

PCT NEWSLETTER

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New public online file inspection

WIPO is pleased to announce the launch of full online file inspection, via the PATENTSCOPE® search service, in respect of all published PCT applications which were filed on or after 1 January 2009. This is a free of charge public service. Most of the file contents of the international application will be made available online, with the exception of certain documents the communication of which the PCT does not permit (in particular, any documents relating to the international preliminary examination – see PCT Article 38 – and anything else which should be considered as confidential, such as credit card details which may have been given by the applicant to the International Bureau (IB) in its capacity as receiving Office).

The file contents can be viewed by clicking on the “Documents” tab when the international application is displayed in PATENTSCOPE®. Certain documents in the file of the international application (for example, the priority document, the Request Form (PCT/RO/101), Form PCT/IB/304 (Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document) and Form PCT/IB/306 (Notification of the Recording of a Change)) are already available via the PATENTSCOPE® search service for international applications filed before 1 January 2009. Under the new full service, all correspondence sent to and from the applicant, and all notifications/forms issued by the IB, and by other International Authorities where available to the IB, may also be consulted, with the above-mentioned exception of certain documents/correspondence.

Over the next two months, the new service will cover only a few applications for which early international publication has been requested under PCT Article 21(2)(b), however it will be available for most applications, the publication due dates of which fall after the beginning of July 2009.

New International Application Status Report

On 27 April 2009, a new International Application Status Report became available online through the PATENTSCOPE® search service. This report, which can be viewed by clicking on the “Documents” tab when the international application is displayed in PATENTSCOPE®, shows the latest available status information and bibliographic data on record at the IB for published PCT applications which were filed from July 1998 onwards. Intended for applicants, designated/elected Offices and third parties, the International Application Status Report is generated on request and contains:

- the latest bibliographic data;
- the most important status dates;
- information about certain withdrawals, for example, withdrawals of the international application and priority claims;
- the title and abstract in all available languages; and

- information on the international search report, the international preliminary examination report and any supplementary international search report.

Reminder: Deadline for Certain Actions before the Montenegrin Office

It is recalled that, pursuant to the deposit of a declaration that the PCT continues to be applicable in Montenegro as from 3 June 2006, following the declaration of independence of Montenegro on that date, Montenegro is automatically designated in all international applications filed on or after 3 June 2006. Furthermore, the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Montenegro started operations on 28 May 2008, taking up its functions as designated and elected Office under the PCT as from that date (the functions of receiving Office under the PCT, in relation to international applications filed by nationals or residents of Montenegro, having been delegated under PCT Rule 19.1(b) to the International Bureau of WIPO).

Information on the effect in Montenegro of international applications was already published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008, page 4, but applicants are hereby reminded that the following actions may need to be taken before the deadline of one year from the commencement of operations of the Office, that is, **by 28 May 2009**, in the following situations:

1. Where an international application has entered the national phase and was pending before the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro or the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) at the time of the commencement of operation of the Montenegrin Office, it shall have effect in Montenegro as of the international filing date, provided that the applicant:
 - (a) files with the Montenegrin Office a request for the grant of the right not later than one year after the commencement of operation of the Montenegrin Office;
 - (b) submits to the Montenegrin Office a copy of the application and of any attachment thereto, filed with the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro or the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia), together with the certificate of receipt of the application by the Office with which it was previously filed; and
 - (c) pays the prescribed fee.
2. Where an international application which has not entered the national phase before the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) and for which on 3 June 2006, the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) had not yet expired, it shall have effect in Montenegro as of the international filing date, provided that the applicant:
 - (a) files with the Montenegrin Office a request for the grant of the right not later than one year after the commencement of operation of the Montenegrin Office or within the time limit under Article 22 or 39(1), whichever time limit expires later;
 - (b) submits to the Montenegrin Office, where applicable, a translation of the application; and
 - (c) pays the prescribed fee.

