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Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Singapore: Intellectual Property Office of Singapore to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that, with effect from 1 January 2015, 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 indicated in Fee Table I(a).

Furthermore, the Office has notified the IB that it will no longer accept international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format with effect from 1 June 2015.

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 15 January 2015 at:

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

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

The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by IPOS brings to 13 the total number of receiving Offices which do so¹, and more Offices will be added soon.

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

New pilots start between the European Patent Office and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Israel Patent Office, the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

On 6 January 2015, new two-way PCT-PPH pilot programs began between the European Patent Office (EPO) and the following Offices which act as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs):

¹ ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices: RO/IB, RO/AT, RO/AU, RO/BR, RO/CL, RO/EA, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/IN, RO/MY, RO/NZ, RO/SE and RO/SG.

the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, and
the Israel Patent Office.

Under these pilots, faster examination in the national phase in Canada or Israel, or in the regional phase before the EPO, 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 the other Office in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

On the same date, new PCT-PPH pilot programs also began between the EPO and
the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, and
the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore.

Under these pilots, faster examination in the national phase in Mexico or Singapore 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 the EPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA. Furthermore, faster examination can also be requested at the EPO based on the national work product established during the processing of a national application or a PCT application that has entered the national phase in Mexico or Singapore.

Further information on the above-mentioned PCT-PPH agreements is available as follows:

EPO and Canada:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20141219.html>

http://www.cipo.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/h_wr02160.html

<http://www.cipo.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr03893.html>
(in English)

<http://www.opic.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/fra/wr03893.html>
(in French)

EPO and Israel:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20141219a.html>

<http://index.justice.gov.il/En/Units/ILPO/Departments/Patents/Pages/PPH.aspx>

EPO and Mexico:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20141219b.html>

EPO and Singapore:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20141219c.html>

<http://www.ipos.gov.sg/AboutIP/TypesofIPWhatisIntellectualProperty/Whatisapatent/Applyingforapatent/PatentProsecutionHighwayPPH.aspx>

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html to include information on these new pilots at:

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

Non-working Days at the IB

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the International Bureau (IB) will not be open for business are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015, the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and

1 and 2 January 2015

3 and 6 April 2015

25 May 2015

10 September 2015

24 September 2015 (this date may be subject to change)

24, 25 and 31 December 2015

Note that the days indicated above concern only the IB and not the national or regional Offices. The closed dates in 2015 for other Offices are available on the PCT website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/faces/page/index.xhtml>

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of a new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.066.242, dated 1 January 2015) is now available and can 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/>

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 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.

The original DAS system required applicants to enable access for Offices through a web portal. All participating Offices have now moved to a new system where access is provided by sending an “access code” to the Office which is to retrieve the document. Consequently, on 19 December 2014, the original DAS web portal was decommissioned and has been replaced with a new version which requires a WIPO account. It is not essential to access the new portal

to use DAS, but it does provide you with a useful range of information about the system. Most notably, it allows you to track the access history of your priority documents so that you can tell whether an Office has actually retrieved your priority document or not.

A demo version of the new DAS web portal is available at:

<https://webaccess.wipo.int/dasapplicantdemo>

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (provisions concerning international-type search and provisional protection)

There has been a change in the provision of the law of Australia concerning international-type search. The relevant provision is now: Regulation 3.14A of the Patents Regulations.

There have also been changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication. Reference should now be made to Section 56A of the Patents Act 1990 and Regulation 4.4 of the Patents Regulations.

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

BE Belgium (Internet address)

The Internet address of the Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) has changed, as follows:

Internet: <http://economie.fgov.be/opri-die.jsp?>

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

BW Botswana (name of Office; location; telephone number; e-mail and Internet addresses; fees)

The name, location and e-mail address of the Registrar of Companies, Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs (Botswana) have changed, and the Office has notified an additional telephone number and its Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)
Location:	Kgale Mews Plot No. 181 Gaborone Botswana
Telephone:	(267) 318 87 54, 367 37 00
E-mail:	roc@gov.bw
Internet:	http://www.mti.gov.bw/content/registrar-companies-ip

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Office as receiving Office, has changed to USD 32, and the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have also changed, as follows:

For patent:

Application fee.....	BWP 150 ² 300 ³
Annual fee for the first year	BWP 30 ² 60 ³

For utility model certificate:

Application fee.....	BWP 90 ² 180 ³
Annual fee for the first year	BWP 50 ² 100 ³

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and C (BW) and National Chapter, Summary (BW))

CO Colombia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) has specified, with effect from 16 December 2014, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) (INAPI), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Colombia with the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (or the International Bureau (IB)) as receiving Office.

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

The European Patent Office has notified the IB that the CHF 100 reduction in the international filing fee, which is outlined in item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees, applies in respect of international applications filed using the EPO web-form filing. The equivalent amount in EUR of that reduction is EUR 82, and is now indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

ES Spain (fees; national security provisions)

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has provided additional details to the IB concerning restrictions in its national legislation which are applicable when filing international applications with other Offices.

There has been a change in the amount of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office with effect from 1 January 2015:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	74.99
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	29.99

² Applicable in case of filing by individuals and small entities whose number of employees does not exceed 100 persons.

³ Applicable in case of filings by companies other than small entities.

Online On paper

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:EUR 90.44 EUR 106.40

Also from 1 January 2015, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office:

For patent or utility model:

Online On paper

Filing fee:EUR 63.68 EUR 74.92

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

FR France (national security provisions)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (France) 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 (FR))

GB United Kingdom (Internet address)

The Internet address of the Intellectual Property Office⁴ (United Kingdom) has changed, as follows:

Internet: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/intellectual-property-office>

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

GE Georgia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities – clarification concerning specification of Israel Patent Office)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2014 concerning the specification by the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti) of the Israel Patent Office as competent international Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed in English by nationals and residents of Georgia with Sakpatenti as receiving Office, please note that the Israel Patent Office may be chosen as ISA and IPEA also in respect of international applications filed in Georgian or Russian, provided that a translation into English is furnished to the receiving Office.

IL Israel (fees)

With effect from 1 January 2015, the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, changed to ILS 554, and the amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, also changed:

Filing fee ILS 2,031

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

⁴ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 March 2015, 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(s) in JPY 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 (JP))

KR Republic of Korea (requirements concerning the filing and processing of international applications in electronic form; fees)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 January 2015, the only certification authority accepted by the Office in accordance with Section 710(a)(vi) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT will be the WIPO Customer Certification Authority. Certificates from the KIPO Certification Authority will no longer be accepted. The corresponding amended notification relating to the filing and processing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 24 December 2014 at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnoticesFI .pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnoticesFI.pdf)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to KIPO as designated (or elected) Office, have changed in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 March 2014, as follows:

For patent:**Filing fee:**

– when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form:	KRW	46,000
– when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper:	KRW	66,000
plus, per sheet in excess of 20:.....	KRW	1,000
Fee for request for examination:	KRW	143,000
plus, for each claim:	KRW	44,000
Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW	15,000
plus, for each claim:	KRW	13,000

For utility model:**Filing fee:**

– when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form:	KRW	20,000
– when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper:	KRW	30,000
plus, per sheet in excess of 20:.....	KRW	1,000
Fee for request for examination:	KRW	71,000
plus, for each claim:	KRW	19,000

Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW	12,000
plus, for each claim:	KRW	4,000

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

PE Peru (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (INDECOPI) (Peru) has specified, with effect from 8 January 2015, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) (INAPI), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, 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 Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Peru with INDECOPI (or the IB) as receiving Office.

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

RS Serbia (provisional protection; fees)

The Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication, where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent. The text should now refer to Article 19 of the Patent Law.

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 June 2014:

Transmittal fee ⁵ :	RSD	7,140
Fee for priority document, for the first document up to 10 pages:	RSD	1,720
plus, for each subsequent document up to 10 pages:	[no change]	
plus, per page in excess of 10:	[no change]	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	RSD	2,880

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from the same date (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:

Filing fee ⁵ :	RSD	7,140
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10 ⁵ :	RSD	710
Reduced examination fee for international applications ⁵ :	RSD	7,170
Annual fee for the first three years ⁵ :	RSD	10,050

⁵ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

For petty patent:

Filing fee⁵: RSD 7,140

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and C (RS) and National Chapter, Summary (RS))

SA Saudi Arabia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Saudi Patent Office has specified, with effect from 1 January 2015, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, 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 in English by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia with the Saudi Patent Office (or the IB) as receiving Office.

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

SC Seychelles (e-mail address; fees)

The e-mail address of the Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: regdiv@registry.gov.sc

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

National application fee: SCR 3,000

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

SG Singapore (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 1 January 2015, by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore 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.

US United States of America (competent International Authorities)

The conditions under which the Australian Patent Office (IP Australia) will act as an ISA and IPEA for international applications filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as receiving Office have changed with effect from 24 September 2014. The condition that IP Australia would not act as an ISA for applications with one or more claims in the fields of business methods or mechanical engineering, or analogous fields of technology as defined by specified areas of the International Patent Classification System, has been removed. However,

a new condition that IP Australia has not received more than 250 international applications from the USPTO during the relevant fiscal quarter has been added. For further information, see:

http://www.uspto.gov/patents/law/notices/ipau-isa-ipea_20141205.pdf

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US), footnote 5)

Search fee and other fees relating to international search (European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Israel Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

As from 1 February 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD, for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office.

As from 1 March 2015, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below, for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

European Patent Office	JPY
Japan Patent Office	CHF, EUR, SGD
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	CHF, EUR, HUF, USD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	USD

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

As from the same date, there will also be a change in the amount payable in ILS, as well as in the equivalent amounts in CHF and EUR (the equivalent amount in USD has not yet been established), 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	3,554
Late furnishing fee:	ILS	457

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (BR, EP, JP, IL, RU))

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

There has been a change in the amount of the following fees, payable in EUR to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) with effect from 1 January 2015:

Preliminary examination fee:	EUR	589.49
Additional preliminary examination fee:	EUR	589.49

As from 1 March 2015, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable in ILS to the Israel Patent Office as IPEA:

Preliminary examination fee:	ILS	1,523
Additional preliminary examination fee:	ILS	1,523

Late furnishing fee: ILS 457

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

Handling fee (Israel Patent Office, Japan Patent Office)

There has been a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in ILS to the Israel Patent Office as IPEA with effect from 1 January 2015, and as from 1 March 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as IPEA. The new amounts are/will be ILS 766 and JPY 24,700, respectively.

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

New/updated PCT Resources

WIPO Pearl video

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2014, page 2, introducing WIPO Pearl, a new database providing free access to a wealth of multilingual scientific and technical terminology found in patent documents, WIPO has produced an overview video showing the key features of the database, which can be viewed at:

<http://www.wipo.int/multimedia-video/en/wipopearl/wipopearl.mp4>

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements, in English and French, between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following Authorities as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs):

CN State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (1 March 2015)

KR Korean Intellectual Property Office (1 January 2015)

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from the dates indicated in parentheses, have been published in PDF format at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html
(see right hand side of the page)

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html
(see right hand side of the page)

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_kr.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, two new invitations have been identified originating from:

WIPO – World Intellectual Property Office; and

Search Index Registration Department – Registration of International Patent

Note that, in the case of the “World Intellectual Property Office”, the address and e-mail address shown at the bottom of the page of the “invoice” is remarkably similar to that of the World Intellectual Property Organization, and they have even included the World Intellectual Property Organization’s actual Internet address. 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

PCT in the News

A link to an article from the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 6, 2014) entitled “Pioneers of Blue LEDs Dazzle Nobel Committee” has been added to the “PCT in the News” page of the PCT website.

The 2014 Nobel Prize for Physics was awarded to the inventors of blue light emitting diodes (LEDs). Japanese-born Professors Isamu Akasaki, Hiroshi Amano and Shuji Nakamura were recognized for their seminal work in developing blue LEDs during the mid-1980s. Their breakthroughs made it possible to develop a new high-quality, energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly source of lighting which is now firmly embedded in our daily lives. The work of the 2014 laureates triggered a surge in patent filings and the technology’s rapid evolution. A simple search of PATENTSCOPE reveals that between 2004 and 2013, over 8,250 blue LED-related international applications were filed through the PCT, including key pioneering technologies developed by the 2014 laureates. Underlining the value of the PCT to university researchers, Professor Nakamura explains, “university technologies are generally very early stage. The PCT is critical for these early stage technologies because it gives us the opportunity to protect our patents globally while allowing the market and the technology to mature further before determining which countries might be most valuable to commercial partners.”

The full article, as well as other extracts from the *WIPO Magazine*, is available at:

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

Issue 6/2014 of the *WIPO Magazine* is available at:

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

Practical Advice

Information on submitting informal comments to address issues raised in the written opinion of the International Searching Authority

Q: I would like to submit informal comments to the International Bureau following the receipt of the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, but cannot find any information in the PCT Regulations relating to informal comments. Please could you tell me what the time limit for submitting informal comments is, and also whether there is a limit to the number of words contained in the informal comments, as is the case for the statement under PCT Article 19? Will the informal comments be published with the international application? What happens if I later file a demand for international preliminary examination – will the informal comments be sent to the International Preliminary Examining Authority?

A: During the thirty-first session of the Assembly of the PCT Union, which met in September 2002, Regulations under the PCT were adopted concerning the issuance of a new type of written opinion by the International Searching Authority (ISA). The Assembly agreed that no special provision should be included in the Regulations to enable the applicant to comment on the written opinion of the ISA. Any formal response to the written opinion of the ISA would need to be submitted to the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under PCT Article 34 as part of the international preliminary examination procedure. However, in the event that a demand for international preliminary examination is not filed, the applicant would be given the opportunity to rebut the written opinion of the ISA by submitting comments on an informal basis to the International Bureau (IB). Such “informal comments” would be subsequently sent to the designated Offices and also be made available to the public on PATENTSCOPE. It is because of the informal nature of such comments that you have not been able to find any information concerning them in the PCT Regulations, although some information is provided in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraph 7.030 (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>), and some useful background information can be found in the relevant PCT Assembly documents⁶.

There is no specific time limit for submitting informal comments; however, the earliest time when you could submit them is after the issuance of the written opinion of the ISA, and it is recommended to submit them before the expiration of 28 months from the priority date, so that they will be available to designated Offices upon entry into the national phase. Any informal comments received after 30 months from the priority date will simply be kept in the file of the IB; they will not be made available on PATENTSCOPE (as is generally the case with any other document submitted to the IB after that time limit), nor will they be transmitted to the designated Offices. During national phase prosecution, if you would like any of the designated Offices to take into account any comments you would like to make on the written opinion of the ISA, you should file them directly with each Office concerned. Note that, as far as the language of informal comments is concerned, it is the practice of the IB to communicate to designated Offices informal comments in any language (and also sometimes in more than one language),

⁶ See PCT/A/31/10 (paragraph 47) and PCT/A/31/6 (paragraphs 22, 23, 25, 28, 30, 31, 35, 43 and 44) at: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=4656

and that any designated Office would be free to require a translation of such comments, where appropriate.

Unlike the requirement that the statement relating to amendments to the claims made under PCT Article 19 should contain a maximum of 500 words (PCT Rule 46.4), there is no maximum word count for informal comments. Also, unlike amendments under PCT Article 19, informal comments will not be published with the international application, although they will be made publicly available on PATENTSCOPE (via the “documents” tab) as from the date of international publication⁷. The informal comments will not be sent to the ISA, nor will they be sent to the IPEA if you file a demand.

Please note that informal comments can be uploaded to the IB using the “Upload Documents” function in the ePCT system (<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>). It is recalled that, in order to do this, it is sufficient to create a basic WIPO user account and to use the ePCT public services option, which does not require you to authenticate your user account with a digital certificate. Alternatively, the informal comments can be faxed to: +41 22 338 82 70.

If you do file a demand and would like the IPEA to consider the comments you sent to the IB as informal comments, you would have to re-submit them directly to the IPEA under PCT Article 34, as part of the international preliminary examination procedure (Chapter II). If you do this, in order to avoid confusion, be sure to delete any reference to “informal comments” and include a title to the effect that the comments are a response for the purposes of Chapter II. For information on the formal procedure for submitting responses to written opinions under Chapter II, whereby you can submit one or more amendments or arguments to the IPEA, and have the possibility to communicate orally with the IPEA, see PCT Rule 66.2 to 66.6 and 66.8. If a demand is filed, informal comments will not be forwarded to the designated Offices, however they will still be made available to the public on PATENTSCOPE.

Please be aware that, where applicable, you may be more likely to obtain a stronger patent if you address any issues raised in the written opinion of the ISA by submitting amendments under PCT Article 19 together with a statement under Article 19, and/or by filing a demand and submitting amendments under PCT Article 34. Although submitting Article 19 amendments can be done in addition to submitting informal comments, you should be careful to clearly distinguish between the different types of submission. As was said above, if you wish to submit the content of your informal comments for the purposes of international preliminary examination, you would have to re-submit your comments to the IPEA clarifying that they are for the purposes of Chapter II.

It is recalled that, in the case of international applications filed with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office claiming priority from an earlier application already searched by the EPO, and where the EPO has been chosen as ISA, it is possible to submit informal comments to the EPO regarding the earlier application together with the international application. Provided the necessary requirements are met, the examiner performing the international search would then take into account those informal comments. This procedure, known as “PCT Direct”, should not be confused with the regular informal comments under the PCT that are discussed above (for further information on PCT Direct, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2014, page 4).

⁷ Prior to the deletion of PCT Rule 44~~ter~~ on 1 July 2014, written opinions, together with any informal comments submitted by the applicant in response to such opinions, were only available on PATENTSCOPE after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 12 January 2015)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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
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
11 February 2015 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
19 February 2015 Irvine, CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	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
23 February 2015 Brussels (BE)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Mr. Matthes Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) (Mr. Alain Lambermont) Tel: (32-314) 59 53 48 E-mail: Alain.Lambermont@economie.fgov.be
5 March 2015 Auckland (NZ)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (Mr. Simon Gallagher) Tel: (64-4) 978 7594 E-mail: simon.gallagher@iponz.govt.nz Internet: www.iponz.govt.nz/contactus
6 March 2015 Wellington (NZ)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (see Auckland, above)
10 March 2015 Melbourne (AU)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and IP Australia (Ms. Jennifer Bowen Smith) Tel: (61-2) 6283 2642 E-mail: jennifer.bowensmith@ipaaustralia.gov.au
11 March 2015 Sydney (AU)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and IP Australia (see Melbourne, 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
13 March 2015 Brisbane (AU)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and IP Australia (see Melbourne, above)
25 March 2015 Northern Virginia (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
16–17 April 2015 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT Formalities Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim 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
20–21 May 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Henninger	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
5 October 2015 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: to be announced	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
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 (29-30 October 2015) 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
4–5 November 2015 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
2–3 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
3–4 December 2015 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities (including practical presentations on PCT eServices) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
8 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)

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
24 March 2015 Northern Virginia (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: Learn the Basics Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Irvine, above)

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 2015, 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	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
<i>Currencies:</i>		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty		
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	RON	New leu		
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RUB	Russian rouble		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SEK	Swedish krona		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
BND	Brunei dollar	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 January 2015, 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	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,097	12	–	165	247	–	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,582	18	–	238	357	–	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30 ⁹	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,097	12	82	–	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	120	EUR	1,097	12	82	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	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	32	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,544	17	116	232	348	–	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹	1,384	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 104	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

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

(amounts on 1 January 2015, 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, CL, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	CL EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 163	EUR 1,097	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,097	12	82	–	–	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,097	12	82	165	247	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,160	90	610	1,230	1,840	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,384	16	104	208	312	EP RU
EC	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 115.04	EUR 1,097	12	82	–	–	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 130	EUR 1,097	12	82	165	247	EP
ES	EUR 74.99	EUR 1,097	12	82	165	247	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,097	12	–	165	247	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,097	12	82	165	247	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 862	10	–	130	194	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹⁴ 100	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁵ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,097	12	82	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	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 337,500	HUF 3,800	HUF 25,400	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁶ 100 or EUR ¹⁶ 82 or USD ¹⁶ 104	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,097 or USD 1,384	15 12 16	100 82 104	200 165 208	300 247 312	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 1,097	12	–	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,384	16	104	208	312	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD 1,384	16	104	208	312	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹³ –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP IN RU (from 1.3.15: CN)
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 167,800	1,900	12,600	25,200	37,800	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,097	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 150,900 (from 1.3.15: 164,300)	1,700 (1,900)	11,300 (12,400)	– (–)	34,000 (37,100)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	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 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹³ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,097	12	82	165	247	EP RU

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				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,097	12	–	–	–	EP
LX	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,097	12	82	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹³ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ²¹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²²	EUR 1,097	12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,384	16	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 1,097	12	82	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²³	USD 1,384	16	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 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,097	12	–	165	247	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 8,990	100	–	1,350	2,030	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²⁵	NZD 1,770	20	133	266	399	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹³ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	eq USD 104	–	–	AT EP ES KR US (from 8.1.15: BR and CL)
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,384	16	104	208	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 1,097	12	82	165	247	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,097	12	82	165	247	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,140 ²⁶	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,970	110	750	1,500	2,250	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,767	20	133	266	399	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,097	12	82	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁷	EUR 1,097	12	82	165	247	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,097	12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	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 ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹³ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁸ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,384	16	104	–	–	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 ²⁹ small entity ³⁰ : 120 ²⁹ micro entity ³⁰ : 60 ²⁹	USD 1,384	16	104	208	–	AU EP IL KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	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 15,580	180	1,170	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	eq USD 104	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 January 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT ³¹	EUR 1,864	CHF 2,260	KRW 2,510,000	SGD 3,000	USD 2,353	ZAR 26,470			
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,925	CHF 1,849 ZAR 21,660	EUR 1,525	KRW 2,053,000	NZD 2,461	SGD 2,460			
BR ³²	Online: *(from 1.3.15: On paper: *(from 1.3.15:	BRL 1,685 USD 632 BRL 2,525 USD 948	CHF 667 CHF 1,000	EUR 550 EUR 824	USD* 694 USD* 1,040				
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,379	EUR 1,137	USD 1,435					
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,922	EUR 1,585	USD 400 USD 300	CHF 384 CHF 288	EUR 317 EUR 238			
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 329	EUR 271	USD 342					
EG ³⁴	EGP 4,000	CHF 538	EUR 443	USD 559					
EP ³⁵	EUR 1,875 JPY* 257,900 USD 2,366	CHF 2,274 NOK 15,360 ZAR 26,630	DKK 13,960 NZD 3,026 *(from 1.3.15:	GBP 1,474 SEK 17,040 JPY 278,500)	HUF 577,000 SGD 3,020	ISK 287,000			
ES ³⁵	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,274	USD 2,366						
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 2,274	USD 2,366						
IL	ILS* 3,564 *(from 1.3.15:	CHF 931 ILS 3,554	EUR 768 CHF 875	USD 969 EUR 728		USD (amount not yet established))			
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual:	CHF 157	EUR 129 INR 2,500	USD 163 CHF 39	EUR 32	USD 41			
JP ¹⁸	JPY 70,000 *(from 1.3.15: **(from 1.2.15:	CHF* 617 CHF 567 USD 577)	EUR* 509 EUR 471	KRW 685,000 SGD 766)	SGD* 820	USD** 642			
KR	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD 422 For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,219	AUD 482	CHF 405	EUR 334	NZD 539	SGD 540			
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 (from 1.3.15: For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 (from 1.3.15:	CHF 163 CHF 138 CHF 677 CHF 573	EUR 135 EUR 115 EUR 558 EUR 477	HUF 41,400 HUF 35,200 HUF 171,700 HUF 146,100	USD 170 USD 144 USD 704 USD 598)				
SE	SEK 17,040 USD 2,366	CHF 2,274	DKK 13,960	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK 15,360			
US	USD 2,080 For small entity ³⁰ : For micro entity ³⁰ :	CHF 1,998 USD 1,040 USD 520	EUR 1,648 CHF 999 CHF 500	NZD 2,660 EUR 824 EUR 412	ZAR 23,410 NZD 1,330 NZD 660	ZAR 11,700 ZAR 5,850			
XN	DKK 13,960 USD 2,366	CHF 2,274	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK 15,360	SEK 17,040			

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 January 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,031	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,443	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,062	
EP	CHF 2,274	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,274	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB ³⁷ 11,800 (18,880) ³⁸	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,274	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,274	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 650	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 January 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

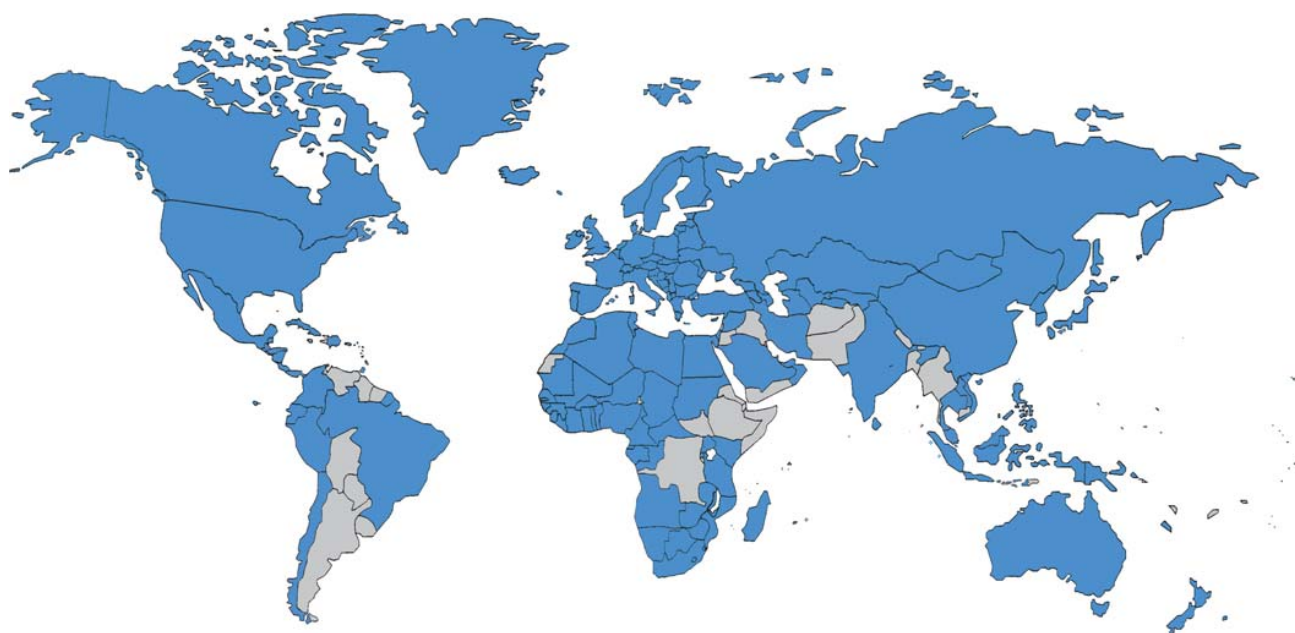
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁹	Handling fee ^{2, 39} (CHF 200)
AT ³¹	EUR 1,749	EUR 165
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴⁰	AUD 238
BR ³²	Online: BRL 630	BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL 945	
CA	CAD 800	CAD 232
CL	USD 1,500	USD 208
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³³ : USD 300	
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³⁴	EGP 3,000	USD 208
EP ³⁵	EUR 1,930	EUR 165
ES	EUR 589.49	EUR 165
FI	EUR 600	EUR 165
IL	ILS 1,527 (from 1.3.15: 1,523)	ILS 766
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 208
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁸	JPY 22,700 (from 1.3.15: 24,700)
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 222,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ⁴¹ 4,050 ⁴²	USD 208
	For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ⁴¹ 15,750 ⁴²	
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,500
US	USD 600 760 ⁴³	USD 208
	For small entity ³⁰ : USD 300 380 ⁴³	
	For micro entity ³⁰ : USD 150 190 ⁴³	
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,230

[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 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 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.
- 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 January 2015)



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) ³
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	ES Spain (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FR France (EP) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BN Brunei Darussalam	GD Grenada	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GE Georgia	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GH Ghana (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GM Gambia (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MA Morocco	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MD Republic of Moldova	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CL Chile	HR Croatia (EP)	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HU Hungary (EP)	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	ID Indonesia	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SA Saudi Arabia	
CO Colombia	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SC Seychelles	
	IL Israel		SD Sudan (AP)	
			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 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 and 1 January 2015, respectively). 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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Meeting of International Authorities

The 22nd session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Tokyo, Japan, from 4 to 6 February 2015. 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=35263

Based on a document presented by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (“Review of PCT Improvement Plans”; document PCT/MIA/22/19), the Meeting discussed the following five issues as possible areas of further work:

- transfer of search fees and search copies via the International Bureau (IB);
- mandatory replies to negative indications by the ISA/IPEA on national phase entry;
- formal incorporation of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) into the PCT;
- review and identification of reservations; and
- mandatory written opinion in Chapter II.

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) reported on ongoing discussions between Offices via the PCT Working Group’s electronic forum on possible further steps to strengthen the links between the international and national phases of the PCT procedure (“Promoting Linkage between the International Phase and the National Phase”; document PCT/MIA/21/17). The Meeting invited the JPO to further develop a proposal aimed at further improving the usefulness of international search reports (ISRs) by indicating corresponding parts of a patent family document in the English language (where such English document exists) where the originally cited patent document is in a language other than English.

The European Patent Office (EPO) reported on its new “PCT Direct” service under which an applicant, when filing an international application claiming priority of an earlier application which had already been searched by the EPO, has the opportunity to furnish to the EPO in its capacity as an International Searching Authority (ISA) informal comments on any objections raised in the search opinion drawn up on the earlier application (document PCT/MIA/22/21) (for further information on PCT Direct, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2014, page 4). At present, this service is only available to applicants using the EPO as receiving Office (RO); Authorities supported extending this possibility to other ROs.

Authorities discussed and supported, in principle, a number of modifications to the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (PCT ISPE Guidelines) proposed by the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) concerning the requirements under PCT Rule 6.4 for dependent claims in an international application (document PCT/MIA/22/17).

The Meeting invited the EPO and the KIPO to further develop proposals on the transmittal by the RO of earlier search and/or classification results to the ISA (document PCT/MIA/22/4) for presentation to the PCT Working Group in May 2015.

Discussions on the appointment of International Authorities (document PCT/MIA/22/3) reviewed the progress of discussions in the Quality Subgroup on the quality requirements to act effectively as an Authority and how these could be better expressed in the criteria for appointment. The Meeting endorsed the recommendations of the Quality Subgroup to review Chapter 21 of the PCT ISPE Guidelines to strengthen the requirements with respect to quality management systems, and develop a standard application form for any request for appointment as an International Authority to ensure all pertinent quality issues were covered in a request (see below for further information on the meeting of the Quality Subgroup).

Authorities expressed satisfaction with the various electronic services offered by the IB for use by applicants, ROs, International Authorities and third parties (document PCT/MIA/22/2). In particular, those Authorities which offered ePCT-Filing in their capacity as RO expressed great satisfaction with this component of ePCT. There was also strong interest from Authorities to participate in eSearchCopy to receive search copies electronically from the IB, noting the potential to combine this with the transfer of the search fee via the IB, as currently piloted by the USPTO as RO and the EPO as ISA. Authorities also welcomed efforts to move to XML-based search and examination reports and the exchange of XML data rather than images or forms.

Other matters discussed included:

- PCT Minimum Documentation (documents PCT/MIA/22/7, 8 and 18), including a proposal to reactivate a task force to further discuss wider documentation of national patent collections;
- the training of patent examiners (document PCT/MIA/22/5);
- the supplementary international search system (document PCT/MIA/22/6);
- the proposed promulgation of the PCT ISPE Guidelines (document PCT/MIA/22/9);
- a new sequence listing standard (document PCT/MIA/22/10);
- revision of WIPO Standard ST.14 (Recommendation for the Inclusion of References in Cited Patent Documents) (document PCT/MIA/21/11);
- the processing of color drawings by Authorities in the international phase (document PCT/MIA/22/12)
- a third pilot on collaborative search and examination to take place over the next three years (document PCT/MIA/22/13);
- the clarification of the procedure regarding the incorporation by reference of missing parts (documents PCT/MIA/22/14 and 14 Add.);
- same day priority claims (document PCT/MIA/22/15); and
- missing IPC classes from international patent applications (PCT/MIA/22/16).

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

- continued exchanges on quality policies, guidelines, quality sampling practices and rates, and checklists in quality assurance processes;
- the sharing of experiences on specific topics of the Quality Management Systems of Authorities for discussion at next year's Quality Subgroup meeting;
- a three track process for the sharing of search strategy information, including the setting up of a pilot project to record databases, classification symbols and keywords as a separate Annex to the ISR, and the continued sharing of full search records on PATENTSCOPE for Authorities interested in making this information available;
- the exchange of information and experiences by those Authorities implementing the standardized clauses for Boxes V and VIII of ISRs and international preliminary examination reports;
- the continuation of two collaborations: a pilot study between two Authorities under which feedback on ISRs and written opinions is provided by one Authority in its capacity as a designated Office to the other Authority in its capacity as an International Authority; and a joint metrics study between two Authorities under which prior art citations in respect of an international application by one Authority in its capacity as an International Authority are compared with prior art citations on the same application by the other Authority in its capacity as a designated Office;
- further discussion to improve the explanations and examples for complex cases of unity of invention and their categorization in the PCT ISPE Guidelines; and
- development of a PCT metrics framework that could provide useful information for Authorities and users, taking into account accessibility, presentation, scope of metrics and the target audience.

Changes in certain equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee at various Offices

Following the decision by the Swiss National Bank, on 15 January 2015, to discontinue its policy of maintaining a minimum exchange rate floor of 1.20 Swiss francs per euro, the value of the Swiss franc increased against many other currencies by between 15 and 20%. As the fees payable for the benefit of the International Bureau (IB) (the International filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30 and the handling fee), as well as the PCT-EASY and e-filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, are set in Swiss francs, but are payable in the equivalent amounts of various local currencies, the IB has exceptionally had to establish new equivalent amounts in certain of those currencies, with effect from 1 April 2015. Conversely, the equivalent amount in Swiss francs of certain fees set in other currencies (the search fee and the supplementary search fee) has also decreased with effect from that date.

The currencies that are affected by this change, in respect of which new, higher, equivalent amounts have had to be set, are as follows:

AUD	Australian dollar
CAD	Canadian dollar
DKK	Danish krone
EUR	euro
GBP	Pound sterling
HUF	Hungarian forint

ISK	Icelandic krona
KRW	Korean won
NOK	Norwegian krone
NZD	New Zealand dollar
SEK	Swedish krona
SGD	Singapore dollar
ZAR	South African rand

Some of the currencies that were initially affected by the increase in the value of the Swiss franc have since recovered a large part of their value against the Swiss franc and, consequently, have not met the conditions to have a new equivalent amount set, for example, the Japanese yen and the US dollar.

The new equivalent amounts of the affected currencies are indicated in the PCT Fee Tables. The receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities (ISAs), International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) and Authorities specified for supplementary search affected are also easily identifiable in the following list of Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/>) that are being updated. Note that, in the case of the list of ISAs, some of the changes in equivalent amounts are not necessarily as a result of the change in the value of the Swiss franc, but may be as a result of changes in the value of other currencies; they are also included here for convenience as they will also take effect from 1 April 2015.

- Annex C (ROs): AT, AU, BA, BE, CA, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IB, IE, IS, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MT, NL, NO, NZ, PT, RO, SE, SG, SI, SK, SM, ZA;
- Annex D (ISAs): AT, AU, BR, 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, RU, SE, XN; and
- Annex E (IPEAs): AT, AU, CA, EP, ES, FI, KR, SE, XN.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Canada: e-filing package preparation available in ePCT-Filing for filing at Canadian Intellectual Property Office

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 2 February 2015, it accepts the filing, via CIPO's E-Filing service, of packages containing international applications prepared for submission using ePCT-Filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE.

The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are included in Fee Table I(a).

An updated notification containing the requirements and practices of CIPO with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 29 January 2015 at:

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

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

Saudi Arabia and Latvia: the Saudi Patent Office and the Latvian Patent Office begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Saudi Patent Office and the Latvian Patent Office, in their capacities as receiving Offices, have notified the IB under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that they are/will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2015, in the case of the Saudi Patent Office, and 1 March 2015, in the case of the Latvian Patent Office. The Offices (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 Saudi Patent Office and the Latvian Patent Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form have been published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 22 January 2015 and 12 February 2015, respectively, at:

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (LV and SA))

The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by the above-mentioned Offices brings to 16¹ the total number of receiving Offices which do so, and more Offices will be added soon.

It is recalled that, as ePCT-Filing is an integral part of ePCT private services requiring a WIPO user account authenticated with a digital certificate, applicants who would like to use ePCT-Filing, but do not yet have a WIPO user account, should obtain an account using 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.

Change in one of the Non-working Days at the IB

With reference to the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2015 of the days on which the International Bureau (IB) will not be open for business during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015, please note that one of the days listed, 24 September 2015, which was indicated as being subject to change, should be replaced by 23 September 2015.

A complete list of non-working days for the IB is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/faces/page/index.xhtml>

¹ ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices: RO/IB, RO/AT, RO/AU, RO/BR, RO/CA, RO/CL, RO/EA, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/IN, RO/LV (from 1 March 2015), RO/MY, RO/NZ, RO/SA, RO/SE and RO/SG (see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/e-filing/index.html>)

PCT Information Update

International filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee (various Offices)

See “Changes in certain equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee at various Offices”, above.

AT Austria (fees)

The Austrian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) of a change in the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority. The fee is now EUR 229.

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

BE Belgium (Internet address)

The Internet address of the Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) has changed, as follows:

Internet address: <http://economie.fgov.be/opri-die-jsp?>

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

CA Canada (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office of the filing, via CIPO's E-Filing service, of packages containing international applications prepared for submission using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that are applicable, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

DK Denmark

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office 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 (DK))

EE Estonia (fees)

As from 1 January 2015, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable to the Estonian Patent Office as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	120
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	16

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

GE Georgia (fees)

The National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti), in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB that national fees are reduced by 70% where the

applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or retiree.

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 April 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in EUR of the transmittal fee and the fee for the priority document, payable to the IB as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	96
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	48
Supplement for airmail:	EUR	10

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

IN India (national security provisions)

The Indian 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 (IN))

LK Sri Lanka (requirements concerning agent; fees)

There has been a change in the provision of the law of Sri Lanka concerning who can act as agent before the National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka. The relevant provision is now: Sec. 58(1) of the Intellectual Property Regulations.

There has been a change in the following national fee payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office:

Application fee: ²		
For students:	LKR	1,000
For natural persons:	LKR	2,500
For others:.....	LKR	6,000

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

LV Latvia (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance by the Latvian Patent Office as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 March 2015, 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.

² This fee is subject to Value Added Tax (VAT) of 12%.

NO Norway (provisional protection after international publication; requirements concerning the translation of the international application; furnishing of copies of international applications; fees)

The Norwegian Industrial Property Office has notified changes to the requirements concerning the translation of international applications with effect from 1 January 2015. As from that date, a patent in Norway can also be granted in English. All patent documents may be furnished in Norwegian or in English. However, a translation of the claims into Norwegian is required where a patent in English is sought.

This updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, with effect from 1 January 2015, 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 Norwegian or English, or, if the international application was filed in Norwegian 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 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:

Norwegian or English

Is a copy of the international application required?

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

Yes, where it was filed in Norwegian or English

As from 1 March 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NOK to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NOK of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4(c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a). Note that there will also be a change in the equivalent amounts of those fees as from 1 April 2015 – see “Changes in certain equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee at various Offices”, above.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (NO), Annex C (NO) and National Chapter, Summary (NO))

SA Saudi Arabia (electronic filing; fees; summary of requirements for entry into the national phase)

For information on the acceptance by the Saudi Patent Office (SPO) 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.

Information on the requirements of the Office 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/sa.pdf>

SG Singapore (location and mailing address; e-mail and Internet addresses; fees; number of copies required)

The location and mailing address of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore have changed, and the Office has notified an additional e-mail address and the deletion of one of its Internet addresses. The addresses to be used are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	IP 101 51 Bras Basah Road, #01-01 Manulife Centre Singapore 189554
E-mail:	ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg epct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries concerning ePCT)
Internet:	www.ipos.gov.sg

There has been a change in the amount of the fee for the priority document, with effect from 14 February 2015 – the new amount is SGD 35. Also, the 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 B1 (SG) and Annex C (SG))

TH Thailand (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand) have changed, as follows:

563 Nonthaburi Road
Bangkasor, Muang
Nonthaburi 11000
Thailand

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

Search fee (European Patent Office, Israel Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office and various other Offices)

As from 1 March 2015, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

European Patent Office	NOK
Israel Patent Office	USD
Nordic Patent Institute	NOK
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	NOK

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

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

For information on a number of changes in the equivalent amounts payable for international searches by various International Searching Authorities as from 1 April 2015, see "Changes in certain equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee at various Offices", above.

Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

The amount of the supplementary search fee payable for a supplementary international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) has been established in Swiss francs. Furthermore, on 1 March 2015, and then on 1 April 2015, there will be changes in the amount of that fee. All fee amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

For information on a number of changes in the equivalent amounts payable for a supplementary international search carried out by various Authorities specified for supplementary search as from 1 April 2015, see "Changes in certain equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee at various Offices", above.

Handling fee (various Offices)

For information on a number of changes in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee payable to various International Preliminary Examining Authorities as from 1 April 2015, see "Changes in certain equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee at various Offices", above.

Validation of European Patents in Morocco

A new agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the government of the Kingdom of Morocco will enter into force on 1 March 2015, the first such agreement to be made with a non-European State. From that date, it will be possible to validate European patents and European patent applications (including PCT applications containing a designation for a European patent) in Morocco. European patents and applications validated for Morocco will have the same legal effects there as Moroccan ones, and will be subject to Moroccan patent law.

The following information concerns the validation of a European patent granted on the basis of a PCT application. Validation of such a European patent in Morocco will occur at the applicant's request, and will be deemed requested for any international application filed on or after

1 March 2015. Note that it will not be available for PCT applications filed prior to that date, nor for any European patents resulting from such applications.

In order to validate a Euro-PCT application for Morocco, a validation fee (currently 240 euros) must be paid to the EPO prior to the 31-month time limit for entry into the European regional phase or within six months from the date of publication of the international search report, whichever is the latest. After the expiration of that time limit, the validation fee can still be validly paid, together with a 50% surcharge³,

- within a two-month grace period or
- along with the further processing concerning the designation fee: within two months of notification of a communication of loss of rights under EPC Rule 112(1) following non-payment of the designation fee.

A reference to Morocco as a validation state will be included in the form for entry into the European phase (EPO as designated or elected Office) (Form EPA/EPO/OEB 1200). The updated version of the form will be available on the EPO website as of 1 March 2015 and will also be published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* as an annex to the EP National Chapter.

For further information, please see:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20150216.html>

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notices/archive/20150216.html>

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20150121.html>

<http://www.epo.org/news-issues/news/2015/20150119.html>

<http://www.ompic.org.ma/fr/actualites/echange-de-lettres-dans-le-cadre-du-systeme-de-validation-des-brevets> (in French)

United States Patent and Trademark Office: Not Open for Business on 17 February 2015

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 17 February 2015. 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 that day, that period was extended so as to expire on the next working day, 18 February 2015.

³ Same procedure as for the grace period for paying extension fees, see *OJ EPO* 2009, 603 (http://archive.epo.org/epo/pubs/oj009/12_09/12_6039.pdf).

PATENTSCOPE News

Search and examination-related documents

The “documents” tab for international applications published on PATENTSCOPE has been updated to include a new section: “Search and Examination-Related Documents”. This section is intended to help users interested in assessing the likely patentability of the claimed invention by bringing together all available search and examination-related documents, including the ISR, search strategies, written opinions, international preliminary reports on patentability, English translations of reports and opinions, and third party observations, to the extent that they have been received or prepared by the International Bureau.

National Collections of Germany and Portugal

The PATENTSCOPE search system now includes the national patent collections of Germany and Portugal.

The collection of Germany contains more than 2 million full-text documents, including patent applications and patents published as of 1987, as well as utility models published as of 1999. These documents are indexed and are therefore searchable. About 4.5 million older full-text documents were also uploaded, but were not indexed due to the unreliability of the quality of the optical character recognition. However, they can be viewed and translated automatically.

The collection of Portugal contains about 100,000 bibliographic data records. It is planned to include searchable full-text documents in Portuguese during the course of 2015.

