rectification of an obvious mistake within 26 months from the priority date (note that depending

on the part of the international application concerned, or depending on the stage in the proceedings during the international phase, authorities other than the ISA (the receiving Office, the International Bureau (IB) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority) may be competent to authorize the rectification – see PCT Rule 91.1(b) for details). The authority will authorize the rectification if it is obvious to that authority that, as at the international filing date (or other applicable date under PCT Rule 91.1(f)), something else was intended than what appears in the document concerned and nothing else could have been intended than the proposed rectification (PCT Rule 91.1(c)).

If your request for rectification of an obvious mistake in the description is authorized by the ISA, the IB will, in accordance with PCT Rule 48.2(i), publish the following as soon as possible, free of charge:

- a revised version of the front page of the published international application;
- the replacement sheets (marked with the words “RECTIFIED SHEET (RULE 91)”; and
- a statement reflecting the rectification and/or the applicant’s letter requesting rectification.

The documents concerned will be available under the “Documents” tab of the relevant published international application at: www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/

Designated (or elected) Offices (as well as the receiving Office and international authorities, as required) will be aware of the rectification through its publication on PatentScope. Generally, a designated Office must process the international application in the national phase “as rectified”, unless the Office:

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If your request for rectification is refused by the ISA, you may request the IB in writing, within two months from the date of the notification of refusal, to publish, together with the international application, information concerning the request for rectification and its refusal, namely:

- the request for rectification,

- the reasons for refusal by the authority; and
- any further brief comments that you may wish to submit.

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Once information on a refused request for rectification has been published, the applicant may pursue it further before the designated (or elected) Offices according to their national law and practice for the rectification of obvious mistakes.

For further information on requests for rectification of obvious mistakes, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 443 to 448 (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf). Detailed information on the new provisions of PCT Rule 91 are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/faqs/april07_faq.html#2007_rectification

- * PCT Rule 91, as in force prior to 1 April 2007, allows less time for submission of requests for rectification of obvious "errors", and the way in which the time limit is calculated is different: apart from cases where the authorization of the rectification is given by the IPEA, a request for rectification will be effective if **authorization by the competent authority reaches the IB** before the expiration of **17 months** from the priority date; under current PCT Rule 91, it will be effective if the request for rectification is **submitted to the competent authority** before the expiration of **26 months** from the priority date. (For the provisions of the rule as applicable prior to 1 April 2007, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2006.pdf)

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| 3 December 2007 Tokyo (JP) | Japanese | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi | (see Osaka, above) |
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| 4–5 December 2007 Paris (FR) | French | PCT seminar: "La demande PCT module avancé" WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet | Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr |
| 5 December 2007 London (GB) | English | PCT lecture "The Role of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in the International Patent System" WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, University of London E-mail (for information and registration): qmipri@qmul.ac.uk Tel: (44–20) 78 82 80 89 Fax: (44–20) 78 82 81 01 |
| 6–7 December 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |
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| 25–26 April 2008 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 |

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 November 2007, 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*, 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:

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|-------------|---|-----|------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| eq | equivalent of – | BGL | Bulgarian lev | GEL | Georgian lari | LVL | Latvian lat | SEK | Swedish krona |
| IPEA | International Preliminary Examining Authority | BRR | Brazilian real | GHC | Ghanaian cedi | LYD | Libyan dinar | SGD | Singapore dollar |
| ISA | International Searching Authority | BYR | Belarusian rouble | HRK | Croatian kuna | MAD | Moroccan dirham | SKK | Slovak koruna |
| RO | receiving Office | BZD | Belize dollar | HUF | Hungarian forint | MKD | Macedonian denar | TJS | Tajik somoni |
| | | CAD | Canadian dollar | IDR | Indonesian rupiah | MWK | Malawian kwacha | TND | Tunisian dinar |
| | | CHF | Swiss franc | ILS | New Israel shekel | MXP | Mexican peso | TTD | Trinidad and Tobago dollar |
| | | CNY | Yuan renminbi | INR | Indian rupee | MYR | Malaysian ringgit | | |
| Currencies: | | 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 |
| AED | United Arab Emirates dirham | CYP | Cyprus pound | KES | Kenyan shilling | PGK | Kina | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| ALL | Albanian lek | CZK | Czech koruna | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PHP | Philippine peso | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| AMD | Armenian dram | DKK | Danish krone | KPW | KP won | PLZ | Polish zloty | ZAR | South African rand |
| AUD | Australian dollar | DZD | Algerian dinar | KRW | KR won | ROL | Romanian leu | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| AZM | Azerbaijani manat | EEK | Estonian kroon | KZT | Kazakh tenge | RSD | Serbian dinar | | |
| BAM | Convertible mark | EUR | Euro | LSL | Lesotho loti | RUR | Russian rouble | | |
| | | GBP | Pound sterling | LTL | Lithuanian litas | SDP | Sudanese pound | | |