It is recalled that any rights granted before 3 June 2006 by the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro, on the basis of an international application, shall have effect in Montenegro until the expiration of their term of protection or the term for which maintenance fees have been paid, without any additional registration or payment of any additional fees, and that any rights granted by the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) on or after 3 June 2006 but

prior to the commencement of operation of the Montenegrin Office, on the basis of an international application, shall have effect in Montenegro until the expiration of their term of protection or the term for which maintenance fees have been paid, without any additional registration or payment of any additional fees.

For further information, please contact the Montenegrin Office at the following address:

Intellectual Property Office
Bulevar Revolucije 5
Podgorica
Montenegro

Tel: (+382 20) 24 64 99

Fax: (+382 20) 24 64 96

E-mail: ziscg@cg.yu

Internet: <http://www.gov.me>

PCT Information Update

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers)

The Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina has notified the International Bureau that there is now a branch office in Banja Luka. The location and mailing address and the telephone and fax numbers for the two branch offices of Banja Luka and Sarajevo should now read as follows (the information regarding the head office has not changed):

Location and mailing address: Banja Luka:
Bana Lazarevia and Vase Pelagica,
78000 Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sarajevo:
Hamdije Ćemerlića 2/7, 71000 Sarajevo,
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Telephone: (387-51) 21 85 32 (Banja Luka)
(387-33) 65 27 65 (Sarajevo)

Fax: (387-51) 21 83 12 (Banja Luka)
(387-33) 65 27 57 (Sarajevo)

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

BR Brazil (language of filing)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) has notified a change in its requirements concerning the language of filing of international applications and the request, with effect from 1 January 2009. The Office will now accept the following languages for the filing of international applications and the request:

English or Portuguese

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

CA Canada (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone numbers of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office have changed, and a new fax number has been introduced. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (1-866) 997 19 36 (toll-free from Canada and US)
(1-819) 934 05 44 (local and international)

Fax: (1-819) 953 24 76 or (1-819) 953 67 42

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

CN China (fees)

The State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, which has been payable to it as receiving Office since 15 July 2008. The amount of this fee is CNY 1,000.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (CN) and table of "Restoration of the right of priority" (see separate item under "New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet"))

IL Israel (location)

The location of the Israel Patent Office has changed, as follows:

Location: The Technology Park
Bldg. 5, Malcha
Jerusalem 96951
Israel

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

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 July 2009, 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 fee reduction and electronic filing fee reduction under items 4(a) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

LC Saint Lucia (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: info@rocip.gov.lc

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

MD Republic of Moldova (fees)

The amounts and currency of payment of the following fees, payable to the State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) as receiving Office, became applicable on 25 July 2008:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Fee Table I(a)
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR 20

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

RS Serbia (fees)

There has been a change in the amount of the transmittal fee payable to the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) as receiving Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(a)

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

SE Sweden (fees)

As from 1 July 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in SEK to the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in SEK of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reductions listed under item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

Search fee (Japan Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute and Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

For the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, there will be a change, as from 1 July 2009, in the equivalent amount payable in CHF, and there will be changes, as from 15 July 2009, in the equivalent amounts payable in EUR and USD, for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

As from 1 May 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NOK, for an international search carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute, and as from 15 June 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in ISK, for international searches carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (JP), (SE) and (XN))

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet (www.wipo.int/pct/en)**Modified PCT Regulations**

The final consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT in Spanish, as in force from 1 January 2009 and 1 July 2009, are available at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct_reggs.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct_reggs2009.pdf

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions

The updated consolidated version of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT in English and French, as in force from 1 July 2009, is now available in PDF format at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai_july2009.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/ai_july2009.html

Request form in editable format

The July 2009 version of the request form (PCT/RO/101) in English and French is now available in editable PDF format at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/july_2009.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/july_2009.html

Table concerning restoration of the right of priority

The 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 has been updated in English and French, at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/restoration.html>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/restoration.html>

and will be updated shortly in Russian at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/restoration.html>

PCT Statistics

The International Patent System in 2008 – PCT Yearly Review: Developments and Performance

The above-mentioned review of PCT activities in 2008 contains statistics on PCT filings (including filings by top countries of origin, by top applicants and by technical field) and national phase entries, as well as statistics on the performance of the international patent system. It is now available in English, in HTML format, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/pct_2008.html

The PDF version, as well as the French and Spanish translations of the review, are under preparation and will be available shortly.

