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PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

More Offices join the Global PPH pilot

Further to the announcement of the starting of the Global PPH (GPPH) pilot on 6 January 2014 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2013), the following four Offices have also signed up to the pilot with effect from that date, bringing the number of participating Offices to 17:

- Hungarian Intellectual Property Office
- Icelandic Patent Office
- Israel Patent Office
- Swedish Patent and Registration Office

It is recalled that under the pilot, it is possible for a request for accelerated processing to be made at any participating office based on work products (including, where applicable, a PCT written opinion from either the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examination Authority, or an international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II)), from any one of the other participating offices, provided that at least one claim has been found to be patentable by the office of earlier examination, and that any other applicable eligibility criteria are met. The pilot uses a single set of qualifying requirements and aims to simplify and improve the existing PPH network to make it more accessible to users.

For further information, including the eligibility requirements for making use of the GPPH pilot, see the Patent Prosecution Highway Portal Site at:

<http://www.jpo.go.jp/ppph-portal/globalpph.htm>

Information has also been published on the websites of the four above-mentioned Offices at, respectively:

<http://www.sztnh.gov.hu/English/szabadalom/pph/gpph.html>

<http://www.els.is/en/about-us/news/nr/869>

<http://index.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/patent/Madrichim/Pages/PPH.aspx>

<http://www.prv.se/en/IP-Professional/Patents/Patent-Prosecution-Highway-PPH-/>

New Bilateral PCT-PPH pilot programs: Israel Patent Office and Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO); Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and KIPO; National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Portugal) and State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China; INPI (Portugal) and KIPO

On 1 January 2014, new two-way PCT-PPH pilot programs started. Under these programs, faster examination in the national phase in one country is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable), issued by the Office of the other country in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

The Offices concerned are as follows (followed by any Internet addresses where further information can be obtained):

Israel Patent Office and Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO):

http://index.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/patent/Madrachim/Documents/ILPO_KIPO_MOTTAINI_PPHV3.doc

http://www.kipo.go.kr/kpo/user.tdf?a=user.html.HtmlApp&c=8079&catmenu=m06_02_08 (in Korean)

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and KIPO:

http://www.oepm.es/cs/OEPMSite/contenidos/PPH/Paises/Corea/Directrices_Corea.pdf

http://www.kipo.go.kr/kpo/user.tdf?a=user.html.HtmlApp&c=8079&catmenu=m06_02_08 (in Korean)

Furthermore, on the same date, new one-way PCT-PPH pilot programs started. Under these programs, faster examination in the national phase in one country is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive IPRP (Chapter II), issued by the Office of the other country in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

The Offices concerned are as follows (followed by any Internet addresses where further information can be obtained):

National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) and State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China

<http://www.marcaspatentes.pt/index.php?section=710>

<http://www.sipo.gov.cn/ztl/ywzt/pph/> (in Chinese)

National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) and KIPO

<http://www.marcaspatentes.pt/index.php?section=710>

http://www.kipo.go.kr/kpo/user.tdf?a=user.html.HtmlApp&c=8079&catmenu=m06_02_08 (in Korean)

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website will be updated shortly to include information on these new pilots at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

Budapest Treaty

Accession by Qatar

Qatar deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure on 6 December 2013, bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 79. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Qatar on 6 March 2014.

Information about the Budapest Treaty

A document containing a summary of the Budapest Treaty and Regulations, as well as an explanation of the main advantages of the Treaty (WO/INF/12 Rev.20), is available in English, French and Spanish at:

http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/treaties/fr/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/treaties/es/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Australian Patent Office has changed, as follows:

E-mail: pct@ipaaustralia.gov.au

Note that the old e-mail address remains valid until 15 February 2014.

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

CA Canada (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

There has been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

- If the applicant does not reside or carry out business in Canada, an appointment as a representative for service of a person or firm residing or carrying on business at a specified address in Canada.
- If the applicant is not the inventor, either a declaration that the applicant is the legal representative of the inventor or a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

- If the applicant is not the applicant originally indicated in the international application, evidence that the applicant is the legal representative of the originally identified applicant.
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor. If the appointed agent does not reside in Canada, the appointment by the agent of an agent who resides in Canada to be the associate agent.

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

As from 1 April 2014, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee.....	EUR	130
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	EUR	635

As from the same date, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the EPO as designated (or elected) Office:

Filing fee:

– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online:	EUR	120
– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online:	EUR	210

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35: for the 36 th and each subsequent page	EUR	15
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Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated:	EUR	580
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Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Bosnia and Herzegovina or Montenegro):	[No change]	
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Claims fee:

– for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:	EUR	235
– for the 51st and each subsequent claim:	EUR	580

Search fee:

– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	875
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,285

Fee for further processing:

– in the event of late payment of a fee:	[No change]	
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– other cases:	EUR	250
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	230
Examination fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,805
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	1,805
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,620
Renewal fee for the third year:	EUR	465

As from 1 April 2014, there will also be a change in the amount of the reduction in the search fee payable in the following situation (other reductions not indicated will not change):

The search fee is reduced by EUR 1,100 for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on Centralization by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

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

See also below for changes to the fees relating to the international search, the supplementary international search and the international preliminary examination. For further information about the changes that will enter into force on 1 April 2014 in respect of fees payable to the EPO, including any applicable transitional provisions, please see the Decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 13 December 2013 at:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/ac-decisions/archive/20131213b.html>

ES Spain (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2014:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	74.25
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	29.69

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

GB United Kingdom (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

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

National Collection of Type Cultures (NCTC)
Culture Collections
Public Health England
Porton Down
Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 0JG
United Kingdom

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

GE Georgia (fees; requirements concerning agent; special requirements for entry into the national phase)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2013, the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti) has notified the IB of the amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: USD 60

There has been a change in the requirement of the Office as to whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office and in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office as receiving Office or designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?

No, if the applicant resides in Georgia. If the applicant does not reside in Georgia, it is preferable that they appoint an agent or provide an address for service.

Who can act as agent?

Any person who is a resident of Georgia or registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney.

There has also been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Office as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

- Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application
- Deed of transfer where the applicant is not the inventor
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Georgia
- Power of attorney if an agent or representative is appointed
- Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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

IL Israel (fees)

The amount of the following fees, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2014:

Transmittal fee:	ILS	556
Fee for priority document:	ILS	88

The amount of the following national fee, payable to that Office as designated (or elected) Office, will also change with effect from that date:

For patent:

Filing fee:	ILS	2,037
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IL) and National Chapter, Summary (IL))

KG Kyrgyzstan (name of Office; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name and e-mail and Internet addresses of the Kyrgyz Patent Office have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:	State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic
E-mail:	info@patent.kg inter@patent.kg
Internet:	http://www.patent.kg

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

KR Republic of Korea (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Korean Intellectual Property Office will change with effect from 21 January 2014, as follows:

E-mail:	kipopct@korea.kr
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (KR))

NZ New Zealand (mailing address; e-mail address)

The mailing address and the e-mail address of the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand have changed, as follows:

Mailing address:	P.O. Box 9241 Marion Square Wellington 6141 New Zealand
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E-mail:	mail@iponz.govt.nz
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (NZ))

PA Panama (requirements of the Office as receiving Office; competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

Information on the requirements of the Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex C (PA)) on the PCT website at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexc/ax_c_pa.pdf

Furthermore, the Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in addition to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Panama with DIGERPI.

US United States of America (fees)

There has been a change in the fee for restoration of the right of priority payable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office with effect from 18 December 2013:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	USD	1,700
– in the case of a filing by a “small entity” ¹ or a “micro entity” ²	USD	850

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

Search fee and other fees relating to international search (European Patent Office, Israel Patent Office, Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 March 2014, there will be a change in the amount payable in ILS, as well as in the equivalent amounts in certain other currencies, for an international search carried out by the Israel Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b), together with changes in the amounts of the following fees payable from the same date:

Additional search fee:	ILS	3,564
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per document:	ILS	44
Late furnishing fee:	ILS	458

There will also be a change in the equivalent amount payable in KRW for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

As from 1 April 2014, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for the following fees payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority:

Protest fee:	EUR	865
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¹ For further information on “small entity” status, see: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

² For further information on “micro entity” status, see: www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/faqs_fees.jsp#heading-4, www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-12-19/pdf/2012-30674.pdf and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

Late furnishing fee:	EUR	230
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (EP, IL and JP))

Fees relating to the supplementary search (European Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2014, there will be a change in the following fees payable to the European Patent Office as Authority specified for supplementary search:

Review fee:	EUR	865
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	230

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

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (European Patent Office, Israel Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

The amount payable in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, has changed with effect from 1 January 2014, as indicated in Fee Table II. The amount of the following fee has also changed with effect from that date:

Additional preliminary examination fee:	EUR	583.65
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As from 1 March 2014, there will be a change in the amount payable in ILS for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Israel Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table II, together with changes in the amounts of the following fees payable from the same date:

Additional preliminary examination fee:	ILS	1,527
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, per document:	ILS	44
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per document:	ILS	44
Late furnishing fee:	ILS	458

As from 1 April 2014, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table II. The amount of the following fee will also change with effect from that date:

Protest fee:	EUR	865
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	230

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (EP, ES and IL))

New/Updated PCT Resources

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements, as in force from 1 January 2014, between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following Authorities as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs):

- ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
- RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks
(Russian Federation)

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, have been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

- http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf
- http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf
- http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf
- http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf

Materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE)

In order to assist candidates in the preparation of materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) for prospective European patent attorneys, the International Bureau, with the agreement of the Examination Board for the EQE, has made available on the PCT website three PDF files containing the complete contents, as of 31 December 2013, of the “International Phase” and the “National Phase” of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* in English, and the complete contents of the “International Phase” in French. The French version of the contents of the “National Phase” will be published shortly. The files are available at:

- <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/eqe/ip.pdf>
- <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/eqe/np.pdf>
- <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/eqe/ip.pdf>

For printing purposes, please be warned that these PDF files are large – the complete collection in either language requires nearly 900 sheets of paper when printed recto verso – and may be difficult to download over a slow Internet connection. To avoid printing difficulties select “Fit to Printable Area” in the “Page Scaling” options when printing.

PCT forms (Arabic)

The September 2012 version of the Request Form (PCT/RO/101) is now available in editable PDF format in Arabic at:

- http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/forms/request/ed_request.pdf

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.061.237, dated 1 January 2014) is now available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.html

This version includes:

- Information on Panama as receiving Office (RO/PA).
- Functionality for calculating the fee reductions offered by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office and International Searching Authority for applicants who are entitled to claim ‘small entity’ or ‘micro entity’ status.
- Updated fee schedules, other PCT updates and minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements.

Further details about the contents of this release is available on the PCT Electronic Services website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitation

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, a new invitation has been identified originating from “IPTS – International Patent and Trademark Service”. To view an example of the invitation, 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.html

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, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau at:

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (+41-22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.legal@wipo.int

Practical Advice

Filing the demand form electronically using ePCT

Q: I am the agent for a number of international applications and I regularly use ePCT to upload documents to the International Bureau (IB), rather than submitting them by fax or mail. However, I now need to file demands for international preliminary examination in respect of several applications, and wondered whether it is possible to file the demand using ePCT.

A: You can file a demand for international preliminary examination via ePCT by using the “Actions” function that is available in ePCT private services for completing and submitting the demand form electronically (note that, although by doing this you would not be submitting the demand directly to the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), PCT Rule 59.3 provides for the filing of the demand with the International Bureau (IB) for onward transmittal to the IPEA).

The “Actions” function allows you to carry out a wide range of actions in respect of applications for which you have eOwner or eEditor access rights. To see which actions can be performed on an international application, see the contents of the “Actions” tab on a sample international application, below:

The screenshot shows the ePCT interface for application PCT/IB2013/033160. The 'Actions' tab is selected and highlighted with a red box. Below the tabs, the application details are displayed: Title: (EN) PCT TEST APPLICATION, Applicant Name: ABC COMPANY, and Inventor Name: DOE, John. A 'Select Action' section is visible, with a dropdown menu open. The dropdown menu lists several actions, and 'Submit Chapter II Demand' is highlighted with a red box. An 'OK' button is also visible next to the dropdown menu.

The online action “Submit Chapter II Demand” facilitates the completion and submission of the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401). Not only will this action assist you by automatically completing the bibliographic data for an international application, but it will also carry out validations that will prevent you from making certain errors, for example:

- it will calculate the applicable time limit for submitting the demand, and will alert you if the time limit has expired (PCT Rule 54*bis*.1);

- it provides a list of the IPEAs that are competent to carry out international preliminary examination on your international application (PCT Rule 59);
- it calculates the applicable fees automatically.

It is also possible to add an agent specifically for the Chapter II procedure, and to attach (upload) certain accompanying items, for example, a power of attorney, by selecting “Attach File (Optional)”. If you have indicated that the basis for international preliminary examination is the international application “as amended”, a new field will be displayed to indicate which part(s) of the application body have been amended, and a validation message will appear, prompting you to attach a copy of the amendments. You will also have to indicate the language of the application for the purposes of international preliminary examination (PCT Rule 55.2), and enter details relating to the payment of the fees to the IPEA, such as details of a deposit account held with the IPEA, if you have one. Otherwise, if you do not enter details of such a deposit account, your attention will be drawn to the fact that the fees will have to be paid separately to the IPEA.

The “Preview” button will allow you to preview the demand form in PDF format prior to submission. When the demand form has been successfully completed, it will need to be signed by an authorized person by way of either a text string signature or by attaching a facsimile signature (.jpg or .tif format). The demand will then be transmitted via ePCT private services to the IB and will be routed electronically by the IB to the competent IPEA for subsequent processing. The date of receipt of the demand by the IB will be recorded as the date of filing of the demand.

One of the advantages of using ePCT Actions in general, instead of using the “Upload Documents” function to submit such forms or requests for action in the form of PDF documents, is that the relevant bibliographic data is automatically filled in by the system. You can therefore avoid having to retype data, which, in turn, will also prevent transcription errors. Moreover, the actions have built-in validations relating to the relevant data fields to be completed and the applicable time limit for taking each action.

For information on creating a WIPO user account (needed for ePCT public and private services) and uploading a digital certificate (needed for ePCT private services), see:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_getting_started.pdf

and for detailed information on using ePCT, both public and private services, see the *ePCT User Guide for Applicants and Third Parties* at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/pct_wipo_accounts_user_guide.pdf

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 13 January 2014)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
4 February 2014 San Diego, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
6–7 February 2014 San Jose, CA (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see San Diego, above)
12 February 2014 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
9 April 2014 Munich (DE)	German	PCT presentation, within the framework of the “Annual Conference about Recent Developments in the EP, PCT and US Procedures” (9–10 April 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Naumann (formerly EPO)	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
10–11 April 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Happe	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
10–11 April 2014 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Gateau and Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
17 June 2014 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Ms. Alexandra Dupont) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: adupont@fnde.asso.fr
9 October 2014 Barcelona (ES)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the CEIPI-epi Basic Training Course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Antonio López-Carrasco Comajuncosas, Patent Office, Telefónica Digital) E-mail: alcc@tid.es
10 October 2014 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 13th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (9-10 October 2014) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
15–16 October 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5–6 November 2014 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
7 November 2014 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT System, within the framework of “PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants” (6–7 November 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (see Munich, above)
4–5 December 2014 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
21 January 2014 10.00 am to 11.00 am, Geneva time	English	New web-based electronic filing of PCT applications WIPO speaker: Ms. Gateau	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/558384994
23 January 2014 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Geneva time (10.00 am to 11:00 am New York time)	English	New web-based electronic filing of PCT applications WIPO speaker: Ms. Gateau	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/838375850

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 2014, 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 5.189. 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 15. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty		
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AUD	Australian dollar	EGP	Egyptian pound	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
BND	Brunei dollar								

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 January 2014, 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							CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)							
AT	EUR	50	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD 1,559	18	117	234	352	AU KR
AZ	AZN	10	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT AU EP KR
BR	BRL ⁹	online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,517	17	114	228	342	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 1,471	eq USD ¹¹ 17	eq USD ¹¹ 111	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN

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

(amounts on 1 January 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CO	COP 865,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, BR, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,090	90	610	1,220	1,820	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 125 (from 1.4.14 : 130)	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 914	10	–	138	206	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 320,000	HUF 3,600	HUF 24,100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 81 or USD ¹⁵ 111	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,084 or USD 1,471	15 12 17	100 81 111	200 163 221	300 244 332	See footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	EP IL US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 177,900	2,000	13,400	26,700	40,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000	JPY 142,600	1,600	10,700	–	32,200	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
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

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

(amounts on 1 January 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
KR	KRW	45,000	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT	8,243 ¹⁸	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,471		17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰	–	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	68.87	EUR	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	600 ¹⁹	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 ²⁰	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	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	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	550,000		6,200	41,400	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²¹	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing) ²²		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,084		12	–	163	244	EP
NO	NOK	750	NOK	8,780		100	–	1,320	1,980	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ²³	NZD	1,767		20	133	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	BR EP ES
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,471	eq USD	17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,471		17	111	221	332	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	20.85	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP
QA	Information not yet available									
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,020 ²⁴	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available									
SA	USD	100	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	CA EG EP RU
SC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	9,440		110	710	1,420	2,130	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,835		21	138	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁵	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP
SM	EUR	70	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	–	–	–	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 January 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
TM	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU	
TN	TND ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP	
TR	None	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE US	
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU	
US	USD	240 ²⁷ small entity ²⁸ : 120 ²⁷ micro entity ²⁸ : 60 ²⁷	USD	1,471	17	111	221	–	AU EP KR RU US	
UZ	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU	
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE	
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	14,690	170	1,100	–	–	AT AU EP US	
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,471	17	–	–	–	AT SE	
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU	

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 January 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²⁹	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,190	KRW	2,599,000	SGD	3,020	USD	2,423	ZAR	24,190
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,877	EUR	1,529	KRW	2,226,000	NZD	2,493	SGD	2,590
	USD	2,076	ZAR	20,730								
BR ³⁰	BRL	2,250	CHF	922	EUR	751	USD	1,020				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,403	EUR	1,143	USD	1,552				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	310	EUR	253	USD	343				
EG ³¹	EGP	4,000	CHF	525	EUR	427	USD	580				
EP ³²	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,301	DKK	13,990	GBP	1,582	HUF	553,600	ISK	308,000
	JPY	246,700	MWK	951,000	NOK	15,180	NZD	3,057	SEK	16,330	SGD	3,180
	USD	2,545	ZAR	25,410								
ES ³²	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,301	USD	2,545						
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,301	USD	2,545						
IL	ILS*	3,500	CHF	890	EUR	726	USD	985				
	*(from 1.3.14:		ILS	3,564	CHF	913	EUR	745	USD	1,021)		
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	147	EUR	119	USD	162				
	In case of filing by an individual:											
	INR	2,500	CHF	37	EUR	30	USD	41				
JP	JPY	70,000	CHF	653	EUR	532	KRW*	775,000	SGD	901	USD	722
	*(from 1.3.14:		KRW	716,000)								
KR	For international applications in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,285	CHF	1,096	EUR	893	NZD	1,456	SGD	1,510
	USD	1,212										
	For international applications in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	445	CHF	379	EUR	309	NZD	504	SGD	520
	USD	420										
RU	For international applications in Russian:											
	RUB	6,750	CHF	189	EUR	154	HUF	45,500	USD	209		
	For international applications in English:											
	RUB	28,000	CHF	785	EUR	639	HUF	188,800	USD	868		
SE	SEK	16,330	CHF	2,301	DKK	13,990	EUR	1,875	ISK	308,000	NOK	15,180
	USD	2,545										
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,880	EUR	1,532	NZD	2,500	ZAR	20,770		
	For small entity ²⁸ :											
	USD	1,040	CHF	940	EUR	766	NZD	1,249	ZAR	10,383		
	For micro entity ²⁸ :											
	USD	520	CHF	470	EUR	383	NZD	625	ZAR	5,191		
XN	DKK	13,990	CHF	2,301	EUR	1,875	ISK	308,000	NOK	15,180	SEK	16,330
	USD	2,545										

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 January 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 33}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,043 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,460 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,086	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁴ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁵	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,301 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 660	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 January 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

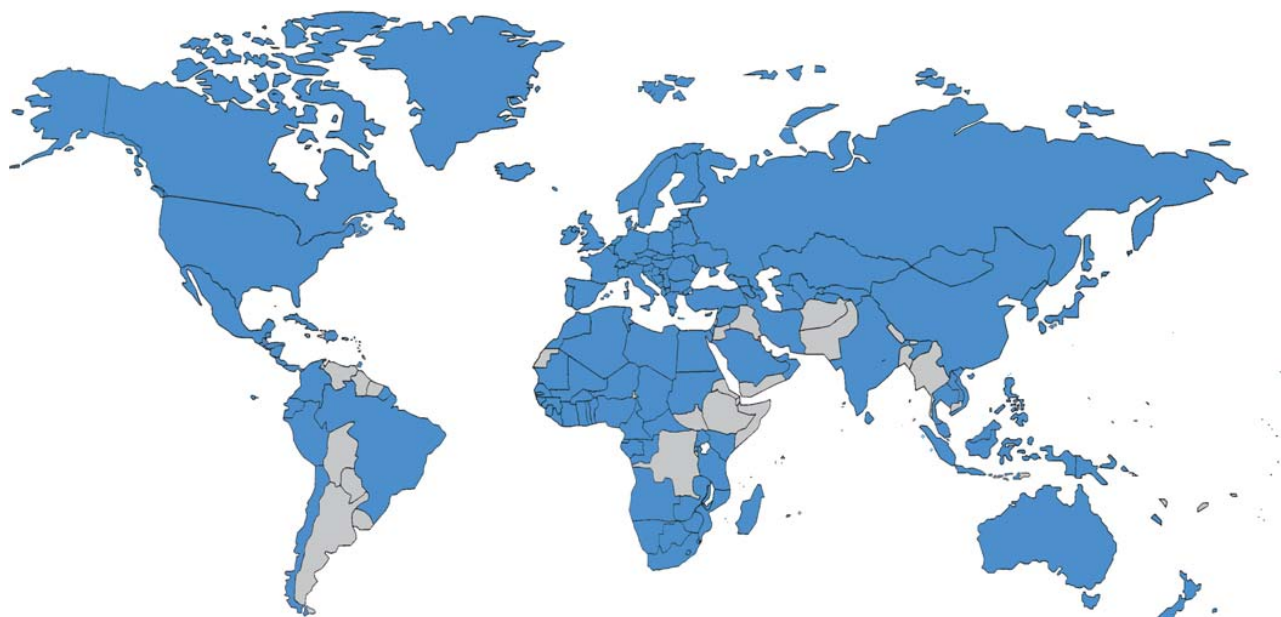
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁶	Handling fee ^{2, 36} (CHF 200)
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,675	EUR 163
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁷	AUD 234
BR ³⁰	BRL 840	BRL 488
CA	CAD 800	CAD 228
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³¹	EGP 3,000	EGP 1,525
EP ³²	EUR 1,850 (from 1.4.14: EUR 1,930)	EUR 163
ES	EUR 583.65	EUR 163
FI	EUR 600	EUR 163
IL	ILS 1,500 (from 1.3.14: ILS 1,527)	ILS 786
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 221
JP	JPY 26,000	JPY 21,400
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 237,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁸ 4,050 ³⁹ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁸ 15,750 ³⁹	USD 221
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,420
US	USD 600 760 ⁴⁰ For small entity ²⁸ : USD 300 380 ⁴⁰ For micro entity ²⁸ : USD 150 190 ⁴⁰	USD 221
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,220

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

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 website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 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.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 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.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 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).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 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.
- 19 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 23 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 26 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%.
- 27 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 28 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 29 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 30 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 31 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 32 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 further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 33 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 34 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 35 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 36 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 39 In all cases where footnote 38 does not apply.
- 40 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 (148 on 1 January 2014)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IR Islamic Republic of Iran	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros (OA) ^{2,3}	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LAO People's Democratic Republic	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BN Brunei Darussalam	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LR Sri Lanka	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MA Morocco	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CL Chile	HN Honduras	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP)	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP) ⁵	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SA Saudi Arabia	
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SC Seychelles	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	
			SG Singapore	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

3 Only international applications filed on or after 25 May 2013 include the designation of this State for an OAPI patent. For international applications filed before that date, extension of OAPI patent possible.

4 Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

5 Only international applications filed on or after 24 September 2011 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 16 September 2012) or , if filing the request using the PCT -EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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Upcoming 20th Anniversary of the PCT Newsletter

Next month we will be celebrating 20 years of the *PCT Newsletter* – its first issue was published in March 1994. Readers of the *PCT Newsletter* are very welcome to send us their thoughts on the contents and usefulness of the *Newsletter* (as well as any ideas on how we can improve it in the future), and excerpts from these submissions will be included in the anniversary issue. Your contributions should reach us before the end of February 2014 at the following e-mail address:

pct.legal@wipo.int

Please write “PCT Newsletter: 20 years” as the title of your e-mail.

ePCT-Filing available at RO/AT and RO/SE for Applicants Using the live ePCT-Pilot System

Further to the announcement, in October 2013, of the opening up of the ePCT-Filing pilot to any ePCT users filing international applications with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), the Austrian Patent Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as receiving Offices (RO/AT and RO/SE) have notified the IB that they will accept ePCT-Filings with effect from 1 March 2014. Furthermore, RO/AT has notified the IB that it will no longer accept international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format with effect from that date.

Notifications containing the requirements and practices of RO/AT and RO/SE with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly.

It is recalled that ePCT-Filing can be accessed only via ePCT private services, which requires the creation of a WIPO user account authenticated with a digital certificate. Therefore, applicants who would like to use the system may already go to the ePCT Portal at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

and follow the links to create an account and obtain a WIPO digital certificate. Note that it is possible to carry out demo filings by clicking on the link “Try ePCT in DEMO mode” in the list of shortcuts at the ePCT Portal.

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

Amendments to the PCT Regulations (Entry into Force: 1 July 2014)

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, during its meeting which was held in Geneva from 23 September to 2 October 2013, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2014 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2013).

The amendments consist of:

(i) requiring International Preliminary Examining Authorities to conduct a “top-up” search during international preliminary examination, subject to various exceptions (addition of PCT Rules 66.1*ter* and 70.2(f))¹; and

(ii) allowing written opinions of the International Searching Authority (in their original language) and informal comments submitted by the applicant in response to such opinions (in their original language) to be publicly available from the date of international publication (deletion of PCT Rule 44*ter* and amendment of Rule 94.1(b))².

The text of the amendments was reproduced, in English and French, in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 6 February 2014 at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

and the consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2014, will be available shortly before the entry into force of the amendments.

Note that the Report of the Assembly (PCT/A/44/5) is now available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=29898

ePCT Update

A new release of the ePCT system (version 2.10) was deployed on 11 February 2014. New features for applicants, receiving Offices and International Authorities are described below.

ePCT for applicants

Saving ePCT “Actions” as drafts

“Actions” no longer need to be submitted immediately after preparation, as they can now be saved as drafts. The same access rights apply to draft Actions as for the application itself, which means that they can be shared for review and signature by other colleagues, if required. A new “Draft Actions” tab has been added where users can consult all the draft Actions that have been saved for all applications to which they have access rights (please note that only one user can edit a draft at the same time) and a new “IA Drafts” tab will appear within an application when at least one Action has been saved in draft form. It is also possible to save documents prepared for upload as drafts.

¹ These amendments shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which a demand for international preliminary examination is made on or after 1 July 2014.

² These amendments shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after 1 July 2014.

New online Action “Declarations under Rule 4.17”

It is now possible to prepare and submit declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 in English after the filing of the international application, using pre-filled bibliographic data, and to submit them directly to the International Bureau (IB) (note that it will only be possible to save draft declarations using this feature in the next version of ePCT).

New online Action “Request for Early Publication”

It is now possible to submit a request to the IB for early publication of the international application by using a new online Action, and applicants can make use of an online validation to see whether publication can actually take place earlier than the current target date (this depends on how much in advance of that target date the request is made).

Improved online Action “Submit Chapter II Demand”

Demands can now be saved as drafts and access can be shared with other colleagues for review and signature, if required. Also, in the event that a text string signature cannot be applied by the applicant or agent, it is now possible to attach a document of type “Signature sheet” containing a scanned copy of Box No. VII of the demand form containing the signature of the applicant or agent.

For applicants filing a demand with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), it is now possible to indicate that a fee reduction for small or micro entity should apply, and to attach a supporting document to justify entitlement to the fee reduction.

Languages of the Request form in ePCT-Filing

The languages for the output of the Request form have been extended to include Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Russian (Arabic will be introduced at a later date), noting that, for the time being, the interface is in English only, with dedicated fields for entering names and addresses in those languages, in addition to the English transliteration required for international publication. Translation of the interface into the nine other publication languages is in progress.

ePCT for receiving Offices (ROs), International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and IPEAs

New Actions for ROs

It is now possible for the RO to transmit new electronically filed international applications to the RO/IB (under PCT Rule 19.4) or to “Stop Processing” of a particular international application following a check under PCT Article 11, national security clearance issues, or any other reason. Also, where the IB transmits search copy packages to the ISA upon receipt of the record copy (subject to prior agreement between the IB and the Office concerned), there is an Action to confirm that the search fee has been paid.

New search criteria

Office users are now able to search international applications by status (new international application (IA), IA not yet published, published, withdrawn, etc.) and by filing type. The display of the status has also been improved.

Register new IA

The option “Upload new IA as multiple documents” is now selected by default. It allows Office users to upload different documents types at the same time, such as the description, claims, abstract, drawings and sequence listings.

New or improved forms

A number of document types for ROs, ISAs and IPEAs have been added to the existing list, and improvements have been made to the automatic generation of form PCT/RO/102.

Office profile

A new section showing the fees payable to the receiving Office has been added, and a new section “eSearch Copy” has been introduced which pairs ROs with competent ISAs.

Please refer to the documents “Office User Guide” and “What’s new for Offices” to identify other improvements which have been made, for example, to Office Notifications, ePCT Messages and the summary of the bibliographic data.

The above-mentioned documents, as well as further information about the new features of ePCT for applicants and about the ePCT system in general, are available at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

Changes to the PCT Publication Schedule

Publication of 29 May 2014 (publication date)

Due to the fact that Thursday, 29 May 2014, 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, 30 May 2014. The date of completion of technical preparations for that publication will, however, remain unchanged. Any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should therefore be received by the International Bureau (IB) by midnight (Central European Time (CET)) on Tuesday, 13 May 2014.

Publication of 12 June 2014 (technical preparations for publication)

Due to the fact that there are two non-working days at WIPO in the 15 days prior to the publication of 12 June 2014, the completion of technical preparations for the PCT applications to be published on that day will take place one day earlier than usual. Any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should therefore be received by the IB by midnight (CET) on Monday, 26 May 2014 (instead of by midnight on Tuesday, 27 May 2014).

United States Patent and Trademark Office: Not Open for Business on 10 December 2013 and 21 January 2014

Because of bad weather conditions, the United States Patent and Trademark Office was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 10 December 2013 and 21 January 2014.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach that Office fell on either of those days, that period was extended so as to expire on the next working day, which was 11 December 2013 and 22 January 2014, respectively.

PCT Information Update

CA Canada (requirements concerning agent)

There have been changes in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as designated (or elected) Office – any person or firm whose name is entered on the Canadian register of patent agents can now act as such.

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

EP European Patent Office (location)

The street of the European Patent Office headquarters in Munich has been renamed, with effect from 17 October 2013, as follows:

Location: Bob-van-Benthem-Platz 1
80469 Munich
Germany

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

FI Finland (name of Office; location and mailing address)

The name in English, the location and the mailing address of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland have changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)
Location: Arkadiankatu 6 A
FI-00101 Helsinki
Finland
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1140
FI-00101 Helsinki
Finland

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

IR Islamic Republic of Iran (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran) has specified, with effect from 20 January 2014, the European Patent Office and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the Industrial Property Office as receiving Office.

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 April 2014, 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 amount in JPY of the applicable 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 (JP))

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 May 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the applicable fee reduction listed under item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 April 2014, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	KRW
European Patent Office	JPY
Japan Patent Office	CHF, EUR, SGD, USD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	CHF, EUR, USD

As from 1 May 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Austrian Patent Office.....	ZAR
Australian Patent Office	CHF, EUR, USD
Canadian Intellectual Property Office	CHF, EUR, USD
European Patent Office	ZAR
Korean Intellectual Property Office	AUD
United States Patent and Trademark Office	ZAR

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, AU, BR, CA, EP, JP, KR and US))

Handling fee (Japan)

As from 1 April 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as indicated in Fee Table II.

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

New/Updated PCT Resources

PCT Newsletter index 2013

The 2013 annual index for the *PCT Newsletter*, which contains two separate indexes, one by alphabetical order of subject and one by alphabetical order of countries and Offices, is now available in PDF format at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2013/pct_news_2013_14.pdf

ISA and IPEA Agreements

An updated version of the Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as in force from 28 February 2013, relating to the functioning of this Authority as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, has been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitation

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, a new invitation has been identified originating from “FOIP – Federated Organization for Intellectual Property”. To view an example of the invitation, 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.html

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, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau at:

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

Practical Advice

Acceptance of declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 by designated Offices

Q: I am the agent for an international application which has entered the national phase in various States. Since the name of the applicant for the international application was not the same as the name of the applicant for the earlier application (the company had changed its name), the priority of which was claimed, I submitted, together with the international application, a declaration under PCT Rule 4.17(iii) as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim priority of the earlier application. One of the designated Offices, however, is requesting further information relating to the change of name. I thought that the purpose of submitting a declaration was to avoid having to submit further documents in the national phase. Please could you clarify this matter?

A: A designated (or elected) Office (hereinafter: "designated Office") would normally be entitled to require documents or evidence under its national law where the name of the applicant in the priority document is different from that which is indicated in the international application. However, where a declaration under PCT Rule 4.17(iii) has been filed, either with the international application, sometime thereafter during the international phase (prior to the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 26ter), or upon entry into the national phase, the designated Office should not require any other document or evidence unless it may reasonably doubt the veracity of the declaration (see PCT Rule 51bis.2(iii)).

Similar provisions also apply to other declarations under PCT Rule 4.17:

- (i) declaration as to the identity of the inventor (PCT Rule 51bis.1(a)(i));
- (ii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (PCT Rule 51bis.1(a)(ii)); and
- (iii) declaration of inventorship (PCT Rule 51bis.1(a)(iv)) (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America).

Where a declaration is made under PCT Rule 4.17(v) (declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (PCT Rule 51bis.1(a)(v))), the designated Office is free to require further documents or evidence because this concerns non-prejudicial disclosures and exceptions to lack of novelty, which is a substantive matter of patentability.

Although the Regulations governing the acceptance of declarations by designated Offices, which entered into force on 1 March 2001, were initially subject to notifications of incompatibility with the national law of a few States, all of those States have since then withdrawn those notifications of incompatibility. This means that no designated Offices are generally entitled to require a national-type declaration on the subject matters covered by the declarations referred

to in PCT Rule 4.17, or indeed to require further information other than what is contained in the standardized wording of the declaration. As indicated above, however, there is an exception to this whereby, if the designated Office doubts the veracity of a PCT declaration or the indications in the declaration, it is entitled, under PCT Rule 51*bis*.2, to request further proof or evidence on the subject matter in question. This would be on a case-by-case basis though – there cannot be a general requirement by the Office.

The intention of PCT Rules 4.17 and 51*bis*.2 is to keep those cases where a designated Office requests further proof or evidence to a minimum. To the extent that the national law of a designated Office contains different requirements from those of the PCT, the provisions of the PCT must prevail, and it is the responsibility of the State concerned to ensure that this is the case. In adopting the Regulations regarding the submission of declarations to the International Bureau (IB) during the international phase, the member States agreed that, if an applicant submits a declaration that complies with the standardized wording contained in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT within the applicable time limit, such declarations should generally be accepted at face value.

If the wording of a declaration does not conform to that standardized wording (see Sections 211 to 215 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf>), the IB will notify the applicant (by way of Form PCT/IB/370), and the applicant will have the opportunity to correct the declaration within the time limit under PCT Rule 26*ter*.1. If, upon entry into the national phase, the wording of a declaration does not conform to the standardized wording, any designated Office may accept that declaration for the purposes of the applicable national law, but is not required to do so. For further information on the importance of using the standardized wording of declarations, see the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2010.

If the circumstances of a particular case are such that the standardized wording is not applicable, the applicant should not attempt to make use of the declarations provided for in PCT Rule 4.17, but rather will have to comply with the relevant national requirements upon entry into the national phase.