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 November 2007, 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 |
|----|-------------------------------|--------|---|------------------------|---|------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | Items 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 |
| | | | | (from 15.11.07: 1,163) | (12) | (83) | | | | |
| | | | | (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | (13) | (85) | | | | |
| AP | USD | 50 | USD | 1,086 | 12 | 78 | – | – | – | AT EP SE |
| | (or eq in local currency) | | | (from 15.11.07: 1,163) | (12) | (83) | | | | |
| | | | | (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | (13) | (85) | | | | |
| AT | EUR | 50 | EUR | 851 | 9 | 61 | – | – | – | EP |
| | | | | (from 1.1.08: 848) | (9) | (61) | | | | |
| AU | AUD | 150 | AUD | 1,347 | 14 | 96 | 192 | 289 | | AU |
| | | | | (from 1.1.08: 1,374) | (15) | (98) | (196) | (295) | | |
| AZ | AZM | 55,000 | USD | 1,086 | 12 | – | – | – | – | EP RU |
| | | | | (from 15.11.07: 1,163) | (12) | | | | | |
| | | | | (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | (13) | | | | | |
| BA | BAM | 50 | EUR | 851 | 9 | 61 | – | – | – | EP |
| | | | | (from 1.1.08: 848) | (9) | (61) | | | | |
| BE | EUR | 40 | EUR | 851 | 9 | 61 | – | – | – | EP |
| | | | | (from 1.1.08: 848) | (9) | (61) | | | | |
| BG | BGL | 80 | BGL eq CHF | 1,400 | eq CHF | 15 | eq CHF | 100 | – | EP RU |
| BH | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | |
| BR | BRR | 305 | BRR eq CHF | 1,400 | eq CHF | 15 | eq CHF | 100 | – | AT EP SE US |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 November 2007, 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 | |
| BW | USD ⁹ – | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> <i>(from 1.1.08: 1,194)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> <i>(13)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> <i>(85)</i> | – | – | EP |
| BY | BYR eq USD 70 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> <i>(from 1.1.08: 1,194)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> <i>(13)</i> | – | – | – | EP RU |
| BZ | BZD 300 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> <i>(from 1.1.08: 1,194)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> <i>(13)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> <i>(85)</i> | – | – | CA EP |
| CA | CAD 300 | CAD 1,273 <i>(from 1.1.08: 1,196)</i> | 14 <i>(13)</i> | 91 <i>(85)</i> | – | – | CA |
| CH | CHF 100 | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | EP |
| CN | CNY 500 | CNY eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | CN |
| CO | COP ⁹ – | COP eq USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> <i>(from 1.1.08: 1,194)</i> | eq USD 12 <i>(12)</i> <i>(13)</i> | eq USD 78 <i>(83)</i> <i>(85)</i> | – | – | AT, EP, ES, RU |
| CR | USD 250 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> <i>(from 1.1.08: 1,194)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> <i>(13)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> <i>(85)</i> | – | – | EP ES |
| CU | CUC 200 | CUC 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> <i>(from 1.1.08: 1,194)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> <i>(13)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> <i>(85)</i> | – | – | AT EP ES RU |
| CY | CYP 75 | CYP 516 <i>(from 1.1.08: 494)</i> | 6 <i>(5)</i> | – | – | – | EP |
| CZ | CZK 1,500 | EUR 851 <i>(from 1.1.08: 848)</i> | 9 <i>(9)</i> | 61 <i>(61)</i> | – | – | EP |
| DE | EUR 90 | EUR 851 <i>(from 1.1.08: 848)</i> | 9 <i>(9)</i> | 61 <i>(61)</i> | 122 <i>(121)</i> | 182 <i>(182)</i> | EP |
| DK | DKK 1,500 | DKK 6,340 <i>(from 1.1.08: 6,320)</i> | 70 <i>(70)</i> | 450 <i>(450)</i> | 910 <i>(900)</i> | 1,360 <i>(1,350)</i> | EP SE |
| DM | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| DO | USD 275 | USD eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | EP ES |
| DZ | DZD None | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | AT EP |
| EA | RUR 1,600 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> <i>(from 1.1.08: 1,194)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> <i>(13)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> <i>(85)</i> | – | – | EP RU |
| EC | USD ⁹ – | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> <i>(from 1.1.08: 1,194)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> <i>(13)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> <i>(85)</i> | – | – | EP ES |
| EE | EEK 1,800 | EEK eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | EP |
| EG | USD 142 | USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i> <i>(from 1.1.08: 1,194)</i> | 12 <i>(12)</i> <i>(13)</i> | 78 <i>(83)</i> <i>(85)</i> | – | – | AT EP US |
| EP | EUR 105 | EUR 851 <i>(from 1.1.08: 848)</i> | 9 <i>(9)</i> | – | 122 <i>(121)</i> | 182 <i>(182)</i> | EP |
| ES | EUR 67.89 | EUR 851 <i>(from 1.1.08: 848)</i> | 9 <i>(9)</i> | 61 <i>(61)</i> | 122 <i>(121)</i> | 182 <i>(182)</i> | EP ES |
| FI | EUR 135 | EUR 851 <i>(from 1.1.08: 848)</i> | 9 <i>(9)</i> | 61 <i>(–)</i> | 122 <i>(121)</i> | 182 <i>(182)</i> | EP FI SE |
| FR | EUR 60 | EUR 851 <i>(from 1.1.08: 848)</i> | 9 <i>(9)</i> | 61 <i>(61)</i> | 122 <i>(121)</i> | 182 <i>(182)</i> | EP |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 November 2007, 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 | |
| GB | GBP 55 | GBP 574 (from 1.1.08: 591) | 6 (6) | 41 (42) | 82 (84) | 123 (127) | EP |
| GD | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| GE | GEL ¹⁰ 10 | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | EP RU |
| GH | GHC ¹¹ 2,500 or 5,000 | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE |
| GR | EUR 115 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | 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 (from 1.1.08: 61) | or EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | 122 (121) | 182 (182) | |
| | or USD ¹² 79 (from 1.1.08: 85) | or USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | 155 (166) (171) | 233 (249) (256) | |
| ID | IDR 1,000,000 | IDR eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | AU EP KR RU |
| IE | EUR 76 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | EP |
| IL | ILS 486 | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | EP US |
| IN | INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000) | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE US |
| IS | ISK 6,500 | ISK 70,500 (from 1.1.08: 74,100) | 800 (800) | 5,000 (5,300) | – | – | EP SE |
| IT | EUR 30.99 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | – | – | – | EP |
| JP | JPY 13,000 | JPY 138,200 (from 1.1.08: 137,000) | 1,500 (1,500) | 9,900 (9,800) | – | 29,600 (29,400) | EP JP |
| KE | USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE |
| KG | KGS eq USD 100 | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | EP RU |
| KM | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| KN | Information not yet available | | | | | | |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 November 2007, 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 | |
| KP | KPW eq CHF 50 | KPW eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | AT CN RU |
| KR | KRW 45,000 | KRW 1,096,000 (from 1.1.08: 1,099,000) | 12,000 (12,000) | 78,000 (79,000) | – | 235,000 (236,000) | AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR |
| KZ | KZT 7,360 | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | EP RU |
| LA | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| LR | USD 45 | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE |
| LS | LSM ⁹ – | LSM eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | – | – | AT EP |
| LT | LTL 320 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | EP RU |
| LU | EUR 19 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | – | – | – | EP |
| LV | LVL 47.20 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | EP RU |
| LY | LYD ⁹ – | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | AT EP |
| MA | None | CHF 1,400 | 15 | – | – | – | AT EP RU SE |
| MC | EUR 54 ¹⁵ | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | – | – | – | EP |
| MD | USD 40 | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | 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 |
| MT | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| MW | MWK 6,000 | MWK 134,700 (from 1.1.08: 166,800) | 1,400 (1,800) | 9,600 (11,900) | – | – | EP |
| MX | MXP ² eq USD 323.70 | MXP eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | EP ES SE US |
| MY | MYR 375 ¹⁶ | MYR eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | AU EP KR |
| NI | USD 200 | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | EP ES |
| NL | EUR 50 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | 122 (121) | 182 (182) | EP |
| NO | NOK 550 | NOK 7,030 (from 1.1.08: 6,590) | 80 (70) | 500 (470) | – | – | EP SE |
| NZ | NZD 180 ¹⁷ | NZD 1,479 (from 1.1.08: 1,597) | 16 (17) | 106 (114) | – | – | 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 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | AU |
| PH | PHP 3,500 | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | 155 (166) (171) | 233 (249) (256) | 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 33.44 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | EP |
| RO | ROL 300,000 | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | 200 | 300 | AT EP RU |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 November 2007, 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 | |
| RS | RSD | 3,000 | RSD eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | EP |
| RU | RUR | 600 | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | EP RU |
| SC | USD ⁹ | – | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | – | – | – | EP |
| SD | SDP | 50 | SDP eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | – | – | EP |
| SE | SEK | 1,200 | SEK 7,950 (from 1.1.08: 7,780) | 90 (80) | 570 (560) | 1,140 (1,110) | 1,700 (1,670) | EP SE |
| SG | SGD | 150 | SGD 1,720 (from 1.1.08: 1,790) | 18 (19) | 123 (128) | – | – | AT AU EP KR ¹⁸ |
| SI | EUR | 91 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | 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 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | – | – | – | EP |
| SV | Information not yet available | | | | | | | |
| SY | USD ⁹ | – | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | AT EP RU |
| TJ | TJS ⁹ | – | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | – | – | – | EP RU |
| TM | USD ⁹ | – | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | 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 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | AT EP SE US |
| UA | UAH | 255 | USD (or eq UAH) 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | – | – | – | EP RU |
| US | USD | 300 | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | 155 (166) (171) | – | EP KR US |
| UZ | USD ⁹ | – | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | 78 (83) (85) | – | – | 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 8,230 (from 1.1.08: 8,340) | 90 (90) | 590 (600) | – | – | AT AU EP US |
| ZM | USD | 50 | USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (12) (13) | – | – | – | AT SE |
| ZW | ZWD | 6,000 | ZWD eq USD 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163) (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | eq USD 12 (12) (13) | eq USD 78 (83) (85) | – | – | AT AU CN EP RU |

