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PCT Time Limit Calculator

WIPO is pleased to announce the availability of the PCT Time Limit Calculator, a web-based resource available via PatentScope. The Calculator assists applicants in the computing of essential PCT time limits and provides full explanations of all the time limits, as well as references to relevant PCT Articles or Rules. By clicking on "summary", all the calculated time limits are shown together on one page – a useful page to print out. The use of the Calculator does not require any registration and is available free of charge at:

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

To use the Calculator, the user should enter the earliest priority date, or the international filing date where there is no priority claimed. The list below gives the different sections of the Calculator under which different time limits can be calculated, along with any extra dates which need to be entered by the user (in parentheses).

(1) Main time limits:

- submission of the priority document to the International Bureau or the receiving Office
- earliest potential date for international publication
- time limit for entry into the national/regional phase.

(2) Correction or addition of a priority claim (priority date as changed; international filing date).

(3) Amendments under PCT Article 19 (transmittal date of international search report (ISR)).

(4) Demand for international preliminary examination (transmit-

tal date of the ISR if not already entered).

(5) Withdrawal of the international application.

(6) Recording of changes under PCT Rule 92*bis*.

(7) Other – this section enables you to enter a start date and a time period (in months) so that you can work out any other time limits.

The Calculator also contains links to the following important PCT resources which may be helpful when calculating time limits:

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- Yearly Review of the PCT
- Gallery of PCT notable inventions and inventors
- Collection of PCT user strategies
- PCT statistics

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- Treaty, Regulations, Administrative Instructions and Guidelines for Authorities and Offices
- PCT legal text index
- *The History of the PCT Regulations*
- Records of the Washington Diplomatic Conference on the PCT
- Useful tables: reservations and incompatibilities; types of protection; time limits for entering national/regional phase; powers of attorney waivers; access to the IPER; regional patents; States party to PCT/Paris/WTO
- PCT Contracting States
- ISA and IPEA agreements

Filing:

- Electronic filing (PCT-SAFE)
- Direct filing at WIPO
- Fees and warning
- *PCT Applicant's Guide*
- Forms
- *PCT Newsletter*
- PCT Time Limit Calculator

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- PCT timelines – a useful document explaining the different PCT time limits;
- table of time limits for entering the national/regional phase;
- table of PCT reservations and incompatibilities;
- list of closing dates of patent Offices.

Because the Calculator is in electronic form, it can cover a very large spectrum of dates and it will be possible to amend it should there be any amendments to the PCT Regulations which would affect the time limit calculations or the accompanying explanatory texts. The attention of users of the PCT Time Limit Calculator is drawn to the disclaimer (there is a link to this at the bottom of the web page).

Comments on the new PCT Time Limit Calculator are welcome and should be sent to the PCT Legal Division, preferably by e-mail to:

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Reminder

The national Offices of the following States do not yet apply the 30-month time limit for entering the national phase under Chapter I as fixed in PCT Article 22(1) (as modified with effect from 1 April 2002). Note, however, that in respect of the **regional** designation of all those States, the time limit under PCT Article 22(3) of 31 months applies.

CH Switzerland
LU Luxembourg
SE Sweden
TZ United Republic of Tanzania
UG Uganda

A list of time limits applicable for each designated/elected Office for entering the national phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT is available at:

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

Changes Relating to the Publication of International Applications and the *PCT Gazette* as of 1 April 2006

Electronic publication of international applications

In accordance with Section 406(b) of the Administrative Instructions, as of the first international publication after 1 April 2006, international publication of international applications and any republications of previously published international applications will take place **wholly in electronic form**. As of that date, the legal publication of international applications will be the electronic publication only. The electronic publication will be available in several different electronic formats on the day of publication on the PatentScope Portal at the following URL:

www.wipo.int/pctdb

The International Bureau will continue its practice of publishing once a week, usually on Thursdays. As before, a time limit of 15 calendar days will be required for completion of technical preparations for international publication.

