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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Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn its notification with effect from 1 July 2007.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.

PatentScope Search Service

(www.wipo.int/pctdb)

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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- Legal text index
- *History of the PCT Regulations*
- Washington Diplomatic Conference on the PCT
- Useful tables: restoration of the right of priority; reservations and incompatibilities; types of protection; time limits for entering national/regional phase; powers of attorney waivers; access to the IPER; regional patents; States party to PCT/Paris/WTO
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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 44ter.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:

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

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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:

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

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

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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:

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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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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
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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
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CZ ⁴	31	31	LR	30	31
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DK ⁴	31	31	LT	31	31
DM ¹	30	30	LU ⁴	20 ⁹	30
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FI ⁴	31 ¹¹ (30 ¹²)	31 ¹¹ (30 ¹²)	MX	30	30
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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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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			
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.illmarinen@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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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]

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**

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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:

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
		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	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	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	ROL	Romanian leu		
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	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	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 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	8,000	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 (from 1.9.07: 138,200)	130,300 1,400	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]

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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 1.9.07: SGD 3,310)	** (from 1.8.07: USD 2,197)						
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

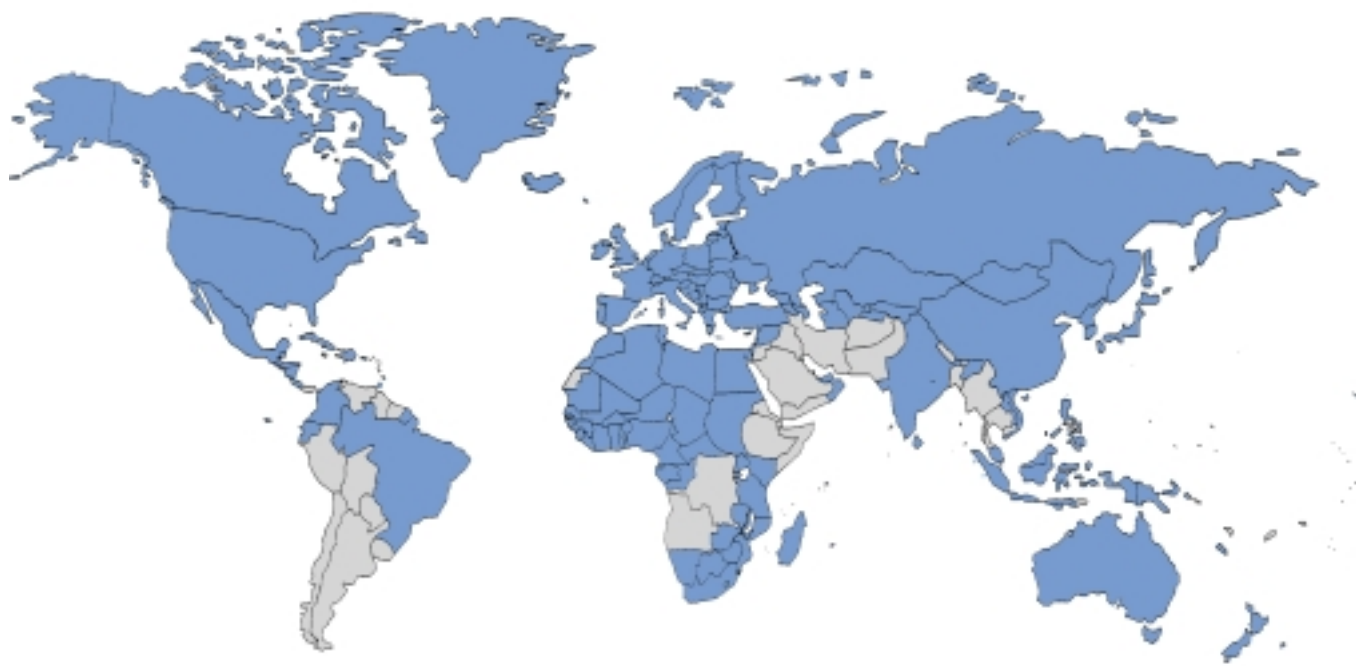
(amounts on 1 July 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²²		Handling fee ^{2, 22} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	200	EUR 129
AU	AUD	550 ^{780²³}	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.
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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
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CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SD Sudan (AP)	
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