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 November 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee¹ | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| AT | EUR 200 | CHF* 311 | KRW* 250,000 | SGD* 410 | USD* 272 | ZAR* 1,830 | | | | |
| | * (from 1.1.08: CHF 330) | KRW 259,000 | SGD 420 | USD 282 | ZAR 1,970) | | | | | |
| AU | AUD 1,600 | CHF* 1,663 | EUR* 962 | KRW* 1,266,000 | NZD* 1,794 | SGD* 2,090 | | | | |
| | USD* 1,372 | ZAR* 9,560 | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.1.08: CHF 1,630) | EUR 987 | KRW 1,280,000 | NZD 1,859 | SGD 2,084 | | | | | |
| | USD 1,390 | ZAR 9,700) | | | | | | | | |
| CA | CAD 1,600 | CHF* 1,759 | EUR* 1,112 | USD* 1,490 | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.1.08: CHF 1,872) | EUR 1,134 | USD 1,597) | | | | | | | |
| CN | CNY 2,100 | CHF* 335 | EUR* 215 | USD* 260 | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.1.08: CHF 328) | EUR 199 | USD 280) | | | | | | | |
| EP¹⁹ | EUR 1,615 | CHF* 2,668 | CYP* 928 | DKK* 12,050 | GBP* 1,098 | ISK* 143,000 | | | | |
| | JPY* 255,300 | MWK* 248,000 | NOK* 12,990 | NZD* 2,810 | SEK* 15,230 | SGD* 3,310 | | | | |
| | USD* 2,197 | ZAR* 14,920 | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.1.08: CHF 2,667) | CYP 942 | DKK 12,040 | GBP 1,125 | ISK 141,000 | | | | | |
| | JPY 261,000 | MWK 318,000 | NOK 12,560 | NZD 3,043 | SEK 14,820 | SGD 3,410 | | | | |
| | USD 2,274 | ZAR 15,880) | | | | | | | | |
| ES¹⁹ | EUR 1,615 | CHF* 2,668 | USD* 2,197 | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.1.08: CHF 2,667) | USD 2,274) | | | | | | | | |
| FI | EUR 1,615 | CHF* 2,668 | USD* 2,197 | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.1.08: CHF 2,667) | USD 2,274) | | | | | | | | |
| JP | JPY 97,000 | CHF* 1,042 | EUR* 616 | KRW* 739,000 | USD* 797 | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.1.08: CHF 991) | EUR 600 | KRW 778,000 | USD 845) | | | | | | |
| KR | KRW 225,000 | CHF* 280 | EUR* 180 | NZD* 347 | SGD* 380 | USD* 232 | | | | |
| | * (from 1.1.08: CHF 287) | EUR 173 | NZD 327 | SGD 366 | USD 244) | | | | | |
| RU²⁰ | USD 500 | CHF* 644 | EUR* 369 | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.1.08: CHF 586) | EUR 355) | | | | | | | | |
| SE | SEK* 15,230 | CHF* 2,668 | DKK* 12,050 | EUR 1,615 | ISK* 143,000 | NOK* 12,990 | | | | |
| | USD* 2,197 | | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.1.08: SEK 14,820) | CHF 2,667 | DKK 12,040 | ISK 141,000 | NOK 12,560 | | | | | |
| | USD 2,274) | | | | | | | | | |
| US | USD* 1,000 | CHF* 1,216 | 387 ²¹ | EUR* 762 | 222 ²¹ | NZD* 1,360 | 380 ²¹ | | | |
| | ZAR* 7,200 | 2,300 ²¹ | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 9.11.07: USD 1,800) | CHF 2,136 | EUR 1,282 | | | | | | | |
| | NZD 2,370 | ZAR 12,340) | | | | | | | | |

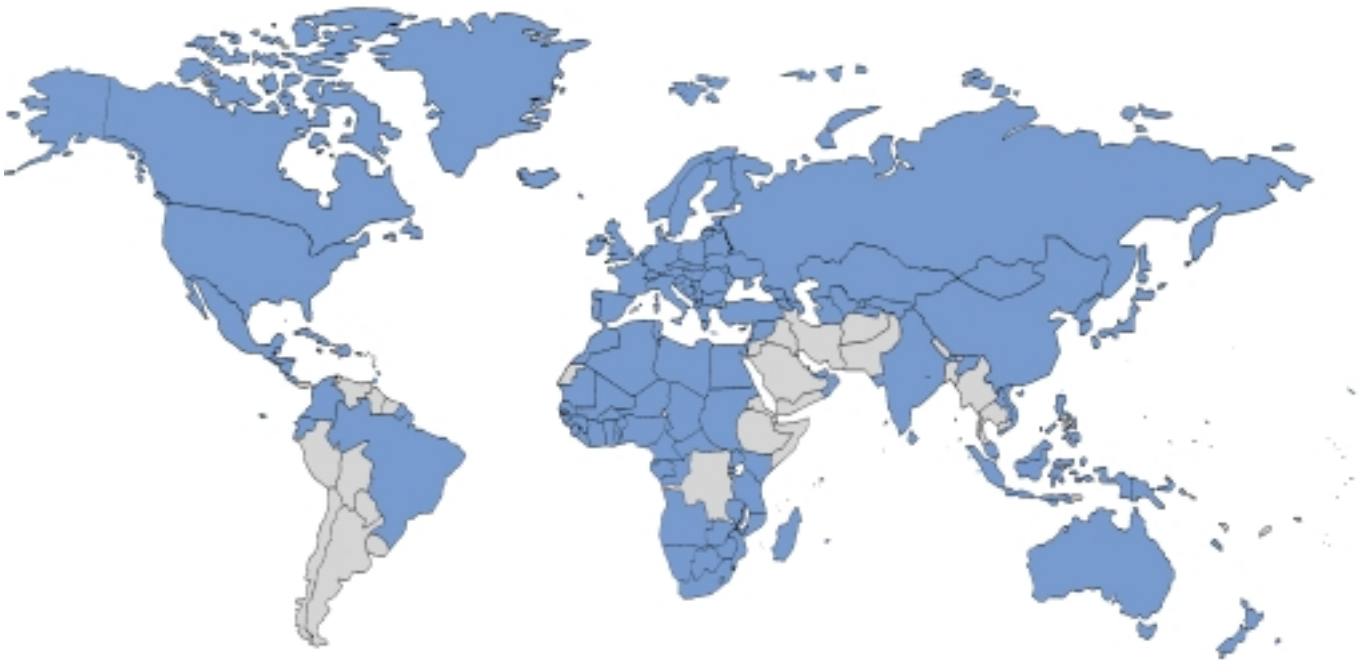
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 November 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee ²² | | Handling fee ^{2, 22} (CHF 200) | |
|------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | EUR | 129 (from 1.1.08: 121) |
| AU | AUD | 550 780 ²³ | AUD | 205 (from 1.1.08: 196) |
| CA | CAD | 800 | CAD | 182 (from 1.1.08: 171) |
| CN | CNY | 1,500 | CNY eq CHF | 200 |
| EP ¹⁹ | EUR | 1,595 | EUR | 129 (from 1.1.08: 121) |
| ES | EUR | 533.76 | EUR | 129 (from 1.1.08: 121) |
| FI | EUR | 550 | EUR | 129 (from 1.1.08: 121) |
| JP | JPY | 36,000 | JPY | 17,400 (from 1.1.08: 19,600) |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | KRW | 147,000 (from 1.1.08: 157,000) |
| RU ²⁰ | USD | 200 ²⁴ 300 ²⁵ | USD | 155 (from 1.1.08: 171) |
| SE | SEK | 5,000 | SEK | 1,210 (from 1.1.08: 1,110) |
| US | USD | 600 750 ²⁶ | USD | 155 (from 1.1.08: 171) |