Searches of published international applications may be made on the above-mentioned web site using Boolean criteria on a range of bibliographic data elements or by searching the full text of the description and/or claims. The site's browse function reproduces the information from the current Sections I to III of the *PCT Gazette* in paper form. Once a particular international application has been selected via the search or browse functionality, the published international application is available for viewing, printing and downloading under the "Documents" tab. The formats available include PDF, HTML and XML, as well as a ZIP file containing bibliographical data in XML format and complete page images in TIFF format. The HTML and XML formats contain search-quality OCR text of the description and claims, which is created by converting the original published page images into character format.

Declarations referred to in PCT Rule 4.17, as well as the sequence listing part of the description will be published with the international application and made accessible for viewing, printing and downloading as separate entries under the "Documents" tab. The published international applications will thereby be fully

integrated into the revised *PCT Gazette* (see below).

In the event that the above indicated web site is not available for technical reasons on the publication date, the International Bureau will publish international applications electronically by making the published documents available via FTP access at the same URL indicated above.

Publication of declarations filed under PCT Rule 4.17

Following the amendment of PCT Rule 48.2(a)(x), which will enter into force on 1 April 2006, declarations filed under PCT Rule 4.17 will be published with the published international application. It is planned that the front page of the international publication of the international application will continue to refer to declarations which have been filed within the time limit under Rule 26ter.1. As a consequence of the modifications of Sections 211–215 and Annex D of the Administrative Instructions, the front page of the international publication will no longer contain an indication of the designations in respect of which each declaration was made.

Copy of the publication of the international application for the applicant

With effect from 1 July 2006, the International Bureau **will no longer transmit a paper copy of the published international application to the applicant**. It is planned, instead, that amended Form PCT/IB/311 will be sent to the applicant on the date of publication, notifying the applicant that international publication has taken place, of the international publication number, and a reference to the PatentScope Portal where the published international application can be searched, viewed and downloaded. On request, the International Bureau will send a paper copy of the published international application, free of charge, to the applicant.

It should be noted that this change does not affect the current means of communication of published international applications to national Offices and to interested third parties.

Electronic publication of the *PCT Gazette*

Following the amendments to PCT Rules 86.1 and 86.2 and Section 407 of the Administrative Instructions, as of the first publication of the *PCT Gazette* after 1 April 2006, the *Gazette*

will no longer be made available in paper form, but will be published **wholly in electronic form** on the international publication date on the PatentScope Portal at the following URL:

www.wipo.int/pctdb

The bilingual electronic *PCT Gazette* will be available, as in the past, on the publication date. The content of the published data in the *PCT Gazette* will in principle remain unchanged, but searching the *Gazette* contents will be easier.

It will be possible to generate weekly indexes by publication number, application number, IPC classification or applicant's name. It will also be possible to order the information in the "browse Gazette" function by publication number, application number, IPC classification or applicant's name. Summary information about each published or republished international application will be displayed in the "browse Gazette" function. Clicking on an entry in the "browse Gazette" function will display the detailed information about a published international application including latest bibliographic data and access to documents relating to the international application. Notices in respect of international applications, in particular such notices from the current Section II of the *PCT Gazette* in paper form, will be viewable under the "Notices" tab. "Official Notices" (*PCT Gazette* Section IV) will continue to be published as PDF files.

For a transitional period (until 30 June 2006), the International Bureau plans to retain, in PDF format, the current format of the *PCT Gazette* on the PatentScope Portal.

The International Bureau welcomes comments on these changes which should be sent preferably by e-mail to:

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or by fax to:

(+41-22) 910 00 30

Changes Relating to the Publication of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*

The International Bureau has continually attempted to improve both the quality of information about the PCT and the availability of that information to PCT users. As part of that effort, the International Bureau has published the *PCT Applicant's Guide* for the last

28 years. Since September 2000, the complete text of the *Guide* has been available free of charge on the PCT web site which, since July 2001, has been regularly updated (now weekly) with information received from the Contracting States.