For further information on furnishing declarations, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 5.074 to 5.083, and to find out what are the requirements of the various designated States under PCT Rule 51*bis*, please refer to the relevant Summaries in the National Chapters of the *Guide* at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/>

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 12 February 2014)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
12 February 2014 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
12–13 March 2014 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT course WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. 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
8 April 2014 Houston, TX (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
9 April 2014 Munich (DE)	German	PCT presentation, within the framework of the “Annual Conference about Recent Developments in the EP, PCT and US Procedures” (9–10 April 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Naumann (formerly EPO)	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
10–11 April 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Happe	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
10–11 April 2014 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Gateau and Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
25-26 April 2014 Concord, NH (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of New Hampshire School of Law (Ms. Jacqueline Lawrie) E-mail: jacquiline.lawrie@law.unh.edu Internet: http://law.unh.edu/pct
6 May 2014 Seattle, WA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Houston, above)
13 May 2014 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5-6 June 2014 Highland Heights, KY (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	NKU Chase Law and Informatics Institute, and CincyIP (Ms. Lindsey L. Jaeger) Tel: (1-859) 572 78 53 Fax: (1-859) 572 53 42 E-mail: jaegerl1@nku.edu Internet: http://chaselaw.nku.edu/centers/lawinformatics/pct.html
17 June 2014 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Ms. Alexandra Dupont) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: adupont@fnde.asso.fr
4 July 2014 Madrid (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Francisco Bernardo Noriega) Tel: (34) 91 417 13 00 Fax: (34) 91 417 13 01 e-mail: fbernardo@abgpatentes.com
6 October 2014 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
9 October 2014 Barcelona (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Antonio López-Carrasco Comajuncosas, Patent Office, Telefónica Digital) E-mail: alcc@tid.es
10 October 2014 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 13th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (9-10 October 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
15-16 October 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
5-6 November 2014 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
7 November 2014 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT System, within the framework of "PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants" (6-7 November 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (see Munich, above)
4-5 December 2014 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
18 February 2014 5.30 pm to 6.30 am, Geneva time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: Advanced search interface WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/944532470
20 February 2014 8.30 am to 9.30 pm, Geneva time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: Advanced search interface WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/944544574
21 May 2014 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm, Geneva time	English	"Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty for SMEs" For further information: http://www.insme.org/insmeacademy/sessions WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	Organized by International Network for Small and Medium Enterprises (INSME) Note that there are limited places available. For registration, send an e-mail with your name, country and e-mail address, to: academy@insme.it

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
07 April 2014 Houston, TX (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: "Learn the Basics" Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tele: 1-571 212 3868 Fax: 1-703-636-8974 Email: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 2014, 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 5.189. 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 15. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
RO	receiving Office	CLP	Chilean peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty		
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BND	Brunei dollar	GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 February 2014, 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						CA
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 1,084	12	81 <i>(from 1.3.14: –)</i>	163	244	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,559	18	117	234	352	AU KR
AZ	AZN 10	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT AU EP KR
BR	BRL ⁹ online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,517	17	114	228	342	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 130	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 1,471	eq USD ¹¹ 17	eq USD ¹¹ 111	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP 865,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, BR, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 February 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,090	90	610	1,220	1,820	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 125 (from 1.4.14 : 130)	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 914	10	–	138	206	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 320,000	HUF 3,600	HUF 24,100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 81 or USD ¹⁵ 111	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,084 or USD 1,471	15 12 17	100 81 111	200 163 221	300 244 332	See footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	EP IL US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	Information not yet available						
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 177,900	2,000	13,400	26,700	40,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000	JPY 142,600 (from 1.4.14 : 154,800)	1,600 (1,700)	10,700 (11,600)	– (–)	32,200 (34,900)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
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	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ¹⁸	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE

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

(amounts on 1 February 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
MC	EUR	54 ²⁰	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	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	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	550,000		6,200	41,400	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²¹	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing) ²²		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,084		12	–	163	244	EP
NO	NOK	750	NOK	8,780		100	–	1,320	1,980	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ²³	NZD	1,767		20	133	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	BR EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,471	eq USD	17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,471		17	111	221	332	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	20.85	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP
QA	Information not yet available									
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,020 ²⁴	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available									
SA	USD	100	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	CA EG EP RU
SC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	9,440		110	710	1,420	2,130	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,835		21	138	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁵	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP
SM	EUR	70	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	–	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU
US	USD ²⁷ small entity ²⁸ : micro entity ²⁸ :	240 ²⁷ 120 ²⁷ 60 ²⁷	USD	1,471		17	111	221	–	AU EP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR (from 1.5.14: 15,860)	14,690 (180)		170 (180)	1,100 (1,190)	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,471		17	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,471	eq USD	17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 February 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,785 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	CHF 2,190 ZAR 26,260)	KRW 2,599,000	SGD 3,020	USD 2,423	ZAR*	24,190	
AU	AUD 2,200 USD** 2,076 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> <i>***(from 1.4.14:</i>	CHF* 1,877 ZAR 20,730 CHF 1,765 KRW2,070,000)	EUR* 1,529 EUR 1,449	KRW**2,226,000 USD 1,972)	NZD 2,493	SGD 2,590		
BR ³⁰	BRL 2,250 <i>*(from 1.4.14:</i>	CHF* 922 CHF 853	EUR* 751 EUR 697	USD* 1,020 USD 954)				
CA	CAD 1,600 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	CHF* 1,403 CHF 1,299	EUR* 1,143 EUR 1,066	USD* 1,552 USD 1,442				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 253	USD 343				
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000	CHF 525	EUR 427	USD 580				
EP ³²	EUR 1,875 JPY* 246,700 USD 2,545 <i>*(from 1.4.14:</i> <i>***(from 1.5.14:</i>	CHF 2,301 MWK 951,000 ZAR** 25,410 JPY 267,300) ZAR 27,580)	DKK 13,990 NOK 15,180	GBP 1,582 NZD 3,057	HUF 553,600 SEK 16,330	ISK 308,000 SGD 3,180		
ES ³²	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545					
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545					
IL	ILS* 3,500 <i>*(from 1.3.14:</i>	CHF* 890 ILS 3,564	EUR* 726 CHF 913	USD* 985 EUR 745	USD 1,021)			
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500	CHF 147 CHF 37	EUR 119 EUR 30	USD 162 USD 41				
JP	JPY 70,000 <i>*(from 1.4.14:</i> <i>***(from 1.3.14:</i>	CHF* 653 CHF 601 KRW 716,000)	EUR* 532 EUR 491	KRW** 775,000 SGD 850	SGD* 901 USD 673)	USD* 722		
KR	For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,212 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	AUD* 1,285 AUD 1,376)	CHF 1,096	EUR 893	NZD 1,456	SGD 1,510		
	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD 420 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	AUD* 445 AUD 476)	CHF 379	EUR 309	NZD 504	SGD 520		
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 For international applications in English: RUB 28,000	CHF 189 CHF 785	EUR 154 EUR 639	HUF 45,500 HUF 188,800	USD 209 USD 868			
SE	SEK 16,330 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	DKK 13,990	EUR 1,875	ISK 308,000	NOK 15,180		
US	USD 2,080 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> For small entity ²⁸ : USD 1,040 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> For micro entity ²⁸ : USD 520 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	CHF 1,880 ZAR 22,550) CHF 940 ZAR 11,280) CHF 470 ZAR 5,640)	EUR 1,532 EUR 766 EUR 383	NZD 2,500 NZD 1,249 NZD 625	ZAR* 20,770 ZAR* 10,383 ZAR* 5,191			
XN	DKK 13,990 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	EUR 1,875	ISK 308,000	NOK 15,180	SEK 16,330		

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 February 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 33}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,043	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,460	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,086	
EP	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁴ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁵	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,301	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 660	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 February 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

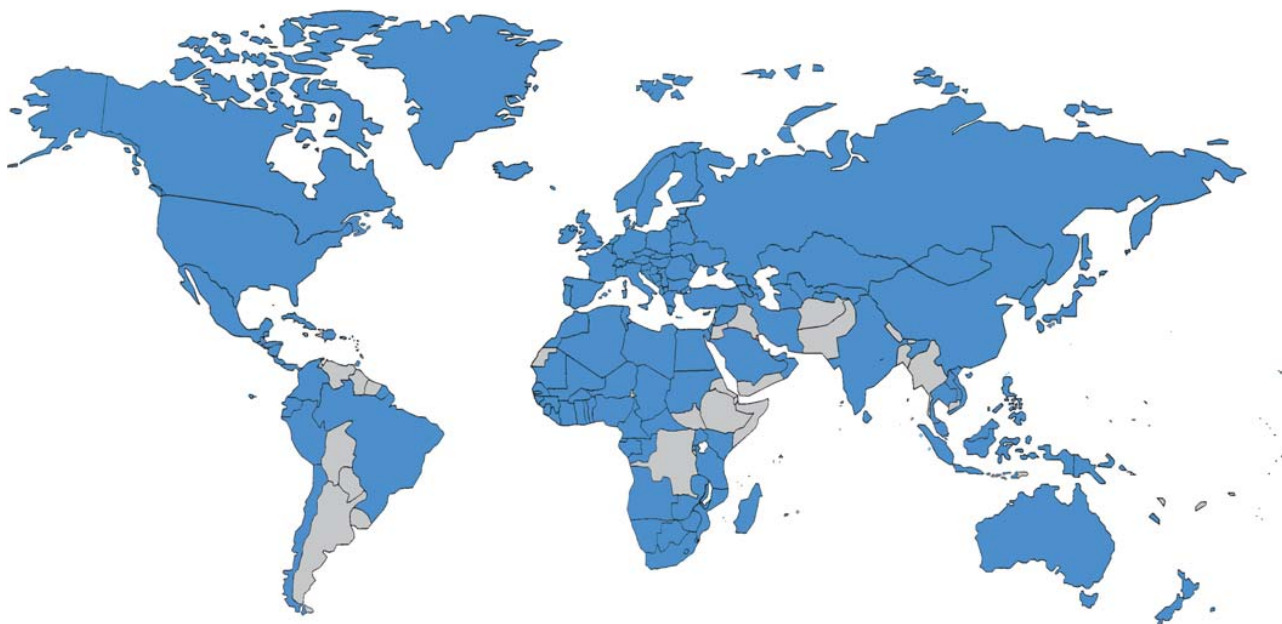
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁶	Handling fee ^{2, 36} (CHF 200)
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,675	EUR 163
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁷	AUD 234
BR ³⁰	BRL 840	BRL 488
CA	CAD 800	CAD 228
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³¹	EGP 3,000	EGP 1,525
EP ³²	EUR 1,850 (from 1.4.14 : EUR 1,930)	EUR 163
ES	EUR 583.65	EUR 163
FI	EUR 600	EUR 163
IL	ILS 1,500 (from 1.3.14: ILS 1,527)	ILS 786
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 221
JP	JPY 26,000	JPY 21,400 (from 1.4.14 : JPY 23,300)
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 237,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁸ 4,050 ³⁹ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁸ 15,750 ³⁹	USD 221
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,420
US	USD 600 760 ⁴⁰	USD 221
	For small entity ²⁸ : USD 300 380 ⁴⁰	
	For micro entity ²⁸ : USD 150 190 ⁴⁰	
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,220

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

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 website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 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.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 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.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 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).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 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.
- 19 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 23 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 26 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%.
- 27 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 28 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 29 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 30 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 31 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 32 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 further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 33 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 34 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 35 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 36 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 39 In all cases where footnote 38 does not apply.
- 40 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 (148 on 1 February 2014)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros (OA) ^{2,3}	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BN Brunei Darussalam	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MA Morocco	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP) ⁵	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SA Saudi Arabia	
	ID Indonesia		SC Seychelles	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	
			SG Singapore	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

3 Only international applications filed on or after 25 May 2013 include the designation of this State for an OAPI patent. For international applications filed before that date, extension of OAPI patent possible.

4 Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

5 Only international applications filed on or after 24 September 2011 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 16 September 2012) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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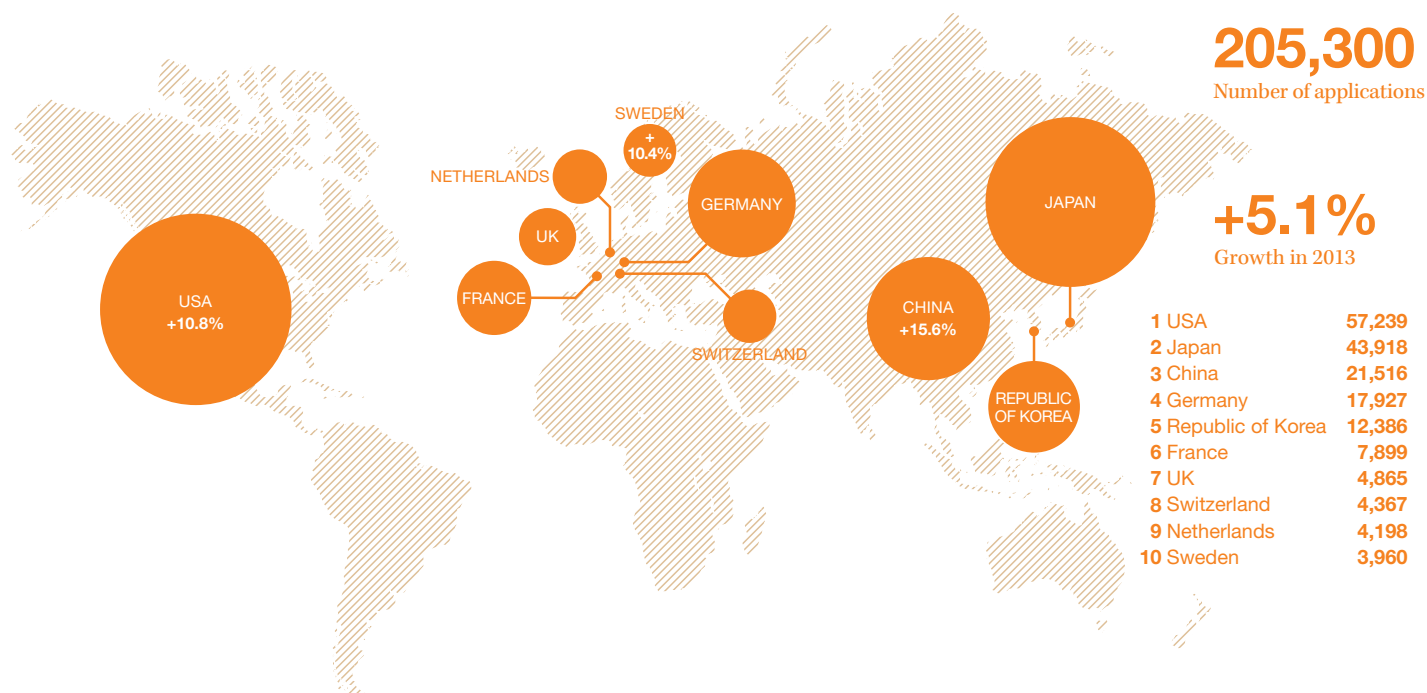
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PCT Filings in 2013

A new record number of PCT filings was reached in 2013, as the total number of filings surpassed the 200,000 mark for the first time. Approximately 205,300 PCT applications were filed, representing an increase of 5.1% over 2012.

Among the top 10 PCT filing countries, double-digit growth was seen in 2013 for filings from China (+15%), the United States of America (US) (+10.8%) and Sweden (+10.4%). As in 2012, the top two countries of filing accounted for nearly half of all filings, with 57,239 international applications filed from US (representing 27.9% of all filings) and 43,918 (21.4%) from Japan. They were followed by China, taking third position for the first time, with 21,516 (10.5%), Germany with 17,927 (8.7%) and the Republic of Korea with 12,386 (6.0%), which, together with US and Japan, accounted for 74.5% of filings. Applicants from the member States of the European Patent Convention, when grouped together, filed 28% of all international applications, a slightly lower share than in 2012 (29%). The image below shows the top 10 countries of origin. Further information on share of filings and percentage growth rates, has been published in Annex 1 of WIPO Press Release PR/2014/755. The press release, which contains this and other Annexes referred to below, is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2014/article_0002.html



The table in Annex 2 of the press release shows the number of PCT applications filed by country of origin (that is, by country of residence of the first applicant), for all countries.

It is important to note that the above-mentioned figures for 2013, and all the figures contained in Annexes 1 and 2, are provisional, due to the fact that a number of PCT applications that were filed with national and regional Offices in 2013 have not yet been received at the International Bureau, and final figures will only be available later in the year.

The top two PCT applicants in 2013 were the same as in the previous two years, except that Panasonic Corporation (Japan), with 2,881 published PCT applications, overtook ZTE Corporation (China) (2,309 applications). Intel Corporation (US) saw the largest increase, with 1,212 more applications published than in 2012. The top ten applicants, which, apart from Intel Corporation, were also in the top ten in 2012, are listed below, together with the number of international applications that were published in their names:

1.	Panasonic Corporation (JP)	2,881
2.	ZTE Corporation (CN)	2,309
3.	Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd (CN)	2,094
4.	Qualcomm Incorporated (US)	2,036
5.	Intel Corporation (US)	1,852
6.	Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha (JP)	1,840
7.	Robert Bosch Corporation (DE)	1,786
8.	Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha (JP)	1,696
9.	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (publ) (SE)	1,467
10.	Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. (NL)	1,423

A list of the top 51 PCT applicants (with the most applications published in 2013) has been published in Annex 3 of the press release.

Information on filings by educational institutions is also available in the press release (Annex 4). It is interesting to note that US universities occupy 9 of the top 10 positions among educational institutions, with the University of California and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology continuing in first place. The only other educational institution in the top 10 which was not from US was the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (Republic of Korea). US universities account for 31 of the top 50 educational institutions, followed by institutions in the Republic of Korea (7) and Japan (5).

Detailed information regarding the distribution of fields of technology of published international applications can be found in Annex 5 of the press release.

The publication of the final figures for 2013 filings will be announced in the *PCT Newsletter* later in the year.

20th Anniversary of the *PCT Newsletter*

“Over the past 20 years, the PCT has enjoyed phenomenal growth. In 2013, for the first time in its history, the International Bureau received over 200,000 international applications underlining the importance of intellectual property in the global innovation ecosystem. The monthly PCT Newsletter has played an important role in enabling this growth by providing users with timely updates about the latest PCT developments as well as practical advice about how to use the system. It will continue to respond to the information needs of businesses that are seeking to protect their inventions in multiple jurisdictions around the world. I wish to recognize my WIPO colleagues for their extraordinary efforts in providing essential information to the PCT user community.”
(Francis Gurry, Director General, WIPO)

“As the PCT continues to evolve and expand, the PCT Newsletter keeps our users informed about the latest PCT-related developments. On this 20th anniversary of the Newsletter, we pay tribute to the dedicated colleagues who work to ensure that the businesses that use the PCT system have ready access to the practical information and guidance they need to protect their most valuable IP assets in international markets.”
(James Pooley, Deputy Director General, Innovation and Technology Sector, WIPO)

This month we are proud to mark the 20th anniversary of the *PCT Newsletter*. Since March 1994, 236 issues have been published, and readership has reached nearly 20,000. Before looking back at the early days, and seeing the way in which this publication has transformed from a subscription-based paper publication to one of the most frequently consulted online resources on the PCT website, here are some of the comments that readers kindly sent to us. First of all, from private practice:

“I have been reading the PCT Newsletter about 8 years now. I am working as a Patent Assistant in a patent agency and have found the information handled in the Newsletter very useful for my work. I would especially like to thank you for the Practical advice section – it is easy to understand different matters on the basis of an example.”
(Essi Pösö, Patent Assistant, Tampereen Patenttitoimisto Oy, Finland)

“The PCT Newsletter is synonymous with synergized growth! As the PCT system constantly evolves to be better, the Newsletter keeps pace helping the users to be updated with the latest, along with practical advice. I recommend the PCT Newsletter not just for its content but also clarity and presentation. Wishing all the very best and congratulations to the PCT Newsletter Team...Past, Present and Future!”
(Neeti Wilson, Partner, Anand and Anand, India)

“Wow, congratulations on the second decade milestone! Shortly after I founded my patent firm, WIPO launched the PCT Newsletter, and I received the first issue. I read it from the front to the back, starting a monthly tradition that continues to this day. In recent years the highlight has been the ‘Practical Advice’ section.”
(Carl Oppedahl, Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC, United States of America)

And here are some comments from IP Offices:

"I at the JPO am most pleased to extend my heartiest congratulations on the 20th anniversary of the PCT Newsletter. For Japanese users, the second largest number of PCT applications in the world, the PCT Newsletter is a very valuable and useful information source, providing them the developments taking place in the PCT system, which is constantly being improved and refined into an even more user-friendly system. In particular, the publication of Japanese-language abstracts [of the Newsletter] has enabled a wider variety of users to access the information contained in the PCT Newsletter. Based on this, I anticipate that the PCT system will be used even more frequently in Japan in the future."¹
 (Hideo Hato, Commissioner, Japan Patent Office)

"The PCT Newsletter has been invaluable in keeping the United States Patent and Trademark Office up-to-date with changes to the PCT system, and it continues to be a key informational tool for all PCT users through its publication of links to training materials, its practical advice column, and the calendar of PCT Seminars. Congratulations to the World Intellectual Property Organization for 20 years of high quality service to the public."
 (Michelle Lee, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office)

"As a lawyer at the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, I think that the PCT Newsletter is very useful. I've been working at the Office for more than 20 years and I am still using the PCT Newsletter not only for general information in my daily work, but also as a tool when giving lectures to customers/PCT applicants in Sweden. The practical advice is an appreciated tool month after month when I assist applicants with their questions about the system, and help them to understand the articles, regulations, etc."
 (Heléne Ottosson, Lawyer, Patent Department, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)



The changing faces of the PCT Newsletter (1994, 2003, 2012)

¹ The Commissioner also added: "The JPO, in working to further harmonize the international IP system and to enhance user convenience even more, is making every effort to promote more active use of the PCT system in such ways as to introduce more user-friendly measures in Japan and to raise awareness on the importance of the PCT system. In cooperation with the WIPO and Members, the JPO intends to continue its active participation in discussions aimed at improving the PCT system and to work on further development of the system."

Commentary by Matthew Bryan, Director, PCT Legal Division

The *PCT Newsletter* was an innovative development when it was first published in 1994. Predating e-mail and websites by many years, it was, for a significant period, the only means by which WIPO's PCT staff could regularly communicate with the PCT user community. In those early years, the *Newsletter* was used to inform users about the accession of new PCT Contracting States, amendments to the PCT Regulations, changes in applicable fees, and about where PCT training events were being held. Each issue contained a "Practical Advice" section, where a specific PCT practice question was analyzed and answered. And it was even used to disseminate new versions of the paper PCT Request Form, as well as tear-out sheets with which applicants could provisionally update their copies of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* loose-leaf publication.

We have come a long way since then – today of course we have subscription e-mail lists, a dedicated PCT Portal on the WIPO website containing a very significant amount of information which is updated regularly, the *PCT Applicant's Guide* which is now free of charge and updated every week, free webinars, a distance learning course, 29 video training segments on PCT, etc. But even with all of those new information resources and new means of communication, we are still publishing the monthly *PCT Newsletter*, having had it confirmed to us over the years that PCT users continue to find it useful, and rely on it for important information and education.

The *PCT Newsletter's* development and endurance has resulted from a collective effort on the part of many WIPO colleagues, and I pay tribute to those current and former WIPO colleagues who had the vision of creating the *Newsletter* in the early 1990s. But without question *PCT Newsletter* Editor Debra Collier deserves the largest share of the credit for the positive and consistent role that the *Newsletter* has played over the years. She has been responsible for the *Newsletter* since its first issue in 1994, and has done an excellent job, showing remarkable dedication, month in and month out, for all of its 20-year history.

On behalf of WIPO, I'd also like to thank the community of PCT users—the readership of the *PCT Newsletter*—for their support in those early years when they had to subscribe to (and pay for) the paper version of the *Newsletter*. Since its inception, we have received a great deal of feedback, questions and comments. And we look forward to receiving more feedback on how we can make the *Newsletter* better meet your PCT information needs.

Note from the Editor, Debra Collier

Twenty years ago, the only sources of PCT information from WIPO (besides the various printed PCT legal texts, such as the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT) were: Section IV of the (initially) biweekly paper publication of the *PCT Gazette*, which was subject to a relatively high subscription fee to cover the costs of printing and mailing each voluminous issue²; the printed version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which was updated only twice a year, and occasional press releases for important matters such as news about new PCT Contracting States.

It was clear that another more regular and cheaper information resource was needed to complement these sources of information. The Director of the PCT Legal Division, Busso Bartels, therefore came up with the idea of publishing a monthly *PCT Newsletter*.

² The *PCT Gazette* also contained, together with certain other information, all the bibliographic data and abstracts relating to international applications which had been published during the same two-week period.

During the first three years, it was available only as a paper publication, and was subject to a subscription fee to cover printing and mailing costs.

Although the option of subscribing to the paper version continued for a further ten years until the end of 2007, the arrival of Internet publication in January 1997 meant that the *Newsletter* could be accessed free of charge, and would therefore be able to reach many more users. It also meant that the publication was available within a few hours of its content being finalized, instead of the relatively long time needed to print and distribute the *Newsletter* by mail, with the result that that users could be even more up-to-date with PCT news.

The *PCT Newsletter* is available in PDF format, as well as in HTML format during the month following the publication of each issue. Readers can subscribe, free of charge, to receive an e-mail whenever each issue has been published, they can search for past practical advice articles via a search engine (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/practical_advice/search.jsp) and can also search annual collections for particular articles – the 1994 and 1995 back-issues have recently been added to the PCT website, so the complete 20-year collection is now available .

When the *PCT Newsletter* was first published in 1994, there were only 67 PCT Contracting States – now there are 148. This means that the number of country-related changes to report has gradually increased over the years. In 1994, the *PCT Newsletter* contained, on average, four pages of news (excluding tables and lists); in the last 12 months, the average was 10 pages.

Our user community has also expanded considerably since the *Newsletter* was first published as the number of PCT applications filed has increased – in 1994, 34,104 applications were filed; and in 2013, over 205,000 PCT applications were filed, representing an increase of nearly 500% in 20 years.

The people behind the PCT Newsletter

When the idea to publish the *PCT Newsletter* was generated, I had been working as an examiner in the PCT Examination Section (PCT Administration Division), for nearly five years and was already quite familiar with the procedures under the PCT. In November 1993, I was transferred to the PCT Legal Division to help start up the *PCT Newsletter*. During the early months, I was pleased to have the benefit of invaluable support from other members of the Division: Busso Bartels, Phillip Thomas, Isabelle Boutillon, Vitaly Trousov, Matthew Bryan, Claus Matthes, Eric Wolff, Yolande Coeckelbergs and Helen Featherby.

I would like to thank the people who assist me now with the *PCT Newsletter*: Katyana Norris Levy, who has worked with me since 2005 as Assistant-Editor, helping me to gather information for the *Newsletter* and draft certain parts of it, in addition to being heavily involved in keeping the *PCT Applicant's Guide* up-to-date; and Corinne Julliard, who provides me with her skilled technical support, especially in respect of Internet publishing. I would like to thank my supervisor, Matthew Bryan, for his many years of guidance and support, all the members of the PCT Legal Division, including Masanori Tachibana and Tomoko Bouvier for their work in translating selected parts of the *Newsletter* into Japanese for our many Japanese users³, as well as those colleagues from other parts of the Innovation and Technology Sector who assist me regularly with texts of a technical nature.

³ A collection of Japanese translations of parts of the *PCT Newsletter* is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/newslett/>



PCT Newsletter editing and production team:
Debra Collier with Katyana Norris Levy (left) and Corinne Julliard (right)

As always, you are welcome to send us your ideas for articles for the *PCT Newsletter*, or suggestions regarding how we can improve the publication. Please e-mail us at:

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Meeting of International Authorities

The 21st session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Tel Aviv, Israel, from 11 to 13 February 2014. The Summary by the Chair and working documents can be found on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=32122

The Meeting noted a report (document PCT/MIA/21/2) on the current state of ePCT, which now offers all the most essential services required for applicants and receiving Offices, but which requires more active participation by a wide range of Offices for it to reach its full potential.

The meeting noted a Summary by the Chair of the Meeting's Quality Subgroup (Annex II to document PCT/MIA/21/22) and approved the recommendations for further work, including:

- further exchanges on quality policies and guidelines;
- the provision of better information on the scope of the international search;
- the finalization of a set of standardized clauses which could be used in relation to Boxes V and VIII of written opinions and international preliminary reports on patentability;
- further discussion of quality sampling practices and rates;
- the preparation of a pilot for feedback from designated Offices to International Authorities;
- a comparison of checklists;
- the development of improved explanations and examples for complex cases of unity of invention; and

- discussion about the way in which available metrics could be used to give useful results, and how the presentation and scope of metrics might be improved to be more useful.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office introduced the issues which it was considering bringing to the PCT Working Group, including:

- the introduction of a mandatory response to a negative written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA) or International Preliminary Examination Report (document PCT/MIA/21/8);
- formal integration of the Patent Prosecution Highway into the PCT (documents PCT/MIA/21/9 and PCT/MIA/21/18); and
- other issues following on from previous “PCT 20/20”⁴ proposals (document PCT/MIA/21/7).

The Japan Patent Office presented “Promoting Linkage between the International Phase and the National Phase” (document PCT/MIA/21/17), setting out a variety of ways in which the international and national phase search and examination processes could be more closely linked.

The Korean Intellectual Property Office introduced “PCT 3.0”, including:

- formalizing the option for applicants to submit comments on the written opinion of the ISA;
- allowing for the filing of drawings in a wider range of image formats to assist the handling of photographs;
- improved arrangements for sharing the results of earlier searches;
- collaborative searching;
- the sharing of IPC classifications of priority documents; and
- improved presentation of non-patent literature citations in languages other than that of the international search report.

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) presented the results of a feasibility study on an “E-Patent Examiner” system for automatically analyzing the contents of a patent document, comparing the claims to the prior art and delivering a conclusion on patentability (document PCT/MIA/21/15), and proposed that the system should go forwards into a pilot project, in which its potential would be examined more thoroughly.

Discussions concerning the appointment of International Authorities (documents PCT/MIA/21/3 and PCT/MIA/21/21) showed a general agreement on improvements which could be made to the process for appointment, but there was no agreement on what changes, if any, should be made to the conditions which should be met by an Office seeking appointment.

International Authorities expressed a desire to make progress towards permitting the filing and processing of color drawings in international applications (document PCT/MIA/21/6).

4 PCT 20/20 is a joint proposal, presented by the United Kingdom and the United States of America at the fifth session of the PCT Working Group (29 May to 1 June 2012), containing 12 proposals for further improvement of the PCT system (document PCT/WG/5/18).

Other matters discussed included:

- the training of examiners (document PCT/MIA/21/4 and a presentation by IP Australia);
- the collaborative search and examination pilot project;
- the clarification of the procedure regarding the incorporation by reference of missing parts (document PCT/MIA/21/14);
- the analysis of options or consequences when inviting the applicant to select a competent ISA after the chosen ISA declares itself non-competent (document PCT/MIA/21/10);
- PCT minimum documentation (document PCT/MIA/21/12);
- issues concerning sequence listings (documents PCT/MIA/21/16 and PCT/MIA/21/11);
- revision of WIPO Standard ST.14 (document PCT/MIA/21/5);
- translation of abstracts and reports of international applications (document PCT/MIA/21/20); and
- the revision of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (document PCT/MIA/21/13).

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

For information about the updated requirements and practices regarding the filing of international applications in electronic form with RO/AT and RO/SE, see “AT Austria” and “SE Sweden” under “PCT Information Update”.

ePCT-Filing available at RO/AU for Applicants Using the live ePCT Pilot System

The Australian Patent Office as receiving Office (RO/AU) has notified the International Bureau that it will accept ePCT-Filings with effect from 14 April 2014. This will bring to four the total number of receiving Offices which accept the filing of international applications using ePCT-Filing.

The notification containing the requirements and practices of RO/AU with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly.

It is recalled that ePCT-Filing can be accessed only via ePCT private services, which requires the creation of a WIPO user account authenticated with a digital certificate. Therefore, applicants who would like to use the system may already go to the ePCT Portal at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

and follow the links to create an account and obtain a WIPO digital certificate. Note that it is possible to carry out demo filings by clicking on the link “Try ePCT in DEMO mode” in the list of shortcuts at the ePCT Portal.

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

PCT Information Update

AT Austrian Patent Office (requirements and practices regarding the filing of international applications in electronic form)

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2014 that the Austrian Patent Office would accept ePCT-Filings with effect from 1 March 2014, the notification containing the requirements and practices of that Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 20 February 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html

Note in particular that, with effect from 1 March 2014, the Austrian Patent Office accepts international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing, and no longer accepts offline electronic filings.

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

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 May 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in AUD of the applicable fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

CA Canada (fees)

As from 1 May 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in CAD to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in CAD of the applicable fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

GE Georgia (fees)

The USD 60 fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority before the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti) as receiving Office, which was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2014, is also payable for requesting restoration of the right of priority before that Office as designated Office.

IL Israel (Internet address)

In addition to its existing website in Hebrew, the Israel Patent Office has a new website in English at:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/En/Units/ILPO/Pages/default.aspx>

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

IR Islamic Republic of Iran (requirements of the Office as receiving Office)

Information on the requirements of the Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran) as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex C IR)) on the PCT website at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexc/ax_c_ir.pdf

PE Peru (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: ssolis@indecopi.gob.pe

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

SE Swedish Patent and Registration Office (requirements and practices regarding the filing of international applications in electronic form)

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2014 that the Swedish Patent and Registration Office would accept ePCT-Filings with effect from 1 March 2014, the notification containing the requirements and practices of that Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 20 February 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html

Note in particular that, with effect from 1 March 2014, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office accepts international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing, and no longer accepts offline electronic filings.

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

Search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

As from 1 May 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF, EUR and USD for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

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

Handling Fee (Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 May 2014, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office and in CAD to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as International Preliminary Examining Authorities. The new amounts will be AUD 249 and CAD 246, respectively.

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

United States Patent and Trademark Office: Not Open for Business on 13 February, 3 March and 17 March 2014

Because of bad weather conditions, the United States Patent and Trademark Office was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

13 February 2014

3 March 2014

17 March 2014

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach that Office fell on either of those days, that period was extended so as to expire on the next working day, which was 14 February, 4 March and 18 March, respectively.

New/Updated PCT Resources

ISA and IPEA Agreements

An updated version of the Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Israel Patent Office, as in force from 1 March 2014, relating to the functioning of this Authority as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, has been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitation

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, a new invitation has been identified originating from "IPT PATENTS - Register of International Patents". To view an example of the invitation, 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.html

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, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau at:

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

Practical Advice

Submitting declarations of inventorship under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) after the filing of the international application

Q: I am the agent for an international application which includes a corporate applicant and two inventors. Usually, I include declarations of inventorship under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America at the same time as filing the international application. However, as I did not have time to obtain the inventors' signatures before filing the application, I decided to file the international application without the declarations, and then submit them later, once I had obtained the signatures. Should I have submitted the declaration anyway upon filing, even though I did not have the inventors' signatures, and then filed replacement sheets with their signatures? If filing the declarations separately from the international application, is there anything special that I need to do? What is the time limit for submitting declarations and do I need to pay any extra fees when submitting them later?

A: If you have not been able to obtain the signatures of the inventors for a declaration under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) before filing an international application, there is no point in submitting the declaration without signatures. It would not be taken into account and you would only receive an invitation, by means of Form PCT/IB/370, to submit a corrected declaration under PCT Rule 26ter. It is preferable, therefore, to file the international application without the declaration, and submit a signed declaration later.

If the declaration is sent separately from the international application, it should be sent directly to the International Bureau (IB). The time limit for filing a declaration during the international phase is 16 months from the priority date. However, any declaration that the IB receives after that time limit will be considered to have been received on the last day of that time limit if it is received before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed (see PCT Rule 26ter.1).

Regardless of when you submit a declaration under PCT Rule 4.17(iv), you need to ensure that the declaration is signed and dated by each inventor. If the inventors are not based in the same area, you can ask each inventor to sign a separate form, provided that the name of both inventors is given on both copies. When submitting the declaration separately from the international application, the procedure may vary, however, depending on whether you are preparing a paper copy, whether you are using e-filing software such as PCT-SAFE, or whether you make use of the corresponding online Action under ePCT private services, as explained below.

Paper filings

If the declaration is submitted on paper (or by fax), the declaration must contain a handwritten signature and should be accompanied by a letter explaining the addition of the declaration (see Section 216 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

The international application (IA) number must be included on each declaration, even if the IA number is included in the accompanying cover letter, since US national law requires that the number be included on the declaration itself (see 37 CFR 1.63(b)(1) at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf). If the IA number is missing, you would have to submit a national declaration in the US national phase, and, if submitted after 30 months from the priority date, also pay a fee.

Therefore, if you submit a declaration after filing the international application, you will have to wait until the receiving Office has notified you of the IA number of the application concerned, as it should be included on the declaration before it is signed by the inventors.

PCT-SAFE filings

For international applications filed using PCT-SAFE, declarations can be prepared using the software, even if the international application has already been filed. From the "Submitted" folder of the PCT-SAFE File Manager, double-click to open the submitted application and go to the 'Declarations' page. From the pull-down list select the declaration that you wish to submit, and click "Add". The details of the inventors that have been entered on the "Names" screen will automatically appear on the "Declarations" screen.

As with paper filings, it is equally important to ensure that the IA number is indicated on the declaration itself before it is signed by the inventors. If you prepare the declaration after the international application has been filed, the software will prompt you to input the IA number and that number will then be included in the printout of the declaration. Please note, however, that any printout or other copy of the declaration made at the time of filing contains the wording "this declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part", and is therefore not accepted after submission. It is, in any case, probably not best practice to fill out the declaration form at the time of filing the international application if you do not intend to submit it at the same time, as this may result in an incorrect page count.

The declaration can be signed either with an alphanumeric (text-string) signature⁵ or with a scanned facsimile signature or, if you make a printout, with a handwritten signature. Once the declaration is complete it can either be saved in PDF format, or printed out by clicking on the "Print Declarations" button, which becomes active when declarations are prepared after the submission of an international application. It can then be uploaded in PDF format via the Document Upload feature in ePCT.

Creating a post-filing declaration using the dedicated ePCT online Action

It is possible, provided that you have either eOwner or eEditor access rights to the international application in ePCT, to create a post-filing declaration based on the request form data by using the online Action "Declarations under Rule 4.17" under ePCT private services. If you submit the declaration in this way, there will be no need to manually input the required bibliographic data, including the IA number – this will be filled in automatically, based on the information that was included in the request form and including any subsequent updates which may have been

⁵ Known as the S-signature in the United States of America (US).

processed for your application, and any print-out of the declaration would automatically include the IA number. If you assign temporary eEditor access rights to the inventors, they can sign the declaration either by typing a text-string signature or by attaching an image file (JPG or TIF format) containing a facsimile signature. The declaration would then be submitted to the IB in fully electronic format, and it would be instantly available in ePCT.

For further information on using the ePCT system, please go to:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

With regards to the payment of fees for submitting declarations after the filing of the international application in general, no fee will be charged for that submission, and no extra page fee will be charged, even though it forms part of the international application.

For further information on the filing of declarations, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 5.074 to 5.083.

Please note that the filing of a declaration of inventorship is optional during the international phase, as it is for of all other types of declaration under PCT Rule 4.17. Any of the declarations may be furnished upon entry into the national phase, and some applicants may wish to wait until national phase entry before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to fulfill the US requirement for an inventor's oath or declaration. Furthermore, since the entry into force of the relevant provisions of the America Invents Act in September 2012, for international applications having an international filing date on or after 16 September 2012⁶, in addition to an inventor's oath or declaration, you can file with the USPTO in the national phase a substitute statement when one of the inventors is deceased, legally incapacitated, cannot be found or refuses to sign an oath/declaration, or you can file an assignment statement signed by the inventor(s) that combines the statements required for an oath/declaration with an assignment of the invention.

For information on the obligation by designated Office to accept any declaration under PCT Rule 4.17, see the "Practical Advice" published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2014.