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 Resources page of PatentScope 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 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.
- 19 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 After 9 November 2007, the lower amount will no longer be applicable. Until then it is 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.
- 22 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 24 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 25 In all cases where footnote 24 does not apply.
- 26 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*, Annex C (US)).

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|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| AE United Arab Emirates | CR Costa Rica | IL Israel | ME Montenegro | SG Singapore |
| AG Antigua and Barbuda | CY Cyprus (EP) ² | IN India | MG Madagascar | SI Slovenia (EP) ² |
| AL Albania ¹ | CZ Czech Republic (EP) | IS Iceland (EP) | MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹ | SK Slovakia (EP) |
| AM Armenia (EA) | DE Germany (EP) | IT Italy (EP) ² | ML Mali (OA) ² | SL Sierra Leone (AP) |
| AO Angola (from 27 December 2007) | DK Denmark (EP) | JP Japan | MN Mongolia | SM San Marino |
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| | HU Hungary (EP) | | SD Sudan (AP) | |
| | ID Indonesia | | SE Sweden (EP) | |
| | IE Ireland (EP) ² | | | |

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

Important:

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated April 2007) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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Reminder: Last Paper Issue of *PCT Newsletter*

Further to the announcement on the cover page of *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2007 that the paper publication of the *Newsletter* will cease with effect from January 2008, please note that this is the last issue that will be published on paper.

It is recalled that the electronic version of the *PCT Newsletter* is available free of charge on the Internet at:

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Nordic Patent Institute to Start Functioning as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

It is recalled that the Nordic Patent Institute (two letter-code: XN) was appointed as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT by the PCT Assembly in October 2006.

The Institute has notified WIPO that it will start functioning as an ISA and an IPEA with effect from 1 January 2008 for international applications filed with the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, the Icelandic Patent Office, or the Norwegian Patent Office as receiving Offices. In accordance with PCT Rule 35.3, the Institute will also be competent for any international application filed with the International Bureau by nationals or residents of Denmark, Iceland or Norway.

Note that the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent and

Registration Office will remain as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Offices for international applications filed with any of the above-mentioned receiving Offices.

For information on the fees which will be payable to the Nordic Patent Institute, please see "PCT Information Update" on page 3. Further information on the Nordic Patent Institute in its capacity as ISA and IPEA will be published in the *PCT Newsletter* in due course.

European Patent Convention

Ratification by Norway; Accession by Croatia

On 5 October 2007, Norway deposited its instrument of ratification of the European Patent Convention (EPC) and an instrument of accession to the Act revising the EPC of 29 November 2000. On 31 October 2007, Croatia deposited its instrument of accession to the EPC and to the above-mentioned Act revising the EPC. Norway and Croatia will therefore become bound by that Convention on 1 January 2008.

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Therefore, any international application filed on or after 1 January 2008 will include the designations of Norway and Croatia for a European patent. Moreover, as from 1 January 2008, it will be possible for nationals and residents of Norway or Croatia to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the patent Offices of Norway or Croatia, respectively, or the International Bureau of WIPO.

This brings the number of Contracting States of the EPC to 34.

Effect on the extension agreement between the EPO and Croatia

The extension agreement between Croatia and the European Patent Organisation will terminate with the entry into force of the EPC in Croatia on 1 January 2008. It will thereafter no longer be possible to extend European patent applications and patents to Croatia. The extension system will, however, continue to apply to all European and international applications filed prior to 1 January 2008, as well as to all European patents granted in respect of such applications.

Further information on the ratification of the EPC by Norway and the accession to the EPC by Croatia is contained in notices from the EPO at, respectively:

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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
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

www.epo.org/patents/updates/2007/20071123c.html

www.epo.org/patents/updates/2007/20071128.html

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annexes B1 (HR and NO) and B2 (EP), and Vol. I/B, Annex C (EP))

Furnishing by the IB of Copies of the IPER to Third Parties

Notifications by elected Offices under PCT Rule 94.1(c)

The Japan Patent Office, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau under PCT Rule 94.1(c) to furnish to third parties copies of the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) on its behalf (for background information on this subject, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2).

PCT Information Update

CR Costa Rica (language of filing)

The Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica) in its capacity as receiving Office has notified a change in its requirements concerning the language of filing of international applications: in addition to Spanish, it now accepts English as a language in which international applications may be filed (when the European Patent Office is selected as the International Searching Authority).

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

DE Germany (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The address of the Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, as follows:

DSMZ–Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ)
Inhoffenstr. 7B
38124 Braunschweig
Germany

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

IL Israel (fees)

As from 1 January 2008, there will be a change in the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, as indicated in Table I(a).