These two new collections, which bring to 39 the number of national or regional Offices for which data is available, are available at:

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

PowerPoint presentations on the PATENTSCOPE search system

Between September 2014 and February 2015, the following webinars on the PATENTSCOPE search system were given:

- Demonstration of the analysis and translation tools available in the PATENTSCOPE search system (September 2014)
- IPC introduction & IPC statistics and searches in PATENTSCOPE (October 2014)
- Learn how to build complex queries (November 2014)
- 2014 retrospective of the PATENTSCOPE search system (December 2014)
- How to use the Simple and Field Combination search interfaces (February 2015)

The PowerPoint slides that were used for those webinars are available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/index.html>

Further webinars on the PATENTSCOPE search system will be taking place in the near future. Please refer to the list of PCT webinars at the end of the PCT Seminar Calendar.

New/updated PCT Resources

PCT Newsletter index 2014

The 2014 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/2014/pct_news_2014_14.pdf

Report of the PCT Assembly

The final report of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT/A/46/6), which met during the period from 22 to 30 September 2014 in Geneva, is now available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33287

Materials for the European Qualifying Examination

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 four PDF files containing the complete contents, as of 31 December 2014, of the “International Phase” and the “National Phase” of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* in English and French. The files are available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/eqe/index.html>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/eqe/index.html>

ISA and IPEA Agreements

An updated version of the Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as in force from 1 January 2015, 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_es.pdf

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

Practical Advice

What can be done if a request for rectification of an obvious mistake has been refused by the competent authority?

Q: I submitted hastily-prepared informal drawings with an international application. When later preparing the formal drawings, I realized that the original drawings contained a small mistake, which I corrected in the formal drawings. However, the receiving Office rejected the later submitted formal drawings as they were different from the originally-filed drawings. I therefore submitted a request for rectification of an obvious mistake under PCT Rule 91.1 to the International Searching Authority (ISA), along with the replacement drawings and an

explanation of the correction. Unfortunately, that request for rectification was subsequently refused by the ISA. Is there any further action that I can take in the international phase to rectify this problem?

A: If the Authority competent to authorize a request for rectification (in this particular instance, the ISA) refuses to authorize a rectification under PCT Rule 91, you will have no further opportunity to correct the mistake in the international phase. However, you do have the possibility, in accordance with PCT Rule 91.3(d), of requesting the International Bureau (IB) to publish the request for rectification, the reasons for refusal by the authority of that request for rectification, and any further brief comments that you may wish to submit in defense of your request for rectification. The IB will already have received a copy of your request for rectification directly from the ISA, together with a notification of the ISA's refusal of your request, and the reasons for their refusal.

Any request for publication of information regarding your request for rectification and the reasons for refusal, including any brief comments that you may wish to submit, should reach the IB within two months from the date of the refusal of the request for rectification, and is subject to the payment at the same time of a special fee, the amount of which is set in Section 113(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and is also indicated in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2(IB) (http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexb2/ax_b_ib.pdf). The amount of the fee is currently 50 Swiss francs plus 12 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of one. It is recalled that applicants can upload such requests for publication to the IB using the 'Upload Documents' function in ePCT (<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>).

The information on the refused request for rectification will be published at the same time as the international application, provided that your request for publication is received before the completion of technical preparations for international publication; otherwise it will be published later.

By requesting the publication of information on the refused request for rectification, together with any comments that you wish to submit on the matter, that information will be made publicly available on PATENTSCOPE, and designated (or elected) Offices (and third parties) will therefore be aware that the drawings contain a mistake and that there is a possibility that a request for correction of that mistake may be made in the national phase. You may then pursue the matter further before the designated Offices according to their national law and practice for the rectification of obvious mistakes.

For further information on requests for rectification of obvious mistakes, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 11.033 to 11.044 (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/text.jsp?page=ip11.html#_rectif_mistakes).

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>)
(situation on 17 February 2015)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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
11 February 2015 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
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
23 February 2015 Brussels (BE)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Mr. Matthes Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) (Mr. Alain Lambermont) Tel: (32-314) 59 53 48 E-mail: Alain.Lambermont@economie.fgov.be
5 March 2015 Auckland (NZ)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (Mr. Simon Gallagher) Tel: (64-4) 978 7594 E-mail: simon.gallagher@iponz.govt.nz Internet: www.iponz.govt.nz/contactus
6 March 2015 Wellington (NZ)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (see Auckland, above)
10 March 2015 Melbourne (AU)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and IP Australia (Ms. Jennifer Bowen Smith) Tel: (61-2) 6283 2642 E-mail: jennifer.bowensmith@ipaustalia.gov.au
11 March 2015 Sydney (AU)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and IP Australia (see Melbourne, above)
13 March 2015 Brisbane (AU)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Takagi, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Vázquez-López	WIPO and IP Australia (see Melbourne, above)

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25 March 2015 Washington, D.C. (US) <i>[previously scheduled to take place in Northern Virginia]</i>	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 Courses Program WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
16–17 April 2015 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT Formalities Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Fourné-Godbensen	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
13 May 2015 Osaka (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
15 May 2015 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Osaka, above)
15–16 May 2015 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the UIA Biotechnology Law seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	UIA (International Association of Lawyers) Tel: (33-1) 44 88 55 66 Fax: (33-1) 44 88 55 77 E-mail: uiacentre@uianet.org
18 May 2015 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Osaka, above)
20–21 May 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Henninger	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
28 May 2015 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (see Orlando, above)
4–5 June 2015 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Weiss	Trona Patentrådgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
10 June 2015 Dallas, TX (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Washington, above)
4 August 2015 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (see Orlando, above)
9 September 2015 New York, NY (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (see Orlando, above)

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5 October 2015 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: to be announced	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
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 (29-30 October 2015) 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
4–5 November 2015 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
10 November 2015 San Diego, CA (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
2–3 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet and other speaker, to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
8 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
17 February 2015 17:30 to 18:30, Central European Time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: Advanced search WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/178967871302245388
19 February 2015 8:30 to 9:30, Central European Time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: Advanced search WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/178967871302245388
19 February 2015 15:30 to 16:30, Central European time 9:30 to 10:30, New York time	English	General introduction to ePCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8838293742404339714
3 March 2015 15:30 to 16:30, Central European time 9:30 to 10:30, New York time	English	The filing of PCT applications electronically using ePCT-Filing WIPO speaker: Ms. Gateau and Mr. Sim	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7108737762657238274
10 March 2015 14:30 to 15:30, Central European time 9:30 to 10:30, New York time	English	Using ePCT actions to conduct PCT transactions with the International Bureau WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1563406943082956802
24 March 2015 17:30 to 18:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: The result list and translation tools WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5078114607741901836
26 March 2015 8:30 to 9:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: The result list and translation tools WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5078114607741901836
28 April 2015 17:30 to 18:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: A live demonstration of CLIR (Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/111297328659143682
30 April 2015 8:30 to 9:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: A live demonstration of CLIR (Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/111297328659143682

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
24 March 2015 Washington, D.C. (US) <i>[previously scheduled to take place in Northern Virginia]</i>	English	PCT Boot Camp: Learn the Basics Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Irvine, above)
9 June 2015 Dallas, TX (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: Learn the Basics Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Irvine, above)

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 17 February 2015, 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	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty		
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	RON	New leu		
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RUB	Russian rouble		
AUD	Australian dollar	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDG	Sudanese pound		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SEK	Swedish krona		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni		
BND	Brunei dollar								

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 17 February 2015, 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
							Item 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁵ (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	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)									
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	165 (191)	247 (287)	–	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,582 (from 1.4.15: 1,848)	18 (21)	– (–)	238 (278)	357 (417)	–	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30 ⁹	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	–	EP
BE	EUR	120	EUR	1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	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	32	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,544 (from 1.4.15: 1,799)	17 (20)	116 (135)	232 (270)	348 (406)	–	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹	1,384	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 104	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

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

(amounts on 17 February 2015, 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, CL, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	CL EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 163	EUR 1,097	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 8,160 (from 1.4.15: 9,480)	90 (110)	610 (710)	1,230 (1,430)	1,840 (2,140)	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 275	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,384	16	104	208	312	EP RU
EC	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 130	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
ES	EUR 74.99	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 862 (from 1.4.15: 948)	10 (11)	– (–)	130 (142)	194 (214)	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹⁴ 100	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁵ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	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 337,500 (from 1.4.15: 392,000)	HUF 3,800 (4,400)	HUF 25,400 (29,500)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁶ 100 or EUR ¹⁶ 82 (from 1.4.15: 96) or USD ¹⁶ 104	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273) or USD 1,384	15 12 (14) 16	100 82 (96) 104	200 165 (191) 208	300 247 (287) 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 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,384	16	104	208	312	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD 1,384	16	104	208	312	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹³ –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP IN RU (from 1.3.15: CN)
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 167,800 (from 1.4.15: 190,800)	1,900 (2,200)	12,600 (14,300)	25,200 (28,700)	37,800 (43,000)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP

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	
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 150,900 (from 1.3.15: 164,300)	1,700 (1,900)	11,300 (12,400)	– (–)	34,000 (37,100)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,384	16	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 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹³ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	(–)EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹³ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ²¹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²²	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,384	16	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 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²³	USD 1,384	16	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 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 8,990 (from 1.3.15: 10,020) (from 1.4.15: 10,990)	100 (110) (120)	– (–) (–)	1,350 (1,510) (1,650)	2,030 (2,260) (2,480)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ²⁵	NZD 1,770 (from 1.4.15: 1,945)	20 (22)	133 (146)	266 (293)	399 (439)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹³ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	eq USD 104	–	–	AT EP ES KR US (from 8.1.15: BR and CL)
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,384	16	104	208	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 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	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	
RS	RSD 7,140 ²⁶	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,384	16	104	208	312	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,970 (from 1.4.15: 12,070)	110 (140)	750 (910)	1,500 (1,820)	2,250 (2,720)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,767 (from 1.4.15: 1,953)	20 (22)	133 (147)	266 (294)	399 (441)	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁷	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	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 ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹³ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁸ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 240 ²⁹ small entity ³⁰ : 120 ²⁹ micro entity ³⁰ : 60 ²⁹	USD 1,384	16	104	208	–	AU EP IL KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	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 15,580 (from 1.4.15: 16,720)	180 (190)	1,170 (1,260)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	eq USD 104	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 17 February 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ³¹	EUR 1,864 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 2,260 <i>CHF 1,947</i>	KRW* 2,510,000 <i>KRW 2,316,000</i>	SGD 3,000 <i>USD 2,112</i>	USD* 2,353 <i>ZAR 24,470)</i>	ZAR* 26,470		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD* 1,925 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 1,849 ZAR 21,660 <i>CHF 1,583</i>	EUR 1,525 <i>NZD 2,311</i>	KRW 2,053,000 <i>USD 1,789)</i>	NZD* 2,461	SGD 2,460		
BR ³²	Online: <i>*(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.4.15:</i>	BRL 1,685 USD 632 <i>CHF 560)</i>	CHF** 667	EUR 550	USD* 694			
	On paper: <i>*(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.4.15:</i>	BRL 2,525 USD 948 <i>CHF 840)</i>	CHF** 1,000	EUR 824	USD* 1,040			
CA	CAD 1,600 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 1,379 <i>CHF 1,183</i>	EUR 1,137 <i>USD 1,284)</i>	USD* 1,435				
CL	USD 2,000 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF 1,922 <i>EUR 1,765)</i>	EUR* 1,585					
	In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity ² : <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	EUR 353	USD 400	CHF 384	EUR* 317			
	In case of filing by a university ³³ : <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	EUR 265	USD 300	CHF 288	EUR* 238			
CN	CNY 2,100 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 329 <i>CHF 310</i>	EUR* 271 <i>EUR 297)</i>	USD 342				
EG ³⁴	EGP 4,000 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 538 <i>CHF 483)</i>	EUR 443	USD 559				
EP ³⁵	EUR 1,875 JPY*, ** 257,900 USD** 2,366 <i>*(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF** 2,274 NOK* 15,360 ZAR** 26,630 <i>JPY 278,500</i> <i>CHF 1,958</i>	DKK 13,960 NZD 3,026 <i>NOK 17,000)</i> <i>JPY 251,600</i>	GBP 1,474 SEK 17,040 <i>USD 2,125</i>	HUF 577,000 SGD 3,020 <i>ZAR 24,620)</i>	ISK 287,000		
ES ³⁵	EUR 1,875 <i>(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF 2,274 <i>CHF 1,958</i>	USD 2,366 <i>USD 2,125)</i>					
FI	EUR 1,875 <i>(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF 2,274 <i>CHF 1,958</i>	USD 2,366 <i>USD 2,125)</i>					
IL	ILS* 3,564 <i>*(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 931 <i>ILS 3,554</i> <i>EUR 809)</i>	EUR*, ** 768 <i>CHF 875</i>	USD* 969 <i>EUR 728</i>	USD 909			
IN	INR 10,000 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF 157 <i>EUR 142)</i>	EUR* 129	USD 163				
	In case of filing by an individual: <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	EUR 36	INR 2,500	CHF 39	EUR 32	USD 41		
JP ¹⁸	JPY 70,000 <i>*(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF* 617 <i>CHF 567</i> <i>EUR 522</i>	EUR*, ** 509 <i>EUR 471</i> <i>KRW 638,000)</i>	KRW** 685,000 <i>SGD 766)</i>	SGD* 820	USD 577		
KR	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD 422 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	AUD 482 <i>CHF 378</i>	CHF* 405 <i>EUR 362)</i>	EUR* 334	NZD 539	SGD 540		
	For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,219 <i>*(from 1.4.15:</i>	AUD 1,393 <i>CHF 1,093</i>	CHF* 1,171 <i>EUR 1,046)</i>	EUR* 965	NZD 1,558	SGD 1,560		
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 <i>(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF 163 <i>CHF 138</i> <i>CHF 95</i>	EUR 135 <i>EUR 115</i> <i>EUR 91</i>	HUF 41,400 <i>HUF 35,200</i> <i>HUF 27,900</i>	USD 170 <i>USD 144)</i> <i>USD 103)</i>			
	For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 <i>(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF 677 <i>CHF 573</i> <i>CHF 393</i>	EUR 558 <i>EUR 477</i> <i>EUR 376</i>	HUF 171,700 <i>HUF 146,100</i> <i>HUF 115,800</i>	USD 704 <i>USD 598)</i> <i>USD 426)</i>			
SE	SEK 17,040 USD** 2,366 <i>*(from 1.3.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.4.15:</i>	CHF** 2,274 <i>NOK 17,000)</i> <i>CHF 1,958</i>	DKK 13,960 <i>USD 2,125)</i>	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK* 15,360		

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
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ISA	Search fee ¹											
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,998	EUR*	1,648	NZD	2,660	ZAR	23,410		
	*(from 1.4.15:		EUR	1,835)								
	For small entity ³⁰ :		USD	1,040	CHF	999	EUR*	824	NZD	1,330	ZAR	11,700
	*(from 1.4.15:		EUR	918)								
XN	DKK	13,960	CHF**	2,274	EUR	1,875	ISK	287,000	NOK*	15,360	SEK	17,040
	USD**	2,366	NOK 17,000)									
	*(from 1.3.15:		CHF	1,958	USD	2,125)						
	**(from 1.4.15:											

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 17 February 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	(from 1.4.15:	
	CHF 1,031	
	CHF 888)	
EP	– for a search of the European and North American documentation:	CHF 200
	(from 1.4.15:	
	CHF 1,443	
	CHF 1,243)	
RU	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 200
	(from 1.4.15:	
	CHF 2,062	
	CHF 1,776)	
FI	CHF 2,274 (from 1.4.15: CHF 1,958)	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,274 (from 1.4.15: CHF 1,958)	CHF 200
XN	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 200
	(from 1.4.15:	
	CHF 2,274	
	CHF 1,958)	
XN	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 200
	(from 1.4.15:	
	CHF 650	
	CHF 560)	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 17 February 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

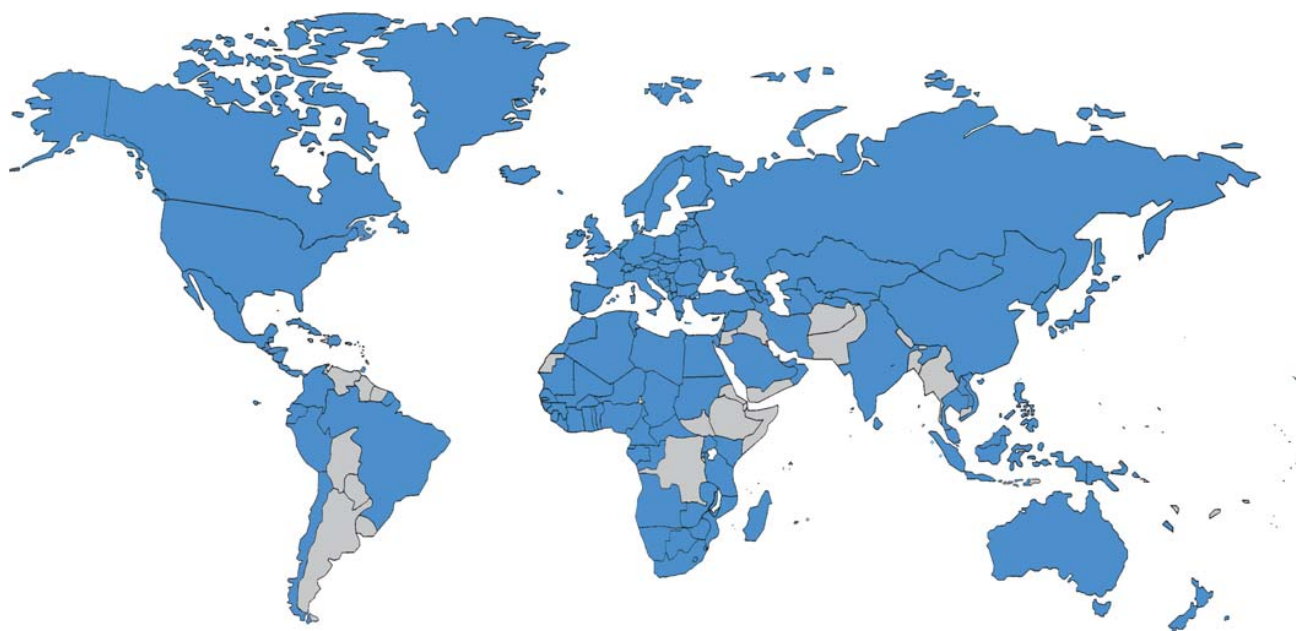
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁸	Handling fee ^{2, 38} (CHF 200)
AT ³¹	EUR 1,749	EUR 165 (from 1.4.15: 191)
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁹	AUD 238 (from 1.4.15: 278)
BR ³²	Online: BRL 630 On paper: BRL 945	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 800	CAD 232 (from 1.4.15: 270)
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³³ : USD 300	USD 208
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³⁴	EGP 3,000	USD 208
EP ³⁵	EUR 1,930	EUR 165 (from 1.4.15: 191)
ES	EUR 589.49	EUR 165 (from 1.4.15: 191)
FI	EUR 600	EUR 165 (from 1.4.15: 191)
IL	ILS 1,527 (from 1.3.15: 1,523)	ILS 766
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 208
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁸	JPY 22,700 (from 1.3.15: 24,700)
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 222,000 (from 1.4.15: 238,000)
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 208
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,500 (from 1.4.15: 1,820)
US	USD 600 760 ⁴² For small entity ³⁰ : USD 300 380 ⁴² For micro entity ³⁰ : USD 150 190 ⁴²	USD 208
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,230 (from 1.4.15: 1,430)

[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 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 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.
- 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 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 1 February 2015)



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) ²	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)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MA Morocco ³	QA Qatar	VN Viet Nam
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	ZA South Africa
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova	RS Serbia (EP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CL Chile	HN Honduras	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP)	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (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 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

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 and 1 January 2015, respectively). 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 Filings in 2014

In 2014, the use of the PCT continued to grow, with approximately 215,000 PCT applications filed. This represents a 4.5% increase over 2013.

It is important to note that this total, as well as the figures which follow, are provisional, due to the fact that not all PCT applications that were filed with national and regional Offices in 2014 have been received at the International Bureau, and the final figures will only be available later in the year.

The top 10 PCT filing countries in 2014 were the same as in 2013, with the United States of America (with 28.6% of all filings), Japan (19.7%) and China (11.9%) continuing to hold the top three places. Applicants from the member States of the European Patent Convention, when grouped together, filed 27.2% of all international applications. The total for each country in the top 10, followed by that country's percentage share of all filings, were as follows:

1. United States of America	61,492	28.6%
2. Japan	42,459	19.7%
3. China	25,539	11.9%
4. Germany	18,008	8.4%
5. Republic of Korea	13,151	6.1%
6. France	8,319	3.9%
7. United Kingdom	5,282	2.5%
8. Netherlands	4,218	2.0%
9. Switzerland	4,115	1.9%
10. Sweden	3,925	1.8%

Among the top 10 countries, China was the only one to see double-digit growth in PCT filings in 2014, with an increase of 18.7%. The United Kingdom recorded the second fastest growth (+9%), followed by the United States of America (+7.1%).

For information on the number of filings from other countries, as well as a comparison with filings in 2013, see Annex 2 of WIPO Press Release PR/2014/774 at:

http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2015/article_0004.html

Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. (CN) was the top PCT user, with 3,442 PCT applications published in 2014, Qualcomm Incorporated (US) was second with 2,409, followed by ZTE Corporation (CN) with 2,179.

The top ten applicants are listed below, with the number of PCT applications that were published in their names in 2014:

1. Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd (CN)	3,442
2. Qualcomm Incorporated (US)	2,409
3. ZTE Corporation (CN)	2,179
4. Panasonic Corporation (JP)	1,682
5. Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (JP)	1,593
6. Intel Corporation (US)	1,539
7. Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (publ) (SE)	1,512
8. Microsoft Corporation (US)	1,460
9. Siemens Aktiengesellschaft (DE)	1,399
10. Koninklijke Philips Electronics NV (NL)	1,391

Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd (CN) also saw the largest growth in filings, with 1,332 more applications published than in 2013 (an increase of 63.1%), Tencent Technology (Shenzhen) Company Limited (CN) saw the second largest growth with 727 more (202.5% increase), followed by Microsoft Corporation (US) with 652 more (80.7% increase).

A list of the top 50 PCT applicants (with the most applications published in 2014) has been published in Annex 1 of the press release. Information on filings by educational institutions is also available in the press release (Annex 3).

As far as PCT filings by field of technology are concerned, computer technology, with 17,653 published PCT applications, accounted for the largest share of PCT applications with 8.4% of the total, followed by digital communication (16,165) and electronic machinery, apparatus, energy (15,220). Amongst the top 10 fields, computer technology saw the fastest growth (+19.4%), followed by medical technology (+17.1%) and digital communication (+14.5%). Detailed information regarding the distribution of fields of technology of published applications can be found in the press release (Annex 4).

The publication of the final figures for 2014 filings will be announced in the *PCT Newsletter* later in the year.

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

JP Japan (PCT Rules 26bis.3, 49ter.1 and 49ter.2)

The Japan Patent Office (JPO), in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/JP) and designated Office (DO/JP) (or elected Office), has notified the International Bureau (IB) of the withdrawal, with effect from 1 April 2015, of the following notifications of incompatibility with its national law:

- the notification under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (restoration of right of priority by receiving Office) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2006, page 2),
- the notification under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2006, page 2), and
- the notification under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2006, page 2).

As a consequence, the following PCT Rules are applied, respectively, by the JPO with effect from 1 April 2015, in respect of international applications filed on or after that date:

- PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i);
- PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d); and
- PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g)

This means that the RO/JP and DO/JP will consider requests for restoration of the right of priority, and, provided that the necessary conditions are met, DO/JP will accept such a decision made by another Office acting as RO, in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 April 2015. Please note that, in practice, PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) and PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) will not generally start being applied until about October 2016, which is when international applications which are filed on or after 1 April 2015, and which claim priority of an application filed 12 months earlier, will normally enter into the national phase in Japan (unless the applicant requests early national phase entry under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2)).

Furthermore, the Office has notified the IB that, in its capacity as RO and DO, it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, and there will be no fee payable for making such requests.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (JP), and National Chapter, Summary (JP), as well as 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

Amendments to the PCT Regulations (Entry into Force: 1 July 2015)

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, during its meeting which was held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2015 (for details, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2014, cover page).

The text of the amendments was reproduced, in English and French, in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 12 February 2015 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 2015, will be available on the PCT website shortly before the entry into force of the amendments.

Note that the Report of the Assembly (PCT/A/46/6) is now available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33287

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Australian Patent Office: Withdrawal of the notification of incompatibility under Section 703(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT

Further to the announcement last year that the Australian Patent Office was prepared to accept ePCT Filings with effect from 14 April 2014, the Office has notified the International Bureau that it is now in a position to withdraw its notification of incompatibility under Section 703(f) of the Administrative Instructions (in relation to filing requirements and the basic common standard as to the means of transmittal), with effect from 13 February 2015. This means that the Office no longer has any reservation relating to the standards required for electronic filing.

2015 PCT User Survey

In an effort to assess customer satisfaction in respect of all aspects of the PCT, WIPO is conducting a survey of the user community. The input received will help us to measure whether users' expectations are being met, and to determine which areas of the services provided should be revisited and improved upon. We estimate that the survey will take a maximum of 30 minutes to complete.

Should you be interested in participating in this survey, please send an e-mail with the title: "Participation in the 2015 PCT Survey" to:

pct.our@wipo.int

and you will be sent a link to the online survey.

United States Patent and Trademark Office: Not Open for Business on 5 March 2015

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 5 March 2015.

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 the Office fell on that day, that period was extended so as to expire on the next working day, which was 6 March 2015.

PCT Information Update

BR Brazil (fees)

The amount of the transmittal fee for international applications filed on paper, payable with effect from 15 October 2014 to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as receiving Office, has changed to BRL 260.

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

GR Greece (national security provisions)

The Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece) has provided additional details to the International Bureau (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 (GR))

IS Iceland (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, fees)

The Icelandic Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that, as from 1 April 2015, it will no longer accept international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format. Consequently, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply with effect from that date.

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

IT Italy (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

On 9 February 2015, the following depository institution acquired the status of International Depository Authority (IDA) 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:

Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna "Bruno Ubertini" (IZSLER)
Via Bianchi, 9
25124 Brescia
Italy

Entity in charge of handling deposits under the Budapest Treaty:

IZSLER Biobank of Veterinary Resource (IZSLER BVR)
Via Bianchi, 9
25124 Brescia
Italy

For further information on this IDA, see:

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

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

JP Japan (restoration of the right of priority)

For information on the withdrawal by Japan of its notifications of incompatibility with its national law of certain PCT Rules relating to restoration of the right of priority, see “Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain PCT Rules with National Laws”, above.

KR Republic of Korea (telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address)

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified additional telephone and fax numbers, and an additional e-mail address. The numbers and e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

Telephone:	(82-42) 481 51 94 (receiving Office (RO)) (82-42) 481 35 79 (International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority (ISA and IPEA))
Fax:	(82-42) 472 34 73 (RO) (82-42) 472 71 40 (ISA and IPEA)
E-mail:	kipopct@korea.kr (RO) isa.kipo@korea.kr (ISA and IPEA)

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

KZ Kazakhstan (fees)

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable with effect from 16 January 2015 to the National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan) as receiving Office, has changed to KZT 10,264.80.

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

NZ New Zealand (e-mail address; fees)

The e-mail address of the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand has changed to:

epct@iponz.govt.nz

Also, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that there is no longer a fee for the priority document.

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

SG Singapore (date of effect of fee change – *corrigendum*)

The date of effect of the change in the amount of the fee for the priority document, which was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2015, should have read 14 February 2014 and not 14 February 2015.

US United States of America (requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office has notified the IB of the following changes in their requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material:

- the name and address of the depository institution no longer need to be indicated at the time of filing;
- in relation to the additional indications which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii), to the extent feasible, a description of the deposited biological material sufficient to specifically identify it and to permit examination is required;
- when the original deposit is made after the effective filing date of an application for a patent, the applicant must promptly submit a statement from a person in a position to corroborate the fact, stating that the biological material which is deposited is a biological material specifically identified in the application as filed (see 37 CFR 1.804(b)); and
- deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the USPTO with any other depository institution recognized to be suitable by the Office (see 37 CFR 1.803).

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Egyptian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

As from 1 May 2015, 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, ZAR
Egyptian Patent Office	USD
Korean Intellectual Property Office	AUD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	USD

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, BR, EG, KR))

New/Updated PCT Resources

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 2014, including the report of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore for the first time, is now available at:

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

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Updated versions of the Agreements, in English and French, between the International Bureau of WIPO and the following Authorities as International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs):

IL Israel Patent Office (1 March 2015)

SE Swedish Patent and Registration Office (16 October 2014)

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

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

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

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

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/agreements/ag_se.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 (IB) and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from “WPTO – World 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 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

PATENTSCOPE Search System

New translation option

WIPO's machine translation tool "Translation Assistant for Patent Titles and Abstracts" (TAPTA) can now be used to translate the result list in PATENTSCOPE, as an alternative to Google Translate. The use of TAPTA, which currently provides 14 language pairs, is free of charge. If you wish to use it, then you need to activate it in the "Options" menu, under the "Translate" tab at:

<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/search.jsf>

Individual translations can also be made by going to:

<https://www3.wipo.int/patentscope/translate/translate.jsf>

For further information on the use of TAPTA, see:

<https://www3.wipo.int/patentscope/translate/wtapta-user-manual-en.pdf>

New secure access to PATENTSCOPE

Access to the PATENTSCOPE website and all of the associated functionality is now made via the secure http protocol, "https". This ensures a strong encryption of WIPO's patent search and translation services (such as PATENTSCOPE and TAPTA), so that users automatically have a secure connection. With this encryption, search queries and results lists will remain confidential, browsing activity will remain hidden, and the integrity of all user data will be ensured, thus protecting account data, identity data, search data and results from being modified or monitored.

The presence of the https "lock" icon in the address field of the web browser also ensures that users are connected to the genuine PATENTSCOPE website, and not to a fraudulent site. This new feature brings PATENTSCOPE into line with the highest standards of search confidentiality for all users automatically.

Practical Advice

Accessing and managing an international application via ePCT private services when that application has not been filed electronically

Q: I recently filed an international application on paper, and would like to know whether, in the case of paper filings, it is possible to make use of ePCT to access and manage those applications in the same way as it is possible with electronic filings. If so, how do I do this?

A: It is possible for you to access paper-filed international applications (as well as international applications that were filed using the PCT-EASY mode of the PCT-SAFE software) via ePCT, provided that certain steps are taken.

The first thing that you will need to do in order to use any of the ePCT services is to create a basic WIPO user account. Once you have done this, you will be able to use ePCT **public** services, which enable you to upload documents and correspondence, such as amendments under PCT Article 19, declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 and withdrawals under PCT

Rule 90*bis*, to the International Bureau (IB) or the receiving Office of the IB (RO/IB). To create a WIPO user account, go to the ePCT Portal at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/LoginForms/epct.jsp>

simply click on “create an account” on the bottom of that page, and fill out the short form with your details. For further information on creating a WIPO user account, please see the “Step-by-Step Guide for Document Upload in ePCT” at:

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

However, by further securing your account with a digital certificate, you can then access ePCT **private** services, which allow you to access your unpublished international application (after having confirmed eOwnership of it), and offer many more features, including a large number of actions that can be taken in relation to your application. For information on how you can authenticate your user account with a digital certificate, please refer to the “ePCT User Guide for Applicants and Third Parties”, from page 29 to 34, at:

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

The above information is valid for all international applications, including those which were filed electronically. However, in the case of:

- paper filings,
- PCT-EASY filings,
- applications filed electronically with a non-supported certificate, or
- applications filed electronically using a certificate that does not match a certificate in the WIPO user account of the current user,

before you can confirm eOwnership of your international application, and subsequently access and manage it in ePCT private services, you must take the following extra steps for security reasons:

- 1) wait until Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) has been issued to be sure that the IB has received the record copy and in order to obtain the confirmation code, which can be found on the bottom of the form (where Form PCT/IB/301 is sent to the applicant by e-mail, this code would also appear in text form in the body of that e-mail so that it is easy to copy and paste it, without having to retype it); and
- 2) once you have the confirmation code, generate a request for eOwnership of the international application by going to the eOwnership tab in ePCT private services and entering the international application number, the international filing date and the confirmation code. Since the international application was not filed electronically using a valid digital certificate, you will see the message “ePCT cannot detect and validate any digital certificate used to file this international application. Please submit an eOwnership request to the International Bureau”, and you should click on “yes” to request eOwnership from the IB.

Note that the details of the person making the eOwnership request should match the details of one of the following: the applicant, the common representative, the agent or the person indicated in the address for correspondence of the international application. Furthermore,

certain other questions will be asked regarding the international application, as an additional security check. Provided that your request is approved by the IB, eOwnership will be granted and you will then be able to access the international application directly in ePCT.

If such a request is received from a person other than one of the persons mentioned above (for example, a paralegal in a law firm who was not indicated in Form PCT/RO/101), the eOwnership request may, for security and confidentiality reasons, be refused by the IB, unless that person's name appears on an appropriate document on file, for example, on a receipt of electronic submission. An automated e-mail is sent to the person making the request informing him/her that the IB could not match him/her to any details in the international application, and that a new confirmation code in order to obtain eOwnership has been sent to the address for service (either the agent, common representative or address for correspondence). In parallel, a notification (Form PCT/IB/345) containing a new confirmation code will be sent by the IB to the address for service on record, giving the details of the person who made the request and inviting that person to pass the confirmation code to the person making the request if they deem this appropriate.

Please note that once an international application has been published, the code on Form PCT/IB/301 is no longer valid as a confirmation code in ePCT, as that form is made available on PATENTSCOPE at the time of publication. The confirmation code is also rendered invalid if a change under PCT Rule 92*bis* has been submitted since filing, since Form PCT/IB/301 might be in the possession of someone who was removed from the record as a result of that change. In such cases, the online web form will prompt you to request a new confirmation code from the IB, which will then be sent to the address for service for the application.

For any international applications that you may be filing in the future, taking eOwnership of it would be easier if you file your application using ePCT-Filing, since eOwnership rights are automatically set up at the time of creating the new draft application and it is even possible to assign access rights in ePCT to other associates before the application is actually filed. Moreover, ePCT-Filing provides validation checks that can help you to correct any potential errors before you actually submit the application, and fee reductions are applicable when filing electronically. If your usual receiving Office does not accept ePCT-Filings, you can file with the RO/IB as it accepts international applications from residents and/or nationals of any PCT Contracting State.

For full details regarding the setting up of WIPO accounts, assigning and managing access rights in ePCT, and an overview of the features and functionalities of ePCT, please refer to 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 19 March 2015)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25 March 2015 Washington, D.C. (US) <i>[previously scheduled to take place in Northern Virginia]</i>	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 Courses Program WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
13–15 April 2015 Beersheba and Haifa (IL)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan Other WIPO speakers: Mr. Takagi, Ms. Roenning and Mr. Leimberg	Israel Patent Office (Ms. Dikla Arinos) Tel: (972-2) 565 17 59 Fax: (972-2) 646 25 55 E-mail: DiklaAr@justice.gov.il
16–17 April 2015 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT Formalities Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Fourné-Godbensen	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@managementforum.co.uk
21 April 2015 Turin (IT)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Mr. Matthes Other WIPO speakers: Mr. Mazenc, Ms. Valdimarsdottir and Ms. Toso	Italian Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Simona Marzetti) Tel: (39-06) 47 05 58 00 Fax: (39-06) 47 05 56 35 E-mail: simona.marzetti@mise.gov.it
24-25 April 2015 Concord, NH (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	University of New Hampshire School of Law (Ms. Mary O'Malley) E-mail: Mary.OMalley@law.unh.edu Internet: http://law.unh.edu/pct
5–6 May 2015 Chicago (US)	English	PCT basic seminar 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
13 May 2015 Osaka (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
15 May 2015 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Osaka, above)
15–16 May 2015 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the UIA Biotechnology Law seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	UIA (International Association of Lawyers) Tel: (33-1) 44 88 55 66 Fax: (33-1) 44 88 55 77 E-mail: uiacentre@uianet.org
18 May 2015 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Osaka, above)

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
20–21 May 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Henninger	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
28 May 2015 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
4–5 June 2015 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Weiss	Trona Patentrådgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
9 June 2015 Brussels (BE) <i>(originally indicated as 16 June 2015) (note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d’études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry.debled@ceipi.edu
10 June 2015 Dallas, TX (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Washington, above)
4 August 2015 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (see Orlando, above)
9 September 2015 New York, NY (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (see Orlando, above)
5 October 2015 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
14–15 October 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Happe	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 (29-30 October 2015) 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
4–5 November 2015 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
10 November 2015 San Diego, CA (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com

PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
24 November 2015 Basel (CH)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Sarah Brunner) Tel: (41) 61 324 84 22 E-mail: sarah.brunner@novartis.com
2-3 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and other speaker, to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
3-4 December 2015 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities (including practical presentations on PCT eServices) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
8 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)

PCT Webinars

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
24 March 2015 17:30 to 18:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: The result list and translation tools WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5078114607741901836
26 March 2015 8:30 to 9:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: The result list and translation tools WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5078114607741901836
28 April 2015 17:30 to 18:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: A live demonstration of CLIR (Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/111297328659143682
30 April 2015 8:30 to 9:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: A live demonstration of CLIR (Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/111297328659143682

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers

Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
24 March 2015 Washington, D.C. (US) <i>[previously scheduled to take place in Northern Virginia]</i>	English	PCT Boot Camp: Learn the Basics Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Irvine, above)
9 June 2015 Dallas, TX (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp: Learn the Basics Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Irvine, above)

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 2015, 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	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty		
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	RON	New leu		
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RUB	Russian rouble		
AUD	Australian dollar	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDG	Sudanese pound		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SEK	Swedish krona		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni		
BND	Brunei dollar								

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 March 2015, 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) ⁵ (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	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)									
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,097	12	–	165	247	–	EP
			(from 1.4.15:	1,273)	(14)	(–)	(191)	(287)		
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,582	18	–	238	357	–	AU KR
			(from 1.4.15:	1,848)	(21)	(–)	(278)	(417)		
AZ	AZN	30 ⁹	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,097	12	82	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.4.15:	1,273)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)		
BE	EUR	120	EUR	1,097	12	82	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.4.15:	1,273)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)		
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP
BR	BRL ¹⁰	online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	200	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,544	17	116	232	348	–	CA
			(from 1.4.15:	1,799)	(20)	(135)	(270)	(406)		
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹	1,384	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 104	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

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

(amounts on 1 March 2015, 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, CL, EP, ES, RU		
CR	USD	250	USD	1,384		16		104	–	–	CL EP ES		
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,384		16		104	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES RU		
CY	EUR	163	EUR	1,097		12		–	–	–	EP		
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,097		12		82	–	–	EP		
			(from 1.4.15: 1,273)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	(–)					
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,097		12		82	165	247	EP		
DK	DKK	1,500	EUR	1,097		12		(96)	(191)	(287)			
			(from 1.4.15: 1,273)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)	(–)					
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	8,160		90		610	1,230	1,840	EP SE XN		
			(from 1.4.15: 9,480)	(110)	(710)	(1,430)	(2,140)						
DM	Information not yet available												
DO	USD	275	USD	1,384		16		104	–	–	EP ES US		
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330		15		100	–	–	AT EP		
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,384		16		104	208	312	EP RU		
EC	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384		16		104	–	–	CL EP ES		
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,097		12		82	–	–	EP		
			(from 1.4.15: 1,273)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)						
EG	USD	142	USD	1,384		16		–	–	–	AT EG EP US		
EP	EUR	130	EUR	1,097		12		82	165	247	EP		
			(from 1.4.15: 1,273)	(14)	(96)	(191)	(287)						
ES	EUR	74.99	EUR	1,097		12		82	165	247	EP ES		
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,097		12		–	165	247	EP FI SE		
			(from 1.4.15: 1,273)	(14)	(–)	(191)	(287)						
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,097		12		82	165	247	EP		
GB	GBP	75	EUR	1,097		12		(96)	(191)	(287)			
			(from 1.4.15: 1,273)	(14)	(96)	(191)	(287)						
GB	GBP	75	GBP	862		10		–	130	194	EP		
			(from 1.4.15: 948)	(11)	(–)	(142)	(214)						
GD	Information not yet available												
GE	USD ¹⁴	100	USD	1,384		16		104	–	–	AT EP IL RU US		
GH	GHS ¹⁵	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,384		16		–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE		
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,097		12		82	–	–	EP		
			(from 1.4.15: 1,273)	(14)	(96)	(–)	(–)						
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,384		16		104	–	–	AT BR EP ES US		
HN	USD	200	USD	1,384		16		104	–	–	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	337,500	HUF	3,800	HUF	25,400	–	–	–	EP RU	
			(from 1.4.15: 392,000)	(4,400)	(29,500)	(–)	(–)						
IB	CHF ¹⁶ or EUR ¹⁶ (from 1.4.15: 96) or USD ¹⁶	100	CHF	1,330		15		100	200	300	See footnote 17		
			or EUR	1,097		12		82	165	247			
			(from 1.4.15: 1,273)	(14)	(96)	(191)	(287)						
			or USD	1,384		16		104	208	312			
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	1,097		12		–	–	–	EP		
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,097		12		(–)	(–)	(–)			
			(from 1.4.15: 1,273)	(14)	(–)	(–)	(–)						
IL	ILS	554	USD	1,384		16		104	208	312	EP IL US		
IN	INR	17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD	1,384		16		104	208	312	AT AU CN EP IN SE US		
IR	IRR ¹³	–	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15		–	–	–	EP IN RU (from 1.3.15: CN)		
IS	ISK	15,000	ISK	167,800		1,900		12,600	25,200	37,800	EP SE XN		
IT	EUR	30.99	ISK	167,800		1,900		(–)	(28,700)	(43,000)			
			(from 1.4.15: 190,800)	(2,200)	(–)	(–)	(–)						
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,097		12		–	–	–	EP		
			(from 1.4.15: 1,273)	(14)	(–)	(–)	(–)						

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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	
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 164,300	1,900	12,400	–	37,100	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,384	16	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 10,264.80 ²⁰	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹³ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	(–)EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹³ –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ²¹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²²	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,384	16	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 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²³	USD 1,384	16	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 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 10,020 (from 1.4.15: 10,990)	110 (120)	– (–)	1,510 (1,650)	2,260 (2,480)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 1,770 (from 1.4.15: 1,945)	20 (22)	133 (146)	266 (293)	399 (439)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹³ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	eq USD 104	–	–	AT EP ES KR US (from 8.1.15: BR and CL)
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,384	16	104	208	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 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
QA	Information not yet available						
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP RU