The *Guide*, as a subscription-based paper publication, has traditionally been updated twice per year, and only once per year in the last few years. Because of its nature as a static publication (with content "frozen" at the time of printing), the frequency of changes which are made by PCT Contracting States to the *Guide* content, and the infrequency of the publication of updates to the paper version of the *Guide*, the Office of the PCT has become increasingly concerned that the current model for the *Guide* no longer responds in the best way possible to the needs of PCT users.

As a result of these concerns and after consultation with a number of PCT applicants who are current *Guide* subscribers, the International Bureau has decided that it will no longer publish and distribute the paper version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*. Subscribers to the paper version of the *Guide* will not receive a paper update of the *Guide* in 2006, and will accordingly not be invoiced. Starting this year:

(1) the *Guide* will exist only as a web-based publication, available free of charge, and updated weekly – as at present, it can be found on the *PatentScope* web site, WIPO's PCT and patent portal, at:

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

(2) all *Guide* users may subscribe to an e-mail update service at the above address, which will provide them with a weekly e-mail informing them which *Guide* information has been updated that week and containing links to those updated elements. Lines in the margins of the pages of those elements will make it clear which contents have been changed since a particular reference date.

These changes to the *PCT Applicant's Guide* will benefit PCT users in the following ways:

(1) the official version of the *Guide* will always be available and contain the most recent updates, unlike the current paper version where the *Guide* content is frozen at the time of the issuance of the paper update;

(2) users will be able to rely on WIPO and not on their own resources to keep the *Guide* up-to-date;

(3) no subscription fee will need to be paid for access to the full content of the *Guide*.

We are confident that these changes will prove advantageous to users of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the PCT Legal Division at:

pct.legal@wipo.int

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions

Modifications have been made to a number of Sections of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, with effect from 1 April 2006. The following Sections will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 April 2006:

211, 212, 213, 215, 319, 424

and the following Sections will apply to international applications as from 1 April 2006, irrespective of their international filing date:

209, 404, 406, 407, 408, 410, 422, 433, 435, and Annexes D and E

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/4) is available from the PCT web site under "Administrative Instructions in force from April 1, 2006" at:

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

Modifications to the Receiving Office Guidelines

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 April 2006, to the following paragraphs of the Receiving Office Guidelines and will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 April 2006:

55, 101, 102, 163, 192C

Editorial changes have also been made to several other paragraphs. The consolidated text of the Receiving Office Guidelines (RO/GL/RO/4) is available from the PCT web site under "Receiving Office Guidelines in force from April 1, 2006" at:

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

Modifications to Certain PCT Forms

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 April 2006, to the following PCT Forms:

PCT/RO/101	(Request Form)
PCT/IPEA/401	(Demand Form)
PCT/RO/111	(Notification Relating to Priority Claim)
PCT/RO/146	Notification Regarding Certain Corrections Made <i>Ex Officio</i>
PCT/RO/156	(Invitation to Correct Declarations Made in the Request under PCT Rule 4.17)
PCT/IB/318	(Notification Relating to Priority Claim)
PCT/IB/370	(Invitation to Correct Declarations Made in the Request under PCT Rule 4.17)
PCT/IB/371	(Notification Relating to Declaration Made under PCT Rule 4.17)

The modified PCT Forms should be used as from 1 April 2006 and are available from the PCT web site under "Forms in force from April 1, 2006" at:

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

Incompatibility of Certain Modified PCT Rules with National Laws

SE Sweden (PCT Rules 49ter.1 and 49ter.2)

It is recalled that, in October 2005, the PCT Assembly adopted, among others, new PCT Rules 49ter.1 and 49ter.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning the restoration of right of priority by a designated Office, which will enter into force on **1 April 2007**.

New Rule 49ter.1(g) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006...."

New Rule 49ter.2(h) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law,

provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006....”

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility in relation to both rules.