As from 1 January 2008, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office:

Filing fee: ILS 940

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

UA Ukraine (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address, the telephone and fax numbers, and the e-mail and Internet addresses of the State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, have changed, as follows:

Location:

SDIP
45 Uritskogo Street
Kyiv-35
03680 Ukraine

Mailing address (filing and processing of applications):

Ukrainsky Instytut Ppomyslovoi Vlasnosti
Ukrainian Institute of Industrial Property
(Ukrpatent)
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Kyiv 42
01601 Ukraine

Telephone: (380-44) 494 05 05, 494 05 04

Fax: (380-44) 494 05 06

E-mail: office@ukrpatent.org

Internet: www.ukrpatent.org

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Nordic Patent Institute; United States Patent and Trademark Office)

Further to the announcement by the Nordic Patent Institute that it will commence operations on 1 January 2008 (see cover page), the Institute has established the amounts in DKK of the fee for an international search carried out by it, as indicated in Table I(b) (the equivalent amounts in other applicable currencies will

be published once they have been confirmed), as well as the following fees:

| | | |
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| Additional search fee: | DKK | 12,040 |
| Protest fee | DKK | 8,000 |
| Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per document: | DKK | 50 |

There has been a change in the following fee payable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as International Searching Authority, applicable as from 30 September 2007, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report:

- US patent, per copy: USD 3
- Non-US patent documents: none; the applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each non-US patent document cited therein.

The Office has also informed the International Bureau that from 3 July 2007, it no longer mails paper copies of cited US patents and US patent application publications in international applications. However, electronic copies may be viewed at the USPTO's website (<http://www.uspto.gov/patft/help/images.htm>). Copies can also be printed out free of charge, one page at a time, purchased online (<http://ebiz1.uspto.gov/oems25p/index.html>) or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records ((1-800) 972 63 82 or (571) 272 31 50) at the fee indicated above.

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

Fees relating to the international preliminary examination (Nordic Patent Institute; Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

Further to the announcement by the Nordic Patent Institute that it will commence operations on 1 January 2008 (see cover page), the Institute has established the amounts in DKK of the fee for an international preliminary examination carried out by it, as indicated in Table II, as well as the following fees:

| | | |
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| Additional preliminary examination fee: | DKK | 5,000 |
| Protest fee: | DKK | 8,000 |
| Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, per document: | DKK | 50 |

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|---|-----|------|
| Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per page: | DKK | 3.25 |
|---|-----|------|

The equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in DKK to the Institute as International Preliminary Examining Authority, has also been established and is indicated in Table II.

As from 1 January 2008, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Table II, as well as a change in the amount of the additional preliminary examination fee, as indicated below:

| | | |
|---|-----|--------|
| Additional preliminary examination fee: | EUR | 544.44 |
|---|-----|--------|

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (XN and ES))

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 2008, the following:

- All Saturdays and Sundays, and
- 1 and 2 January 2008
- 21 and 24 March 2008
- 1 and 12 May 2008
- 11 September 2008
- 8, 25 and 26 December 2008

Note that the days indicated above concern only the IB and not the national Offices and other international organizations. The closing dates in 2008 for other Offices are available at:

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Table of States and Organizations which have requested the IB to furnish to third parties copies of the IPER on their behalf

The table containing a list of the States and organizations which have requested the International Bureau under Rule 94.1(c) to furnish to third parties copies of the international preliminary examination report on their behalf, as updated on 29 November

2007 to include the Japan Patent Office, is now available on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

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Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau (IB) of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from "IBFTPR - International Bureau for Federated Trademark & Patent Register".

To view an example of the new invitation, as well as the many other examples which have been brought to the attention of the IB by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.htm

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the IB alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (see PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29.

Practical Advice

Later submission of the abstract of the international application

Q: I recently filed an international application with which I inadvertently omitted to include the abstract. Would such omission be covered by the provisions of PCT Rule 20 concerning missing elements or parts? If not, what are the consequences of a later submission of the abstract?

A: A missing abstract is not covered by PCT Rule 20, as amended on 1 April 2007, which enables the inclusion of accidentally omitted elements of the international application referred to in PCT Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) (that is, the whole of the **description** or the whole of the **claims** (see PCT Rule 20.3)) or parts of the international application (that is, part of the **description**, part of the **claims** or part or all of the pages of **drawings** (see PCT Rule 20.5)), the furnishing of which would normally result in the according of a later international filing

date (for further details, see the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2007).

A missing abstract is a defect under PCT Article 14 which may be corrected after the filing of the international application without affecting the international filing date. If the abstract is missing, the receiving Office invites the applicant, in accordance with PCT Article 14(1)(b), to furnish the missing abstract within the time limit of two months from the date of that invitation (see PCT Rules 26.1 and 26.2). A copy of the invitation will be sent to the International Bureau (IB) and the International Searching Authority (ISA). Upon receipt of that invitation, the ISA will proceed with the international search (PCT Rule 38.1).

As with other defects under PCT Article 14, a lack of compliance with the requirement to furnish the abstract can theoretically result in the withdrawal of the international application (see PCT Article 14(1)(b)). Although the time limit fixed in the above-mentioned invitation for furnishing the abstract may be extended by the receiving Office upon request, note that, for the purposes of international publication, if the original abstract is in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish, the IB must prepare an English translation of the abstract, and if the original abstract is in English, or in one of above-mentioned languages other than French, it must also prepare a French translation. The abstract should therefore preferably be submitted as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for translation.

If you file the international application using the PCT-EASY functionality of the PCT-SAFE software, the software draws your attention to the missing abstract by way of a yellow light and a validation message. If you proceed, nevertheless, without including the abstract, you will not be entitled to the reduction under Item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations. This is because the PCT-EASY physical medium which is filed with the paper application must contain a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the abstract, as well as the request (see Section 102*bis* of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*). Any later submission of the abstract in this case must be made on paper. However, in the case of international applications filed fully electronically using the PCT-SAFE software, even though, as in the case with PCT-EASY functionality, a later-filed abstract would have to be filed on paper, the applicable fee reduction would not be affected.

If the international application does not contain an abstract and the ISA does not receive a notification from the receiving Office to the effect that the applicant has been invited to furnish a missing abstract (or if an abstract has been filed and the ISA finds that the abstract does not comply with PCT Rule 8), PCT Rule 38.2 provides for the establishment of an abstract by the ISA. If the abstract has been prepared by the ISA, the international search report (ISR) will be accompanied by the abstract as established by the ISA (PCT Rule 44.2). Where the ISA establishes

the abstract, comments on that abstract may be sent by the applicant within one month from the date of mailing of the ISR; those comments may or may not be taken into account by the ISA. If the ISA decides to take those comments into account and (further) amend the abstract, it will notify the IB of the final content of the abstract (see PCT Rule 38.3).