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				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
RS	RSD 7,140 ²⁵	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,384	16	104	208	312	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 9,970 (from 1.4.15: 12,070)	110 (140)	750 (910)	1,500 (1,820)	2,250 (2,720)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,767 (from 1.4.15: 1,953)	20 (22)	133 (147)	266 (294)	399 (441)	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁶	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	82 (96)	165 (191)	247 (287)	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,097 (from 1.4.15: 1,273)	12 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	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 ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹³ –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,384	16	104	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁷ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 240 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 120 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 60 ²⁸	USD 1,384	16	104	208	–	AU EP IL KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹³ –	USD 1,384	16	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 15,580 (from 1.4.15: 16,720)	180 (190)	1,170 (1,260)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	eq USD 104	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 March 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ³⁰	EUR 1,864 *(from 1.4.15: **(from 1.5.15:	CHF* 2,260 CHF 1,947 KRW 1,882,000	KRW** 2,510,000 KRW 2,316,000 ZAR 19,930)	SGD 3,000 USD 2,112	USD* 2,353 ZAR 24,470)	ZAR** 26,470		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD* 1,925 *(from 1.4.15: **(from 1.5.15:	CHF* 1,849 ZAR** 21,660 CHF 1,583 KRW 1,882,000	EUR 1,525 NZD 2,311 ZAR 19,930)	KRW** 2,053,000 USD 1,789)	NZD* 2,461	SGD 2,460		
BR ³¹	Online: *(from 1.4.15: **(from 1.5.15:	BRL 1,685 CHF 560 USD 540)	CHF* 667	EUR 550	USD** 632			
	On paper: *(from 1.4.15: **(from 1.5.15:	BRL 2,525 CHF 840 USD 809)	CHF* 1,000	EUR 824	USD** 948			
CA	CAD 1,600 *(from 1.4.15:	CHF* 1,379 CHF 1,183	EUR 1,137 USD 1,284)	USD* 1,435				
CL	USD 2,000 *(from 1.4.15: In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : *(from 1.4.15: In case of filing by a university ³² : *(from 1.4.15:	CHF 1,922 EUR 1,765) EUR 353) EUR 265)	EUR* 1,585	USD 400	CHF 384	EUR* 317		
			USD 300	CHF 288	EUR* 238			
CN	CNY 2,100 *(from 1.4.15:	CHF* 329 CHF 310	EUR* 271 EUR 297)	USD 342				
EG ³³	EGP 4,000 *(from 1.4.15: **(from 1.5.15:	CHF* 538 CHF 483 USD 525)	EUR 443	USD** 559				
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,875 JPY* 278,500 USD* 2,366 *(from 1.4.15:	CHF* 2,274 NOK 17,000 ZAR* 26,630 CHF 1,958	DKK 13,960 NZD 3,026 JPY 251,600	GBP 1,474 SEK 17,040 USD 2,125	HUF 577,000 SGD 3,020 ZAR 24,620)	ISK 287,000		
ES ³⁴	EUR 1,875 (from 1.4.15:	CHF 2,274 CHF 1,958	USD 2,366 USD 2,125)					
FI	EUR 1,875 (from 1.4.15:	CHF 2,274 CHF 1,958	USD 2,366 USD 2,125)					
IL	ILS 3,554 *(from 1.4.15:	CHF 875 EUR 809)	EUR* 728	USD 909				
IN	INR 10,000 *(from 1.4.15: In case of filing by an individual: *(from 1.4.15:	CHF 157 EUR 142) EUR 36)	EUR* 129	USD 163				
			INR 2,500	CHF 39	EUR 32	USD 41		
JP ¹⁸	JPY 70,000 *(from 1.4.15:	CHF 567 EUR 522	EUR* 471 KRW 638,000)	KRW* 685,000	SGD 766	USD 577		
KR	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD 422 *(from 1.5.15: **(from 1.4.15:	AUD* 482 AUD 526) CHF 378)	CHF** 405 EUR 362)	EUR** 334	NZD 539	SGD 540		
	For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,219 *(from 1.5.15: **(from 1.4.15:	AUD* 1,393 AUD 1,519) CHF 1,093)	CHF** 1,171 EUR 1,046)	EUR** 965	NZD 1,558	SGD 1,560		
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 (from 1.4.15:	CHF 138 CHF 95)	EUR 115 EUR 91	HUF 35,200 HUF 27,900	USD 144 USD 103)			
	For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 (from 1.4.15:	CHF 573 CHF 393)	EUR 477 EUR 376	HUF 146,100 HUF 115,800	USD 598 USD 426)			
SE	SEK 17,040 USD* 2,366 *(from 1.4.15:	CHF* 2,274 CHF 1,958	DKK 13,960 USD 2,125)	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK 17,000		

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 March 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,998	EUR*	1,648	NZD	2,660	ZAR	23,410		
	*(from 1.4.15: 29)		EUR	1,835								
	For small entity		USD	1,040	CHF	999	EUR*	824	NZD	1,330	ZAR	11,700
	*(from 1.4.15: 29)		EUR	918								
XN	For micro entity		USD	520	CHF	500	EUR*	412	NZD	660	ZAR	5,850
	*(from 1.4.15: 29)		EUR	459								
	DKK	13,960	CHF*	2,274	EUR	1,875	ISK	287,000	NOK	17,000	SEK	17,040
	USD*	2,366										
	*(from 1.4.15: 29)		CHF	1,958	USD	2,125						

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 March 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 35}	
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: (from 1.4.15: 29)	CHF 200	
			CHF 1,031
			CHF 888
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: (from 1.4.15: 29)		CHF 1,443
	CHF 1,243		
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: (from 1.4.15: 29)	CHF 2,062	
	CHF 1,776		
EP	CHF 2,274 (from 1.4.15: 29)	CHF 1,958	
FI	CHF 2,274 (from 1.4.15: 29)	CHF 1,958	
RU	CHF 242 (386) ³⁶ (from 1.4.15: 29) 166 (265) ³⁶	CHF 200	
SE	CHF 2,274 (from 1.4.15: 29)	CHF 1,958	
XN	– for a full search: (from 1.4.15: 29)	CHF 2,274	
		CHF 1,958	
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: (from 1.4.15: 29)	CHF 650	
		CHF 560	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 March 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

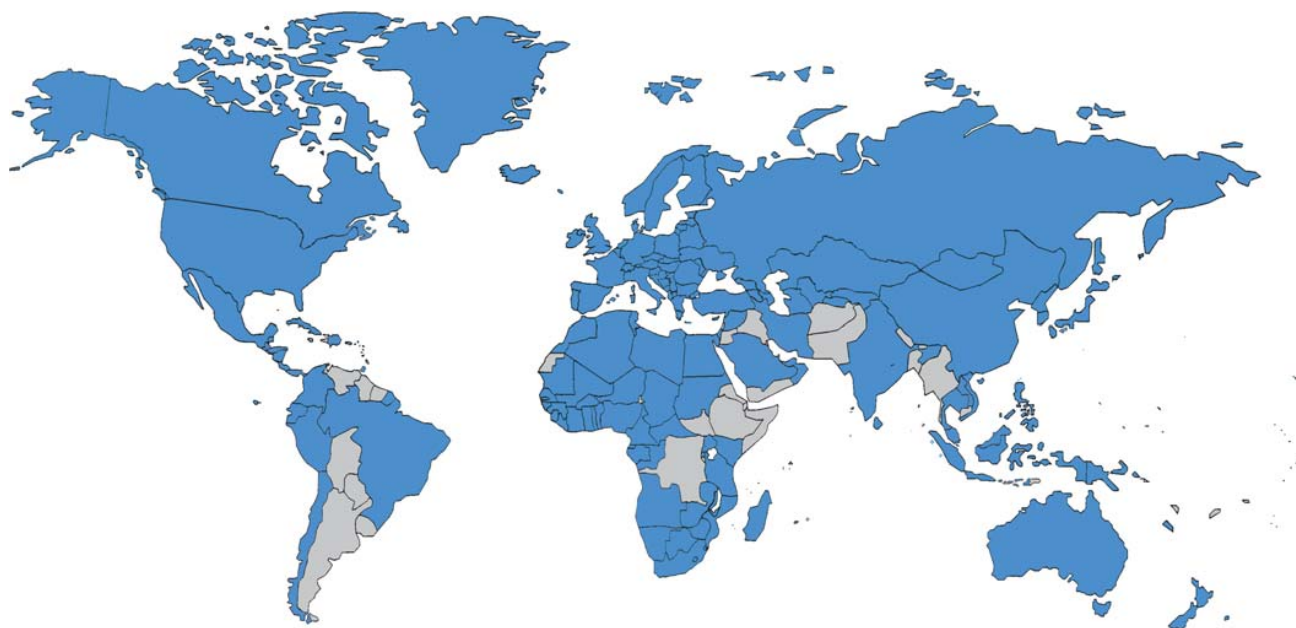
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁷	Handling fee ^{2, 37} (CHF 200)
AT ³⁰	EUR 1,749	EUR 165 (from 1.4.15: 191)
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁸	AUD 238 (from 1.4.15: 278)
BR ³¹	Online: BRL 630	BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL 945	
CA	CAD 800	CAD 232 (from 1.4.15: 270)
CL	USD 1,500	USD 208
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³³	EGP 3,000	USD 208
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,930	EUR 165 (from 1.4.15: 191)
ES	EUR 589.49	EUR 165 (from 1.4.15: 191)
FI	EUR 600	EUR 165 (from 1.4.15: 191)
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 766
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 208
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁸	JPY 24,700
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 222,000 (from 1.4.15: 238,000)
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁹ 4,050 ⁴⁰	USD 208
	For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁹ 15,750 ⁴⁰	
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,500 (from 1.4.15: 1,820)
US	USD 600 760 ⁴¹	USD 208
	For small entity ²⁹ : USD 300 380 ⁴¹	
	For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 150 190 ⁴¹	
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,230 (from 1.4.15: 1,430)

[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 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 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.
- 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 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 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 T æ&@2015)



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
CH Switzerland (EP)	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco ³	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	HR Croatia (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	SA Saudi Arabia	
	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 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

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 and 1 January 2015, respectively). 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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Reminder: Decommissioning of the PCT-EASY Functionality of PCT-SAFE

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2014, as of 1 July 2015 it will no longer be possible to file international applications using the PCT-EASY mode of the PCT-SAFE software. Any international application filed with the request form in PCT-EASY format (on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract) on or after that date will be treated as a paper filing, and the fee reduction under Item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees will not be applicable.

PCT-EASY filings have been possible since 1998, and were a precursor to the current fully electronic filing systems available with ePCT-Filing and PCT-SAFE. In 2003, PCT-EASY filings made up approximately 45% of all PCT filings, but by 2014, they made up only 2.3% of all filings, compared to 91.3% which were filed in fully electronic format.

Please note that, following the decommissioning of the PCT-EASY mode, the fee reductions currently listed under Items 4(b), 4(c) and 4(d) of the PCT Schedule of Fees will continue to be applicable (and will be renumbered accordingly). The decommissioning will have no impact on those applicants who file fully electronically using PCT-SAFE; furthermore, as far as applicants who usually file with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office are concerned, the special EFS-Web functionality will remain in the PCT-SAFE software, and filers will continue to be able to prepare and upload the “PCT-EASY .zip” file to the EFS-Web system.

We do, however, encourage applicants to move to ePCT-Filing at their convenience. ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices:

- IB International Bureau
- AT Austrian Patent Office
- AU Australian Patent Office
- BR National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)
- CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office
- CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)
- EA Eurasian Patent Office
- EP European Patent Office
- FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office
- IN Indian Patent Office

- LV Latvian Patent Office
- MY Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia
- NZ Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand
- SA Saudi Patent Office
- SE Swedish Patent and Registration Office
- SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

More Offices are expected to start accepting ePCT filings very soon, but in any case, applicants from any PCT Contracting State may file PCT applications using ePCT with the IB as receiving Office.

It is recalled that, as ePCT-Filing is an integral part of ePCT private services requiring a WIPO user account authenticated with a digital certificate, applicants who would like to use ePCT-Filing, but do not yet have a WIPO user account, should obtain an account using 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.

Further information on ePCT-Filing is available in the “Guidelines for filing international applications using the ePCT system” at:

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

Please see below for information on the new release of the ePCT system.

ePCT Update

Release of new version of ePCT – multilingual user interface now in 10 languages

After an initial pilot phase that was limited to English, the ePCT user interface is now available, as of 16 April 2015, in the other nine languages of international publication under the PCT: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. This will contribute significantly to increased use of the ePCT system in countries where a language other than English predominates. As a result of this multilingual deployment, ePCT is no longer considered a “Pilot” system.

This major release also contains a number of other new features, including the possibility to: navigate from within ePCT directly to other WIPO online services that also require login, without having to enter your login credentials again; select multiple applications (whether already filed or not) on the ePCT-Filing screen and manage access rights for all the selected applications in one step; and download a preview of an “Action” in draft form for review prior to submission.

For further information about the new features of this latest release, see:

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

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

For further information on ePCT, including how to get started, go to:

<https://pct.wipo.int>

or contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at:

e-mail: epct@wipo.int

telephone: (+41–22) 338 9523

or via the “contact us” link which is available at the top of each page in ePCT.

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.067.243, dated 1 April 2015) is now available and can be downloaded at:

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

Further details on this new version of PCT-SAFE are available in the “Release notes” and “What’s new” document on the above-mentioned web page.

PCT Information Update

BN Brunei Darussalam (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO) has specified, with effect from 23 March 2015, the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam with BrulPO, or with the International Bureau (IB), as receiving Office.

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

BW Botswana (criterion applied in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority)

The Registrar of Companies, Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs has notified the IB that, in its capacity as designated Office, it applies the “due care criterion” in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (BW), and the “Restoration of the right of priority” table)

BY Belarus (Internet address; means of telecommunication; fees)

The Internet address of the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) has changed, as follows:

<http://www.belgopatent.by>

The Office has informed the IB of changes concerning the filing of documents by fax – the original of the document must now be furnished in all cases within 14 days of the transmission.

The amount of the transmittal fee payable to the Office as receiving Office has changed, and the Office has notified the IB of the amount of the fee for the priority document and of the fee payable for requesting restoration of the right of priority, as follows:

Transmittal fee:.....	USD	50
Fee for priority document:		
- for a priority document up to 35 pages:	BYR	365,000
- for an additional copy of the priority document, provided that the copies are prepared simultaneously:	BYR	185,000
- for each page in excess of 35:	BYR	6,000
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	USD	40

With regard to the payment of fees to it as receiving Office, the National Center of Intellectual Property has notified the IB that:

- for residents of Belarus, payment 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. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details);
- for non-residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in USD in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment.

The Office has notified the amount of the following national fee, payable to it as designated Office:

For utility model:

Claim fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:.....	USD	25
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With regard to the payment of national fees, the Office has notified the IB that:

- for residents of Belarus, payment 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. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details);

- for non-residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in USD or the equivalent amount in EUR, CHF or RUR in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment 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*, Annex B1 (BY), Annex C (BY) and National Chapter, Summary (BY))

IS Iceland (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Icelandic Patent Office has changed to: postur@els.is

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

JP Japan (special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed)

It is recalled that Japanese national law (Articles 41 and 42 of the Japan Patent Law and Articles 8 and 9 of the Japan Utility Model Law) provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of Japan, and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in Japan, shall have the result that the earlier national application will be considered withdrawn. The Japan Patent Office has notified the IB that, in the case of international applications filed on or after 1 April 2015, such withdrawal will take place after the expiration of 16 months from the filing date of the earlier application, instead of after the expiration of 15 months, which is the time limit still applicable for international applications filed before 1 April 2015.

If the applicant of an international application which claims the priority of an earlier national application wants to avoid this effect, the designation of Japan will have to be withdrawn:

- in the case of international applications filed on or after 1 April 2015: before the expiration of 16 months from the filing date of the earlier application; or
- in the case of international applications filed before 1 April 2015: before the expiration of 15 months from the filing date of the earlier application

in order to avoid automatic withdrawal of the earlier-filed national application.

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

NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 July 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in NZD 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 (NZ))

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

As from 1 June 2015, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Egyptian Patent Office	EUR
European Patent Office	GBP, NZD
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	CHF, EUR, USD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	EUR

As from 1 July 2015, 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	SGD
European Patent Office	SGD
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	HUF

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

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

Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

As from 1 June 2015, there will be a change in the amounts payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

New/updated PCT Resources

Meeting documents

PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation

Documents which have been prepared for the upcoming twenty-eighth session of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (CTC), which will be held in Geneva during the period from 26 to 29 May 2015, are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=36282

PCT Working Group

Documents which have been prepared for the upcoming eighth session of the PCT Working Group, which will be held in Geneva during the period from 26 to 29 May 2015, are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=35593

PATENTSCOPE Search System

Translation tools

WIPO's machine translation tool "Translation Assistant for Patent Titles and Abstracts (TAPTA)", which was mentioned in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2015, has been extended to include translations of other parts of patent documents, and as a consequence, has been renamed "WIPO Translate".

WIPO Translate can be used to translate any patent documents, from and to 14 different language pairs, by pasting the patent text in the translation tool at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/patentscope/translate/translate.jsf>

Also, WIPO Translate has been integrated into PATENTSCOPE, and can be used to translate the result list for PATENTSCOPE searches, as well as to translate the description and claims from Chinese into English. In order to use this function, users must activate it in the "Options" menu, under the "Translate" tab at:

<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/search.jsf>

Note that other machine translation tools are also available for translation of the PATENTSCOPE results list. A new "machine translation" button will allow users to choose between Google Translate, Bing/Microsoft Translate and Baidu Translate. This button is also available in the "Description", "Claims" and "Fulltext" tabs to translate the description and claims into any languages supported by those translation tools. For further information see:

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/pctdb/2015/news_0003.html

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 (IB) and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from "WPTS – World Patent & 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 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

Israel Patent Office Launches PCT Direct Pilot

On 1 April 2015, the Israel Patent Office (ILPO), in its capacity as receiving Office (RO) and International Searching Authority (ISA), launched a limited pilot of “PCT Direct”. This new service is similar to the one that was introduced at the European Patent Office in November 2014. Under the ILPO’s PCT Direct pilot, an applicant filing an international application with RO/IL, and claiming priority from an earlier application already searched by the ILPO, can react to any objections raised in the search opinion drawn up for the priority application.

Upon receipt of a PCT Direct letter, RO/IL will process the international application under PCT Direct only where the following requirements are met:

- the informal comments are filed together with the international application with the ILPO as RO;
- the ILPO was selected as the ISA;
- the international application claims priority of an earlier application searched by the ILPO; and
- the PCT Direct letter and any reply to the earlier search opinion are submitted as a single document in PDF format and the words “PCT Direct document” have been indicated under “other” in Box IX of the PCT request form (Form PCT/RO/101).

Examiners at ISA/IL will establish the international search report and written opinion on the basis of the reply to the earlier search opinion, and if the search and examination results of the Israeli application are used in the international phase by ISA/IL and the Authority benefits from the earlier search, 50% of the search fee will be refunded.

For further information, see the ILPO website at:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/En/Units/ILPO/Departments/PCT/News/Pages/PCTDirect.aspx>

or, in Hebrew:

http://index.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/legalinfo/Pages/Rasham_Hodaot.aspx

Practical Advice

(1) *Corrigendum* of the practical advice published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2015: Information on submitting informal comments to address issues raised in the written opinion of the International Searching Authority

Reference is made to the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2015 regarding informal comments on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA). Please

note that, with regard to the receipt by the International Bureau (IB) of informal comments after 30 months from the priority date (see second paragraph of the answer), it was stated that such informal comments would “simply be kept in the file of the IB, and that they would not be made available on PATENTSCOPE (as is generally the case with any other document submitted to the IB after that time limit)”.

Please note that, even though the international phase of an international application ends after 30 months, the informal comments would, nevertheless, be made available on PATENTSCOPE. However, they would be referred to as “Applicant Correspondence” rather than “Informal Comments on Written Opinion of the ISA”. Other documents or papers, for example, requests for recording of a change under PCT Rule 92*bis*, would also be made available on PATENTSCOPE after that time limit, even if no further action could be taken by the IB on the request itself; where applicable, there would be an indication that the document/paper had been received late.

(2) Indicating an address for correspondence where a person is not entitled to represent the applicant before the receiving Office

Q: I am going to file a PCT application on behalf of a corporate applicant which is based in the Netherlands (and which has NL residence and nationality). I am a patent attorney in that company's patent department, a subsidiary of that company which is based in the United States of America (US). Our intention is to file the application with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, but I would like to know whether I would be able to act on behalf of the applicant before the EPO if I am based in the US.

A: If the international application is filed at the European Patent Office as receiving Office (RO/EP), provided that the applicant has a residence or principal place of business in one of the States party to the European Patent Convention (EPC), the EPO does not require that the applicant appoint an agent to act before it as a receiving Office.

However, if an agent is appointed, that agent must be:

- a professional representative or an association of representatives entered in the directory of professional representatives maintained by the EPO (see: <http://www.epo.org/applying/online-services/representatives.html>); or
- a legal practitioner qualified to practice in patent matters in one of the States party to the European Patent Convention and who has his place of business in that State.

If you do not fulfill either of the above conditions for agents before the EPO, the applicant could either appoint another agent who is entitled to represent the applicant before RO/EP, or you could, in accordance with PCT Rule 4.4(d), and provided that no eligible agent has been appointed, be included in the request form as an address for correspondence (by adding your name and address in Box No. IV of the request form and selecting the option “Address for correspondence”). Note that if you do indicate yourself as “agent” in the request form while not being entitled to represent the applicant before the RO, the RO would, in any case, delete *ex officio* the indication “agent” and indicate instead “address for correspondence” (see PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, paragraph 117).

The advantage of an address for correspondence is that it can be anywhere, and does not have to be linked with a particular country (it can even be in a country which is not bound by the PCT). The person named as part of an address for correspondence would be sent all correspondence regarding the international application in the international phase that would

normally be sent to the applicant or the agent, and would also be able to make payments in respect of the application.

However, please note that if you are indicated in the address for correspondence, you would not be entitled to act as agent for the applicant. Any submission to the RO or the International Authorities would have to be signed by the applicant (or the deemed common representative if there is more than one applicant). Please be aware that if you have to spend time obtaining the signature of the applicant, this could be a problem if a time limit for a particular action is due to expire soon.

As far as RO/EP is concerned, it is recalled that on 1 November 2014, the Office changed its practice by relaxing certain restrictions concerning the address for correspondence which may be given by applicants in an international application filed with it in cases where no agent is appointed. These changes included the removal of the restriction for an address for correspondence to be in a Contracting State of the EPC with the result that an address for correspondence may now be that of any person in any country. For further details about the revised practice at the EPO, 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>

To find out about the requirements of other PCT receiving Offices regarding the appointment of agents in the international phase, please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C, and to find out about the requirements of designated (or elected) Offices regarding the appointment of agents in the national phase, please refer to the relevant national chapter summaries of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, at:

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

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 16 April 2015)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
21 April 2015 Turin (IT)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Mr. Matthes Other WIPO speakers: Mr. Mazenc, Ms. Valdimarsdottir and Ms. Toso	Italian Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Simona Marzetti) Tel: (39-06) 47 05 58 00 Fax: (39-06) 47 05 56 35 E-mail: simona.marzetti@mise.gov.it
22 April 2015 Saint Petersburg (RU)	English	Presentations on the PCT and on the Topical Issues of the International Agenda for Intellectual Property WIPO speaker: Mr. Roy	Federal Service for Intellectual Property (ROSPATENT) (Mr. Gleb Sharag, Institute of International Law and Business) Tel: (7-906) 269 82 79 E-mail: gleb-online92@yandex.ru
24-25 April 2015 Concord, NH (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	University of New Hampshire School of Law (Ms. Mary O'Malley) E-mail: Mary.OMalley@law.unh.edu Internet: http://law.unh.edu/pct
5-6 May 2015 Chicago (US)	English	PCT basic seminar 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
13 May 2015 Osaka (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
15 May 2015 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Osaka, above)
15-16 May 2015 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the UIA Biotechnology Law seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	UIA (International Association of Lawyers) Tel: (33-1) 44 88 55 66 Fax: (33-1) 44 88 55 77 E-mail: uiacentre@uianet.org
18 May 2015 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Osaka, above)
20-21 May 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Henninger	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
28 May 2015 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
2-3 June 2015 Moscow (RU)	English and Russian	Presentations on the PCT and on Global IP databases within the framework of the StartUp Village 2015 WIPO speakers: Mr. Marlow and Ms. Amman	Skolkovo Foundation E-mail: startupvillage@sk.ru Internet: https://startupvillage.ru/main/en
4-5 June 2015 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Happe	Trona Patentrådgivning (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
8 June 2015 Helsinki (FI)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan Other WIPO speakers: Mr. Takagi, Ms. Roenning and Mr. Leimberg	Finnish Patent and Registration Office (Mr. Juha Rekola) E-mail: juha-rekola@prh.fi
9 June 2015 Brussels (BE) <i>(note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry.debled@ceipi.edu
10 June 2015 Dallas, 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
4 August 2015 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (see Orlando, above)
9 September 2015 New York, NY (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (see Orlando, above)
5 October 2015 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
8–9 October 2015 Cary, NC (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Angela Allen) E-mail: aallen@ncbar.org
14–15 October 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former staff member of the PCT Legal Division, WIPO, former member of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office, now retired)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
26–27 October 2015 Ottawa/Gatineau (CA)	English	Canadian PCT Roundtable WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim Other speakers: Ms. Auria Lansac (European Patent Office) and others to be announced.	Intellectual Property Institute of Canada E-mail: admin@ipic.ca
30 October 2015 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 14th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (29-30 October 2015) 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
4–5 November 2015 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	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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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10 November 2015 Los Angeles/ Glendale, CA (US) <i>(previously scheduled to take place in San Diego)</i>	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
24 November 2015 Basel (CH)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Sarah Brunner) Tel: (41) 61 324 84 22 E-mail: sarah.brunner@novartis.com
2–3 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and other speaker, to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
3–4 December 2015 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities (including practical presentations on PCT eServices) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
8 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)

PCT Webinars

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
28 April 2015 17:30 to 18:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: A live demonstration of CLIR (Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/111297328659143682
30 April 2015 8:30 to 9:30, Central European time	English	PATENTSCOPE search system: A live demonstration of CLIR (Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/111297328659143682

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers

Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
9 June 2015 Dallas, TX (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 April 2015, 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	HUF	Hungarian forint	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty		
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	RON	New leu		
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RUB	Russian rouble		
AUD	Australian dollar	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDG	Sudanese pound		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SEK	Swedish krona		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 April 2015, 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
							Item 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	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	EP RU
						(from 1.7.15:–)				
AP	USD	50	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	AT EP SE
		(or eq in local currency)				(from 1.7.15:–)				
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,273	14	–	191	287	–	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,848	21	–	278	417	–	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30 ⁹	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,273	14	96	–	–	–	EP
						(from 1.7.15:–)				
BE	EUR	120	EUR	1,273	14	96	–	–	–	EP
						(from 1.7.15:–)				
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	100	–	–	–	EP RU
						(from 1.7.15:–)				
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	100	–	–	AU EP
						(from 1.7.15:–)				
BR	BRL ¹⁰	online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	100	200	–	AT BR EP SE US
						(from 1.7.15:–)				
BW	USD	32	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	EP
						(from 1.7.15:–)				
BY	USD	50	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	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	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,799	20	135 (from 1.7.15:–)	270	406	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹	1,384	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 104 (from 1.7.15:–)	208	312	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP	865,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	CL EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	163	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,480	110	710 (from 1.7.15:–)	1,430	2,140	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	208	312	EP RU
EC	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	130	EUR	1,273	14	96	191	287	EP
ES	EUR	74.99	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,273	14	–	191	287	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	948	11	–	142	214	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹⁴	100	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁵	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	392,000	HUF 4,400	HUF 29,500 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁶ or EUR ¹⁶ or USD ¹⁶	100 96 104	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,273 1,384	15 14 16	100 96 104 (from 1.7.15:–)	200 191 208	300 287 312	See footnote 17
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	EP

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				Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	208	312	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	208	312	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹³ —	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 190,800	2,200	—	28,700	43,000	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,273	14	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 164,300	1,900	12,400 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	37,100	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						EP
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	300	AT AU JP ¹⁹ KR
KZ	KZT 10,264.80 ²⁰	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,384	16	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹³ —	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:—)	191	287	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,273	14	—	—	—	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:—)	191	287	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹³ —	CHF 1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ²¹	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²²	EUR 1,273	14	—	—	—	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²³	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	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 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,273	14	—	191	287	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 10,990	120	—	1,650	2,480	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 1,945 (from 1.7.15: 1,797)	22 (20)	146 (—)	293 (270)	439 (405)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹³ —	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	eq USD 104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	AU

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							Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,384		16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	208	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	1,273		14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP
QA	Information not yet available									
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,273		14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,140 ²⁵	RSD	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,384		16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available									
SA	USD	100	USD	1,384		16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	208	312	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,070		140	910 (from 1.7.15:–)	1,820	2,720	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,953		22	147 (from 1.6.14:–)	294 (294)	441 (441)	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,273		14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁶	EUR	1,273		14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP
SM	EUR	70	EUR	1,273		14	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,384		16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384		16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹³	–	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384		16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹³	–	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None		CHF	1,330		15	100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,384		16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁷	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,384		16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	240 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 120 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 60 ²⁸	USD	1,384		16	104	208	–	AU EP IL KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384		16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	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	16,720		190	1,260 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD	eq USD 1,384	eq USD	16	eq USD 104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 April 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ³⁰	EUR 1,864 <i>*(from 1.5.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.7.15:</i>	CHF 1,947 KRW 1,882,000 SGD 2,790)	KRW* 2,316,000 ZAR 19,930)	SGD** 3,000	USD 2,112	ZAR* 24,470		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,789 <i>*(from 1.5.15:</i>	CHF 1,583 ZAR* 21,660 KRW 1,882,000	EUR 1,525 ZAR 19,930)	KRW* 2,053,000	NZD 2,311	SGD 2,460		
BR ³¹	Online: <i>*(from 1.5.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.6.15:</i>	BRL 1,685 USD 540 EUR 484)	CHF 560	EUR** 550	USD* 632			
	On paper: <i>*(from 1.5.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.6.15:</i>	BRL 2,525 USD 809 EUR 726)	CHF 840	EUR** 824	USD** 948			
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,183	EUR 1,137	USD 1,284				
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,922	EUR 1,765					
	In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity ² :		USD 400	CHF 384	EUR 353			
	In case of filing by a university ³² :		USD 300	CHF 288	EUR 265			
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 297	USD 342				
EG ³³	EGP 4,000 <i>*(from 1.6.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.5.15:</i>	CHF 483 EUR 480 USD 525)	EUR* 443	USD** 559				
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,875 JPY 251,600 USD 2,125 <i>*(from 1.6.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.7.15:</i>	CHF 1,958 NOK 17,000 ZAR 24,620 GBP 1,365 SGD 2,800)	DKK 13,960 NZD* 3,026 NZD 2,761)	GBP* 1,474 SEK 17,040	HUF 577,000 SGD** 3,020	ISK 287,000		
ES ³⁴	EUR 1,875	CHF 1,958	USD 2,125					
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 1,958	USD 2,125					
IL	ILS 3,554	CHF 875	EUR 809	USD 909				
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual:	CHF 157	EUR 142 INR 2,500	USD 163 CHF 39	EUR 36	USD 41		
JP ¹⁸	JPY 70,000	CHF 567	EUR 522	KRW 638,000	SGD 766	USD 577		
KR	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD 422 <i>*(from 1.5.15:</i>	AUD* 482 AUD 526)	CHF 378	EUR 362	NZD 539	SGD 540		
	For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,219 <i>*(from 1.5.15:</i>	AUD* 1,393 AUD 1,519)	CHF 1,093	EUR 1,046	NZD 1,558	SGD 1,560		
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 <i>*(from 1.6.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.7.15:</i>	CHF* 95 CHF 109 HUF 31,800)	EUR* 91 EUR 102	HUF** 27,900 USD 108)	USD* 103			
	For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 <i>*(from 1.6.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.7.15:</i>	CHF* 393 CHF 453 HUF 132,100)	EUR* 376 EUR 425	HUF** 115,800 USD 450)	USD* 426			
SE	SEK 17,040 USD 2,125	CHF 1,958	DKK 13,960	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK 17,000		
US	USD 2,080 For small entity ²⁹ : For micro entity ²⁹ :	CHF 1,998 USD 1,040 USD 520	EUR 1,835 CHF 999 CHF 500	NZD 2,660 EUR 918 EUR 459	ZAR 23,410 NZD 1,330 NZD 660	ZAR 11,700 ZAR 5,850		
XN	DKK 13,960 USD 2,125	CHF 1,958	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK 17,000	SEK 17,040		

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 April 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 35}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 888	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,243	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,776	
EP	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
RU	CHF 166 (265) ³⁶ (from 1.6.15: 191 (305) ³⁶)	CHF 200
SE	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,958	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 560	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 April 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

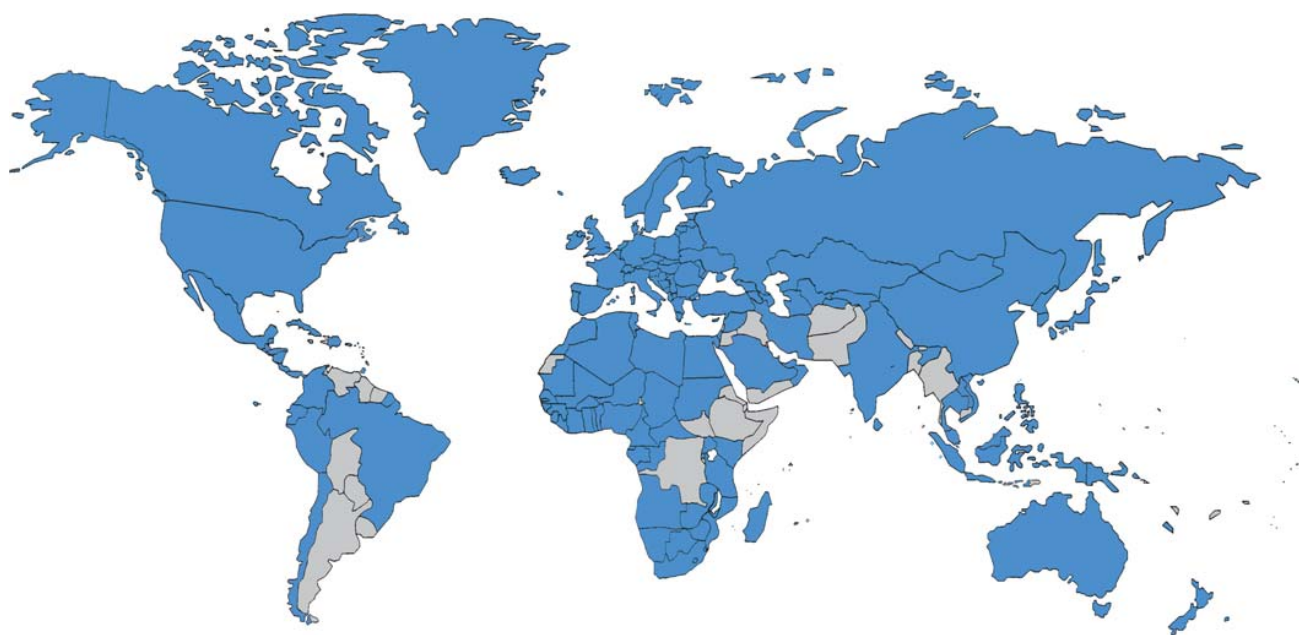
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁷	Handling fee ^{2, 37} (CHF 200)
AT ³⁰	EUR 1,749	EUR 191
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁸	AUD 278
BR ³¹	Online: BRL 630	BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL 945	
CA	CAD 800	CAD 270
CL	USD 1,500	USD 208
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400	
	in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³³	EGP 3,000	USD 208
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,930	EUR 191
ES	EUR 589.49	EUR 191
FI	EUR 600	EUR 191
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 766
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 208
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁸	JPY 24,700
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 238,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁹ 4,050 ⁴⁰	USD 208
	For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁹ 15,750 ⁴⁰	
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,820
US	USD 600 760 ⁴¹	USD 208
	For small entity ²⁹ : USD 300 380 ⁴¹	
	For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 150 190 ⁴¹	
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,430

[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. The reduction under Item 4(a) of the Schedule of fees will no longer be available in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 July 2015.
- 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 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 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.
- 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 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 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 October 2015)



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 ³	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	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 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

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 and 1 January 2015, respectively). 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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New E-mail Notification System for *PCT Newsletter*, *PCT Applicant's Guide*, *PCT Highlights* and *PCT Working Group*

In order to better serve the WIPO user community, all of WIPO's e-newsletters and e-mail notifications will, as of 16 June 2015, be distributed through a new platform which will provide a more user-friendly layout and design. Furthermore, the following new e-newsletters will become available: *The WIPO Wire* bi-weekly selection of news and features; *DG's Highlights* and the *WIPO ADR Highlights* from the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center.

As far as PCT users are concerned, this new system will affect current subscribers to the e-mails announcing the latest publication of the *PCT Newsletter* and the latest updates of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as well as the *PCT Highlights* (formerly *PCT Brief*) and PCT Working Group e-mail notification services. It will not, however, affect users who receive e-mails relating to ePCT and PCT-SAFE updates.

As from 16 June 2015, to continue receiving the e-mails that you have already subscribed to, and in particular, **to receive the e-mail announcing the publication of the June issue of the *PCT Newsletter***, please sign up now on our new platform at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/newsletters/en/>

When you access the new platform, you will see a central subscription page where you can manage all your WIPO e-mail and e-newsletter subscriptions, and update your contact information and preferences. The sign-up procedure is simple and will only take a few moments of your time.

Reminder: Change in the Eligibility Criteria for Fee Reductions for Certain Applicants

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2014, during the 46th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) which was held in September 2014, amendments to the PCT Schedule of Fees were adopted to remove the fee reduction available for PCT-EASY filings, following the decommissioning of PCT-EASY with effect from 1 July 2015, and to revise the eligibility criteria for fee reductions for certain applicants from certain countries.

It is recalled that 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.

An updated version of the table entitled “Applicability of 90% Reduction in Certain PCT Fees” has been prepared to show the situation on or after 1 July 2015, and is available at:

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

Note that the table showing the status prior to 1 July 2015 will continue to be available, in parallel, for a few months.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Estonia, Hungary and Turkey: the Estonian Patent Office has begun, and the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) and the Turkish Patent Institute will begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Estonian Patent Office, the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) and the Turkish Patent Institute, in their capacities as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that they are/will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 May 2015, in the case of the Estonian Patent Office, and from 1 June 2015, in the case of HIPO and the Turkish Patent Institute. The Offices (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 indicated in Fee Table I(a); in the case of HIPO, the equivalent amounts of those reductions in HUF will be established shortly.

Furthermore, the Estonian Patent Office has notified the IB that it no longer accepts international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format with effect from 1 May 2015.

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Estonian Patent Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 30 April 2015 at:

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

and the notifications containing the requirements of HIPO and the Turkish Patent Institute will be published at the same address shortly.

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

The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by the above-mentioned Offices brings to 19 the total number of receiving Offices which do so².

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.

² ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices: RO/IB, RO/AT, RO/AU, RO/BR, RO/CA, RO/CL, RO/EA, RO/EE, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/HU, RO/IN, RO/LV, RO/MY, RO/NZ, RO/SA, RO/SE and RO/SG, RO/TR.

Singapore: clarification regarding the date/time from which the Office will no longer accept international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format

Further to the information that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2015 regarding the non-acceptance by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format with effect from 1 June 2015, please note that it will still accept such applications on that date, but only up until 17:00, local time.

Decommissioning of the PCT-EASY Functionality of PCT-SAFE (Second Reminder)

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2014, the PCT-EASY functionality of PCT-SAFE will be decommissioned as of 1 July 2015. Furthermore, the fee reduction under item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer be applicable as from that date. For further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2015, cover page.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, during its meeting which was held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2015 (for further information on those amendments, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2014).

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2015, are now available in PDF format in Chinese, English and French (on the right hand side of the page) at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/index.html>

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

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

Other languages will follow shortly.

Modified Administrative Instructions under the PCT

With effect from 1 July 2015, Sections 102*bis* and 335 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT have been deleted as a consequence of the decommissioning of PCT-EASY. The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions, as in force from 1 July 2015, which includes those modifications, is available on the PCT website in English and French, in PDF format (on the right hand side of the page) at, respectively:

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

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

The above-mentioned changes are explained in more detail in the following Circular Letters which were sent to PCT Offices: C. PCT 1443 and C. PCT 1454 (see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/>).

Modified PCT Forms

The following forms have been modified with effect from 1 July 2015, as a consequence of the decommissioning of PCT-EASY, and to adapt the wording in relation to the change in the eligibility criteria for fee reductions for certain applicants from certain countries:

PCT/RO/102	(Notification Concerning Payment of Prescribed Fees)
PCT/RO/133	(Invitation to Pay Prescribed Fees Together with Late Payment Fee)
PCT/RO/101	(Request form) (in the notes to the fee calculation sheet)
PCT/IB/375	(Supplementary Search Request) (in the notes to the form)
PCT/IPEA/401	(Demand form) (in the notes to the form)

The modified forms, in PDF and, where appropriate, editable PDF formats, are available (on the right-hand side of the page (see “Forms in force from July 2015”)) at:

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

The above-mentioned changes are explained in more detail in the following Circular Letters which were sent to PCT Offices: C. PCT 1443 and C. PCT 1454 (see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/>).

Modified PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2015, to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, to take into account the decommissioning of PCT-EASY, as well as the changes relating to the eligibility criteria for fee reductions for certain applicants from developing and least developed countries.

The consolidated text of the Guidelines (PCT/GL/RO/13) is available in PDF and HTML formats, in English and French (on the right hand side of the page) at, respectively:

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

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

The above-mentioned changes are explained in more detail in the following Circular Letters which were sent to PCT Offices: C. PCT 1443 and C. PCT 1454 (see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/>).

PCT Information Update

EE Estonia (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance by the Estonian Patent Office as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 May 2015, 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.

HU Hungary (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance by the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 June 2015, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees will be established in HUF shortly.

IT Italy (telephone number; e-mail address; evidence of mailing a document)

The telephone number and the e-mail address of the Italian Patent and Trademark Office have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (39-06) 47 05 58 00

E-mail: contactcenteruibm@mise.gov.it

There has been a change in the requirements as to whether the Office would accept evidence of mailing of a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used; it will now accept such evidence.

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

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

On 1 May 2015, the following depository institution acquired the status of International Depository Authority (IDA) 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:

Korean Agricultural Culture Collection (KACC)
Agricultural Microbiology Division
National Academy of Agricultural Science
Rural Development Administration
166, Nongsaengmyeong-ro, Iseo-myeon
Wanju-gun, Jeollabuk-do 565-851
Republic of Korea

In addition, the address of the Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty, has changed, as follows:

125 Gwahak-ro
Yuseong-gu
Daejeon, 305-806
Republic of Korea

For further information on these IDAs, see:

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

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

SA Saudi Arabia (telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; means of telecommunication; evidence of mailing a document; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; fees; number of copies required)

The telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail address of the Saudi Patent Office (SPO) have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (966-11) 481 43 47, 481 46 53

Fax: (966-11) 481 33 76

E-mail: spo-pct@kacst.edu.sa

The Office has informed the International Bureau (IB) of changes concerning the filing of documents by fax – the original of the document must now be furnished within 14 days from the date of the invitation, instead of 14 days from the date of the transmission.

There has been a change in the requirements as to whether the Office would accept evidence of mailing of a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used: in addition to Aramex, DHL, Federal Express, TNT and UPS, it will now accept such evidence provided that the delivery service is a registered delivery service.

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that, since 1 February 2015, 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 applied with effect from that date.

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

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

SD Sudan (name of Office; location; telephone numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses; evidence of mailing a document; competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The name, location and telephone numbers of the Attorney General's Chambers, Commercial Registrar General's Office (Sudan) have changed, and the Office has notified its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office: Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department,
Ministry of Justice (Sudan)

Location: El Mogran Area
El Gumhoria Street
Khartoum
Sudan

Telephone: (249-91) 223 07 60, (249-18) 374 23 58

E-mail: adilhilal2001@yahoo.com

Internet: <http://www.ipsudan.gov.sd>

There has been a change in the requirements as to whether the Office would accept evidence of mailing of a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used; it will now accept such evidence.

The Office has also specified, with effect from 29 April 2015, the Egyptian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Sudan with the Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Justice (Sudan), or with the IB, as receiving Office.

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

TR Turkey (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance by the Turkish Patent Institute as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 June 2015, 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.

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office (*corrigendum*), Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 July 2015, 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	SGD
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	USD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	CHF
United States Patent and Trademark Office	ZAR

As from 1 August 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).

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

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

Corrigendum: please note that new equivalent amounts in KRW and ZAR for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office were erroneously indicated in the Fee Table I(b), dated 1 April 2015, as published in the PDF version of *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2015. The correct amounts are KRW 2,316,000 and ZAR 24,470.

Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

As from 1 August 2015, there will be a change in the amount payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

New/updated PCT Resources

Modified PCT Regulations, Administrative Instructions under the PCT, PCT Forms and PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

See under separate headings, above.

PCT FAQs

An updated version of the publication "Protecting your Inventions Abroad: Frequently Asked Questions About the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)" is now available in Spanish in HTML and PDF formats at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/faqs/faqs.html>

http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

Minor revisions have also been made to all other language versions of the above-mentioned publication. All language versions are now dated April 2015.

World Trade Organization

Seychelles

On 26 April 2015, Seychelles, which is already party to the PCT and the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, became a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), thus bringing the total number of Members to 161. 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 or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention.

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 (IB) and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from “**Patent Registration – R & W Stretch Ceilings Ltd.**”. Note that the authors of this new invitation have even reproduced the official logos of the European Patent Office and WIPO. 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 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

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 the filing and management of PCT applications in ePCT, will be held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva on 24 and 25 September 2015. 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 across the PCT sector at WIPO. Registration and further details on the seminar are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/registration/form.jsp?registration_id=199

There is no registration fee for the seminar, which is limited to 50 participants. The registration deadline is 11 September 2015. Further information on the seminar may be obtained by sending an e-mail to: pct.our@wipo.int

New WIPO Publication

WIPO Policy Guide: Alternatives in Patent Search and Examination

A new WIPO Policy Guide: Alternatives in Patent Search and Examination, which has been prepared with the purpose of illustrating the various options available to countries for search and examination of patent applications, is available in English, French and Spanish, in PDF format at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo_pub_guide_patentsearch.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/fr/wipo_pub_guide_patentsearch.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/es/wipo_pub_guide_patentsearch.pdf

Practical Advice

Late payment fees when the PCT fees are paid more than one month after the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office

Q: I am the agent for an international application in respect of which, due to an administrative error, the transmittal fee, international filing fee and search fee were not paid within the one-month time limit for paying those fees, although they were paid two days after the expiration of that time limit. Will my payment be considered to have been made on time, and if not, will I have to pay a late payment fee to the receiving Office?