⁶ This date was originally erroneously published as 12 September 2012.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 14 March 2014)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
8 April 2014 Houston, TX (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
9 April 2014 Munich (DE)	German	PCT presentation, within the framework of the "Annual Conference about Recent Developments in the EP, PCT and US Procedures" (9–10 April 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Naumann (formerly EPO)	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
10–11 April 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Happe	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
10–11 April 2014 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Gateau and Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
25-26 April 2014 Concord, NH (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of New Hampshire School of Law (Ms. Jacqueline Lawrie) E-mail: jacquiline.lawrie@law.unh.edu Internet: http://law.unh.edu/pct
6 May 2014 Seattle, WA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Houston, above)
12 May 2014 Nanchang (Jiangxi Province) (CN)	Chinese/ English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Yu	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) (Mr. Yang Ping) Tel: (86-10) 62 08 63 65 E-mail: yangping@sipo.gov.cn
13 May 2014 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
15 May 2014 Hangzhou (Zhejiang Province) (CN)	Chinese/ English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Yu	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) (see Nanchang, above)
3–4 June 2014 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	Trona Patent dgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5-6 June 2014 Highland Heights, KY (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	NKU Chase Law and Informatics Institute, and CincyIP (Ms. Lindsey L. Jaeger) Tel: (1-859) 572 78 53 Fax: (1-859) 572 53 42 E-mail: jaegerl1@nku.edu Internet: http://chaselaw.nku.edu/centers/lawinformatics/pct.html
17 June 2014 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Ms. Alexandra Dupont) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: adupont@fnde.asso.fr
4 July 2014 Madrid (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Francisco Bernardo Noriega) Tel: (34) 91 417 13 00 Fax: (34) 91 417 13 01 e-mail: fbernardo@abgpatentes.com
6 October 2014 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
9 October 2014 Barcelona (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Antonio López-Carrasco Comajuncosas, Patent Office, Telefónica Digital) E-mail: alcc@tid.es
10 October 2014 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 13th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (9-10 October 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management- forum.co.uk
15–16 October 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
5–6 November 2014 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
7 November 2014 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT System, within the framework of "PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants" (6–7 November 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

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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
2–3 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Chatel	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
4 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
4–5 December 2014 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
11 December 2014 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. João Amaral, National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)) Tel: (351) 218 818 100 Fax: (351) 218 878 508 E-mail: jamaral@inpi.pt

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
18 March 2014 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: the result list and analysis tools WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/712468406
20 March 2014 8.30 am to 9.30 am, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: the result list and analysis tools WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/768494422
24 March 2014 4.00 pm to 5:00 pm, Central European time	English	Chapter II procedure of the PCT and ePCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/743092642
14 May 2014 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm, Central European time <i>[previously announced as 21 May 2014]</i>	English	"Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty for SMEs" For further information: http://www.insme.org/insmeacademy/sessions WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	Organized by International Network for Small and Medium Enterprises (INSME) Note that there are limited places available. For registration, send an e-mail with your name, country and e-mail address, to: academy@insme.it

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
7 April 2014 Houston, TX (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: "Learn the Basics" Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tele: 1-571 212 3868 Fax: 1-703-636-8974 Email: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 2014, 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 5.189. 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 15. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	SGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty		
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AUD	Australian dollar	EGP	Egyptian pound	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
BND	Brunei dollar								

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 March 2014, 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						CA
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,559 (from 1.5.14: 1,657)	18 (19)	117 (125)	234 (249)	352 (374)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 10	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT AU EP KR
BR	BRL ⁹ online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,517 (from 1.5.14: 1,638)	17 (18)	114 (123)	228 (246)	342 (369)	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 130	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 1,471	eq USD ¹¹ 17	eq USD ¹¹ 111	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP 865,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, BR, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 March 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,090	90	610	1,220	1,820	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 125 (from 1.4.14 : 130)	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 914	10	–	138	206	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 320,000	HUF 3,600	HUF 24,100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 81 or USD ¹⁵ 111	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,084 or USD 1,471	15 12 17	100 81 111	200 163 221	300 244 332	See footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	EP IL US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	Information not yet available						
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 177,900	2,000	13,400	26,700	40,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000	JPY 142,600 (from 1.4.14 : 154,800)	1,600 (1,700)	10,700 (11,600)	– (–)	32,200 (34,900)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
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	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ¹⁸	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE

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

(amounts on 1 March 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
MC	EUR	54 ²⁰	EUR	1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	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	1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	550,000	6,200	41,400	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²¹	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing) ²²		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
NO	NOK	750	NOK	8,780	100	–	1,320	1,980	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ²³	NZD	1,767	20	133	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD	200	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	BR EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,471	17	111	221	332	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	20.85	EUR	1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
QA	Information not yet available								
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,020 ²⁴	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EG EP RU
SC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	9,440	110	710	1,420	2,130	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,835	21	138	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁵	EUR	1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
SM	EUR	70	EUR	1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
US	USD ²⁷ small entity ²⁸ : micro entity ²⁸ :	240 ²⁷ 120 ²⁷ 60 ²⁷	USD	1,471	17	111	221	–	AU EP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR (from 1.5.14: 15,860)	14,690 (180)	170 (180)	1,100 (1,190)	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,471	17	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 March 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹										
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,785 *(from 1.5.14:	CHF 2,190 ZAR 26,260)	KRW 2,599,000	SGD 3,020	USD 2,423	ZAR*	24,190				
AU	AUD 2,200 USD** 2,076 *(from 1.5.14: **(from 1.4.14:	CHF* 1,877 ZAR 20,730 CHF 1,765 KRW 2,070,000)	EUR* 1,529 EUR 1,449	KRW** 2,226,000 USD 1,972)	NZD 2,493	SGD 2,590					
BR ³⁰	BRL 2,250 *(from 1.4.14:	CHF* 922 CHF 853	EUR* 751 EUR 697	USD* 1,020 USD 954)							
CA	CAD 1,600 *(from 1.5.14:	CHF* 1,403 CHF 1,299	EUR* 1,143 EUR 1,066	USD* 1,552 USD 1,442)							
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 253	USD 343							
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000	CHF 525	EUR 427	USD 580							
EP ³²	EUR 1,875 JPY* 246,700 USD 2,545 *(from 1.4.14: **(from 1.5.14:	CHF 2,301 MWK 951,000 ZAR** 25,410 JPY 267,300 ZAR 27,580)	DKK 13,990 NOK 15,180	GBP 1,582 NZD 3,057	HUF 553,600 SEK 16,330	ISK 308,000 SGD 3,180					
ES ³²	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545								
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545								
IL	ILS 3,564	CHF 913	EUR 745	USD 1,021							
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500	CHF 147 CHF 37	EUR 119 EUR 30	USD 162 USD 41							
JP	JPY 70,000 *(from 1.4.14:	CHF* 653 CHF 601	EUR* 532 EUR 491	KRW 716,000 SGD 850	SGD* 901 USD 673)	USD* 722					
KR	For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,212 *(from 1.5.14:	AUD* 1,285 AUD 1,376)	CHF 1,096	EUR 893	NZD 1,456	SGD 1,510					
	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD 420 *(from 1.5.14:	AUD* 445 AUD 476)	CHF 379	EUR 309	NZD 504	SGD 520					
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 *(from 1.5.14:	CHF* 189 CHF 171	EUR* 154 EUR 140	HUF 45,500 USD 192)	USD* 209						
	For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 *(from 1.5.14:	CHF* 785 CHF 709	EUR* 639 EUR 580	HUF 188,800 USD 795)	USD* 868						
SE	SEK 16,330 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	DKK 13,990	EUR 1,875	ISK 308,000	NOK 15,180					
US	USD 2,080 *(from 1.5.14: For small entity ²⁸ : USD 1,040 *(from 1.5.14: For micro entity ²⁸ : USD 520 *(from 1.5.14:	CHF 1,880 ZAR 22,550) CHF 940 ZAR 11,280) CHF 470 ZAR 5,640)	EUR 1,532 EUR 766	NZD 2,500 NZD 1,249	ZAR* 20,770 ZAR* 10,383						
XN	DKK 13,990 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	EUR 1,875	ISK 308,000	NOK 15,180	SEK 16,330					

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 March 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 33}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,043	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,460	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,086	
EP	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁴ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁵	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,301	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 660	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 March 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

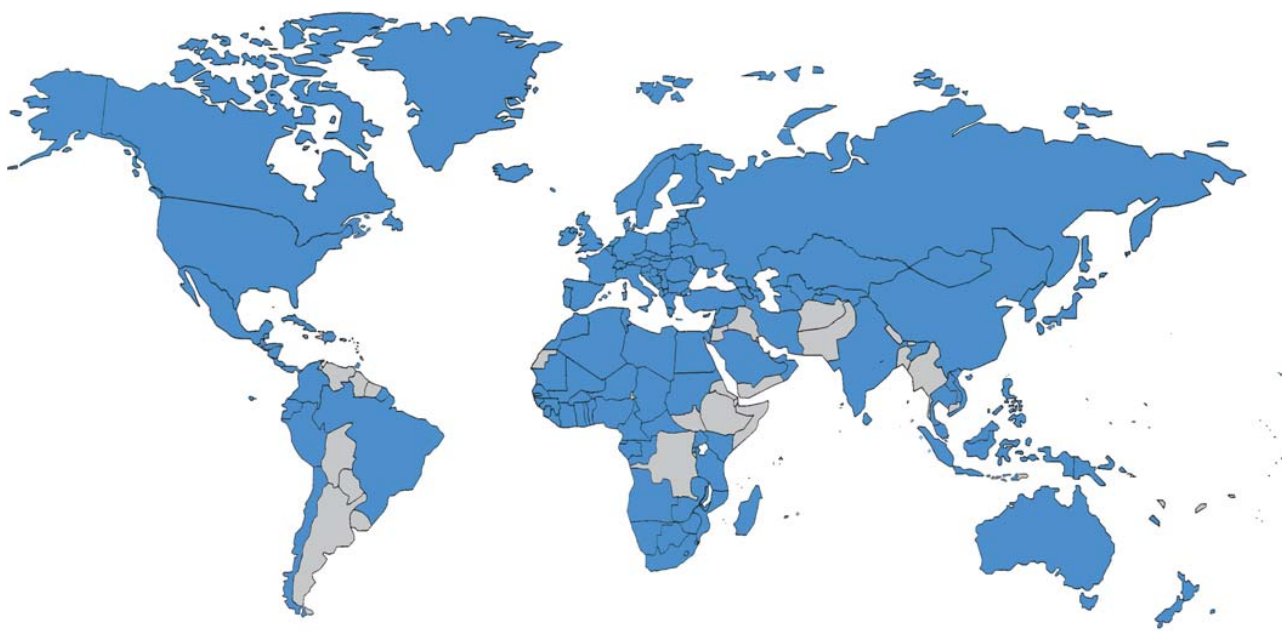
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁶	Handling fee ^{2, 36} (CHF 200)
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,675	EUR 163
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁷	AUD 234 (from 1.5.14: AUD 249)
BR ³⁰	BRL 840	BRL 488
CA	CAD 800	CAD 228 (from 1.5.14: CAD 246)
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³¹	EGP 3,000	EGP 1,525
EP ³²	EUR 1,850 (from 1.4.14: EUR 1,930)	EUR 163
ES	EUR 583.65	EUR 163
FI	EUR 600	EUR 163
IL	ILS 1,527	ILS 786
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 221
JP	JPY 26,000	JPY 21,400 (from 1.4.14: JPY 23,300)
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 237,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁸ 4,050 ³⁹	USD 221
	For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁸ 15,750 ³⁹	
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,420
US	USD 600 760 ⁴⁰	USD 221
	For small entity ²⁸ : USD 300 380 ⁴⁰	
	For micro entity ²⁸ : USD 150 190 ⁴⁰	
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,220

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

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 website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 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.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 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.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 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).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 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.
- 19 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 23 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 26 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%.
- 27 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 28 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 29 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 30 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 31 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 32 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 further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 33 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 34 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 35 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 36 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 39 In all cases where footnote 38 does not apply.
- 40 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 (148 on 1 T æ&@2014)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP)
AO Angola	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros (OA) ^{2,3}	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
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BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
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BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
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CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CL Chile	GU Guatamala	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
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CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SA Saudi Arabia	
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SC Seychelles	
	ID Indonesia		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IL Israel		SG Singapore	

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Only international applications filed on or after 25 May 2013 include the designation of this State for an OAPI patent. For international applications filed before that date, extension of OAPI patent possible.

⁴ Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

⁵ Only international applications filed on or after 24 September 2011 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401)(the latest versions are dated 16 September 2012) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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

US United States of America (PCT Rules 49ter.1 and 49ter.2)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) of the withdrawal, with effect from 18 December 2013, of the following notifications of incompatibility with its national law:

- the notification under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2006, page 3), and
- the notification under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2006, page 4).

As a consequence of the withdrawal of these notifications of incompatibility, the following PCT Rules are applied by the USPTO with effect from 18 December 2013, respectively:

- PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d); and
- PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g).

This means that the USPTO, in its capacity as designated Office, will consider requests for restoration of the right of priority, and will, in its capacity as designated Office and provided the necessary conditions are met, accept such a decision made by another Office acting as receiving Office.

The criterion applied in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority by the USPTO as designated Office, as well as the fees payable for making such requests, are the same as those which already apply for the USPTO in its capacity as receiving Office, that is: it applies the “unintentional” criterion and the applicable fee is USD 850 for small and micro entities and USD 1,700 in all other cases.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (US), and the tables of “Restoration of the right of priority” and “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” at, respectively:

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

Decommissioning of the PCT-EASY functionality of PCT-SAFE

The International Bureau (IB) is taking steps to implement the decommissioning of the PCT-EASY functionality of the PCT-SAFE software with effect from 1 July 2015.

PCT-EASY was introduced in 1998, and was only ever intended to be an interim step prior to the development of a fully electronic filing system. PCT-EASY allowed a diskette (or now CD-R) containing bibliographic data and the abstract in text format to be provided, together with a printout of the request form and the application body in paper form, at a time when it was not yet possible to submit the request form and application body in electronic form.

PCT-EASY was quickly very popular and by 2003 was used for 45% of all international applications. However, during that year, fully electronic applications became possible at several receiving Offices and the use of PCT-EASY began to decline. It is now used in only about 2.5% of all international applications compared to 89% being filed in fully electronic format.

The IB is now concentrating its resources on offering optimal systems to allow applicants to make fully electronic filings. It is now possible to file fully electronically using ePCT-Filing with the receiving Offices of Australia, Austria, Sweden and the International Bureau (which accepts filings from applicants who are residents and/or nationals of any PCT Contracting State), with more Offices to be added soon. An ePCT-filing demo system has been set up to enable filers to familiarize themselves with the system, and filers are encouraged to move to production ePCT-Filing at their convenience. For further information and to get started, go to the ePCT Portal at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

or contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at:

e-mail: epct@wipo.int

telephone: (+41-22) 338 9523

The decommissioning of PCT-EASY will have no impact on those who file fully electronically using PCT-SAFE. It continues to be possible to file fully electronic PCT-SAFE applications with 26 e-filing receiving Offices, including the International Bureau.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) accepts PCT applications filed electronically using the PCT-SAFE software in combination with USPTO's EFS-Web system. Applicants filing with the USPTO should note that, even after the decommissioning of PCT-EASY, it is foreseen that it will still be possible for them to create an "EASY zip" for upload to EFS-Web.

It is recalled that applicants who file their international applications fully electronically benefit from a larger reduction in the international filing fee than that which is offered for applications filed using PCT-EASY.

Release of PCT-SAFE Client Patch

An update patch for the PCT-SAFE Client software, dated 1 April 2014, may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.html

Please note that this patch will only update the 1 January 2014 full installation of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.061.237) and must NOT be used to update any other version.

This update patch:

- takes into account the fact that physical media electronic filing is no longer accepted by the receiving Offices of Austria and Sweden, from 1 March 2014;
- includes fee updates (where relevant) and other PCT updates; and
- includes minor software enhancements.

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe>

PCT Information Update

BY Belarus (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2014:

For patent:

Filing fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	50
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	20
Examination fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	250
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	150
Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	[No change]	
Annual fee for the third year:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	50

For utility model:

Filing fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	100
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With regard to the payment of those national fees, the Office has notified the International Bureau that:

- for residents of Belarus, they shall be effected in BYR in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. In addition, fees are reduced by 75% in case of filing by a natural person, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).
- for non-residents of Belarus, they shall be effected, in USD, CHF, EUR or RUB in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Furthermore, the payment shall be made by a

resident of Belarus acting on their behalf or a patent attorney registered to practice before the Office.

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

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

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

Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)
Kamenice 5/building A25
625 00 Brno
Czech Republic

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

HU Hungary (fees)

As from 1 June 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in HUF to the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in HUF of the applicable fee reduction listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

KN Saint Kitts and Nevis (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Intellectual Property Office (Saint Kitts and Nevis) has specified the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities, with effect from 19 March 2014, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Kitts and Nevis as receiving Office.

US United States Patent and Trademark Office (criterion applied in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority; fees)

For information on the criterion applied in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as designated Office, as well as for the fees payable for such requests, see "Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws," above.

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

As from 1 June 2014, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and in HUF for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

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

New/Updated PCT Resources

Modified PCT Regulations

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, during its meeting which was held in Geneva from 23 September to 2 October 2013, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2014 (for further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2014).

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2014, are now available in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2014.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs2014.pdf

Other languages will follow shortly.

PCT forms (Arabic)

The September 2012 version of the Demand Form (PCT/IPEA/401) is now available in editable PDF format in Arabic at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/forms/demand/ed_demand.pdf

Quality reports

In accordance with the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, paragraphs 21.29 and 21.30, the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities make annual reports on the quality management systems which they have implemented for their work as International Authorities. The complete set of reports for 2013 is now available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html>

PCT in the News

The following extract from the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 1, 2014) has been added to the “PCT in the News” page of the PCT website:

“Giving innovation wings: How Boeing uses its IP”

Boeing’s Vice President of IP Management, Peter Hoffman, discusses Boeing’s approach to intellectual property. Mr. Hoffman explains that the PCT allows Boeing “to delay many of the costs associated with filing patent applications broadly in multiple regions, and the international search report obtained through the PCT can be very helpful to our understanding of the relevant prior art pertaining to particular technologies.” Boeing makes consistent use of the PCT, and over the past 10 years, an average of 160 PCT applications per year were published in the company’s name.

This and other extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/pct_news.html

The complete edition of issue No. 1/2014 is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/pdf/2014/wipo_pub_121_2014_01.pdf

PATENTSCOPE Search System

National patent collection: Canada

The PATENTSCOPE search system now includes the national patent collection of Canada, with more than 1.8 million bibliographic records and almost 1 million full-text records. This brings to 37 the number of national or regional patent Offices for which data is available.

The collection is available at:

<http://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/advancedSearch.jsf>

Practical Advice

Corrigendum

In the practical advice published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2014, the date of “12 September 2012” indicated in the penultimate paragraph should be corrected to read: “16 September 2012”.

Entitlement to file with a particular receiving Office; indicating applicants for specific designations: the example of filing with the European Patent Office

Q: I am a patent agent based in Germany, and am going to file an international application for the first time. The application will be filed on behalf of two applicants: one is a resident and national of Germany (DE), and the other is a resident and national of the United States of America (US).

(1) May I file the international application with the European Patent Office (EPO)?

(2) If so, may the applicant who is a resident and national of DE be applicant for the EP designation, and may the applicant who is a resident and national of US be indicated as applicant for all other PCT Contracting States?

A: (1) Any resident or national of a PCT Contracting State (be it a natural or a legal person) may file an international application (PCT Article 9), and if there are two or more applicants, the right to file exists if at least one of them is entitled to file an international application (PCT Rule 18.3).

It is the residence and/or nationality of the applicant on the international filing date which determines whether a receiving Office is competent to receive a particular international application: according to PCT Rule 19.1, the international application may be filed, at the option of the applicant, with the national Office of or acting for¹ the Contracting State of which the applicant is a resident and/or national, or with the International Bureau (RO/IB). If there are two or more applicants, in order to file with a particular receiving Office, **it is sufficient that one of them meets the nationality and/or residence criterion for the Office concerned** (PCT Rule 19.2). If this requirement is not complied with by any of the applicants, the receiving Office will not accept the application, and the international application will be transmitted to the receiving Office of the International Bureau (RO/IB) for further processing under PCT Rule 19.4,

¹ Usually a regional Office, such as the EPO

unless prescriptions concerning national security prevent the international application from being transmitted to the IB².

Therefore, in the case in question, provided that there is an applicant who is a resident and/or national of one of the Contracting States of the European Patent Convention (EPC) (Germany in your case), the international application may be filed with EPO as receiving Office (RO/EP), although you would also have the option of filing with:

- the receiving Office of the State in respect of which the applicant is a resident or national (the German Patent and Trade Mark Office); or
- the RO/IB.

On the basis of the US residence and nationality of one of your applicants, there would also be a fourth option of filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as receiving Office, although you would not be able to represent the applicants before the USPTO unless you were registered to practice before that Office.

As the European Patent Organisation currently has 38 member States, nationals and/or residents of all those States may also file international applications with RO/EP. The list of States concerned can be seen at:

<http://www.epo.org/about-us/organisation/member-states.html>

Note that some of the EPC member States have dependent territories in which the PCT and the EPC may be applicable; applicants from those territories may therefore also be entitled to file a PCT application with RO/EP – a list of those territories has just been published in the March 2014 issue of the *Official Journal* of the EPO at:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2014/03/a33.html>

The list published at the above web page concerns only the dependent territories of EPC member States – note that there are other PCT Contracting States which are not member States of the EPC which have dependent territories. For further information about a particular dependent territory, the patent Office of the State concerned should be consulted.

Further details regarding the filing of an application specifically with the EPO as receiving Office may be found in the “Euro-PCT Guide” at:

http://www.epo.org/applying/international/guide-for-applicants/html/e/ga_b.html

It is important to emphasize that, when determining the right to file an international application with a particular Office, an Office is not competent to act as receiving Office only on the basis of a person indicated as “inventor only” being a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State. It has come to the attention of the IB that the RO/EP has received a number of international applications where, although inventors were indicated as being from member States of the EPC, the applicants were neither residents nor nationals of such a State; therefore, in respect of those applications, there were no applicants entitled to file with the RO/EP. This has occurred more often since the entry into force, in September 2012, of the provisions of the America Invents Act which resulted in the removal of the requirement for the inventor to be indicated as an applicant in the request form (PCT/RO/101) for the purposes of the US

² Such a transmission would not be prevented in the case of a filing with the EPO, which does not apply any prescriptions concerning national security.

designation. Applicants or their agents should therefore be extra vigilant to ensure that not only does the applicant have the right to file an international application, but also that the applicant has the right to file the international application with a particular receiving Office.

(2) When there are two or more applicants, any of them may be indicated as applicant for any of the designations, regardless of the applicant's State of nationality or residence (see PCT Rule 4.5(d)). However, where a particular State has been designated for both a national patent and a regional patent, the same applicant or applicants must be indicated as applicant(s) for both designations of that State (Section 203 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). In your case, therefore, whichever applicant is indicated as applicant in respect of the EP designation (whether it be the DE applicant or the US applicant) must also be indicated as applicant in respect of the national designation of all the States covered by the EP designation. This is, of course, only relevant to member States of the EPC which, like Germany, have not closed their national route³.

³ The following EPC member States have closed their national route: Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Monaco, Malta, the Netherlands and Slovenia. Lithuania will close its national route as from 4 September 2014.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 8 April 2014)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
8 April 2014 Houston, TX (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: http://pctlearningcenter.org/
9 April 2014 Munich (DE)	German	PCT presentation, within the framework of the "Annual Conference about Recent Developments in the EP, PCT and US Procedures" (9-10 April 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Naumann (formerly EPO)	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
10-11 April 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Happe	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
25-26 April 2014 Concord, NH (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of New Hampshire School of Law (Ms. Jacqueline Lawrie) E-mail: jacquiline.lawrie@law.unh.edu Internet: http://law.unh.edu/pct
6 May 2014 Seattle, WA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Houston, above)
13 May 2014 Nanchang (Jiangxi Province) (CN)	Chinese/ English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Yu	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) (Mr. Yang Ping) Tel: (86-10) 62 08 63 65 E-mail: yangping@sipo.gov.cn
13 May 2014 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
16 May 2014 Hangzhou (Zhejiang Province) (CN)	Chinese/ English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Yu	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) (see Nanchang, above)
3-5 June 2014 Geneva (CH)	English	PATENTSCOPE Training Course at WIPO Headquarters WIPO speakers: Mr. Mazenc, Mr. Pouliquen, and Mr. Diaconescu	WIPO E-mail: patentscope@wipo.int Further information and online registration: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=32383
3-4 June 2014 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	Trona Patent dgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5-6 June 2014 Highland Heights, KY (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	NKU Chase Law and Informatics Institute, and CincyIP (Ms. Lindsey L. Jaeger) Tel: (1-859) 572 78 53 Fax: (1-859) 572 53 42 E-mail: jaegerl1@nku.edu Internet: http://chaselaw.nku.edu/centers/lawinformatics/pct.html
6 June 2014 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05
9 June 2014 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Tokyo, above)
10 June 2014 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Tokyo, above)
17 June 2014 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Ms. Alexandra Dupont) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: adupont@fnde.asso.fr
19-20 June 2014 London (GB) <i>[previously announced as 10-11 April 2014]</i>	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Gateau and Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
4 July 2014 Madrid (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Francisco Bernardo Noriega) Tel: (34) 91 417 13 00 Fax: (34) 91 417 13 01 e-mail: fbernardo@abgpatentes.com
8 July 2014 Munich (DE)	English	PCT presentation at the "IP Executive week" (7-11 July 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	European Patent Academy Deadline for registration: 31 May 2014. For further information and registration, go to: http://www.epo.org/learning-events/events/training/institutional-strengthening.html
6 October 2014 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
9 October 2014 Barcelona (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Antonio López-Carrasco Comajuncosas, Patent Office, Telefónica Digital) E-mail: alcc@tid.es

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10 October 2014 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 13th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (9-10 October 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
15–16 October 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
5–6 November 2014 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
7 November 2014 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT System, within the framework of “PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants” (6–7 November 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
2–3 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Chatel	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
4 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
4–5 December 2014 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
11 December 2014 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. João Amaral, National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)) Tel: (351) 218 818 100 Fax: (351) 218 878 508 E-mail: jamaral@inpi.pt
16 January 2015 Cracow (PL) <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Lukasz Bodgan) Tel: (48) 604 406 432 E-mail: lukasz.bodgan@agh.edu.pl

PCT Webinars

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
15 April 2014 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: live demonstration of Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval (CLIR) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/951471070
17 April 2014 8.30 am to 9.30 am, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: live demonstration of CLIR WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/959273126
14 May 2014 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm, Central European time <i>[previously announced as 21 May 2014]</i>	English	“Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty for SMEs” For further information: http://www.insme.org/insmeacademy/sessions WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	Organized by International Network for Small and Medium Enterprises (INSME) Note that there are limited places available. For registration, send an e-mail with your name, country and e-mail address, to: academy@insme.it

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 April 2014, 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 5.189. 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 15. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty		
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BND	Brunei dollar	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 April 2014, 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						CA
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,559 <i>(from 1.5.14: 1,657)</i>	18 <i>(19)</i>	117 <i>(125)</i>	234 <i>(249)</i>	352 <i>(374)</i>	AU KR
AZ	AZN 10	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT AU EP KR
BR	BRL ⁹ online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,517 <i>(from 1.5.14: 1,638)</i>	17 <i>(18)</i>	114 <i>(123)</i>	228 <i>(246)</i>	342 <i>(369)</i>	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 130	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 1,471	eq USD ¹¹ 17	eq USD ¹¹ 111	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN

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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	
CO	COP 865,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, BR, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,090	90	610	1,220	1,820	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 130	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 914	10	–	138	206	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 320,000 (from 1.6.14: 341,400)	HUF 3,600 (3,900)	HUF 24,100 (25,700)	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 81 or USD ¹⁵ 111	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,084 or USD 1,471	15 12 17	100 81 111	200 163 221	300 244 332	See footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	EP IL US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹⁰ –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP RU
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 177,900	2,000	13,400	26,700	40,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000	JPY 154,800	1,700	11,600	–	34,900	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						
KN	EP						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ¹⁸	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	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		
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,084	12	–	–	–	EP	
LV	EUR	68.87	EUR	1,084	12	81	–	–	EP RU	
LY	LYD ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP	
MA	MAD	600 ¹⁹	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE	
MC	EUR	54 ²⁰	EUR	1,084	12	–	–	–	EP	
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	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	1,084	12	81	–	–	EP	
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	550,000	6,200	41,400	–	–	EP	
MX	USD	323.70 ²¹	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES SE US	
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing)		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR	
NI	USD	200	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES	
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,084	12	–	163	244	EP	
NO	NOK	750	NOK	8,780	100	–	1,320	1,980	EP SE XN	
NZ	NZD	180 ²³	NZD	1,767	20	133	–	–	AU EP KR US	
OA	XAF ¹⁰	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE	
PA	USD	200	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	BR EP ES US	
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT EP ES KR US	
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	AU	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,471	17	111	221	332	AU EP JP KR US	
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP	
PT	EUR	20.85	EUR	1,084	12	81	163	244	EP	
QA	Information not yet available									
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU	
RS	RSD	7,020 ²⁴	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP	
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU	
RW	Information not yet available									
SA	USD	100	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EG EP RU	
SC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	–	–	–	EP	
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP	
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	9,440	110	710	1,420	2,130	EP SE XN	
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,835	21	138	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR	
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,084	12	81	–	–	EP	
SK	EUR	66 ²⁵	EUR	1,084	12	81	163	244	EP	
SM	EUR	70	EUR	1,084	12	–	–	–	EP	
SV	USD	200	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES	
SY	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP RU	
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US	
TJ	TJS ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU	
TM	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU	
TN	TND ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP	
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE US	
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU	
US	USD	240 ²⁷ small entity ²⁸ : 120 ²⁷ micro entity ²⁸ : 60 ²⁷	USD	1,471	17	111	221	–	AU EP KR RU US	
UZ	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU	
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE	
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	14,690 (from 1.5.14: 15,860)	170 (180)	1,100 (1,190)	–	–	AT AU EP US	
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,471	17	–	–	–	AT SE	
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU	

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 April 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,785 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	CHF 2,190 ZAR 26,260)	KRW 2,599,000	SGD 3,020	USD 2,423	ZAR* 24,190				
AU	AUD 2,200 USD** 2,076 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> <i>***(from 1.6.14:</i>	CHF* 1,877 ZAR 20,730 CHF 1,765 NZD 2,345)	EUR* 1,529 EUR 1,449	KRW 2,070,000	NZD** 2,493 USD 1,972)	SGD 2,590				
BR ³⁰	BRL 2,250	CHF 853	EUR 697	USD 954						
CA	CAD 1,600 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	CHF* 1,403 CHF 1,299	EUR* 1,143 EUR 1,066	USD* 1,552 USD 1,442)						
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 253	USD 343						
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000	CHF 525	EUR 427	USD 580						
EP ³²	EUR 1,875 JPY 267,300 USD 2,545 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	CHF 2,301 MWK 951,000 ZAR* 25,410 ZAR 27,580)	DKK 13,990 NOK 15,180	GBP 1,582 NZD 3,057	HUF 553,600 SEK 16,330	ISK 308,000 SGD 3,180				
ES ³²	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545							
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545							
IL	ILS 3,564	CHF 913	EUR 745	USD 1,021						
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500	CHF 147 CHF 37	EUR 119 EUR 30	USD 162 USD 41						
JP	JPY 70,000	CHF 601	EUR 491	KRW 716,000	SGD 850	USD 673				
KR	For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,212 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	AUD* 1,285 AUD 1,376)	CHF 1,096	EUR 893	NZD 1,456	SGD 1,510				
	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD 420 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	AUD* 445 AUD 476)	CHF 379	EUR 309	NZD 504	SGD 520				
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> <i>***(from 1.6.14:</i>	CHF* 189 CHF 171 HUF 41,700)	EUR* 154 EUR 140	HUF** 45,500 USD 192)	USD* 209					
	For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> <i>***(from 1.6.14:</i>	CHF* 785 CHF 709 HUF 172,900)	EUR* 639 EUR 580	HUF** 188,800 USD 795)	USD* 868					
SE	SEK 16,330 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	DKK 13,990	EUR 1,875	ISK 308,000	NOK 15,180				
US	USD 2,080 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> For small entity ²⁸ : USD 1,040 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i> For micro entity ²⁸ : USD 520 <i>*(from 1.5.14:</i>	CHF 1,880 ZAR 22,550) CHF 940 ZAR 11,280) CHF 470 ZAR 5,640)	EUR 1,532 EUR 766 EUR 383	NZD 2,500 NZD 1,249 NZD 625	ZAR* 20,770 ZAR* 10,383 ZAR* 5,191					
XN	DKK 13,990 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	EUR 1,875	ISK 308,000	NOK 15,180	SEK 16,330				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 April 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 33}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,043	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,460	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,086	
EP	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁴ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁵	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,301	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 660	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 April 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

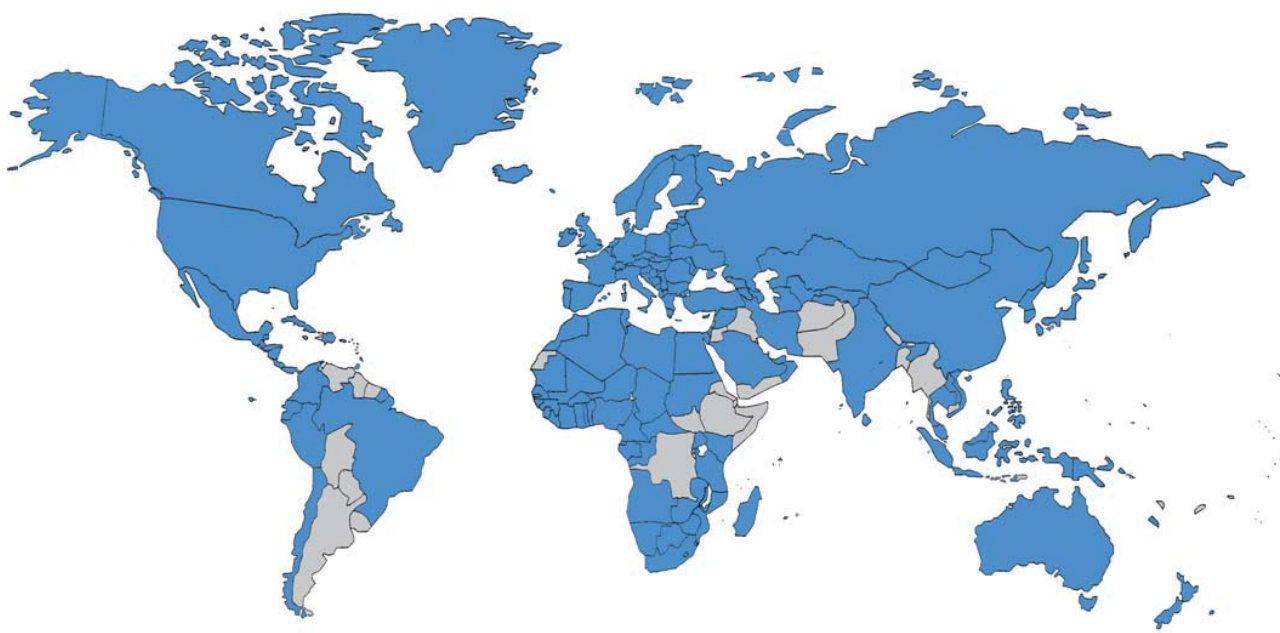
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁶	Handling fee ^{2, 36} (CHF 200)
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,675	EUR 163
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁷	AUD 234 (from 1.5.14: AUD 249)
BR ³⁰	BRL 840	BRL 488
CA	CAD 800	CAD 228 (from 1.5.14: CAD 246)
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³¹	EGP 3,000	EGP 1,525
EP ³²	EUR 1,930	EUR 163
ES	EUR 583.65	EUR 163
FI	EUR 600	EUR 163
IL	ILS 1,527	ILS 786
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 221
JP	JPY 26,000	JPY 23,300
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 237,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁸ 4,050 ³⁹ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁸ 15,750 ³⁹	USD 221
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,420
US	USD 600 760 ⁴⁰ For small entity ²⁸ : USD 300 380 ⁴⁰ For micro entity ²⁸ : USD 150 190 ⁴⁰	USD 221
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,220

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

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 website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 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.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 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.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 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).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 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.
- 19 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 23 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 26 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%.
- 27 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 28 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 29 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 30 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 31 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 32 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 further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 33 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 34 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 35 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 36 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 39 In all cases where footnote 38 does not apply.
- 40 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 (148 on 1 October 2014)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP)
AO Angola	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros (OA) ^{2,3}	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP) ⁵	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SA Saudi Arabia	
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SC Seychelles	
	ID Indonesia		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IL Israel		SG Singapore	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

3 Only international applications filed on or after 25 May 2013 include the designation of this State for an OAPI patent. For international applications filed before that date, extension of OAPI patent possible.

4 Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

5 Only international applications filed on or after 24 September 2011 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 16 September 2012) or , if filing the request using the PCT -EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

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Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Finland: ePCT-Filing available at Finnish Patent and Registration Office

The Finnish Patent and Registration Office as receiving Office (RO/FI) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 14 April 2014, it accepts international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing live pilot, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing. This brings to five the total number of receiving Offices which accept ePCT-Filings.

A new notification containing the requirements and practices of RO/FI with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 1 May 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

It is recalled that ePCT-Filing can be accessed only via ePCT private services, which requires the creation of a WIPO user account authenticated with a digital certificate. Therefore, applicants who would like to use the system, but do not yet have an account, should go to the ePCT Portal at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

and follow the links to create an account and obtain a WIPO digital certificate. Note that it is possible to carry out demo filings by clicking on the link "Try ePCT in DEMO mode" in the list of shortcuts on the ePCT Portal.

For information on the difference between filing international applications using the PCT-SAFE software and filing international applications using ePCT-Filing, see the "Practical Advice" in this issue.

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

Requirements and practices regarding the filing of international applications in electronic form

Australia

Further to the announcement that the Australian Patent Office accepts international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing live pilot with effect from 14 April 2014 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2014), a new notification containing the requirements and practices of that Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 10 April 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

International Bureau

Further to the announcement that the IB as receiving Office accepts international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing live pilot with effect from 11 October 2013 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2013), a new notification containing the requirements and practices of that Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 8 May 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

European Patent Office: Launching of a new feature for eOLF users

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the IB that, on 22 April 2014, it launched a new feature of the EPO Online Filing software (eOLF). This new feature allows users of eOLF to submit PCT-related subsequently-filed documents and related fee payments for all PCT procedures (with the exception of the demand for international preliminary examination) to the EPO in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority. A “PCT-DEMAND” plug-in is currently under preparation.

Further information is available on the EPO’s website at:

<http://www.epo.org/applying/online-services/online-filing/documentation.html>

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. As from 1 July 2012, a new procedure (the “New Route”) was introduced for accessing Offices to retrieve priority documents from DAS by using access codes. Applicants can provide the access code directly to the Office of second filing, instead of the more complex procedure of giving that Office authorization to retrieve a priority document.

Korean Intellectual Property Office

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified the IB that, with effect from 14 January 2014, it will deposit and retrieve priority documents according to the New Route (in accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the modified Framework Provisions that came into effect on 1 July 2012), both as a depositing Office and as an accessing Office. Furthermore, a number of technical and operational options took effect as from 14 January 2014. For further information, see:

<http://www.wipo.int/das/en/notifications.html#korea>

Swedish Patent and Registration Office

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 July 2014, it will be possible for it to retrieve priority documents according to the New Route (in accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the modified Framework Provisions that came into effect on 1 July 2012), as an accessing Office, as well as in its capacity as a depositing Office (the Office has already been acting as a depositing Office since 1 November 2011).

Furthermore, a number of technical and operational options will take effect on 1 July 2014. For further information see:

<http://www.wipo.int/das/en/notifications.html#sweden>

Lithuania: Reminder re the Closing of the National Route via the PCT

As was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2012, Lithuania will close its national route with effect from 4 September 2014. Applicants desiring protection in Lithuania will therefore no longer be able to enter the national phase in that country; they will only be able to enter the regional phase before the European Patent Office, noting that, since Lithuania became bound by the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 1 December 2004, international applications filed on or after that date automatically include the designation of Lithuania for a European patent.

It is recalled that an international application currently includes the designation for a European patent only of the following States which are party to the EPC and which have closed the national route: Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands and Slovenia.

Modifications to Certain PCT Forms

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2014, to the following PCT forms:

PCT/RO/158	(Notification of Intended Refusal of Request to Restore Right of Priority and/or Invitation to Furnish Declaration or Other Evidence)
PCT/RO/159	(Notification of Decision on Request to Restore Right of Priority)
PCT/ISA/220	(Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, or the Declaration)
PCT/IPEA/409	(International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty))

The modifications to forms PCT/RO/158 and 159 aim to better define the various grounds for intended refusal of a request to restore the right of priority, and a check-box has been inserted in PCT/RO/158 to invite the applicant to add the priority claim in respect of which the request for restoration of the right of priority was made. In the case of form PCT/ISA/220, a reminder about the time limit and procedures for requesting supplementary international search has been added.

The modifications to form PCT/IPEA/409 have been made as a result of the amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2014 and relate to the mandatory top-up searches under PCT Rule 66.1 *ter* which will be carried out by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA); namely, a new item has been introduced in Box No. I (item 6) which allows the IPEA to indicate the date on which a top-up search was carried out and whether additional relevant documents have been discovered, or else to state that no top-up search was carried out because it would serve no useful purpose.

The modified forms, in PDF format, are available in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/july_2014/index.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/july_2014/index.html

PCT Information Update

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (e-mail address)

The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization has discontinued the use of the following e-mail address: aripo@ecoweb.co.zw. However, their other e-mail address still applies (mail@aripo.org).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (AP))

AU Australia (means of telecommunication)

The Australian Patent Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile machine on 4 June 2014. As a result of this, the office will no longer accept the filing of documents by fax as from 5 June 2014.

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

CN China (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China as designated (or elected) Office has removed the requirement for the furnishing of a translation of the international application in two copies.

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

DE Germany (types of protection; special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) of a change concerning the types of national protection available in Germany via the PCT – patents of addition are no longer available with effect from 1 April 2014. This updates the table of "Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States" published on the PCT website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/typesprotection.pdf>

There has also been a change in one of the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Office as designated (or elected) Office: if the international application is for a patent and a utility model, a power of attorney no longer needs to be furnished in duplicate (only the translation of the international application must be furnished in duplicate).

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

FI Finland (inclusion of application documents in pre-conversion format; furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings)

For information on the acceptance by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office as receiving Office (RO/FI) of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

The Office has notified the IB of a change regarding the filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

The Office has notified the IB that it no longer accepts nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings on physical media; they should be attached to the international application filed in electronic form.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (FI), D (FI) and SISA (FI))

IT Italy (number of copies required; fees; who can act as agent)

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has changed its requirement concerning the number of copies of the international application to be filed with it as receiving Office: it now requires one copy, instead of three.

There has been a change in the amount of the fee for priority document, payable to the Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (payable in fee stamps):

Request to prepare the priority document:	EUR	16
– plus, for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings, filing certificate and certificate of authenticity):.....	EUR	16
– plus, for a patent application:	EUR	7
– or, for a utility model application:.....	EUR	5

There has also been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, which should now read:

Any Italian agent whose name appears on a list maintained by the Office, any lawyer or attorney-at-law whose name appears in the respective professional roll

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

JP Japan (fees)

The Japan Patent Office has specified the cases where the transmittal fee, payable to it as receiving Office, is reduced:

This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm

The Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has also notified the following information regarding reductions in the fee for request for examination:

The fee for request for examination is reduced where an international search report has been established. Moreover, reductions are available to individuals, small and medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, academic institutions and certain other entities (see Annex JP.I).

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

KR Republic of Korea (telephone number; fees)

The telephone number of the Korean Intellectual Property Office has changed, as follows:

Telephone: (82-42) 481 51 94

A reduced filing fee is payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office with respect to patents and utility models when a copy of the application has been furnished to it in electronic form. The consolidated list of the different components of the filing fee now reads as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee

– when a copy of the application has been furnished in electronic form	KRW	38,000
plus, per sheet in excess of one	None	
– when a copy of the application has been furnished on paper	KRW	58,000
plus, per sheet in excess of 20	KRW	1,000

For utility model:

Filing fee

– when a copy of the application has been furnished in electronic form	KRW	17,000
plus, per sheet in excess of one	None	
– when a copy of the application has been furnished on paper	KRW	27,000
plus, per sheet in excess of 20	KRW	1,000

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

MG Madagascar (location; telephone number; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The location and e-mail address of the Industrial Property Office of Madagascar have changed, and the Office has notified an additional telephone number and its Internet address, as follows:

Location: LOT VH 69 Volosarika Ambanidia
Antananarivo 101
Madagascar

Telephone: (261-20) 22 335 02, (261-34) 46 692 56

E-mail: omapi@moov.mg

Internet: www.omapi.mg

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

NL The Netherlands (name of Office; telephone number; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name of the Netherlands Patent Office in the Dutch language has changed, and the telephone number and e-mail and Internet addresses have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:	Octrooicentrum Nederland
Telephone:	(31-88) 602 66 60
E-mail:	octrooien@rvo.nl
Internet:	www.rvo.nl/octrooien

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

NO Norway (fees)

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable with effect from 1 April 2014 to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office as receiving Office, has changed to NOK 800.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have also changed as from the same date, as follows:

Basic fee, including examination fee:	NOK	4,650 (850) ¹
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	NOK	250
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	NOK	950
Annual fees for the first three years, per year:.....	NOK	700

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (NO) and National Chapter, Summary (NO))

SE Sweden (provisional protection after international publication; requirements concerning the translation of the international application; furnishing of copies of international applications)

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified changes to the requirements concerning the translation of international applications with effect from 1 July 2014. As from that date, a patent in Sweden can also be granted in English. All patent documents may be furnished in Swedish or in English. However, a translation of the claims into Swedish is required where a patent in English is sought. The claims in English are considered to be the original claims.

This updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, with effect from 1 July 2014, as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Swedish or English, or, if the international application was filed in Swedish or English, of a copy of the application as filed, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable where the applicant is a physical person or a legal entity with less than 20 permanent employees.

reasonable in the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. See Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patents Act.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: [No change]

Translation of international application required into:

Swedish or English

Is a copy of the international application required?