For information on how to draft the abstract, see PCT Rule 8 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraph 179.

| PCT Seminar Calendar | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--|--|
| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 6–7 December 2007 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk |
| 7–9 January 2008 Zurich (CH) | English | PCT presentation in the framework of the Postgraduate Program in Intellectual Property WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Kim | Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich (ETH), Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property (Ms. Caroline Frischknecht) Tel: (41–44) 632 68 08 Fax: (41–44) 632 13 67 E-mail: frischknecht@recht.gess.ethz.ch Internet: www.masip.ethz.ch |
| 8–9 January 2008 Helsinki (FI) | Finnish | PCT-SAFE workshop WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe | National Board of Patents and Registration (Ms. Päivi Rauhala) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 56 68 E-mail: paivi.rauhala@prh.fi |
| 12 February 2008 Bloomfield, Michigan (US) | English | PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed | Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association (MIPLA) (Ms. Amy Leshan) Tel: (1–248) 358 44 00 Fax: (1–248) 358 33 51 E-mail: aleshan@brookskushman.com |
| 12–13 February 2008 Munich (DE) | German | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Lindner | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 12–13 March 2008 Ecully (FR) | French | PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: to be announced | Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33–4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33–4) 78 33 58 96 |
| 8–9 April 2008 Heidelberg (DE) | German | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de |
| 25–26 April 2008 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 |

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 December 2007, 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*, 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, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) 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 | LVL | Latvian lat | SEK | Swedish krona |
| IPEA | International Preliminary Examining Authority | BRR | Brazilian real | GHC | Ghanaian cedi | LYD | Libyan dinar | SGD | Singapore dollar |
| ISA | International Searching Authority | BYR | Belarussian rouble | HRK | Croatian kuna | MAD | Moroccan dirham | SKK | Slovak koruna |
| RO | receiving Office | BZD | Belize dollar | HUF | Hungarian forint | MKD | Macedonian denar | TJS | Tajik somoni |
| | | CAD | Canadian dollar | IDR | Indonesian rupiah | MWK | Malawian kwacha | TND | Tunisian dinar |
| | | CHF | Swiss franc | ILS | New Israel shekel | MXP | Mexican peso | TTD | Trinidad and Tobago dollar |
| | | CNY | Yuan renminbi | INR | Indian rupee | MYR | Malaysian ringgit | | |
| <i>Currencies:</i> | | 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 |
| AED | United Arab Emirates dirham | CYP | Cyprus pound | KES | Kenyan shilling | PGK | Kina | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| ALL | Albanian lek | CZK | Czech koruna | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PHP | Philippine peso | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| AMD | Armenian dram | DKK | Danish krone | KPW | KP won | PLZ | Polish zloty | ZAR | South African rand |
| AUD | Australian dollar | DZD | Algerian dinar | KRW | KR won | ROL | Romanian leu | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| AZM | Azerbaijani manat | EEK | Estonian kroon | KZT | Kazakh tenge | RSD | Serbian dinar | | |
| BAM | Convertible mark | EUR | Euro | LSL | Lesotho loti | RUR | Russian rouble | | |
| | | GBP | Pound sterling | LTL | Lithuanian litas | SDP | Sudanese pound | | |

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 December 2007, 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 |
|----|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | Items 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 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | EP RU |
| AP | USD 50 (or eq in local currency) | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | AT EP SE |
| AT | EUR 50 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | EP |
| AU | AUD 150 | AUD 1,347 (from 1.1.08: 1,374) | 14 (15) | 96 (98) | 192 (196) | 289 (295) | AU |
| AZ | AZM 55,000 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | – | – | – | EP RU |
| BA | BAM 50 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | EP |
| BE | EUR 40 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | EP |
| BG | BGL 80 | BGL eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | EP RU |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 December 2007, 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 | |
| BH | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| BR | BRR 305 | BRR eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | AT EP SE US |
| BW | USD ⁹ – | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | EP |
| BY | BYR eq USD 70 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | – | – | – | EP RU |
| BZ | BZD 300 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | CA EP |
| CA | CAD 300 | CAD 1,273 (from 1.1.08: 1,196) | 14 (13) | 91 (85) | – | – | CA |
| CH | CHF 100 | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | EP |
| CN | CNY 500 | CNY eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | CN |
| CO | COP ⁹ – | COP eq USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | eq USD 12 (13) | eq USD 83 (85) | – | – | AT, EP, ES, RU |
| CR | USD 250 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | EP ES |
| CU | CUC 200 | CUC 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | AT EP ES RU |
| CY | CYP 75 | CYP 516 (from 1.1.08: 494) | 6 (5) | – | – | – | EP |
| CZ | CZK 1,500 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | EP |
| DE | EUR 90 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | 122 (121) | 182 (182) | EP |
| DK | DKK 1,500 | DKK 6,340 (from 1.1.08: 6,320) | 70 (70) | 450 (450) | 910 (900) | 1,360 (1,350) | EP SE |
| DM | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| DO | USD 275 | USD eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | EP ES |
| DZ | DZD None | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | AT EP |
| EA | RUR 1,600 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | EP RU |
| EC | USD ⁹ – | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | EP ES |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 December 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee ¹ | | International filing fee ^{1,2} | | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: | | | Competent ISA(s) ⁴ |
|----|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} | Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ | Item 3(c) ⁷ | Item 3(d) ⁸ | |
| EE | EEK | 1,800 | EEK eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | EP |
| EG | USD | 142 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | AT EP US |
| EP | EUR | 105 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | – | 122 (121) | 182 (182) | EP |
| ES | EUR | 67.89 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | 122 (121) | 182 (182) | EP ES |
| FI | EUR | 135 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (–) | 122 (121) | 182 (182) | EP FI SE |
| FR | EUR | 60 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | 122 (121) | 182 (182) | EP |
| GB | GBP | 55 | GBP 574 (from 1.1.08: 591) | 6 (6) | 41 (42) | 82 (84) | 123 (127) | EP |
| GD | Information not yet available | | | | | | | |
| GE | GEL ¹⁰ | 10 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | EP RU |
| GH | GHC ¹¹ | 2,500 or 5,000 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE |
| GR | EUR | 115 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | 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 or EUR ¹² (from 1.1.08: 61) or USD ¹² (from 1.1.08: 85) | 100 64 79 85 | CHF 1,400 or EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) or USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 15 9 (9) 12 (13) | 100 61 (61) 83 (85) | 200 122 (121) 166 (171) | 300 182 (182) 249 (256) | See footnote 13 |
| ID | IDR | 1,000,000 | IDR eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | – | – | AU EP KR RU |
| IE | EUR | 76 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | EP |
| IL | ILS | 486 (from 1.1.08: 490) | USD 1,163 (1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | EP US |
| IN | INR | 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000) | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE US |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 December 2007, 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 | |
| IS | ISK 6,500 | ISK 70,500 (from 1.1.08: 74,100) | 800 (800) | 5,000 (5,300) | — | — | EP SE |
| IT | EUR 30.99 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | — | — | — | EP |
| JP | JPY 13,000 | JPY 138,200 (from 1.1.08: 137,000) | 1,500 (1,500) | 9,900 (9,800) | — | 29,600 (29,400) | EP JP |
| KE | USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | — | — | AT AU CN EP SE |
| KG | KGS eq USD 100 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | — | — | 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 1,096,000 (from 1.1.08: 1,099,000) | 12,000 (12,000) | 78,000 (79,000) | — | 235,000 (236,000) | AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR |
| KZ | KZT 7,360 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | — | — | EP RU |
| LA | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| LR | USD 45 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | — | — | — | AT AU CN EP SE |
| LS | LSM ⁹ — | LSM eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | — | — | — | AT EP |
| LT | LTL 320 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | — | — | EP RU |
| LU | EUR 19 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | — | — | — | EP |
| LV | LVL 47.20 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | — | — | EP RU |
| LY | LYD ⁹ — | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | — | — | AT EP |
| MA | None | CHF 1,400 | 15 | — | — | — | AT EP RU SE |
| MC | EUR 54 ¹⁵ | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | — | — | — | EP |
| MD | USD 40 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | — | — | 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 |
| MT | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| MW | MWK 6,000 | MWK 134,700 (from 1.1.08: 166,800) | 1,400 (1,800) | 9,600 (11,900) | — | — | EP |
| MX | MXP ² eq USD 323.70 | MXP eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 100 | — | — | EP ES SE US |
| MY | MYR 375 ¹⁶ | MYR eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | — | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | AU EP KR |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 December 2007, 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 | |
| NI | USD | 200 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | – | EP ES | |
| NL | EUR | 50 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | 122 (121) | 182 (182) | – | EP | |
| NO | NOK | 550 | NOK 7,030 (from 1.1.08: 6,590) | 80 (70) | 500 (470) | – | – | – | EP SE | |
| NZ | NZD | 180 ¹⁷ | NZD 1,479 (from 1.1.08: 1,597) | 16 (17) | 106 (114) | – | – | – | 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 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | – | AU | |
| PH | PHP | 3,500 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | 166 (171) | 249 (256) | – | 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 | 33.44 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | – | 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 | 600 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | – | EP RU | |
| SC | USD ⁹ | – | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | – | – | – | – | EP | |
| SD | SDP | 50 | SDP eq CHF 1,400 | eq CHF 15 | – | – | – | – | EP | |
| SE | SEK | 1,200 | SEK 7,950 (from 1.1.08: 7,780) | 90 (80) | 570 (560) | 1,140 (1,110) | 1,700 (1,670) | – | EP SE | |
| SG | SGD | 150 | SGD 1,720 (from 1.1.08: 1,790) | 18 (19) | 123 (128) | – | – | – | AT AU EP KR ¹⁸ | |
| SI | EUR | 91 | EUR 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | 61 (61) | – | – | – | 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 851 (from 1.1.08: 848) | 9 (9) | – | – | – | – | EP | |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 December 2007, 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 | |
| SV | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | |
| SY | USD ⁹ | – | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | – | – | AT EP RU |
| TJ | TJS ⁹ | – | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | – | – | – | – | – | EP RU |
| TM | USD ⁹ | – | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | – | – | EP RU |
| TN | TND ⁹ | – | CHF 1,400 | 15 | – | – | – | – | – | EP |
| TR | CHF | 100 | CHF 1,400 | 15 | 100 | – | – | – | – | EP |
| TT | TTD | 750 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | – | – | AT EP SE US |
| UA | UAH | 255 | USD (or eq UAH) 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | – | – | – | – | – | EP RU |
| US | USD | 300 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | 166 (171) | – | – | – | EP KR US |
| UZ | USD ⁹ | – | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | 83 (85) | – | – | – | – | 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 8,230 (from 1.1.08: 8,340) | 90 (90) | 590 (600) | – | – | – | – | AT AU EP US |
| ZM | USD | 50 | USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | 12 (13) | – | – | – | – | – | AT SE |
| ZW | ZWD | 6,000 | ZWD eq USD 1,163 (from 1.1.08: 1,194) | eq USD 12 (13) | eq USD 83 (85) | – | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP RU |