Republic of Korea (PCT Rule 51bis.1(e))

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) (concerning the furnishing of a translation of the priority document), as amended with effect from 1 March 2001, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2001, page 2), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified WIPO that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 January 2006; amended PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) therefore applies since that date.

Power of Attorney Waiver

Notification under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) (Icelandic Patent Office)

For background information on the above-mentioned notification, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2.

The Icelandic Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it has waived, since 27 February 2006, the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required are as follows:

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

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

PCT Information Update

EP European Patent Office (evidence of mailing a document; fees)

There has been a change in the requirements of the European Patent Office (EPO) as to the acceptability of 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 provided that the delivery service is: Chronopost, Deutsche Post Express, DHL, Federal Express, Flexpress, LTA, SkyNet, TNT or UPS.

As from 1 April 2006, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:	see Table I(a)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 35

As from 1 April 2006, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office:

National basic fee:	
– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online:	EUR 95
– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed on paper:	EUR 170
– designation fee for each EPO Contracting State designated and for the joint designation of Switzerland and Liechtenstein; paying seven times the amount of this fee is deemed payment for all EPC Contracting States:	EUR 80
– extension fee (for extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro or the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia):	[No change]

Claims fee for the 11 th and each subsequent claim:	EUR 45
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Search fee:	
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR 720
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR 1,000

Surcharge for late filing of either the translation of the international application or the request for examination, or for late payment

of the national basic fee, the search fee, the examination fee or the designation fees:

50% of the relevant fees but at least EUR 520 for late filing of the translation, up to a maximum of EUR 1,820

Examination fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 1,490
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up: EUR 1,490
- for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,335

Renewal fee for the third year: EUR 400

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

ES Spain (fees)

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has informed WIPO that the amounts of the following fees, payable to it as receiving Office, changed on 1 January 2006:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)
 fee for priority document: EUR 26.63

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

for patent:
 filing fee: EUR 86.40
 for utility model:
 filing fee: EUR 86.40

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

MD Republic of Moldova (provisions concerning international-type search; special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) has notified new provisions of the law of the Republic of Moldova

concerning international-type search, as follows:

Provisions of the law of the Republic of Moldova concerning international-type search:

reduced examination fees (for substantive examination) in the case of submission of the international-type search report

The Office has notified a change in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as indicated below:

The deposit may be made with a depositary institution designated by the Government or with institutions which have the status of international depositary authority not later than the filing date of the international application.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (MD) and Annex L)

SG Singapore (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, for international applications filed on or after 2 June 2006 by nationals and residents of Singapore with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as receiving Office. This specification is in addition to that of the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (the European Patent Office is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is being or has been performed by the European Patent Office or the Austrian Patent Office.)

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office) (see also separate item on the European Patent Office, below)

As from 1 April 2006, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international

search carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as indicated in Table I(b) (the equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been confirmed and will be published in the April 2006 issue of the *PCT Newsletter*) and there will be a change in the following fee payable to that Office:

Additional search fee: EUR 1,615

As from 1 April 2006, there will be a change in the amount payable for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as indicated in Table I(b), and there will be a change in the following fee payable to that Office:

Additional search fee: SEK 15,230

As from 15 April 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in KRW for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and an equivalent amount in SGD has been established, applicable as from 2 June 2006, for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, ES, KR and SE))

Search fee, preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to the international search and preliminary examination (European Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2006, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b) (the equivalent amounts in other currencies have not yet been confirmed and will be published in the April issue of the *PCT Newsletter*). There will also be a change in the following fees payable to that Office:

Additional search fee: EUR 1,615

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, per page:

for applicants: [no change]
for designated Offices: EUR 0.65

Fee for translation into English of the international application, per 100 words of the original text: EUR 25

Protest fee: EUR 1,065

As from 1 April 2006, there will also be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international preliminary examination carried out by that Office, as indicated in Table II, as well as a change in the following fees payable to it:

Additional preliminary examination fee: EUR 1,595

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, per page:

– for applicants: [no change]
– for elected Offices: EUR 0.65

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per A4 page or smaller (delivery charge should be added if the copies are to be sent by airmail): EUR 0.65

Protest fee: EUR 1,065

The Office has introduced a new condition for refund of the search fee, together with the extent of the refund, applicable since 1 January 2006, as follows (other conditions already applicable have not changed):

conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:

extent to which the search fee shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from an earlier search in carrying out international search:

– for a search with written opinion on a national application made on behalf of a national Office (FR):

(full benefit) EUR 1,550
(partial benefit) EUR 387.50

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

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

FAQs

French and Spanish versions of the publication "Protecting your inventions abroad: Frequently asked questions about the Patent Cooperation

Treaty (PCT)” are now available at, respectively:

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

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

ISA and IPEA forms

Certain International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examination Authority forms are now available in German, at:

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

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

Table of reservations and incompatibilities

The table containing all PCT reservations and incompatibilities was updated on 17 February 2006, in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish, and is available at, respectively:

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

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

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

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

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

Changes to the Publication Schedule

Publication of 26 May 2006

Due to the fact that Thursday, 25 May 2006, will be a non-working day at WIPO, *PCT Gazette* No. 21/2006 and the corresponding published PCT applications will be published on Friday, 26 May instead of on the Thursday.

Note that the completion of technical preparations for the publication of *PCT Gazette* No. 21/2006 and the corresponding published PCT applications will take place more than the usual 15 days before publication, on the usual day, Wednesday, 10 May 2006, meaning that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Tuesday, 9 May 2006.

Publication of 8 June 2006

Due to the fact that Thursday, 25 May 2006, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for the publication of *PCT Gazette* No. 23/2006 (dated 8 June 2006) and the corresponding published PCT applications will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 23 May, instead of on Wednesday, 24 May, the day on which it would normally have been completed. This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight on Monday, 22 May 2006.

Practical Advice

Obtaining copies of documents from the International Bureau, in particular priority documents

Q: How do I obtain copies of priority documents in connection with international applications filed by other applicants?

A: Under PCT Rule 17.2(c), the International Bureau (IB) will furnish to third parties copies of priority documents after international publication of the international application concerned, unless the international application was withdrawn before publication, the priority claim concerned was withdrawn or considered, under PCT Rule 26bis.2(b), not to have been made before publication, or unless the priority document has not yet been received by the IB.

Priority documents, as well as other documents related to the international application, can be obtained either from the WIPO web site via the PCT Online File Inspection System or by sending a written request to WIPO, as explained below.

(1) PCT Online File Inspection System

With the introduction of the PCT Online File Inspection System on WIPO's PatentScope web site, it is now possible to access and print out, free of charge, priority documents from the Internet in respect of priorities claimed in international applications whose international filing dates are from January 2001 onwards. To access the priority document, you should go to:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/

and then carry out a search for the international application concerned. Three search

systems are available for this purpose:

- simple
- advanced
- structured

The simple search and the advanced search will allow you to type in key words which will help you find the application; the advanced search, however, may save time as it will permit you to sort the results either by relevance or chronologically. The structured search is much more useful if you know some of the details of the international application. For example, you can perform a search by the following criteria: international application number, priority number, title of the invention, applicant's name, inventor's name, publication date and/or international classification.

When you find the relevant international application, click on "documents". You will see a list of documents that are available for the international application concerned. To view each document, click on the format of the file that you wish to view the document in. Note that by selecting PDF as your format, you will be able to view and print the whole document out in a single consolidated file.

Other types of documents are also available from the PCT Online File Inspection System. The complete list of types of documents and dates from which those documents have been made available on the system is published in a table entitled "Content of the PCT Online File Inspection" at:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/content.html

The content-related information may be subject to periodical change as more documents are added to the system. Note that limitations as to the availability of certain documents exist due to changes which have been made to the

PCT Regulations in respect of access to the file (see below).