No, where the international application was filed in a language other than Swedish or English

Yes, where it was filed in Swedish or English

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

SG Singapore (time limit for entry into the national phase)

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has notified the International Bureau (IB) that the 30-month time limits under PCT Article 22(1) and 39(1)(a) may be extended by up to 18 months, provided that the applicant pays the prescribed fee. The Office also notified the IB that certain other time limits may also be extended for periods of 6 or 18 months or longer, but only at the discretion of the Registrar (Rules 108 and 109 of the Patents Rules of Singapore).

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

Search fee (Japan Patent Office)

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) has specified the cases where the fee payable to it for an international search is reduced, as follows:

This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, footnote to Annex D (JP))

Preliminary examination fee (JPO)

The JPO has specified the cases where the fee payable to it for an international preliminary examination is reduced, as follows:

This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, footnote to Annex E (JP))

Practical Advice

Corrigendum

Reference is made to the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2014. In part (2) of the question and in the penultimate sentence of the last paragraph of the answer, “EP designation” should have read “designation for a European patent”.

The differences between using the PCT-SAFE software and the ePCT-Filing system when filing international applications electronically

Q: I work for an Australian firm of patent attorneys and it has, up until now, been the practice of our firm to prepare and file PCT applications using the PCT-SAFE software. However, we have seen that it is now possible for us to file international applications using ePCT-Filing with the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office (as well as with the International Bureau as receiving Office). What are the differences between these two ways of electronic filing?

A: PCT-SAFE, which has been available since 2003, is locally installed software which holds all its data on the individual user’s machine. The application contains reference data, such as fee amounts and competent Offices, which are typically updated once a quarter. Many users do not have the administrator privileges on their computers that they need to perform the update themselves without the assistance of their IT departments, and thus may not always have the most up-to-date version of the software installed at the time of filing. No Internet connection is required until the point of online submission of the PCT application.

ePCT-Filing is a web-based solution for online preparation and filing of international applications using ePCT private services, hosted at the International Bureau (IB). Provided that you already have a suitable web browser and that you have obtained a WIPO digital certificate, ePCT-Filing does not require any particular software to be installed on your computer, as you work directly online. The reference data is the live information held at the IB, which is promptly updated after the IB has been notified of any relevant changes.

ePCT-Filing has a wider range of checks than the PCT-SAFE software. By preparing an international application using ePCT-Filing, most formalities errors and certain physical defects will be detected prior to submission and can be corrected by the applicant before the application is filed. Also, ePCT provides previews of the data and documents to be filed from the same IT systems that are used by the IB itself, so you can be confident that there will not be discrepancies between what you see in ePCT and what the IB will receive for processing.

By using ePCT-Filing, your international application will be associated with your ePCT account before it is even filed, so it is possible to share access rights with colleagues or associates prior to filing, if required. Subsequently, post-filing access to the file is already established with no need to request access rights separately to the IB in order to see the online file and receive notifications about the processing status of the application. Like PCT-SAFE, ePCT-Filing offers an address book function, and it is possible to import PCT-SAFE address book data into ePCT. This address book can be shared by several users.

The IB encourages users to start using ePCT-Filing whenever this is possible. At the time of writing this, the only Offices which currently accept the filing of international applications in this way are the receiving Offices of: Australia, Austria, Finland, Sweden and the IB. However, since applicants who are residents and/or nationals of any PCT Contracting State are entitled to file international applications with the IB, this means that ePCT-Filing is open to all applicants at the RO/IB, provided that any national security provisions have been met prior to filing.

When filing with the RO/IB, or with an Office which uses a hosted server, such as the Australian Patent Office, the full contents of the application should normally be available online immediately after filing. However, in the case of receiving Offices which already operate their own e-filing server, such as the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, the full contents of the submitted application will not be available online in ePCT until the receiving Office transmits the record copy to the IB, although you will still be able to see the as-filed version of the application in ePCT. Where the receiving Office, International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority permits it (something which is already possible in the case of the Australian Patent Office in its capacity as RO, ISA and IPEA and which the IB hopes will soon be increasingly the case at other Offices), ePCT also allows you to upload post-filing documents to those Offices via the same ePCT interface rather than you having to post, fax or have a separate online account with them.

Note that if you do, for the time being, continue to use PCT-SAFE, you can, nevertheless, benefit from ePCT private services, for example to access your application files and carry out various “Actions” on your files, by taking eOwnership of the applications. You can request eOwnership at the time of filing by providing the ePCT customer ID along with a one-time security code generated in ePCT. Further information on the use of PCT-SAFE, including the user guide entitled “Assign eOwnership in ePCT at the time of filing”, is available at:

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

Both PCT-SAFE and ePCT-Filing entitle the applicant to the same reduction in the international filing fee, as indicated in item 4(d) of the Schedule of Fees at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.htm#_S

Although there is no problem with you continuing to file international applications using PCT-SAFE, it would certainly be beneficial for you to start using ePCT-Filing, and the IB hopes that all PCT users will migrate to using ePCT-Filing wherever possible.

An ePCT-Filing demo system has been set up to enable filers to familiarize themselves with the system, and filers are encouraged to move to production ePCT-Filing at their convenience. For further information and to get started, go to the ePCT Portal at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

or contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at:

e-mail: epct@wipo.int

telephone: (+41-22) 338 9523

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 8 May 2014)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
13 May 2014 Nanchang (Jiangxi Province) (CN)	Chinese/ English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Yu	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) (Ms. Yang Ping) Tel: (86-10) 62 08 63 65 E-mail: yangping@sipo.gov.cn
13 May 2014 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
16 May 2014 Hangzhou (Zhejiang Province) (CN)	Chinese/ English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Yu	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) (see Nanchang, above)
3–5 June 2014 Geneva (CH)	English	PATENTSCOPE Training Course at WIPO Headquarters WIPO speakers: Mr. Mazenc, Mr. Pouliquen, and Mr. Diaconescu	WIPO E-mail: patentscope@wipo.int Further information and online registration: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.js?meeting_id=32383
3–4 June 2014 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	Trona Patent dgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
5–6 June 2014 Highland Heights, KY (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	NKU Chase Law and Informatics Institute, and CincylIP (Ms. Lindsey L. Jaeger) Tel: (1-859) 572 78 53 Fax: (1-859) 572 53 42 E-mail: jaegerl1@nku.edu Internet: http://chaselaw.nku.edu/centers/lawinformatics/pct.html
6 June 2014 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05
9 June 2014 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Tokyo, above)
10 June 2014 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Tokyo, above)
17 June 2014 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Ms. Alexandra Dupont) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: adupont@fnde.asso.fr
19–20 June 2014 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Gateau and Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
4 July 2014 Madrid (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Francisco Bernardo Noriega) Tel: (34) 91 417 13 00 Fax: (34) 91 417 13 01 e-mail: fbernardo@abgpatentes.com
8 July 2014 Munich (DE)	English	PCT presentation at the "IP Executive week" (7-11 July 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	European Patent Academy Deadline for registration: 31 May 2014. For further information and registration, go to: http://www.epo.org/learning-events/events/training/institutional-strengthening.html
30 September– 2 October 2014 Las Vegas, NV (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT course WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 683 18 95 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://patentresources.com
1–2 October 2014 The Hague (NL)	English	Advanced PCT seminar "PCT at the EPO 2014" (1-2 October 2014) – for industry and patent attorneys interested in prosecuting PCT applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bonvallet Other speakers from the EPO, other patent Offices, as well as from private practice and industry	European Patent Academy (Professional Representatives Unit) Tel: (49-89) 2399 5196 E-mail: profrep@epo.org Deadline for registration: 31 July 2014. For further information, go to: http://www.epo.org/pct-conference
6 October 2014 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
9 October 2014 Barcelona (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Antonio López-Carrasco Comajuncosas, Patent Office, Telefónica Digital) E-mail: alcc@tid.es
10 October 2014 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 13th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (9-10 October 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
15–16 October 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
5–6 November 2014 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
7 November 2014 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT System, within the framework of "PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants" (6–7 November 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
2–3 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Chatel	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
4 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
4–5 December 2014 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
11 December 2014 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. João Amaral, National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)) Tel: (351) 218 818 100 Fax: (351) 218 878 508 E-mail: jamaral@inpi.pt
16 January 2015 Cracow (PL) <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Lukasz Bodgan) Tel: (48) 604 406 432 E-mail: lukasz.bodgan@agh.edu.pl

PCT Webinars

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
14 May 2014 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m., central European time	English	"Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty for SMEs" For further information: http://www.insme.org/insmeacademy/sessions WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	Organized by International Network for Small and Medium Enterprises (INSME) Note that there are limited places available. For registration, send an e-mail with your name, country and e-mail address to: academy@insme.it
16 May 2014 2.00 pm to 2.45 p.m., central European time (4.00 p.m. to 4.45 p.m., Moscow time)	Russian	Overview of the PCT System in Russian WIPO speaker: Mr. Gavrikov	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/887363842

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers

Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
16 June 2014 Denver, CO (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: "Learn the Basics" Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: 1-571 212 3868 Fax: 1-703-636-8974 Email: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 2014, 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 5.189. 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 15. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty		
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BND	Brunei dollar	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 May 2014, 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							CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD 1,657	19	125	249	374	AU KR
AZ	AZN	10	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT AU EP KR
BR	BRL ⁹	online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,638	18	123	246	369	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 1,471	eq USD ¹¹ 17	eq USD ¹¹ 111	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN

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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	
CO	COP 865,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, BR, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,090	90	610	1,220	1,820	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 130	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 914	10	–	138	206	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 320,000 (from 1.6.14: 341,400)	HUF 3,600 (3,900)	HUF 24,100 (25,700)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 81 or USD ¹⁵ 111	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,084 or USD 1,471	15 12 17	100 81 111	200 163 221	300 244 332	See footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	EP IL US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹⁰ –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP RU
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 177,900	2,000	13,400	26,700	40,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁷	JPY 154,800	1,700	11,600	–	34,900	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						
KN	EP						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ¹⁹	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU

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				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ²⁰	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²¹	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	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 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 550,000	6,200	41,400	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²²	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 8,780	100	–	1,320	1,980	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²⁴	NZD 1,767	20	133	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	BR EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 20.85	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,020 ²⁵	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EG EP RU
SC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,440	110	710	1,420	2,130	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,835	21	138	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁶	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁷ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU

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							Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
US	USD	240 ²⁸	USD	1,471		17	111	221	–	AU EP KR RU US
	small entity ²⁹ :	120 ²⁸								
	micro entity ²⁹ :	60 ²⁸								
UZ	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	15,860		180	1,190	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,471		17	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,471	eq USD	17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 May 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ³⁰	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,190	KRW	2,599,000	SGD	3,020	USD	2,423	ZAR	26,260
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,765	EUR	1,449	KRW	2,070,000	NZD*	2,493	SGD	2,590
	USD	1,972	ZAR	20,730								
	*(from 1.6.14:		NZD		2,345)							
BR ³¹	BRL	2,250	CHF	853	EUR	697	USD	954				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,299	EUR	1,066	USD	1,442				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	310	EUR	253	USD	343				
EG ³²	EGP	4,000	CHF	525	EUR	427	USD	580				
EP ³³	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,301	DKK	13,990	GBP	1,582	HUF	553,600	ISK	308,000
	JPY	267,300	MWK	951,000	NOK	15,180	NZD	3,057	SEK	16,330	SGD	3,180
	USD	2,545	ZAR	27,580								
ES ³³	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,301	USD	2,545						
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,301	USD	2,545						
IL	ILS	3,564	CHF	913	EUR	745	USD	1,021				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	147	EUR	119	USD	162				
	In case of filing by an individual:											
	INR	2,500	CHF	37	EUR	30	USD	41				
JP ¹⁷	JPY	70,000	CHF	601	EUR	491	KRW	716,000	SGD	850	USD	673
KR	For international applications in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,376	CHF	1,096	EUR	893	NZD	1,456	SGD	1,510
	USD	1,212										
	For international applications in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	476	CHF	379	EUR	309	NZD	504	SGD	520
	USD	420										
RU	For international applications in Russian:											
	RUB	6,750	CHF	171	EUR	140	HUF*	45,500	USD	192		
	*(from 1.6.14:		HUF		41,700)							
	For international applications in English:											
	RUB	28,000	CHF	709	EUR	580	HUF*	188,800	USD	795		
	*(from 1.6.14:		HUF		172,900)							
SE	SEK	16,330	CHF	2,301	DKK	13,990	EUR	1,875	ISK	308,000	NOK	15,180
	USD	2,545										
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,880	EUR	1,532	NZD	2,500	ZAR	22,550		
	For small entity ²⁹ :											
	USD	1,040	CHF	940	EUR	766	NZD	1,249	ZAR	11,280		
	For micro entity ²⁹ :											
	USD	520	CHF	470	EUR	383	NZD	625	ZAR	5,640		
XN	DKK	13,990	CHF	2,301	EUR	1,875	ISK	308,000	NOK	15,180	SEK	16,330
	USD	2,545										

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 May 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 34}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,043 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,460 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,086	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁵ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁶	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,301 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 660	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 May 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

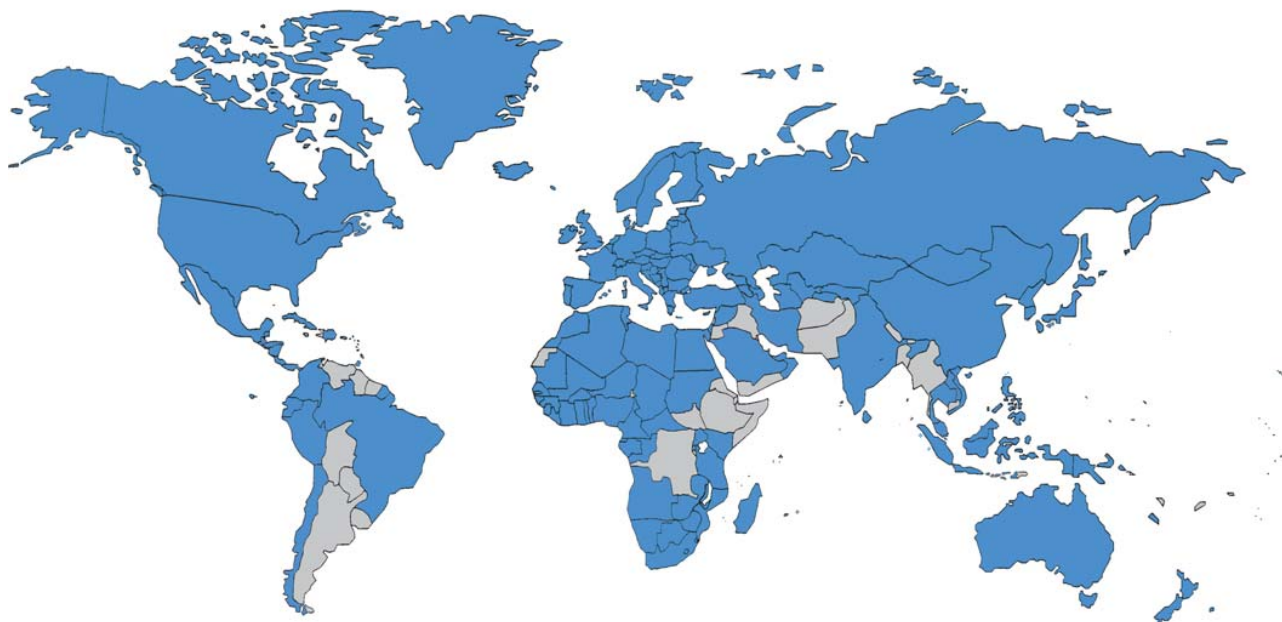
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁷	Handling fee ^{2, 37} (CHF 200)
AT ³⁰	EUR 1,675	EUR 163
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁸	AUD 249
BR ³¹	BRL 840	BRL 488
CA	CAD 800	CAD 246
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³²	EGP 3,000	EGP 1,525
EP ³³	EUR 1,930	EUR 163
ES	EUR 583.65	EUR 163
FI	EUR 600	EUR 163
IL	ILS 1,527	ILS 786
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 221
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁷	JPY 23,300
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 237,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁹ 4,050 ⁴⁰ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁹ 15,750 ⁴⁰	USD 221
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,420
US	USD 600 760 ⁴¹ For small entity ²⁹ : USD 300 380 ⁴¹ For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 150 190 ⁴¹	USD 221
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,220

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

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 website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 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.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 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.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 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).
- 17 This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 19 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.
- 20 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf).
- 21 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 24 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 26 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 27 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%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 31 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 32 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 33 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 further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 34 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 35 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 36 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 37 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 40 In all cases where footnote 39 does not apply.
- 41 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 (148 on 1 May 2014)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP)
AO Angola	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros (OA) ^{2,3}	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LR Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LT Lithuania (EP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LY Libya	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	ME Montenegro ¹	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MG Madagascar	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)		SA Saudi Arabia	
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SC Seychelles	
	ID Indonesia		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IL Israel		SG Singapore	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

3 Only international applications filed on or after 25 May 2013 include the designation of this State for an OAPI patent. For international applications filed before that date, extension of OAPI patent possible.

4 Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 16 September 2012). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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PCT Working Group

The seventh session of the PCT Working Group was held in Geneva from 10 to 13 June 2014.

Agreed changes

The Working Group agreed to forward a number of sets of amendments to the PCT Regulations to the PCT Assembly for approval at its session in September–October 2014:

- the Schedule of Fees would be amended to remove the reference to the 100 Swiss francs reduction for filing using PCT-EASY (which will be discontinued from 1 July 2015) (document PCT/WG/7/15), and to introduce a new means for determining which States would qualify for the 90% discount in certain international fees payable by natural persons who are nationals and residents of those States (document PCT/WG/7/29¹);
- PCT Rules 49*ter* and 76 would be amended to allow designated and elected Offices to require any requests for restoration of the right of priority in the national phase, following an early national phase entry, to be made within one month of entry (document PCT/WG/7/15);
- PCT Rule 90.5(d) would be amended to allow the International Bureau (IB) to require a copy of a general power of attorney where necessary, in the event of the agent submitting a notice of withdrawal (document PCT/WG/7/16); and
- a reference in PCT Rule 90.3 would be corrected to properly reflect an amendment of PCT Rule 90*bis*.5 adopted by the PCT Assembly in October 2012 (document PCT/WG/7/15).

The Working Group endorsed proposed modifications to the third party observation system (document PCT/WG/7/11) which will be implemented when the necessary technical changes can be made, likely in September or October 2014. These modifications were:

- to increase the length of text permitted for the “brief explanation of relevance” of cited documents, and
- to permit the attachment of additional arguments as uploaded PDF files where necessary, for example, where formulae are required.

¹ This document (the Chair’s Summary) is currently under preparation and will be available shortly.

The Working Group endorsed proposed modifications to the Receiving Office Guidelines concerning the appropriate process for selecting a competent International Searching Authority (ISA) where the originally specified Authority is found not to be competent (document PCT/WG/7/22). Modifications were also endorsed, in principle (subject to further consultations on drafting), mandating receiving Offices to correct checklists of contents of the international application to include sequence listings in certain cases where those listings might otherwise be taken to be “accompanying items”, instead of part of the international application (document PCT/WG/7/23).

The Working Group recommended the terms of a draft Understanding by the PCT Assembly concerning an improved process for assessing requests for appointment of an Office as an ISA and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT (documents PCT/WG/7/4 and 29²).

Electronic services and color drawings

The Working Group noted a report by the IB on the development of the ePCT system (document PCT/WG/7/2) and the fact that many of the further benefits sought would require action by national Offices, rather than being pure technical developments by the IB.

The Working Group approved a process towards allowing the filing, international phase processing and international publication of color drawings in international applications (document PCT/WG/7/10). Further consultation would be required on certain technical details and timing.

The IB was invited to refine proposals concerning an arrangement to use ePCT to assist national phase entry (document PCT/WG/7/12).

Issues likely to be the subject of proposals in 2015

Following studies by the Secretariat and WIPO’s Chief Economist on fee reductions for small and medium-sized enterprises, universities and not-for-profit research institutes (document PCT/WG/7/7) and fee elasticity (document PCT/WG/7/6), the Working Group noted that there seemed little prospect of identifying an acceptable way forward on fee reductions for small and medium-sized enterprises – that aspect of the proposal would be put on hold, pending any concrete proposals from Contracting States on a possible solution. However, a further study was commissioned concerning possible fee reductions for universities, for discussion at the next session.

The Working Group noted a report (document PCT/WG/7/14) on the coordination of technical assistance and a presentation by the Australian Patent Office on its Regional Patent Examination Training Program. It was recalled that the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT had invited the IB to prepare proposals concerning better coordination between Offices which provide examiner training to other Offices.

The European Patent Office and the Republic of Korea were invited to refine a proposal for receiving Offices to transmit search and classification data concerning priority documents to the ISA in cases where that information was available and was permitted to be released (document PCT/WG/7/27).

² This document (the Chair’s Summary) is currently under preparation and will be available shortly.

India was invited to work with interested parties on refining a proposal aimed at encouraging publishers to make databases of non-patent literature within the PCT minimum documentation more readily available to International Authorities and national patent Offices for patent searching purposes (document PCT/WG/7/28).

The IB was invited to continue work with interested Offices on finding a solution to certain differences between Offices concerning when incorporation by reference is permitted (document PCT/WG/7/19), to define appropriate conditions in which certain information in the file of the international application could be withheld from public access (document PCT/WG/7/18), and to provide appropriate rules concerning the transmission to the IB of declarations or other evidence received in the context of a request for restoration of the right of priority (document PCT/WG/7/17).

Other issues discussed

The Working Group noted:

- a report on the 21st session of the Meeting of International Authorities (document PCT/WG/7/3; covered by *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2014);
- a round-up of the status of “PCT 20/20” proposals which had been previously made by the United Kingdom and the United States of America but which were not the subject of specific proposals in this session (document PCT/WG/7/20);
- the state of development of the eSearchCopy system, whereby the IB would use the record copy to transmit search copies to the ISA in a standard electronic form on behalf of receiving Offices (document PCT/WG/7/8);
- reports on the latest states of proposed revisions to WIPO Standard ST.14 (document PCT/WG/7/5) and a new sequence listing standard ST.26 (documents PCT/WG/7/9 and 29³)
- and that ***there was no consensus***:
 - to take proposals forward concerning the formal integration of the Patent Prosecution Highway system into the PCT (document PCT/WG/7/21),
 - to allow receiving Offices to accord dates to documents received electronically according to time zones other than that of their headquarters (document PCT/WG/7/25),
 - to adjust the rules concerning the persons eligible to represent the applicant before the receiving Office of the IB (document PCT/WG/7/13);
 - to take forward certain specific proposals by the IB concerning improved legal safeguards for applicants in the event of failure of electronic systems (document PCT/WG/7/24), but that the IB would continue to investigate legal, technical and procedural means to reduce such risks;

³ This document (the Chair’s Summary) is currently under preparation and will be available shortly.

Summary and documents

The summary by the Chair, as well as a draft report of the meeting, will be available in due course from the same page as the working documents on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/7

National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) to Begin Operating as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

Further to the information that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2012, relating to the appointment of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT at the 43rd session of the Assembly of the PCT Union which was held in October 2012, the Office has notified WIPO that it will begin operating as an ISA and an IPEA with effect from 22 October 2014.

It is recalled that the European Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office are already competent international authorities for international applications filed by nationals and/or residents of Chile.

Additional information on the Office in its capacity as ISA and IPEA will be published shortly in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D and E.

Sao Tome and Principe Joins ARIPO

On 19 May 2014, Sao Tome and Principe deposited its instrument of accession to the Harare Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO). Therefore, Sao Tome and Principe became a member State of ARIPO with effect from 19 May 2014, and the Harare Protocol will enter into force with respect to Sao Tome and Principe on 19 August 2014, bringing the number of member States of ARIPO to 19, and the number of States party to the Harare Protocol to 18.

This means that any international application filed on or after 19 August 2014 will include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent (applicants should be aware that, although any international application filed before that date will include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe for a national patent, it will not include the designation of that State for an ARIPO patent).

Furthermore, as from 19 August 2014, it will be possible for nationals and residents of Sao Tome and Principe to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau of WIPO.

ARIPO's announcement regarding the accession by Sao Tome and Principe can be seen by clicking on "News" at:

<http://www.aripo.org/>

(Updating of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B2 (AP) and C (AP))

World Trade Organization

Yemen to become a Member

On 26 June 2014, Yemen (country code: YE), which is already Party to the Paris Convention but is not yet a member State of the PCT, will become a Member of the WTO, thus bringing the total number of Members to 160. The table of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the WTO has been updated accordingly at:

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

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention.


PCT Publication Schedule

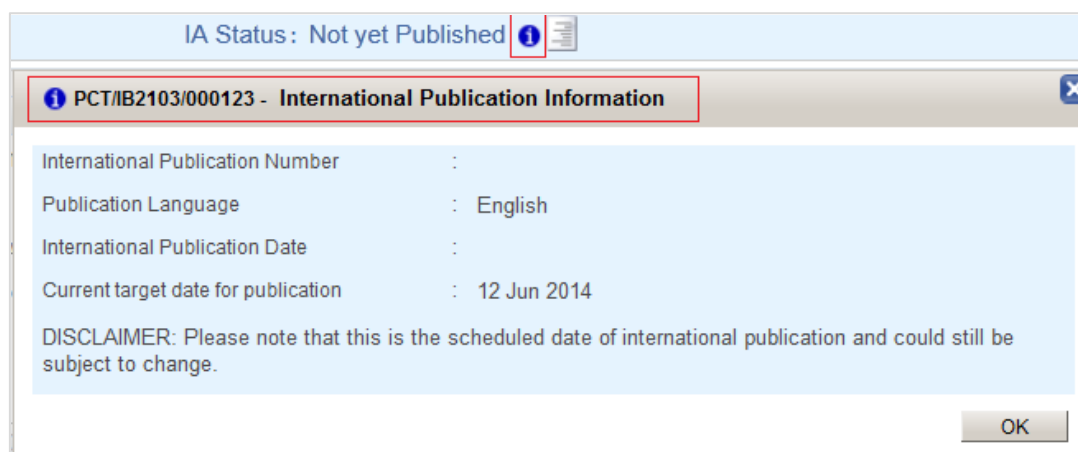
Simplification regarding dates of completion of technical preparations for publication

Due to an increase in the use of ePCT by applicants to submit documents relating to their international applications and the subsequent improvement in efficiency in the processing of international applications, it is now possible for the International Bureau (IB) to cope with shorter preparation periods when a non-working day precedes an international publication date.

It is for this reason that, from September 2014 onwards, where a non-working day at the IB precedes a publication date, it will no longer result in an earlier date of completion of technical preparations for publication, and applicants will no longer need to check when the last day is for receipt by the IB of changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication. The last day for receipt of such changes will always be on Tuesday at midnight (Central European time (CET)), 16 days before the publication date when publication falls on a Thursday (or 17 days before the publication date when publication exceptionally takes place on a Friday). Should there be any exceptions to this, they would be notified to PCT applicants in the *PCT Newsletter*. Applicants may, in any case, enquire at the IB in case of doubt.

Finding out dates for publication using ePCT private services

Users of ePCT private services have direct access to advance information regarding scheduled publication and republication dates for their international applications. To access this information, open the international application in ePCT private services (you must have access rights to the application in ePCT) and click on the information icon  next to the IA Status field in the header (see screenshot below).



Publication of 11 September 2014

Due to the fact that Thursday, 11 September 2014, 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, 12 September 2014. Any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the IB by midnight (CET) on Tuesday, 26 August 2014.

Combined July-August Issue

The next issue of the *PCT Newsletter* will be a joint July-August issue that will be published in July. If, between the publication of that issue and the September issue, there is any important PCT news that users should be aware of, we will announce it by way of the PCT e-mail updating service. If you are not already subscribed to this service, which notifies PCT users when each issue of the *PCT Newsletter* becomes available and makes other *ad hoc* announcements, you can subscribe to it, free of charge, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/lists/subscribe/pct-general>

Furthermore, please note that, if there are any changes to the PCT Seminar Calendar or the PCT Fee Tables before the publication of the September issue, they will be updated in August at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.pdf>

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Requirements and practices regarding the filing of international applications in electronic form

European Patent Office

The European Patent Office has updated its notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications, as well as

documents relating thereto, in electronic form. For further details, see the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 15 May 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

International Bureau: correction of notification

Corrections have been made to the notification containing the requirements and practices of the International Bureau with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form, which was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 8 May 2014. For further details, see the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 15 May 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.063.239, dated 13 June 2014) is now available for download at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.html

Further details are available on the PCT e-Services website at:

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

PCT Information Update

AT Austria (fees)

As from 1 July 2014, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Austrian Patent Office as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	52
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	EUR	269 ⁴

As from the same date, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office:

For patent:

Fee for entry into the national phase:.....	EUR	52
Document fee (<i>Schriftengebühr</i>):	[No change]	
Search and examination fee, including 10 claims:	EUR	292
Claims fee, from the 11 th claim, for each group of up to 10 claims:	EUR	104

⁴ Includes the document fee (*Schriftengebühr*) in the amount of EUR 40.

For utility model:

Fee for entry into the national phase:.....	EUR	52
Document fee (<i>Schriftengebühr</i>):	[No change]	
Search fee, including 10 claims:.....	EUR	156
Claims fee, from the 11 th claim, for each group of up to 10 claims:	EUR	104

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

CL Chile (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: pct@inapi.cl

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

GE Georgia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti) has specified, with effect from 1 July 2014, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Georgia with the National Intellectual Property Center as receiving Office. (The USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only where it has prepared the international search report.)

The Agreement between the USPTO and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the USPTO as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty will be updated accordingly on 1 July 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

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

IN India (fees)

There have been changes in the amounts of the national fees payable to the Indian Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office and new reduced amounts for those fees have been introduced with effect from 28 February 2014, as follows:

	<i>Natural person</i>	<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Others</i>
Filing fee:			
– Up to 30 sheets and 10 claims:			
electronic filing:	1,600	4,000	8,000
physical (paper) filing:	1,760	4,400	8,800
– For each additional priority, multiple of:			
electronic filing:	1,600	4,000	8,000
physical (paper) filing:	1,760	4,400	8,800
– For each additional sheet in addition to 30:			
electronic filing:	160	400	800
physical (paper) filing:	176	440	880
– For each claim in addition to 10:			
electronic filing:	320	800	1,600
physical (paper) filing:	352	880	1,760

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

IR Islamic Republic of Iran (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran) has specified, with effect from 13 May 2014, the Indian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the Industrial Property Office as receiving Office.

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

SM San Marino (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) has changed, as follows:

Via 28 Luglio 212
47893 Republic of San Marino

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

Search fee and other fees relating to international search (Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

As from 1 July 2014, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR, as well as in the equivalent amounts in CHF, KRW, SGD, USD and ZAR, for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b). There will also be changes in the amounts of the following fees payable from the same date:

Additional search fee:	EUR	1,864
Protest fee:	EUR	229

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified changes to the conditions for refund of the search fee where the international search report drawn up by the Office is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application – as from 1 July 2014, earlier searches which will give rise to a refund for a search with written opinion will include a European search (EPC Article 92), an international search (PCT Article 15(1)), a supplementary international search (PCT Rule 45*bis*) or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE⁵, CY, FR, GR, IT, LT⁶, LU, MT, NL⁵, SM⁶, TR).

As from 1 August 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in ISK for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

As from 1 September 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), and there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in SGD for an international search carried out in Korean by the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

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

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

As from 1 July 2014, there will be a change in the amount payable for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table II, as well as a change in the amount of the following fees payable to that Office, as indicated below:

Additional preliminary examination fee:	EUR	1,749
Protest fee:	EUR	229

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

⁵ Includes international-type searches covered by an agreement between the EPO and that Office.

⁶ Applicable, as from 1 July 2014, to search requests in respect of national applications filed as of 1 January 2014.

New/Updated PCT Resources

Modified PCT Regulations (Arabic, German, Portuguese and Spanish)

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, during its meeting which was held in Geneva from 23 September to 2 October 2013, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2014 (for further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2014 or the PowerPoint presentation referred to below).

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2014, are now available in PDF format in Arabic, German, Portuguese and Spanish (in addition to English and French) at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/texts/pdf/pct_regs2014.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/pct_regs2014.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/pdf/pct_regs2014.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/pdf/pct_regs2014.pdf

PowerPoint presentation about amendments to PCT Regulations

A PowerPoint presentation describing the amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2014 is now available in Chinese, English, French, German and Spanish at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html

Practical Advice

The need to take into account national security provisions when filing an international application

Q: I would like to file an international application using ePCT-Filing, however, the applicant's usual national receiving Office does not accept such filings yet. I am therefore considering filing the application with the receiving Office of the International Bureau (RO/IB), as the RO/IB does accept ePCT-Filings and is competent to receive international applications from residents and/or nationals of any PCT Contracting State. However, please could you tell me whether there could be national security issues if I do not file the application at the national Office?

A: Filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) (or with a regional patent Office) does not eliminate the need to consider prescriptions relating to national security. If you do file directly with the RO/IB, compliance with any national security prescriptions applicable under national law will not be checked by the RO/IB and it remains **your responsibility, as applicant, to ensure that you have complied with any such prescriptions before you file.** Similar restrictions also apply in respect of certain member States of regional patent

organizations, for example when filing an international application with the European Patent Office.

The requirements of these prescriptions vary – some countries have restrictions on all foreign filings for national security reasons, that is, government permission needs to be sought in order to file outside the country where the invention was made, or outside the country of which the applicant is a resident and/or national, depending on the national law concerned. However, some countries have restrictions only where the invention relates to a particular technical field.

Any such restrictions are permissible under the PCT as PCT Article 27(8) states:

“Nothing in this Treaty and the Regulations is intended to be construed as limiting the freedom of any Contracting State to apply measures deemed necessary for the preservation of its national security or to limit, for the protection of the general economic interests of that State, the right of its own residents or nationals to file international applications.”

When filing with a national Office as PCT receiving Office, therefore, that Office has the right to delay transmittal of the international application to the IB and the International Searching Authority while it considers whether any national provisions relating to national security may apply and if so, whether national security clearance should be granted (PCT Rule 22.1(a)). If it considers that national security clearance should not be given, it can then declare that the application will not be treated as an international application, and will issue form PCT/RO/147 (Notification Concerning Failure to Forward Record Copy and Search Copy for National Security Reasons).

You do not say whether you have already filed an earlier application with your national Office. In many cases, where an earlier national application has already been filed with the applicant's national Office, and the subject matter of your subsequent application is identical to that of the earlier application, any necessary national security checks will normally already have been carried out, and the applicant may therefore have already received any necessary clearance from the government concerned to file a later application elsewhere. For example, if your invention was made in the United States of America and you had filed an earlier application in that country more than six months ago, and no secrecy order has been subsequently issued, you would have the right to file a later application in another country (although it may be possible to file the later application earlier than after those six months where authorized by a license obtained from the Commissioner of Patents (see the USPTO's Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 140 “Foreign Filing Licenses” at: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s140.html>)).

In conclusion, if you are subject, because of your nationality, residence or the nature of your invention, to national security provisions and you do not already possess any national security clearance for your invention, you should contact your national receiving Office before you file an international application with the RO/IB.

Where national Offices have notified the IB of any foreign filing restrictions which apply, for reasons of national security, to PCT applications which are to be filed at an Office other than the national Office concerned, that information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (Information on Contracting States), as a footnote to the listing of competent receiving Offices, by clicking on the link to the Office concerned at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/>

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 17 June 2014)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
17 June 2014 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Ms. Alexandra Dupont) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: adupont@fnde.asso.fr
19-20 June 2014 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Gateau and Ms. Fourné-Godbersen	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
4 July 2014 Madrid (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Francisco Bernardo Noriega) Tel: (34) 91 417 13 00 Fax: (34) 91 417 13 01 e-mail: fbernardo@abgpatentes.com
8 July 2014 Munich (DE)	English	PCT presentation at the "IP Executive week" (7-11 July 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	European Patent Academy Deadline for registration: 31 May 2014. For further information and registration, go to: http://www.epo.org/learning-events/events/training/institutional-strengthening.html
17 July 2014 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: http://unitt.jp/
21-22 July 2014 Westminster, CO (US)	English	18 th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Training Program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speakers: Mr. Richardson and 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
23 July 2014 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: http://unitt.jp/
24 July 2014 Kumamoto (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: http://unitt.jp/
24-25 July 2014 Arlington, VA (US)	English	18 th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Training Program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speakers: Mr. Richardson and 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

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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
16 September 2014 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (M. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
30 September– 2 October 2014 Las Vegas, NV (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT course WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 683 18 95 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://patentresources.com
1–2 October 2014 The Hague (NL)	English	Advanced PCT seminar “PCT at the EPO 2014” (1-2 October 2014) – for industry and patent attorneys interested in prosecuting PCT applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bonvallet Other speakers from the EPO, other patent Offices, as well as from private practice and industry	European Patent Academy (Professional Representatives Unit) Tel: (49-89) 2399 5196 E-mail: profrep@epo.org Deadline for registration: 31 July 2014. For further information, go to: http://www.epo.org/pct-conference
6 October 2014 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
9 October 2014 Barcelona (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Antonio López-Carrasco Comajuncosas, Patent Office, Telefónica Digital) E-mail: alcc@tid.es
9–10 October 2014 Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT): the procedural aspects of the international and national phases, recent and future PCT developments and filing and management of PCT applications in ePCT. Note that attendance is limited to 45 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: to be announced	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters On-line registration and further information: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33504 E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int
10 October 2014 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 13th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (9-10 October 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
15–16 October 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former member of the PCT Legal Division of WIPO and of the Boards of Appeal of the EPO)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de

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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
November 2014 (<i>exact date to be confirmed</i>) Atlanta, GA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
5–6 November 2014 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
7 November 2014 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT System, within the framework of “PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants” (6–7 November 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
2–3 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Chatel	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
4 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
4–5 December 2014 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
11 December 2014 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. João Amaral, National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)) Tel: (351) 218 818 100 Fax: (351) 218 878 508 E-mail: jamaral@inpi.pt
16 January 2015 Cracow (PL) (<i>Note that only a limited number of places are available</i>)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Lukasz Bodgan) Tel: (48) 604 406 432 E-mail: lukasz.bogdan@agh.edu.pl
February 2015 (<i>exact date to be confirmed</i>) San Jose, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
4 February 2015 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
17 June 2014 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: translation tools WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/344292590
19 June 2014 8.30 am to 9.30 am, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: translation tools WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/115679694

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
16 June 2014 Denver, CO (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: "Learn the Basics" Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: 1-571 212 3868 Fax: 1-703-636-8974 Email: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
15 September 2014 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (M. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 17 June 2014, 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 5.189. 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 15. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty		
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
AUD	Australian dollar	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BND	Brunei dollar								

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 17 June 2014, 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						CA
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50 (from 1.7.14: 52)	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,657	19	125	249	374	AU KR
AZ	AZN 10	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT AU EP KR
BR	BRL ⁹ online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,638	18	123	246	369	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 130	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 1,471	eq USD ¹¹ 17	eq USD ¹¹ 111	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN

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

(amounts on 17 June 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CO	COP 865,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, BR, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,090	90	610	1,220	1,820	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 130	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 914	10	–	138	206	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU (from 1.7.14: US)
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 341,400	HUF 3,900	HUF 25,700	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 81 or USD ¹⁵ 111	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,084 or USD 1,471	15 12 17	100 81 111	200 163 221	300 244 332	See footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	EP IL US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹⁰ –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP IN RU
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 177,900	2,000	13,400	26,700	40,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁷	JPY 154,800	1,700	11,600	–	34,900	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						
KN	EP						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ¹⁹	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU

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

(amounts on 17 June 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ²⁰	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²¹	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	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 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 550,000	6,200	41,400	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²²	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 8,780	100	–	1,320	1,980	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²⁴	NZD 1,767	20	133	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	BR EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 20.85	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,020 ²⁵	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EG EP RU
SC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,440	110	710	1,420	2,130	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,835	21	138	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁶	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁷ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU

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

(amounts on 17 June 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
US	USD 240 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 120 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 60 ²⁸	USD 1,471	17	111	221	–	AU EP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 15,860	180	1,190	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 17 June 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ³⁰	EUR* 1,785 *(from 1.7.14: ZAR 27,130)	CHF* 2,190 EUR 1,864	KRW* 2,599,000 CHF 2,272	SGD* 3,020 KRW 2,651,000	USD* 2,423 SGD 3,240	ZAR* 26,260 USD 2,592		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,972	CHF 1,765 ZAR 20,730	EUR 1,449	KRW 2,070,000	NZD 2,345	SGD 2,590		
BR ³¹	BRL 2,250 *(from 1.9.14:	CHF 853 USD 1,011)	EUR 697	USD* 954				
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,299	EUR 1,066	USD 1,442				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 253	USD 343				
EG ³²	EGP 4,000	CHF 525	EUR 427	USD 580				
EP ³³	EUR 1,875 JPY 267,300 USD 2,545 *(from 1.8.14:	CHF 2,301 MWK 951,000 ZAR 27,580 ISK 290,000)	DKK 13,990 NOK 15,180	GBP 1,582 NZD 3,057	HUF 553,600 SEK 16,330	ISK* 308,000 SGD 3,180		
ES ³³	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545					
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545					
IL	ILS 3,564	CHF 913	EUR 745	USD 1,021				
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500	CHF 147 37	EUR 119 30	USD 162 41				
JP ¹⁷	JPY 70,000	CHF 601	EUR 491	KRW 716,000	SGD 850	USD 673		
KR	For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,212 For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD 420 *(from 1.9.14:	AUD 1,376 476 SGD 551)	CHF 1,096 379	EUR 893 309	NZD 1,456 504	SGD 1,510 SGD* 520		
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 For international applications in English: RUB 28,000	CHF 171 709	EUR 140 580	HUF 41,700 172,900	USD 192 795			
SE	SEK 16,330 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	DKK 13,990	EUR 1,875	ISK 308,000	NOK 15,180		
US	USD 2,080 For small entity ²⁹ : USD 1,040 For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 520	CHF 1,880 940 470	EUR 1,532 766 383	NZD 2,500 1,249 625	ZAR 22,550 11,280 5,640			
XN	DKK 13,990 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	EUR 1,875	ISK 308,000	NOK 15,180	SEK 16,330		

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 17 June 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 34}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,043	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,460	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,086	
EP	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁵ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁶	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,301	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 660	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 17 June 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

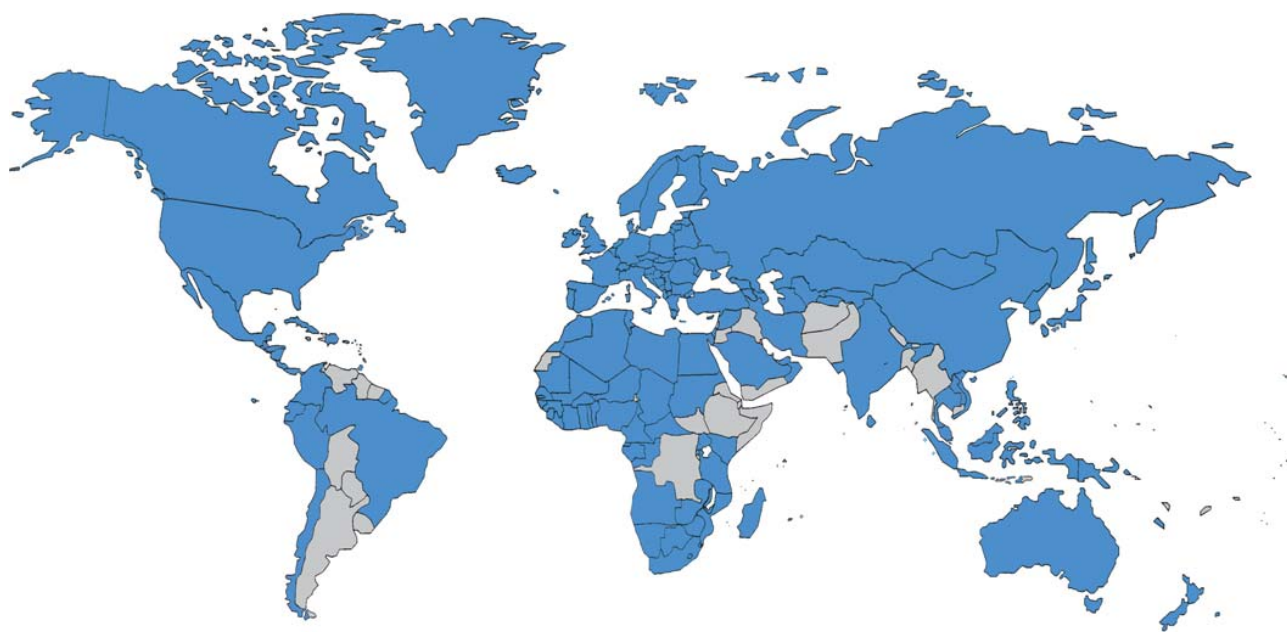
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁷	Handling fee ^{2, 37} (CHF 200)
AT ³⁰	EUR 1,675 (from 1.7.14: 1,749)	EUR 163
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁸	AUD 249
BR ³¹	BRL 840	BRL 488
CA	CAD 800	CAD 246
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³²	EGP 3,000	EGP 1,525
EP ³³	EUR 1,930	EUR 163
ES	EUR 583.65	EUR 163
FI	EUR 600	EUR 163
IL	ILS 1,527	ILS 786
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 221
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁷	JPY 23,300
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 237,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁹ 4,050 ⁴⁰ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁹ 15,750 ⁴⁰	USD 221
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,420
US	USD 600 760 ⁴¹	USD 221
	For small entity ²⁹ : USD 300 380 ⁴¹	
	For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 150 190 ⁴¹	
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,220

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

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 website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 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.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 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.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 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).
- 17 This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 19 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.
- 20 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf).
- 21 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 24 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 26 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 27 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%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 31 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 32 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 33 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 further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 34 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 35 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 36 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 37 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 40 In all cases where footnote 39 does not apply.
- 41 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 (148 on 1 June 2014)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP ⁴)
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros (OA) ²	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BN Brunei Darussalam	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MA Morocco	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova ³	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SA Saudi Arabia	
	ID Indonesia		SC Seychelles	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	
			SG Singapore	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

3 Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

4 Only international applications filed on or after 19 August 2014 will include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 16 September 2012). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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PCT Statistics 2013

The PCT Yearly Review, 2014 edition

The 2014 edition of the PCT Yearly Review summarizes PCT activities and developments in 2013, and contains a comprehensive set of statistics relating to PCT filings (including filings by top countries of origin, by top applicants and by technical field) and the performance of the international patent system in 2013, as well as statistics relating to national phase entries in 2012. This edition contains a special theme about how universities and public research organizations (PROs) use the PCT system, and includes a detailed breakdown of statistics relating to PCT filings by universities and PROs (see page 16).