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 December 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee¹ | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| AT | EUR 200 * (from 1.1.08: CHF 330) | CHF* 311 CHF 330 | KRW* 250,000 KRW 259,000 | SGD* 410 SGD 420 | USD* 272 USD 282 | ZAR* 1,830 ZAR 1,970) | | | | |
| AU | AUD 1,600 USD* 1,372 * (from 1.1.08: USD 1,390) | CHF* 1,663 ZAR* 9,560 CHF 1,630 ZAR 9,700) | EUR* 962 EUR 987 | KRW* 1,266,000 KRW 1,280,000 | NZD* 1,794 NZD 1,859 | SGD* 2,090 SGD 2,084) | | | | |
| CA | CAD 1,600 * (from 1.1.08: CHF 1,872) | CHF* 1,759 CHF 1,872) | EUR* 1,112 EUR 1,134) | USD* 1,490 USD 1,597) | | | | | | |
| CN | CNY 2,100 * (from 1.1.08: CHF 328) | CHF* 335 CHF 328) | EUR* 215 EUR 199) | USD* 260 USD 280) | | | | | | |
| EP¹⁹ | EUR 1,615 JPY* 255,300 USD* 2,197 * (from 1.1.08: JPY 261,000 USD 2,274) | CHF* 2,668 MWK* 248,000 ZAR* 14,920 CHF 2,667 MWK 318,000 ZAR 15,880) | CYP* 928 NOK* 12,990 CYP 942 NOK 12,560) | DKK* 12,050 NZD* 2,810 DKK 12,040 NZD 3,043) | GBP* 1,098 SEK* 15,230 GBP 1,125 SEK 14,820) | ISK* 143,000 SGD* 3,310 ISK 141,000 SGD 3,410) | | | | |
| ES¹⁹ | EUR 1,615 * (from 1.1.08: CHF 2,667) | CHF* 2,668 CHF 2,667) | USD* 2,197 USD 2,274) | | | | | | | |
| FI | EUR 1,615 * (from 1.1.08: CHF 2,667) | CHF* 2,668 CHF 2,667) | USD* 2,197 USD 2,274) | | | | | | | |
| JP | JPY 97,000 * (from 1.1.08: CHF 991) | CHF* 1,042 CHF 991) | EUR* 616 EUR 600) | KRW* 739,000 KRW 778,000) | USD* 797 USD 845) | | | | | |
| KR | KRW 225,000 * (from 1.1.08: CHF 287) | CHF* 280 CHF 287) | EUR* 180 EUR 173) | NZD* 347 NZD 327) | SGD* 380 SGD 366) | USD* 232 USD 244) | | | | |
| RU²⁰ | USD 500 * (from 1.1.08: CHF 586) | CHF* 644 CHF 586) | EUR* 369 EUR 355) | | | | | | | |
| SE | SEK* 15,230 USD* 2,197 * (from 1.1.08: SEK 14,820 USD 2,274) | CHF* 2,668 SEK 14,820 | DKK* 12,050 CHF 2,667 | EUR 1,615 DKK 12,040 | ISK* 143,000 ISK 141,000) | NOK* 12,990 NOK 12,560) | | | | |
| US | USD 1,800 | CHF 2,136 | EUR 1,282 | NZD 2,370 | ZAR 12,340 | | | | | |
| XN | (From 1.1.08: DKK* 12,040) * Equivalent amounts in other currencies to be confirmed | | | | | | | | | |