A: It is recalled that the time limit for the payment of the transmittal fee, international filing fee and search fee under PCT Rules 14.1(c), 15.3 and 16.1(f), respectively, is one month from the date of receipt of the international application. Where no or insufficient fees have been paid at the time of filing the application, the receiving Office may invite the applicant (for the first time) (using Form PCT/RO/102), without requesting any late payment fee, to pay the balance due within one month from the date of receipt of the international application (see the Receiving Office Guidelines (ROGL), paragraph 258, and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Section 304). This is not an obligation for the receiving Office, and so in your case, perhaps you did not receive this reminder.

Where, by the time the fees are due, the receiving Office finds that no fees were paid to it, or that the amount paid to it is insufficient to cover the fee or fees concerned, the receiving Office will, in accordance with PCT Rule 16*bis*.1, invite the applicant (using Form PCT/RO/133) to pay to it, within a month from the date of that invitation, the amount required to cover that or those fees, together with, where applicable, a late payment fee under PCT Rule 16*bis*.2 (see ROGL, paragraph 259). The late payment fee is 50% of the amount of the unpaid fees, or, if this amount is less than the transmittal fee, an amount equal to the transmittal fee. The amount will not exceed the amount of 50% of the international filing fee (not taking into account any supplemental fee where the international application contains more than 30 sheets) (see ROGL, paragraph 264). Note that if the applicant is entitled to a reduction in the international filing fee under items 4 and/or 5 of the Schedule of Fees, any late payment fee must be calculated on the basis of the international filing fee as reduced.

Given that you missed the one-month time limit for paying the fees, whether or not you will have to pay a late payment fee will depend on two things:

- If your payment is received by the receiving Office before it sends the invitation under PCT Rule 16*bis*.1, it will, in accordance with PCT Rule 16*bis*.1(d), be considered to have been received before the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 14.1(c), 15.3 or 16.1(f), as the case may be. In other words, if your payment reaches the receiving Office after one month from the receipt by it of the international application, but before it issues the invitation to pay the (extra) fees (Form PCT/RO/133), and provided that your payment covers the total amount due, no invitation to pay the missing amounts should be sent and no late payment fee should be required (see ROGL, paragraph 263). All receiving Offices are bound by this provision under PCT Rule 16*bis*.1(d).
- Also, even if the payment is not received before the receiving Office sends the invitation under PCT Rule 16*bis*.1, the receiving Office is not obliged to charge a late payment fee – this depends on the practice of the Office concerned (see ROGL, paragraph 264).

It is a best practice to pay the fees that are due upon filing an international application as soon as possible so as to avoid late payment of fees. Although the receiving Office will send the applicant either one or two reminders to pay missing fees, late payment can result in the payment of extra fees, and can ultimately result in the international application being considered withdrawn (via Form PCT/RO/117) in accordance with PCT Article 14(3) if they are not paid by the expiration of the extended period allowed under PCT Rule 16*bis*.1. The reminder procedure which has been established under the PCT, and the requirement that the fees must be paid well before the publication of the international application, help to ensure that applications are not considered withdrawn for non-payment of fees at a time when it is too late to prevent the international application from being published.

As far as payment of fees is concerned, please be aware that it is preferable not to make payments by check, as this payment mode takes longer, and also, certain checks may be refused by banks. In the case of applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) using ePCT-Filing, fees can be paid immediately online, either with a credit card or by debiting a WIPO current account.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>)
(situation on 15 May 2015)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
15 May 2015 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
15–16 May 2015 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the UIA Biotechnology Law seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	UIA (International Association of Lawyers) Tel: (33-1) 44 88 55 66 Fax: (33-1) 44 88 55 77 E-mail: uiacentre@uianet.org
18 May 2015 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	Workshop on the PCT system WIPO speakers: Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Hasebe	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) (see Tokyo, above)
20–21 May 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Henninger	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
26–27 May 2015 Novosibirsk (RU)	Russian	PCT workshop WIPO speaker: Mr. Roy	ROSPATENT (Ms. Natalia Novikova, Department of Patent Information, State Public Scientific Technological Library of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences) Tel: (7-383) 266 25 85 E-mail: office@spsl.nsc.ru, opki@spsl.nsc.ru
28 May 2015 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
2–3 June 2015 Moscow (RU)	English and Russian	Presentations on the PCT and on Global IP databases within the framework of the StartUp Village 2015 WIPO speakers: Mr. Marlow and Ms. Amman	Skolkovo Foundation E-mail: startupvillage@sk.ru Tel: (7-495) 956 00 33 Internet: https://startupvillage.ru/main/en
4–5 June 2015 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Happe	Trona Patent dgivning (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
8 June 2015 Helsinki (FI)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan Other WIPO speakers: Mr. Takagi, Ms. Roenning and Mr. Leimberg	Finnish Patent and Registration Office (Mr. Juha Rekola) E-mail: juha-rekola@prh.fi
9 June 2015 Brussels (BE) <i>(note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry.debled@ceipi.edu
10 June 2015 Dallas, 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

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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 June 2015 Tyumen (RU)	Russian	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	ROSPATENT (Brezhnev Mikhail Vladimirovich) Tel/Fax: (7-3452) 390 085, (7-3452) 685 799 E-mail: m.v.brezhnev@yandex.ru; tum_voir@mail.ru
18 June 2015 Khanty-Mansiysk (RU)	Russian	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	ROSPATENT (Efanov Maxim Viktorovich) Tel/Fax: (7-3467) 36 18 78, 36 18 89, 36 18 87 E-mail: tp@tp86.ru; m_efanov@tp86.ru
7 July 2015 Fukuoka (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/
9 July 2015 Hokkaido (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (see Fukuoka, above)
14 July 2015 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (see Fukuoka, above)
4 August 2015 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
9 September 2015 New York, NY (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (see Minneapolis, above)
24–25 September 2015 Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT): 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 50 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: Mr. Sandage, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Reischle, Mr. Abidine, Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Sim, Mr. Tachibana, Mr. Thobie, Ms. Chatel, Mr. Marlow, Ms. Metcalfe, Ms. Weiss, Mr. Yu, Ms. Gateau, 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/registration/form.jsp?registration_id=199 Deadline for registrations: 11 September 2015 E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int
5 October 2015 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
8–9 October 2015 Cary, NC (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Angela Allen) E-mail: aallen@ncbar.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
14–15 October 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former staff member of the PCT Legal Division, WIPO, former member of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office, now retired)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
26–27 October 2015 Ottawa/Gatineau (CA)	English	Canadian PCT Roundtable WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim Other speakers: Ms. Auría Lansac (European Patent Office) and others to be announced.	Intellectual Property Institute of Canada E-mail: admin@ipic.ca
30 October 2015 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 14th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (29-30 October 2015) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Sarah Packham) Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: sarah.packham@management-forum.co.uk
4–5 November 2015 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
10 November 2015 Los Angeles/ Glendale, CA (US) <i>(previously scheduled to take place in San Diego)</i>	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
24 November 2015 Basel (CH)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Sarah Brunner) Tel: (41) 61 324 84 22 E-mail: sarah.brunner@novartis.com
2–3 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and other speaker, to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
3–4 December 2015 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities (including practical presentations on PCT eServices) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Sarah Packham) Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: sarah.packham@management-forum.co.uk
8 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
26 May 2015 17:30 to 18:30, Central European Time	English	IPC & the PATENTSCOPE search system WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6998199462440870913
28 May 2015 8:30 to 9:30, Central European Time	English	IPC & the PATENTSCOPE search system WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6998199462440870913

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
9 June 2015 Dallas, TX (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 15 May 2015, 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	HUF	Hungarian forint	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty		
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	RON	New leu		
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RUB	Russian rouble		
AUD	Australian dollar	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDG	Sudanese pound		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SEK	Swedish krona		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 May 2015, 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	1,384	16	104 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i>	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 <i>(or eq in local currency)</i>	USD	1,384	16	104 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i>	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,848	21	–	278	417	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30 ⁹	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,273	14	96 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i>	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	120	EUR	1,273	14	96 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i>	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i>	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i>	–	–	AU EP
BR	BRL ¹⁰	online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i>	200	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD	1,384	16	104 <i>(from 1.7.15:–)</i>	–	–	EP
BY	USD	50	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU

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

(amounts on 15 May 2015, 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	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,799	20	135	270	406	–	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹	1,384	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 104	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 ¹²	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	CL EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	163	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,273	14	96	–	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,273	14	96	191	287	–	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,480	110	710	1,430	2,140	–	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available									
DO	USD	275	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,384	16	104	208	312	–	EP RU
EC	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,273	14	–	191	287	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	130	EUR	1,273	14	96	191	287	–	EP
ES	EUR	74.99	EUR	1,273	14	96	191	287	–	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,273	14	–	191	287	–	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,273	14	96	191	287	–	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	948	11	–	142	214	–	EP
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	USD ¹⁴	100	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁵	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,273	14	96	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	–	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	392,000	HUF 4,400	HUF 29,500	–	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁶ or EUR ¹⁶ or USD ¹⁶	100 96 104	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,273 1,384	15 14 16	100 96 104	200 191 208	300 287 312	–	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	1,273	14	–	–	–	–	EP

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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	
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	208	312	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	208	312	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹³ –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 190,800	2,200	–	28,700	43,000	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 164,300	1,900	12,400 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	37,100	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						EP
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁹ KR
KZ	KZT 10,264.80 ²⁰	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹³ –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹³ –	CHF 1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ²¹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²²	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²³	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	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 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 10,990	120	–	1,650	2,480	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 1,945 (from 1.7.15: 1,797)	22 (20)	146 (–)	293 (270)	439 (405)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹³ –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	eq USD 104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AU

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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	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	208	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	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP
QA	Information not yet available								
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,140 ²⁵	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,384	16	–	208	312	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,070	140	910 (from 1.7.15:–)	1,820	2,720	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,953	22	147 (from 1.6.15 after 17:00:–)	294 (294)	441 (441)	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁶	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP
SM	EUR	70	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹³	–	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹³	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	None	CHF	1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:–)	(from 1.6.15: eq CHF 200)	(from 1.6.15: eq CHF 300)	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁷	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	240 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 120 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 60 ²⁸	USD	1,384	16	104	208	–	AU EP IL KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	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	16,720	190	1,260 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,384	eq USD 16	eq USD 104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 15 May 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT ³⁰	EUR 1,864 <i>*(from 1.7.15:</i>	CHF 1,947 <i>SGD 2,790)</i>	KRW 2,316,000	SGD* 3,000	USD 2,112	ZAR 24,470				
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,789 <i>*(from 1.7.15:</i>	CHF 1,583 ZAR 19,930 <i>SGD 2,290)</i>	EUR 1,525	KRW 1,882,000	NZD 2,311	SGD* 2,460				
BR ³¹	Online: <i>*(from 1.7.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.6.15:</i>	BRL 1,685 CHF 519 EUR 484)	CHF* 560	EUR** 550	USD 540					
	On paper: <i>*(from 1.7.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.6.15:</i>	BRL 2,525 CHF 778 EUR 726)	CHF* 840	EUR** 824	USD 809					
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,183	EUR 1,137	USD 1,284						
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,922	EUR 1,765							
	In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity ² :		USD 400	CHF 384	EUR 353					
	In case of filing by a university ³² :		USD 300	CHF 288	EUR 265					
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 297	USD 342						
EG ³³	EGP 4,000 <i>*(from 1.6.15:</i>	CHF 483 <i>EUR 480)</i>	EUR* 443	USD 525						
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,875 JPY 251,600 USD 2,125 <i>*(from 1.6.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.7.15:</i>	CHF 1,958 NOK 17,000 ZAR 24,620 GBP 1,365 SGD 2,800)	DKK 13,960 NZD* 3,026 NZD 2,761)	GBP* 1,474 SEK 17,040	HUF 577,000 SGD** 3,020	ISK 287,000				
ES ³⁴	EUR 1,875	CHF 1,958	USD 2,125							
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 1,958	USD 2,125							
IL	ILS 3,554	CHF 875	EUR 809	USD 909						
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual:	CHF 157	EUR 142 INR 2,500	USD 163 CHF 39	EUR 36	USD 41				
JP ¹⁸	JPY 70,000	CHF 567	EUR 522	KRW 638,000	SGD 766	USD 577				
KR	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD 422 For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD 1,219	AUD 526 AUD 1,519	CHF 378 CHF 1,093	EUR 362 EUR 1,046	NZD 539 NZD 1,558	SGD 540 SGD 1,560				
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 <i>*(from 1.6.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.7.15:</i> <i>****(from 1.8.15:</i>	CHF* ^{***} 95 CHF 109 HUF 31,800 CHF 121)	EUR* 91 EUR 102 USD 127))	HUF** 27,900 USD** 108)	USD* 103					
	For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 <i>*(from 1.6.15:</i> <i>***(from 1.7.15:</i> <i>****(from 1.8.15:</i>	CHF* ^{***} 393 CHF 453 HUF 132,100 CHF 502)	EUR* 376 EUR 425 USD 525))	HUF** 115,800 USD** 450)	USD* 426					
SE	SEK 17,040 USD 2,125	CHF 1,958	DKK 13,960	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK 17,000				
US	USD 2,080 <i>*(from 1.7.15:</i> For small entity ²⁹ : <i>*(from 1.7.15:</i> For micro entity ²⁹ : <i>*(from 1.7.15:</i>	CHF 1,998 ZAR 25,250) USD 1,040 ZAR 12,620) USD 520 ZAR 6,310)	EUR 1,835	NZD 2,660	ZAR* 23,410	CHF 999	EUR 918	NZD 1,330	ZAR* 11,700	ZAR* 5,850
XN	DKK 13,960 USD 2,125	CHF 1,958	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK 17,000	SEK 17,040				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 15 May 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 35}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 888 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,243 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,776	CHF 200
EP	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
RU	CHF 166 (265) ³⁶ (from 1.6.15: 191 (305) ³⁶) (from 1.8.15: 212 (339) ³⁶)	CHF 200
SE	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,958 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 560	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 15 May 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

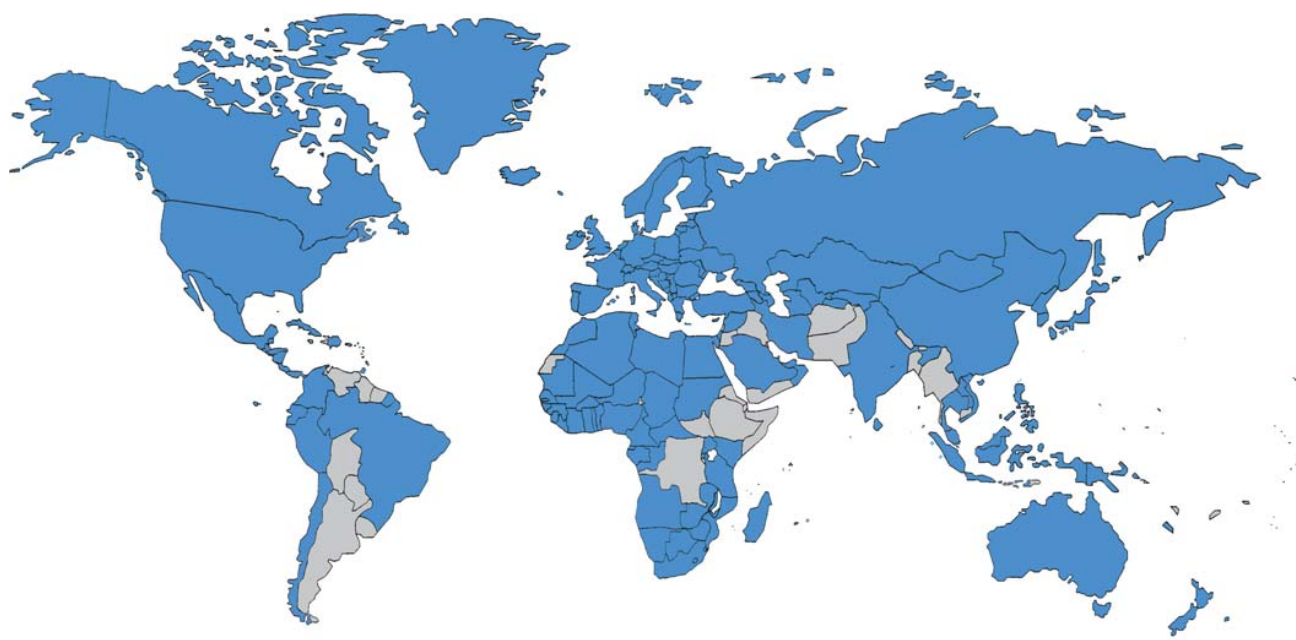
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁷	Handling fee ^{2, 37} (CHF 200)
AT ³⁰	EUR 1,749	EUR 191
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁸	AUD 278
BR ³¹	Online: BRL 630 On paper: BRL 945	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 800	CAD 270
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 208
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³³	EGP 3,000	USD 208
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,930	EUR 191
ES	EUR 589.49	EUR 191
FI	EUR 600	EUR 191
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 766
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 208
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁸	JPY 24,700
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 238,000
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 208
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,820
US	USD 600 760 ⁴¹ For small entity ²⁹ : USD 300 380 ⁴¹ For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 150 190 ⁴¹	USD 208
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,430

[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.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. The reduction under Item 4(a) of the Schedule of fees will no longer be available in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 July 2015.
- 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 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 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.
- 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 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 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 T as of 2015)



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	PH Philippines
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	QA Qatar	RO Romania (EP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libya	RS Serbia (EP)	RU Russian Federation (EA)
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco ³	RU Russian Federation (EA)	RW Rwanda (AP)
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SA Saudi Arabia	SC Seychelles
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova	SD Sudan (AP)	SE Sweden (EP)
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	ME Montenegro ¹	SG Singapore	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar		SK Slovakia (EP)
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)		SL Sierra Leone (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)			SM San Marino (EP)
	ID Indonesia			SN Senegal (OA) ²
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP ⁴)
	IL Israel			SV El Salvador

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 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

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 and 1 January 2015, respectively). 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 eighth session of the PCT Working Group was held in Geneva from 26 to 29 May 2015.

Proposed amendments to the Regulations

The Working Group agreed to forward a number of sets of proposed amendments to the PCT Regulations to the PCT Assembly for approval at its session in October 2015:

- where permitted to do so under national law, receiving Offices would be able to forward details of search or classification results from earlier applications to the International Searching Authority (ISA), in general without the express permission of the applicant, but with the option for receiving Offices to notify the International Bureau (IB) that they will forward those results only with the permission of the applicant (see documents PCT/WG/8/18 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 60 to 70 and Annex I));
- designated Offices would be required to send timely information to the IB concerning national phase entries, national publications and grants (see documents PCT/WG/8/8 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 77 to 83 and Annex II)). That information would be made available in PATENTSCOPE and in bulk format to other patent information service providers, allowing significantly improved information concerning where national rights may be pending or granted;
- applicants would be able to request that information be omitted from the published version of an international application or the associated files if it does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application, it would prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person and there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that information (see documents PCT/WG/8/12 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 132 to 137 and Annex III)). This would allow the removal of certain irrelevant information, normally included accidentally in the international application or associated documents;
- receiving Offices would normally be required to forward to the IB copies of documents submitted in connection with a request for restoration of the right of priority (see documents PCT/WG/8/14 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 138 to 141 and Annex IV)). However, under the same conditions as apply in the proposed amendments described above (concerning omission of information from the international application or public file), the applicant could request that certain documents not be forwarded. The main difference is that it is more likely in this case that the relevant information would have been provided deliberately, to establish that the conditions for “due care” had been met. Applicants should note that if key information is not made available, it is more likely that

their request for restoration of the right of priority will be reviewed and that they will be required to provide equivalent information again to the designated Offices in the national phase;

- the *force majeure* provisions would be extended to allow time limits to be extended where a time limit had been missed because of a general failure of electronic communications services in the area where the interested party resides (see documents PCT/WG/8/22 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 142 to 149 and Annex V)). Such an outage would not automatically excuse a failure to meet a time limit; it would be necessary to provide evidence of the outage, that the outage prevented the time limit being met, and that the relevant action was subsequently taken as soon as reasonably possible; and
- an enabling provision would be included, under which the IB could allow applicants to write to it in languages other than English and French (see documents PCT/WG/8/23 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 150 to 153 and Annex V)). The intention is initially to permit correspondence in the language of publication (or English or French, as at present) where that correspondence is made through ePCT. The arrangements would be extended to all communications once the IB was certain that it had the capacity to handle the work efficiently and that there would be no adverse consequences for designated Offices or third parties.

Setting of International Filing Fee

The Working Group agreed to recommend a new arrangement for the setting of equivalent amounts of the international filing fee. If accepted by the PCT Assembly, equivalent amounts of the international filing fee in all currencies will be set just once per year and the IB would guard against loss of income due to changes in exchange rates between the Swiss franc and the three most important currencies in which international filing fees are collected (euro, Japanese yen and US dollar) using hedging contracts (see documents PCT/WG/8/15 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 21 to 36)). Over the coming year, the IB will investigate the possibility of extending similar arrangements to the search fee, using “netting” arrangements to minimize costs and risks, and opening the door to increased use of centralized credit card payment options.

Electronic Services

The Working Group noted that the ePCT browser-based interface was now available in 10 languages. The underlying infrastructure is now in place for significant improvements to the efficiency of the system, especially for international applications where different Offices act as receiving Office and ISA. The IB set out priorities for work to ensure that the system was able to achieve its potential (see document PCT/WG/8/20).

The Working Group also noted that the IB was preparing a draft interface to assist with national phase entry using ePCT, to allow more concrete discussions of the requirements with interested designated Offices and user groups (see document PCT/WG/8/19).

Other Issues

The Working Group acknowledged that there was little prospect of reaching agreement on the issue of whether or not to allow the replacement of an entire, incorrectly-filed specification under the present “missing parts” arrangements. Nevertheless, this was a real problem facing applicants, particularly in the context of electronic systems where it was easy to attach an

incorrect file without realizing it. Consequently, the Working Group invited the IB to prepare proposals for a new provision specific to this issue. Pending discussions on that point, the IB would propose modifications to the Receiving Office Guidelines to clarify the existing divergent practices and their effects (see documents PCT/WG/8/4 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 112 to 123)).

The Working Group similarly noted a lack of agreement on the closely related issue of whether it should be possible to allow claims of priority from “earlier” applications filed on the same date as the international application. There appeared little prospect of agreement within the Working Group on whether this should be permitted. Many Contracting States considered that, in principle, the Assembly of the Paris Union would be the appropriate body to provide a definitive answer, but referring this matter to that body seemed out of proportion to the number of international applications concerned, especially given that it was not clear that a resolution would be found. The IB was requested to provide a discussion paper for the next session of the Working Group, setting out a proposal to expressly require receiving Offices not to cancel same day priority claims in the international phase, allowing their outcome to be determined in the national phase under the applicable national laws (see document PCT/WG/8/5).

The Working Group invited the IB to seek information on the examiner training activities currently carried out by national Offices for the benefit of examiners from other Offices, with a view to identifying effective ways in which the IB could assist such processes by acting as a coordinating body (see documents PCT/WG/8/7 and PCT/WG/8/25 (paragraphs 42 to 46)).

The Working Group also noted documents concerning:

- the twenty-second session of the Meeting of International Authorities Under the PCT (see document PCT/WG/8/2 and *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2015);
- a supplemental study, “Estimating a PCT Fee Elasticity”, concerning the extent to which the level of fees affects filing rates by universities, in general and from developing countries (see document PCT/WG/8/11);
- coordination of technical assistance under the PCT (see document PCT/WG/8/16);
- the work being done towards identifying the quality issues relating to criteria for appointment of International Authorities (see document PCT/WG/8/3);
- the use of the “PCT Direct” service at the European Patent Office (EPO), which allows applicants to provide comments on the search opinion provided on an earlier application from which priority was claimed, providing arguments or explaining amendments which had been made in the international application (see document PCT/WG/8/17) – this service was being extended from 1 July 2015 to also be available to applicants at other receiving Offices in cases where the EPO was selected as ISA, and a similar service had been introduced at the Israel Patent Office;
- the implementation at the EPO of a requirement of mandatory response to negative comments made by that Office as ISA on regional phase entry (see document PCT/WG/8/24);
- a review of the supplementary international search system (see document PCT/WG/8/6);
- work towards improving the definition of the patent literature part of the PCT minimum documentation (see document PCT/WG/8/9);

- updating of the PCT sequence listing standard (see document PCT/WG/8/13);
- revision of WIPO Standard ST.14 (recommendation for the inclusion of references in cited patent documents) (see document PCT/WG/8/10); and
- a delay in work towards allowing the effective filing and international phase processing of color drawings (see document PCT/WG/8/21).

Summary and Documents

The summary by the Chair is available from the same page as the working documents on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/8

A draft report of the meeting will also be made available on that page in due course.

PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation

The twenty-eighth session of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation was held in Geneva during the period from 26 to 29 May 2015, the same period as the PCT Working Group. The Committee discussed the application of the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) to be appointed as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT. The Agreement on the VPI was signed on 26 February 2015 by the four Visegrad countries: the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia and will create an intergovernmental organization for cooperation in the field of patents. The Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of the VPI as ISA and IPEA to the Assembly of the PCT Union.

For further information, see the summary by the Chair at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/pct/en/pct_ctc_28/pct_ctc_28_4.pdf

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Algeria, the Czech Republic and South Africa: the Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property, the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic and the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) will begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property, the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic and the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa), in their capacities as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that they will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 July 2015. The Offices will accept international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal. The amounts in CHF (in the case of Algeria), and the equivalent amounts in EUR (in the case of the Czech Republic) and ZAR (in the case of South Africa) of the applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the CIPC with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 4 June 2015 at:

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

and those of the Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property and the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic will be published shortly.

This information updates *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (CZ, DZ and ZA).

The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by the above-mentioned Office brings to 22 the total number of receiving Offices which do so¹.

Decommissioning of the PCT-EASY Functionality of PCT-SAFE (Third Reminder)

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2014, page 2, the PCT-EASY functionality of PCT-SAFE will be decommissioned as of 1 July 2015. Furthermore, the fee reduction under item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer be applicable as from that date. For further information, see also *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2015, cover page.

The July version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.068.244) will be made available for download from the PCT eServices website before the end of June.

IMPORTANT:

We would like to take this opportunity to ask you to finalize and submit any remaining PCT-EASY type filings, then export all form and address book data, before updating your PCT-SAFE software with the July version.

Furthermore, filers are encouraged to move to ePCT-Filing at their convenience. ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing to a number of receiving Offices¹.

The special EFS-Web functionality for the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office (RO/US) will remain in the software, and filers will continue to be able to prepare and upload the "PCT-EASY.zip" file to the EFS-Web system. For further information on this functionality please see the user guide "Instructions for the use of PCT-SAFE in combination with EFS-Web (e-filing with RO/US)" which is available at:

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

Further details on the new version of PCT-SAFE will be available in due course on the PCT eServices website at:

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

For further information on ePCT-Filing and getting started, go to:

<https://pct.wipo.int>

or contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at: epct@wipo.int

¹ ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices: RO/IB, RO/AT, RO/AU, RO/BR, RO/CA, RO/CL, RO/CZ, RO/DZ, RO/EA, RO/EE, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/HU, RO/IN, RO/LV, RO/MY, RO/NZ, RO/SA, RO/SE, RO/SG, RO/TR and RO/ZA.

PCT Statistics 2014

The PCT Yearly Review, 2015 edition

The 2015 edition of the PCT Yearly Review summarizes PCT activities and developments in 2014, 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 2014, as well as statistics relating to national phase entries in 2013. This edition contains a special theme which takes a close look at the most active applicants in the PCT System by analyzing longer-term trends and more recent developments. It provides information on the applicants with the most filings during the international phase of the PCT, during the national phase, and broken down by world regions.

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.

IMPORTANT: Reminder about New E-mail Notification System for the PCT Newsletter

As mentioned in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2015, WIPO is moving to a new distribution platform for its newsletters and press releases on 16 June 2015, which means that if you are already subscribed to any of these, including the e-mail which notifies readers of the publication of each issue of the *PCT Newsletter*, and you wish to continue receiving such notifications, you will need to re-subscribe by signing up to the new e-mail platform at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/newsletters/en/>

When you access the new platform, you will see a central subscription page where you can select all your WIPO e-mail and e-newsletter subscriptions, and update your contact information and preferences. The sign-up procedure is simple and will only take a few moments of your time.

If you do not sign up to the *PCT Newsletter* option of the new platform, you will no longer receive e-mails about the publication of the *PCT Newsletter*, and if you delay in signing up, you may miss out on important information!

Combined July-August Issue

The next issue of the *PCT Newsletter* will be a joint July-August issue that will be published in the latter half of 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 new PCT e-mail updating service. If you have 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 our new e-mail platform mentioned above.

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>

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilot

New pilot starts between the Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic) and the Japan Patent Office

On 1 April 2015, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO). Under this program, faster examination in the national phase in the Czech Republic 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), issued by the JPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the above-mentioned PCT-PPH agreement is available at:

<http://www.upv.cz/en/ip-rights/patents/pphjpo.html>

http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi_e/t_torikumi_e/japan_czech_highway_e.htm

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

PCT Information Update

BR Brazil (fees)

The amount of the fee for a priority document on paper, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as receiving Office, has changed to BRL 200.

The amount of the following national fees, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property as designated (or elected) Office, has changed:

For patent

Filing fee:[no change] (online);
BRL 260 (on paper)

For utility model

Filing fee:[no change] (online);
BRL 260 (on paper)

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

CZ Czech Republic (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance by the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 July 2015, 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.

DK Denmark (time limit for entry into the national phase; requirements concerning translation of the international application)

It is recalled that in 2009 it was announced that, in respect of PCT applications entering into the national phase in Denmark, a special time limit of 20 months from the priority date applied to the Danish territory of the Faroe Islands, and that, where protection was sought in the Faroe Islands, translations into Danish were required (translations into English were not accepted) (see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 01, 02 and 06/2009 and 07-08/2010). The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 2 May 2015, where protection is sought in the Faroe Islands:

- the time limit for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a) is 31 months from the priority date (the same as that which applies to the rest of the Danish territory);
- the translation may now be furnished into Danish or English (as is the case for the rest of the Danish territory)

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

DZ Algeria (e-mail address; electronic filing; fees)

The e-mail address of the Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property has changed to:

e-pct@inapi.dz

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

For information on the acceptance by the Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 July 2015, 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.

EE Estonia (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Estonian Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2015:

For patent:

Application fee:.....	EUR	225	56 ²
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:.....	[no change]		

² This amount is applicable where all applicants are natural persons.

Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy: ...	EUR	32
Annual fees for the first three years:	EUR	116
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	EUR	105 26 ²

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

HU Hungary (fees)

Further to the notification by the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, of its preparedness to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 June 2015 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2015, page 2), the equivalent amounts in HUF of the applicable electronic filing reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees have now been established and are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

MW Malawi (means of telecommunication)

The Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General (Malawi) Office has notified the IB that it has discontinued the use of its teleprinter.

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

NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 September 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in NZD 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 (NZ))

PH Philippines (fees)

A new component to the fee for priority document, payable to the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) as receiving Office, has been introduced to cover the cost of transmittal of the document, as follows:

Fee for priority document.....	PHP	500
plus, for transmittal of the priority document	PHP	1,750

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

RU Russian Federation (location and mailing address)

The postcode in the location and mailing addresses of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) has changed to: 125993.

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

SD Sudan (fees; language of filing)

The Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Justice (Sudan), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that it now accepts international applications filed in Arabic (or English) and that there is no longer a fee for the priority document.

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

US United States of America (telephone and fax numbers; Internet address; competent International Authorities; fees)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has notified the IB of changes in its Internet address and telephone and fax numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(1-571) 272 43 00 (PCT Help Desk) (1-866) 217 91 97 (Toll free technical support for electronic filing) (1-571) 272-41 00 (Local technical support for electronic filing)
Fax:	(1-571) 273 32 01 (PCT Operations – only available for certain documents) (1-571) 273 83 00 (USPTO Central Fax – only available for certain documents) (1-571) 273 04 19 (PCT Help Desk)
Internet:	http://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/international-protection/international-patent-legal-administration-formerly

Specification of the Japan Patent Office as a competent International Authority

The USPTO has specified, with effect from 1 July 2015, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Israel Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO, or with the IB, as receiving Office.

Note that the JPO will be a competent ISA and IPEA only for international applications which meet the following conditions:

- the international application is submitted in English;
- the claims of the international application are directed to the field of green technology as defined by certain International Patent Classification classes (to be published shortly in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*); and
- the JPO has not received more than 5,000 international applications from the USPTO during the three year period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2018, not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first year, and not more than 475 applications per quarter during the second and third years.

Note also that the JPO will act as an IPEA only where it acted as the ISA.

Information on the USPTO as ISA and IPEA

The Office, in its capacity as ISA, has clarified the types of documents received free of charge by the applicant in addition to the international search report (ISR): the applicant now receives a copy of each cited document that is not a U.S. patent document or a published international application.

The Office, in its capacity as IPEA, has clarified the types of documents received free of charge by the applicant in addition to the international preliminary examination report: the applicant now receives a copy of each additional document not cited in the ISR which is not a U.S. patent document or a published international application.

The footnotes to Annexes D and E(US) have been revised to clarify the kinds of documents which are no longer mailed to the applicant automatically, and to explain how copies of cited documents can be obtained.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1, C, D and E (US))

ZA South Africa (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance by the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 July 2015, 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.

Search fee (European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 1 August 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NOK for international searches carried out by the European Patent Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the Nordic Patent Institute, and there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable 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 (EP, RU, SE and XN))

New/updated PCT Resources

Modified PCT Regulations (in Arabic, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish)

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, during its meeting which was held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2015 (for further information on those amendments, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2014).

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2015, are now available in PDF format in Arabic, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish

(in addition to English, French and Chinese). The Arabic, German, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish texts are available on the right hand side of the page at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/texts/index.html>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/index.html>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/index.html>

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/index.html>

and the Italian version is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/it/texts/pdf/pct_regs2015.pdf

PCT FAQs (in Chinese and Russian)

Updated versions of the publication “Protecting your Inventions Abroad: Frequently Asked Questions About the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)” are now available in Chinese and Russian in PDF format at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/faqs/faqs.html>

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

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (Paper Version)

WIPO has published revised paper versions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2015, in English and French.

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

fax: (41–22) 740 18 12

e-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int

mailing address: 34, chemin des Colombettes
P.O. Box 18, CH–1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Other language versions will be available shortly. As mentioned above, the electronic texts of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations under the PCT in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, as in force from 1 July 2015, are also available on the PCT website free of charge.

PATENTSCOPE Search System

National patent collection: Portugal

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2015 that the PATENTSCOPE search system now includes 100,000 bibliographic data records from the national patent collection of Portugal, more than 34,000 records containing fully searchable descriptions and claims (published since 2007) have been added to the collection, which is available at:

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

Practical Advice

Entitlement to reductions in PCT fees for applicants from certain countries

Q: I am a national and resident of Slovenia and I am planning to file an international application (as sole applicant) with the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office. I have heard that Slovenia will be added to the list of States whose nationals and residents are entitled to a 90% reduction in the international filing fee as from 1 July 2015. As I wish to claim priority of an earlier application filed on 20 June 2014, I will have to file my international application by 20 June 2015 at the latest. If I file my application before 1 July 2015, will I be able to pay a reduced fee if I actually make the fee payment after 1 July?

A: As you are aware, revisions to the eligibility criteria for certain fee reductions were made during the 46th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) which was held in September 2014. Slovenia was indeed added, together with the PCT Contracting States of Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Portugal and Saudi Arabia, and the non-PCT Contracting States of the Bahamas, Nauru, Palau and Suriname³, to the list of States, the nationals and residents of which may benefit from a 90% reduction in the international filing fee, the supplementary search handling fee, and the handling fee, as prescribed under item 5(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2014, cover page). The date of entry into force of the amendments to the Schedule of Fees is 1 July 2015.

Although the date of entry into force of the amended Schedule of Fees, including the revised list of States eligible for the above fee reductions, is 1 July 2015, in the case of the reduction in the international filing fee, the revised Schedule of Fees will apply only in respect of international applications **received by the receiving Office on or after 1 July 2015**. (According to PCT Rule 15.3, the amount of the international filing fee that is payable shall be the amount applicable on the **date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office**.) Therefore, regardless of when you pay the fees, the Schedule of Fees as in force until 30 June 2015 will apply in respect of your application, which means that you will not be entitled to the 90% reduction in the international filing fee. Note that even if an international application is received by the receiving Office before 1 July 2015 but is given a later international filing date which falls on or after 1 July 2015 (for example, in the case where missing drawings are furnished later), the current (pre-July 2015) Schedule of Fees will apply for payment of that fee.

³ 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 the fee reduction.

Note, however, that if you request a supplementary international search or file a demand for international preliminary examination you would, irrespective of when that request or demand is submitted, be able to pay the reduced amount of the fees payable for the benefit of the International Bureau (IB), that is, the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, respectively, if the fee concerned is paid on or after 1 July 2015. (According to PCT Rules 45*bis*.2(c) and 57.3(d), the amounts payable for those fees are the amounts which are applicable on the date of payment of the fees).

For further details, including background information regarding the amendment to the Schedule of Fees, see the following PCT Assembly documents: Proposed Amendments to the PCT Regulations (document PCT/A/46/3) and the Report (document PCT/A/46/6, paragraphs 15 to 17, and Annexes I and II) at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33287

For a full list of States the nationals and residents of which are entitled to the fee reduction indicated under item 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees, see:

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

The above-mentioned web page contains links to the currently applicable list as well as the list which will be applicable on or after 1 July 2015. Note that the list which will become applicable on 1 July 2015 will be applicable for the next five years, subject to possible addition of States to the list in the interim, where the applicable conditions are met and where the State concerned makes a request to the Director General of WIPO to be included in the list.