The PCT Yearly Review is available in English, in PDF format, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct/>

where there is also a link to the data and graphs associated with the Review, which contain:

- images of all the graphs and tables (including titles, sources and notes); and
- details of the data behind all graphs and tables.

French and Spanish translations of the Review are under preparation.

Power of Attorney Waiver

Notification under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) (France)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (France), in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney, with effect from 2 June 2014. Particular instances in which the Office continues to require that a power of attorney be submitted are, however, as follows:

- if the agent is:
 - a person indicated in Article L.422-5 of the Code of Intellectual Property,
 - an enterprise or a public institution contractually bound to the applicant,
 - a specialized professional organization;

- in case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act;
- in the case of a common representative.

It is recalled that a power of attorney is always required where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rules 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)).

For background information on power of attorney waivers, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2. The table showing Offices (or Authorities) which have notified WIPO of waivers of the power of attorney requirement has been updated at:

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

This updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (FR).

ePCT Update

A new release of the ePCT system (version 2.11) was deployed on 25 June 2014. Some of the new features of the release are described below.

ePCT for Applicants and Third Parties

File view segregation

Dedicated tabs have been introduced to differentiate between the documents which are submitted to the International Bureau and those which are submitted to the receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examination Authority.

Signature for Actions and document upload

Since the signature of the applicant (or agent) is compulsory when submitting an Action or uploading documents, the user now has three options regarding the signature field:

- the current user is the applicant/agent and types a text string signature;
- the current user is not the applicant/agent but has access to a file containing the image signature of the applicant/agent; or
- the current user is not the applicant/agent but one of the documents to be uploaded contains the signature of the applicant/agent.

ePCT Actions

Improvements have been made to a number of ePCT Actions, including the following:

- it is now possible to save the following ePCT Actions as drafts without having to submit them immediately:
 - declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 prepared after filing using the ePCT Action;
 - observations by the applicant on close prior art prepared using ePCT private services;
 - observations by third parties on close prior art prepared using ePCT public services;

- when an Action is previewed prior to submission, the date and time of the preview is indicated as a watermark in the top left-hand corner of the page;
- improvements to the “Submit Chapter II Demand” Action:
 - fee reductions will be applied in certain circumstances;
 - a “Response to the Written Opinion of the ISA” can now be attached to the demand; and
 - the demand is now available in all publication languages (except Arabic, which will be available in a later release).

ePCT-Filing

New features have been introduced for applicants/agents using ePCT-Filing, including the following:

- the possibility to attach a single PDF document containing the description, claims and abstract, as an alternative to attaching a separate PDF document for each;
- the possibility to attach the full application body in XML format;
- the summary screen of the new international application displays the time remaining in order to submit same-day corrections (provided that the receiving Office to which the application was submitted is an Office to which documents can be uploaded using ePCT document upload);
- a new warning appears when the user has ticked the box to request restoration of the right of priority, but the priority claim appears to be within 12 months from the priority date;
- calculation of search fee reductions in certain circumstances;
- improved preview facilities for the request form, fee sheet and declarations; and
- a new option to find all applications filed by the current user using ePCT-Filing.

More detailed information about the new features of ePCT for Applicants and Third Parties that were introduced with ePCT version 2.11, as well as news about the expected new features in the future, can be found in the document entitled “What’s New in ePCT V2.11 for Applicants and Third Parties” which is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_whats_new.pdf

For detailed information on using ePCT, both public and private services, see the *ePCT User Guide for Applicants and Third Parties* at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/pct_wipo_accounts_user_guide.pdf

and for information on creating a WIPO user account (needed for ePCT public and private services) and uploading a digital certificate (needed for ePCT private services), see:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_getting_started.pdf

ePCT for Receiving Offices and International Authorities

Information concerning the changes to ePCT for Offices, which were introduced with ePCT version 2.11, was sent out to the relevant Office users, and the changes are also outlined in the documents entitled “What’s New in ePCT V2.11 for Offices” which is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_office_whats_new.pdf

For detailed information on using ePCT for Offices, see the *ePCT Office User Guide*

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_office_user_guide.pdf

and for information on creating a WIPO Office user account and uploading a digital certificate see:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_office_getting_started.pdf

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

European Patent Office

The European Patent Office (EPO), in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 30 June 2014, it is prepared to receive and process the demand for international preliminary examination filed in electronic form via the EPO Online Filing software (eOLF), which now contains the “PCT-DEMAND” plug-in.

It is recalled that, on 22 April 2014, the EPO launched a new feature of the eOLF which allows users of eOLF to submit PCT-related subsequently-filed documents (with the exception of the demand) and related fee payments for all PCT procedures to the EPO in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2014, page 2).

Further information is available on the EPO’s website at:

<http://www.epo.org/applying/online-services/online-filing/documentation.html>

Lithuania: Reminder re the Closing of the National Route via the PCT

As was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2012, Lithuania will close its national route with effect from 4 September 2014. Applicants desiring protection in Lithuania will therefore no longer be able to enter the national phase in that country; they will only be able to enter the regional phase before the European Patent Office, noting that, since Lithuania became bound by the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 1 December 2004, international applications filed on or after that date automatically include the designation of Lithuania for a European patent.

PCT Information Update

BE Belgium (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The International Bureau has been notified of changes in the addresses of the Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCM™), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new addresses are as follows:

Headquarters:

BCCM Coordination Cell
Federal Public Planning Service Science Policy
231, avenue Louise
1050 Brussels
Belgium

Collections:

BCCM/IHEM Biomedical fungi and yeasts collection
Scientific Institute of Public Health
Service Mycology and Aerobiology
Rue J. Wytsmanstraat, 14
1050 Brussels
Belgium

BCCM/LMBP Plasmid and DNA Library collection
Universiteit Gent
Vakgroep Biomedische Moleculaire Biologie
Technologiepark, 927
9052 Zwijnaarde
Belgium

BCCM/LMG Bacteria collection
Universiteit Gent
Laboratorium voor Microbiologie
K.L. Ledeganckstraat, 35
9000 Gent
Belgium

BCCM/MUCL Agro-industrial fungi, yeasts and arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi collection
Université catholique de Louvain
Mycothèque de l'Université catholique de Louvain
Croix du Sud, 3 – box L7.05.06
1348 Louvain-la-Neuve
Belgium

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

BN Brunei Darussalam (name of Office, location and mailing address, telephone number and e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name, location and mailing address, telephone number and e-mail and Internet addresses of the Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:	Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)
Location and mailing address:	4 th Floor, Block 2D, Jalan Kumbang Pasang Bandar Seri Begawan, BA 1311 Negara Brunei Darussalam
Telephone:	(673) 223 01 11
E-mail:	enquiries@bruipo.com.bn
Internet:	http://bruipo.com.bn

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

CA Canada (requirements concerning agent)

With effect from 2 July 2014, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, no longer requires that an agent be appointed.

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

EC Ecuador (fax machine, location and mailing address, telephone number, e-mail and Internet addresses)

The fax machine of the Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property has been discontinued, the location and mailing address, the telephone numbers, and the e-mail address have changed, and the Internet address has been notified, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Unidad de Patentes Edificio FORUM 300 Avenida República #396 y Diego de Almagro Quito Ecuador
Telephone	(593-2) 394 00 00, 394 00 01 to 394 00 10
E-mail	info@iepi.gob.ec info@propiedadintelectual.gob.ec
Internet:	http://www.propiedadintelectual.gob.ec

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

GE Georgia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti) has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international

applications filed by nationals and residents of Georgia with the National Intellectual Property Center as receiving Office, with effect from 12 May 2014.

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

GR Greece (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece) has changed, as follows:

5 Gianni Stavroulaki St.
Paradissos Amaroussiou
15125 Athens
Greece

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

IE Ireland (e-mail notifications; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media)

The Patents Office (Ireland) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it will now send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

Furthermore, the Office in its capacity as receiving Office has notified the IB that it no longer accepts international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format. Consequently, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees no longer applies.

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

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 September 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount(s) in ISK of the fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

MX Mexico (requirements concerning agent)

There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office – any resident of Mexico can now act as agent.

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

PL Poland (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland has changed, as follows:

E-mail: jwaz@uprp.pl

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

US United States of America (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has specified the Israel Patent Office (ILPO), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for certain international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO as receiving Office, with effect from 1 October 2014. Note, however, that the ILPO has notified the International Bureau that it will only accept a maximum of 75 international applications per fiscal quarter.

The Agreement between the ILPO and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the ILPO as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty will be updated accordingly on 1 October 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

The Australian Patent Office, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau that, where the Office issues a declaration that no international search report will be established under PCT Article 17(2)(a), it will give a refund of AUD 1,500.

As from 1 September 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

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

New/Updated PCT Resources

Modified PCT Regulations (Chinese and Japanese)

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, during its meeting which was held in Geneva from 23 September to 2 October 2013, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2014 (for further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2014).

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2014, are now available in PDF format in Chinese and Japanese, in addition to Arabic, English, French, German, Portuguese and Spanish at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf

The English, French and Spanish versions are now also available in HTML format at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtoc1.htm>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/rules/rtoc1.htm>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/rules/rtoc1.htm>

PCT Applicant's Guide

The “Introduction to the International Phase” part of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which contains detailed information on the international phase of the PCT, is now available in Spanish at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/appguide/>

The International Bureau is most grateful to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office for preparing the translation of this text.

The English and French versions of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* are in the process of being updated to take into account the 1 July 2014 amendments to the PCT Regulations, as well as other updates, and will be published shortly at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/appguide/>

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements, as in force from 1 July 2014, between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following Authorities as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs):

AT Austrian Patent Office

US United States Patent and Trademark Office

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, have been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

The Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), as in force from 22 October 2014, relating to the functioning of this Authority as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 19 June 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

and will be available from the ISA and IPEA Agreements page (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html) as from 22 October 2014.

Administrative Instructions under the PCT

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2014, to the Appendix to Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. The changes were introduced to address the requirements for rendering the current version of the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

The consolidated text of the Appendix, as in force from 1 July 2014, which includes those modifications, is available on the PCT website in English and French, in PDF format at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/ai_dtd.pdf

PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines

The PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines are in the process of being updated to take into account the amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 July 2014, as well as other updates. The updated version, in English and French, will be published on the PCT website shortly at:

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

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

Seminar materials

Seminar materials, covering all aspects of the PCT procedure, have been updated in English on 2 July 2014 to take into account the amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 July 2014 and are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf

PCT Forms (in German)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2014, the following modified PCT forms are now available in German, in addition to English and French:

PCT/RO/158 (Notification of Intended Refusal of Request to Restore Right of Priority and/or Invitation to Furnish Declaration or Other Evidence)
http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/ro/editable/ed_ro158.pdf

PCT/RO/159 (Notification of Decision on Request to Restore Right of Priority)
http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/ro/editable/ed_ro159.pdf

PCT/ISA/220 (Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, or the Declaration)
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/isa/isa220.pdf>

PCT/IPEA/409

(International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty))

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/ipea/ipea409.pdf>

The International Bureau is most grateful to the European Patent Office for preparing the translation of those forms.

Advanced PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters

An advanced PCT seminar on the procedural aspects of the international and national phases, recent and future PCT developments, and filing and management of PCT applications in ePCT, will be held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva on 9 and 10 October 2014. The seminar is aimed at patent administrators, paralegals and other users who are already familiar with the PCT System, and the speakers will include experienced staff from the PCT Legal Division, the PCT Business Development Division and the PCT Operations Division of WIPO. Further details about the times of the seminar and the topics to be discussed can be found in the program, which, together with other general information about the seminar and the online registration form, is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33504

Note that there is no registration fee for the seminar, the number of participants is limited to 45, and the deadline for registrations is 19 September 2014. Further information on the seminar may be also be obtained by sending an e-mail to: pct.our@wipo.int

Practical Advice

The importance of the order in which applicants are named in the request form where no common agent has been appointed

Q: I am a national and resident of China, and I am applicant, together with another national and resident of China, for an international application which was filed on our behalf by our agent with the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China as receiving Office (RO/CN). The agent, however, has just renounced his appointment, and so there is no longer an agent of record for the application. As I am inexperienced in filing PCT applications, I would like to appoint a new agent. My co-applicant, however, does not agree with my choice of agent, and would like to appoint somebody else. Is it possible to have two separate agents, and if so, which agent would be entitled to take action on the international application?

A: Although it is generally more convenient and reduces costs if applicants appoint the same agent¹ to represent them as their "common agent", it is possible for you to appoint a different agent for the international application than the one which is appointed by your co-applicant. Note, however, that only one agent can be considered as the "agent of record" who would be entitled to take action on the application. The agent who would be considered to be the main agent will be determined by which applicant, you or your co-applicant, is the "deemed common representative":

If neither of you has been appointed by the other as a common representative for the international application, PCT Rule 90.2(b) provides that the applicant first named in the request

¹ Or agents, in the case of the appointment of a group of agents.

form who is entitled, according to PCT Rule 19.1, to file an international application with the receiving Office with which the international application was filed, will be considered to be the common representative (the “deemed” common representative). Since you are both entitled to file with RO/CN, the deemed common representative will be whichever one of you is named first in the request form. If you were named first, then you are the deemed common representative, and any agent who you appoint will be considered to be the agent of record, whereas the agent appointed by your co-applicant would be entitled to act only on behalf of the co-applicant; and if your co-applicant was named first, he or she is the deemed common representative. Whichever is the case, it is highly recommended that you and your co-applicant appoint an agent (or agents) for the international application as soon as possible, as it is very important that the person prosecuting the application has a full understanding of the PCT procedure.

Sometimes, applicants are not aware of the importance of the order in which applicants are listed in the request form. If the wrong applicant is named first, and it was not intended that that applicant be considered as the deemed common representative for the application, this can be changed by requesting the recording of a change under PCT Rule 92*bis*. However, due to the nature of such a request, this would need the approval of the current first-named applicant, for example, by signing that request.

Presuming that you are the first-named applicant in the request form, and are therefore the deemed common representative (given that you are entitled to file an international application with RO/CN), please be aware that neither you nor your appointed agent are entitled to effect any withdrawals under PCT Rule 90*bis* unless the notice of withdrawal is signed also by your co-applicant or the co-applicant’s appointed agent (PCT Rule 90*bis*.5). You or your agent would, however, be entitled to take other actions, such as the submission of amendments under PCT Article 19, filing a demand for international preliminary examination, and, in most cases, requesting the recording of a change under PCT Rule 92*bis* (see exception mentioned in the paragraph above) without the need for the signature of the other applicant.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 9 July 2014)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
17 July 2014 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: http://unitt.jp/
21-22 July 2014 Westminster, CO (US)	English	18 th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Training Program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speakers: Mr. Richardson and 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
23 July 2014 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: http://unitt.jp/
24 July 2014 Kumamoto (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: http://unitt.jp/
24-25 July 2014 Arlington, VA (US)	English	18 th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Training Program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speakers: Mr. Richardson and 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
5-7 August 2014 Harare (ZW)	English	Basic PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Pii Other speaker: Mr. Kabare (ARIPO)	Zimbabwe Intellectual Property Office (ZIPO) Tel: (263-4) 775 544 / 6
16 September 2014 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctllearningcenter.org Internet: pctllearningcenter.org
30 September– 2 October 2014 Las Vegas, NV (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT course WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 683 18 95 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://patentresources.com
1–2 October 2014 The Hague (NL)	English	Advanced PCT seminar “PCT at the EPO 2014” (1-2 October 2014) – for industry and patent attorneys interested in prosecuting PCT applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bonvallet Other speakers from the EPO, other patent Offices, as well as from private practice and industry	European Patent Academy (Professional Representatives Unit) Tel: (49-89) 2399 5196 E-mail: profrep@epo.org Deadline for registration: 31 July 2014. For further information, go to: http://www.epo.org/pct-conference

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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
6 October 2014 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
9 October 2014 Barcelona (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Antonio López-Carrasco Comajuncosas, Patent Office, Telefónica Digital) E-mail: alcc@tid.es
9–10 October 2014 Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT): the procedural aspects of the international and national phases, recent and future PCT developments and filing and management of PCT applications in ePCT. Note that attendance is limited to 45 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle, Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Marlow, Mr. Reed, and others, to be announced	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters On-line registration and further information: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33504 Deadline for registrations: 19 September 2014 E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int
10 October 2014 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 13th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (9-10 October 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
15–16 October 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Henninger Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former member of the PCT Legal Division of WIPO and of the Boards of Appeal of the EPO)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
November 2014 (exact date to be confirmed) Atlanta, GA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
5–6 November 2014 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
7 November 2014 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT System, within the framework of "PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants" (6–7 November 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
14 November 2014 Athens (GR)	English	PCT training seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Mrs. Eri Manousou) Tel: (30-210) 618 35 40 Fax: (30-210) 618 35 30 E-mail: eman@obi.gr
2–3 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Chatel	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
4 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
4–5 December 2014 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
11 December 2014 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. João Amaral, National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)) Tel: (351) 218 818 100 Fax: (351) 218 878 508 E-mail: jamaral@inpi.pt
16 January 2015 Cracow (PL) <i>(Note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Lukasz Bogdan) Tel: (48) 604 406 432 E-mail: lukasz.bogdan@agh.edu.pl
February 2015 (exact date to be confirmed) San Jose, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
4 February 2015 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
15 September 2014 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 July 2014, 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 5.189. 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 15. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
		BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit		
RO	receiving Office	CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
AUD	Australian dollar	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BND	Brunei dollar								

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 July 2014, 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							CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD 1,657	19	125	249	374	AU KR
AZ	AZN	10	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT AU EP KR
BR	BRL ⁹	online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,638	18	123	246	369	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 1,471	eq USD ¹¹ 17	eq USD ¹¹ 111	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN

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

(amounts on 1 July 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CO	COP 865,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, BR, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,090	90	610	1,220	1,820	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 130	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 914	10	–	138	206	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 341,400	HUF 3,900	HUF 25,700	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 81 or USD ¹⁵ 111	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,084 or USD 1,471	15 12 17	100 81 111	200 163 221	300 244 332	See footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	EP IL US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹⁰ –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP IN RU
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 177,900 (from 1.9.14: 168,000)	2,000 (1,900)	13,400 (12,600)	26,700 (25,300)	40,100 (37,900)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁷	JPY 154,800	1,700	11,600	–	34,900	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						
KN	EP						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ¹⁹	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	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	
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ²⁰	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²¹	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	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 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 550,000	6,200	41,400	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²²	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 8,780	100	–	1,320	1,980	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²⁴	NZD 1,767	20	133	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	BR EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 20.85	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,020 ²⁵	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EG EP RU
SC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,440	110	710	1,420	2,130	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,835	21	138	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁶	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁷ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 July 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
US	USD	240 ²⁸	USD	1,471	17	111	221	–	AU EP KR RU US (from 1.10.14: IL)
	small entity ²⁹ :	120 ²⁸							
	micro entity ²⁹ :	60 ²⁸							
UZ	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	15,860	180	1,190	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,471	17	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 July 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ³⁰	EUR	1,864	CHF	2,272	KRW	2,651,000	SGD	3,240	USD	2,592	ZAR	27,130
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,765	EUR	1,449	KRW	2,070,000	NZD	2,345	SGD	2,590
	USD	1,972	ZAR	20,730								
BR ³¹	BRL	2,250	CHF	853	EUR*	697	USD*	954				
	*(from 1.9.14:		EUR	742	USD	1,011)						
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,299	EUR	1,066	USD	1,442				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	310	EUR	253	USD	343				
EG ³²	EGP	4,000	CHF	525	EUR	427	USD	580				
EP ³³	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,301	DKK	13,990	GBP	1,582	HUF	553,600	ISK*	308,000
	JPY	267,300	MWK	951,000	NOK	15,180	NZD	3,057	SEK	16,330	SGD	3,180
	USD	2,545	ZAR	27,580								
	*(from 1.8.14:		ISK	290,000)								
ES ³³	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,301	USD	2,545						
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,301	USD	2,545						
IL	ILS	3,564	CHF	913	EUR	745	USD	1,021				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	147	EUR	119	USD	162				
	In case of filing by an individual:											
	INR	2,500	CHF	37	EUR	30	USD	41				
JP ¹⁷	JPY	70,000	CHF	601	EUR	491	KRW	716,000	SGD	850	USD	673
KR	For international applications in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,376	CHF	1,096	EUR	893	NZD	1,456	SGD	1,510
	USD	1,212										
	For international applications in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	476	CHF	379	EUR	309	NZD	504	SGD*	520
	USD	420										
	*(from 1.9.14:		SGD	551)								
RU	For international applications in Russian:											
	RUB	6,750	CHF	171	EUR	140	HUF	41,700	USD	192		
	For international applications in English:											
	RUB	28,000	CHF	709	EUR	580	HUF	172,900	USD	795		
SE	SEK	16,330	CHF	2,301	DKK	13,990	EUR	1,875	ISK	308,000	NOK	15,180
	USD	2,545										
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,880	EUR	1,532	NZD	2,500	ZAR	22,550		
	For small entity ²⁹ :											
	USD	1,040	CHF	940	EUR	766	NZD	1,249	ZAR	11,280		
	For micro entity ²⁹ :											
	USD	520	CHF	470	EUR	383	NZD	625	ZAR	5,640		
XN	DKK	13,990	CHF	2,301	EUR	1,875	ISK	308,000	NOK	15,180	SEK	16,330
	USD	2,545										

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 July 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 34}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,043	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,460	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,086	
EP	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁵ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁶	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,301	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 660	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 July 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

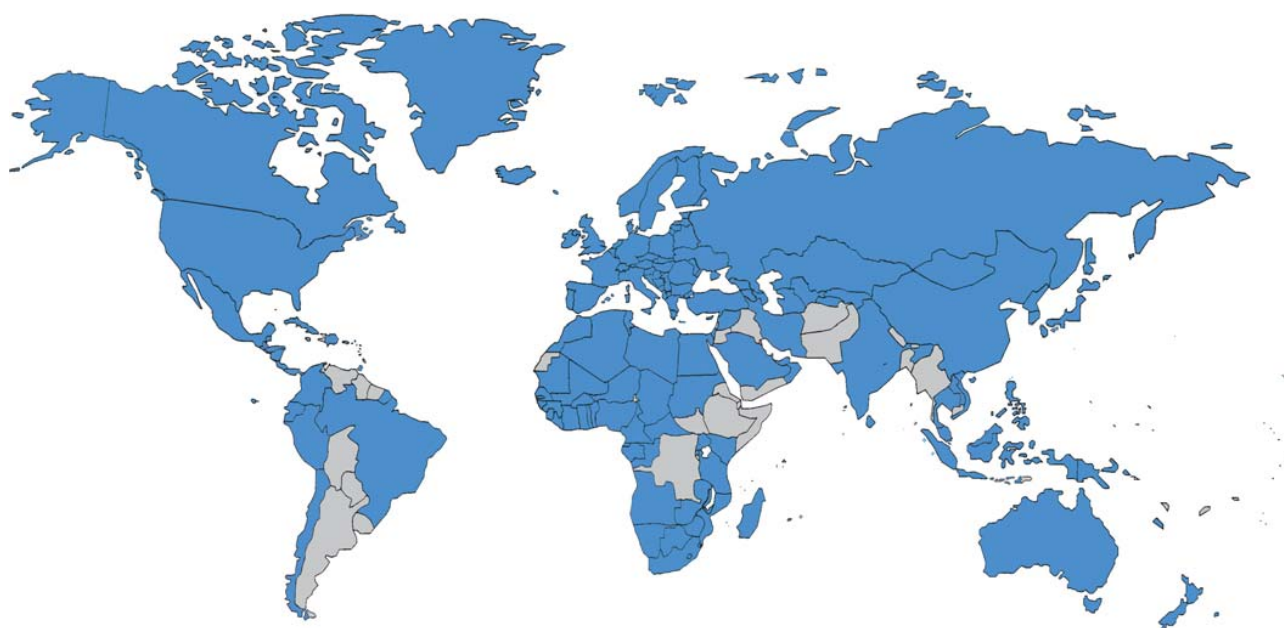
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁷	Handling fee ^{2, 37} (CHF 200)
AT ³⁰	EUR 1,749	EUR 163
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁸	AUD 249
BR ³¹	BRL 840	BRL 488
CA	CAD 800	CAD 246
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³²	EGP 3,000	EGP 1,525
EP ³³	EUR 1,930	EUR 163
ES	EUR 583.65	EUR 163
FI	EUR 600	EUR 163
IL	ILS 1,527	ILS 786
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 221
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁷	JPY 23,300
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 237,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁹ 4,050 ⁴⁰ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁹ 15,750 ⁴⁰	USD 221
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,420
US	USD 600 760 ⁴¹	USD 221
	For small entity ²⁹ : USD 300 380 ⁴¹	
	For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 150 190 ⁴¹	
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,220

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

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 website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 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.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 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.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 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).
- 17 This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 19 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.
- 20 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf).
- 21 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 24 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 26 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 27 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%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 31 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 32 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 33 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 further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 34 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 35 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 36 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 37 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 40 In all cases where footnote 39 does not apply.
- 41 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 (148 on 1 July 2014)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP ⁵)
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros (OA) ²	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BN Brunei Darussalam	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP) ³	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MA Morocco	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CL Chile	HN Honduras	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP)	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SA Saudi Arabia	
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SC Seychelles	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	
			SG Singapore	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

3 Lithuania will close the national route via the PCT on 4 September 2014.

4 Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of the Republic of Moldova for a Eurasian patent.

5 Only international applications filed on or after 19 August 2014 will include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 16 September 2012). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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ePCT-Filing available at Eurasian Patent Office

The Eurasian Patent Office as receiving Office (RO/EA) has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 September 2014, it accepts international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal. This brings to six the total number of receiving Offices which process international applications that have been electronically filed using ePCT-Filing.

A new notification containing the requirements and practices of RO/EA with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 21 August 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

It is recalled that ePCT-Filing can be accessed only via ePCT private services, which requires the creation of a WIPO user account authenticated with a digital certificate. Therefore, applicants who would like to use the system, but do not yet have an account, should go to the ePCT Portal at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

and follow the links to create an account and obtain a WIPO digital certificate. Note that it is possible to carry out demo filings by clicking on the link "Try ePCT in DEMO mode" in the list of shortcuts on the ePCT Portal.

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

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

New pilots start between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the Icelandic Patent Office, the Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom), the Israel Patent Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office

New two-way PCT-PPH pilot programs have started between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) and the following Offices, on the dates indicated:

- the Israel Patent Office (ILPO) (1 August 2014)
- the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (PRV) (1 July 2014)

Under these pilots, faster examination in the national phase in one country is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable) issued by the Office of the other country in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Furthermore, new one-way PCT-PPH pilot programs began on 1 July 2014, between SIPO and:

- the Icelandic Patent Office (IPO)
- the Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom) (UKIPO)

Under these pilots, faster examination in the national phase in Iceland or the United Kingdom is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable) issued by SIPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

It is recalled that accelerated examination can also be requested at the UKIPO on the basis of positive PCT work products under the United Kingdom's PCT (UK) Fast Track service, details of which can be found at:

<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-pn-fasttrack1.htm>

Further information on all of the PCT-PPH agreements is available as follows:

ILPO and SIPO:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/En/Units/ILPO/Departments/PCT/Pages/InternationalAgreementsPPH.aspx>

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/zscqgz/2014/201406/t20140627_972290.html
(page in Chinese that contains links to documents in English)

<http://index.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/patent/Madrachim/Pages/PPH.aspx>
(ILPO PPH website in Hebrew)

PRV and SIPO:

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/zscqgz/2014/201406/t20140627_972290.html
(page in Chinese that contains links to documents in English)

<http://www.prv.se/en/IP-Professional/Patents/Patent-Prosecution-Highway-PPH/>

IPO and SIPO:

<http://www.els.is/en/patents/pph--accelerated-examination/> and
http://www.els.is/media/2010/CN_IS-PCT-PPH-guidelines.pdf

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/zscqgz/2014/201406/t20140627_972290.html
(page in Chinese that contains links to documents in English)

UKIPO and SIPO:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/318641/Requesting_UK-China_PPH_Guidelines.pdf

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/zscqgz/2014/201406/t20140627_972290.html
(page in Chinese that contains links to documents in English)

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on these new pilots at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

The new pilots add to the growing number of PPH agreements which utilize PCT work products. It is recalled that, as well as the PCT-PPH agreements that are included on the above-mentioned PCT-PPH page, there are also multilateral agreements under the Global PPH pilot program (see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 12/2013 and 01/2014) and the IP5 PPH pilot program (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2013) which include PCT work products and which, between them, currently include 19 participating Offices. Furthermore, a large number of Offices have signed PPH agreements which do not include PCT work products – for further information, see the PPH Portal Web Site at:

<http://www.jpo.go.jp/ppph-portal/index.htm>

Paris Convention

Accession by Kuwait

On 2 September 2014, Kuwait (country code: KW) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Convention to 176. Kuwait will become bound by the Paris Convention on 2 December 2014.

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention. Kuwait is already a member of the WTO.

Budapest Treaty

General information about the Budapest Treaty

The Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, a treaty administered by WIPO, plays an important role in the field of biotechnological inventions. Disclosure of an invention is an important requirement for the granting of a patent. Where an invention involves a microorganism or other biological material (hereinafter referred to as “microorganisms”), or the use of it, which is not available to the public, a mere description of it may not be sufficient for disclosure. Therefore, in certain countries, it is also necessary to deposit, with a specialized institution, a sample of the microorganism.

In order to avoid having to deposit a microorganism in each country in which patent protection is sought, the Budapest Treaty provides that a deposit with any International Depositary Authority (IDA) (and providing information about the deposit in the PCT application) would be sufficient for the purposes of patent procedures before national patent Offices of all Contracting States, as well as before any regional patent Office that recognizes the effects of the Treaty.

An IDA is a scientific institution – typically a “culture collection” – capable of storing microorganisms.

Further details about the Budapest Treaty are available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/>

Statistics on the Budapest Treaty

In 2013, there were a total of 79 Contracting States of the Budapest Treaty, in which 42 IDAs were located. During that year, Qatar became party to the Treaty and the Provasoli-Guillard National Center for Marine Algae and Microbiota (NCMA), located in the United States of America, obtained the status of IDA.

The statistics on deposits and samples furnished under the Budapest Treaty in 2013, which are based on replies received from 38 IDAs, are now available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/micros/>

Some of the highlights of the 2013 statistics are given below.

Overall deposits in 2013 (4,822) increased by 4% compared to 2012 (4,636), although samples furnished to third parties (2,096) were slightly down (-3%). The number of deposits filed with the top six IDAs in 2013 were as follows (the percentage change compared to 2012 is shown in parentheses):

1. China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC) (CN)	1,626	(+17%)
2. China Center for Type Culture Collection (CCTCC) (CN)	967	(+24%)
3. American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) (US)	785	(-13.5%)
4. Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC) (KR)	193	(-20%)
5. National Collections of Industrial, Food and Marine Bacteria (NCIMB) (GB)	179	(+54%)
6. Leibniz-Institut DSMZ – Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ) (DE)	177	(-49%)

The total number of deposits made between the year in which the Budapest Treaty became operational (1981) and the end of 2013 amounts to 87,074, the top four being as follows:

1. American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) (US)	29,476
2. International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD), National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE) (JP)	10,165
3. China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC) (CN)	8,737
4. Leibniz-Institut DSMZ – Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ) (DE)	7,603

It is interesting to note that deposits in China and the United States of America represented 72% (53.7% and 18.3%, respectively) of the deposits in 2013, and 55% (17% and 38%, respectively) of the overall total.

PCT Information Update

Please note that some of the fee changes announced below were already included in the PCT Fee Tables that were published separately on the PCT website in August 2014, in advance of the announcement in this section of the *PCT Newsletter*.

AU Australia (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, fees)

The Australian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it will no longer accept international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format with effect from 1 November 2014 (it is recalled that the Office does accept applications filed using ePCT-Filing and PCT-SAFE). Consequently, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply from that date.

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

BE Belgium (location and mailing address; fees)

The location and mailing address of the Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) has changed, as follows:

Rue du Progrès 50
B-1210 Bruxelles
Belgium

The Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that the “fiscal duties” component of the fee for priority document (EUR 5), payable to the Office as receiving Office, no longer applies. Also, with effect from 22 September 2014, the amount of the transmittal fee will change to EUR 120.

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

BN Brunei Darussalam (summary of requirements for entry into the national phase)

Information on the requirements of Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruiPO) as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/bn.pdf>

CL Chile (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) (INAPI) has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with INAPI (or the IB) as receiving Office. This will take effect on 22 October 2014, the date on which INAPI will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Annexes D and E for Chile will be published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* shortly.

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

CU Cuba (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Cuban Industrial Property Office has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) (with effect from 5 August 2014) and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) (INAPI) (with effect from 22 October 2014 (the date on which INAPI will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority)), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cuba with the Cuban Industrial Property Office (or the IB) as receiving Office.

Annexes D and E for Chile will be published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* shortly.

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

EC Ecuador (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property (IEPI) has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) (INAPI), in addition to the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Ecuador with IEPI (or the IB) as receiving Office. This will take effect on 22 October 2014, the date on which INAPI will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Annexes D and E for Chile will be published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* shortly.

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

There has been a change concerning the reductions in the national fee payable to the European Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office. In certain cases the examination fee is now reduced by 30% for language reasons.

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

IN India (fees)

There have been changes in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office, including new reduced amounts for these fees under certain conditions with effect from 28 February 2014, as follows:

		<i>Natural person</i>	<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Others</i>
Transmittal fee:	INR	3,250	8,800	17,600
Fee for priority document:				
- Up to 30 pages:	INR	1,100	2,750	5,500
- For each extra page:.....	INR	30	75	150
Late payment fee:	INR	3,250 ¹	8,800 ¹	17,600 ¹

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

PA Panama (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) (INAPI), in addition to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Panama with DIGERPI (or the IB) as receiving Office. This will take effect on 22 October 2014, the date on which INAPI will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Annexes D and E for Chile will be published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* shortly.

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

PT Portugal (fees)

There have been changes, with effect from 1 July 2014, in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	20.90
Fee for priority document:	EUR	41.80
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:		
– where the request is filed online:	EUR	156.75
– where the request is filed on paper:	EUR	313.50

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from the same date:

¹ This is the minimum amount for the late payment fee in Indian rupees. The fee is payable in the equivalent amount of US dollars.

	<i>Online</i>	<i>On paper</i>
For patent (includes publication and examination):	EUR 52.25	104.50
For utility model (includes publication):	EUR 52.25	104.50

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

QA Qatar (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers)

The location and mailing address and the telephone and fax numbers of the Intellectual Property Center (Qatar) have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Omar Al Mukhtar Street
P.O. Box 1968
Ministry of Economy and Commerce
Doha
Qatar

Telephone: (974) 449 44 555

Fax: (974) 449 45 000

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

SE Sweden (fees)

As from 1 October 2014, 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 amount(s) in SEK of the fee reductions listed in 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 (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), Nordic Patent Institute, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

On 1 August 2014, there was a change in the equivalent amount payable in ISK for an international search carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

As from 1 October 2014, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office.....	ZAR
European Patent Office.....	GBP, SEK
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	HUF
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	CHF
Nordic Patent Institute.....	SEK

Korean Intellectual Property Office.....	SGD
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	SEK

As from 1 November 2014, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office.....	EUR
European Patent Office	HUF
Korean Intellectual Property Office.....	EUR

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, BR, EP, KR, RU, SE, XN))

A new Annex D for Chile, which will contain the amount of the fee that will be payable in USD, as well as the equivalent amounts in EUR and CHF, for an international search carried out by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) with effect from 22 October 2014, the date on which INAPI will start functioning as an International Searching Authority, will be published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* shortly.