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 of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, new invitations have been identified originating from “IBFTPR Service – Register of International Patent Application” and “IRTP – International Register for Trademark & Patent”. To view examples of the new invitations, as well as the many other examples which have been brought

to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

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

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, as well as to the attention of inventors who might also receive such requests.

In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, which may or may not appear to originate from WIPO, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau:

Telephone: +41 22 338 83 38
Fax: +41 22 338 83 39
E-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

Practical Advice

Declaration of non-establishment of international search report: possible actions in the case of other related PCT applications filed later

Q: I have filed several PCT applications relating to similar inventions, in respect of which I have chosen the same International Searching Authority (ISA) to carry out the search. I have just received from the ISA, in respect of the first of these applications filed, a declaration that no international search report (ISR) will be established for the application due to the fact that it concerns a subject which the ISA will not search. Is it possible to obtain a refund of the search fee for that application? Also, since I fear that I will not be able to get an ISR in respect of the other related applications, is it possible to amend the claims in such a way that the subject matter claimed will change, or failing that, to change the ISA that I initially selected to carry out the international search for one which will search the subject matter concerned?

A: A declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) that no ISR will be established can be made if the ISA considers that a meaningful search cannot 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 directly. It is recommended that before filing the international application, applicants inform themselves as to which subject matters will not be searched by the ISA they intend to choose.

As far as a refund of the search fee is concerned, the non-establishment of an ISR would not be a reason for an ISA to refund any search fees. The only cases for which a refund of the search

fee is provided for are listed under PCT Rule 16.2. For information relating to the applicable conditions for refund for each ISA, refer to the relevant part of Annex D of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

The lack of ISR from the chosen ISA due to the fact that it does not search a particular subject matter does not prevent you from requesting a supplementary international search by one of the ISAs specified for that purpose. Note, however, that where the ISA has made a declaration that no ISR will be established, and that declaration is available to the Authority specified for supplementary international search before it starts its search, it may decide not to establish the supplementary international search report (see PCT Rule 45bis.5(e)). For further information on requesting a supplementary international search, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008, cover page and page 14.

It will not be possible to resolve this issue by amending the claims under PCT Article 19 as it is not possible to file such amendments if no ISR has been established. Also, although you would be entitled to amend the claims under PCT Article 34(2)(b) if you file a demand for international preliminary examination, the International Preliminary Examining Authority is only required to examine the claims which have been searched (see PCT Rule 66.1(e)). You will be given the opportunity to amend the application before each designated or elected Office under PCT Article 28(1) or 41(1), although any amendments must not go beyond what was originally disclosed in the international application.

As far as the other PCT applications are concerned, you cannot amend the claims under PCT Article 19 prior to the receipt of the ISR, and if the ISA issues a declaration that no ISR will be established, you will not be able to file such amendments in respect of those applications either. Also, although the PCT does not specifically provide for a change of choice of ISA, paragraph 115 of the *PCT Receiving Office Guidelines* states that, provided that more than one ISA is competent to carry out the international search, the applicant may make a change to the choice of Authority where the search copy has not yet been transmitted to the ISA.

Note that the lack of an ISR does not, in itself, have any influence on the validity of the international application, the processing of which, including its publication and communication to the designated Offices, continues. For further information on the consequences of the non-establishment of an ISR, see the "Practical Advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2007.