To benefit from a reduction in the international filing fee for electronic filings (under item 4 of the Schedule of Fees), you may wish to consider filing your international application in electronic form (for example, using the ePCT-Filing system) with the IB or the European Patent Office as receiving Office, subject to any filing restrictions which may apply under your country's national legislation.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>)
(situation on 16 June 2015)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
16 June 2015 Tyumen (RU)	English/ Russian	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Natsume	Rospatent (Mr. Brezhnev Mikhail Vladimirovich) Tel/Fax: (7-3452) 390 085, (7-3452) 685 799 E-mail: m.v.brezhnev@yandex.ru; tum_voir@mail.ru
18 June 2015 Khanty-Mansiysk (RU)	English/ Russian	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Natsume	Rospatent (Mr. Efanov Maxim Viktorovich) Tel/Fax: (7-3467) 36 18 78, 36 18 89, 36 18 87 E-mail: tp@tp86.ru; m_efanov@tp86.ru
7 July 2015 Fukuoka (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/
8 July 2015 Stuttgart (DE)	English	Roving seminar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speakers: Ms. Valdimarsdottir, Mr. Reischle, Mr. Vázquez and Mr. Halfpenny	German Patent and Trade Mark Office and Stuttgart Patent Information Centre Tel: (49-711) 123 25 58 Fax: (49-711) 123 25 60 E-mail: info@patente-stuttgart.de Registration: http://www.patente-stuttgart.de/index.php?page=veranstaltungennseminare
9 July 2015 Hokkaido (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (see Fukuoka, above)
14 July 2015 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (see Fukuoka, above)
20-21 July 2015 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	19 th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
23-24 July 2015 Alexandria, VA (US)	English	19 th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (see San Francisco, above)
4 August 2015 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
August 2015 (exact date to be confirmed) Qazvin (IR)	English/ Persian	PCT training workshop within the framework of the Qazvin Invention Innovation Festival (QIIF) (26 to 31 August 2015) WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	International Federation of Inventors' Associations (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) Internet: http://www.ifa.com E-mail: bijan.nasiri@ifia.com
9 September 2015 New York, NY (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 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
24–25 September 2015 Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT): 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 50 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: Mr. Sandage, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Reischle, Mr. Abidine, Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Sim, Mr. Tachibana, Mr. Thobie, Ms. Chatel, Mr. Marlow, Ms. Metcalfe, Ms. Weiss, Mr. Yu, Ms. Gateau, 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/registration/form.jsp?registration_id=199 Deadline for registrations: 11 September 2015 E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int
5 October 2015 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
8–9 October 2015 Cary, NC (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Angela Allen) E-mail: aallen@ncbar.org
13 October 2015 Helsinki (FI)	English	Update Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Olli Ilmarinen) Tel: (358) 9 6939 5236 Fax: (358) 9 6939 5556 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
14 October 2015 Helsinki (FI)	Finnish/ English	ePCT Training WIPO speaker: Ms. Metcalfe	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (see Helsinki, above)
14–15 October 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former staff member of the PCT Legal Division, WIPO, former member of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office, now retired)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
16 October 2015 Seattle, WA (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
20 October 2015 Washington, DC (US)	English	ePCT Training Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Piriou Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Seattle, above)
26–27 October 2015 Ottawa/Gatineau (CA)	English	Canadian PCT Roundtable WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim Other speakers: Ms. Auria Lansac (European Patent Office) and others to be announced.	Intellectual Property Institute of Canada E-mail: admin@ipic.ca
29 October – 1 November 2015 Nuremberg (DE)	German	PCT training workshop during the iENA Invention Exhibition WIPO speaker: Ms. Weiss	International Federation of Inventors' Associations (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) E-mail: bijan.nasiri@ifia.com Internet: www.ifia.com
30 October 2015 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 14th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (29-30 October 2015) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Sarah Packham) Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: sarah.packham@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
4–5 November 2015 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
10 November 2015 Los Angeles/ Glendale, CA (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the “Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success” course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
18 November 2015 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
24 November 2015 Basel (CH)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Sarah Brunner) Tel: (41) 61 324 84 22 E-mail: sarah.brunner@novartis.com
2–3 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and other speaker, to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
3–4 December 2015 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities (including practical presentations on PCT eServices) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Sarah Packham) Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: sarah.packham@management-forum.co.uk
8 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)

PCT Webinars

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
2 July 2015 15:00 CET 9:00 New York time	English	General Introduction to ePCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1714199467949349889
7 July 2015 15:00 CET 9:00 New York time	English	ePCT-Filing WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/556172930855688193

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers

Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
15 October 2015 Seattle, WA (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 June 2015, 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	HUF	Hungarian forint	MXN	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	ZAR	South African rand
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
<i>Currencies:</i>		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty		
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	RON	New leu		
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RUB	Russian rouble		
AUD	Australian dollar	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDG	Sudanese pound		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SEK	Swedish krona		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	THB	Baht		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 June 2015, 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
							Item 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁵ (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	1,384	16	104	–	–	EP RU	
AP	USD	50	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	AT EP SE	
	(or eq in local currency)					(from 1.7.15:–)				
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,273	14	–	191	287	EP	
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,848	21	–	278	417	AU KR	
AZ	AZN	30 ⁹	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU	
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,273	14	96	–	–	EP	
						(from 1.7.15:–)				
BE	EUR	120	EUR	1,273	14	96	–	–	EP	
						(from 1.7.15:–)				
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	100	–	EP RU	
						(from 1.7.15:–)				
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP US	
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	100	–	AU EP	
						(from 1.7.15:–)				
BR	BRL ¹⁰	online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	100	200	AT BR EP SE US	
						(from 1.7.15:–)				
BW	USD	32	USD	1,384	16	104	–	–	EP	
						(from 1.7.15:–)				
BY	USD	50	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU	

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

(amounts on 1 June 2015, 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	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,799	20	135 (from 1.7.15:–)	270	406	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹¹	130	CLP eq USD ¹¹	1,384	eq USD ¹¹ 16	eq USD ¹¹ 104 (from 1.7.15:–)	208	312	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP	865,000 ¹²	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	CL EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	163	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	– (191)	– (287)	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,480	110	710 (from 1.7.15:–)	1,430	2,140	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:–)	(from 1.7.15:–) eq CHF 200)	(from 1.7.15:–) eq CHF 200)	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	208	312	EP RU
EC	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	130	EUR	1,273	14	96	191	287	EP
ES	EUR	74.99	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,273	14	–	191	287	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	948	11	–	142	214	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹⁴	100	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁵	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	392,000	HUF 4,400	HUF 29,500 (from 1.7.15:–)	59,000	88,400	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁶ or EUR ¹⁶ or USD ¹⁶	100 96 104	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,273 1,384	15 14 16	100 96 104 (from 1.7.15:–)	200 191 208	300 287 312	See footnote 17
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 June 2015, 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	
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	208	312	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	208	312	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹³ —	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 190,800	2,200	—	28,700	43,000	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,273	14	—	—	—	EP
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 164,300	1,900	12,400 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	37,100	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						EP
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	300	AT AU JP ¹⁹ KR
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,384	16	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹³ —	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:—)	191	287	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,273	14	—	—	—	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:—)	191	287	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹³ —	CHF 1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ²⁰	CHF 1,330	15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²¹	EUR 1,273	14	—	—	—	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²²	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	CL 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 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,273	14	—	191	287	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 10,990	120	—	1,650	2,480	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 1,945 (from 1.7.15: 1,797) (from 1.9.15: 1,926)	22 (20) (22)	146 (—) (—)	293 (270) (290)	439 (405) (434)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹³ —	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	eq USD 104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:—)	—	—	AU

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

(amounts on 1 June 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁷	Item 4(d) ⁸		
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	208	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	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP
QA	Information not yet available								
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,140 ²⁴	RSD	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,384	16	–	208	312	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,070	140	910 (from 1.7.15:–)	1,820	2,720	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,953	22	–	294	441	AT AU EP JP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁵	EUR	1,273	14	96 (from 1.7.15:–)	191	287	EP
SM	EUR	70	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹³	–	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹³	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	None	CHF	1,330	15	100 (from 1.7.15:–)	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁶	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	EP RU
US	USD small entity ²⁸ : micro entity ²⁸ :	240 ²⁷ 120 ²⁷ 60 ²⁷	USD	1,384	16	104	208	–	AU EP IL KR RU US (from 1.7.15 : JP)
UZ	USD ¹³	–	USD	1,384	16	104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	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	16,720	190	1,260 (from 1.7.15:–)	– (2,510)	– (3,770)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD	eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	eq USD 104 (from 1.7.15:–)	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 June 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹										
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,864	CHF 1,947	KRW 2,316,000	SGD* 3,000	USD 2,112	ZAR 24,470					
	*(from 1.7.15: SGD 2,790)										
AU	AUD 2,200	CHF 1,583	EUR 1,525	KRW 1,882,000	NZD 2,311	SGD* 2,460					
	USD 1,789	ZAR 19,930									
	*(from 1.7.15: SGD 2,290)										
BR ³⁰	Online:	BRL 1,685	CHF* 560	EUR 484	USD 540						
	*(from 1.7.15:	CHF 519)									
	On paper:	BRL 2,525	CHF* 840	EUR 726	USD 809						
	*(from 1.7.15:	CHF 778)									
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,183	EUR 1,137	USD 1,284							
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,922	EUR 1,765								
	In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity ² :			USD 400	CHF 384	EUR 353					
	In case of filing by a university ³¹ :			USD 300	CHF 288	EUR 265					
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 297	USD 342							
EG ³²	EGP 4,000	CHF 483	EUR 480	USD 525							
EP ³³	EUR 1,875	CHF 1,958	DKK 13,960	GBP 1,365	HUF 577,000	ISK 287,000					
	JPY 251,600	NOK* 17,000	NZD 2,761	SEK 17,040	SGD** 3,020						
	USD 2,125	ZAR 24,620									
	*(from 1.8.15: NOK 15,850)										
	**(from 1.7.15: SGD 2,800)										
ES ³³	EUR 1,875	CHF 1,958	USD 2,125								
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 1,958	USD 2,125								
IL	ILS 3,554	CHF 875	EUR 809	USD 909							
IN	INR 10,000	CHF 157	EUR 142	USD 163							
	In case of filing by an individual:			INR 2,500	CHF 39	EUR 36	USD 41				
JP ¹⁸	JPY 70,000	CHF 567	EUR 522	KRW 638,000	SGD 766	USD 577					
KR	For international applications in Korean:										
	KRW 450,000	AUD 526	CHF 378	EUR 362	NZD 539	SGD 540					
	USD 422										
	For international applications in English:										
	KRW 1,300,000	AUD 1,519	CHF 1,093	EUR 1,046	NZD 1,558	SGD 1,560					
	USD 1,219										
RU	For international applications in Russian:										
	RUB 6,750	CHF** 109	EUR 102	HUF* ** 27,900	USD* 108						
	*(from 1.7.15: HUF 31,800		USD 127)								
	**(from 1.8.15: CHF 121		HUF 35,300)								
	For international applications in English:										
	RUB 28,000	CHF** 453	EUR 425	HUF* ** 115,800	USD* 450						
	*(from 1.7.15: HUF 132,100		USD 525)								
	**(from 1.8.15: CHF 502		HUF 146,400)								
SE	SEK 17,040	CHF 1,958	DKK 13,960	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK* 17,000					
	USD 2,125										
	*(from 1.8.15: NOK 15,850)										
US	USD 2,080	CHF 1,998	EUR 1,835	NZD 2,660	ZAR* 23,410						
	*(from 1.7.15: ZAR 25,250)										
	For small entity ²⁸ : USD 1,040			CHF 999	EUR 918	NZD 1,330	ZAR* 11,700				
	*(from 1.7.15: ZAR 12,620)										
	For micro entity ²⁸ : USD 520			CHF 500	EUR 459	NZD 660	ZAR* 5,850				
	*(from 1.7.15: ZAR 6,310)										
XN	DKK 13,960	CHF 1,958	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK* 17,000	SEK 17,040					
	USD 2,125										
	*(from 1.8.15: NOK 15,850)										

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 June 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 34}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 888	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,243	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,776	
EP	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
RU	CHF 191 (305) ³⁵ (from 1.8.15: 212 (339) ³⁵)	CHF 200
SE	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,958	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 560	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

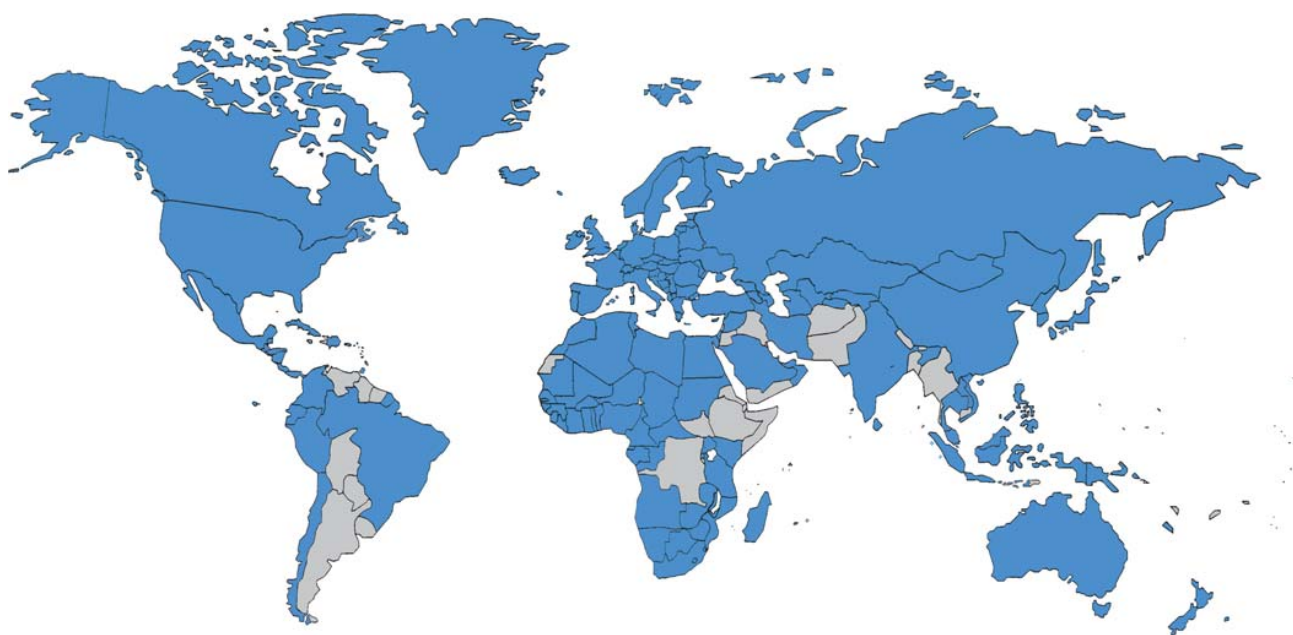
(amounts on 1 June 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁶	Handling fee ^{2, 36} (CHF 200)
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,749	EUR 191
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁷	AUD 278
BR ³⁰	Online: BRL 630	BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL 945	
CA	CAD 800	CAD 270
CL	USD 1,500	USD 208
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³¹ : USD 300	
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³²	EGP 3,000	USD 208
EP ³³	EUR 1,930	EUR 191
ES	EUR 589.49	EUR 191
FI	EUR 600	EUR 191
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 766
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 208
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁸	JPY 24,700
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 238,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁸ 4,050 ³⁹	USD 208
	For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁸ 15,750 ³⁹	
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,820
US	USD 600 760 ⁴⁰	USD 208
	For small entity ²⁸ : USD 300 380 ⁴⁰	
	For micro entity ²⁸ : USD 150 190 ⁴⁰	
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,430

[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>
- 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. The reduction under Item 4(a) of the Schedule of fees will no longer be available in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 July 2015.
- 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 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 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.
- 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 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 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>).
- 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 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 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>
- 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 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)).

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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
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BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LR Liberia (AP)	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) ²	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 ³	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	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 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

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 and 1 January 2015, respectively). 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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Intellectual Property Office of Singapore to Begin Operating as ISA, SISA and IPEA

Following the appointment, at the 46th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union which was held in September 2014, of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2014), the Office has notified WIPO that it will begin operating as ISA and IPEA with effect from 1 September 2015. Furthermore, it will also act as an Authority specified for supplementary search (SISA).

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

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Mexican Institute of Industrial Property and Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property and the Intellectual Property Department (Qatar), in their capacities as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that they are/will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 July 2015, in the case of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, and from 1 September 2015, in the case of the Intellectual Property Department (Qatar). The Offices (will) accept international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal. The equivalent amounts in USD of the applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 9 July 2015 at:

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

and the notification containing the requirements of the Intellectual Property Department (Qatar) will be published at the same address shortly.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (MX and QA).

The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by the above-mentioned Offices brings to 24 the total number of receiving Offices which do so¹.

¹ ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices: RO/IB, RO/AT, RO/AU, RO/BR, RO/CA, RO/CL, RO/CZ, RO/DZ, RO/EA, RO/EE, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/HU, RO/IN, RO/LV, RO/MX, RO/MY, RO/NZ, RO/QA, RO/SA, RO/SE, RO/SG, RO/TR and RO/ZA.

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2015, the July version of the PCT-SAFE Client software can 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-EASY Functionality of PCT-SAFE No Longer Available (Reminder)

It is recalled that since 1 July 2015, it has no longer been possible to file international applications using the PCT-EASY mode of the PCT-SAFE software. Furthermore, the fee reduction under former Item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees (that is, 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”) is no longer applicable.

Users of the special EFS-Web functionality for filings with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, however, can still prepare and upload a “PCT-EASY .zip” file to the EFS-Web system.

For further information, please see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2015.

New E-mail Notification System for the *PCT Newsletter* (Reminder)

It is recalled that, on 16 June 2015, WIPO moved to a new distribution platform for its newsletters and press releases. If you have not already signed up to this new platform, and you wish to make use of the *PCT Newsletter* e-mail service which informs you about the availability of each issue, you should sign up to the *PCT Newsletter* under “IP services – Detailed updates”, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/newsletters>

The sign-up procedure is simple and will only take a few moments of your time. Please be aware that if you sign up on the WIPO newsletter platform in a language other than English, you will only be able to subscribe to newsletters which are available in that language; you can only subscribe to the *PCT Newsletter* e-mails from the English-language platform.

Note also that if you subscribe to a WIPO newsletter by mistake and wish to unsubscribe, you can simply click on “Manage subscriptions” at the bottom of any of your WIPO newsletter e-mails, deselect the newsletter concerned, and then click on “Update profile”.

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

New pilot starts between the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) and the Japan Patent Office

On 1 July 2015, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO). Under this program,

faster examination in the national phase in Romania 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 Examination Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II), issued by the JPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the above-mentioned PCT-PPH agreement is available at:

<http://www.osim.ro/brevete/Program-pilot-PPH-OSIM-JPO-en.html> and

http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2015/0624_02.html

More Offices join the Global PPH pilot

On 6 July 2015, the Estonian Patent Office and the German Patent and Trade Mark Office joined the Global PPH (GPPH), bringing the number of Offices that have signed up to the pilot to 21.

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 ISA or the IPEA, 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.epa.ee/en/news/estonian-patent-office-joins-gpph>

<http://presse.dpma.de/pressexservice/englisch/unserservice/pressreleases/6july2015/index.html>

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

Amendments to the PCT Regulations (Reminder)

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, during its meeting which was held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014, amendments to the PCT Regulations. Those amendments entered into force on 1 July 2015 and consisted of:

- 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; and
 - 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 (see “Eligibility for Reductions in Certain PCT Fees”, below).

The consolidated text of the PCT Regulations, as in force from 1 July 2015, is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish on the PCT website at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/texts/index.html>
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/index.html>
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html>
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.html>
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/index.html>
http://www.wipo.int/pct/it/texts/pdf/pct_regs2015.pdf
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/index.html>
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/index.html>
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/index.html>
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/index.html>

Also, a PowerPoint presentation describing the amendments to the PCT Regulations that entered into force on 1 July 2015 is now available in Chinese, English, French, German and Spanish at, respectively:

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

Eligibility for Reductions in Certain PCT Fees

The lists of States discussed below, whose nationals and/or residents are eligible for certain PCT fee reductions, have been updated with effect from 1 July 2015, and are available at:

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

Note that the list of States whose nationals and/or residents are eligible for a 75% reduction in certain PCT fees at the EPO has not changed.

It is recalled that, in order to file an international application, at least one applicant must be a national of, or a resident in, a PCT Contracting State (PCT Article 9(1)). Applicants from non-PCT Contracting States must therefore file a PCT application together with an applicant who is a national of and/or resides in a PCT Contracting State, and they may only benefit from a fee reduction if both (or all) applicants are entitled to the reduction.

Applicability of 90% fee reduction

As was announced in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 10/2014 and 05/2015, the list of States whose nationals and/or residents are eligible for a 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, has been amended as follows:

Additions to Part 1(a)² (PCT Contracting States):

- Cyprus
- Greece
- Malta
- Portugal
- Saudi Arabia
- Slovenia

Additions to Part 1(b)² (States which are not PCT Contracting States):

- Bahamas
- Nauru
- Palau
- Suriname

Deletions from Part 1(a):

- Singapore
- United Arab Emirates

Applicability of 75% reduction in international search fee at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

The following States have been deleted from the list of States whose nationals and/or residents are eligible for a 75% reduction in the international search fee at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (that is, the States classified as low-income, lower-middle-income and

² In the case of the States listed under Parts 1(a) and (b) of the list, the fee reduction is applicable only for applicants who are natural persons.

upper-middle-income economies by the World Bank, which are not party to the European Patent Convention):

Argentina
Seychelles
Venezuela

Note that Bulgaria, which had been erroneously included in the previous table, has also been deleted.

PCT Information Update

DO Dominican Republic (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic) has specified, with effect from 14 July 2015, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to 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 the Dominican Republic with the National Office of Industrial Property (or the International Bureau) as receiving Office.

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

IR Iran (Islamic Republic of) (name of Office; general information; requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office)

The name of the Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran) has changed as follows:

Name of Office: Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)

General information about the Islamic Republic of Iran as a PCT Contracting State and information on the requirements of the Office as designated (or elected Office) has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (IR) and National Chapter, Summary (IR)) on the PCT website at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexb1/ax_b_ir.pdf

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/ir.pdf>

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 September 2015, 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 reduction listed under item 4(c) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

MX Mexico (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance by the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 July 2015, 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.

PT Portugal (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2015:

	<i>Online</i>	<i>On paper</i>
For patent (includes publication and examination):	EUR 52.04	104.08
For utility model (includes publication):	EUR 52.04	104.08

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

QA Qatar (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; time when name and address of inventor must be given; information on the requirements of the Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office); electronic filing and fees)

The name, location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail address of the Intellectual Property Center (Qatar) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)
Location and mailing address:	Ministry of Economy and Commerce P.O. Box 1968 Doha Qatar
Telephone:	(974) 4012 2796
Fax:	(974) 4429 4338
E-mail:	kjalhitmi@mec.gov.qa

The Office has notified a change in its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Qatar is designated (or elected) – this information must be in the request form. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of six months from the date of the invitation.

Furthermore, the Office has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. For further information, please see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex L, at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexl/anx_l.pdf

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (QA) and Annex L)

Information on the requirements of the Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected Office) has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex C (QA) and National Chapter, Summary (QA)) on the PCT website at, respectively:

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

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/qa.pdf>

For information on the acceptance by the Intellectual Property Department (Qatar) as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 September 2015, 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.

SV El Salvador (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the National Center of Registries (El Salvador) has changed, and the Office has notified an additional e-mail address, as follows:

E-mail: propiedadintelectual@cnr.gob.sv
omc_es@minec.gov.sv

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (SV))

US United States of America (competent International Authorities)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2015 regarding the specification by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, with effect from 1 July 2015, of the Japan Patent Office (JPO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority (in addition to other Offices), it is recalled that one of the conditions that must be met in order for the JPO to be a competent Authority is for the claims of the international application to be directed to the field of green technology, as defined by certain International Patent Classification (IPC) classes. Please note that the list of IPC classes concerned was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 25 June 2015 at:

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

Search fee (European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Indian Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 September 2015, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

European Patent Office	NZD
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	EUR
Indian Patent Office	CHF
Japan Patent Office	CHF
Korean Intellectual Property Office	NZD
United States of America	NZD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex D (EP, IN, JP, KR, RU, US))

Handling fee (Japan)

As from 1 September 2015, 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 Case Law Database

The Case Law Database which contains text-searchable PCT legal and administrative decisions from national courts and regional administrative bodies in or operating for PCT Contracting States has been updated with recent cases from Canada, India, Israel and the United Kingdom. The database is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pctcaselawdb/en>

The decisions which have been included in the database are ones in which PCT issues have been referenced, raised or considered by a national court or administrative body. Abstracts and PCT legal references have been added by the International Bureau in order to facilitate navigation and information retrieval.

Submissions for additions (in any language) or database refinements are welcome and should be sent by e-mail to: pct.legal@wipo.int

PowerPoint presentation on amendments to the PCT Regulations

For information about a PowerPoint presentation on the amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 July 2015, please see "Amendments to the PCT Regulations (Reminder)", above.

Advanced PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters (Still a Few Places Available)

It is recalled that an advanced PCT seminar on the procedural aspects of the international and national phases, recent and future PCT developments, and the filing and management of PCT applications in ePCT, will be held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva on 24 and 25 September 2015. 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 across the PCT sector at WIPO, as well as Mr. Michael Neas, Deputy Director of International Patent Legal Administration at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (via web conference). Registration and further details on the seminar are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=36763

There is no registration fee for the seminar, which is limited to 50 participants. The registration deadline is 11 September 2015. Further information on the seminar may be obtained by sending an e-mail to: pct.our@wipo.int

PATENTSCOPE search system

New video tutorials

Six short videos which explain the PATENTSCOPE search system are now available at:

<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/tutorial.jsf>

The videos tell you what is included in its database, how to use the different search interfaces and how to read your result list.

PowerPoint presentations

Between February and June 2015, the following webinars on the PATENTSCOPE search system were given:

- Overview of the PATENTSCOPE search system (in Japanese) (February 2015)
- How to use the Advanced Search in PATENTSCOPE to build complex queries (February 2015)
- How to read the result list and how to use the translation tools available in PATENTSCOPE (March 2015)
- Demonstration of the tool CLIR in the PATENTSCOPE search system (April 2015)
- IPC and the PATENTSCOPE search system (May 2015)
- Overview of the different features available in the PATENTSCOPE search system (June 2015)

The PowerPoint slides that were used for those webinars are available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/>

Further webinars on the PATENTSCOPE search system will be taking place in the near future. Please refer to the list of PCT webinars at the end of the PCT Seminar Calendar.

Practical Advice

Diverging practices of receiving Offices regarding the incorporation of missing parts

Q: My company regularly files PCT applications electronically using ePCT-Filing, and although filing this way certainly simplifies the filing process and helps us to avoid making formality errors, it is quite easy to select the wrong file when uploading the description or claims. I would like to know whether it is possible to have recourse to the PCT Regulations in the situation where, for example, the wrong set of claims is filed – would the PCT Regulations regarding incorporation by reference of missing elements or parts enable me, at a later date, to replace the incorrect set of claims with the correct ones (where the international application claims priority of an earlier application containing the set of claims which should have been filed), without affecting the international filing date already accorded?

A: The provisions of PCT Rules 4.18 (Statement of Incorporation by Reference), 20.5 (Missing Parts) and 20.6 (Confirmation of Incorporation by Reference of Elements and Parts) were

designed to provide a safeguard for applicants in cases where any of the following are not contained in the international application:

- the entirety of the description or the entirety of the claims; or
- part of the description, claims or the entirety or part of the drawings

and where the element or part of the element concerned is completely contained in the earlier application the priority of which is being claimed. Provided that the necessary requirements have been met, the applicant can, in principle, incorporate by reference the missing element or part, while maintaining the international filing date. This means that the receiving Office would include the correct element in the international application (although it would not actually “replace” the incorrect element or part).

The majority of PCT receiving Offices (ROs) apply these Rules in the situation you describe above, where a set of claims (or a description) has been filed, but it later turns out that those claims were in fact the incorrect ones and the applicant wishes to include the correct ones.

However, please be aware that:

- a number of ROs and designated Offices (DOs) (or elected Offices) have submitted notifications of incompatibility between their national law and the Rules concerning incorporation by reference, as explained below, and
- even among those Offices which apply the Rules on incorporation by reference of missing elements or parts, not all of them interpret the Rules in the same way (as will be discussed later in this article).

Notifications of Incompatibility

The following Offices have submitted notifications of incompatibility under PCT Rule 20.8(a) in their capacities as ROs, and so will not accept incorporation by reference in any of the above-mentioned circumstances:

BE	Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)
CU	Cuban Industrial Property Office
CZ	Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)
DE	German Patent and Trade Mark Office
ID	Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)
IT	Italian Patent and Trademark Office
KR	Korean Intellectual Property Office
MX	Mexican Institute of Industrial Property

The following Offices have submitted notifications of incompatibility under PCT Rule 20.8(b) in their capacities as DOs (or elected Offices) and thus applicants will not have the benefits of the incorporation by reference provisions in the national phase in any of the above-mentioned circumstances:

CN	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China
CU	Cuban Industrial Property Office
CZ	Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)
DE	German Patent and Trade Mark Office
ID	Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)
KR	Korean Intellectual Property Office
MX	Mexican Institute of Industrial Property
TR	Turkish Patent Institute

You should, however, bear in mind that even if the DO concerned has not submitted a notification of incompatibility of PCT under PCT Rule 20.8(b), it may not necessarily accept a positive decision of the RO since DOs may, to a limited extent, review the decisions by ROs to allow incorporation by reference (see PCT Rule 82*ter*.1(b) to (d)).

The above-mentioned lists are published (and updated when notifications of incompatibility are withdrawn) on the PCT website at:

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

It should be noted that under the PCT Roadmap (see documents PCT/WG/2/3 and PCT/WG/3/2), all States which maintain outstanding notifications of incompatibility under various provisions of the PCT Regulations are strongly encouraged to enact the necessary amendments to the national laws so that these notifications can be withdrawn.

Diverging interpretations

Among the Offices which in principle apply the provisions on incorporation by reference, there is a divergence of views as to the correct interpretation of those Rules in practice. Certain ROs, including for example the European Patent Office, take the view that, under PCT Rules 4.18, 20.5 and 20.6, the practice to allow the inclusion of a new complete set of claims or a new complete description, where the element concerned had been erroneously filed, is not permissible. These Offices argue that, by definition, the term “missing part” of the claims or description elements indicates that some part of such element was missing but other parts of that element had been filed. Incorporation by reference of a “missing part” would thus require that the “missing part” of the claims or description element that was to be incorporated by reference indeed “complete” that (incomplete) element as contained in the international application on the international filing date, rather than adding a new element.

Other ROs, for example the International Bureau (IB) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, take the view that such practice is both permissible, and consistent with the letter and spirit of the Regulations. If not, it would result in the situation where an applicant who did not include any claim(s) and/or any description in the international application as filed would be allowed to have those elements included in the international application by way of incorporation by reference of a missing element, whereas an applicant who had attempted to include those elements in the international application as filed but who had erroneously submitted the wrong claims and/or the wrong description would not be allowed to correct the mistake by adding the correct elements. These Offices also refer to the fact that the PCT Working Group, at its first session (see paragraphs 126 and 127 of document PCT/WG/1/16),

had suggested that such practice was indeed permissible (“the Working Group noted that, in a case where the international application, on the international filing date, contained the necessary claim(s) element and description element (see Article 11(1)(iii)(d) and (e)), it was not possible under Rules 4.18 and 20.6(a) for the claims or description contained in a priority application to be incorporated as a missing “element”. However, it appeared to be possible, in such a case, for part or all of the description, or part or all of the claims, contained in the priority application to be incorporated under those Rules as a missing “part.”), and that the Receiving Office Guidelines had been modified accordingly so as to clarify that, in the circumstances where incorporation by reference resulted in a duplicated set of description, claims or drawings, the set incorporated by reference was to be placed sequentially before the originally filed set. (By doing this, it will be clear which set of claims should be taken into account, for example, for the purposes of international search and searches in the national phase.)

Despite the fact that the diverging RO practices described above have been discussed in a number of PCT meetings (including in the recent meeting of the PCT Working Group which was held from 26 to 29 May 2015 (see document PCT/WG/8/4)), there appears to be no consensus among Member States on this issue.

It is clearly not ideal that there are diverging interpretations on this matter, and it is generally acknowledged that it would be best to attempt to clarify the legal provisions regarding incorporation by reference of missing parts. The PCT Member States and the IB are trying to find a way forward to resolve this long-standing problem. In the meantime, the IB has been requested to prepare, for discussion at the next session of the PCT Working Group in 2016, a draft of a new provision focusing on erroneously-filed elements and parts (see Chair’s Summary – document PCT/WG/8/25, paragraph 122), and to work with Member States to modify the Receiving Office Guidelines with a view to clarifying the existing divergent practices of ROs (see paragraph 123 of the same document).

Of course, it is always very important that you take great care when selecting files for upload when preparing your international application to be electronically-filed. It is also advisable to find out (before any such error occurs) what your RO’s practice is with regards to allowing incorporation by reference where the incorrect set of claims (or description) has been filed. If it does not agree to incorporate the correct claims or description by reference, one option which you may wish to consider is to withdraw the international application concerned and re-file it with the correct claims or description (although if you do this, you would need to check whether the priority period had expired in the meantime).

For details on requesting incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements, please refer to PCT Rules 4.18, 20.5 and 20.6, the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2007, and the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, paragraphs 6.027 to 6.031.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 27 July 2015)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
4 August 2015 Minneapolis, MN (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
August 2015 (POSTPONED) Qazvin (IR)	English/ Persian	PCT training workshop within the framework of the Qazvin Invention Innovation Festival (QIIF) (26 to 31 August 2015) WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	International Federation of Inventors' Associations (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) Internet: http://www.ifia.com E-mail: bijan.nasiri@ifia.com
9 September 2015 New York, NY (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
21 September 2015 Madrid (ES)	English	Training Course on Industrial Property Administrative Management for paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Largo	Industrial Organization School and Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (Mr. Ascensión Vázquez Pérez and Mr. Sergio González) E-mail: Ascenvazquez@eoi.es, Sergio.Gonzalez@eoi.es
24–25 September 2015 Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT): 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 50 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: Mr. Sandage, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Reischle, Mr. Abidine, Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Sim, Mr. Tachibana, Mr. Thobie, Ms. Chatel, Mr. Marlow, Ms. Metcalfe, Ms. Weiss, Mr. Yu, Ms. Gateau, and others, to be announced Other speaker (by video conference): Mr Neas, United States Patent and Trademark Office	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters On-line registration and further information: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/registration/form.jsp?registration_id=199 Deadline for registrations: 11 September 2015 E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int
5 October 2015 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
8–9 October 2015 Cary, NC (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Angela Allen) E-mail: aallen@ncbar.org
13 October 2015 Helsinki (FI)	English	Update Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Olli Ilmarinen) Tel: (358) 9 6939 5236 Fax: (358) 9 6939 5556 E-mail: olli.ilmarienen@prh.fi
14 October 2015 Helsinki (FI)	Finnish/ English	ePCT Training WIPO speaker: Ms. Metcalfe	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (see Helsinki, above)

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
14–15 October 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former staff member of the PCT Legal Division, WIPO, former member of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office, now retired)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
16 October 2015 Seattle, WA (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
20 October 2015 Washington, DC (US)	English	ePCT Training Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Piriou Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Seattle, above)
26–27 October 2015 Ottawa (Gatineau) (CA)	English	Canadian PCT Roundtable WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim Other speakers: Ms. Auria Lansac (European Patent Office) and others to be announced.	Intellectual Property Institute of Canada E-mail: admin@ipic.ca
29 October – 1 November 2015 Nuremberg (DE)	German	PCT training workshop during the iENA Invention Exhibition WIPO speaker: Ms. Weiss	International Federation of Inventors' Associations (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) E-mail: bijan.nasiri@ifia.com Internet: www.ifia.com
30 October 2015 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 14th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (29-30 October 2015) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Sarah Packham) Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: sarah.packham@management-forum.co.uk
4–5 November 2015 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
10 November 2015 Los Angeles (Glendale), CA (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
18 November 2015 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
24 November 2015 Basel (CH)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Sarah Brunner) Tel: (41) 61 324 84 22 E-mail: sarah.brunner@novartis.com
1–2 December 2015 (originally scheduled for 3–4 December) London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities (including practical presentations on PCT eServices) for patent administrators WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Sarah Packham) Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: sarah.packham@management-forum.co.uk
2 December 2015 San Diego (Del Mar), CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Houston, above)

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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 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and other speaker, to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
8 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
3 February 2016 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
22 September 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 24 September 2015 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Result list and analysis tools WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendeegotowebinar.com/rt/8089625283101021953
20 October 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 22 October 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: How to search using PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendeegotowebinar.com/rt/8157685052860390913
24 November 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 26 November 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: How to build complex queries in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendeegotowebinar.com/rt/1937483891740913153
15 December 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 17 December 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Retrospective of 2015 and plans for 2016 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendeegotowebinar.com/rt/6065860882481709057

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
15 October 2015 Seattle, WA (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
1 December 2015 San Diego (Del Mar), CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Seattle, above)

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 July 2015, 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) and (c) 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), the supplementary search handling fee 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	HUF	Hungarian forint	MXN	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian Rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal		
		DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	RON	New leu		
ALL	Albanian lek	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AMD	Armenian dram	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUB	Russian rouble		
AUD	Australian dollar	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
BAM	Convertible mark	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni		
BND	Brunei dollar								

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 July 2015, 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
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available						CA
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,848	21	–	278	417	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30 ⁸	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
BE	EUR 120	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP
BR	BRL ⁹ online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	USD 50	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,799	20	–	270	406	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,384	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	208	312	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN

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

(amounts on 1 July 2015, 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	
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷		
CO	COP 865,000 ¹¹	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD 250	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CL EP ES	
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES RU	
CY	EUR 163	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP	
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP	
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP	
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,480	110	–	1,430	2,140	EP SE XN	
DM	Information not yet available							
DO	USD 275	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CL EP ES US	
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP	
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,384	16	–	208	312	EP RU	
EC	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CL EP ES	
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP	
EG	USD 142	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP US	
EP	EUR 130	EUR 1,273	14	96	191	287	EP	
ES	EUR 74.99	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP ES	
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP	
GB	GBP 75	GBP 948	11	–	142	214	EP	
GD	Information not yet available							
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP IL RU US	
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT BR EP ES US	
HN	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP ES	
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP	
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 392,000	HUF 4,400	–	59,000	88,400	EP RU	
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 96 or USD ¹⁵ 104	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,273 or USD 1,384	15 14 16	– – –	200 191 208	300 287 312	See footnote 16	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU	
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP	
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,384	16	–	208	312	EP IL US	
IN	INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD 1,384	16	–	208	312	AT AU CN EP IN SE US	
IR	IRR ¹² –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	CN EP IN RU	
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 190,800	2,200	–	28,700	43,000	EP SE XN	
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP	
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁷	JPY 164,300 (from 1.9.15: 178,100)	1,900 (2,000)	– (–)	– (–)	37,100 (40,200)	EP JP	
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU	
KN	Information not yet available							
KN								EP
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU	
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR	
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU	
LR	USD 45	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
LS	LSL ¹² –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP	
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP RU	

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

(amounts on 1 July 2015, 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
						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	68.87	EUR	1,273	14	–	191	287	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹²	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	600 ¹⁹	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 ²⁰	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²¹	USD	1,384	16	–	208	312	CL 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	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	10,990	120	–	1,650	2,480	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD (from 1.9.15: 1,926)	1,797 (22)	20 (22)	– (–)	270 (290)	405 (434)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹²	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD	200	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,384	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,384	16	–	208	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	1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,384	eq USD 16	–	–	–	EG EP US
RO	RON	360	EUR	1,273	14	–	(from 1.9.15: eq USD 208)	(from 1.9.15: eq USD 312)	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,140 ²³	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	191	287	EP
RU	RUB	850	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,384	16	–	208	312	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD ¹²	–	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,070	140	–	1,820	2,720	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,953	22	–	294	441	AT AU EP JP KR (from 1.9.15: SG)
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²⁴	EUR	1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
SM	EUR	70	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹²	–	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹²	–	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹²	–	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹²	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁵	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD small entity ²⁷ : micro entity ²⁷ :	240 ²⁶ 120 ²⁶ 60 ²⁶	USD	1,384	16	104	208	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹²	–	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	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	16,720	190	–	2,510	3,770	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,384	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 July 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,864	CHF	1,947	KRW	2,316,000	SGD	2,790	USD	2,112	ZAR	24,470
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,583	EUR	1,525	KRW	1,882,000	NZD*	2,311	SGD	2,290
	USD	1,789	ZAR	19,930								
BR ²⁹	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF	519	EUR	484	USD	540		
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF	778	EUR	726	USD	809		
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,183	EUR	1,137	USD	1,284				
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,922	EUR	1,765						
	In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity ² :				USD	400	CHF	384	EUR	353		
	In case of filing by a university ³⁰ :				USD	300	CHF	288	EUR	265		
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	310	EUR	297	USD	342				
EG ³¹	EGP	4,000	CHF	483	EUR	480	USD	525				
EP ³²	EUR	1,875	CHF	1,958	DKK	13,960	GBP	1,365	HUF	577,000	ISK	287,000
	JPY	251,600	NOK*	17,000	NZD**	2,761	SEK	17,040	SGD	2,800		
	USD	2,125	ZAR	24,620								
	*(from 1.8.15:		NOK	15,850)								
	**(from 1.9.15:		NZD	3,068)								
ES ³³	EUR	1,875	CHF	1,958	USD	2,125						
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF	1,958	USD	2,125						
IL	ILS	3,554	CHF	875	EUR	809	USD	909				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF*	157	EUR	142	USD	163				
	*(from 1.9.15:		CHF	145)								
	In case of filing by an individual:				INR	2,500	CHF*	39	EUR	36	USD	41
	*(from 1.9.15:		CHF	36)								
JP ¹⁷	JPY	70,000	CHF*	567	EUR	522	KRW	638,000	SGD	766	USD	577
	*(from 1.9.15:		CHF	523)								
KR	For international applications in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	526	CHF	378	EUR	362	NZD*	539	SGD	540
	USD	422										
	*(from 1.9.15:		NZD	596)								
	For international applications in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,519	CHF	1,093	EUR	1,046	NZD*	1,558	SGD	1,560
	USD	1,219										
	*(from 1.9.15:		NZD	1,722)								
RU	For international applications in Russian:											
	RUB	6,750	CHF*	109	EUR**	102	HUF*	31,800	USD	127		
	*(from 1.8.15:		CHF	121	HUF	35,300)						
	**(from 1.9.15:		EUR	108)								
	For international applications in English:											
	RUB	28,000	CHF*	453	EUR**	425	HUF*	132,100	USD	525		
	*(from 1.8.15:		CHF	502	HUF	146,400)						
	**(from 1.9.15:		EUR	448)								
SE	SEK	17,040	CHF	1,958	DKK	13,960	EUR	1,875	ISK	287,000	NOK*	17,000
	USD	2,125										
	*(from 1.8.15:		NOK	15,850)								
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,998	EUR	1,835	NZD*	2,660	ZAR	25,250		
	*(from 1.9.15:		NZD	2,970)								
	For small entity ²⁷ :				USD	1,040	CHF	999	EUR	918	NZD*	1,330
	*(from 1.9.15:		NZD	1,490)								
	For micro entity ²⁷ :				USD	520	CHF	500	EUR	459	NZD*	660
	*(from 1.9.15:		NZD	740)								
XN	DKK	13,960	CHF	1,958	EUR	1,875	ISK	287,000	NOK*	17,000	SEK	17,040
	USD	2,125										
	*(from 1.8.15:		NOK	15,850)								

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 July 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 33}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 888 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,243 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,776	CHF 200
EP	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
RU	CHF 191 (305) ³⁴ (from 1.8.15: 212 (339) ³⁴)	CHF 200
SE	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,958 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 560	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 July 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

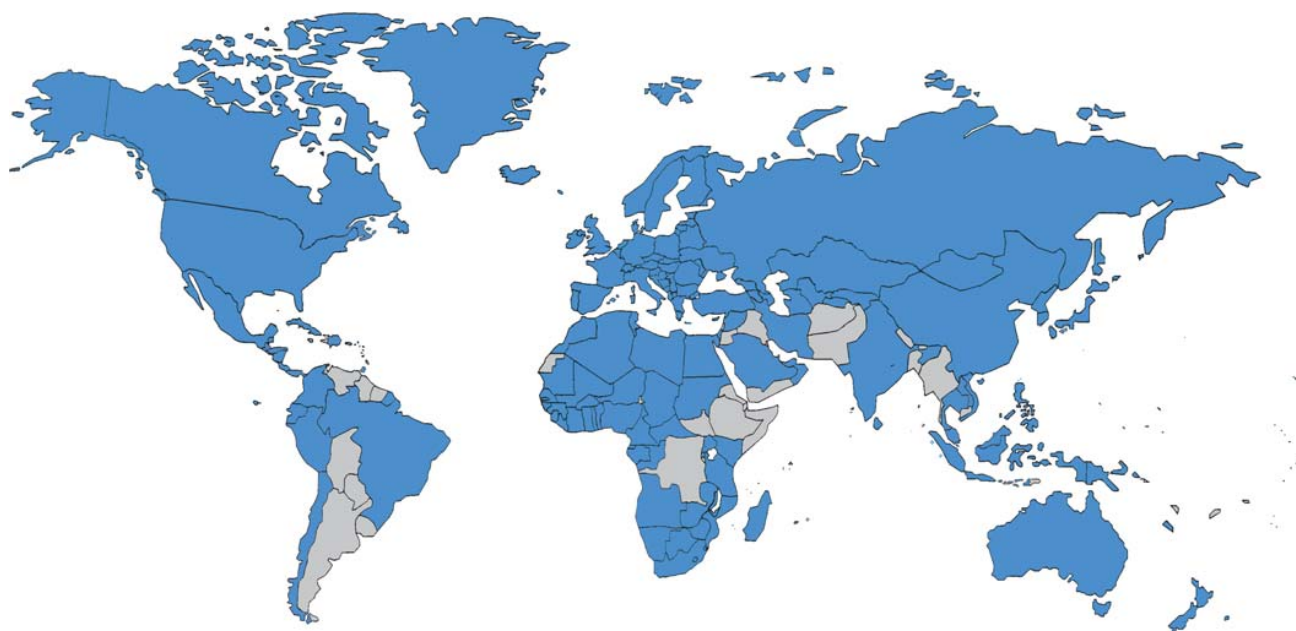
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁵	Handling fee ^{2, 35} (CHF 200)
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,749	EUR 191
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁶	AUD 278
BR ²⁹	Online: BRL 630 On paper: BRL 945	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 800	CAD 270
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300	USD 208
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³¹	EGP 3,000	USD 208
EP ³²	EUR 1,930	EUR 191
ES	EUR 589.49	EUR 191
FI	EUR 600	EUR 191
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 766
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 208
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁷	JPY 24,700 (from 1.9.15: 26,800)
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 238,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁷ 4,050 ³⁸ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁷ 15,750 ³⁸	USD 208
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,820
US	USD 600 760 ³⁹ For small entity ²⁷ : USD 300 380 ³⁹ For micro entity ²⁷ : USD 150 190 ³⁹	USD 208
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,430

[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>
- 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 in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.
- 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 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 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 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 25 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%.
- 26 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.
- 27 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
- 28 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).
- 29 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.
- 30 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>
- 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 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).
- 35 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 36 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 38 In all cases where footnote 37 does not apply.
- 39 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 R¹ |² 2015)



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) ²	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)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MA Morocco ³	QA Qatar	VN Viet Nam
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	ZA South Africa
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova	RS Serbia (EP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CL Chile	HN Honduras	ME Montenegro ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP)	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (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 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

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 and 1 January 2015, respectively). 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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Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws

KR Republic of Korea (PCT Rule 51bis.3(c))

The Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 51bis.3(c) with effect from 1 January 2015, and that the withdrawal applies in respect of any international application whose date of receipt of the translation under PCT Article 22 is on or after that date.

This means that PCT Rule 51bis.3(a) (“Opportunity to Comply with National Requirements”) now applies to KIPO. This Rule provides that the designated Office invites applicants to fulfill any national requirements that are outstanding at the time when the application enters the national phase (that is, the requirements under PCT Rule 51bis.1(a)(i) to (iv) and (c) to (e), or any other requirement of the national law applicable by the designated Office which that Office may apply in accordance with PCT Article 27(1) or (2)) within a minimum time limit of two months from the date of the invitation by the designated Office.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

ePCT-Filing available at RO/DK

As was announced in the *PCT Newsletter* Update of 20 August 2015 (see: http://www.wipo.int/newsletters-archive/en/pct_newsletter.html), which is sent to subscribers to the *PCT Newsletter* e-mail updates, the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/DK), has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 September 2015, it accepts the filing of international applications using ePCT-Filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO Online Filing. Furthermore, with effect from that date, it no longer accepts international applications in electronic form filed on physical media. The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by RO/DK brings to 25 the total number of receiving Offices which do so¹.

¹ ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices: RO/IB, RO/AT, RO/AU, RO/BR, RO/CA, RO/CL, RO/CZ, RO/DK, RO/DZ, RO/EA, RO/EE, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/HU, RO/IN, RO/LV, RO/MX, RO/MY, RO/NZ, RO/QA, RO/SA, RO/SE, RO/SG, RO/TR and RO/ZA.

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 27 August 2015 at:

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

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

ePCT Update

A new release of the ePCT system (version 3.1) was deployed on 31 August 2015. Some of the new features of ePCT for applicants and ePCT for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities are discussed separately, below.

ePCT for applicants

ePCT-Filing

The ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT portal includes the following new features:

- when attaching a single “specification” PDF file, the user can include the drawings in that file, or alternatively, can attach them as a separate PDF file;
- for International Applications (IAs) which have already been submitted to the IB as receiving Office: on the ePCT-Filing screen there is a new direct link to the online payment function;
- on the ePCT-Filing screen, it is now possible to select several new IAs (for which you are the eOwner or eEditor) and either “Manage access rights” or “Delete” them in a single operation;
- when entering the name of a deceased inventor, it is now possible to select which applicant, if any, is associated by succession with the deceased inventor;
- the translation into a language of publication of the title, abstract and any text matter in the drawing to be published with the abstract can (optionally) be typed in the “Accompanying items” screen, when the language of filing of a new application is not a language of publication. Note that, if a translation of the description and claims for international publication is attached via the “Filing Options” screen in text-based PDF format (and not as an image only), the title and abstract text will be extracted by the system and saved to the relevant field on the “Accompanying items” screen; and
- in the case of IAs filed with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, a new fee payment method corresponding to the EPO’s automatic debit procedure can now be selected.

New ePCT Actions

It is now possible to:

- submit amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 to the International Bureau (IB) in text format (.DOCX or text-based .PDF files). Although this Action is available in ePCT public and ePCT private services, note that ePCT private services contains more features, for example, it is possible to save a draft copy prior to submission and to use a

new function that assists with the preparation of the letter that must accompany the amendments;

- prepare a power of attorney and submit it to the IB post-filing (this function is also available in ePCT-Filing); and
- submit a translation for international publication to the IB in .DOCX format for conversion to the required application body XML format (links to templates are available in the ePCT interface).