(2) Written requests to WIPO

Requests for access to documents in the file held by the IB which are not available from the PCT Online File Inspection System, and which would be permitted to be furnished according to PCT Rule 94.1, should be made in writing, addressed to the PCT Legal Division and sent to the following fax number:

(41-22) 910 00 30

If only copies of priority documents are required, requests for these should be addressed to the PCT Operations Division, and sent to the following fax number:

(41-22) 338 82 70

Depending on what documents are requested, the IB will make copies of the documents in the file of the international application. An invoice for payment for this service will be sent under separate cover, once the documents have been mailed. For the fees payable to the IB for this service, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (IB).

For documents in the file of the IB in general, it is important to be aware that there are certain limitations with regard to the type of document that can be accessed, both via the PCT Online File Inspection System and by writing to the IB, depending on when the international application was filed, as the PCT Regulations have been amended on several occasions to facilitate access to the file of the international application. For further information on access to the file, see PCT Rules 17 and 94, the *History of the PCT Regulations* (if you want to see earlier texts of these Rules, which may apply to earlier-filed international applications), and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, "Introduction to the International Phase", paragraphs 474–476.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
17 March 2006 Potchefstroom (ZA)	English	PCT conference WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Pii	University of North West (Prof. Andries van der Merwe) Tel: (27-18) 299 19 30 E-mail: HNRAPVDM@puknet.puk.ac.za
20 March 2006 Durban (ZA)	English	PCT conference WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Pii	University of Kwazulu-Natal (Mr. Christopher Schembri) Tel: (27-31) 260 23 01 E-mail: schembr@ukzn.ac.za
27 March 2006 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
2-3 April 2006 Jerusalem (IL)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Shoshani	Israel Patent Office (Dr. Noam Meir) Tel: (972-2) 565 16 43 Fax: (972-2) 565 17 00 E-mail: meirno@justice.gov.il
4-5 April 2006 Frankfurt (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
5-6 April 2006 Tel Aviv (IL)	English	Roundtable discussions with lawyers, patent attorneys and universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Erstling	Israel Patent Office (Dr. Noam Meir) Tel: (972-2) 565 16 43 Fax: (972-2) 565 17 00 E-mail: meirno@justice.gov.il
21-22 April 2006 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1-603) 224 33 42 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/pct
26 April 2006 London (GB)	English	PCT-SAFE workshop WIPO speaker: Ms. Featherby	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk Internet: www.management-forum.co.uk
27-28 April 2006 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT Formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Aeri	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk Internet: www.management-forum.co.uk
11 May 2006 Dusseldorf (DE)	German	PCT Update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
16 May 2006 New York (Manhattan) (US)	English	Seminar on important developments with respect to the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling and Ms. Boutillon	International Intellectual Property Society (IIPS) (Ms. Soraida Santana) Tel: (1-212) 940 63 33 Fax: (1-212) 940 89 87 E-mail: soraida.santana@kattenlaw.com
14 June 2006 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT Update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Danish Association of Intellectual Property Administrators (DAIPA) (Ms. Susanne Aalborg) Tel: (45-36) 43 32 03 Fax: (45-36) 43 83 01 E-mail: SAA@lundbeck.com
22-23 June 2006 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT-seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100 under certain circumstances where the request is prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software or by CHF 200 or 300 where the international application is filed in electronic form, as prescribed; see footnotes 2 and 5 for details. A 75% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 3 and 10. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of –	BGL	Bulgarian lev	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SIT	Slovenian tolar
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
		EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	LSM	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling						

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 March 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AG	Information not yet available				
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 1,435	15	103	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 900	10	64	EP
BG	BGL 60	BGL eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP RU
BR	BRR 236	BRR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT EP SE US
BW	Information not yet available				
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 1,086	12	78	EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,273	14	91	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	CN
CO	COP ⁷ —	COP eq USD 1,086	eq USD 12	eq USD 78	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 250	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,086	12	78	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP 75	CYP 516	6	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 900	10	64	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,710	70	480	EP SE
DM	Information not yet available				