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 1 May 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
11-12 May 2009 San Diego (La Jolla), CA (US)	English	PCT Comprehensive seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed Other speaker: Dr. Nicolaou (UCSD Technology Transfer Office)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
12-13 May 2009 Banská Bystrica (SK)	English and Slovak	WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Trpkovska	Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (Mr. Emil Zatkuliak, International Affairs Department) Tel: (421-48) 43 00 262 Fax: (421-48) 41 32 566 E-mail: emil.zatkuliak@indprop.gov.sk Internet: http://www.upv.sk
15 May 2009 Santiago (CL)	Spanish	National seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Hernández-Vigaud Other speaker: Mr. Hwang (Korean Intellectual Property Office)	National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI) (Mrs. Daniça Mardescic) Tel: (56-2) 688 28 23 Fax: (56-2) 698 17 71
25 May 2009 Zurich (CH)	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	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
26 May 2009 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Fédération 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
26 May 2009 Hamamatsu (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
27 May 2009 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Hamamatsu, above)
28 May 2009 Kobe (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Hamamatsu, above)
28 May 2009 Lima (PE)	Spanish	National seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Hernández-Vigaud	Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual (INDECOPI) (Mr. Sergio Rodríguez Soria) Tel: (51-1) 224 78 00 Ext. 13 80 Fax: (51-1) 224 78 00 Ext. 15 09
29 May 2009 Takamatsu (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Hamamatsu, above)

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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 May 2009 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
22 June 2009 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05
24 June 2009 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Tokyo, above)
25 June 2009 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Tokyo, above)
30 June 2009 Cologne (DE)	German	PCT update 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
16–17 July 2009 Arlington, VA (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
9 October 2009 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 8th 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
21 October 2009 Savannah, GA (US)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Intellectual Property Retreat of the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA) for members of ALA and non-members who meet the eligibility requirements for ALA membership (see: www.alanet.org/join) WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	ALA Management Encyclopedia (Ms. Rosemary Shiels) Tel: (1-847) 267 13 95 Fax: (1-847) 267 13 29 E-mail: rshiels@alanet.org Internet (for information and on-line registration (available shortly): http://www.alanet.org/meetingsevents/ip/index.aspx
29–30 October 2009 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
2–3 November 2009 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: to be announced	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
20 November 2009 Eindhoven (NL)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	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
3 December 2009 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
10 December 2009 London (GB)	English	PCT update seminar 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

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Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
26 May 2009 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, (central European time)	English	Webinar on PCT-SAFE, WIPO's electronic filing system for PCT applications WIPO speaker: to be announced	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/440414882
27 May 2009 10.00 am to 11.00 am, (central European time)	English	Webinar on PCT-SAFE, WIPO's electronic filing system for PCT applications WIPO speaker: to be announced	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/830878131
3 June 2009 11.00 am to 12.00 am Moscow time (9.00 am to 10.00 am central European time)	Russian	Update on PCT matters, including the new Supplementary International Search system and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT community WIPO speaker: Mr. Gavrikov	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/483782674
17 June 2009 10 am to 11 am Santiago time (4.00 pm to 5.00 pm central European time)	Spanish	PCT update for Spain and Latin America, including the new Supplementary International Search system and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT community WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernandez-Vigaud	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/834202171

Other IP events

Conference on Intellectual Property and Public Policy Issues, International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland, 13–14 July 2009. Deadline for registration: June 30, 2009.

The Conference will address issues relating to the interface of intellectual property with other areas of public policy, notably health, the environment, climate change and food security, and will serve as a global forum to discuss issues and solutions to some of the major challenges in relation to intellectual property that the world faces today. The event is open to the general public and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

For further information see: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2009/ip_gc_ge/

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 2009, 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 4(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 90% 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 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% 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	BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona
		BRR	Brazilian real	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
		BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
RO	receiving Office	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
Currencies:		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu		
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 May 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴				
						Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)					
AG	Information not yet available												
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP				
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU				
AP	USD	50	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP SE				
	(or eq in local currency)												
AT	EUR	50	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP				
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,645	19	124	247	371	AU KR				
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD	1,184	13	–	–	–	EP RU				
BA	BAM	50	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP				
BE	EUR	40	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP				
BG	BGL	80	BGL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	EP RU				
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,184	13	–	–	–	AT EP US				
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	AT EP SE US				
BW	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP				
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,184	13	–	–	–	EP RU				
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	CA EP				
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,494	17	112	225	337	CA				
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP				
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF	100	eq CHF	200	eq CHF	300	CN
CO	COP ⁹	–	COP eq USD	1,184	eq USD	13	eq USD	89	–	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES				