For further information on the above changes, including relevant screen shots, as well as information on other changes included in this latest release, please see:

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

ePCT for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities

A number of new features are also available in ePCT for Offices and International Authorities, including the possibility to transmit priority documents to the IB, and the addition of two new Actions:

- record receipt of a demand for international preliminary examination and transmit it to the IB; and
- withdraw an application.

Furthermore, a number of forms for use by receiving Offices can now be generated automatically through ePCT, further validations are available and several other improvements have been made. For further information, see:

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

For further information on ePCT in general, including how to get started, please go to:

<https://pct.wipo.int>

or contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at:

e-mail: epct@wipo.int

telephone: (+41–22) 338 9523

or via the

“contact us” link at: <http://www.wipo.int/contact/en/area.jsp?area=patentscope&area2=epct>

Misleading Requests for Payment of Fees

New guidance for making complaints

Reference is made 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.

We would like to assure you that WIPO is working closely with its member States with the goal of putting an end to this fraudulent practice, and would also like to encourage PCT applicants,

agents or inventors (PCT users) to take action with their governments or national business protection associations. It is for this purpose that information has recently been added to the PCT website about how PCT users can make a complaint about these misleading requests. This information includes:

- a new text entitled: “How to make a complaint”, including a suggested text for making complaints; and
- a list of “Government authorities and business protection associations receiving complaints” which will assist PCT users in enforcing local laws against the purveyors of these invoices (complaints can be filed through the websites listed in the various countries) at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/complaint.html>

If a PCT user files a complaint, it will hopefully enable investigations to begin, which may in turn result in legal action against these entities. WIPO has already provided expert testimony at trial, describing the harm caused by this practice and the lack of value of the services provided, and is willing to continue to support PCT users in this way.

For further information, see:

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

In case of doubt in relation to any such fee invitation that you have received, 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

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, in advance of the announcement in this section of the *PCT Newsletter*.

GB United Kingdom (fees)

As from 1 November 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in GBP to the Intellectual Property Office² (United Kingdom) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in GBP 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 (GB))

² Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

KR Republic of Korea (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Korean Intellectual Property Office as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (82-42) 481 52 54

Fax: (82-42) 481 85 78

The telephone and fax numbers of the Office as receiving Office (RO) have not changed.

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

MX Mexico (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

On 25 August 2015, the following depository institution acquired the status of International Depository Authority (IDA) 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:

Colección de Microorganismos del Centro Nacional de Recursos Genéticos (CM-CNRG)
Boulevard de la Biodiversidad No. 400
Col. Rancho las Cruces
Tepatlán de Morelos
Jalisco, C.P. 47600
Mexico

Further information on this IDA will be published shortly at:

<http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/pdf/ida.pdf>

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

NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 October 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in NZD 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 (NZ))

PT Portugal (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2015:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	20.82
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	41.63
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:		
– where the request is filed online.....	EUR	156.12
– where the request is filed on paper	EUR	312.25

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

SG Singapore (e-mail address; requirements as International Authority; competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

As was announced in the *PCT Newsletter* Update of 20 August 2015 (see: http://www.wipo.int/newsletters-archive/en/pct_newsletter.html), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that the following e-mail address is no longer in use: epct@ipos.gov.sg. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

pct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries relating to specific international applications)

ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg (for general enquiries)

As was also announced in the above-mentioned Update, information on the requirements of, and fees payable to, IPOS in its new capacity as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is now available in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (SG), SISA (SG) and E (SG) at:

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

Furthermore, IPOS has, with effect from 1 September 2015, specified itself, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Singapore with IPOS (or the International Bureau) as receiving Office.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and C (SG))

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 October 2015, 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	NZD, USD
Korean Intellectual Property Office	USD
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	CHF

As from 1 November 2015, 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.....	ZAR
European Patent Office	NOK, ZAR
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	CHF, EUR, HUF, USD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	CHF, EUR, USD
United States Patent and Trademark Office	NZD

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

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

Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

There will be a change in the amounts payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) as from 1 October 2015, and there will be a further change in the amounts payable as from 1 November 2015. The new amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

New/updated PCT Resources

Meeting documents

PCT Assembly

Documents which have been prepared for the forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) (PCT Assembly), which will be held in Geneva during the period from 5 to 14 October 2015, are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=36343

ISA and IPEA Agreements

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

The Agreement between the International Bureau of WIPO and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, as in force from 1 September 2015, relating to the functioning of the Office as an 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_sg.pdf

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

New guidance for making complaints about misleading requests for payment of fees

See “Misleading Requests for Payment of Fees”, above.

PCT Newsletter e-mail notifications archive

Reference is made to the *PCT Newsletter* e-mail service which informs PCT users about the availability of each issue, as well as providing occasional updates, and which you can sign up for at:

<http://www.wipo.int/newsletters>

You can now view past *PCT Newsletter* e-mails from a new archive page at:

http://www.wipo.int/newsletters-archive/en/pct_newsletter.html

Please note, however, that within those archived e-mails, any link to the HTML version of the *PCT Newsletter* will always take you to the latest issue; earlier issues are only available in PDF format.

Budapest Treaty

General information about the Budapest Treaty

The WIPO-administered Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure plays an important role in the field of biotechnological inventions. Where an invention involves a microorganism or other biological material (hereinafter referred to as “microorganism”), or the use of it, which is not available to the public, it may not be sufficient to provide only a written disclosure of it – it is also necessary, in numerous countries, to deposit a sample of the microorganism with a specialized institution.

The Budapest Treaty facilitates this process by eliminating the need to deposit such a sample in each country in which patent protection is sought. It provides that a deposit with any International Depositary Authority (IDA) would be sufficient for the purposes of patent procedures before national patent Offices of all Contracting States of the Treaty, as well as before any regional patent Office that recognizes the effects of the Treaty. In the case of PCT applications, information about the deposit would also need to be included in the application. The Treaty therefore offers applicants an efficient, streamlined and cost-effective means of meeting the disclosure requirements associated with patenting inventions involving microorganisms.

More information about the Budapest Treaty is available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/>

An article about the Budapest Treaty was published in the August 2015 issue of the *WIPO Magazine*. The article explains how the treaty works and discusses some of its key advantages in terms of making microorganisms available for research and enabling biotech companies to capture the value of their innovations. The article is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/2015/04/article_0001.html

Statistics on the Budapest Treaty

On 31 August 2015, there were a total of 79 Contracting States of the Budapest Treaty and 45 IDAs. The institution which most recently became an IDA was the Colección de Microorganismos del Centro Nacional de Recursos Genéticos (CM-CNRG) in Mexico, which

obtained the status of IDA in August 2015 (see “PCT Information Update”, above, for further details).

The statistics relating to deposits and samples furnished under the Budapest Treaty in 2014, which are based on replies received from 40 IDAs, are now available at:

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

Some of the highlights of the 2014 statistics are given below.

Overall deposits in 2014 (4,954) increased by 2.6% compared to 2013 (4,829), and samples furnished totaled 2,448, representing an increase of 17% compared to 2013.

The number of deposits filed with the top seven IDAs in 2014 were as follows (the percentage change compared to 2013 is shown in parentheses):

1. China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC) (CN)	1,595	(-2%)
2. American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) (US)	985	(+25.5%)
3. China Center for Type Culture Collection (CCTCC) (CN)	932	(-3.6%)
4. Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC) (KR)	202	(+4.6%)
5. Leibniz-Institut DSMZ – Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ) (DE)	165	(-6.8%)
6. Korean Culture Center of Microorganisms (KCCM) (KR)	148	(-7.4%)
7. National Collections of Industrial, Food and Marine Bacteria (NCIMB) (GB)	146	(-22.6%)

The total number of deposits made between the year in which the Budapest Treaty became operational (1981) and the end of 2014 amounts to 92,035, the top four being as follows:

1. American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) (US)	30,461
2. China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC) (CN)	10,332
3. International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD), National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE) (JP)	10,182
4. Leibniz-Institut DSMZ – Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ) (DE)	7,768

As far as top countries of deposit are concerned, deposits in China and the United States of America represented 72.9% (51% and 21.9%, respectively) of the deposits in 2014, and 55.8% (18.6% and 37.2%, respectively) of the overall total.

PCT in the News

The following extract from the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 4, 2015) has been added to the “PCT in the News” page of the PCT website:

Using patents to ensure access to pioneering cell technology

Shinya Yamanaka, winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 2012, has revolutionized our understanding of how cells develop and specialize. His pioneering work on induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells makes it possible to reprogram mature cells so they are capable of differentiating into any cell type within the adult body. Professor Yamanaka outlines the research being undertaken at the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application at Kyoto University in Japan, of which he is the Director, and explains how the Center is using patents and the PCT to ensure that their work is widely available to other researchers in the field. When talking about its non-exclusive patent licensing approach, he says: “this effort, we believe, will ensure that iPS cells are widely available for use at reasonable and appropriate licensing fees and that iPS cell research is broadened and accelerated”. He also noted that using the PCT “gives us more time to assess whether we really need to patent a given technology.”

The full article 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. 4/2015 is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/pdf/2015/wipo_pub_121_2015_04.pdf

Practical Advice

How to make a request for restoration of the right of priority, and the furnishing of declarations and evidence relating to such requests

Q: I am the agent for a soon-to-be-filed international application in which we would like to claim the priority of an earlier application. Unfortunately, for reasons beyond our control, we have not been able to file the international application within the 12-month priority period, which expired a week ago. We therefore intend to file a request for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3 with the receiving Office (which is prepared to consider such requests). Please could you explain how to make such a request, and what information must be given to support our request?

A: You can make a request for restoration of the right of priority at the time of filing the application, or later, provided that it is made within two months from the date of the expiration of the priority period (PCT Rule 26bis.3(e)). You must also ensure that your international application claims the priority of the earlier application (if it does not, you can submit, within the above-mentioned time limit, a notice under PCT Rule 26bis.1(a) adding the priority claim (PCT Rule 26bis.3(c)).

You can request restoration of the right of priority at the time of filing, directly on the request form (PCT/RO/101) (see the option under Box No. VI), in the ePCT-Filing system or in the PCT-SAFE software. In the case of the paper request form, if you include multiple priority claims, you should clarify in the Supplemental Box the priority claim in respect of which you wish to request restoration. Alternatively, you may file a separate request for restoration of the right

of priority, by way of a letter to the receiving Office, within the time limit under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(e).

The receiving Office (RO) with which you file your request for restoration of the right of priority may charge a fee for making such a request, payable within two months from the date on which the priority period expired (but subject to a possible extension of up to two months), and so you should check with your Office whether such a fee is payable – see the information contained in the table entitled “Restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices and designated Offices under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2” (restoration table) at:

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

or contact the Office concerned directly.

In addition to your request for restoration, you should furnish the following information, either in the same document as the request for restoration, or in a separate document, provided that it is filed within the time limit under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(e):

- an indication (for example on a cover sheet) of the international application number and international filing date (if known), the name(s) of the applicant(s) and agent, and the title of the invention;
- details of the earlier application, the priority of which is being claimed, if it is not obvious from the request form;
- the reasons for the failure to file the international application within the priority period (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(b)(ii)) (“statement of reasons”); and
- preferably a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(b)(iii)), including, where applicable, actions that were taken to prepare and file the international application (“declaration/evidence”).

Statement of reasons

The way in which you prepare your statement of reasons may depend on which criterion your receiving Office applies to requests for restoration of the right of priority, that is, in ascertaining whether the failure to file the international application within the priority period:

- occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken; or
- was unintentional

noting that some Offices may apply both criteria, looking first at whether the most stringent criterion, “due care”, applies to your situation. Information on the criteria applied by Offices, where the Offices concerned have so notified the International Bureau, is available in the above-mentioned restoration table.

In order to meet the “due care” criterion, the statement should describe in detail the facts and circumstances that led to the late filing, as well as any remedial or alternative steps taken to attempt a timely filing of the international application. The requirements to be met under the criterion of “unintentionality” are usually less stringent than this, and for many Offices, it may be sufficient to simply furnish a statement indicating that the failure to comply with the priority period did not occur on purpose (if that is indeed the case). Some Offices which apply this criterion may, nevertheless, require that the statement be submitted in the form of a declaration,

and may require that the statement provide the reasons for the failure, supported by evidence if necessary.

Declaration/evidence

As mentioned above, the RO may require that the statement of reasons be supported by a declaration or other evidence which would enable it to determine whether the failure to file the international application within the priority period occurred in spite of due care. In most cases, such declarations or evidence will not be required where the RO applies the “unintentional” criterion.

There is no specific format for the accompanying declaration under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(b)(iii), nor is there any prescribed wording to substantiate or provide evidence relating to it. However, it is advisable to provide any documentation that you may have that, in your view, shows that the failure to file the application within the priority period occurred in spite of all reasonable care required by the circumstances having been taken to ensure that the priority period would not be missed. In general, in order to meet the “due care” criterion, a declaration and evidence may be required, whereas in order to meet the “unintentional” criterion, a statement is usually sufficient. (See the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, paragraphs 166F and 166G at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html>)

Opportunity to provide further observations, evidence or declarations

The RO decides, on a case-by-case basis, whether a restoration criterion is fulfilled or not, taking into account the specificities of the case. If the RO intends to refuse to restore the right of priority, it will give you the opportunity to make observations on the intended refusal, and where appropriate, it may, under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(f), request you to file a declaration or other evidence, or further observations, declarations or evidence, as the case may be (see Form PCT/RO/158).

Although it is possible to request restoration during the national phase before any DOs in respect of which PCT Rule 49*ter*.2 applies under the applicable national law, in general it is preferable that, whenever possible, you request the restoration of the right of priority before the RO in the international phase. This is the most simple and cost-effective way, and in many cases will have effect before the designated Offices in the national phase. However, you should be aware that some DOs may not accept the decision of the RO, in particular where the RO has applied the “unintentional” criterion and the DO applies the “due care” criterion (please refer to the restoration table mentioned above for information about which criterion is applied by each Office concerned), or where the DO has filed a notification of incompatibility under PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(g). For information about which Offices have filed such a notification, please refer to the table entitled “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” at:

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

The situation where a RO or DO has filed a notification of incompatibility with the PCT Rules relating to the restoration of the right of priority, as well as the implications in the national phase of a decision of the RO about whether or not to restore the right of priority in respect of an international application, are discussed in the Practical Advice articles published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 04/2007, and 09, 10 and 11/2009 at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2007/pct_news_2007_4.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2009/pct_news_2009_09.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2009/pct_news_2009_10.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2009/pct_news_2009_11.pdf

For further information on requesting the restoration of the right of priority see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 5.062 to 5.069 at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>

Information in the form of guidelines for the use of ROs may also be of use to applicants, and is available in paragraphs 166A to O of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines at:

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

Applicants are always strongly advised to file international applications within a reasonable period of time before the end of the 12-month priority period. This helps to avoid situations where the priority period is missed due to unforeseen problems.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 14 September 2015)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
14 September 2015 Mexico City (MX)	Spanish	PCT WIPO-ASIFI Regional Roving Seminars on the PCT and ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy ASIFI speaker: Mr. Díaz Mucharraz (Goodrich, Riquelme & Asociados) Other speakers: Mrs. Solis Alvarez (Mexican Institute of Industrial Property), Mr. Mathoi (European Patent Office)	Inter-American Association of Intellectual Property (ASIFI) (Mr. Enrique A. Díaz Mucharraz) E-mail: ediazvocal3@asifi.org
15 September 2015 Monterrey (MX)	Spanish	PCT WIPO-ASIFI Regional Roving Seminars on the PCT and ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy ASIFI speaker: Mr. Díaz Mucharraz (Goodrich, Riquelme & Asociados) Other speakers: Ms. Molina (Mexican Institute of Industrial Property), Mr. Mathoi (European Patent Office)	Inter-American Association of Intellectual Property (ASIFI) (see Mexico City, above)
17 September 2015 New York, NY (US)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. MacStravic, Mr. Vázquez-López, Mr. Datri	WIPO, in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA), in cooperation with the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Further information and registration: http://www.nyipla.org/assnfe/ev.asp?ID=144
18 September 2015 Bogota (CO)	Spanish	PCT WIPO-ASIFI Regional Roving Seminars on the PCT and ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy ASIFI speaker: Mr. Triana Soto (Triana, Uribe & Michelsen) Other speakers: Mr. Lemus Giraldo (Superintendence of Industry and Commerce), Mr. Foncillas Garrido (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)	Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio (Ms. Paola A. Carrillo Zuluaga) E-mail: pcarrillo@sic.gov.co
21 September 2015 Havana (CU)	Spanish	PCT WIPO-ASIFI Regional Roving Seminars on the PCT and ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy ASIFI speaker: Mr. Vanrel (President of ASIFI; Vanrell Propiedad Intelectual Abogados) Other speakers: Ms. Pérez Díaz (Cuban Industrial Property Office), Mr. Foncillas Garrido (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)	Inter-American Association of Intellectual Property (ASIFI) E-mail: ocpi@ocpi.cu
21 September 2015 Madrid (ES)	Spanish	Training Course on Industrial Property Administrative Management for paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Largo	Industrial Organization School and Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (Mr. Ascensión Vázquez Pérez and Mr. Sergio González) E-mail: Ascenvazquez@eoi.es, Sergio.Gonzalez@eoi.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
24 September 2015 Freiburg im Breisgau (DE)	German/ English	WIPO Special in the framework of the GRUR Annual Meeting 2015: "Recent developments in WIPO administered IP services" (including the PCT) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR) (Ms. Sandra von Lingen) Tel: (49-221) 650 65 155 Fax: (49-221) 650 65 205 E-mail: s.vonlingen@grur.de Internet: http://www.grur.org/en/grur-calendar/annual-meetings/veranstaltungen/veranstaltungen/detail/jahrestagung-2015.html
24–25 September 2015 Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT): 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 50 people. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: Mr. Sandage, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Reischle, Mr. Abidine, Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Sim, Mr. Tachibana, Mr. Thobie, Ms. Chatel, Mr. Marlow, Ms. Metcalfe, Ms. Weiss, Mr. Yu, Ms. Gateau, and others, to be announced Other speaker (by video conference): Mr. Neas, United States Patent and Trademark Office	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters On-line registration and further information: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/registration/form.jsp?registration_id=199 Deadline for registrations: 11 September 2015 E-mail: pct.our@wipo.int
27–29 September 2015 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Presentation on recent and future developments in the PCT to the IPO European Practice Committee, within the framework of the 2015 Annual Meeting of the IPO WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) Further information and registration: http://www.ipso.org/AM2015
1–2 October 2015 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar 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
3–5 October 2015 Tehran (IR) (postponed)	English/ Persian	PCT training workshop WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	International Federation of Inventors' Associations (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) E-mail: bijan.nasiri@ifia.com Internet: http://www.ifia.com
5–6 October 2015 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar 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
5 October 2015 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
8–9 October 2015 Cary, NC (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Angela Allen) E-mail: aallen@ncbar.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
13 October 2015 Helsinki (FI)	English	Update Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Olli Ilmarinen) Tel: (358) 9 6939 5236 Fax: (358) 9 6939 5556 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
14 October 2015 Helsinki (FI)	Finnish/ English	ePCT Training WIPO speaker: Ms. Metcalfe	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (see Helsinki, above)
14–15 October 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former staff member of the PCT Legal Division, WIPO, former member of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office, now retired)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
16 October 2015 Seattle, WA (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
20 October 2015 Washington, DC (US)	English	ePCT Training Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Piriou Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Seattle, above)
26–27 October 2015 Ottawa (Gatineau) (CA)	English	Canadian PCT Roundtable WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim Other speakers: Ms. Auria Lansac (European Patent Office) and Mr. Michael Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	Intellectual Property Institute of Canada E-mail: admin@ipic.ca
29 October – 1 November 2015 Nuremberg (DE)	German	PCT training workshop during the iENA Invention Exhibition WIPO speaker: Ms. Weiss	International Federation of Inventors' Associations (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) E-mail: bijan.nasiri@ifia.com Internet: www.ifia.com
30 October 2015 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 14th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (29-30 October 2015) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Sarah Packham) Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: sarah.packham@management-forum.co.uk
4–5 November 2015 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
10 November 2015 Los Angeles (Glendale), CA (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 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
18 November 2015 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
24 November 2015 Basel (CH)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Sarah Brunner) Tel: (41) 61 324 84 22 E-mail: sarah.brunner@novartis.com
1–2 December 2015 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities (including practical presentations on PCT eServices) for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Weiss	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Sarah Packham) Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: sarah.packham@management-forum.co.uk
2 December 2015 San Diego (Del Mar), CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Houston, above)
2–3 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and other speaker, to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
8 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
17 December 2015 Riga (LV) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic training seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Arvis Grinbergs, Latvian Patent Office) Tel: (371) 67 22 00 38 Fax: (371) 67 21 07 67 E-mail: arvis.grinbergs@lrpv.gov.lv
3 February 2016 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 May 2016 Istanbul (TR)	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the second year of basic training WIPO speaker: to be announced	CEIPI International (Ms. Selda Arkan) Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42 Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21 E-mail: selda.arkan@alfapatent.com.tr; alfa@alfapatent.com.tr

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
22 September 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 24 September 2015 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Result list and analysis tools WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8089625283101021953
20 October 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 22 October 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: How to search using PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8157685052860390913
24 November 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 26 November 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: How to build complex queries in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1937483891740913153
15 December 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 17 December 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Retrospective of 2015 and plans for 2016 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6065860882481709057

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
17 September 2015 Dresden (DE)	German	PCT seminar: an overview of the individual procedures: from the application to the grant Speaker: Ms. Huppertz	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
15 October 2015 Seattle, WA (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
17 November 2015 Houston, TX (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Seattle, above)
1 December 2015 San Diego (Del Mar), CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Seattle, above)

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 2015, 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) and (c) 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), the supplementary search handling fee 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	HUF	Hungarian forint	MXN	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
<i>Currencies:</i>		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal		
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	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 September 2015, 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
					Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)							
AT	EUR	52	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD 1,848	21	–	278	417	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30 ⁸	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	120	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP
BR	BRL ⁹	online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	USD	50	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,799	20	–	270	406	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,384	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	208	312	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN

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

(amounts on 1 September 2015, 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	
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷		
CO	COP 865,000 ¹¹	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD 250	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CL EP ES	
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES RU	
CY	EUR 163	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP	
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP	
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP	
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,480	110	–	1,430	2,140	EP SE XN	
DM	Information not yet available							
DO	USD 275	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CL EP ES US	
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP	
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,384	16	–	208	312	EP RU	
EC	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CL EP ES	
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP	
EG	USD 142	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP US	
EP	EUR 130	EUR 1,273	14	96	191	287	EP	
ES	EUR 74.99	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP ES	
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR 60	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP	
GB	GBP 75	GBP 948 (from 1.11.15: 867)	11 (10)	– (–)	142 (130)	214 (196)	EP	
GD	Information not yet available							
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP IL RU US	
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT BR EP ES US	
HN	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP ES	
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP	
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 392,000	HUF 4,400	–	59,000	88,400	EP RU	
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 96 or USD ¹⁵ 104	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,273 or USD 1,384	15 14 16	– – –	200 191 208	300 287 312	See footnote 16	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU	
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP	
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,384	16	–	208	312	EP IL US	
IN	INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD 1,384	16	–	208	312	AT AU CN EP IN SE US	
IR	IRR ¹² –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	CN EP IN RU	
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 190,800	2,200	–	28,700	43,000	EP SE XN	
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP	
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁷	JPY 178,100	2,000	–	–	40,200	EP JP	
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU	
KN	Information not yet available							
KN								EP
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU	
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR	
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU	
LR	USD 45	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
LS	LSL ¹² –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP	
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	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
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹² –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²⁰	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²¹	USD 1,384	16	–	208	312	CL 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 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 10,990	120	–	1,650	2,480	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 1,926 (from 1.10.15: 2,111)	22 (24)	– (–)	290 (317)	434 (476)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹² –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,384	16	–	208	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 20.82	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 208	eq USD 312	EG EP US
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,140 ²³	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,384	16	–	208	312	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 12,070	140	–	1,820	2,720	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,953	22	–	294	441	AT AU EP JP KR (from 1.9.15: SG)
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁴	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹² –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁵ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 240 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 120 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 60 ²⁶	USD 1,384	16	104	208	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	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 16,720	190	–	2,510	3,770	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 September 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,864 <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	CHF 1,947 ZAR 26,610)	KRW 2,316,000	SGD 2,790	USD 2,112	ZAR* 24,470			
AU	AUD 2,200 USD* 1,789	CHF 1,583 ZAR 19,930	EUR 1,525 <i>*(from 1.10.15:</i>	KRW 1,882,000 NZD 2,468	NZD* 2,311 USD 1,622)	SGD 2,290			
BR ²⁹	Online: <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	BRL 1,685 CHF 473	CHF* 519 EUR 437	EUR* 484 USD 484)	USD* 540				
	On paper: <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	BRL 2,525 CHF 708	CHF* 778 EUR 654	EUR* 726 USD 725)	USD* 809				
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,183	EUR 1,137	USD 1,284					
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,922	EUR 1,765						
	In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity ² :		USD 400	CHF 384	EUR 353				
	In case of filing by a university ³⁰ :		USD 300	CHF 288	EUR 265				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 297	USD 342					
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000	CHF 483	EUR 480	USD 525					
EP ³²	EUR 1,875 JPY 251,600 USD 2,125	CHF 1,958 NOK* 15,850 ZAR* 24,620	DKK 13,960 NZD 3,068 <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	GBP 1,365 SEK 17,040 NOK 17,070	HUF 577,000 SGD 2,800 ZAR 26,770)	ISK 287,000			
ES ³³	EUR 1,875	CHF 1,958	USD 2,125						
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 1,958	USD 2,125						
IL	ILS 3,554	CHF 875	EUR 809	USD 909					
IN	INR 10,000	CHF 145	EUR 142	USD 163					
	In case of filing by an individual:	INR 2,500	CHF 36	EUR 36	USD 41				
JP ¹⁷	JPY 70,000	CHF 523	EUR 522	KRW 638,000	SGD 766	USD 577			
KR	For international applications in Korean: KRW 450,000 USD* 422 <i>*(from 1.10.15:</i>	AUD 526 USD 389)	CHF 378	EUR 362	NZD 596	SGD 540			
	For international applications in English: KRW 1,300,000 USD* 1,219 <i>*(from 1.10.15:</i>	AUD 1,519 USD 1,125)	CHF 1,093	EUR 1,046	NZD 1,722	SGD 1,560			
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 6,750 <i>*(from 1.10.15:</i>	CHF* ** 121 CHF 109)	EUR** 108	HUF** 35,300	USD** 127				
	<i>***(from 1.11.15:</i>	CHF 102	EUR 82	HUF 28,800	USD 106)				
	For international applications in English: RUB 28,000 <i>*(from 1.10.15:</i>	CHF* ** 502 CHF 453)	EUR** 448	HUF** 146,400	USD** 525				
	<i>***(from 1.11.15:</i>	CHF 422	EUR 341	HUF 119,600	USD 440)				
SE	SEK 17,040 USD 2,125	CHF 1,958	DKK 13,960	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK 15,850			
SG	SGD 2,240	CHF 1,571	EUR 1,487	USD 1,632					
US	USD 2,080 <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	CHF 1,998 NZD 3,140)	EUR 1,835	NZD* 2,970	ZAR 25,250				
	For small entity ²⁷ : <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	USD 1,040 NZD 1,570)	CHF 999	EUR 918	NZD* 1,490	ZAR 12,620			
	For micro entity ²⁷ : <i>*(from 1.11.15:</i>	USD 520 NZD 790)	CHF 500	EUR 459	NZD* 740	ZAR 6,310			
XN	DKK 13,960 USD 2,125	CHF 1,958	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK 15,850	SEK 17,040			

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 September 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 33}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 888 – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,243 – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,776	CHF 200
EP	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
RU	CHF 212 (339) ³⁴ (from 1.10.15: 191 (306) ³⁴) (from 1.11.15: 178 (285) ³⁴)	CHF 200
SE	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,571	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,958 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 560	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 September 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

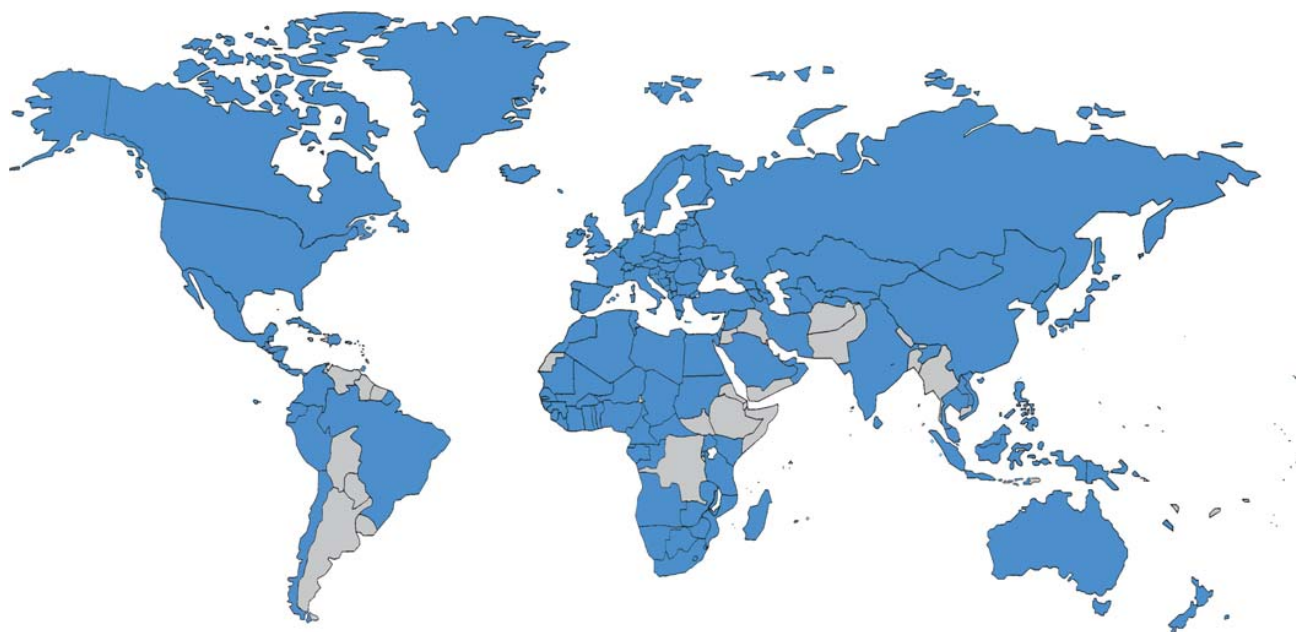
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁵	Handling fee ^{2, 35} (CHF 200)
AT²⁸	EUR 1,749	EUR 191
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁶	AUD 278
BR²⁹	Online: BRL 630 On paper: BRL 945	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 800	CAD 270
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300	USD 208
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG³¹	EGP 3,000	USD 208
EP³²	EUR 1,930	EUR 191
ES	EUR 589.49	EUR 191
FI	EUR 600	EUR 191
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 766
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 208
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁷	JPY 26,800
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 238,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁷ 4,050 ³⁸ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁷ 15,750 ³⁸	USD 208
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,820
SG	SGD 830	SGD 285
US	USD 600 760 ³⁹ For small entity ²⁷ : USD 300 380 ³⁹ For micro entity ²⁷ : USD 150 190 ³⁹	USD 208
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,430

[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>
- 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 in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.
- 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 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 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 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 25 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%.
- 26 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.
- 27 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
- 28 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).
- 29 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.
- 30 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>
- 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 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).
- 35 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 36 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 38 In all cases where footnote 37 does not apply.
- 39 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 September 2015)



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) ²	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 ³	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	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 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

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 1 July 2015). 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 47th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) was held in Geneva during the period from 5 to 14 October 2015, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. The documents referred to in the summary of the meeting, below, are available from the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=135
(for documents relating to the PCT Assembly (PCT/A/46/.. and 47/..)) and

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=35593
(for documents relating to the PCT Working Group (PCT/WG/8/..))

The Assembly appointed the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT (see documents PCT/A/46/6 and 6 Add.). As noted in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2015, the VPI is an intergovernmental organization for cooperation in the field of patents, consisting of the national patent Offices of the four Visegrad countries: the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. The VPI aims to commence operation as an International Authority on 1 July 2016 and will be the first such Authority in the Central European and Baltic Region.

The Assembly approved an amendment to the agreement between the International Bureau (IB) and the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (document PCT/A/47/7), reflecting a reorganization within the Service. The agreement continues to be with the State Intellectual Property Service, but the entity which will perform the main functions of an ISA and IPEA has become a separate unit with the name: "State Enterprise 'Ukrainian Institute of Intellectual Property'".

The Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations, as set out in the annexes to document PCT/A/47/4 Rev. The amendments consist of the following:

- *PCT Rules 9, 48 and 94*: Applicants will be able to request that information be omitted from the published version of an international application or the associated files if it does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application, it would prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person and there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that information. This will allow the removal of certain irrelevant information, normally included accidentally in the international application or associated documents. For further information, see document PCT/WG/8/12 and paragraphs 132 to 137 of document PCT/WG/8/25.
- *PCT Rules 26bis and 48*: Receiving Offices will normally be required to forward to the IB copies of documents submitted in connection with a request for restoration of the right of priority. However, under the same conditions as apply in the proposed amendments described above, the applicant may request that certain documents not be

forwarded. The main difference is that it is more likely in this case that the relevant information would have been provided deliberately, to establish that the conditions for “due care” had been met. Applicants should note that if key information is not made available, it is more likely that their request for restoration of the right of priority will be reviewed and that they will be required to provide equivalent information again to the designated Offices in the national phase. For further information, see document PCT/WG/8/14 and paragraphs 138 to 141 of document PCT/WG/8/25.

- *PCT Rule 82quater*: The *force majeure* provisions will be extended to allow time limits to be extended where a time limit had been missed because of a general failure of electronic communications services in the area where the interested party resides. Such an outage will not automatically excuse a failure to meet a time limit. It will be necessary to provide evidence of the outage, that the outage prevented the time limit being met, and that the relevant action was subsequently taken as soon as reasonably possible. For further information, see document PCT/WG/8/22 and paragraphs 142 to 149 of document PCT/WG/8/25.
- *PCT Rule 92*: An enabling provision will be included, under which the IB will allow applicants to write to the IB in languages other than English and French. The intention is initially to permit correspondence in the language of publication (or English or French, as at present) where that correspondence is made through ePCT. The arrangements will be extended to all communications once the IB is certain that it has the capacity to handle the work efficiently and that there would be no adverse consequences for designated Offices or third parties. For further information, see document PCT/WG/8/23 and paragraphs 150 to 153 of document PCT/WG/8/25.

The above-mentioned amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2016.

- *PCT Rules 12bis, 23bis and 41*: Where permitted to do so under national law, receiving Offices usually forward details of search or classification results from earlier applications to the ISA, without the express permission of the applicant. However, an option provides for receiving Offices to notify the IB that they will forward those results only with the permission of the applicant. For further information, see document PCT/WG/8/18 and paragraphs 60 to 70 of document PCT/WG/8/25.
- *PCT Rules 86 and 95*: Designated Offices will be required to send timely information to the IB concerning national phase entries, national publications and grants. That information will be made available in PATENTSCOPE and in bulk format to other patent information service providers, allowing significantly improved information concerning where national rights may be pending or granted. For further information, see document PCT/WG/8/8 and paragraphs 77 to 83 of document PCT/WG/8/25.

The above-mentioned amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2017, but the Assembly strongly encouraged national Offices which do not already do so, to provide the relevant information concerning national phase entries before that date, if possible.

The Assembly noted a report on the Supplementary International Search system (document PCT/A/47/3) and agreed that: the IB, national Offices and user groups should continue to raise awareness and promote the system; International Authorities should consider reviewing the scope of and charges for services which they offer; and the IB should continue to monitor the system for another five years before a further review in 2020.

The Assembly agreed to defer discussion of a proposal (described in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2015) to modify the directives concerning the setting of equivalent amounts of the filing fees so as to set the equivalent amounts only once per year and use “hedging” to guard against loss of income (document PCT/A/47/5 Rev.).

The Assembly also noted reports on the work being undertaken by the PCT Working Group (document PCT/A/47/1) and the PCT Meeting of International Authorities (document PCT/A/47/2) 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. 02/ and 06/2015, respectively.

The meeting report will be available shortly at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/47

PCT Information Update

BN Brunei Darussalam (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO) has specified, with effect from 1 October 2015, the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam with BrulPO, or with the International Bureau (IB), as receiving Office.

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

CY Cyprus (fees)

The amount of the transmittal fee, payable with effect from 1 April 2015 to the Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus as receiving Office, has changed to EUR 191.

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

EP European Patent Office (evidence of mailing a document)

The European Patent Office has notified a change concerning its requirements as to evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used – it will now also accept such evidence where Transworld is used (in addition to Chronopost, DHL, Federal Express, Flexpress, Skynet, TNT or UPS).

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

FR France (telephone numbers; fees)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (France) has notified the IB of changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: 0820 210 211 (local calls)
 (33) 171 087 163 (from abroad)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2015:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	62
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:.....	EUR	156

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

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 December 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ISK of the 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 (IS))

MT Malta (Internet address)

The Internet address of the Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business (Malta) has changed, as follows:

Internet: www.commerce.gov.mt

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

MX Mexico (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI) has specified, with effect from 1 September 2015, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the European Patent Office, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office or the United States Patent and Trademark Office for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with IMPI, or with the IB, as receiving Office.

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

RU Russian Federation (fees; time limits for entry into the national phase)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) as designated (or elected) Office, has changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Examination fee:

for one invention	[no change]
for each invention in excess of one (but not more than ten).....	[no change]
for each invention in excess of ten:.....	RUB 3,400

The Office has notified the IB that the 31-month time limits under PCT Article 22 and 39(1) may be extended by up to twelve months, provided that the applicant pays the reinstatement fee for late entry into the national phase (PCT Rule 49.6).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (RU) and footnote)

VN Vietnam (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam has specified, with effect from 1 September 2015, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Vietnam with the National Office of Intellectual Property, or with the IB, as receiving Office.

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 December 2015, 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 (CIPC) (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR 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 (ZA))

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Indian Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 November 2015, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NOK for international searches carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

As from 1 December 2015, 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
European Patent Office	SGD
Indian Patent Office	USD
Japan Patent Office	KRW, SGD
Korean Intellectual Property Office	EUR
United States Patent and Trademark Office	ZAR

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, EP, IN, JP, KR, SE, XN, US))

New/updated PCT Resources

PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 October 2015, to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines. The modifications relate to the new service offered by certain International Searching Authorities (so-called “PCT Direct”), which permits applicants, under certain circumstances, to submit informal comments on the search results of an earlier application to the receiving Office.

The consolidated text of the Guidelines (PCT/GL/RO/14) is available in PDF and HTML formats, in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

The above-mentioned changes are explained in more detail in the following Circular Letters which were sent to PCT Offices: C. PCT 1456 and C. PCT 1458 (see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/>).

PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 October 2015, to the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines. The modifications are explained in the following circular letters that were sent to International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities: C. PCT 1455 and C. PCT 1459 (see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/>).

The consolidated text of the Guidelines (PCT/GL/ISPE/14) is available in PDF format, in English, at:

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

and will be available in French shortly at:

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

Seminar materials

Seminar materials, based on an advanced PCT seminar which was held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva on 24 and 25 September 2015, are now available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/basic_1/advanced_seminar.pdf

The information included in the document covers the procedural aspects of the international and national phases, recent and future PCT developments, and the filing and management of PCT applications in ePCT.

PCT FAQs on third party observations (in Japanese)

The frequently asked questions relating to third party observations is now available in Japanese at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/faqs/faqs.html>

PCT Case Studies

The PCT Case Studies webpage, which contains over 70 case studies demonstrating how the PCT promotes innovation, has been revised and supplemented with new cases. This page now features “focus” key words highlighting the topics addressed in each study to make it easier for users to swiftly find case studies relevant to their needs. It is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/case_studies.html

PATENTSCOPE Search System

National patent collection: United Kingdom

The PATENTSCOPE search system now includes the national patent collection of the United Kingdom. Patent searches can now be performed in over 2.8 million United Kingdom bibliographic data records, dating from as far back as 1782. Full-text search support will be added in the near future. With the addition of the United Kingdom collection, the PATENTSCOPE database now features over 48 million records, with collections from 40 national or regional Offices.

The collection is available at:

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

PATENTSCOPE now available in Arabic

The PATENTSCOPE search system is now available in Arabic, in addition to the nine existing languages (Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish). It is now possible to do the following exclusively in Arabic:

- carry out searches
- browse search results
- log into your user account
- browse help and supporting pages

More advanced search features will gradually become available in Arabic.

Translations of Chinese documents

“WIPO Translate”, the machine translation tool developed by WIPO and available within the PATENTSCOPE user interface, now offers industry-leading translation of full-length Chinese documents into English and vice versa.

Users can now benefit from real-time, automatic translation of long documents. Moreover, WIPO Translate has been trained exclusively on Chinese/English patent texts and independent evaluation tools show that it is more accurate than other publicly available solutions. Users can therefore obtain a better, clearer idea of the nature of an invention than may be possible with external translation tools, and in view of the fact that WIPO Translate operates with a secure “https” protocol, translation activity remains private and cannot be accessed by any third party.

Note that WIPO Translate is also available for six other language pairs (English – French, English – German, English – Japanese, English – Korean, English – Russian and

English Spanish), although presently only for short texts (maximum 2,000 characters). For these translations, you will need to paste the text in the box and choose the language required at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/patentscope/translate/translate.jsf?interfaceLanguage=en>

WIPO Pearl Updated

In September 2014, WIPO launched a new database that provides free access to a wealth of multilingual scientific and technical terminology found in PCT applications and national patent documents (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2014), available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/wipopearl>

It is recalled that 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. Users can search the database via a traditional “Linguistic Search” (search by term) or an innovative “Concept Map Search” which provides a graphical display of related concepts per language. WIPO Pearl is integrated with PATENTSCOPE so you can search the entire PATENTSCOPE corpus for terms and their equivalents in other languages.

Following an update of the database in September 2015, WIPO Pearl now contains 16,000 concepts and 105,000 terms, all entered and validated by WIPO-PCT language experts (translators and terminologists).

Feedback on the contents of WIPO Pearl is welcomed and can be sent using the “Contact us” link on the website (<http://www.wipo.int/contact/en/>).

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitationg

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, two new invitations have been identified originating from “**IP save**” and “**WPAT**”. 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

We would also like to encourage PCT applicants, agents or inventors (PCT users) to take action with their governments or national business protection associations. A suggested text for making complaints and a list of “Government authorities and business protection associations receiving complaints” is available at the above-mentioned web page.

Note that Form PCT/IB/311 has been modified, with effect from 1 October 2015, to include the addition of a warning with regard to fraudulent requests for payment of fees. The modified form is available in English and French at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ib/ib311.pdf>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/ib/ib311.pdf>

News from the European Patent Office

Validation of European Patents in the Republic of Moldova

A new agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the government of the Republic of Moldova will enter into force on 1 November 2015. From that date, it will be possible to validate European patents and European patent applications (including PCT applications containing a designation for a European patent) in the Republic of Moldova. After validation, these patents will confer the same rights and legal protection as national patents granted in the Republic of Moldova.

With the entry into force of this validation agreement, it will be possible to obtain, simultaneously with a single European patent application, patent protection in up to 42 countries. These include the 38 member States of the European Patent Organisation, the two extension States Bosnia Herzegovina and Montenegro, and Morocco, with which the EPO also signed a validation agreement which entered into force in March this year (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2015).

The following information concerns the validation of a European patent granted on the basis of a PCT application. Validation of such a European patent in the Republic of Moldova will occur at the applicant's request, and will be deemed requested for any international application filed on or after 1 November 2015. Note that it will not be available for PCT applications filed prior to that date, nor for any European patents resulting from such applications.

In order to validate a Euro-PCT application for the Republic of Moldova, a validation fee amounting to EUR 200 must be paid to the EPO within the time limit for performing the acts required for entry of an international application into the European phase, or within six months of the date of publication of the international search report, whichever is the later. After the expiration of that time limit, the validation fee can still be validly paid, together with a 50% surcharge:

- within a two-month grace period; or
- along with the further processing concerning the designation fee: within two months of notification of a communication of loss of rights under EPC Rule 112(1) following non-payment of the designation fee.