Preliminary examination fee (National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile))

A new Annex E for Chile, which will contain the amount of the fee that will be payable in USD for an international preliminary examination carried out by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) with effect from 22 October 2014, the date on which INAPI will start functioning as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, will be published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* shortly.

Handling Fee (Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 1 October 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in SEK to the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority. The new amount will be SEK 1,520.

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

New/Updated PCT Resources

Meeting documents

PCT Assembly

Documents which have been prepared for the forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) (PCT Assembly), which will be held in Geneva during the period from 22 to 30 September 2014, are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33287

PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation

Documents which have been prepared for the upcoming twenty-seventh session of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (CTC), which will be held in Geneva during the period from 22 to 30 September 2014, are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33947

PCT Working Group

The draft report of the seventh session of the PCT Working Group, which was held in Geneva from 10 to 13 June 2014, is now available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=32424

PCT Regulations in German – corrected version

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http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/pdf/pct_regs.pdf

A corrected version of the paper version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT (WIPO Publication No. 274), in German, is under preparation.

PCT FAQs

An updated version of the publication “Protecting your Inventions Abroad: Frequently Asked Questions About the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)”, dated July 2014, is now available in HTML and PDF formats in English at, respectively:

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

Other languages are under preparation.

PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines

The PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines have been updated to take into account the amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 July 2014, as well as other updates. It is recalled that the amendments to the Regulations relate to:

- making the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, as well as any informal comments submitted by the applicant in response to such opinions, publicly available from the date of international publication (deletion of PCT Rule 44~~ter~~ and amendment of PCT Rule 94.1(b)); and
- requiring the International Preliminary Examining Authority to conduct a top-up search during international preliminary examination, subject to certain exceptions (addition of PCT Rules 66.1~~ter~~ and 70.2(f)).

The updated version, in English and French, is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ispe.pdf>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/ispe.pdf>

Seminar materials

Seminar materials covering all aspects of the PCT procedure have been updated in Chinese on 8 August 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf

Modified PCT Regulations (Italian and Russian)

The consolidated text of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2014, is now available in PDF format in Italian and Russian, in addition to Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/it/texts/pdf/pct_regis.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/pdf/pct_regis.pdf

PCT in the News

The following extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 4, 2014) have been added to the “PCT in the News” page of the PCT website:

Bacteria as a Vehicle for Drug Delivery

ActoGeniX, a small Belgian biotech company with a global reach, is breaking new ground in the treatment of gastrointestinal, immunological and metabolic diseases. Their new technology, known as Actobiotics™, promises to revolutionize the treatment of these chronic conditions. Intellectual property is at the heart of the company’s business strategy enabling it to attract investors, secure a competitive advantage and create value for its shareholders. ActoGeniX uses the PCT to file its patent applications internationally. “The PCT buys us time to determine whether it is really worth pursuing a patent at the national level. This can be a costly affair, so the PCT offers us valuable time and cost savings,” explains Emil Pot, General Counsel at ActoGeniX.

Innovation Gathers Pace in Renewables Sector

Sarah Helm, Manager at UK-based innovation consultancy CambridgeIP, discusses a recent report co-published with WIPO which highlights striking increases in commercial innovation in relation to four climate-change mitigation technologies (CCMTs), namely, biofuels, solar thermal, solar photovoltaic and wind. A marked rise in the use of the PCT points to the increasingly global nature of markets for these patented technologies. Since 2006, over 30% of patents filed within these four areas were filed through the PCT, nearly double the rate of PCT filings between 1975 and 2005.

These and other extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/pct_news.html

The WIPO Magazine, Issue No. 4/2014 is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/pdf/2014/wipo_pub_121_2014_04.pdf

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitations

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, a number of new invitations have been identified originating from the following:

IPTG – International Patent and Trademark Guide

WOPD – Worldwide Online Patent Database

UPTS – Universal Patents and Trademarks Service

Commercial Center for Industry and Trade

Euro IP Register

WIPD – World Intellectual Property Database

WPTI – World Patent and Trademark Index

To view an example of the 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.html

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, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau at:

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (+41-22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.legal@wipo.int

Roving IP Seminars in the United Kingdom

WIPO, in cooperation with the Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)² (UKIPO), is organizing three seminars about the protection of intellectual property (IP) rights and the latest developments in global IP systems, including the PCT. The seminars will take place in London, Manchester and Glasgow, on 6, 8 and 9 October 2014, respectively, and will be free of charge. The half-day events, which will be led by senior representatives of WIPO, will provide an introduction to WIPO services and initiatives, including international systems for the protection of IP rights, alternative dispute resolution, and infrastructure for the exchange of IP information. There will be ample opportunity for discussion, including interaction with the UKIPO and local business representatives.

For registration, please e-mail: wiposeminars@ipo.gov.uk with the subject heading "WIPO Seminar Registration – London/Manchester/Glasgow" [only include the city of interest to you], providing a contact e-mail address and telephone number. Early registration is encouraged as space on the seminars is limited. Further information including a program flyer and program details can be found at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=34482

Reminder: Advanced PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters

The deadline for registration for the Advanced PCT Seminar at the WIPO Headquarters in Geneva on 9 and 10 October 2014 (details of which were given in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2014) is coming up soon, on 19 September 2014. It is recalled that the seminar, which is free of charge, is about the procedural aspects of the international and national phases, recent and future PCT developments, and filing and management of PCT applications in ePCT. Participation is limited to 45 people. Further details and the online registration form are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33504

Enquiries may be also be sent by e-mail to: pct.our@wipo.int

Practical Advice

Requests for recording of a new agent of record where the new agent makes the request (non-applicability of power of attorney waivers)

Q: I am the new agent for an international application and have sent a request to the International Bureau to record a change of agent under PCT Rule 92bis. The International Bureau has just informed me, however, that it cannot record the change without a power of attorney appointing me as agent, signed by the applicant. Please could you tell me why I need to obtain a power of attorney – I understood that the International Bureau had waived the requirement to furnish a power of attorney?

A: Even though the International Bureau (IB) has, in accordance with PCT Rule 90.4(d), waived the requirement for the agent to furnish a power of attorney where he or she has not already been appointed by the applicant (by the signing of the request form in which the agent is

² Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

indicated as such), it may, in accordance with Section 433(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, nevertheless require a separate power of attorney in particular instances.

The IB has specified that a power of attorney is required “upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing”. Therefore, even though, at the time of filing, there was no need for a power of attorney to be submitted appointing the original agent of record, because you are a new agent, and were not included in the request form at the time of filing, you are required to obtain a power of attorney signed by the applicant, or by the deemed common representative (see PCT Rule 90.2(b)) where there are two or more applicants. The IB cannot record the change until it has received that power of attorney. Note that a number of other Offices which have waived the requirement for the agent to furnish a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney, in their capacities as receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities, Authorities specified for supplementary search and/or International Preliminary Examining Authorities, have also specified similar instances in which a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney is required.

In the case where the original agent has eOwner access rights to the application in ePCT, even if that person assigns access rights to you as the new agent³, this would not dispense with the need to submit a power of attorney in your favor signed by the applicant(s) in order for you to act on behalf of the applicant. For further information on assigning access rights to an application in ePCT, please see the “ePCT User Guide” at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/service_center/pdf/pct_wipo_accounts_user_guide.pdf

and the “Practical Advice” entitled “Changing access rights in ePCT when there is a change of agent” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2012 at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2012/pct_news_2012_04.pdf

Information about waivers by the IB and other Offices can be found in the table published at:

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

as well as in the relevant part of Annex C of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*. For further information on the appointment of agents, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, “Introduction to the International Phase”, paragraphs 5.041 to 5.051.

³ On the understanding that you had created an ePCT account, authenticated it with a digital certificate and concluded an eHandshake with that agent.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 1 September 2014)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10 September 2014 Cuenca (EC)	Spanish	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernández Vigaud	Instituto Ecuatoriano de la Propiedad Intelectual (IEPI) (Ms. Ketty Veliz) E-mail: kveliz@iepi.gob.ec and (Ms. María Cristina Castro) E-mail: mcastro@iepi.gob.ec
12 September 2014 Quito (EC)	Spanish	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernández Vigaud	Instituto Ecuatoriano de la Propiedad Intelectual (IEPI) (see Cuenca, above)
15 September 2014 Guayaquil (EC)	Spanish	Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernández Vigaud	Instituto Ecuatoriano de la Propiedad Intelectual (IEPI) (see Cuenca, above)
16 September 2014 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
18 September 2014 Rochester, NY (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed	PatentEducation® (Bob Gunderman or John Hammond) E-mail: BGunderman@patentededucation.com JMHammond@patentededucation.com Internet (for information and registration): www.patentededucation.com
30 September– 2 October 2014 Las Vegas, NV (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT course WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 683 18 95 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://patentresources.com
1–2 October 2014 The Hague (NL)	English	Advanced PCT seminar “PCT at the EPO 2014” (1-2 October 2014) – for industry and patent attorneys interested in prosecuting PCT applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bonvallet Other speakers from the EPO, other patent Offices, as well as from private practice and industry	European Patent Academy (Professional Representatives Unit) Tel: (49-89) 2399 5196 E-mail: profrep@epo.org New (extended) deadline for registration: 12 September 2014. For further information, go to: http://www.epo.org/pct-conference
6 October 2014 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
9 October 2014 Barcelona (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the epi-CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Antonio López-Carrasco Comajuncosas, Patent Office, Telefónica Digital) E-mail: alcc@tid.es

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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
9–10 October 2014 Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT): the procedural aspects of the international and national phases, recent and future PCT developments and filing and management of PCT applications in ePCT. Note that attendance is limited to 45 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle, Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Sim, Mr. Marlow, Mr. Reed, and others, to be announced	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters On-line registration and further information: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33504 Deadline for registrations: 19 September 2014 E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int
10 October 2014 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 13th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (9-10 October 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
15–16 October 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Henninger Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former member of the PCT Legal Division of WIPO and of the Boards of Appeal of the EPO)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
21–22 October 2014 Espoo (FI)	Finnish	Seminar on the PCT for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Ms. Metcalfe	Aalto University Executive Education Ltd. (Ms. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358-50) 352 46 69 E-mail: arja.andsten@aaltoee.fi Internet: www.aaltopro.fi/patenttiassistentti
30–31 October 2014 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT course WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. 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
November 2014 (exact date to be confirmed) Atlanta, GA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
3–4 November 2014 Boston, MA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bidwell	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Donna Meuth) E-mail: president@bpla.org Internet: www.bpla.org
5–6 November 2014 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
7 November 2014 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT System, within the framework of “PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants” (6–7 November 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
14 November 2014 Athens (GR)	English	PCT training seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Mrs. Eri Manousou) Tel: (30-210) 618 35 40 Fax: (30-210) 618 35 30 E-mail: eman@obi.gr

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
2–3 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Chatel	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
4 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
4–5 December 2014 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Gateau	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
11 December 2014 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. João Amaral, National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)) Tel: (351) 218 818 100 Fax: (351) 218 878 508 E-mail: jamaral@inpi.pt
16 January 2015 Cracow (PL) <i>(Note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Lukasz Bodgan) Tel: (48) 604 406 432 E-mail: lukasz.bodgan@agh.edu.pl
February 2015 (exact date to be confirmed) San Jose, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
4 February 2015 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers

Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
15 September 2014 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org

Other IP events**Roving IP Seminars: London, Manchester, Glasgow (United Kingdom), 6, 8 and 9 October 2014, respectively**

WIPO, in cooperation with the Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) (United Kingdom) (UKIPO), is organizing three seminars about the protection of intellectual property (IP) rights and the latest developments in global IP systems. The half-day events, which will be free of charge, will be led by senior representatives of WIPO. They will provide an introduction to WIPO services and initiatives, including international systems for the protection of IP rights, alternative dispute resolution, and infrastructure for the exchange of IP information. There will be ample opportunity for discussion, including interaction with the UKIPO and local business representatives.

For registration, please e mail: wiposeminars@ipo.gov.uk with the subject heading "WIPO Seminar Registration – London/Manchester/Glasgow" [only include the city of interest to you], providing a contact e-mail address and telephone number. Early registration is encouraged as space on the seminars is limited. For further details, see: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=34482

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 2014, 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 5.189. 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 15. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty		
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BND	Brunei dollar	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 September 2014, 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								CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,657	19	125 (from 1.11.14: –)	249	374	AU KR
AZ	AZN	10	USD	1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40 (from 22.9.14: 120)	EUR	1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,471	17	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT AU EP KR
BR	BRL ⁹	online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,638	18	123	246	369	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹	1,471	eq USD ¹¹ 17	eq USD ¹¹ 111	–	–	EP ES KR US (from 22.10.14: CL)
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN

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

(amounts on 1 September 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CO	COP 865,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, BR, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR EP ES RU (from 22.10.14: CL)
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,090	90	610	1,220	1,820	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES (from 22.10.14: CL)
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 130	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 914	10	–	138	206	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 341,400	HUF 3,900	HUF 25,700	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 81 or USD ¹⁵ 111	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,084 or USD 1,471	15 12 17	100 81 111	200 163 221	300 244 332	See footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹⁰ –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP IN RU
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 168,000	1,900	12,600	25,300	37,900	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁷	JPY 154,800	1,700	11,600	–	34,900	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
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	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ¹⁹	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 September 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	68.87	EUR	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	600 ²⁰	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 ²¹	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	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	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	550,000		6,200	41,400	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²²	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,084		12	–	163	244	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	8,780		100	–	1,320	1,980	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ²⁴	NZD	1,767		20	133	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	BR EP ES US (from 22.10.14: CL)
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,471	eq USD	17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,471		17	111	221	332	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	20.90	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP
QA	Information not yet available									
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,020 ²⁵	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available									
SA	USD	100	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	CA EG EP RU
SC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	9,440 (from 1.10.14: 10,130)		110 (110)	710 (760)	1,420 (1,520)	2,130 (2,290)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,835		21	138	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁶	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP
SM	EUR	70	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	–	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁷	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 September 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
US	USD 240 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 120 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 60 ²⁸	USD 1,471	17	111	221	–	AU EP KR RU US (from 1.10.14: IL)
UZ	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 15,860	180	1,190	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 September 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT ³⁰	EUR 1,864	CHF 2,272	KRW 2,651,000	SGD 3,240	USD 2,592	ZAR 27,130			
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,972 *(from 1.11.14: EUR 1,584)	CHF 1,765 ZAR** 20,730 EUR 1,584	EUR* 1,449 ***(from 1.10.14: ZAR 22,260)	KRW 2,070,000	NZD 2,345	SGD 2,590			
BR ³¹	BRL 2,250 *(from 1.10.14: CHF 905)	CHF* 853 CHF 905	EUR 742	USD 1,011					
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,299	EUR 1,066	USD 1,442					
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 253	USD 343					
EG ³²	EGP 4,000	CHF 525	EUR 427	USD 580					
EP ³³	EUR 1,875 JPY 267,300 USD 2,545 *(from 1.10.14: GBP 1,490 ***(from 1.11.14: HUF 588,100)	CHF 2,301 MWK 951,000 ZAR 27,580 GBP 1,490 HUF 588,100	DKK 13,990 NOK 15,180 SEK 17,380	GBP* 1,582 NZD 3,057	HUF** 553,600 SEK* 16,330	ISK 290,000 SGD 3,180			
ES ³³	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545						
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545						
IL	ILS 3,564	CHF 913	EUR 745	USD 1,021					
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual:	CHF 147	EUR 119 INR 2,500	USD 162 CHF 37	EUR 30	USD 41			
JP ¹⁷	JPY 70,000	CHF 601	EUR 491	KRW 716,000	SGD 850	USD 673			
KR	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD 420 For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,212	AUD 476 *(from 1.11.14: EUR 340) AUD 1,376 *(from 1.11.14: EUR 984)	CHF 379 EUR 340 CHF 1,096 EUR 984	EUR* 309 EUR* 893 ***(from 1.10.14: SGD 1,593)	NZD 504 NZD 1,456	SGD 551 SGD** 1,510			
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 (from 1.10.14: HUF 44,700) For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 (from 1.10.14: HUF 185,500)	CHF 171 HUF 44,700 CHF 709 HUF 185,500	EUR 140 EUR 580	HUF* 41,700 HUF* 172,900	USD 192 USD 795				
SE	SEK* 16,330 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301 *(from 1.10.14: SEK 17,380)	DKK 13,990 SEK 17,380	EUR 1,875	ISK 290,000	NOK 15,180			
US	USD 2,080 For small entity ²⁹ : For micro entity ²⁹ :	CHF 1,880 USD 1,040 USD 520	EUR 1,532 CHF 940 CHF 470	NZD 2,500 EUR 766 EUR 383	ZAR 22,550 NZD 1,249 NZD 625	ZAR 11,280 ZAR 5,640			
XN	DKK 13,990 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301 *(from 1.10.14: SEK 17,380)	EUR 1,875 SEK 17,380	ISK 290,000	NOK 15,180	SEK* 16,330			

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 September 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 34}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,043 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,460 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,086	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁵ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁶	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,301 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 660	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 September 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

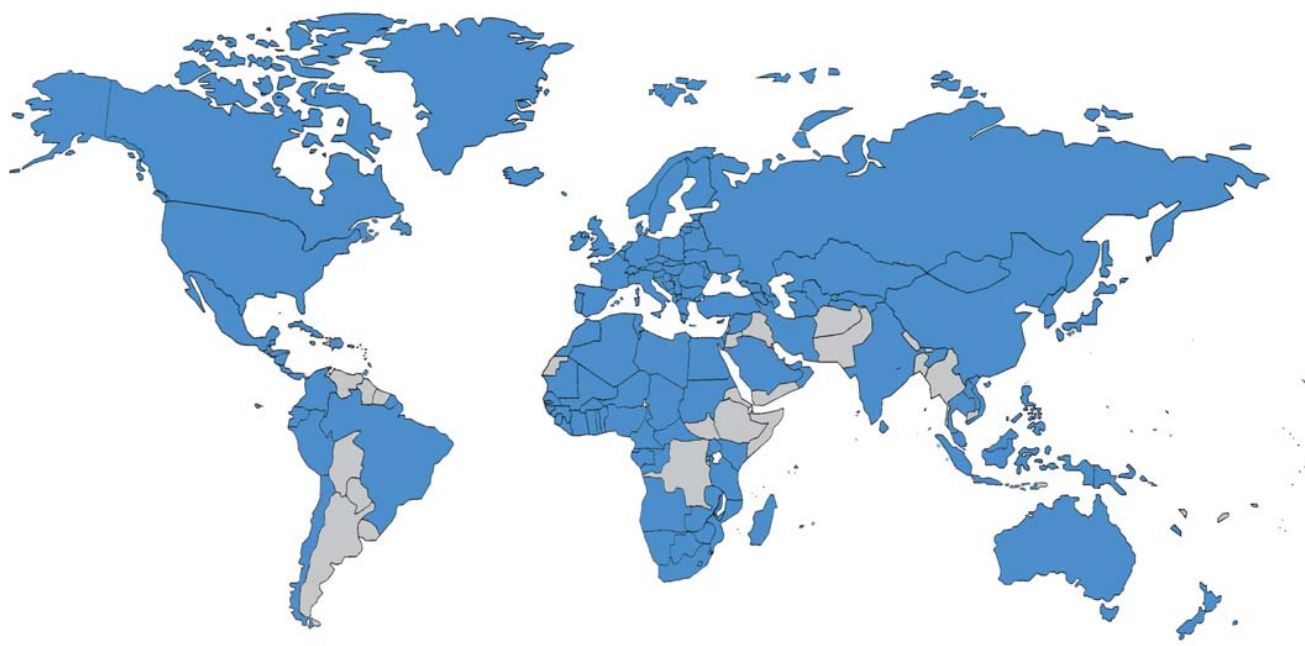
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁷	Handling fee ^{2, 37} (CHF 200)
AT ³⁰	EUR 1,749	EUR 163
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁸	AUD 249
BR ³¹	BRL 840	BRL 488
CA	CAD 800	CAD 246
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³²	EGP 3,000	EGP 1,525
EP ³³	EUR 1,930	EUR 163
ES	EUR 583.65	EUR 163
FI	EUR 600	EUR 163
IL	ILS 1,527	ILS 786
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 221
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁷	JPY 23,300
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 237,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁹ 4,050 ⁴⁰ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁹ 15,750 ⁴⁰	USD 221
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,420 (from 1.10.14: 1,520)
US	USD 600 760 ⁴¹ For small entity ²⁹ : USD 300 380 ⁴¹ For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 150 190 ⁴¹	USD 221
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,220

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

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 website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 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.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 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.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 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).
- 17 This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 19 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.
- 20 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf).
- 21 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 24 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 26 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 27 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%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 31 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 32 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 33 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 further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 34 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 35 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 36 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 37 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 40 In all cases where footnote 39 does not apply.
- 41 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 (148 on 4 September 2014)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP)
AO Angola	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP ⁴)
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros (OA) ²	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
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CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova ³	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CL Chile	HN Honduras	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP)	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
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CO Colombia	ID Indonesia		SC Seychelles	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	
			SG Singapore	

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of the Republic of Moldova for a Eurasian patent.

⁴ Only international applications filed on or after 19 August 2014 will include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 16 September 2012). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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Assembly of the PCT Union

The 46th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) was held in Geneva during the period from 22 to 30 September 2014, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

The Assembly appointed the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT. The appointment will become effective from a future date to be notified by the Office when it is ready to begin operations. The Assembly also noted that the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile (INAPI) would begin operations as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority on 22 October 2014.

The Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations, set out in the Annex to the report of the session (draft document PCT/A/46/6 Prov. – the final report is to be adopted by correspondence), which will enter into force on 1 July 2015. The amendments consisted of the following:

- PCT Rules 49*ter*.2 and 76.5: introduction of a requirement, for applicants making an express request for early national phase entry, to file any request for the restoration of the right of priority at the designated or elected Office within one month from the date of receipt of the request for early national phase entry (rather than one month from the expiration of the normal period for entering the national phase).
- PCT Rule 90.3: deletion of a reference to paragraph (a) of Rule 90*bis*.5, consequential on amendments previously adopted by the Assembly in October 2012.
- PCT Rule 90.5: enablement of the International Bureau, in cases where it receives a notice of withdrawal together with a copy of the general power of attorney, to process the notice of withdrawal without requiring the agent to submit a separate original power of attorney.
- Schedule of Fees: removal of the fee reduction available for PCT-EASY filings and revision of the eligibility criteria for fee reductions for certain applicants from certain countries.

The change to the eligibility criteria for fee reductions will mean that natural persons who are nationals and residents of Singapore and the United Arab Emirates will no longer benefit from the fee reductions, whereas natural persons who are nationals and residents of the Bahamas,

Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Nauru, Palau, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia and Suriname will start to benefit¹.

The Assembly approved new procedures for appointing International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities (document PCT/A/46/4). It was agreed to recommend that Offices seeking appointment obtain the assistance of an existing International Authority to help assess the extent to which they meet the necessary criteria. The Committee for Technical Cooperation should meet as a technical body to give expert advice on the application for appointment, at least three months in advance of the session of the PCT Assembly where the application is to be considered (and normally, in conjunction with the PCT Working Group meeting).

The Assembly also noted reports on the work being undertaken by the PCT Working Group and the PCT Meeting of International Authorities to find ways to improve the delivery of PCT services to stakeholders, and approved recommendations on further work. These matters were reported in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 06 and 03/2014, respectively.

Documents

The documents from the PCT Assembly are available from the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/46

The draft report is under preparation and will be available shortly.

Introducing WIPO Pearl, WIPO's new Terminology Portal Focusing on the Scientific and Technical Terminology Found in Patents

In September, WIPO launched a new database that provides free access to a wealth of multilingual scientific and technical terminology found in patents, available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/wipopearl>

Through its web-based interface, WIPO Pearl promotes accurate and consistent use of terms across the 10 publication languages of the PCT, and makes it easier to search and share scientific and technical knowledge. The database includes terms found in international applications filed via the PCT and will eventually include collections from other areas of the Organization, such as trademarks, industrial designs, and terminology found in other treaties administered by WIPO. Legal terminology from the Patent Cooperation Treaty is already included in WIPO Pearl, in all 10 PCT languages.

The 15,000 concepts and 90,000+ terms have all been entered and validated by WIPO-PCT language experts (translators and terminologists) who have considerable experience working with patent documents in multiple languages – the database has hitherto been used internally at WIPO to help improve the quality and consistency of the translations prepared under the PCT. Content is continually being added to the database, whilst future plans foresee collaboration with technical experts in external institutions to give a further level of reliability to the data.

¹ It is recalled that applicants from non-PCT Contracting States must file the PCT application together with an applicant who is a national of and/or resides in a PCT Contracting State, and may only benefit from the fee reduction if that applicant is also entitled to a fee reduction.

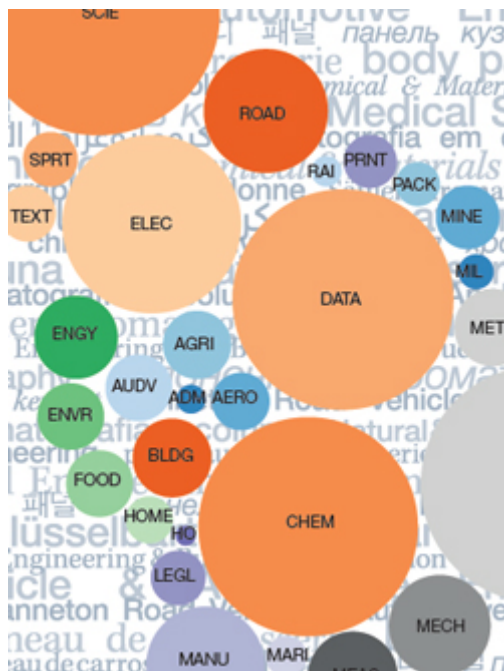
Key features

Some of the key features of WIPO Pearl are:

- all 10 PCT publication languages are covered: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish;
- classification of concepts by 29 subject fields, each with associated subfields;
- fully validated content with reliability scores;
- “concept maps” that give an innovative graphical display of related concepts by language and subject field;
- context and reliable source provided for all terms;
- term labelling (for example, “recommended”, “standardized” or “avoid”);
- integrated with PATENTSCOPE so that all occurrences of a searched term or its equivalent can be retrieved in the PATENTSCOPE corpus;
- integrated with PATENTSCOPE CLIR (Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval) so that an unvalidated proposal from WIPO’s patent-trained machine translation engine is offered or can be obtained if the database does not contain an equivalent for the term searched; and
- users can rate the quality of results.

WIPO Pearl offers a variety of search features, including the ability to select source and target languages (for best results, a source language should be selected), search by subject field as well as with abbreviations, and “fuzzy,” “exact” and “Boolean” search functions. Users can obtain a quick hit-list of results, which can be expanded to show the full detail of each terminological record. Alternatively, users can browse by subject field and generate concept maps that show linkages amongst related concepts by language and subject field, for example, showing concepts that are broader or narrower in scope than other concepts. This concept map feature is particularly useful for displaying the scope of concepts contained within a subject field and subfield, with the option to open the full multilingual terminology record for each concept found in the map.

Identifying the right term with the same scope of meaning in another language is a particular challenge faced by many stakeholders, whether patent translators, patent drafters, patent searchers and examiners, attorneys, research and development engineers, and so on. In offering validated equivalents across languages for the terminology found in patents, and linking each term retrieved to the full PATENTSCOPE corpus, it is hoped that WIPO Pearl will prove to be a useful tool for the patent community. Users of the patent system in regions or countries that do not have a highly developed infrastructure for accessing patent information in different languages may also benefit from the database. In addition, since not only terminology in multiple languages is included in WIPO Pearl but also value-added information such as examples of term usage, definitions of terms, and links showing relationships between concepts, the resource can also be useful as a learning and information tool for scientific and technical terminology in a broader sense.



WIPO Pearl users can browse concepts by subject field via the colored “bubbles”

We recommend that you use the most up-to-date browser version and disable ad-blocking plugins for the website. A User Guide, which currently includes a glossary of the terms used on the website and will be expanded upon in due course, is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/wipopearl/search/userGuide.html>

Feedback on the contents of WIPO Pearl is welcome and can be sent using the “Contact us” link on the website.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

European Patent Office: Launching of two new means of electronic filing

The European Patent Office (EPO), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that on 2 October 2014, it launched two new additional means of electronic filing:

- the EPO web-form filing service, which allows applicants to file international applications and subsequently-filed documents in PDF format; and
- the EPO case management system (CMS), which allows applicants to file international applications and subsequently-filed documents in electronic form.

Furthermore, the EPO, in its capacities as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is also prepared to receive and process subsequently-filed documents (including the demand for international preliminary examination) via the new means mentioned above.

Further information is available on the EPO's website at:

<http://www.epo.org/news-issues/news/2014/20141001.html>

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notices/archive/webformfiling.html>

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notices/archive/cms.html>

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

Malaysia: ePCT-Filing available at Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia

The Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia, in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/MY), has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 October 2014, it accepts international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal. Note that, although the Office also currently accepts international applications filed using the PCT-SAFE software, it will no longer accept such filings with effect from 1 November 2014.

A new notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 25 September 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

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

New Zealand: Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from 1 October 2014. The Office accepts international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are included in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 25 September 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

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

The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by the above-mentioned Offices brings to eight the total number of receiving Offices which do so, and it is hoped that more Offices will now be encouraged to follow suit.

It is recalled that ePCT-Filing can be accessed only via ePCT private services, which requires the creation of a WIPO user account authenticated with a digital certificate. Therefore, applicants who would like to use the system, but do not yet have an account, should go to the ePCT Portal at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

and follow the links to create an account and obtain a WIPO digital certificate. Note that it is possible to carry out demo filings by clicking on the link “Try ePCT in DEMO mode” in the list of shortcuts on the ePCT Portal.

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.064.240, dated 1 October 2014) may now be downloaded at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.html

Further details are available on the PCT eServices website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/>

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

New pilots start between the Japan Patent Office and the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) and the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia

New one-way PCT-PPH pilot programs between the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the following Offices started on the dates indicated:

- the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) (1 September 2014)
- the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (1 October 2014)

Under these pilots, faster examination in the national phase in Colombia or Malaysia is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable) issued by the JPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the PCT-PPH agreements is available as follows:

Japan and Colombia:

<http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/news/en/patent-prosecution-highway-between-the-sic-and-the-jpo>

http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/t_torikumi/pdf/japan_colombia_highway/sic_e.pdf

Japan and Malaysia:

http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/t_torikumi/pdf/japan_malaysia_highway/myipo_e.pdf

http://www.myipo.gov.my/home/-/asset_publisher/h88DQBcJyujH/content/patent-prosecution-highway-pp-1

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on these new pilots at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

PCT Information Update

AM Armenia (telephone number)

The telephone numbers of the Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia have changed to: (374-11) 59 75 34, 59 75 30

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

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 December 2014, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in AUD of the applicable fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

BE Belgium (provisions concerning international-type search)

There has been a change in the provisions of the law of Belgium concerning international-type search. The relevant provisions are now: Article XI.23, paragraph 10, of the Code of Economic Law.

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

CL Chile (fees, information on requirements of the Office as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority)

Further to the notification by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) that it will start functioning as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) with effect from 22 October 2014, information on the fees payable to the Office as well as the requirements of the Office is now available in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D and E at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexd/ax_d_cl.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexe/ax_e_cl.pdf

Also, the amounts of the following fees that will be payable to the Office as ISA and IPEA with effect from 22 October 2014 are included in the PCT Fee Tables:

- Search fee (in USD, CHF and EUR)
- Preliminary examination fee (in USD)
- Handling fee (in USD)

CR Costa Rica (criterion applied for requests for restoration of the right of priority; national provisions)

The Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica), in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that, in respect of requests for the restoration of the right of priority, it will apply only the “due care” criterion with effect from 15 November 2014.

The Office has also notified the provisions of the law of Costa Rica concerning national fees and who can act as agent. The relevant provisions are, respectively:

Law No. 6867 on Patents, Industrial Designs and Utility Models, Article 33(a) and Regulations to the Law on Patents, Industrial Designs and Utility Models, Article 47

Law No. 6867 on Patents, Industrial Designs and Utility Models, Article 34

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

EA Eurasian Patent Office (fees; agents)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No 09/2014 concerning the preparedness of the Eurasian Patent Office to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 September 2014, equivalent amounts, payable in USD to the Eurasian Patent Office as receiving Office, have now been established for the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, and are included in Fee Table I(a).

The Office has notified the IB that the list of registered patent attorneys who can act as agents is available at:

www.eapo.org/en/attorneys.php

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

EE Estonia (criterion applied in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority)

The Estonian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, has notified the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that, in respect of requests for the restoration of the right of priority, it now applies the "due care" criterion instead of the "unintentional" criterion.

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

EG Egypt (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, fees)

The Egyptian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that it no longer accepts international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format. Consequently, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees no longer applies.

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

GE Republic of Georgia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti) has specified, with effect from 1 January 2015, the Israel Patent Office (ILPO), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed in English by nationals and residents of Georgia with the National Intellectual Property Center as receiving Office. The ILPO will be competent provided that the application concerned does not contain one or more claims relating to the field of technology indicated under the International Patent Classification as:

G06Q – Data processing systems or methods, specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes; Systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not otherwise provided for.

The Agreement between the ILPO and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the ILPO as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty will be updated accordingly on 1 January 2015 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

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

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 December 2014, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Icelandic Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office:

Application fee:	ISK	56,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK	3,500
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	ISK	15,000
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK	28,500

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

MY Malaysia (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance by the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia as receiving Office of international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal, as well as its announcement concerning the ceasing of its acceptance of applications filed using the PCT-SAFE software, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

NZ New Zealand (fees)

For information on the acceptance by the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office of international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that are now applicable, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

SK Slovakia (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; fees)

The Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) has notified the IB that it no longer accepts 3.5 inch diskettes for the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media.

The amount of the fee for priority document, payable to the Office as receiving Office, is now as follows: EUR 20.

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

US United States of America: clarification about the specification by the USPTO of the Israel Patent Office as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

Reference is made to the specification of the Israel Patent Office (ILPO) by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for certain international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO as receiving Office (RO/US), with effect from 1 October 2014. Given that, for the moment, the ILPO will only accept a maximum of 75 international applications per fiscal quarter, the availability of ILPO as International Searching Authority (ISA/IL) is limited to US applicants who file at RO/US; for a transitional period, it will not be available as an ISA for US applicants filing at the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB).

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

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office, Australian Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile))

For information on the fees that will be payable, with effect from 22 October 2014, to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) for an international search, see "CL Chile", above.

As from 1 November 2014, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent OfficeCHF, EUR

Korean Intellectual Property OfficeCHF, EUR

As from 1 December 2014, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Austrian Patent Office.....KRW, SGD, USD

Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent)
(Russian Federation)USD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (AT, AU, KR and RU))

Preliminary examination fee (National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile))

For information on the fees that will be payable, with effect from 22 October 2014, to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) for international preliminary examination, see "CL Chile", above.

Handling Fee (Australian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile))

For information on the handling fee that will be payable, with effect from 22 October 2014, to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), see "CL Chile", above.

As from 1 December 2014, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office and in KRW to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as International Preliminary Examining Authorities. The new amounts will be AUD 237 and KRW 222,000, respectively.

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

New/Updated PCT Resources

Presentation on the PCT

“Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)”, a presentation on the PCT by Matthew Bryan, Director, PCT Legal Division, WIPO, as updated in October 2014, and is now available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/presentations/introduction.pdf>

History of the PCT Regulations

The History of the PCT Regulations has been updated to include the amendments to the Regulations that have been made since the last update in January 2013. This resource, which charts chronologically, for each PCT Rule, any changes that have been made to that Rule since its adoption, is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regulations_history.pdf

ISA and IPEA Agreements

An updated version of the Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Israel Patent Office, as in force from 1 October 2014, relating to the functioning of this Authority as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, has been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

Furthermore, the Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), as in force from 22 October 2014, relating to the functioning of this Authority as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, is now available in PDF format in English and French at, respectively (on the right hand side of the page):

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html

PATENTSCOPE Search System

Regional patent collection: Eurasian Patent Office

The PATENTSCOPE search system now includes the patent collection of the Eurasian Patent Office. This brings to 38 the number of national or regional Offices for which data is available.

The collection is available at:

<http://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/advancedSearch.jsf>

Promotion of patent licensing

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DKPTO) and WIPO have worked together to increase the visibility of PCT applications for which applicants interested in licensing out the inventions contained in their international applications have requested the International Bureau to make this information available on the PATENTSCOPE search system.

The collaboration means that applications in which the applicants have indicated an intention to license the technology can now be found on DKPTO's platform, IP Marketplace, at:

<https://www.ip-marketplace.org/>

On IP Marketplace, it is possible to show patents, trademarks and designs that are for sale or out-licensing, and to look for trading partners and other kinds of partnerships.

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitation

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, a new invitation has been identified originating from "IPT Patents".

To view an example of the invitation, 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.html

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, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau at:

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (+41-22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.legal@wipo.int

Practical Advice

Withdrawing an international application actively rather than waiting for the receiving Office to consider it withdrawn due to lack of payment of fees

Q: I am the agent for an international application in respect of which, a day after filing the application, I realized that several pages of the claims were missing from the transmission. As I could not take advantage of incorporation by reference since the international application does not claim priority of an earlier application, I thought that the simplest option for me to remedy the situation would be to immediately re-file the application in its entirety, even if this meant getting an international filing date of one day later. As far as the initial application is concerned, could I simply let it lapse by not paying the international fees, in which case the receiving Office will declare that the international application is considered withdrawn due to lack of payment of fees (PCT Article 14(3)(a))? This would dispense with both the need to obtain the signature of the applicant (there being no power of attorney on file) and the need to actively withdraw the application.

A: Not paying the fees related to the filing of the international application within the time limit prescribed should result in your application eventually being considered withdrawn by the receiving Office (RO), and the RO should so declare. According to PCT Rule 16*bis*, where the transmittal fee, the international filing fee and the search fee have not been paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application (see PCT Rules 14.1(c), 15.3 and 16.1(f)), the RO invites the applicant under PCT Rule 16*bis*.1(a) to pay to it the amount required to cover those fees, together with, where applicable, the late payment fee under PCT Rule 16*bis*.2, within a time limit of one month from the date of the invitation. Where the applicant does not, within the time limit set in the invitation, pay in full the amount due, the RO declares the international application withdrawn (PCT Article 14(3)(a) and PCT Rules 16*bis*.1(c) and 29.1) and informs the applicant accordingly (Form PCT/RO/117 (Notification that international application considered to be withdrawn)).

Note, however, that it is not advisable to simply wait for the RO to consider your international application withdrawn for lack of payment of fees if you no longer wish to proceed with it, as there are risks associated with proceeding in this way. In the past, the following scenarios have occurred, which, in some cases, might have led to the publication of an application that the applicant had presumed to be withdrawn:

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

It is more prudent, and indeed a best practice, to actively send a notice of withdrawal if you no longer wish to proceed with the international application, even if this means having to obtain the applicant's signature on either the power of attorney appointing you or the notice of withdrawal itself.

If the IB has not yet received the record copy (you are notified of this via Form PCT/IB/301), the notice of withdrawal should be sent to the RO, preferably electronically or by fax where

possible. However, if the IB has already received the record copy of the international application, it is advisable to submit the notice of withdrawal to the IB rather than to the RO so as to avoid any unnecessary delays, especially if you want to ensure that the international application is not published by the IB before the notice of withdrawal has been forwarded to the IB by the RO.

If the IB has already received the record copy, withdrawing an international application is particularly simple if you use the ePCT public or private services to submit your notice of withdrawal online to the IB. If you have access to ePCT private services, you can withdraw the international application by simply selecting the relevant eAction tab (“Withdraw IA”). If you only have access to ePCT public services, you can use the “Upload documents” function to upload a PDF file containing a notice of withdrawal in the form of either a completed Form PCT/IB/372 (“Notice of Withdrawal”) (available in editable PDF format on the PCT website at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ib/editable/ed_ib372.pdf) or a letter. You can also submit a power of attorney via ePCT services. By using ePCT services in the above ways, you will get rapid confirmation that the withdrawal has been effected. It is important, nevertheless, to check whether you have received such confirmation of withdrawal from the IB. If you do not receive such confirmation within 48 hours following a withdrawal sent in any of the above ways, you should contact the IB to follow this up.

Full details concerning the use of the ePCT system to submit withdrawals, including information on creating a WIPO user account which is necessary for using the system, were included in the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2012 at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2012/pct_news_2012_11.pdf

If you are still filing documents on paper, then it is recommended that you use Form PCT/IB/372 for notifying the withdrawal of the application. The form should be duly signed and preferably faxed to the number indicated on the form.