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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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,320	70	480	950	1,430	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR	1,600	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	110	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP
ES	EUR	69.25	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	848	10	–	128	191	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	808	9	–	122	182	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹⁰	10	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,184	13	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP ES US
HN	Information not yet available								
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹² or EUR ¹² or USD ¹²	100 64 89	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 848 1,184	15 10 13	100 64 89	200 128 178	300 191 267	See footnote 13
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	517	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK (from 15.6.09: 129,200)	152,800	1,700 (1,500)	11,500 (9,700)	– (–)	– (–)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY (from 1.6.09: 103,900) (from 1.7.09: 116,300)	113,200	1,300 (1,200) (1,300)	8,500 (7,800) (8,700)	– (–) (–)	25,500 (23,400) (26,200)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU

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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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,614,000	18,000	121,000	–	364,000	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360 ¹⁵	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,184	13	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ⁹ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 848	10	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL 48.40	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ⁹ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁶	EUR 848	10	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 182,500	2,100	13,700	–	–	EP
MX	MXP eq USD 323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁷	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 8,200	90	620	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁸	NZD 2,082	23	157	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,184	13	89	178	267	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 34.34	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD 5,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184	13	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,800 (from 1.7.09: 9,780)	100 (110)	660 (740)	1,320 (1,470)	1,980 (2,210)	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,708	19	128	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹ –	USD 1,184	13	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP

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				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ¹⁹ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,184	13	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 1,184	13	89	178	–	AU EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,184	13	89	–	–	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 11,230	130	840	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,184	13	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,184	eq USD 13	eq USD 89	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 May 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT	EUR 200	CHF 330	KRW 366,000	SGD 420	USD 257	ZAR 2,380			
AU	AUD 1,600 USD 1,091	CHF 1,294 ZAR 10,540	EUR 855	KRW 1,418,000	NZD 2,002	SGD 1,650			
CA	CAD 1,600 * (from 15.6.09:)	CHF* 1,587 CHF 1,475)	EUR 995	USD 1,309					
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 366	EUR 241	USD 280					
EP ²⁰	EUR 1,700 MWK 344,000 ZAR 21,720 * (from 15.6.09:)	CHF 2,525 NOK 15,910 GBP 1,530	DKK 12,670 NZD 4,178 ISK 244,000)	GBP* 1,619 SEK 18,280	ISK* 284,000 SGD 3,270	JPY 212,600 USD 2,164			
ES ²⁰	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,525	USD 2,164						
FI	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,525	USD 2,164						
JP	JPY 97,000 * (from 1.7.09:) ** (from 15.7.09:)	CHF* 1,241 CHF 1,110) EUR 737	**EUR 812 USD 987)	KRW 1,459,000	USD** 1,084				
KR	KRW 900,000 ²¹ USD 609 ²¹ KRW 450,000 ²² USD 304 ²²	AUD 976 ²¹ AUD 488 ²²	CHF 735 ²¹ CHF 367 ²²	EUR 475 ²¹ EUR 237 ²²	NZD 1,109 ²¹ NZD 554 ²²	SGD 919 ²¹ SGD 460 ²²			
RU ²³	USD 500	CHF 573	EUR 390						
SE	SEK 18,280 USD 2,164 * (from 15.6.09:)	CHF 2,525 ISK 244,000)	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	*ISK 284,000	NOK 15,910			
US	USD 2,080	CHF 2,323	EUR 1,596	NZD 3,808	ZAR 20,434				
XN	DKK 12,670 * (from 15.6.09:)	CHF 2,525 ISK 244,000)	EUR 1,700	*ISK 284,000	NOK 15,910	USD 2,164			