A reference to the Republic of Moldova as a validation state will be included in the form for entry into the European phase (EPO as designated or elected Office) (Form EPA/EPO/OEB 1200). The updated version of the form will be available on the EPO website as of 1 November 2015, and will also be published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* as an annex to the EP National Chapter.

For further information, please see:

<http://www.epo.org/news-issues/news/2015/20151008.html>

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notices/archive/201501009.html> and

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20151009.html> |

Extension of “PCT Direct”

It is recalled that on 1 November 2014, the European Patent Office (EPO), in its capacity as receiving Office (RO) and International Searching Authority (ISA), launched a new service, the so-called “PCT Direct” (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2014). Under this service, an applicant filing an international application with the EPO, 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 informal comments. Such comments should take the form of arguments regarding the patentability of the claims of the international application, and also possibly of explanations regarding any modifications to the application documents, in particular to the claims, in comparison with the earlier application. The EPO will then take into account those informal comments when preparing the international search report (ISR) and written opinion, provided the necessary requirements are met.

On 1 July 2015, the EPO's service was extended to **international applications filed with any other receiving Office**, where the EPO was chosen as ISA. Therefore, provided that the “PCT Direct” letter is filed together with the international application in the required form with the receiving Office concerned, and that the international application claims priority of an earlier application searched by the EPO, the EPO will take into account those informal comments when preparing the ISR and written opinion. The ePCT system has been adapted to support this new service. For further information, see:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2015/06/a51.html>

It is recalled that the Israel Patent Office also introduced a “PCT Direct” pilot on 1 April 2015 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2015).

New PCT-EPO Guidelines

A new publication “*Guidelines for Search and Examination at the EPO as PCT Authority*” is now available on the EPO website. The *Guidelines*, which will enter into force on 1 November 2015, give instructions on the practice and procedure to be followed in various aspects of the handling

of international applications before the EPO as ISA and IPEA. It is intended that this new publication will complement the current *Euro-PCT Guide* and the *PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines*, *PCT Receiving Office Guidelines* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*. The *Guidelines* are available at:

<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/guidelines-pct.html>

Japan Patent Office: New Handbook on International Search and Preliminary Examination

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) has recently published a new *Handbook for PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination in the Japan Patent Office*. The Handbook, which is applicable with effect from 1 October 2015, clarifies the procedures and the guidelines of the JPO as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, and is available in Japanese and English (this is a provisional translation) at, respectively:

http://www.jpo.go.jp/shiryoku/kijun/kijun2/files_pct_handbook/all.pdf

http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki_e/t_tokkyo_e/files_pct_handbook_e/all_e.pdf

Further information about the publication is available at:

http://www.jpo.go.jp/shiryoku/kijun/kijun2/pct_handbook.htm

http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki_e/t_tokkyo_e/pct_handbook_e.htm

Practical Advice

Useful PCT Resources which can be consulted when filing PCT applications

Q: I am a trainee patent administrator and will soon be expected to assist a patent attorney who files PCT applications. I would like to find out all I can about filing PCT applications and wondered whether you could you give me a list of resources that I can refer to?

A: First of all, we would like to stress that it is very important to have a thorough knowledge of the PCT before filing a PCT application. The information outlined below will not explain how to file a PCT application, since this cannot be answered briefly and is already explained in our various information resources on the PCT website, however, it will point you to the resources that will be useful for you to consult. Although regular PCT users will probably already be aware of many of these resources, it is hoped that this will also serve as a useful reminder for them. Most of the resources are continuously kept up-to-date and can be accessed via the PCT website at:

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

Initially, we recommend you to read the PCT FAQs (“Protecting your Inventions Abroad: Frequently Asked Questions About the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)”) which give a **brief** outline of the PCT procedure from an applicant’s perspective. The FAQs are available at:

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

The following information shows you which resources can be consulted when dealing with particular aspects of filing a PCT application. Other more general resources, both basic and advanced, are listed towards the end of this article.

Where to file a PCT application

An applicant can usually file a PCT application with his/her national patent Office or with a regional patent Office (where the applicant is a national or resident of a country (State) which is a member of, or party to, a regional patent organization or agreement). To find out where the application can be filed, you should consult Annex B (General Information) of the **PCT Applicant's Guide** at:

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

You should select the cross under the column marked “General Information (Annex B)” corresponding to the State (or States) of which the applicant (or one of the applicants) is a national and/or resident or corresponding to any relevant regional Office (AP, EA, EP or OA), as the case may be; then refer to the question “Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of [...]” Please note that applicants who are nationals and/or residents of any PCT Contracting State can file PCT applications with the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office (RO/IB) – for further information see “**Direct filing of PCT applications with the International Bureau as PCT receiving Office (RO/IB)**” at:

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

Please note that your options for Office of filing may be limited by national security-related restrictions, depending on the nationality or residence of the applicant(s) or the place in which the invention was made. For further information, see the web page entitled “International applications and national security considerations” at:

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

Filing PCT applications in electronic form

Many PCT receiving Offices accept the filing of international applications in electronic form, and by doing so, applicants can benefit from a reduction in the international filing fee. To find out which Offices accept electronic filings, and in what format, you can consult **Annex C of the PCT Applicant's Guide** (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/>). You can also consult the list “**E-filing Offices**” at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/e-filing/index.html>

which gives details about accepted formats and accepted digital certificates for many of the Offices listed.

The RO/IB offers two forms of electronic filing:

- ePCT-Filing (via ePCT private services (see below)) and
- PCT-SAFE (see: http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.html)

Applicants are especially encouraged to use ePCT-Filing as this offers many useful features and safeguards, and is very much a learning tool, guiding the user through an application with its validation functionality.

Submitting post-filing documents and accessing your application file electronically

WIPO's ePCT private services (which require a WIPO user account and digital certificate) and ePCT public services (which only require a WIPO user account) allow the applicant to file a large number of post-filing documents in electronic form. ePCT private services also allows applicants to easily carry out various actions in relation to their applications and to view the electronic file of their applications as maintained by the IB. For further information, including information on how to obtain and upload a digital certificate, go to the **ePCT portal** where you can find various information resources relating to ePCT, as well as a link which will enable you to try out the ePCT system in DEMO mode, at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/LoginForms/epct.jsp>

Finding out which States are designated in a PCT application

The filing of the PCT request form (PCT/RO/101) constitutes the designation of all PCT Contracting States, which are bound by the PCT on the international filing date (PCT Rule 4.9(a)). The list of Contracting States which is included in the **PCT Newsletter** ("PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes") at:

http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/list_states.pdf

sets out the PCT Contracting States in alphabetical order of their two-letter country code, and gives information on membership of regional patent agreements and on any State which has closed its national route (and for which only a regional patent may be obtained via the PCT).

A second list of States, which is included in the **PCT Applicant's Guide**, is in alphabetical order of the name of the Contracting State and gives information on the date on which the State became bound by the PCT, any relevant territorial applicability and certain declarations. See:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexa/ax_a.pdf

Types of protection available in the national/regional Offices

Not only does the filing of Form PCT/RO/101 constitute the designation of all PCT Contracting States, but it also constitutes the designation of those States for the grant of every kind of protection available in the State concerned, and where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents. However, please note that some Offices have closed the national route and only offer protection via a regional patent, and that some Offices offer other types of protection either instead of, or in addition to, a national or regional patent. For details of the protection available in each PCT Contracting State, see the table "**Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States**" at:

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

This information is also available in the relevant **Annex B of the PCT Applicant's Guide** ("Types of protection available via the PCT") at:

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

Information specifically on the States for which a regional patent may be obtained is contained in the table entitled "**PCT Contracting States for which a Regional Patent can be Obtained**" at:

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

How to find out which Office may act as International Searching Authority (ISA)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA)

There are currently 17 national patent Offices and two regional patent Offices which operate as ISA and IPEA. The Office (or Offices, as the case may be) which is competent to act as ISA and IPEA is indicated in the relevant part of **Annex C of the PCT Applicant's Guide** (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/>)—select the cross under the column marked “Receiving Offices (Annex C)” in respect of the two-letter country code of the receiving Office with which the PCT application will be filed, and refer to the question “Competent International Searching Authority” and, if a demand for international preliminary examination is going to be filed, “Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority”. You may have the choice of more than one ISA or IPEA, but please bear in mind that some IPEAs will only act as IPEA if the international search has been carried out by a particular ISA (this information, where applicable, is given in a footnote). Note that, if you file using ePCT-Filing, your choice of ISAs and IPEAs will appear automatically.

Which language(s) the international application can be filed in

You can consult **Annex C of the PCT Applicant's Guide** (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/>) in respect of your Office of filing, bearing in mind that, if the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the ISA (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3). Also, if the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication¹ and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into one of the languages of publication (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

How to find out what fees need to be paid in the international phase

Information on the fees payable upon filing an international application can be found in **Annex C of the PCT Applicant's Guide** (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/>) in respect of your Office of filing. You will also need to consult Annex D, for the amount of the search fee payable to your chosen ISA, and if applicable, Annex E, for the amount of the preliminary examination fee and handling fee payable to your chosen IPEA. The main fees can also be found in one place in the “**PCT Fee Tables**” at:

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

You should be aware that PCT applicants and agents are receiving invitations to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT. For further information, see “**WARNING: Requests for Payment of Fees**” at:

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

1. The languages of publication (PCT Rule 48.3) are: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish

How to check whether an Office has made a reservation, declaration or notified the IB of the incompatibility of a particular PCT Article or Rule with its applicable national law

In order to check whether there are any PCT Articles or Rules that do not apply to a particular receiving Office or designated (or elected) Office, please consult the table “**PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities**” at:

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

How to find out the time limits for entry into the national phase

The default time limit for entry into the national phase is 30 months from the priority date (see PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a)), however, in some cases, the national or regional Office may have notified the IB that a longer time limit applies under PCT Article 22(3) and 39(1)(b). Furthermore, three Offices have filed a notification of incompatibility with their national law of PCT Article 22, and only apply the 20-month time limit for PCT applications entering the national phase before them as a designated Office. The table entitled “**Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase under PCT Chapters I and II**” gives the time limits for all designated (or elected) Offices and is available at:

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

This information is also available in the National Chapter, Summary page of the relevant country in the **PCT Applicant’s Guide** (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>).

How to view published international applications

All published PCT applications and associated documents from the IB’s file can be viewed free of charge on WIPO’s **PATENTSCOPE search system** at:

<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/structuredSearch.jsf>

In addition, where the information is available to the IB, the “National Phase” tab displays information on national phase entry of a particular PCT application, and in some cases, links to certain status information of that application.

How to find out about the requirements and fees for entry into the national phase

Where this information has been provided to the IB by the national Office concerned, a summary of the requirements for entry into the national phase before each designated (or elected) Office, followed by more details about the procedure before that Office, is available in the relevant **National Chapter of the PCT Applicant’s Guide** (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>). The fees payable upon entering the national phase are included in the “Summary”; other national fees can be found further on in the National Chapter.

Resources giving a good general overview of the PCT

Before reading any of the PCT information sources referred to below, it may be useful for you to be aware of the PCT Glossary, which is a useful tool for understanding the terminology used in the PCT. See:

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

For someone who has little knowledge of the PCT, it may be useful to start by consulting some of the less complex PCT resources, as follows:

Basic PCT distance learning course

If you would like to take part, free of charge, in WIPO's online course, "Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty", which provides a general overview of the PCT, go to:

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

PCT seminar materials

Useful PCT seminar materials, giving information on many aspects of filing PCT applications, are also available at

http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf

For those already familiar with the PCT System who have a specific question or would like to find out about updates to the PCT, the following more advanced resources can be consulted.

PCT Applicant's Guide

For **detailed** information on the PCT procedure you can consult the *PCT Applicant's Guide* – see "**Introduction to the International Phase**" and "**Introduction to the National Phase**" at:

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

This is the central resource for applicants, as it also contains comprehensive information on the requirements of PCT Offices and Authorities in the international and national phases.

Videos on the PCT

A series of 29 short videos entitled "Learn the PCT", providing information on important aspects and issues in the international phase and national phase of PCT processing, explain in more detail many of the topics covered by the PCT seminar materials. The videos are available, free of charge, at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/training/index.html>

PCT webinars

Webinars on the PCT are regularly held for training purposes, and for keeping PCT users informed of recent updates to the system. There are also webinars specifically on WIPO's electronic filing and file management systems (ePCT private and public services and ePCT-Filing (see below)). For information on upcoming webinars, see the PCT Seminar Calendar at:

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

To view archives of past webinars, go to:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html>

Important legal texts

The most important legal texts are the “**Patent Cooperation Treaty**” and “**Regulations under the PCT**”, as well as the “**Administrative Instructions under the PCT**” which provide details of the application of the Regulations. These are available at:

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

Other useful resources

For regular news and updates, see the **PCT Newsletter** (monthly publication) at:

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

and the **Official Notices (PCT Gazette)** (weekly publication) at:

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

The **PCT Time Limit Calculator** can assist you in computing essential PCT time limits:

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

For understanding the procedure before the various PCT authorities, see the “**PCT Receiving Office Guidelines**” and the “**PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines**” at:

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

If there is any information that you need before you start working on your first PCT application and that you cannot find on our website, please contact the PCT Information Service at:

E-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

Tel: (+41–22) 338 8338

Fax: (+41–22) 338 8339

Other contact details for enquiries about filing PCT applications electronically, or filing PCT applications with the RO/IB are available on the PCT website under “**Contacts**” at:

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

and if you wish to contact the “authorized officer” for a specific PCT application that has already been filed, go to:

<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/teamlookup.jsf>

PCT Seminar Calendar

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

(situation on 13 October 2015)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
13 October 2015 Helsinki (FI)	English	Update Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Metcalfe	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Olli Ilmarinen) Tel: (358) 9 6939 5236 Fax: (358) 9 6939 5556 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
14 October 2015 Helsinki (FI)	Finnish/ English	ePCT Training WIPO speaker: Ms. Metcalfe	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (see Helsinki, above)
14–15 October 2015 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (former staff member of the PCT Legal Division, WIPO, former member of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office, now retired)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
16 October 2015 Seattle, WA (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
20 October 2015 Washington, DC (US)	English	ePCT Training Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Piriou Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Seattle, above)
20 October 2015 Valencia (ES)	Spanish	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Mr. Roy Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Carrasco Pradas, Mr. Vázquez López, Ms. Kitsara	WIPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Ana Cariño Fraise) Tel: (34-91) 349 55 02 E-mail: ana.carino@oepm.es Internet: www.oepm.es
21 October 2015 Barcelona (ES)	Spanish	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives (see Valencia, above)	WIPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (see Valencia, above)
22 October 2015 Zaragoza (ES)	Spanish	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives (see Valencia, above)	WIPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (see Valencia, above)
26–27 October 2015 Ottawa (Gatineau) (CA)	English	Canadian PCT Roundtable WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim Other speakers: Ms. Auría Lansac (European Patent Office) and Mr. Michael Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	Intellectual Property Institute of Canada E-mail: admin@ipic.ca
29 October – 1 November 2015 Nuremberg (DE)	German	PCT training workshop during the iENA Invention Exhibition WIPO speaker: Ms. Weiss	International Federation of Inventors' Associations (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) E-mail: bijan.nasiri@ifia.com Internet: www.ifia.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
30 October 2015 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 14th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (29-30 October 2015) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Sarah Packham) Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: sarah.packham@management-forum.co.uk
3 November 2015 Boston, MA (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Boston Patent Law Association Tel: (1-617) 507 55 70 E-mail: president-elect@bpla.org Internet: www.bpla.org
4–5 November 2015 Munich (DE)	German	International Patent Law Conference: PCT Update WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
5 November 2015 San Francisco, CA (US)	English	PCT training 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
10 November 2015 Los Angeles (Glendale), CA (US)	English	PCT lecture within the framework of the "Patent Administration: A Foundation for Success" course WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	Patent Resources Group, Inc. (Ms. Theresa Woods) Tel: (1-703) 682 48 60 Fax: (1-703) 892 45 10 E-mail: twoods@patentresources.com Internet: http://www.patentresources.com
13 November 2015 Heidelberg (DE)	German	PCT presentation on recent developments in the PCT within the framework of the PAFA-Tagung 2015 conference (12–13 November 2015) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
18 November 2015 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
24 November 2015 Basel (CH)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Sarah Brunner) Tel: (41) 61 324 84 22 E-mail: sarah.brunner@novartis.com
1–2 December 2015 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities (including practical presentations on PCT eServices) for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Weiss	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Sarah Packham) Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: sarah.packham@management-forum.co.uk
2 December 2015 San Diego (Del Mar), CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Houston, 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
2 December 2015 Nagoya (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: https://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/ibento/ibento2/h27_chiteki_setumeikai.htm
2–3 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and other speaker, to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
3 December 2015 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Nagoya, above)
7 December 2015 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Nagoya, above)
8 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
10 December 2015 Hiroshima (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Nagoya, above)
14 December 2015 Fukuoka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Nagoya, above)
17 December 2015 Riga (LV) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic training seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Arvis Grinbergs, Latvian Patent Office) Tel: (371) 67 22 00 38 Fax: (371) 67 21 07 67 E-mail: arvis.grinbergs@lrpv.gov.lv
3 February 2016 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
5 March 2016 Istanbul (TR)	English	PCT training workshop in the framework of the Istanbul International Invention Festival (ISIF) (3–6 March 2016) WIPO speaker: to be announced	International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) E-mail: bijan.nasiri@ifia.com Internet: http://www.ifia.com
9 May 2016 Istanbul (TR) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the second year of basic training WIPO speaker: to be announced	CEIPI International (Ms. Selda Arkan) Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42 Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21 E-mail: selda.arkan@alfapatent.com.tr; alfa@alfapatent.com.tr
11-12 May 2016 Munich (DE)	German	Basic 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

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
20 October 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 22 October 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: How to search using PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8157685052860390913
24 November 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 26 November 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: How to build complex queries in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1937483891740913153
15 December 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 17 December 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Retrospective of 2015 and plans for 2016 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6065860882481709057

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
15 October 2015 Seattle, WA (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
17 November 2015 Houston, TX (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Seattle, above)
1 December 2015 San Diego (Del Mar), CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Seattle, above)

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 October 2015, 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) and (c) 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), the supplementary search handling fee 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	HUF	Hungarian forint	MXN	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal		
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	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 October 2015, 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
							Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available									CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,273	14	–	191	287	–	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,848	21	–	278	417	–	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30 ⁸	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	120	EUR	1,273	14	–	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	–	AU JP EP
BR	BRL ⁹	online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	EP
BY	USD	50	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,384	16	–	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,799	20	–	270	406	–	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	1,384	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	208	312	–	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	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
							Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CO	COP	865,000 ¹¹	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	CL EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,384		16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,273		14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,273		14	–	191	287	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,273		14	–	191	287	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,480		110	–	1,430	2,140	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available									
DO	USD	275	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330		15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,384		16	–	208	312	EP RU
EC	USD ¹²	–	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,273		14	–	191	287	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	130	EUR	1,273		14	96	191	287	EP
ES	EUR	74.99	EUR	1,273		14	–	191	287	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,273		14	–	191	287	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,273		14	–	191	287	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	948 (from 1.11.15: 867)		11 (10)	– (–)	142 (130)	214 (196)	EP
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	USD ¹³	100	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁴	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,273		14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	392,000	HUF	4,400	–	59,000	88,400	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵	100	CHF	1,330		15	–	200	300	See footnote 16
	or EUR ¹⁵	96	or EUR	1,273		14	–	191	287	
	or USD ¹⁵	104	or USD	1,384		16	–	208	312	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU (from 6.10.15: SG)
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,273		14	–	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	554	USD	1,384		16	–	208	312	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600	USD	1,384		16	–	208	312	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
	(filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)									
IR	IRR ¹²	–	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK	15,000	ISK	190,800 (from 1.12.15:176,100)		2,200 (2,000)	– (–)	28,700 (26,500)	43,000 (39,700)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,273		14	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁷	JPY	178,100		2,000	–	–	40,200	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available									
KN	EP									
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,384		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹²	–	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,273		14	–	191	287	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 October 2015, 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
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹² –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²⁰	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²¹	USD 1,384	16	–	208	312	CL EP ES SE SG 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 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 10,990	120	–	1,650	2,480	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,111	24	–	317	476	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹² –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,384	16	–	208	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 20.82	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 208	eq USD 312	EG EP US
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,140 ²³	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,384	16	–	208	312	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 12,070	140	–	1,820	2,720	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,953	22	–	294	441	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁴	EUR 1,273	14	–	191	287	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,273	14	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ¹² –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁵ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 240 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 120 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 60 ²⁶	USD 1,384	16	104	208	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 16,720 (from 1.12.15: 18,550)	190 (210)	– (–)	2,510 (2,790)	3,770 (4,190)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,384	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,384	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 October 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,864	CHF 1,947	KRW** 2,316,000	SGD 2,790	USD 2,112	ZAR* 24,470		
	*(from 1.11.15: ZAR 26,610)							
	**(from 1.12.15: KRW 2,504,000)							
AU	AUD 2,200	CHF 1,583	EUR 1,525	KRW 1,882,000	NZD 2,468	SGD 2,290		
	USD 1,622	ZAR 19,930						
BR ²⁹	Online:	BRL 1,685	CHF* 519	EUR* 484	USD* 540			
	*(from 1.11.15:	CHF 473	EUR 437	USD 484)				
	On paper:	BRL 2,525	CHF* 778	EUR* 726	USD* 809			
	*(from 1.11.15:	CHF 708	EUR 654	USD 725)				
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,183	EUR 1,137	USD 1,284				
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,922	EUR 1,765					
	In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity ² :			USD 400	CHF 384	EUR 353		
	In case of filing by a university ³⁰ :			USD 300	CHF 288	EUR 265		
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 310	EUR 297	USD 342				
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000	CHF 483	EUR 480	USD 525				
EP ³²	EUR 1,875	CHF 1,958	DKK 13,960	GBP 1,365	HUF 577,000	ISK 287,000		
	JPY 251,600	NOK* 15,850	NZD 3,068	SEK 17,040	SGD** 2,800			
	USD 2,125	ZAR* 24,620						
	*(from 1.11.15:	NOK 17,070	ZAR 26,770)					
	**(from 1.12.15:	SGD 2,980)						
ES ³³	EUR 1,875	CHF 1,958	USD 2,125					
FI	EUR 1,875	CHF 1,958	USD 2,125					
IL	ILS 3,554	CHF 875	EUR 809	USD 909				
IN	INR 10,000	CHF 145	EUR 142	USD* 163				
	*(from 1.12.15:	USD 150)						
	In case of filing by an individual:		INR 2,500	CHF 36	EUR 36	USD* 41		
	*(from 1.12.15:	USD 37)						
JP ¹⁷	JPY 70,000	CHF 523	EUR 522	KRW* 638,000	SGD* 766	USD 577		
	*(from 1.12.15:	KRW 690,000	SGD 820)					
KR	For international applications in Korean:							
	KRW 450,000	AUD 526	CHF 378	EUR* 362	NZD 596	SGD 540		
	USD 389							
	*(from 1.12.15:	EUR 335)						
	For international applications in English:							
	KRW 1,300,000	AUD 1,519	CHF 1,093	EUR* 1,046	NZD 1,722	SGD 1,560		
	USD 1,125							
	*(from 1.12.15:	EUR 968)						
RU	For international applications in Russian:							
	RUB 6,750	CHF* 109	EUR* 108	HUF* 35,300	USD* 127			
	*(from 1.11.15:	CHF 102	EUR 82	HUF 28,800	USD 106)			
	For international applications in English:							
	RUB 28,000	CHF* 453	EUR* 448	HUF* 146,400	USD* 525			
	*(from 1.11.15:	CHF 422	EUR 341	HUF 119,600	USD 440)			
SE	SEK 17,040	CHF 1,958	DKK 13,960	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK* 15,850		
	USD 2,125							
	*(from 1.11.15:	NOK 17,070)						
SG	SGD 2,240	CHF 1,571	EUR 1,487	USD 1,632				
US	USD 2,080	CHF 1,998	EUR 1,835	NZD* 2,970	ZAR** 25,250			
	*(from 1.11.15:	NZD 3,140)						
	***(from 1.12.15:	ZAR 29,060)						
	For small entity ²⁷ :		USD 1,040	CHF 999	EUR 918	NZD* 1,490	ZAR** 12,620	
	*(from 1.11.15:	NZD 1,570)						
	***(from 1.12.15:	ZAR 14,530)						
	For micro entity ²⁷ :		USD 520	CHF 500	EUR 459	NZD* 740	ZAR** 6,310	
	*(from 1.11.15:	NZD 790)						
	***(from 1.12.15:	ZAR 7,260)						
XN	DKK 13,960	CHF 1,958	EUR 1,875	ISK 287,000	NOK* 15,850	SEK 17,040		
	USD 2,125							
	*(from 1.11.15:	NOK 17,070)						

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 33}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 888	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,243	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,776	
EP	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
RU	CHF 191 (306) ³⁴ (from 1.11.15: 178 (285) ³⁴)	CHF 200
SE	CHF 1,958	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,571	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,958	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 560	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 October 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

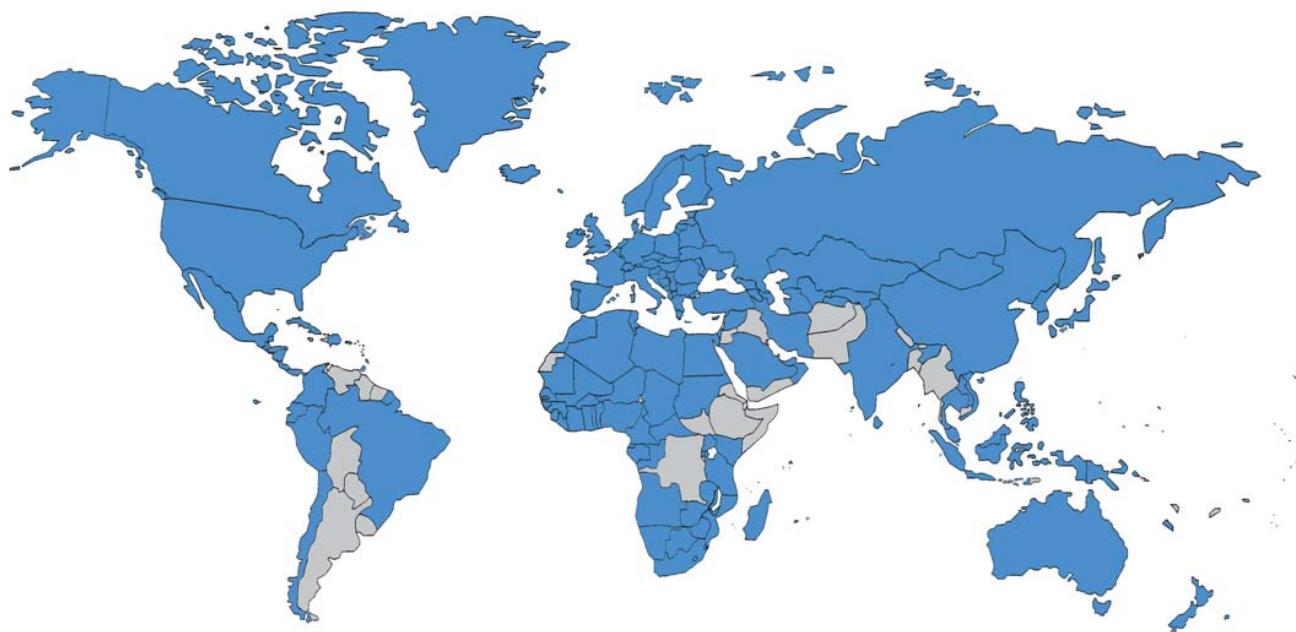
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁵	Handling fee ^{2, 35} (CHF 200)
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,749	EUR 191
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁶	AUD 278
BR ²⁹	Online: BRL 630	BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL 945	
CA	CAD 800	CAD 270
CL	USD 1,500	USD 208
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300	
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³¹	EGP 3,000	USD 208
EP ³²	EUR 1,930	EUR 191
ES	EUR 589.49	EUR 191
FI	EUR 600	EUR 191
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 766
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 208
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁷	JPY 26,800
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 238,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁷ 4,050 ³⁸	USD 208
	For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁷ 15,750 ³⁸	
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,820
SG	SGD 830	SGD 285
US	USD 600 760 ³⁹	USD 208
	For small entity ²⁷ : USD 300 380 ³⁹	
	For micro entity ²⁷ : USD 150 190 ³⁹	
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,430

[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>
- 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 (b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.
- 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 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 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 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 25 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%.
- 26 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.
- 27 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
- 28 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).
- 29 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.
- 30 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>
- 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 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).
- 35 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 36 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 38 In all cases where footnote 37 does not apply.
- 39 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 U&#x2013; 2015)



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) ²	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 ³	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Cote 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	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 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

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 1 July 2015). 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

Poland: Patent Office of the Republic of Poland accepts ePCT-Filings

The Patent Office of the Republic of Poland as receiving Office (RO/PL) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 November 2015, it accepts international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing.

A revised notification containing the requirements and practices of RO/PL with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 5 November 2015 at:

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

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (PL).

Colombia: Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) as receiving Office (RO/CO) has notified the IB that, with effect from 10 November 2015, it accepts international applications filed electronically using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal.

A new notification containing the requirements and practices of RO/CO with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published shortly in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* at:

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

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (CO).

The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are, for both Offices, indicated in Fee Table I(a). The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by RO/PL and RO/CO brings to 27 the total number of receiving Offices which do so¹.

¹ ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices: RO/IB, RO/AT, RO/AU, RO/BR, RO/CA, RO/CL, RO/CO, RO/CZ, RO/DK, RO/DZ, RO/EA, RO/EE, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/HU, RO/IN, RO/LV, RO/MX, RO/MY, RO/NZ, RO/PL, RO/QA, RO/SA, RO/SE, RO/SG, RO/TR and RO/ZA.

Non-Working Days at the International Bureau at the End of the Year; Changes to the Publication Schedule

Non-working days at the International Bureau

The non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during December 2015 and January 2016, in addition to the weekends, will be:

Thursday and Friday, 24 and 25 December 2015 and
Thursday and Friday, 31 December 2015 and 1 January 2016.

The IB will therefore be open for business on:

Monday to Wednesday, 21 to 23 December 2015 and
Monday to Wednesday, 28 to 30 December 2015,

and will then be open as usual from Monday, 4 January 2016.

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 Thursday, 24 December 2015 to Sunday, 3 January 2016, inclusive. It will reopen on Monday, 4 January 2016 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 schedule for the PCT eServices Help Desk during the end-of-year holiday period will be as follows:

Thursday, 24 December 2015 to
Sunday, 27 December 2015: Closed

Monday, 28 December 2015 to
Wednesday, 30 December 2015: Open for slightly reduced hours from 9:00 to 16:00 CET

Thursday, 31 December 2015 to
Sunday, 3 January 2016: Closed

Monday, 4 January 2016, onwards: Open as usual, from 9:00 to 18:00 CET

It is recalled that the PCT eServices Help Desk responds to inquiries related to services for the purpose of preparing, filing and managing applications electronically: ePCT (<https://pct.wipo.int>), PCT-SAFE (<http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.html>), WIPO digital certificates and Digital Access Service (DAS) (<http://www.wipo.int/das/en/>).

Publication schedule

During the forthcoming holiday period, PCT applications which would normally have been scheduled for publication on Thursday, 24 December 2015 and Thursday, 31 December 2015, which are non-working days at WIPO, will be published one day earlier, on Wednesday, 23 December 2015 and Wednesday, 30 December 2015, 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, 8 December 2015 and Tuesday, 15 December 2015, 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 2016, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts, in certain currencies, of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30, the 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/>), which will be updated shortly:

- **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, BR, CA, CL, CN, EG, EP, ES, FI, IL, IN, JP, KR, RU, SE, SG, US, XN;
- **Annex SISA** (International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)): AT, EP, FI, SE, SG, XN; and
- **Annex E** (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): AT, AU, CA, CL, EG, EP, ES, FI, IL, IN, JP, RU, SE, SG, US, XN.

AT Austria (furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings)

The Austrian Patent Office as International Searching Authority and as Authority specified for supplementary search has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it no longer accepts

3.5 inch diskettes for the purposes of furnishing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form.

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

AZ Azerbaijan (e-mail address; fees)

One of the e-mail addresses of the State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan has changed. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

E-mail: azs@azstand.gov.az
 azpatent@azstand.gov.az

The Office has notified the IB that the amount of the annual fee for the 3rd year, payable to the Office as designated Office, is not subject to Value Added Tax (VAT).

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

BB Barbados (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

There has been a change in one of the requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados) as designated (or elected) Office: the Office now requires the appointment of a patent agent in all cases.

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

CO Colombia (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 10 November 2015, by the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) 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.

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 January 2016, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in EUR and USD of the transmittal fee and of the fee for the priority document, payable to the IB as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR 92	USD 102
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR 46	USD 51
Supplement for airmail:	EUR 9	USD 10

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

NA Namibia (telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The telephone and fax numbers, and the e-mail and Internet addresses of the Registration of Companies, Close Corporations and Industrial Property Rights Office (Namibia) have changed. The numbers/addresses to be used are as follows:

Telephone: (264-61) 299 44 00, 283 72 85, 283 72 60
 Fax: (264-61) 401 061
 E-mail: andima@bipa.na
 kaundu@mti.gov.na
 naphtali@mti.gov.na
 Internet: www.bipa.na

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

PE Peru (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone number of the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) has changed and the Office has notified the IB that it has discontinued the use of its fax. The telephone number to be used is as follows:

Telephone: (511) 224 78 00 (ext. 3801)

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

PL Poland (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 1 November 2015, by the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

RS Serbia (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 June 2015:

Transmittal fee:	RSD	7,300 ²
Fee for priority document:		
- For the first document up to ten pages	RSD	1,750
- For each subsequent document up to ten pages.....	RSD	440
- Per page in excess of 10:	[no change]	
- Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: .	RSD	2,930

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

For a patent:

- Filing fee:	RSD	7,300 ²
- Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:.....	RSD	720 ²

² This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

- Reduced examination fee for international applications: RSD 7,300²
- Annual fee for the first three years:..... RSD 10,230²

For a petty patent:

- Filing fee: RSD 7,300²

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

SG Singapore (limitations regarding competency as an International Preliminary Examining Authority)

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) has notified the IB that it will only act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications in respect of which the international search is being or has been carried out by IPOS.

A footnote to this effect has been added to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (SG, MX and VN) and Annex E (SG).

SK Slovakia (telephone number; e-mail address)

The telephone number and the e-mail address of the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (421-48) 484 300 131

E-mail: podatelna@indprop.gov.sk

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

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (fees; special requirements for entry into the national phase; requirements concerning agent)

The Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) has notified the amount of the following national fees, payable to it in East Caribbean dollar (XCD) as designated Office:

National processing fee:..... XCD 1,000

Annual fee for the fourth year:..... XCD 200

There has been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Office as designated (or elected) Office: an agent must be appointed if the applicant is not resident in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

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

Any attorney-at-law registered to practice in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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

VN Viet Nam (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name, location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail and Internet addresses of the National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:	National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam (NOIP)
Location and mailing address:	384-386 Nguyen Trai Street Thanh Xuan District, Ha Noi, Viet Nam
Telephone:	(84-4) 3557 20 91, 3558 82 17, 3858 30 69
Fax:	(84-4) 3557 20 90, 3858 84 49
E-mail:	congngethongtin@noip.gov.vn vietnamipo@noip.gov.vn
Internet:	www.noip.gov.vn

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

PCT-SAFE Update

Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.071.247, dated 1 October 2015) is now available and can be downloaded at:

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

Further details on this new version of PCT-SAFE are available in the "Release notes" and "What's new" document on the above-mentioned web page.

New/Updated PCT Resources

History of the PCT Regulations

The History of the PCT Regulations has been updated, as of 1 July 2015, to include the amendments to the Regulations that have entered into force since the last update in July 2014. 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

New guidance for making complaints about misleading requests for payment of fees (in languages other than English)

It is recalled that WIPO is working closely with its member States and other organizations with the goal of putting an end to the fraudulent requests for payment of fees which are being sent to PCT applicants, agents and inventors, and would also like to encourage the people concerned to take action with their governments or national consumer protection associations. It is for this

purpose that information has been published on the PCT website about how PCT users can make a complaint about these misleading requests. This information has recently been made available in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, in addition to English, and can be seen by selecting the language concerned at the top right hand corner of the page at:

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

Practical Advice

Assignment by the agent of eViewer rights to the applicant when preparing and filing international applications using ePCT-Filing

Q: I am the agent for a PCT application that is going to be filed using ePCT-Filing. The applicant is a national of the country where I practice and where the application is going to be filed, but he is actually based in another country in a different time zone, and so face-to-face contact, and even telephone contact, is not feasible. Is there any way in which I can give the applicant online access to the application so that we can work together on it even before filing, and also during the international processing of the application? I feel that this would be a transparent way of proceeding with the application and would enable him to spot any errors, for example, in the bibliographic data.

A: If you are the person who is going to prepare the new PCT application in ePCT-Filing you will, by default, have “eOwner” access rights to the newly-created application, enabling you to assign access rights to other users who have set up a WIPO User Account and authenticated it with a digital certificate, and with whom you have concluded an “eHandshake” in the ePCT system. If you wish to involve the applicant in the checking of the application and enable him to monitor the various stages of the application process, you can assign “eViewer” access rights to him. By doing this, he will be able to review the draft PCT application before filing, and thus notify you of any errors so that you can take the necessary corrective action. Note that “eViewer” access rights permit the **viewing** of international applications but not the editing of any documents or data, nor further assigning of access rights (eViewers can, however, remove their own access rights if, for example, they assign their rights to the application to another person).

Access rights that are assigned before an application is filed remain valid after filing. By giving eViewer access to applicants or inventors before filing, not only will they be able to check the application for any possible errors and view what is going to be filed, but they will also be able to view the status of their application and follow the progress of their application after filing, via automated e-mail notifications from ePCT (eViewers receive such e-mail notifications). For example, they will be notified each time a PCT Form is issued by the International Bureau (IB), or a new document is added to the electronic file, such as the international search report and written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA), as soon as the document concerned has been received at the IB. After filing, it is also possible in ePCT to see the scheduled date for international publication and to preview the front page of the application exactly as it will be published, so that any potential errors can be spotted and corrected before the completion of technical preparations for publication (normally 15 days before the scheduled publication date). Furthermore, the applicant will be able to see, via the Time Line provided in ePCT, when the 30-month time limit for entry into the national phase will expire.

Note that it is also possible to assign eViewer rights to applicants or other interested parties after filing when a PCT application has been filed using the PCT-SAFE software or any other e-filing software that is compatible with ePCT.

Carl Oppedahl, a patent attorney in the United States of America, recommends the use of ePCT and the attribution of eViewer access rights to clients, recounting the following practical example:

“We recently had a PCT filing project in which the inventor was in Thailand and another client contact person was in Switzerland. Using ePCT, they were able to review the draft Request and draft patent application prior to filing. Without ePCT it would have been much more difficult to get the benefit of review by these people.”