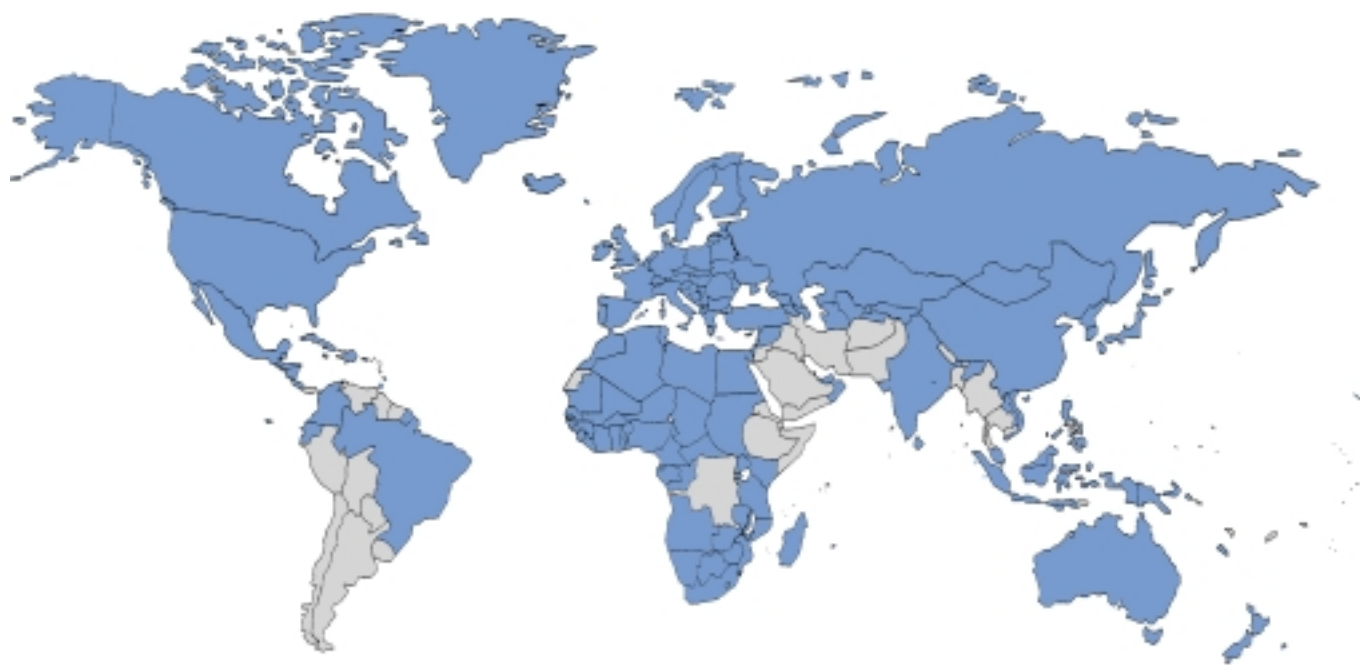
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 December 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee ²¹ | | Handling fee ^{2, 21} (CHF 200) | |
|------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| AT | EUR | 200 | EUR | 129 (from 1.1.08: 121) |
| AU | AUD | 550 780 ²² | AUD | 205 (from 1.1.08: 196) |
| CA | CAD | 800 | CAD | 182 (from 1.1.08: 171) |
| CN | CNY | 1,500 | CNY eq CHF | 200 |
| EP ¹⁹ | EUR | 1,595 | EUR | 129 (from 1.1.08: 121) |
| ES | EUR | 533.76 (from 1.1.08: 544.44) | EUR | 129 (from 1.1.08: 121) |
| FI | EUR | 550 | EUR | 129 (from 1.1.08: 121) |
| JP | JPY | 36,000 | JPY | 17,400 (from 1.1.08: 19,600) |
| KR | KRW | 225,000 | KRW | 147,000 (from 1.1.08: 157,000) |
| RU ²⁰ | USD | 200 ²³ 300 ²⁴ | USD | 155 (from 1.1.08: 171) |
| SE | SEK | 5,000 | SEK | 1,210 (from 1.1.08: 1,110) |
| US | USD | 600 750 ²⁵ | USD | 155 (from 1.1.08: 171) |
| XN | (From 1.1.08: DKK | 5,000) | (From 1.1.08: DKK | 900) |

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 Resources page of PatentScope 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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, Annex C (IB)*.
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 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.
- 19 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 Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf, with the exception of Bulgaria, Croatia (from 1 January 2008), the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 20 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.
- 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, Annex C (US)*).

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| AE United Arab Emirates | CR Costa Rica | IE Ireland (EP) ² | MD Moldova (EA) | SD Sudan (AP) |
| AG Antigua and Barbuda | CU Cuba | IL Israel | ME Montenegro | SE Sweden (EP) |
| AL Albania ¹ | CY Cyprus (EP) ² | IN India | MG Madagascar | SG Singapore |
| AM Armenia (EA) | CZ Czech Republic (EP) | IS Iceland (EP) | MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹ | SI Slovenia (EP) ² |
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| AT Austria (EP) | DK Denmark (EP) | JP Japan | MN Mongolia | SL Sierra Leone (AP) |
| AU Australia | DM Dominica | KE Kenya (AP) | MR Mauritania (OA) ² | SM San Marino |
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| BG Bulgaria (EP) | FI Finland (EP) | KZ Kazakhstan (EA) | NA Namibia (AP) | TG Togo (OA) ² |
| BH Bahrain | FR France (EP) ² | LA Lao People's Democratic Republic | NE Niger (OA) ² | TJ Tajikistan (EA) |
| BJ Benin (OA) ² | GA Gabon (OA) ² | LC Saint Lucia | NG Nigeria | TM Turkmenistan (EA) |
| BR Brazil | GB United Kingdom (EP) | LI Liechtenstein (EP) | NL Netherlands (EP) ² | TN Tunisia |
| BW Botswana (AP) | GD Grenada | LK Sri Lanka | NO Norway (EP from 1 January 2008) | TR Turkey (EP) |
| BY Belarus (EA) | GE Georgia | LR Liberia | NZ New Zealand | TT Trinidad and Tobago |
| BZ Belize | GH Ghana (AP) | LS Lesotho (AP) | OM Oman | TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP) |
| CA Canada | GM Gambia (AP) | LT Lithuania (EP) | PG Papua New Guinea | UA Ukraine |
| CF Central African Republic (OA) ² | GN Guinea (OA) ² | LU Luxembourg (EP) | PH Philippines | UG Uganda (AP) |
| CG Congo (OA) ² | GR Greece (EP) ² | LV Latvia (EP) ² | PL Poland (EP) | US United States of America |
| CH Switzerland (EP) | GT Guatemala | LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | PT Portugal (EP) | UZ Uzbekistan |
| CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ² | GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ² | MA Morocco | RO Romania (EP) | VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| CM Cameroon (OA) ² | HN Honduras | MC Monaco (EP) ² | RS Serbia ¹ | VN Viet Nam |
| CN China | HR Croatia ¹ (EP from 1 January 2008) | | RU Russian Federation (EA) | ZA South Africa |
| CO Colombia | HU Hungary (EP) | | SC Seychelles | ZM Zambia (AP) |
| | ID Indonesia | | | ZW Zimbabwe (AP) |

¹ Extension of European patent possible (in the case of Croatia, only for international applications filed before 1 January 2008).

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

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