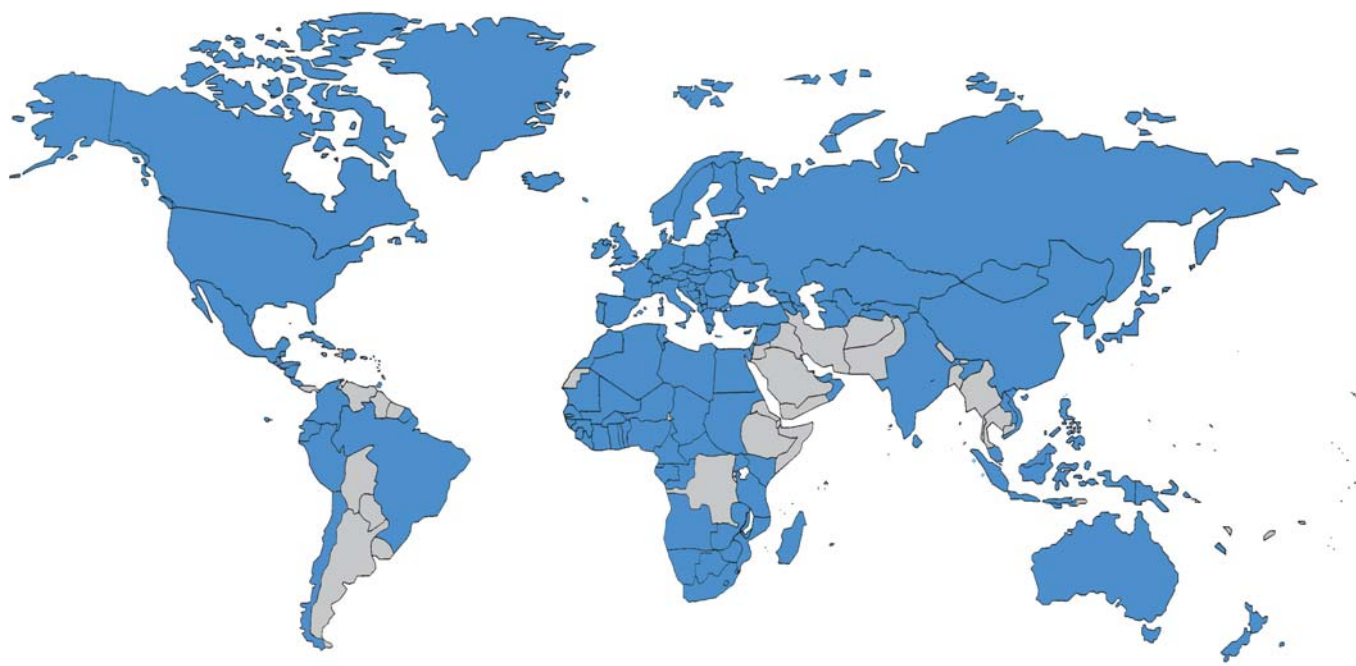
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 May 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁴		Handling fee ^{2, 24} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²⁵	AUD	247
CA	CAD	800		CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁰	EUR	1,675		EUR	121
ES	EUR	555.33		EUR	121
FI	EUR	550		EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	16,000
KR	KRW	450,000		KRW	157,000
RU ²³	USD	200 ²⁶	300 ²⁷	USD	171
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,490
US	USD	600	750 ²⁸	USD	171
XN	DKK	5,000		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 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page 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 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 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.
- 16 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 17 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 18 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 19 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 20 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% under certain conditions. For the conditions applicable in respect of international applications or demands filed prior to 1 January 2009 in the case of the EPO, and in respect of applications filed prior to 1 February 2009 in the case of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, see the decision of the EPO Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, page 446, at: www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj000/10_00/10_4460.pdf) and the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/epo_fee_reduction.html. For the conditions applicable at the EPO in respect of applications or demands filed on or after 1 January 2009, see item in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008 entitled "EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees". For the conditions applicable at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office in respect of applications filed on or after 1 February 2009, see item in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2009 entitled "Spanish Patent and Trademark Office: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in PCT Search Fee".
- 21 For international applications filed in English.
- 22 For international applications filed in Korean.
- 23 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.
- 24 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
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- 26 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 27 In all cases where footnote 26 does not apply.
- 28 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 (141 on 1 May 2009)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ⁴	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania ¹	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
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BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NO Norway (EP) ³	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
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	ID Indonesia			
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			
	IL Israel			

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