For further information on how to authenticate a user account with a digital certificate, please refer to the “ePCT User Guide for Applicants and Third Parties” at:

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

For full details on managing access rights, see pages 13 to 18 (“Security and access rights management”) of the frequently asked questions on this matter at:

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

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 12 November 2015)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
13 November 2015 Heidelberg (DE)	German	PCT presentation on recent developments in the PCT within the framework of the PAFA-Tagung 2015 conference (12–13 November 2015) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
18 November 2015 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
24 November 2015 Basel (CH)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Sarah Brunner) Tel: (41) 61 324 84 22 E-mail: sarah.brunner@novartis.com
1–2 December 2015 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities (including practical presentations on PCT eServices) for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Weiss	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Sarah Packham) Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: sarah.packham@management-forum.co.uk
2 December 2015 San Diego (Del Mar), CA (US)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Houston, above)
2 December 2015 Nagoya (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: https://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/ibento/ibento2/h27_chiteki_setumeikai.htm
2–3 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: 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
3 December 2015 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Nagoya, above)
7 December 2015 Tokyo (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: https://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/ibento/ibento2/h27_chiteki_setumeikai.htm

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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
8 December 2015 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)
10 December 2015 Hiroshima (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Tokyo, above)
14 December 2015 Fukuoka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Tachibana	Japan Patent Office Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division (see Tokyo, above)
17 December 2015 Riga (LV) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic training seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Arvis Grinbergs, Latvian Patent Office) Tel: (371) 67 22 00 38 Fax: (371) 67 21 07 67 E-mail: arvis.grinbergs@lrpv.gov.lv
3 February 2016 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
5 March 2016 Istanbul (TR)	English	PCT training workshop in the framework of the Istanbul International Invention Festival (ISIF) (3–6 March 2016) WIPO speaker: to be announced	International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) E-mail: bijan.nasiri@ifia.com Internet: http://www.ifia.com
9 May 2016 Istanbul (TR) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the second year of basic training WIPO speaker: to be announced	CEIPI International (Ms. Selda Arkan) Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42 Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21 E-mail: selda.arkan@alfapatent.com.tr; alfa@alfapatent.com.tr
11-12 May 2016 Munich (DE)	German	Basic 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
12-13 October 2016 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

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
12 November 2015 15:00 CET (09:00 New York time)	English	Update on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2709091467931958529
24 November 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 26 November 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: How to build complex queries in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1937483891740913153
15 December 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 17 December 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Retrospective of 2015 and plans for 2016 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6065860882481709057

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers¹			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
17 November 2015 Houston, TX (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
1 December 2015 San Diego (Del Mar), CA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Houston, above)
8 December 2015 Boston, MA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Houston, above)

1. Views and opinions of speakers at these events do not necessarily represent the views of WIPO.

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 November 2015, 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) and (c) 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), the supplementary search handling fee 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	HUF	Hungarian forint	MXN	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
<i>Currencies:</i>		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal		
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	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 November 2015, 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
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available						CA
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,384 <i>(from 1.1.16: 1,363)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,384 <i>(from 1.1.16: 1,363)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,273 <i>(from 1.1.16: 1,219)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	191 <i>(183)</i>	287 <i>(275)</i>	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,848 <i>(from 1.1.16: 1,922)</i>	21 <i>(22)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	278 <i>(289)</i>	417 <i>(434)</i>	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30 ⁸	USD 1,384 <i>(from 1.1.16: 1,363)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,273 <i>(from 1.1.16: 1,219)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BE	EUR 120	EUR 1,273 <i>(from 1.1.16: 1,219)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,384 <i>(from 1.1.16: 1,363)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU JP EP
BR	BRL ⁹ online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,384 <i>(from 1.1.16: 1,363)</i>	16 <i>(15)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BY	USD 50	USD 1,384 <i>(from 1.1.16: 1,363)</i>	16 <i>(15)</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 November 2015, 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
						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP	
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,799 (from 1.1.16: 1,782)	20 (20)	– (–)	270 (268)	406 (402)	CA	
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP	
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	eq USD ¹⁰ 16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	CL EP ES KR US	
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN	
CO	COP	865,000 ¹¹	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	– (from 10.11.16: eq CHF 200)	– (from 10.11.16: eq CHF 300)	AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CL EP ES	
CU	CUC	200	CUC 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR CL EP ES RU	
CY	EUR	191	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP	
DE	EUR	90	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP	
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK 9,480 (from 1.1.16: 9,090)	110 (100)	– (–)	1,430 (1,370)	2,140 (2,050)	EP SE XN	
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CL EP ES US	
DZ	DZD	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP	
EA	RUB	1,600	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	EP RU	
EC	USD ¹²	–	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CL EP ES	
EE	EUR	120	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP	
EG	USD	142	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EG EP US	
EP	EUR	130	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	96 (92)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP	
ES	EUR	74.99	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP ES	
FI	EUR	135	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR	62	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP	
GB	GBP	75	GBP 867 (from 1.1.16: 899)	10 (10)	– (–)	130 (135)	196 (203)	EP	
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹³	100	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP IL RU US	
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000		USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR EP ES US	
HN	USD	200	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	

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

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				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 392,000 (from 1.1.16: 380,800)	HUF 4,400 (4,300)	– (–)	59,000 (57,300)	88,400 (85,900)	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	See footnote 16
	or EUR ¹⁵ 96	or EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	
	(from 1.1.16: 92)						
	or USD ¹⁵ 104 (from 1.1.16: 102)	or USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR ¹² –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 190,800 (from 1.12.15: 176,100) (from 1.1.16: 172,800)	2,200 (2,000) (1,900)	– (–) (–)	28,700 (26,500) (26,000)	43,000 (39,700) (39,000)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁷	JPY 178,100 (from 1.1.16: 164,200)	2,000 (1,900)	– (–)	– (–)	40,200 (37,000)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						EP
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹² –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹² –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²⁰	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP

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

(amounts on 1 November 2015, 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
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
MX	USD 323.70 ²¹	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	CL EP ES SE SG 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 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 10,990 (from 1.1.16: 11,460)	120 (130)	– (–)	1,650 (1,720)	2,480 (2,590)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,111 (from 1.1.16: 2,094)	24 (24)	– (–)	317 (315)	476 (472)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹² –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	eq USD 16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	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 20.82	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	eq USD 16 (15)	– (–)	eq USD 208 (205)	eq USD 312 (307)	EG EP US
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,300 ²³	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 12,070 (from 1.1.16: 11,380)	140 (130)	– (–)	1,820 (1,710)	2,720 (2,570)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,953 (from 1.1.16: 1,934)	22 (22)	– (–)	294 (291)	441 (436)	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁴	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹² –	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 November 2015, 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
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
TM	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TN	TND ¹² –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁵ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD 240 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 120 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 60 ²⁶	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	104 (102)	208 (205)	– (–)	AU EP IL JP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 16,720 (from 1.12.15: 18,550) (from 1.1.16: 18,540)	190 (210) (210)	– (–) (–)	2,510 (2,790) (2,790)	3,770 (4,190) (4,180)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	eq USD 16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 November 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹						
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,864 *(from 1.12.15: 1,864) **(from 1.1.16: 1,864)	CHF** 1,947 KRW 2,504,000 CHF 2,034	KRW** ** 2,316,000 KRW 2,419,000	SGD** 2,790 SGD 2,960	USD** 2,112 USD 2,084	ZAR** 26,610 ZAR 28,360	
AU	AUD 2,200 USD* 1,622 *(from 1.1.16: 1,560)	CHF* 1,583 ZAR* 19,930 CHF 1,522 ZAR 21,220	EUR* 1,525 EUR 1,395	KRW* 1,882,000 KRW 1,810,000	NZD* 2,468 NZD 2,397	SGD* 2,290 SGD 2,210	
BR ²⁹	Online: *(from 1.1.16:) On paper: *(from 1.1.16:)	BRL 1,685 CHF 422 BRL 2,525 CHF 632	CHF* 473 EUR 386 CHF* 708 EUR 579	EUR* 437 USD 432 EUR* 654 USD 647)	USD* 484		
CA	CAD 1,600 *(from 1.1.16:)	CHF* 1,183 CHF 1,194	EUR* 1,137 EUR 1,094	USD* 1,284 USD 1,223)			
CL	USD 2,000 *(from 1.1.16:) In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity ² : *(from 1.1.16:) In case of filing by a university ³⁰ : *(from 1.1.16:)	CHF* 1,922 CHF 1,952 CHF 390 CHF 293	EUR* 1,765 EUR 1,789) USD 400 EUR 358) USD 300 EUR 268)		CHF* 384 EUR* 265	EUR* 353	
CN	CNY 2,100 *(from 1.1.16:)	CHF* 310 CHF 323	EUR* 297 EUR 296	USD* 342 USD 330)			
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000 *(from 1.1.16:)	CHF* 483 CHF 499	EUR* 480 EUR 457	USD* 525 USD 511)			

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 November 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹												
EP ³²	EUR	1,875	CHF**	1,958	DKK**	13,960	GBP**	1,365	HUF**	577,000	ISK**	287,000	
	JPY**	251,600	NOK**	17,070	NZD**	3,068	SEK**	17,040	SGD*, **	2,800			
	USD**	2,125	ZAR**	26,770									
	*(from 1.12.15:		SGD	2,980)									
	**(from 1.1.16:		CHF	2,046	DKK	13,990	GBP	1,384	HUF	585,800	ISK	266,000	
	JPY	252,600	NOK	17,640	NZD	3,222	SEK	17,500	SGD	2,980	USD	2,097	
ZAR	28,530)												
ES ³³	EUR	1,875	CHF*	1,958	USD*	2,125							
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	2,046	USD	2,097)							
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF*	1,958	USD*	2,125							
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	2,046	USD	2,097)							
IL	ILS	3,554	CHF*	875	EUR*	809	USD*	909					
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	895	EUR	820	USD	917)					
IN	INR	10,000	CHF**	145	EUR**	142	USD**	163					
	*(from 1.12.15:		USD	150)									
	(from 1.1.16:		CHF	150	EUR	137	USD	154)					
	In case of filing by an individual:		INR	2,500	CHF**	36	EUR**	36	USD*, **	41			
	*(from 1.12.15:		USD	37)									
	**(from 1.1.16:		CHF	37	EUR	34	USD	38)					
JP ¹⁷	JPY	70,000	CHF**	523	EUR**	522	KRW*, **	638,000	SGD**, **	766	USD**	577	
	*(from 1.12.15:		KRW	690,000	SGD	820)							
	**(from 1.1.16:		CHF	567	EUR	520	KRW	674,000	SGD	825	USD	581)	
KR	For international applications in Korean:												
	KRW	450,000	AUD**	526	CHF**	378	EUR***	362	NZD**	596	SGD**	540	
	USD**	389											
	*(from 1.12.15:		EUR	335)									
	**(from 1.1.16:		AUD	547	CHF	379	EUR	347	NZD	596	SGD	550	
	USD	388)											
For international applications in English:													
KRW	1,300,000	AUD**	1,519	CHF	1,093	EUR***	1,046	NZD	1,722	SGD**	1,560		
USD**	1,125												
*(from 1.12.15:		EUR	968)										
**(from 1.1.16:		AUD	1,580	EUR	1,002	SGD	1,590	USD	1,120)				
RU	For international applications in Russian:												
	RUB	6,750	CHF	102	EUR*	82	HUF*	28,800	USD*	106			
	*(from 1.1.16:		EUR	93	HUF	29,100	USD	104)					
	For international applications in English:												
RUB	28,000	CHF	422	EUR*	341	HUF*	119,600	USD*	440				
*(from 1.1.16:		EUR	387	HUF	120,900	USD	433)						
SE	SEK*	17,040	CHF*	1,958	DKK*	13,960	EUR	1,875	ISK*	287,000	NOK*	17,070	
	USD*	2,125											
	*(from 1.1.16:		SEK	17,500	CHF	2,046	DKK	13,990	ISK	266,000	NOK	17,640	
	USD	2,097)											
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF*	1,571	EUR*	1,487	USD*	1,632					
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	1,540	EUR	1,411	USD	1,578)					
US	USD	2,080	CHF**	1,998	EUR**	1,835	NZD**	3,140	ZAR*, **	25,250			
	*(from 1.12.15:		ZAR	29,060)									
	**(from 1.1.16:		CHF	2,030	EUR	1,860	NZD	3,200	ZAR	28,300)			
	For small entity ²⁷ :		USD	1,040	CHF**	999	EUR**	918	NZD**	1,570	ZAR**	12,620	
	*(from 1.12.15:		ZAR	14,530)									
	**(from 1.1.16:		CHF	1,015	EUR	930	NZD	1,600	ZAR	14,150)			
	For micro entity ²⁷ :		USD	520	CHF**	500	EUR**	459	NZD**	790	ZAR**	6,310	
	*(from 1.12.15:		ZAR	7,260)									
**(from 1.1.16:		CHF	508	EUR	465	NZD	800	ZAR	7,080)				
XN	DKK*	13,960	CHF*	1,958	EUR	1,875	ISK*	287,000	NOK*	17,070	SEK*	17,040	
	USD*	2,125											
	*(from 1.1.16:		DKK	13,990	CHF	2,046	ISK	266,000	NOK	17,640	SEK	17,500	
USD	2,097)												

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 November 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 33}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 888 (from 1.1.16: CHF 928) – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,243 (from 1.1.16: CHF 1,299) – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,776 (from 1.1.16: CHF 1,855)	CHF 200
EP	CHF 1,958 (from 1.1.16: CHF 2,046)	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,958 (from 1.1.16: CHF 2,046)	CHF 200
RU	CHF 178 (285) ³⁴	CHF 200
SE	CHF 1,958 (from 1.1.16: CHF 2,046)	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,571 (from 1.1.16: CHF 1,540)	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,958 (from 1.1.16: CHF 2,046) – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 560 (from 1.1.16: CHF 590)	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 November 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

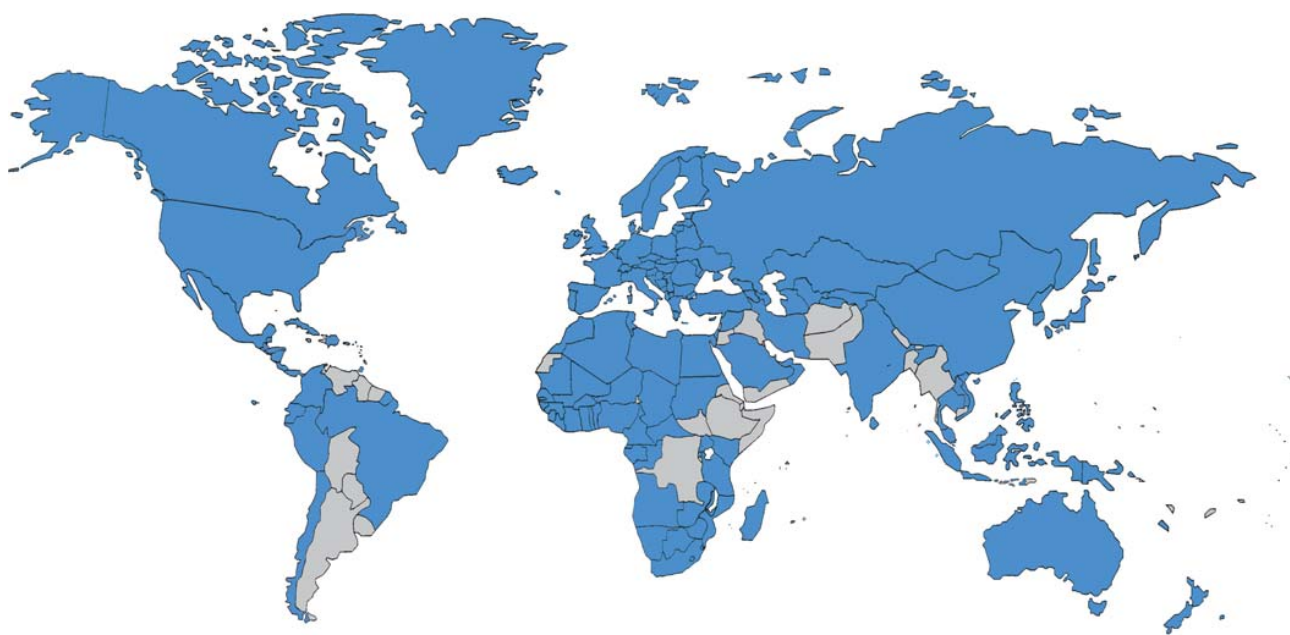
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁵	Handling fee ^{2, 35} (CHF 200)
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,749	EUR 191 (from 1.1.16: 183)
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁶	AUD 278 (from 1.1.16: 289)
BR ²⁹	Online: BRL 630 On paper: BRL 945	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 800	CAD 270 (from 1.1.16: 268)
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300	USD 208 (from 1.1.16: 205)
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³¹	EGP 3,000	USD 208 (from 1.1.16: 205)
EP ³²	EUR 1,930	EUR 191 (from 1.1.16: 183)
ES	EUR 589.49	EUR 191 (from 1.1.16: 183)
FI	EUR 600	EUR 191 (from 1.1.16: 183)
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 766 (from 1.1.16: 794)
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 208 (from 1.1.16: 205)
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁷	JPY 26,800 (from 1.1.16: 24,700)
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 238,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 ³⁷ 4,050 ³⁸ For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 ³⁷ 15,750 ³⁸	USD 208 (from 1.1.16: 205)
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,820 (from 1.1.16: 1,710)
SG	SGD 830	SGD 285 (from 1.1.16: 291)
US	USD 600 760 ³⁹ For small entity ²⁷ : USD 300 380 ³⁹ For micro entity ²⁷ : USD 150 190 ³⁹	USD 208 (from 1.1.16: 205)
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,430 (from 1.1.16: 1,370)

[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>
- 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 in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.
- 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 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 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 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 25 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%.
- 26 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.
- 27 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
- 28 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).
- 29 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.
- 30 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>
- 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 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).
- 35 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 36 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 38 In all cases where footnote 37 does not apply.
- 39 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	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) ⁵
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 ³	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)	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 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

4 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2015.

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 1 July 2015). 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

Iceland, Norway and the Philippines: Icelandic Patent Office, Norwegian Industrial Property Office and Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) (will) accept ePCT-Filings

The Icelandic Patent Office, the Norwegian Industrial Property Office and the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines), in their capacities as receiving Offices (RO/IS, RO/NO and RO/PH), have notified the International Bureau (IB) that they are prepared to accept international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal on the following dates:

RO/NO:	1 December 2015
RO/IS:	1 January 2016
RO/PH:	4 January 2016

In the case of RO/NO and RO/IS, this will be in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing, and, with effect from 1 December 2015 and 1 January 2016, respectively, they (will) no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media.

Revised notifications containing the requirements and practices of RO/NO and RO/IS with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form were published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 3 December 2015 and 10 December 2015, respectively, at:

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

and the notification containing the requirements and practices of RO/PH will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (NO, IS and PH).

Azerbaijan and the Russian Federation: State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) (will) begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), in their capacities as receiving Offices (RO/AZ and RO/RU), have notified the IB under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that they are prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form on the following dates:

RO/AZ:	1 December 2015
RO/RU:	1 January 2016

The Offices (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 indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the requirements and practices of RO/AZ with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 26 November 2015 at:

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

and the notification containing the requirements and practices of RO/RU will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly.

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

The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by the above-mentioned Offices will bring to 32 the total number of receiving Offices which do so.¹

Non-working Days at the IB

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the International Bureau (IB) will not be open for business are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016, the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and

1 January 2016

25 and 28 March 2016

5 May 2016

16 May 2016

8 September 2016

26 December 2016

30 December 2016

Note that the days indicated above concern only the IB and not the national or regional Offices. The closed dates in 2016 for other Offices are available on the PCT website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/faces/page/index.xhtml>

Using DAS to Provide US Priority Documents for a PCT Application

On 30 November 2015, along with changes to the Application Data Sheet form, changes to United States Rule 37 CFR 1.14(h) entered into force which simplify the process by which US applicants provide authorization to share US patent application file content with foreign IP Offices. The practical effect of this is that it will reduce inadvertent omissions of the required

¹ ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices: RO/IB, RO/AT, RO/AU, RO/AZ, RO/BR, RO/CA, RO/CL, RO/CO, RO/CZ, RO/DK, RO/DZ, RO/EA, RO/EE, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/HU, RO/IN, RO/IS (from 1 January 2016), RO/LV, RO/MX, RO/MY, RO/NO, RO/NZ, RO/PH (from 4 January 2016), RO/PL, RO/QA, RO/RU (from 1 January 2016), RO/SA, RO/SE, RO/SG, RO/TR and RO/ZA.

authorization and make it easier to use the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) to retrieve priority documents based on US patent applications filed on or after this date. Previously, when completing the Application Data Sheet in respect of the earlier application, it was necessary to actively check a box to make the authorization for the USPTO to release that document to other Offices. Now, the Application Data Sheet has a preprinted authorization with the ability to opt-out of the authorization by checking a box. This means that applicants are less likely to forget to make that authorization in the earlier application.

It is recalled that when using DAS to meet priority document requirements in relation to an earlier US national application, the relevant portion of the PCT request form must be completed (requesting the International Bureau to obtain a certified copy of the earlier application from a digital library), indicating the US application number, the US filing date and the access code, which is the 4-digit confirmation number found on the acknowledgement of receipt of the earlier application. A request for the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the certified copy is the preferred option for US applicants that file an international application with the RO/US.

For further information, please see:

<https://federalregister.gov/a/2015-27335>

Please note that the “Authorization or Opt-Out of Authorization to Permit Access” section of the revised Application Data Sheet is only reviewed and processed with the initial filing of the earlier application. Otherwise, Form PCT/SB/39 (or an applicant-generated equivalent) must be used to provide the required authorization.

PCT Information Update

AT Austria (number of copies required)

The Austrian 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 only one copy instead of three.

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

AU Australia (e-mail notifications; time when name and address of inventor must be given; deposits of microorganisms and other biological material)

The Australian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it will now send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

The Office has notified a change in its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Australia is designated (or elected) – this information must be in the request form or must be furnished within two months from the date of the invitation.

There has been a change to the text concerning the requirements of the Office with regard to the making of deposits of microorganisms and other biological material. The text now reads as follows:

An applicant may give notice that the furnishing of a sample of a microorganism shall only be effected prior to the grant of a patent, or to the lapsing, refusal or withdrawal of an application, to a person who is a skilled addressee without an interest in the invention (Regulation 3.25A(2) of the Australian Patents Regulations). The applicant must give

notice directly to the Australian Patent Office before the application is made available to the public (normally the international publication date).

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

AZ Azerbaijan (electronic filing; national security provisions; fees)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 1 December 2015, by the State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan 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.

The Office has provided additional details to the IB concerning restrictions in its national legislation which are applicable when filing international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office or the IB as receiving Office as follows: filing restrictions apply to applications containing State secrets (Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Patents, Article 25).

There has been a change in the amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent or utility model:

Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	20
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (AZ) and National Chapter, Summary (AZ))

BR Brazil (who can act as agent)

There has been a change as to who can act as agent before the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as receiving Office or designated (or elected) Office – any natural or legal person resident in Brazil may now act as agent.

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

GT Guatemala (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) has specified, with effect from 18 November 2015, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), 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 Guatemala with the Registry of Intellectual Property (or the IB) as receiving Office.

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

IL Israel (fees; requirements concerning the translation of the international application; special requirements for entry into the national phase)

As from 1 January 2016, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	ILS	551
Fee for priority document:.....	ILS	86

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

Filing fee	ILS	2,017
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The Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office has notified a change in its requirements concerning the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation is now required into English (instead of English or Hebrew).

The Office has also removed the requirement for the furnishing of two copies of the international application (if in English) or of its translation, and the requirement for the furnishing of a translation of the international application into English or Hebrew.

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

IS Iceland (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 1 January 2016, by the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

KZ Kazakhstan (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; Internet address; types of protection; fees)

The location and mailing address and the telephone and fax numbers of the National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan) have changed, and the Office has discontinued one of its Internet addresses and notified another one, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Kazakhstan Respublikasy, Adilet ministrligi Sol zhagalau Orynbor 8 Kireberis 13 Astana 010000, Kazakhstan (general matters)
	Ultyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty Sol zhagalau Orynbor 8 Kireberis 1 Astana 010000, Kazakhstan (application processing)
Telephone:	(7-7172) 74 95 80, 74 91 33, 74 96 60
Fax:	(7-7172) 74 96 21
Internet:	www.kazpatent.kz www.adilet.gov.kz

The Office has notified the IB of a change concerning the types of protection available in Kazakhstan via the PCT – innovative patents are no longer available with effect from 4 July 2015. This updates the table of “Types 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>

The amount of the fee for priority document, payable to the Office as receiving Office, has changed to KZT 2,730.56 plus value added tax (VAT) in case of filing by a legal entity, and KZT 818.72 in case of filing by a natural person.

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

For patent:

Filing fee:

– electronic filing: KZT 17,271.52

– paper filing:..... KZT 20,320.16

Examination fee: KZT 66,959.20

For utility model:

Filing fee:

– electronic filing: KZT 13,982.08

– paper filing:..... KZT 16,450.56

Annual fees for the first three years, per year:..... KZT 16,450.56

There has been a change in the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – the examination fee is now reduced by 20% (previously 15%) where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established.

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

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The IB, acting as competent receiving Office for the Lao People's Democratic Republic, has specified, with effect from 1 January 2016, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), in addition to the European Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic with the IB as receiving Office. The JPO will be competent only for international applications filed in English.

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

MZ Mozambique (telephone number; means of telecommunication)

The telephone number of the Industrial Property Institute (Mozambique) has changed, as follows:

Telephone: (258-82) 301 43 74, (258-84) 300 62 15

The Office has also informed the IB that it now accepts the filing of documents by e-mail, in addition to fax.

There has been a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office:

For patent:

Filing fee:	[no change]
Annual fee for the first year:	MZM 850
Annual fee for the second year:	MZM 1,150

For utility model:

Filing fee:	MZM 1,850
Annual fee for the first and second year, per year:.....	MZM 850

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

NO Norway (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 1 December 2015, by the Norwegian Industrial Property Office as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

PH Philippines (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 4 January 2016, by the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

RU Russian Federation (electronic filing; fees)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 1 January 2016, by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) 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.

SV El Salvador (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the National Center of Registries (El Salvador) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: propiedadintelectual@cnr.gob.sv

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

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (time limits for entry into the national phase)

There has been a change in the time limit for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) before the Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) as a designated and elected Office. The time limit is now 31 months from the priority date.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (VC) and the table of "Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase under PCT Chapters I and II")

Search fee and other fees relating to international search (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the IB that the search fee for an international search carried out by it and the additional search fee do not apply to public universities in Spain, which are exempt from paying these fees.

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

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

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the IB that the preliminary examination fee and additional preliminary examination fee, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority, do not apply to public universities in Spain, which are exempt from paying these fees.

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

New/updated PCT Resources

Report of the PCT Working Group

The report (document PCT/WG/8/26) of the eighth session of the PCT Working Group, which took place from 26 to 29 May 2015, 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=35593

PATENTSCOPE News

Additions to the national collection of the Republic of Korea

The PATENTSCOPE search system now includes, in the national patent collection of the Republic of Korea, patent data in Korean. The collection of the Republic of Korea now includes about 3.4 million records in the form of: bibliographic data, searchable full-text and drawings in Korean with front file data in the new WIPO Standard ST.96. Any new data will become available within a month after its first publication in KIPRIS, the patent search system of the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO). For users who do not know the Korean language, the in-house developed tool CLIR will allow them to search in the descriptions and claims in Korean.

The addition of this patent data of the Republic of Korea in Korean brings to over 50 million the total number of patent documents in the PATENTSCOPE search system; it is available at:

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

Practical Advice

Submitting sequence listings as part of the international application and for the purpose of international search

Q: I am going to file an international application electronically, in PDF format, containing a sequence listing. Since the International Searching Authority requires that sequence listings be submitted in text format for the purposes of international search, would it be possible to furnish the sequence listing after the filing of the international application?

A: It is recalled that according to PCT Rule 5.2(a), “where the international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, the description shall contain a sequence listing complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions and presented as a separate part of the description in accordance with that standard”. The standard referred to is contained in Annex C of the PCT Administrative Instructions (“Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings in International Patent Applications under the PCT”) and in WIPO Standard ST.25 (see: <http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-25-01.pdf>). A Standard-compliant sequence listing will be referred to hereinafter as an Annex C/ST.25 sequence listing. An Annex C/ST.25 sequence listing is used for the prosecution of the application before all PCT Authorities (receiving Offices and International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs)) in the international phase, as well as before the designated (or elected) Offices in the national phase (see PCT Rule 13ter.3).

Any sequence listing forming part of the international application **must be filed at the same time as the rest of the international application**, and be presented as a separate part of the description. If the sequence listing is submitted after the international filing date, it cannot normally be part of the international application, and will not be published with the international application. However, it might be possible to add it to the international application under certain circumstances (see penultimate paragraph, below). When submitting a sequence listing at the same time as the international application, you should clearly indicate that you are submitting it as part of the international application. In ePCT-Filing you should use the “International search” tab. In the PCT-SAFE software, you should check the box labeled “Description contains sequence listing” on the “Biology” page to create the sequence listing item on the “Contents” page.

When filing an international application electronically in PDF format, you are strongly advised to submit the sequence listing part of the description in text format, not only because the sequence listing must, in any case, be prepared in that format for the purposes of international search, but also to avoid having to pay extra fees; if the sequence listing part of the description is filed in PDF format (or on paper), the pages making up the sequence listing will be counted when determining the total number of pages/sheets of the international application and may be subject to the fee per sheet in excess of 30; this fee is not payable for sequence listings filed in text format.

Any sequence listing contained in an international application filed in electronic form must be in an electronic document format, and be filed by a means of transmittal that has been specified

by the receiving Office for the purposes of filing of international applications in electronic form. Please be aware that when you file your international application using ePCT-Filing or PCT-SAFE, a basic check of the sequence listing file is made. Although the software does not fully verify that the sequence is valid, it does check the opening lines to ensure that certain required tags are included.

If the sequence listing does not meet the necessary requirements, or where nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences are disclosed in the application but no sequence listing has been filed, the ISA will invite you (using Form PCT/ISA/225) to furnish, within a fixed time limit, an Annex C/ST.25 sequence listing in electronic text form so that it can properly carry out the international search (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(a)). In either situation, you would have to make a statement in your response that the sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed. You may also have to pay a late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)) to the ISA. If you fail to comply with the necessary requirements of the ISA, the international search may be restricted, that is, the examiner may not search claims directed to specific sequences (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(d)). (Note that the requirements in relation to sequence listings for the purposes of international search also apply during international preliminary examination (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2).)

Where a sequence listing filed in text format for the purposes of international search does not form part of the international application and was sent direct to the ISA, the ISA will transmit a copy to the IB, and the IB will publish the sequence listing on PATENTSCOPE at the time of publication of the international application with an indication that it did not form part of the application.

Where the sequence listing contains any free text, that free text must be repeated in the main part of the description (see PCT Rule 5.2 and Annex C, paragraph 36).

Please see Annex C for detailed information about the Standard for the presentation of sequence listings. Please be advised that dedicated software is available free of charge for the preparation of sequence listings in electronic format, for example:

(1) “PatentIn” from the website of the United States Patent and Trademark Office at:
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/patin/patentin.htm>

and also from the website of the Japan Patent Office at:

https://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/t_tokkyo/shutsugan/idensi_txt_de-ta.htm

(2) BiSSAP from the website of the European Patent Office; for further details, see:
<http://www.epo.org/applying/online-services/online-filing/auxiliary/bissap.html>

Note that if you fail to include the sequence listing as part of the application, it might be possible, under certain circumstances, for a later-filed sequence listing to become part of the international application in the following situations:

- inclusion by incorporation by reference under PCT Rule 20.6, provided that the necessary conditions are met (see the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2014). You should, however, be aware that PCT Rule 20.6 is not compatible with the national law of some receiving Offices and designated Offices, with the result that such Offices may not accept sequence listings which have been incorporated by reference (see the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2015);

- if a sequence listing cannot be incorporated by reference, it can be submitted to the RO within 2 months of the international filing date to complete the international application (PCT Rule 20.5(a)(i)). In this situation the date of submission of the sequence listing will become the international filing date;
- if you file a demand for international preliminary examination, a sequence listing may be filed as an amendment of the description under PCT Article 34, provided that it does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed (PCT Rule 13^{ter}.1(e)).

Further information on the filing of sequence listings is available in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 5.099 to 5.104 and 7.005 to 7.012 at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>

and in the Administrative Instructions, Annex C, at:

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

PCT Seminar Calendar

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

(situation on 10 December 2015)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
14 December 2015 Fukuoka (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: https://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/ibento/ibento2/h27_chiteki_setumeikai.htm
17 December 2015 Riga (LV) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic training seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Arvis Grinbergs, Latvian Patent Office) Tel: (371) 67 22 00 38 Fax: (371) 67 21 07 67 E-mail: arvis.grinbergs@lrpv.gov.lv
3 February 2016 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
11–12 February 2016 Bucharest (RO) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Mihaela Teodorescu) Tel: (40-0) 77 386 7751 Fax: (40-0) 31 436 0665 E-mail: office@mteodorescu.ro
29 February 2016 Munich (DE)	German	PCT seminar – “Best Practices” WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
5 March 2016 Istanbul (TR)	English	PCT training workshop in the framework of the Istanbul International Invention Festival (ISIF) (3–6 March 2016) WIPO speaker: to be announced	International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) E-mail: bijan.nasiri@ifia.com Internet: http://www.ifia.com
12 April 2016 Frankfurt (DE)	German	PCT seminar – “Recent Developments in the EP, PCT and US procedures” WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other speaker: Mr. Naumann (formerly European Patent Office)	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
9 May 2016 Istanbul (TR) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the second year of basic training WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Selda Arkan) Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42 Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21 E-mail: selda.arkan@alfapatent.com.tr ; alfa@alfapatent.com.tr

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
11-12 May 2016 Munich (DE)	German	Basic 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
15 September 2016 Lisbon (PT) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. João Amaral) Tel: (351) 218 818 100 Fax: (351) 218 878 508 E-mail: jamaral@inpi.pt Internet: www.inpi.pt
6 October 2016 Barcelona (ES) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Antonio López-Carrasco Comajuncosas Tel : (34-93) 123 31 01 E-mail: antonio.lopez-carrascocomajuncosas@telefonica.com
12-13 October 2016 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
2-3 November 2016 Munich (DE)	German	PCT update/conference 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
18-19 November 2016 Cracow (PL) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic 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
24-25 November 2016 Dresden (DE)	German	PCT presentation on recent developments in the PCT within the framework of the PAFA-Tagung 2016 conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
6-7 December 2016 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: 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
8 December 2016 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
15 December 2015 17:30–18:30 CET or 17 December 2015 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Retrospective of 2015 and plans for 2016 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6065860882481709057

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers¹			
Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
1 December 2015 San Diego (Del Mar), 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
8 December 2015 Boston, MA (US)	English	PCT Boot Camp Speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (see Houston, above)
10 March 2016 Augsburg (DE)	German	PCT seminar: "PCT Procedure" Speaker: Ms. Huppertz	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

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PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 December 2015, 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) and (c) 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), the supplementary search handling fee 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	HUF	Hungarian forint	MXN	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal		
		DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	RON	New leu		
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RSD	Serbian dinar		
		EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUB	Russian rouble		
		EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
		GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		
		GTQ	Guatemalan quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht		
		HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 December 2015, 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
					Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD 1,848 (from 1.1.16: 1,922)	21 (22)	– (–)	278 (289)	417 (434)	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30 ⁸	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BE	EUR	120	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU JP EP
BR	BRL ⁹	online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	USD	50	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU

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						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP	
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,799 (from 1.1.16: 1,782)	20 (20)	– (–)	270 (268)	406 (402)	CA	
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP	
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	eq USD ¹⁰ 16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	CL EP ES KR US	
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN	
CO	COP	865,000 ¹¹	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	– (from 10.11.16: eq CHF 200)	– (from 10.11.16: eq CHF 300)	AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CL EP ES	
CU	CUC	200	CUC 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR CL EP ES RU	
CY	EUR	191	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP	
DE	EUR	90	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP	
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK 9,480 (from 1.1.16: 9,090)	110 (100)	– (–)	1,430 (1,370)	2,140 (2,050)	EP SE XN	
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CL EP ES US	
DZ	DZD	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP	
EA	RUB	1,600	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	EP RU	
EC	USD ¹²	–	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CL EP ES	
EE	EUR	120	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP	
EG	USD	142	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EG EP US	
EP	EUR	130	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	96 (92)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP	
ES	EUR	74.99	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP ES	
FI	EUR	135	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR	62	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP	
GB	GBP	75	GBP 867 (from 1.1.16: 899)	10 (10)	– (–)	130 (135)	196 (203)	EP	
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹³	100	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP IL RU US	
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000		USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR CL EP ES US	
HN	USD	200	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	

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

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				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 392,000 (from 1.1.16: 380,800)	HUF 4,400 (4,300)	–	59,000 (57,300)	88,400 (85,900)	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	See footnote 16
	or EUR ¹⁵ 96	or EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	–	191 (183)	287 (275)	
	(from 1.1.16: 92)			(–)	(183)	(275)	
	or USD ¹⁵ 104	or USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	–	208 (205)	312 (307)	
(from 1.1.16: 102)			(–)	(205)	(307)		
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	–	–	–	EP
IL	ILS 554 (from 1.1.16: 551)	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	–	208 (205)	312 (307)	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	–	208 (205)	312 (307)	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
	(filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)			(–)	(205)	(307)	
IR	IRR ¹² –	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 15,000	ISK 176,100 (from 1.1.16: 172,800)	2,000 (1,900)	–	26,500 (26,000)	39,700 (39,000)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁷	JPY 178,100 (from 1.1.16: 164,200)	2,000 (1,900)	–	–	40,200 (37,000)	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	–	–	–	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available						EP
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	–	–	–	EP RU
				(–)	(–)	(–)	
LR	USD 45	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL ¹² –	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	–	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 68.87	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	–	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹² –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ²⁰	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	–	–	–	EP
				(–)	(–)	(–)	
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	–	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	–	–	–	EP
				(–)	(–)	(–)	
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	–	–	–	EP

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				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
MX	USD 323.70 ²¹	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	CL EP ES SE SG 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 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 10,990 (from 1.1.16: 11,460)	120 (130)	– (–)	1,650 (1,720)	2,480 (2,590)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,111 (from 1.1.16: 2,094)	24 (24)	– (–)	317 (315)	476 (472)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹² –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	eq USD 16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR CL EP ES KR
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	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 20.82	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	eq USD 16 (15)	– (–)	eq USD 208 (205)	eq USD 312 (307)	EG EP US
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,300 ²³	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (205)	– (307)	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	208 (205)	312 (307)	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 12,070 (from 1.1.16: 11,380)	140 (130)	– (–)	1,820 (1,710)	2,720 (2,570)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,953 (from 1.1.16: 1,934)	22 (22)	– (–)	294 (291)	441 (436)	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²⁴	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	191 (183)	287 (275)	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,273 (from 1.1.16: 1,219)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CL EP ES
SY	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS ¹² –	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
TM	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TN	TND ¹² –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ²⁵ 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD 240 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 120 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 60 ²⁶	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	104 (102)	208 (205)	– (–)	AU EP IL JP KR RU US
UZ	USD ¹² –	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 18,550 (from 1.1.16: 18,540)	210 (210)	– (–)	2,790 (2,790)	4,190 (4,180)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,384 (from 1.1.16: 1,363)	eq USD 16 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 December 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,864 *(from 1.1.16: –)	CHF* 1,947 CHF 2,034	KRW* 2,504,000 KRW 2,419,000	SGD* 2,790 SGD 2,960	USD* 2,112 USD 2,084	ZAR* 26,610 ZAR 28,360)		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD* 1,622 *(from 1.1.16: –) USD 1,560	CHF* 1,583 ZAR* 19,930 CHF 1,522 ZAR 21,220)	EUR* 1,525 EUR 1,395	KRW* 1,882,000 KRW 1,810,000	NZD* 2,468 NZD 2,397	SGD* 2,290 SGD 2,210		
BR ²⁹	Online: *(from 1.1.16: –) On paper: *(from 1.1.16: –)	BRL 1,685 CHF 422 BRL 2,525 CHF 632	CHF* 473 EUR 386 CHF* 708 EUR 579	EUR* 437 USD 432 EUR* 654 USD 647)	USD* 484 USD* 725			
CA	CAD 1,600 *(from 1.1.16: –)	CHF* 1,183 CHF 1,194	EUR* 1,137 EUR 1,094	USD* 1,284 USD 1,223)				
CL	USD 2,000 *(from 1.1.16: –) In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity ² : *(from 1.1.16: –) In case of filing by a university ³⁰ : *(from 1.1.16: –)	CHF* 1,922 CHF 1,952 CHF 390 CHF 293	EUR* 1,765 EUR 1,789 EUR 358 EUR 268)	USD 400 CHF* 384 EUR* 265				
CN	CNY 2,100 *(from 1.1.16: –)	CHF* 310 CHF 323	EUR* 297 EUR 296	USD* 342 USD 330)				
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000 *(from 1.1.16: –)	CHF* 483 CHF 499	EUR* 480 EUR 457	USD* 525 USD 511)				

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 December 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹												
EP ³²	EUR	1,875	CHF*	1,958	DKK*	13,960	GBP*	1,365	HUF*	577,000	ISK*	287,000	
	JPY*	251,600	NOK*	17,070	NZD*	3,068	SEK*	17,040	SGD*	2,980			
	USD*	2,125	ZAR*	26,770									
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	2,046	DKK	13,990	GBP	1,384	HUF	585,800	ISK	266,000	
	JPY	252,600	NOK	17,640	NZD	3,222	SEK	17,500	SGD	2,980	USD	2,097	
ZAR	28,530)												
ES ^{32,33}	EUR	1,875	CHF*	1,958	USD*	2,125							
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	2,046	USD	2,097)							
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF*	1,958	USD*	2,125							
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	2,046	USD	2,097)							
IL	ILS	3,554	CHF*	875	EUR*	809	USD*	909					
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	895	EUR	820	USD	917)					
IN	INR	10,000	CHF*	145	EUR*	142	USD*	150					
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	150	EUR	137	USD	154)					
	In case of filing by an individual:			INR	2,500	CHF*	36	EUR*	36	USD*	37		
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	37	EUR	34	USD	38)					
JP ¹⁷	JPY	70,000	CHF*	523	EUR*	522	KRW*	690,000	SGD*	820	USD*	577	
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	567	EUR	520	KRW	674,000	SGD	825	USD	581)	
KR	For international applications in Korean:												
	KRW	450,000	AUD*	526	CHF*	378	EUR*	335	NZD*	596	SGD*	540	
	USD*	389											
	*(from 1.1.16:		AUD	547	CHF	379	EUR	347	NZD	596	SGD	550	
USD		388)											
For international applications in English:													
KRW	1,300,000	AUD*	1,519	CHF	1,093	EUR*	968	NZD	1,722	SGD*	1,560		
USD**	1,125												
*(from 1.1.16:		AUD	1,580	EUR	1,002	SGD	1,590	USD	1,120)				
RU	For international applications in Russian:												
	RUB	6,750	CHF	102	EUR*	82	HUF*	28,800	USD*	106			
	*(from 1.1.16:		EUR	93	HUF	29,100	USD	104)					
	For international applications in English:												
RUB	28,000	CHF	422	EUR*	341	HUF*	119,600	USD*	440				
*(from 1.1.16:		EUR	387	HUF	120,900	USD	433)						
SE	SEK*	17,040	CHF*	1,958	DKK*	13,960	EUR	1,875	ISK*	287,000	NOK*	17,070	
	USD*	2,125											
	*(from 1.1.16:		SEK	17,500	CHF	2,046	DKK	13,990	ISK	266,000	NOK	17,640	
USD	2,097)												
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF*	1,571	EUR*	1,487	USD*	1,632					
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	1,540	EUR	1,411	USD	1,578)					
US	USD	2,080	CHF*	1,998	EUR*	1,835	NZD*	3,140	ZAR*	29,060			
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	2,030	EUR	1,860	NZD	3,200	ZAR	28,300)			
	For small entity ²⁷ :			USD	1,040	CHF*	999	EUR*	918	NZD*	1,570	ZAR*	14,530
	*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	1,015	EUR	930	NZD	1,600	ZAR	14,150)			
	For micro entity ²⁷ :			USD	520	CHF*	500	EUR*	459	NZD*	790	ZAR*	7,260
*(from 1.1.16:		CHF	508	EUR	465	NZD	800	ZAR	7,080)				
XN	DKK*	13,960	CHF*	1,958	EUR	1,875	ISK*	287,000	NOK*	17,070	SEK*	17,040	
	USD*	2,125											
	*(from 1.1.16:		DKK	13,990	CHF	2,046	ISK	266,000	NOK	17,640	SEK	17,500	
USD	2,097)												

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 December 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 34}
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 888 <i>(from 1.1.16: CHF 928)</i> – for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,243 <i>(from 1.1.16: CHF 1,299)</i> – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,776 <i>(from 1.1.16: CHF 1,855)</i>	CHF 200
EP	CHF 1,958 <i>(from 1.1.16: CHF 2,046)</i>	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,958 <i>(from 1.1.16: CHF 2,046)</i>	CHF 200
RU	CHF 178 <i>(285)³⁵</i>	CHF 200
SE	CHF 1,958 <i>(from 1.1.16: CHF 2,046)</i>	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,571 <i>(from 1.1.16: CHF 1,540)</i>	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,958 <i>(from 1.1.16: CHF 2,046)</i> – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 560 <i>(from 1.1.16: CHF 590)</i>	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 December 2015, unless otherwise indicated)

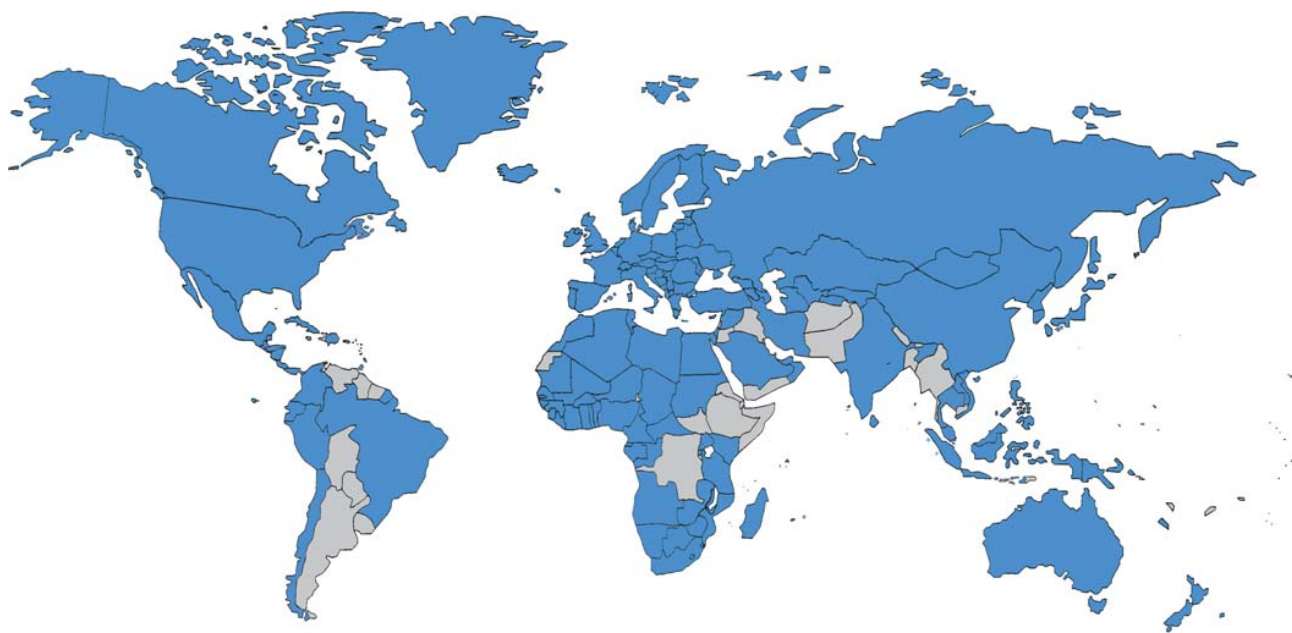
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁶	Handling fee ^{2, 36} (CHF 200)
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,749	EUR 191 <i>(from 1.1.16: 183)</i>
AU	AUD 590 <i>820³⁷</i>	AUD 278 <i>(from 1.1.16: 289)</i>
BR ²⁹	Online: BRL 630 On paper: BRL 945	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 800	CAD 270 <i>(from 1.1.16: 268)</i>
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300	USD 208 <i>(from 1.1.16: 205)</i>
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG ³¹	EGP 3,000	USD 208 <i>(from 1.1.16: 205)</i>
EP ³²	EUR 1,930	EUR 191 <i>(from 1.1.16: 183)</i>
ES	EUR 589.49 ³³	EUR 191 <i>(from 1.1.16: 183)</i>
FI	EUR 600	EUR 191 <i>(from 1.1.16: 183)</i>
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 766 <i>(from 1.1.16: 794)</i>
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 208 <i>(from 1.1.16: 205)</i>
JP	JPY 26,000 ¹⁷	JPY 26,800 <i>(from 1.1.16: 24,700)</i>
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 238,000
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 208 <i>(from 1.1.16: 205)</i>
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,820 <i>(from 1.1.16: 1,710)</i>
SG	SGD 830	SGD 285 <i>(from 1.1.16: 291)</i>
US	USD 600 <i>760⁴⁰</i> For small entity ²⁷ : USD 300 <i>380⁴⁰</i> For micro entity ²⁷ : USD 150 <i>190⁴⁰</i>	USD 208 <i>(from 1.1.16: 205)</i>
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,430 <i>(from 1.1.16: 1,370)</i>

[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>
- 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 in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.
- 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 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 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 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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>).
- 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 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 25 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%.
- 26 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.
- 27 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
- 28 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).
- 29 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.
- 30 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>
- 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 Public universities in Spain are exempt from paying this fee.
- 34 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 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 2015)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
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AL Albania (EP)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
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CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²		RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
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CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²		RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras		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 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

⁴ Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2015.

⁵ Only international applications filed on or after 19 August 2014 will include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe for an ARIPO patent.

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