Please be aware that no fees are payable for withdrawing the international application and by doing so, there is of course still no need to pay the international fees which are due upon filing. By withdrawing your international application you will be more confident that the withdrawal has been recorded, although you should, nevertheless, always check that any withdrawal is confirmed by the Office to which it was sent. Note that if you had already paid the international fee and search fee upon filing, those fees would be refunded if you withdraw the international application, provided that the withdrawal is notified before the record copy is sent to the IB and before the search copy is sent to the International Searching Authority.

If, for some reason, you do not wish to withdraw the international application, but you wish the RO to consider it withdrawn for lack of payment of fees, then you must be very careful to track whether the RO actually goes ahead and acts as required. One action you could take is to proactively respond to the invitations to pay fees issued by the RO (Forms PCT/RO/102 (Notification concerning payment of prescribed fees) and PCT/RO/133 (Invitation to pay prescribed fees together with late payment fee)) saying something to the effect that no fees, including the late payment fee, will be paid and that the applicant fully expects that the RO will declare the international application withdrawn for failure to pay fees. As stated above, proceeding in this way is not advisable, but if pursued, the applicant should, nevertheless, carefully monitor the application to ensure that the RO actually proceeds with the withdrawal of the application.

For further information on withdrawing the international application, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 11.048 and 11.049, and PCT Rule 90*bis*.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 13 October 2014)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
15–16 October 2014 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Henninger Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former member of the PCT Legal Division of WIPO and of the Boards of Appeal of the EPO)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
21–22 October 2014 Espoo (FI)	Finnish	Seminar on the PCT for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Ms. Metcalfe	Aalto University Executive Education Ltd. (Ms. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358-50) 352 46 69 E-mail: arja.andsten@aaltoee.fi Internet: www.aaltopro.fi/patenttiassistentti
30–31 October 2014 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT course WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. 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
3–4 November 2014 Boston, MA (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bidwell	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Donna Meuth) E-mail: president@bpla.org Internet: www.bpla.org
5–6 November 2014 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
7 November 2014 Heidelberg (DE)	German	Presentation on the PCT System, within the framework of “PaFa-Tagung – Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators and Patent Assistants” (6–7 November 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
14 November 2014 Athens (GR)	English	PCT training seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Mrs. Eri Manousou) Tel: (30-210) 618 35 40 Fax: (30-210) 618 35 30 E-mail: eman@obi.gr
14 November 2014 Atlanta, GA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
2–3 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Chatel	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
4 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
4–5 December 2014 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Gateau	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
9 December 2014 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division Tel: (81-3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 Internet: http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/ibento/ibento2/h26_chiteki_setumeikai.htm
10 December 2014 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Osaka, above)
11 December 2014 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. João Amaral, National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)) Tel: (351) 218 818 100 Fax: (351) 218 878 508 E-mail: jamaral@inpi.pt
15 December 2014 Takamatsu (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Osaka, above)
16 December 2014 Kobe (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Osaka, above)
18 December 2014 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Osaka, above)
16 January 2015 Cracow (PL) <i>(Note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Lukasz Bodgan) Tel: (48) 604 406 432 E-mail: lukasz.bodgan@agh.edu.pl
February 2015 (exact date to be confirmed) San Jose, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
4 February 2015 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
19 February 2015 Irvine, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
16–17 April 2015 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT Formalities Seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
20–21 May 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
18 November 2014 San Diego (Del Mar), CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: Learn the Basics Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
18 February 2015 Irvine, CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: Learn the Basics Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 October 2014, 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 5.189. 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 15. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit		
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RON	New leu		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUB	Russian rouble		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		
BND	Brunei dollar	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 October 2014, 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						CA
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,657 (from 1.12.14: 1,574)	19 (18)	125 (from 1.11.14: –)	249 (237)	374 (355)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 10	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 120	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT AU EP KR
BR	BRL ⁹ online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,638	18	123	246	369	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 130	CLP eq USD ¹¹ 1,471	eq USD ¹¹ 17	eq USD ¹¹ 111	–	–	EP ES KR US (from 22.10.14: CL)
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN

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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	
CO	COP 865,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, BR, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES (from 22.10.14: CL)
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR EP ES RU (from 22.10.14: CL)
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,090	90	610	1,220	1,820	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	EP RU
EC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES (from 22.10.14: CL)
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 130	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 914	10	–	138	206	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP RU US (from 1.1.15: IL)
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 341,400	HUF 3,900	HUF 25,700	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 81 or USD ¹⁵ 111	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,084 or USD 1,471	15 12 17	100 81 111	200 163 221	300 244 332	See footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹⁰ –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP IN RU
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 168,000	1,900	12,600	25,300	37,900	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁷	JPY 154,800	1,700	11,600	–	34,900	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						
KN	EP						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ¹⁹	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹⁰ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU

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

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							Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	68.87	EUR	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	600 ²⁰	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 ²¹	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	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	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	550,000		6,200	41,400	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²²	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,084		12	–	163	244	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	8,780		100	–	1,320	1,980	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ²⁴	NZD	1,767		20	133	266	399	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	BR EP ES US (from 22.10.14: CL)
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,471	eq USD	17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,471		17	111	221	332	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	20.90	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP
QA	Information not yet available									
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,020 ²⁵	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available									
SA	USD	100	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	CA EG EP RU
SC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	10,130		110	760	1,520	2,290	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,835		21	138	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁶	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP
SM	EUR	70	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰	–	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰	–	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	–	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁷	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,471		17	111	–	–	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	
US	USD 240 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 120 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 60 ²⁸	USD 1,471	17	111	221	–	AU EP IL KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 15,860	180	1,190	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT ³⁰	EUR 1,864 <i>*(from 1.12.14:</i>	CHF 2,272 <i>KRW 2,505,00</i>	KRW* 2,651,000 <i>SGD 3,050</i>	SGD* 3,240 <i>USD 2,393)</i>	USD* 2,592	ZAR 27,130			
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,972 <i>*(from 1.11.14:</i>	CHF* 1,765 ZAR 22,260 <i>CHF 1,858</i>	EUR* 1,449 <i>EUR 1,584)</i>	KRW 2,070,000	NZD 2,345	SGD 2,590			
BR ³¹	BRL 2,250	CHF 905	EUR 742	USD 1,011					
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,299	EUR 1,066	USD 1,442					
(from 22.10.14: CL)	<i>(from 22.10.14:</i> USD 2,000 CHF 1,808 EUR 1,473 <i>In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity²:</i> USD 400 CHF 362 EUR 295 <i>In case of filing by a university³²:</i> USD 300 CHF 271 EUR 221)								
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 253	USD 343					
EG ³³	EGP 4,000	CHF 525	EUR 427	USD 580					
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,875 JPY 267,300 USD 2,545 <i>*(from 1.11.14:</i>	CHF 2,301 MWK 951,000 ZAR 27,580 <i>HUF 588,100)</i>	DKK 13,990 NOK 15,180	GBP 1,490 NZD 3,057	HUF* 553,600 SEK 17,380	ISK 290,000 SGD 3,180			
ES ³⁴	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545						
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545						
IL	ILS 3,564	CHF 913	EUR 745	USD 1,021					
IN	INR 10,000 <i>In case of filing by an individual:</i>	CHF 147	EUR 119 INR 2,500	USD 162 CHF 37	EUR 30	USD 41			
JP ¹⁷	JPY 70,000	CHF 601	EUR 491	KRW 716,000	SGD 850	USD 673			
KR	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 AUD 476 CHF* 379 EUR* 309 NZD 504 SGD 551 USD 420 <i>*(from 1.11.14:</i> CHF 405 EUR 340) For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 AUD 1,376 CHF 1,096 EUR* 893 NZD 1,456 SGD 1,593 USD 1,212 <i>*(from 1.11.14:</i> CHF 1,171 EUR 984)								
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 CHF 171 EUR 140 HUF 44,700 USD* 192 <i>*(from 1.12.14:</i> USD 174) For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 CHF 709 EUR 580 HUF 185,500 USD** 795 <i>***(from 1.12.14:</i> USD 724)								
SE	SEK 17,380 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	DKK 13,990	EUR 1,875	ISK 290,000	NOK 15,180			
US	USD 2,080 For small entity ²⁹ : For micro entity ²⁹ :	CHF 1,880 USD 1,040 USD 520	EUR 1,532 CHF 940 CHF 470	NZD 2,500 EUR 766 EUR 383	ZAR 22,550 NZD 1,249 NZD 625	ZAR 11,280 ZAR 5,640			
XN	DKK 13,990 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	EUR 1,875	ISK 290,000	NOK 15,180	SEK 17,380			

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 35}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,043 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,460 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,086	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁶ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁷	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,301 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 660	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

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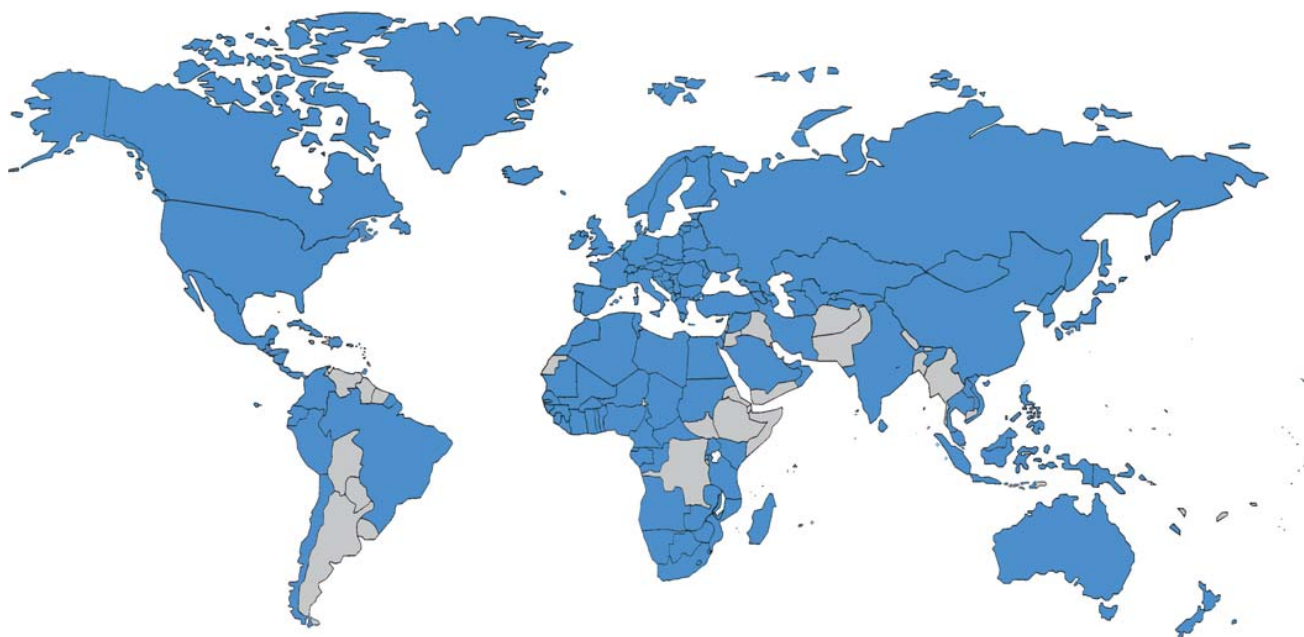
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁸	Handling fee ^{2, 38} (CHF 200)
AT ³⁰	EUR 1,749	EUR 163
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁹	AUD 249 (from 1.12.14: 237)
BR ³¹	BRL 840	BRL 488
CA	CAD 800	CAD 246
(from 22.10.14: CL)	(from 22.10.14: USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300)	(from 22.10.14: USD 221)
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³³	EGP 3,000	EGP 1,525
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,930	EUR 163
ES	EUR 583.65	EUR 163
FI	EUR 600	EUR 163
IL	ILS 1,527	ILS 786
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 221
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁷	JPY 23,300
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 237,000 (from 1.12.14: 222,000)
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ⁴⁰ 4,050 ⁴¹ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ⁴⁰ 15,750 ⁴¹	USD 221
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,520
US	USD 600 760 ⁴² For small entity ²⁹ : USD 300 380 ⁴² For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 150 190 ⁴²	USD 221
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,220

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

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 website at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 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.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 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.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 16 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).
- 17 This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 19 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.
- 20 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf).
- 21 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 24 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 26 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 27 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%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 31 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 32 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 33 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 34 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 further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 35 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 36 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 37 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
- 42 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 (148 on F&A 2014)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP)
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP) ⁴
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros (OA) ²	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
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Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Brazil: National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that, with effect from 20 October 2014, it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form. The Office accepts international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are included in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 23 October 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

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

European Patent Office: ePCT-Filing available

The European Patent Office (EPO), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that, with effect from 1 November 2014, it accepts international applications filed in electronic form using ePCT-Filing, in addition to those filed using PCT-SAFE, EPO Online Filing, the EPO web-form filing service and the EPO case management system (CMS). The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are included in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the EPO's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 13 November 2014 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

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

The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by the above-mentioned Offices brings to ten the total number of receiving Offices which do so¹, and more Offices will be added soon.

¹ ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices: RO/IB, RO/AU, RO/AT, RO/BR, RO/EA, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/MY, RO/NZ and RO/SE (see PCT Brief at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/brief/index.html#ePCT>).

It is recalled that ePCT-Filing can be accessed only via ePCT private services, which requires the creation of a WIPO user account authenticated with a digital certificate. Therefore, applicants who would like to use the system, but do not yet have an account, should go to the ePCT Portal at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

and follow the links to create an account and obtain a WIPO digital certificate. Note that it is possible to carry out demo filings by clicking on the link "Try ePCT in DEMO mode" in the list of shortcuts on the ePCT Portal.

ePCT Update: Improvements Regarding Payment of Fees to the International Bureau as Receiving Office

The following announcement only concerns users who file international applications with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) using ePCT-Filing.

As part of the next release of the ePCT system that is planned for the coming weeks, ePCT users who file international applications with the RO/IB using ePCT-Filing will notice a change in the procedure for paying fees by credit card or by debiting a WIPO current account. It will be possible to choose to pay the fees directly online at the time of filing or to pay later, by clicking on the payment link in the e-filing confirmation e-mail or via a new ePCT Action "Online Payment".

In the case of payment by debiting a WIPO current account, users will no longer have to indicate the current account number, but will just have to indicate the username and password provided to them when the WIPO current account was established (note that this is not the same username and password used to log in to ePCT).

In order to prepare in advance for this change of procedure, applicants who have forgotten or misplaced the username and password of their WIPO current account should request a new one by sending an e-mail to:

income.accounts@wipo.int

If you have any questions about this change, please do not hesitate to contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at:

epct@wipo.int

Further information on the next release of ePCT will be published in the *PCT Newsletter* shortly.

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

More Offices join the Global PPH pilot

On 1 November 2014, the Austrian Patent Office and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore signed up to the Global PPH (GPPH), bringing the number of Offices that have signed up to the pilot to 19.

It is recalled that under this pilot, it is possible for a request for accelerated processing to be made at any participating office based on work products (including, where applicable, a PCT written opinion from either the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examination Authority, or an international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP)

(Chapter II)), from any one of the other participating offices, provided that at least one claim has been found to be patentable by the office of earlier examination, and that any other applicable eligibility criteria are met. The pilot uses a single set of qualifying requirements and aims to simplify and improve the existing PPH network to make it more accessible to users.

For further information, including the eligibility requirements for making use of the GPPH pilot, see the Patent Prosecution Highway Portal Site at:

<http://www.jpo.go.jp/ppph-portal/globalpph.htm>

Information has also been published on the websites of the above-mentioned Offices at, respectively:

<http://www.patentamt.at/Erfindungsschutz/Schutzrechte/PPH/>
(in German)

<http://www.ipos.gov.sg/AboutIP/TypesofIPWhatIsIntellectualProperty/WhatIsaPatent/ApplyingforaPatent/PatentProsecutionHighwayPPH.aspx>

News from the European Patent Office

Withdrawal of its limitation of competence regarding certain international applications filed by US applicants

The European Patent Office (EPO), in its capacity as International Searching Authority (ISA), has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 January 2015, it will withdraw its limitation of competence regarding international applications containing business methods filed by nationals and/or residents of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) or the IB as receiving Office. This will concern all such applications that are filed on or after that date.

It is important to note that business methods, as such, continue not to be patentable under the European Patent Convention, and that the Notice from the EPO dated 1 October 2007 concerning business methods remains applicable (see the *Official Journal of the EPO* No. 11/2007, page 592 at: http://archive.epo.org/epo/pubs/oj007/11_07/11_5927.pdf). The ISA/EP will therefore continue to issue a declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) that no ISR will be established whenever an application relates only to a business method.

However, this change means that, in all cases where the subject matter of the application relates to business methods but involves technical means, ISA/EP will provide a search report for those parts of it which are more than mere business methods **regardless of an applicant's nationality or place of residence, and irrespective of whether the EP or the PCT route is chosen.**

This is the last limitation to be withdrawn by ISA/EP; as a result, as from 1 January 2015, international applications in all fields of technology will be considered by ISA/EP.

A link to further information, entitled "No more limitations to PCT work" is available on the EPO website at:

<http://www.epo.org/applying/international.html>

Processing of informal comments on earlier search results (“PCT Direct”)

On 1 November 2014, the EPO, in its capacity as RO and ISA, launched a new PCT service, “PCT Direct”, which applies to international applications filed on or after that date. Under PCT Direct, an applicant filing an international application with RO/EP, and claiming priority from an earlier application already searched by the EPO, can react to any objections raised in the search opinion drawn up for the priority application by filing a letter (“PCT Direct letter”) containing informal comments. Such informal comments should be in the form of arguments regarding the patentability of the claims of the international application, and where applicable, will include explanations regarding any modifications to the application documents, in particular to the claims, in comparison with the earlier application. Furthermore, the informal comments must be self-contained.

The international application will be processed under PCT Direct only where the following two requirements are met:

- the informal comments are filed together with the international application with the EPO as receiving Office in the prescribed form²; and
- the international application claims priority of an earlier application searched by the EPO (that is, a European application or, in the case of certain European States³, a national first filing).

During the international search performed by the EPO, the examiner will take into account any informal comments filed under PCT Direct when preparing the international search report and written opinion, provided that they meet the necessary requirements. However, he or she will make no explicit reference to the PCT Direct letter or its content in the written opinion.

Although PCT Direct letters do not form part of the international application, they will be made available to the public on PATENTSCOPE, in accordance with the PCT provisions on file inspection.

For further information about PCT Direct, please refer to the “Notice from the European Patent Office dated 18 August 2014 concerning the processing by the EPO as PCT receiving Office and International Searching Authority of informal comments on earlier search results (“PCT Direct”)” at:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2014/09/a89.html>

Change in practice concerning acceptance of address for correspondence

The EPO has notified a change in practice, with effect from 1 November 2014, with regard to the address for correspondence which may be given by applicants in an international application. The new practice has been introduced to facilitate the use of an address for correspondence in proceedings before the EPO, under both the European Patent Convention (EPC) and the PCT, as it allows applicants who are natural or legal persons to indicate an address for correspondence (although only if no professional representative or agent has been or is required to be appointed). Previously it was only possible to indicate an address for

² For details as to the required form of submissions, please refer to the corresponding notice from the EPO at: <http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2014/09/a89.html>

³ At present, the EPO performs national searches for the following States: Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, San Marino and Turkey.

correspondence in the case of legal persons. Furthermore, during the international phase, the indication of an address for correspondence is no longer restricted to the territory of the Contracting States of the EPC.

For further details about the revised practice, please refer to the "Notice from the European Patent Office dated 4 September 2014 concerning the use of an address for correspondence in proceedings before the EPO by persons acting without a professional representative or agent" at:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2014/10/a99/2014-a99.pdf>

Note that the above-mentioned notice deals separately with international applications for which the EPO is acting as a receiving Office or as an international authority under the PCT (see Part III) and Euro-direct applications as well as international applications before the EPO as designated or elected Office in the European phase (see Part IV).

Korean Intellectual Property Office: Transmittal of Notifications by E-mail to Certain Applicants

The Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), in its capacity as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 December 2014, it is prepared to send notifications by e-mail to applicants who have chosen it as ISA/IPEA but have filed the international application with a receiving Office other than KIPO.

However, for a transitional period, until the end of the first half of 2015, it will continue to send notifications by mail, even if the applicant has checked "exclusively in electronic form (no paper notifications will be sent)" in the e-mail authorization box of the request form. Note that applicants will not be able to reply to such e-mails and ISA/KR and IPEA/KR does not accept documents sent by e-mail from applicants.

PCT Information Update

National security provisions (various Offices)

The following Offices have provided additional details to the International Bureau (IB) concerning restrictions in their national legislation which are applicable when filing international applications with other Offices:

AM: Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia

CN: State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China

CY: Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus

DE: German Patent and Trade Mark Office

DK: Danish Patent and Trademark Office

FI: Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)

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

GR: Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)

IT: Italian Patent and Trademark Office
 MY: Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia
 PT: National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)
 RU: Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
 SE: Swedish Patent and Registration Office
 SG: Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
 US: United States Patent and Trademark Office

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (AM, CN, CY, DE, DK, FI, GB, GR, IT, MY, PT, RU, SE, SG, US))

AL Albania (name of Office; location and mailing address; e-mail address)

The Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office has notified changes in its name, location and mailing address and e-mail address, as follows:

Name of Office: Drejtoria e Përgjithshme e Patentave dhe Markave
 General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks (Albania)

Location and mailing address: Bulevardi "Gjergj Fishta"
 Godina Nr. 10
 Kati V
 Tirana
 Albania

E-mail: mailinf@dppm.gov.al

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

AZ Azerbaijan (name of Office; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; fees)

The State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan) has notified changes in its name (in English) and telephone and fax numbers, and now has an additional e-mail address, as follows:

Name of Office: State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Telephone: (99–412) 449 99 59, 594 37 75

Fax: (99–412) 449 36 81, 594 37 75

E-mail: azs@azstand.gov.az
 info@azstand.gov.az

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, have changed:⁴

Transmittal fee:	AZN	30
Fee for priority document:	AZN	20

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have also changed:⁴

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee:	AZN	20
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	25
Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:	AZN	20
Annual fee for the 3 rd year:.....	AZN	50

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

BB Barbados (requirements concerning agent)

There has been a change in the requirement as to who can act as agent before the Office as receiving Office or designated (or elected) Office: any attorney-at-law licensed and registered with the Office to practice as patent agent in Barbados may now act as such.

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

BR Brazil (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that are now applicable, see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

CR Costa Rica (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica) has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) (INAPI), in addition to the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Costa Rica with the Registry of Industrial Property (or the IB) as receiving Office, with effect from 15 November 2014.

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

⁴ These fees are subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.

EP European Patent Office (YWFcb]WZ`]b[/ZYg)

For information on the acceptance by the European Patent Office as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

FI Finland (location; mailing address; means of telecommunication; provisional protection)

The location and the mailing address of the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) have changed, as follows:

Location:	Arkadiankatu 6A FI-00100 Helsinki, Finland
Mailing address :	P.O. Box 1160 FI-00101 Helsinki, Finland

The Office has informed the IB of changes concerning the filing of documents by fax – the original of the document must now be furnished only upon invitation.

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Finnish or Swedish, or, if the international application was filed in Finnish or Swedish, of a copy of the application as filed, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable in the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. See Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patents Act.

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

IT Italy (who can act as agent)

There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Italian Patent and Trademark Office – any Italian agent whose name appears on a list maintained by the Office, any lawyer or attorney-at-law whose name appears in the respective professional roll, or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law, may now act as such.

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

KE Kenya (furnishing of copies of international applications)

The Kenya Industrial Property Institute has changed its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is to be furnished to it as designated (or elected) Office – the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

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

LC Saint Lucia (location and mailing address; telephone number; Internet address)

The location and mailing address has changed, one of the telephone numbers is no longer in operation, and the Internet address of the Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia) has changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 2nd Floor, Hewanorra House
Trou Garnier Financial Centre
Pointe Seraphine
Castries
Saint Lucia

Telephone: (1-758) 468 32 30, 468 32 31

Internet: www.rocip.gov.lc

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

LV Latvia (location and mailing address)

The Latvian Patent Office has notified the IB that its separate mailing address has been discontinued. The location and mailing address of the Office is now as follows:

Location and mailing address: 7(70) Citadeles iela
LV-1010 Riga
Latvia

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

MT Malta (name of Office; location and mailing address; Internet address)

The name, the location and mailing address and the Internet address of the Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment (Malta) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce
Department, Ministry for the Economy, Investment and
Small Business (Malta)

Location and mailing address: Lascaris
Valletta, VLT 1933
Malta

Internet: <https://secure2.gov.mt/IPO/default.aspx?ct=1>

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

RU Russian Federation (telephone numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses; criteria applied in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority)

The telephone number of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) for general matters, the e-mail address for the Office as International Searching Authority (ISA), International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search) (SISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) and one of its Internet addresses have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (7–495) 531 63 64 (general)
E-mail: isa-ipea@rupto.ru (ISA, SISA, IPEA)
Internet: www1.fips.ru

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i) that, in respect of requests for the restoration of the right of priority, it now applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria.

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

SM San Marino (fees)

The amount of the fee for priority document, payable to the Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) as receiving Office, is now as follows: EUR 40.

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

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

The National Center of Registries (El Salvador) has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) (INAPI), in addition to the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of El Salvador with the National Center of Registries (or the IB) as receiving Office, with effect from 15 November 2014.

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

US United States of America: further clarification about the specification by the USPTO of the Israel Patent Office as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

Reference is made to the specification of the Israel Patent Office (ILPO) by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for certain international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO as receiving Office (RO/US), with effect from 1 October 2014. Please note that, in addition to the limitation to a maximum of 75 international applications per fiscal quarter from such applicants, there is also a limitation as to the technical field of the international applications concerned: the ILPO will not search or examine international applications which contain one or more claims relating to a business method as defined by certain International Patent Classification classes. For further details, please see:

http://www.uspto.gov/patents/law/notices/ilpo_isa-ipea.pdf

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

ZA South Africa (telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; means of telecommunication)

The telephone numbers, the fax number and the e-mail address of the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (27–12) 394 50 01, 394 50 72, 394 50 84

Fax: (27–12) 394 60 84

E-mail: epct@cipc.co.za

In addition, the CIPC has notified the IB that it also accepts the filing of documents by e-mail, in addition to fax.

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

Search fee and other fees relating to international search (National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

There has been a change, with effect from 1 March 2014, in the amount payable in BRL and in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF, EUR and USD for an international search carried out by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), as indicated in Fee Table I(b), together with changes in the amounts of the following fees:

Additional search fee	BRL 1,360 (online)
	BRL 2,040 (on paper)
Protest fee	BRL 1,220 (online)
	BRL 1,830 (on paper)
Late furnishing fee	BRL 180 (online)
	BRL 270 (on paper)

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

International preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

There has been a change, with effect from 1 March 2014, in the amount payable in BRL for an international preliminary examination carried out by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), as indicated in Fee Table II, together with changes in the amounts of the following fees:

Additional preliminary examination fee	BRL 365 (online)
	BRL 545 (on paper)
Protest fee	BRL 1,220 (online)
	BRL 1,830 (on paper)
Late furnishing fee	BRL 180 (online)
	BRL 270 (on paper)

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

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees; Clarification About Reminders for Payment of National Fees

New invitation

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, a new invitation has been identified originating from “IPTO - International Patent & Trademark Organization”.

To view an example of the invitation, 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.html

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the International Bureau (IB) 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, please do not hesitate to contact the IB at:

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (+41-22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.legal@wipo.int

Clarification about reminders for payment of national fees

It has come to our attention that some applicants (or agents) are confusing bona fide reminders for the payment of patent renewal fees to national Offices in the national phase with fraudulent requests for fees. Some of these reminders may be routinely sent out to applicants by Offices even if they have not yet entered the national phase in the respective country, most likely as a precautionary measure, so that the applicant does not miss any important deadlines or incur additional late payment fees.

In case of doubt as to the veracity of such requests for payment of fees, please contact the national (or regional) Office concerned directly, preferably using the contact details of the Office as indicated in Annex B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/>

You may also find it useful to refer to a number of warnings about requests for payment of national fees that have been posted online by various Offices, the links to which can be accessed from the above-mentioned warning page on the PCT website.

If you are still in doubt in relation to any such requests, please do not hesitate to contact the IB, the contact details of which are indicated above.

New/Updated PCT Resources

PCT FAQs

The publication “Protecting your Inventions Abroad: Frequently Asked Questions About the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)”, which was updated in July 2014, is now available in HTML and PDF formats in French and in PDF format in Japanese (as well as in English) at, respectively:

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

Other languages are under preparation.

Report of the PCT Working Group

The report (document PCT/WG/7/30) of the seventh session of the PCT Working Group, which took place from 10 to 13 June 2014, has been adopted by correspondence and is now available, along with the other documents for the session, on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=32424

ISA and IPEA Agreements

An updated version of the Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), as in force from 1 March 2014, relating to the functioning of this Authority as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, has been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_br.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_br.pdf

Practical Advice

The filing of international applications containing references to microorganisms (or other biological material)

Q: I will shortly be filing an international application in respect of an invention pertaining to the field of biotechnology and I would like to know whether it should contain any reference to the microorganism which was deposited with a depositary institution when I filed my national application. If so, what kinds of indications are required, and when must they be provided?

A: The PCT does not contain any express provision making it mandatory for an international application to include a reference to a deposited microorganism or other biological material (hereinafter “microorganism”) to which it relates. It merely prescribes that if such a reference is made, it shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13bis, and if so made, it will be considered as satisfying the requirements of the national law of each designated State with regard to the contents of such references and the time limit for furnishing them (PCT Rule 13bis.2).

It is nevertheless highly recommended to include a reference to the deposit of a microorganism in an international application whenever the national law of at least one of the designated States provides for making such a reference for the purposes of adequately disclosing an invention. Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* lists those national/regional Offices of, or acting for, the Contracting States, the national laws of which provide for references to deposited microorganisms to be made for the purposes of patent procedure.

PCT Rule 13bis.3(a) requires the following indications to be included in a reference to a deposited microorganism:

- the name and address of the depositary institution with which the deposit was made;
- the date of the deposit;
- the accession number given to the deposit by that institution; and
- any additional matter that may be required as notified to the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 13bis.7(a)(i) – some Contracting States require indications in addition to those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a), such as a short description of the characteristics of the microorganism, to the extent available to the applicant. Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* sets out, for each national (or regional) Office concerned, any additional indications that are required.

With regard to the time limit for including a reference to a deposited microorganism in an international application, PCT Rule 13bis.4(a) requires that any indications be furnished within 16 months from the priority date, or at the latest, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication. However, earlier time limits may apply in the following circumstances:

- where a designated State has notified the IB that its national law requires the reference to be furnished at an earlier time (PCT Rule 13bis.4(b)); or
- where an early publication of the international application has been requested, in which case any reference to a deposited microorganism should be furnished by the time such a request is made (PCT Rule 13bis.4(c)).

It is important to note that a number of Offices (15 according to the information provided to the IB by designated (or elected) Offices, and as currently published in Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*) have notified the IB, in accordance with PCT Rule 13bis.7(a)(ii), that they require that such indications be made at the time of filing. It is therefore a best practice to furnish the indications at the time of filing. Note that any reference to a deposited microorganism, if not furnished within the applicable time limit, may be considered by a designated Office as not having been furnished in time.

With regard to the form of the reference to a deposited microorganism, ***it is highly recommended that you include any such reference in the description***, as is required under the national law applied by a number of designated Offices, for example, the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (see Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* for further details of the requirements of the Offices concerned). However, if the reference is not included as text in the description, it may be made on a separate sheet, preferably on Form PCT/RO/134 (Indications Relating to Deposited Microorganism or other Biological Material), available at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ro/editable/ed_ro134.pdf and numbered as a sheet of the description.

If the reference is included in the description, you should not mark the check-box in Box No. IX of the request form referring to “separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material”. However, if the form is submitted at the same time as the international application, but separately from the international application body itself, you would need to mark that check-box. Note, however, that it is recommended that you only do that if the reference to the microorganism has already been included in the description, but you wish to communicate further information in Form PCT/RO/134.

Where an international application is prepared using the PCT-SAFE software (see “Biology” tab), that software automatically generates a version of that form if the corresponding indications are made. Where the indications relating to the deposit of microorganisms have been included in the description and the international application has been prepared using the PCT-SAFE software, the page and line number or the paragraph number(s) of where such indications have been made should be entered in the appropriate fields.

When filing an international application using the ePCT-Filing function, you can, under the “Biology” tab, click a button marked “Add” to:

- prepare Form PCT/RO/134 online; or
- attach an existing Form PCT/RO/134.

When clicking the “Add” button, you will see a statement that the description of the international application as filed contains references to deposited microorganisms and/or other biological material.

A reference to a deposited microorganism shall be considered to be made for the purposes of all designated States, unless it is clearly indicated that it is being made for the purposes of some of the designated States only. Furthermore, references to different deposits of microorganisms may be made for different designated States.

Although no check is made in the international phase to determine whether a reference to a microorganism has been furnished within the prescribed time limit, where the indications are received after the technical preparations for international publication have been completed, the IB will notify the designated Offices of the date on which any indications not included in the international application as filed were furnished to it. Failure to include a reference to a deposited microorganism (or to include any particular indication required in such a reference) in the international application as filed, or failure to furnish it (or the indication) within the prescribed time limit, would have the same consequence before a particular designated Office as would apply under the national law applied by that Office.

For further information on the inclusion of references to microorganisms, see the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 11.075 to 11.087. *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2014 included general information on the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, as well as statistics on the number of deposits and samples of microorganisms or other biological material furnished under the Treaty (see: http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2014/pct_news_2014_9.pdf).

For detailed information on, *inter alia*, the kinds of microorganisms accepted by the international depositary authorities (IDAs) under the Budapest Treaty, as well as the contact details and fees charged by the IDAs, please refer to the Budapest Treaty website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/budapest>

PCT Seminar Calendar

(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)
(situation on 10 November 2014)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
14 November 2014 Athens (GR)	English	PCT training seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Mrs. Eri Manousou) Tel: (30-210) 618 35 40 Fax: (30-210) 618 35 30 E-mail: eman@obi.gr
14 November 2014 Atlanta, GA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
17 November 2014 Mumbai (IN)	English	PCT Roving Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Natsume Other speaker: Mr. Mathoi (European Patent Office (EPO))	Intellectual Property India (Dr. D. Usha Rao) Tel: (91-99) 11 16 25 84 E-mail: drusharao.ip@nic.in
19 November 2014 Kolkata (IN)	English	PCT Roving Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Natsume Other speaker: Mr. Mathoi (EPO)	Intellectual Property India (see Mumbai, above)
24 November 2014 Delhi (IN)	English	PCT Roving Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Natsume Other speaker: Mr. Mathoi (EPO)	Intellectual Property India (see Mumbai, above)
25 November 2014 Hyderabad (IN)	English	PCT Roving Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Natsume Other speaker: Mr. Mathoi (EPO)	Intellectual Property India (see Mumbai, above)
25 November 2014 Pereira (CO)	Spanish	PCT Roving Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernández Vigaud Other speakers: Mr. Bogliolo (EPO) and Mr. García García (Superintendence of Industry and Commerce of Colombia (SIC))	Superintendence of Industry and Commerce of Colombia (SIC) Tel: (571) 587 00 00 Fax: (571) 587 00 54 E-mail: info@sic.gov.co
26 November 2014 Medellin (CO)	Spanish	PCT Roving Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernández Vigaud Other speakers: Mr. Bogliolo (EPO) and Mr. García García (SIC)	SIC (see Pereira, above)
27 November 2014 Cali (CO)	Spanish	PCT Roving Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernández Vigaud Other speakers: Mr. Bogliolo (EPO) and Mr. García García (SIC)	SIC (see Pereira, above)
28 November 2014 Bogota (CO)	Spanish	PCT Roving Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernández Vigaud Other speakers: Mr. Bogliolo (EPO) and Mr. García García (SIC)	SIC (see Pereira, above)
2–3 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Chatel	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
4 December 2014 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
4–5 December 2014 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Mr. Henninger	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

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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
9 December 2014 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division Tel: (81-3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 Internet: http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/ibento/ibento2/h26_chiteki_setumeikai.htm
10 December 2014 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Osaka, above)
11 December 2014 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. João Amaral, National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)) Tel: (351) 218 818 100 Fax: (351) 218 878 508 E-mail: jamaral@inpi.pt
15 December 2014 Takamatsu (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Osaka, above)
16 December 2014 Kobe (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Osaka, above)
18 December 2014 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Osaka, above)
16 January 2015 Cracow (PL) <i>(Note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Lukasz Bodgan) Tel: (48) 604 406 432 E-mail: lukasz.bogdan@agh.edu.pl
February 2015 (exact date to be confirmed) San Jose, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
4 February 2015 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
19 February 2015 Irvine, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
12–14 April 2015 Orlando, FL (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT course within the framework of the Spring 2015 Advanced Program WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 683 18 95 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
16–17 April 2015 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT Formalities Seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
20–21 May 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de

PCT Webinars

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
18 November 2014 3.30 pm to 4.00 pm, Central European time	English	Update on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3598608461508910849
20 November 2014 10.00 am to 10.30 am, Central European time	French	Update on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3041903734158874626
27 November 2014 2.30 pm to 3.00 pm, Central European time	Spanish	Update on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Ms. Largo	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7862451881887772673
9 December 2014 2.00 pm to 2.30 pm, Central European time	Portuguese	Update on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Mr. Perez Gomes	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6691930494672910338
11 December 2014 9.30 am to 10.00 am, Central European time	Chinese	Update on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Mr. Yu	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8289844146249683969
16 December 2014 10.00 am to 10.30 am, Central European time	German	Update on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Ms. Weiss	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4909430831027002113
18 December 2014 09.30 am to 10.00 am, Central European time	Russian	Update on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Mr. Gavrikov	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7126414609020055554

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers

Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
19 November 2014 <i>(this is an additional date as the PCT Boot Camp previously announced for 18 November is fully booked)</i> San Diego (Del Mar), CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: Learn the Basics Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
18 February 2015 Irvine, CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: Learn the Basics Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 November 2014, 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 5.189. 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 16. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PLN	Polish zloty		
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	RON	New leu		
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUB	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SEK	Swedish krona		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BND	Brunei dollar	GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 November 2014, 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						CA
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,657 (from 1.12.14: 1,574)	19 (18)	– (–)	249 (237)	374 (355)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30 ⁹	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 120	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT AU EP KR
BR	BRL ¹⁰ online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	200	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹¹ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,638	18	123	246	369	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹² 130	CLP eq USD ¹² 1,471	eq USD ¹² 17	eq USD ¹² 111	–	–	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN

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

(amounts on 1 November 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
CO	COP 865,000 ¹³	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT, BR, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES (from 15.11.14: CL)
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 128.15	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,090	90	610	1,220	1,820	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	EP RU
EC	USD ¹¹ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 130	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,084	12	–	163	244	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 914	10	–	138	206	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹⁴ 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT EP RU US (from 1.1.15: IL)
GH	GHS ¹⁵ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,084	12	81	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 341,400	HUF 3,900	HUF 25,700	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁶ 100 or EUR ¹⁶ 81 or USD ¹⁶ 111	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,084 or USD 1,471	15 12 17	100 81 111	200 163 221	300 244 332	See footnote 17
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,471	17	111	221	332	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹¹ –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP IN RU
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 168,000	1,900	12,600	25,300	37,900	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,084	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 154,800	1,700	11,600	–	34,900	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						
KN	EP						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁹ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ²⁰	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹¹ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 1,084	12	81	163	244	EP RU

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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	
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	68.87	EUR	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹¹	–	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	600 ²¹	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 ²²	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	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	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	550,000		6,200	41,400	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²³	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²⁴ 550 (paper filing) ²⁴		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,084		12	–	163	244	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	8,780		100	–	1,320	1,980	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 ²⁵	NZD	1,767		20	133	266	399	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹¹	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,471	eq USD	17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,471		17	111	221	332	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	20.90	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP
QA	Information not yet available									
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,020 ²⁶	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available									
SA	USD	100	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	CA EG EP RU
SC	USD ¹¹	–	USD	1,471		17	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	10,130		110	760	1,520	2,290	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,835		21	138	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,084		12	81	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁷	EUR	1,084		12	81	163	244	EP
SM	EUR	70	EUR	1,084		12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP ES (from 15.11.14: CL)
SY	USD ¹¹	–	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹¹	–	USD	1,471		17	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹¹	–	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹¹	–	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	–	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330		15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,471		17	111	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁸	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,471		17	111	–	–	EP RU

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

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				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
US	USD 240 ²⁹ small entity ³⁰ : 120 ²⁹ micro entity ³⁰ : 60 ²⁹	USD 1,471	17	111	221	–	AU EP IL KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹¹ –	USD 1,471	17	111	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 15,860	180	1,190	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,471	17	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,471	eq USD 17	eq USD 111	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 November 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ³¹	EUR 1,864 *(from 1.12.14:	CHF 2,272 KRW 2,505,00	KRW* 2,651,000 SGD 3,050	SGD* 3,240 USD 2,393)	USD* 2,592	ZAR 27,130		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,972	CHF 1,858 ZAR 22,260	EUR 1,584	KRW 2,070,000	NZD 2,345	SGD 2,590		
BR ³²	Online: BRL 1,685 On paper: BRL 2,525	CHF 667 CHF 1,000	EUR 550 EUR 824	USD 694 USD 1,040				
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,299	EUR 1,066	USD 1,442				
CL	USD 2,000 In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity ² : In case of filing by a university ³³ :	CHF 1,808	EUR 1,473 USD 400 USD 300	CHF 362 CHF 271	EUR 295 EUR 221)			
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 253	USD 343				
EG ³⁴	EGP 4,000	CHF 525	EUR 427	USD 580				
EP ³⁵	EUR 1,875 JPY 267,300 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301 MWK 951,000 ZAR 27,580	DKK 13,990 NOK 15,180	GBP 1,490 NZD 3,057	HUF 588,100 SEK 17,380	ISK 290,000 SGD 3,180		
ES ³⁵	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545					
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,301	USD 2,545					
IL	ILS 3,564	CHF 913	EUR 745	USD 1,021				
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual:	CHF 147	EUR 119 INR 2,500	USD 162 CHF 37	EUR 30	USD 41		
JP ¹⁸	JPY 70,000	CHF 601	EUR 491	KRW 716,000	SGD 850	USD 673		
KR	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD 420 For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,212	AUD 476 AUD 1,376	CHF 405 CHF 1,171	EUR 340 EUR 984	NZD 504 NZD 1,456	SGD 551 SGD 1,593		
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 *(from 1.12.14: For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 **(from 1.12.14:	CHF 171 USD 174) CHF 709 USD 724)	EUR 140 EUR 580	HUF 44,700 HUF 185,500	USD* 192 USD** 795			
SE	SEK 17,380 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	DKK 13,990	EUR 1,875	ISK 290,000	NOK 15,180		
US	USD 2,080 For small entity ³⁰ : For micro entity ³⁰ :	CHF 1,880 USD 1,040 USD 520	EUR 1,532 CHF 940 CHF 470	NZD 2,500 EUR 766 EUR 383	ZAR 22,550 NZD 1,249 NZD 625	ZAR 11,280 ZAR 5,640		
XN	DKK 13,990 USD 2,545	CHF 2,301	EUR 1,875	ISK 290,000	NOK 15,180	SEK 17,380		

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 November 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,043 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,460 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,086	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁷ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁸	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,301	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,301 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 660	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 November 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

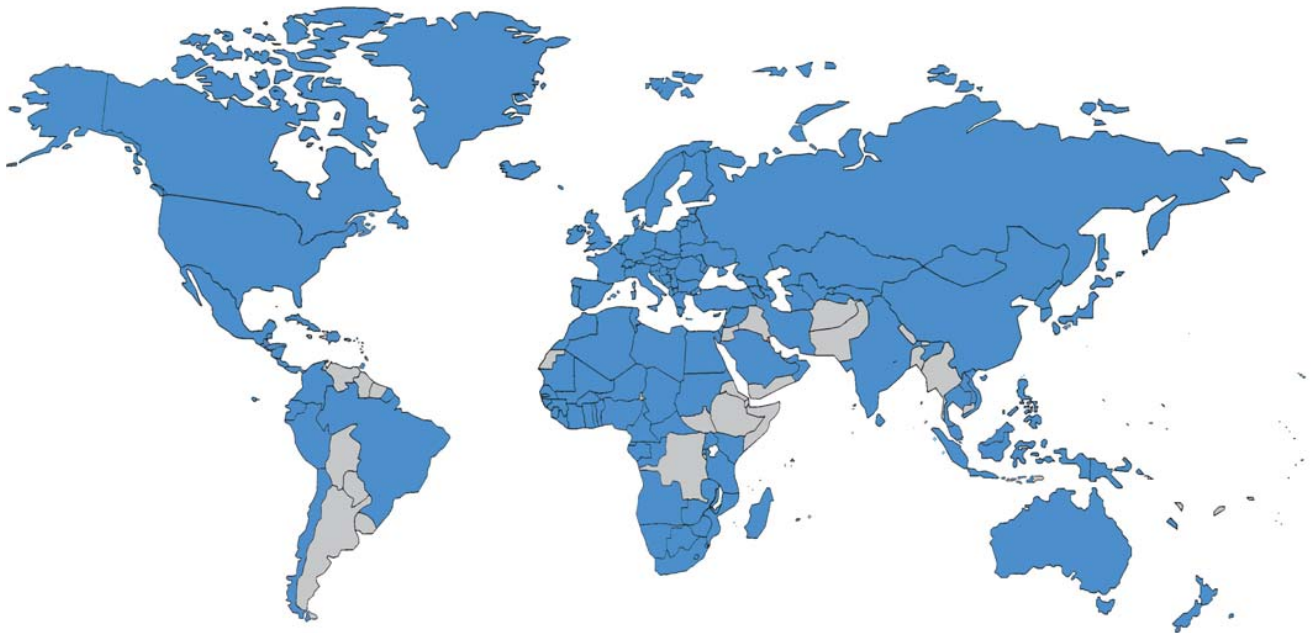
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁹	Handling fee ^{2, 39} (CHF 200)
AT ³¹	EUR 1,749	EUR 163
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴⁰	AUD 249 (from 1.12.14: 237)
BR ³²	Online: BRL 630 On paper: BRL 945	BRL 488
CA	CAD 800	CAD 246
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³³ : USD 300	USD 221
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³⁴	EGP 3,000	EGP 1,525
EP ³⁵	EUR 1,930	EUR 163
ES	EUR 583.65	EUR 163
FI	EUR 600	EUR 163
IL	ILS 1,527	ILS 786
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 221
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁸	JPY 23,300
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 237,000 (from 1.12.14: 222,000)
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ⁴¹ 4,050 ⁴² For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ⁴¹ 15,750 ⁴²	USD 221
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,520
US	USD 600 760 ⁴³ For small entity ³⁰ : USD 300 380 ⁴³ For micro entity ³⁰ : USD 150 190 ⁴³	USD 221
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,220

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

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 website at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 11 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.
- 12 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 14 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 15 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.
- 16 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 17 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).
- 18 This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm
- 19 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 20 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.
- 21 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf).
- 22 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 23 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 24 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 25 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 26 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 27 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 28 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%.
- 29 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 30 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 31 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 32 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 33 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 34 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 35 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 further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 38 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 39 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 42 In all cases where footnote 41 does not apply.
- 43 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 (148 on 1 November 2014)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP)
AO Angola	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP ⁴)
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros (OA) ²	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova ³	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SA Saudi Arabia	
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SC Seychelles	
	ID Indonesia		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IL Israel		SG Singapore	

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of the Republic of Moldova for a Eurasian patent.

⁴ Only international applications filed on or after 19 August 2014 include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe for an ARIPO patent.

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 16 September 2012). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Indian Patent Office and National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Indian Patent Office and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in their capacities as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that, with effect from 15 November 2014 and 1 January 2015, respectively, they are/will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form. Both Offices accept/will accept international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are included in Fee Table I(a).

The notifications containing the requirements and practices of the Indian Patent Office and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form were published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 13 November 2014 and 4 December 2014, respectively, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IN and CL))

It is interesting to note that over 2,200 international applications have been filed using ePCT-Filing since May 2013, when it first became possible to file applications in this way, albeit to a limited number of users. There are now 12 receiving Offices¹ which have notified the IB that they will accept ePCT-Filings, many of which have only just come on board. It is hoped that many more applicants will be able to start benefiting from the system soon when more Offices start accepting ePCT-Filings.

ePCT Update

A new release of the ePCT system (version 2.12) was deployed on 27 November 2014. The new release contains a number of new features, including:

- the possibility to submit the application body in DOCX format, for conversion to full XML;
- improvements regarding payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office (for details, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2014, page 2);

¹ ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices: RO/IB, RO/AT, RO/AU, RO/BR, RO/CL (with effect from 1 January 2015), RO/EA, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/IN, RO/MY, RO/NZ and RO/SE (see PCT Brief at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/brief/index.html#ePCT>).

- the possibility to clone the bibliographic data of an international application prepared using ePCT-Filing (whether already filed or not yet filed) in order to create a new international application containing the same bibliographic data;
- the possibility to upload to the International Bureau electronic priority documents that are digitally signed with the certificate of one of the following issuing Offices:
 - National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)
 - United States Patent and Trademark Office

For further details, see:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_whats_new.pdf

Detailed information about the new features of ePCT for Offices is also available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_office_whats_new.pdf

Modifications to Demand Form and Other PCT Forms

Several PCT forms relating to the International Searching Authority (ISA), the Authority specified for supplementary search (SISA) and the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) have been modified with effect from 1 January 2015. Note that the modifications do not relate to any change in the substance of the PCT provisions currently in force.

Modifications have been made to the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401), as well as certain other forms, in order to clarify the format in which a sequence listing was furnished and the time when it was furnished, to clarify the term “in electronic form” in order to specify in which electronic form a sequence listing was submitted, and, in the case of the demand form, there have been some minor editorial changes which are unrelated to sequence listings. Applicants should ensure that they use the modified version of the demand form for demands filed on or after 1 January 2015. The demand form produced using the corresponding ePCT Action will be revised accordingly as of that date.

All the forms that have been modified with effect from 1 January 2015 are listed at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/from_january_2015/index.html

and the changes are explained in the following Circular Letters which were sent to PCT Offices for consultation: C. PCT 1417 and C. PCT 1423 (see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/>).

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

New pilot starts between the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland and the United States Patent and Trademark Office

On 1 November 2014, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Under this pilot, faster examination in the national phase in Poland is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable) issued by the USPTO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on this PCT-PPH program is available at:

<http://www.uprp.pl/uprp-uspto/Lead05,813,10310,4,index,pl,text/>

This means that the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland now has PCT-PPH arrangements with the Japan Patent Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the USPTO.

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on this new pilot at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

Non-Working Days at the International Bureau at the End of the Year; Changes to Publication Schedule

Non-working days at the International Bureau

The non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during December 2014 and January 2015, in addition to the weekends, will be:

Thursday and Friday, 25 and 26 December 2014 and
Thursday and Friday, 1 and 2 January 2015.

The IB will therefore be open for business on:

Monday to Wednesday, 22 to 24 December 2014 and
Monday to Wednesday, 29 to 31 December 2014,

and will then be open as usual from Monday, 5 January 2015.

The dates of operation of the PCT Information Service and the PCT eServices Help Desk, as well as information on the modified publication schedule, are given below.

PCT Information Service

The PCT Information Service will be closed from Wednesday, 24 December 2014 to Sunday, 4 January 2015, inclusive. It will reopen on Monday, 5 January 2015 at 9:00 (Central European time (CET)).

Please note, however, that if you call the PCT Information Service (telephone number: (+41-22) 338 83 38) during the holiday period, there will be a recorded message providing a telephone number for cases requiring urgent attention. It is recalled that the PCT Information Service answers general inquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure to be followed during the international phase of the PCT (questions relating to specific applications should be addressed to the PCT Processing Service). For further information, see:

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

PCT eServices Help Desk

The PCT eServices Help Desk will be closed on Thursday, 25 and Friday, 26 December 2014 and on Thursday, 1 and Friday, 2 January 2015, and will remain open on:

- Monday to Wednesday, 22 to 24 December 2014 and
- Monday to Wednesday, 29 to 31 December 2014,

although it will operate reduced opening hours from 9:00 to 16:00 (CET) on 24 December and from 29 to 31 December 2014. It will revert to its usual hours, that is, from 9:00 to 18:00 (CET), on Monday, 5 January 2015.

Publication schedule

During the forthcoming holiday period, PCT applications which would normally have been published on Thursday, 25 December 2014 and Thursday, 1 January 2015, which are non-working days at WIPO, will be published a day earlier, on Wednesday, 24 December 2014 and Wednesday, 31 December 2014, respectively.

For the above-mentioned publication dates, the last day for receipt of changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication will be, as usual, at midnight (CET) on Tuesday, 9 December and Tuesday, 16 December 2014, respectively. This means that, in both cases, the completion of technical preparations for publication will be 14 days before the publication date, instead of the usual 15 days before publication.

PCT Information Update

International filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee (various Offices)

On 1 January 2015, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts, in certain currencies, of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30, the PCT-EASY and electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, the search fee, the supplementary search fee and the handling fee, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

These changes update the following annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/>):

Annex C (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BE, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CL, CR, CU, CY, CZ, DE, DK, DO, EA, EC, EE, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GH, GR, GT, HN, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, IS, IT, JP, KE, KG, KZ, LR, LT, LU, LV, MC, MD, MT, MW, MX, NI, NL, NO, NZ, PA, PE, PG, PH, PT, RO, RU, SA, SC, SE, SG, SI, SK, SM, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, ZA, ZM, ZW;

– Annex D (International Searching Authorities): AT, AU, CA, CL, CN, EG, EP, ES, FI, IL, IN, JP, KR, RU, SE, US, XN;

– Annex SISA (International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)): AT, EP, FI, SE, XN; and

– Annex E (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): AT, AU, BR, CA, CL, EG, EP, ES, FI, IN, JP, RU, SE, US, XN.

CL Chile (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 1 January 2015, by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) as receiving Office of international applications filed using

ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that will be applicable, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

CY Cyprus (location and mailing address; fees)

The location and mailing address of the Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus has changed, as follows:

Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism
 Corner Makarios Ave. and Karpenssiou St.
 1427 Nicosia
 Cyprus

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Office as receiving Office, has changed to EUR 163.

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 January 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in EUR and USD of the transmittal fee and a change in the equivalent amount in USD of the fee for the priority document, payable to the International Bureau (IB) as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR 82	USD 104
Fee for priority document:.....	USD 52	
Supplement for airmail:	USD 10	

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

IL Israel (national security provisions)

The Israel Patent Office has provided additional details to the IB concerning restrictions in its national legislation which are applicable when filing international applications with other Offices.

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

IN India (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 15 November 2014, by the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that are now applicable, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

IR Islamic Republic of Iran (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran) has specified, with effect from 1 March 2015, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in addition to the European Patent Office, the Indian Patent Office and the Federal Service for

Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the Industrial Property Office (or the IB) as receiving Office.

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

IS Iceland (fees)

There have been changes in the following national fees payable to the Icelandic Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office with effect from 1 December 2014:

Basic fee:.....	ISK	56,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK	3,500
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:.....	ISK	15,000
Annual fees for the first three years:.....	ISK	28,500

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

KR Republic of Korea (e-mail notifications)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as International Searching Authority (ISA) or International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), has notified the IB that it will send notifications by e-mail in respect of international applications, if authorized, to applicants who did not file their international application with that Office as receiving Office, with effect from 1 December 2014. For a transition period of six months these applicants will receive notifications via e-mail and post.

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

LT Lithuania (fees)

As from 1 January 2015, the official currency of Lithuania will change from Lithuanian lita (LTL) to euro (EUR). With effect from that date, there will be a change in the currency and amounts of the fees payable to the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	92
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	23
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:.....	EUR	115

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

MX Mexico (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property has specified, with effect from 10 November 2014, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) (INAPI), in addition to the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and

Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (or the IB) as receiving Office.

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

MY Malaysia (number of copies required)

The Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia has changed its requirement concerning the number of copies of the international application to be filed with it as receiving Office: it now requires one copy, instead of three.

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

NL Netherlands (number of copies required)

The Netherlands Patent Office has changed its requirement concerning the number of copies of the international application to be filed with it as receiving Office: it now requires one copy, instead of three.

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

SE Sweden (languages accepted for supplementary international search)

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has added the Finnish language to the list of languages accepted for supplementary international search. It will now accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in – or with translations furnished into – Danish, English, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish.

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

TT Trinidad and Tobago (name of Office, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers)

The name of the Intellectual Property Office (Trinidad and Tobago), and the location and mailing address and telephone and fax numbers of the Office have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)
Mailing address:	3 rd Floor, Capital Plaza 11–13, Frederick Street Port of Spain Trinidad and Tobago
Telephone:	(1-868) 625 99 72, 625 19 07, 627 07 06
Fax:	(1-868) 624 12 21, 624 37 69

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

New/updated PCT Resources

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO (IB) and the European Patent Office and between the IB and the Israel Patent Office, both as in force from 1 January 2015, relating to the functioning of these Authorities as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT, have been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep_2015.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_ep_2015.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il_2015.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_il_2015.pdf

Modified Demand Form and other PCT Forms

Several PCT forms have been modified with effect from 1 January 2015 – see “Modifications to Demand Form and Other PCT Forms”, above, for further information.

PCT webinars

Recordings of the PCT webinars that were given in November and December 2014, together with the accompanying PowerPoint presentations, have been added to the webinars page of the PCT website in the following languages:

English: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html>

French: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/webinars/index.html>

German: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/seminar/webinars/index.html>

Japanese: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/seminar/webinars/index.html>

Portuguese: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/seminar/webinars/index.html>

Spanish: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/seminar/webinars/index.html>

The webinars include information on the decisions taken by the 46th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union which was held in September 2014, an update on the ePCT System, and information on the future development of the PCT System.

National security considerations

A new table indicating the PCT Contracting States, the national legislations of which restrict, for reasons of national security, the filing of international applications with Offices other than the national Office, is now available at:

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

PCT Legal Text Index

The PCT Legal Text Index, which provides references to the Articles, Rules, Administrative Instructions, Forms and various PCT Guidelines, has been updated with references to legal texts in force as of 1 July 2014, and is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/legal_index.pdf

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitations

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 (IB) and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, three new invitations have been identified originating from:

RPT Servis – World Wide Patent Service;

WIPP – World Intellectual Property Publisher; and

IP World – Registration of International Patent.

To view examples of the 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.html

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

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, please do not hesitate to contact the IB at:

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (+41-22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.legal@wipo.int

European Patent Office: National Phase Information

Amendments to the EPC regarding unity of invention and further searches upon entry into the European regional phase

Amendments to the European Patent Convention (EPC) entered into force on 1 November 2014 which allow applicants to obtain, upon payment of a (further) search fee, a search of any invention claimed which was not searched by the European Patent Office (EPO) in the international phase. Furthermore, applicants may choose any invention searched by the EPO

either in the international phase, in the procedure for supplementary European search or in the procedure under amended EPC Rule 164 as the basis for further prosecution of a PCT application in the European regional phase.

For further information, please see the EPO *Official Journal* of July 2014 at:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2014/07/a70.html>

the Decision of the Administrative Council of 16 October 2013 amending Rules 135 and 164 of the Implementing Regulations to the European Patent Convention, published on 24 October 2013, at:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/ac-decisions.html>

and the following webinar available on the EPO website:

<https://e-courses.epo.org/course/view.php?id=249>

Swedish Patent and Registration Office: New Patent Web Filing Service

On 1 December 2014, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (PRV) launched a new web-based e-service called “Patent Web Filing”. This new service can be used to electronically submit additional documents relating to existing PCT applications to PRV, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority. To submit documents in this way, one of the following is required:

- a WIPO customer CA digital certificate;
- a smart card issued by EPO; or
- a Swedish national electronic identification.

The new service can be found at:

<https://was.prv.se/WolfWeb>

and further information on the service is available (in Swedish) on the PRV website at:

<http://www.prv.se/sv/Om-oss/Nyheter/Webbinlamning-av-patentansokan/>

Practical Advice

Conditions to be met when confirming incorporation by reference of a missing part of the international application

Q: When I was viewing an international application in ePCT private services that I had filed two weeks ago, I realized that the last page of the claims is missing. I would like to incorporate that missing page by reference under PCT Rule 4.18, as the missing claims were completely contained in an earlier application, the priority of which was claimed in the international application upon filing. However, I see that one of the requirements for confirming incorporation by reference is that a copy of the earlier application has to be furnished. As I have not yet been able to obtain the priority document, will this affect my ability to incorporate by reference the missing page of claims, and thereby add the page without affecting the international filing date? Also, please could you let me know what else I am required to do to request this?

A: One of the requirements under PCT Rule 20.6 for confirming incorporation by reference of a missing part is the furnishing of a copy of the earlier application, where PCT Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-bis) has not yet been complied with. However, this does not necessarily have to be a certified copy of the earlier application. It is sufficient, for the purposes of the requirements under PCT Rule 20.6, for you to submit a **simple copy** of the earlier application.²

In order to confirm, in accordance with PCT Rule 20.6, the incorporation by reference of your missing page of claims, you should submit to the receiving Office, within a time limit of two months from the day on which one or more elements referred to in PCT Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office (see PCT Rule 20.7), a written notice to the receiving Office confirming that the missing part is incorporated by reference in the international application under PCT Rule 4.18. The notice should be accompanied by:

- the missing page (you should include an indication in your notice as to where that part is contained in the earlier application);
- a simple copy of the earlier application if the certified copy of that earlier application has not yet been furnished or is not yet available;
- in cases where the earlier application is not in the language in which the international application is filed, a translation of the earlier application into that language or, where a translation of the international application is required under PCT Rule 12.3(a) or 12.4(a) (for the purposes of international search and international publication, respectively), a translation of the earlier application into both the language in which the international application is filed and the language of that translation.

Furthermore, the following text must have been included in the request form (PCT/RO/101) at the time of filing:

“Incorporation by reference: where an element of the international application referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) or a part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5(a) is not otherwise contained in this international application but is completely contained in an earlier application whose priority is claimed on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, that element or part is, subject to confirmation under Rule 20.6, incorporated by reference in this international application for the purposes of Rule 20.6.”

Provided that you used the latest version of the request form, this will not be an issue for you as this text is pre-printed at the bottom of Box No. VI of the request form, and is also automatically included in the electronic versions of the request in PCT-SAFE and ePCT-Filing.

You should also ensure that the receiving Office with which you filed the international application accepts requests for confirmation of incorporation by reference. A number of receiving Offices have notified the International Bureau (IB) of the incompatibility of certain PCT Rules relating to incorporation by reference of missing (elements or) parts with the national law applied by those Offices³. Consequently, those receiving Offices which have so notified the IB

² In the case of the certified copy of the earlier application, it is recalled that this may be submitted up to 16 months after the priority date (or later if received by the International Bureau (IB) before the date of international publication of the international application (see PCT Rule 17.1)).

³ The receiving Offices of the following States have notified the IB under PCT Rule 20.8(a) of the incompatibility of PCT Rule 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6 with the national law applied by them: Belgium, Cuba, Czech Republic, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico and the Republic of Korea.

will not apply the Regulations concerning incorporation by reference but instead, in the case of the later furnishing of a missing part, correct the international filing date so that it is the date of receipt of the missing part, leaving the applicant the option, however, of maintaining the original filing date by requesting that the missing part be disregarded (PCT Rule 20.5(e)). If the need to incorporate missing parts becomes apparent after the international application has been filed with such a receiving Office, the applicant may request that receiving Office to transmit the international application to the receiving Office of the IB under PCT Rule 19.4(a)(iii), which does accept the incorporation of missing parts.

Note also that even if the receiving Office has accepted the incorporation of missing parts, some designated (and elected) Offices may, to a limited extent, review the decisions by receiving Offices to allow incorporation by reference (see PCT Rule 82*ter*.1(b) to (d)). Moreover, a number of designated Offices have also notified the IB of the incompatibility of certain PCT Rules relating to incorporation by reference of missing (elements or) parts with the national law applied by those Offices⁴. This means that even though a part has been considered to have been incorporated by reference in the international application by virtue of a finding of the receiving Office under PCT Rule 20.6(b), that incorporation by reference will not apply to the international application for the purposes of the procedure before the designated Offices concerned, and those designated Offices may treat the application as if the international filing date had been changed to the date of receipt of the missing part.

For further information on confirming the incorporation of missing parts and elements of the international application, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 6.025 to 6.031 at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>

⁴ The designated Offices of the following States have notified the IB under PCT Rule 20.8(b) of the incompatibility of PCT Rules 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6 with the national law applied by them: China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Germany, Indonesia, ~~São Paulo~~ Mexico, the Republic of Korea and Turkey.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>)
(situation on 9 December 2014)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
9 December 2014 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division Tel: (81-3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 Internet: http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/ibento/ibento2/h26_chiteki_setumeikai.htm
10 December 2014 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Osaka, above)
11 December 2014 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. João Amaral, National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)) Tel: (351) 218 818 100 Fax: (351) 218 878 508 E-mail: jamaral@inpi.pt
15 December 2014 Takamatsu (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Osaka, above)
16 December 2014 Kobe (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Osaka, above)
18 December 2014 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Osaka, above)
16 January 2015 Cracow (PL) <i>(Note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Lukasz Bodgan) Tel: (48) 604 406 432 E-mail: lukasz.bogdan@agh.edu.pl
February 2015 (exact date to be confirmed) San Jose, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner For pre-registration, contact: Ms. Mary E. Hirsch Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43 Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61 E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com
4 February 2015 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
19 February 2015 Irvine, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
12–14 April 2015 Orlando, FL (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT course within the framework of the Spring 2015 Advanced Program WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 683 18 95 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
16–17 April 2015 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT Formalities Seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
20–21 May 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
14–15 October 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
30 October 2015 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 14th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (9-10 October 2014) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
4–5 November 2015 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)

PCT Webinars

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
9 December 2014 2.00 pm to 2.30 pm, Central European time	Portuguese	Update on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Mr. Perez Gomes	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6691930494672910338
11 December 2014 9.30 am to 10.00 am, Central European time	Chinese	Update on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Mr. Yu	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8289844146249683969
18 December 2014 09.30 am to 10.00 am, Central European time [CANCELLED]	Russian	Update on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Mr. Gavrikov	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7126414609020055554

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers

Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
18 February 2015 Irvine, CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: Learn the Basics Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 December 2014, 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 5.189. 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 16. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PLN	Polish zloty		
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	RON	New leu		
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AUD	Australian dollar	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUB	Russian rouble		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SEK	Swedish krona		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
BND	Brunei dollar								

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 December 2014, 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						CA
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,471 <i>(from 1.1.15: 1,384)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	111 <i>(104)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,471 <i>(from 1.1.15: 1,384)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	111 <i>(104)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,084 <i>(from 1.1.15: 1,097)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	163 <i>(165)</i>	244 <i>(247)</i>	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,574 <i>(from 1.1.15: 1,582)</i>	18 <i>(18)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	237 <i>(238)</i>	355 <i>(357)</i>	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30 ⁹	USD 1,471 <i>(from 1.1.15: 1,384)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,084 <i>(from 1.1.15: 1,097)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	81 <i>(82)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BE	EUR 120	EUR 1,084 <i>(from 1.1.15: 1,097)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	81 <i>(82)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,471 <i>(from 1.1.15: 1,384)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT AU EP KR
BR	BRL ¹⁰ online: 175 on paper: 235	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	200	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD ¹¹ –	USD 1,471 <i>(from 1.1.15: 1,384)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	111 <i>(104)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,471 <i>(from 1.1.15: 1,384)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 December 2014, 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 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	— (—)	— (—)	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,638 (from 1.1.15: 1,544)	18 (17)	123 (116)	246 (232)	369 (348)	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹²	130	CLP eq USD ¹² 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	eq USD ¹² 17 (16)	eq USD ¹² 111 (104)	— (208)	— (312)	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP	865,000 ¹³	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT, BR, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	— (—)	— (—)	CL EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	— (—)	— (—)	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	163	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	81 (82)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	81 (82)	163 (165)	244 (247)	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK 8,090 (from 1.1.15: 8,160)	90 (90)	610 (610)	1,220 (1,230)	1,820 (1,840)	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available							
DO	USD	275	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	— (—)	— (—)	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	221 (208)	332 (312)	EP RU
EC	USD ¹¹	—	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	— (—)	— (—)	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	115.04	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	81 (82)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
EG	USD	142	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	130	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	— (—)	163 (165)	244 (247)	EP
ES	EUR	74.25	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	81 (82)	163 (165)	244 (247)	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	— (—)	163 (165)	244 (247)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	81 (82)	163 (165)	244 (247)	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP 914 (from 1.1.15: 862)	10 (10)	— (—)	138 (130)	206 (194)	EP
GD	Information not yet available							
GE	USD ¹⁴	100	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EP RU US (from 1.1.15: IL)
GH	GHS ¹⁵	2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	81 (82)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	— (—)	— (—)	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	— (—)	— (—)	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	
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 341,400 (from 1.1.15: 337,500)	HUF 3,900 (3,800)	HUF 25,700 (25,400)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁶ 100 or EUR ¹⁶ 81 (from 1.1.15: 82) or USD ¹⁶ 111 (from 1.1.15: 104)	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097) or USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	15 12 (12) 17 (16)	100 81 (82) 111 (104)	200 163 (165) 221 (208)	300 244 (247) 332 (312)	See footnote 17
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
IL	ILS 556	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	221 (208)	332 (312)	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	221 (208)	332 (312)	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹¹ —	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	EP IN RU (from 1.3.15: CN)
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 168,000 (from 1.1.15: 167,800)	1,900 (1,900)	12,600 (12,600)	25,300 (25,200)	37,900 (37,800)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 154,800 (from 1.1.15: 150,900)	1,700 (1,700)	11,600 (11,300)	— (—)	34,900 (34,000)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						EP
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	300	AT AU JP ¹⁹ KR
KZ	KZT 8,243 ²⁰	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹¹ —	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	LTL 320 (from 1.1.15: EUR 92)	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	81 (82)	163 (165)	244 (247)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	81 (82)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹¹ —	CHF 1,330	15	100	—	—	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ²¹	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²²	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	— (—)	— (—)	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 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	81 (82)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 550,000 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	6,200 (16)	41,400 (104)	— (—)	— (—)	EP

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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	
MX	USD 323.70 ²³	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	CL EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²⁴ 550 (paper filing) ²⁴	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	– (–)	163 (165)	244 (247)	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 8,780 (from 1.1.15: 8,990)	100 (100)	– (–)	1,320 (1,350)	1,980 (2,030)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²⁵	NZD 1,767 (from 1.1.15: 1,770)	20 (20)	133 (133)	266 (266)	399 (399)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹¹ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	eq USD 17 (16)	eq USD 111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	221 (208)	332 (312)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 20.90	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	81 (82)	163 (165)	244 (247)	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	81 (82)	163 (165)	244 (247)	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,020 ²⁶	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EG EP RU
SC	USD ¹¹ –	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 10,130 (from 1.1.15: 9,970)	110 (110)	760 (750)	1,520 (1,500)	2,290 (2,250)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,835 (from 1.1.15: 1,767)	21 (20)	138 (133)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	81 (82)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁷	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	81 (82)	163 (165)	244 (247)	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,084 (from 1.1.15: 1,097)	12 (12)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹¹ –	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹¹ –	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU

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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	
TM	USD ¹¹ –	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TN	TND ¹¹ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁸ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD 240 ²⁹ small entity ³⁰ : 120 ²⁹ micro entity ³⁰ : 60 ²⁹	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	221 (208)	– (–)	AU EP IL KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹¹ –	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 15,860 (from 1.1.15: 15,580)	180 (180)	1,190 (1,170)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	17 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,471 (from 1.1.15: 1,384)	eq USD 17 (16)	eq USD 111 (104)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 December 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT ³¹	EUR 1,864 (from 1.1.15:)	CHF 2,272 CHF 2,260	KRW 2,505,000 KRW 2,510,000	SGD 3,050 SGD 3,000	USD 2,393 USD 2,353	ZAR 27,130 ZAR 26,470			
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,972 (from 1.1.15:) USD 1,925	CHF 1,858 ZAR 22,260 CHF 1,849 ZAR 21,660	EUR 1,584 EUR 1,525	KRW 2,070,000 KRW 2,053,000	NZD 2,345 NZD 2,461	SGD 2,590 SGD 2,460			
BR ³²	Online: BRL 1,685	CHF 667	EUR 550	USD 694					
	On paper: BRL 2,525	CHF 1,000	EUR 824	USD 1,040					
CA	CAD 1,600 (from 1.1.15:)	CHF 1,299 CHF 1,379	EUR 1,066 EUR 1,137	USD 1,442 USD 1,435					
CL	USD 2,000 (from 1.1.15:)	CHF 1,808 CHF 1,922	EUR 1,473 EUR 1,585						
	In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity ² : (from 1.1.15:)	CHF 384	EUR 317	USD 400	CHF 362	EUR 295			
	In case of filing by a university ³³ : (from 1.1.15:)	CHF 288	EUR 238	USD 300	CHF 271	EUR 221			
CN	CNY 2,100 (from 1.1.15:)	CHF 310 CHF 329	EUR 253 EUR 271	USD 343 USD 342					
EG ³⁴	EGP 4,000 (from 1.1.15:)	CHF 525 CHF 538	EUR 427 EUR 443	USD 580 USD 559					

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 December 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹												
EP ³⁵	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,301	DKK	13,990	GBP	1,490	HUF	588,100	ISK	290,000	
	JPY	267,300	MWK	951,000	NOK	15,180	NZD	3,057	SEK	17,380	SGD	3,180	
	USD	2,545	ZAR	27,580									
	(from 1.1.15:	CHF	2,274	DKK	13,960	GBP	1,474	HUF	577,000	ISK	287,000		
	JPY	257,900	MWK	—*	NOK	15,360	NZD	3,026	SEK	17,040	SGD	3,020	
	USD	2,366	ZAR	26,630)	*No longer payable in MWK from 1.1.15								
ES ³⁵	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,301	USD	2,545							
	(from 1.1.15:	CHF	2,274	USD	2,366)								
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,301	USD	2,545							
	(from 1.1.15:	CHF	2,274	USD	2,366)								
IL	ILS	3,564	CHF	913	EUR	745	USD	1,021					
	(from 1.1.15:	CHF	931	EUR	768	USD	969)						
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	147	EUR	119	USD	162					
	(from 1.1.15:	CHF	157	EUR	129	USD	163)						
	In case of filing by an individual:			INR	2,500	CHF	37	EUR	30	USD	41		
	(from 1.1.15:	CHF	39	EUR	32	USD	41)						
JP ¹⁸	JPY	70,000	CHF	601	EUR	491	KRW	716,000	SGD	850	USD	673	
	(from 1.1.15:	CHF	617	EUR	509	KRW	685,000	SGD	820	USD	642)		
KR	For international applications in Korean:												
	KRW	450,000	AUD	476	CHF	405	EUR	340	NZD	504	SGD	551	
	USD	420											
	(from 1.1.15:	AUD	482	CHF	405	EUR	334	NZD	539	SGD	540		
	USD	422)											
	For international applications in English:												
KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,376	CHF	1,171	EUR	984	NZD	1,456	SGD	1,593		
USD	1,212												
(from 1.1.15:	AUD	1,393	CHF	1,171	EUR	965	NZD	1,558	SGD	1,560			
USD	1,219)												
RU	For international applications in Russian:												
	RUB	6,750	CHF	171	EUR	140	HUF	44,700	USD	174			
	(from 1.1.15:	CHF	163	EUR	135	HUF	41,400	USD	170)				
	For international applications in English:												
RUB	28,000	CHF	709	EUR	580	HUF	185,500	USD	724				
(from 1.1.15:	CHF	677	EUR	558	HUF	171,700	USD	704)					
SE	SEK	17,380	CHF	2,301	DKK	13,990	EUR	1,875	ISK	290,000	NOK	15,180	
	USD	2,545											
	(from 1.1.15:	SEK	17,040	CHF	2,274	DKK	13,960	EUR	1,875	ISK	287,000		
	NOK	15,360)	USD	2,366)									
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,880	EUR	1,532	NZD	2,500	ZAR	22,550			
	(from 1.1.15:	CHF	1,998	EUR	1,648	NZD	2,660	ZAR	23,410)				
	For small entity ³⁰ :	USD	1,040	CHF	940	EUR	766	NZD	1,249	ZAR	11,280		
	(from 1.1.15:	CHF	999,	EUR	824	NZD	1,330	ZAR	11,700)				
	For micro entity ³⁰ :	USD	520	CHF	470	EUR	383	NZD	625	ZAR	5,640		
	(from 1.1.15:	CHF	500	EUR	412	NZD	660	ZAR	5,850)				
XN	DKK	13,990	CHF	2,301	EUR	1,875	ISK	290,000	NOK	15,180	SEK	17,380	
	USD	2,545											
	(from 1.1.15:	DKK	13,960	CHF	2,274	EUR	1,875	ISK	287,000	NOK	15,360		
	SEK	17,040	USD	2,366)									

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 December 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,043 (from 1.1.15: CHF 1,031) – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,460 (from 1.1.15: CHF 1,443) – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,086 (from 1.1.15: CHF 2,062)	CHF 200
EP	CHF 2,301 (from 1.1.15: CHF 2,274)	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,301 (from 1.1.15: CHF 2,274)	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁷ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁸	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,301 (from 1.1.15: CHF 2,274)	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,301 (from 1.1.15: CHF 2,274) – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 660 (from 1.1.15: CHF 650)	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 December 2014, unless otherwise indicated)

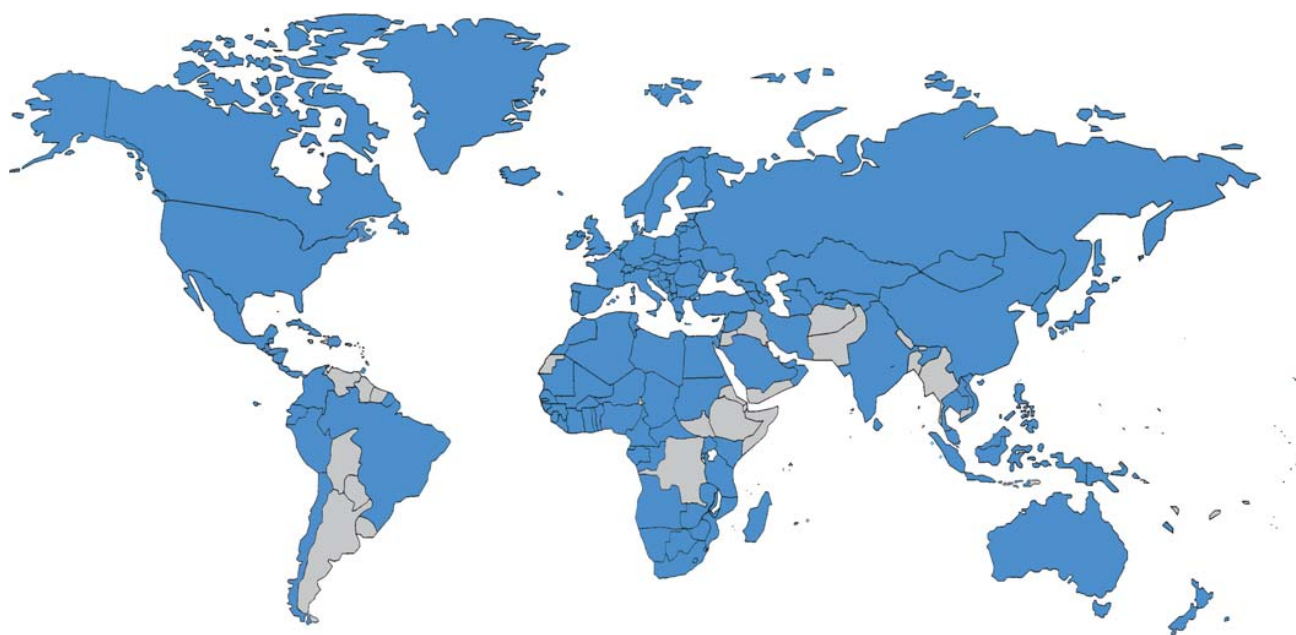
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁹	Handling fee ^{2, 39} (CHF 200)
AT ³¹	EUR 1,749	EUR 163 (from 1.1.15: 165)
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴⁰	AUD 237 (from 1.1.15: 238)
BR ³²	Online: BRL 630 On paper: BRL 945	BRL 488 (from 1.1.15: BRL eq CHF 200)
CA	CAD 800	CAD 246 (from 1.1.15: 232)
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³³ : USD 300	USD 221 (from 1.1.15: 208)
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³⁴	EGP 3,000	EGP 1,525 (from 1.1.15: USD 208)
EP ³⁵	EUR 1,930	EUR 163 (from 1.1.15: 165)
ES	EUR 583.65	EUR 163 (from 1.1.15: 165)
FI	EUR 600	EUR 163 (from 1.1.15: 165)
IL	ILS 1,527	ILS 786
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 221 (from 1.1.15: 208)
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁸	JPY 23,300 (from 1.1.15: 22,700)
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 222,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ⁴¹ 4,050 ⁴² For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ⁴¹ 15,750 ⁴²	USD 221 (from 1.1.15: 208)
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,520 (from 1.1.15: 1,500)
US	USD 600 760 ⁴³ For small entity ³⁰ : USD 300 380 ⁴³ For micro entity ³⁰ : USD 150 190 ⁴³	USD 221 (from 1.1.15: 208)
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,220 (from 1.1.15: 1,230)

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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 website at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 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 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 11 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.
- 12 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 14 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 15 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.
- 16 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 17 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).
- 18 This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm
- 19 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 20 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.
- 21 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf).
- 22 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 23 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 24 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 25 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 26 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 27 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 28 This fee is reduced by 95% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 29 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 30 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 31 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 32 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 33 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 34 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 35 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 further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 38 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 39 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 42 In all cases where footnote 41 does not apply.
- 43 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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