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 March 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD 50	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
EC	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
EG	USD 100	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP US
EP ⁵	EUR 100 (from 1.4.06: 105)	EUR 900	10	64	EP
ES ⁵	EUR 66.56	EUR 900	10	64	EP ES
FI ⁵	EUR 135	EUR 900	10	64	EP FI SE
FR ⁵	EUR 60	EUR 900	10	64	EP
GB ⁵	GBP 55	GBP 611	7	44	EP
GD	Information not yet available				
GE	GEL ⁸ 10	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,086	12	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 900	10	64	EP
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
HU	HUF 10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP RU
IB ⁵	CHF ¹⁰ 100 or EUR ¹⁰ 64 or USD ¹⁰ 79	CHF 1,400 or EUR 900 or USD 1,086	15 10 12	100 64 78	See footnote 11
ID	IDR 500,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR 76	EUR 900	10	64	EP
IL	ILS 480	USD 1,086	12	78	EP US
IN	INR 8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,086	12	78	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 6,500	ISK 68,000	700	4,900	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
JP ⁵	JPY 13,000	JPY 121,800	1,300	8,700	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,086	12	78	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available				
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	AT RU
KR ⁵	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,123,000	12,000	80,000	AT AU JP ¹² KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	N a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹³	EUR 900	10	n a	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP RU
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 134,700	1,400	9,600	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP ES SE US
NI	USD 200	USD 1,086	12	78	EP ES
NL ⁵	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁴	NZD 1,584	17	113	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁷ —	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available				
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,086	12	78	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,086	12	78	AU EP JP KR US

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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, 3} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3, 4} (CHF 15)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2, 5} (CHF 100)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
SC	Information not yet available				
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	AT AU EP KR ¹⁵
SI	SIT 22,000	SIT eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	N a	EP
SY	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
TN	TND ⁷ —	CHF 1,400	15	n a	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,086	12	78	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,086	12	N a	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,086	12	78	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁷ —	USD 1,086	12	78	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available				
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
YU	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 6,910	70	490	AT AU EP US
ZM	Information not yet available				
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,086	eq USD 12	eq USD 78	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 March 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹										
AT	EUR 200	CHF 311	KRW 250,000	SGD 410	USD 241	ZAR 1,540					
AU	AUD 1,200	CHF 1,171	EUR 752	KRW* 939,000	NZD 1,324	SGD 1,530					
	USD 908	ZAR 5,780									
	* (from 15.4.06: KRW 885,000)										
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,759	EUR 1,131	USD 1,365							
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 335	EUR 215	USD 260							
EP ¹⁶	EUR* 1,550	CHF* 2,412	CYP* 888	DKK* 11,560	GBP* 1,052	ISK* 117,000					
	JPY* 209,800	MWK* 232,000	NOK* 12,110	NZD* 2,728	SEK* 14,560	SGD* 3,160					
	USD* 1,871	ZAR* 11,910									
	* (from 1.4.06: EUR 1,615 Note that the equivalent amounts in the other currencies have not yet been confirmed and will be published in the April issue of the PCT Newsletter. Please check with your receiving Office)										
ES ¹⁶	EUR* 1,550	CHF* 2,412	USD* 1,871								
	* (from 1.4.06: EUR 1,615 Note that the equivalent amounts in the other currencies have not yet been confirmed and will be published in the April issue of the PCT Newsletter. Please check with your receiving Office)										
FI	EUR 1,550	CHF 2,412	USD 1,871								
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,115	EUR 717	KRW* 895,000	USD 810						
	* (from 15.3.06: KRW 841,000)										
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 280	EUR 180	NZD 317	SGD* —	USD 218					
	* (from 2.6.06: SGD 380)										
RU ¹⁷	USD 300	CHF 387	EUR 248								
SE	SEK* 14,560	CHF* 2,412	DKK* 11,560	EUR* 1,550	ISK* 117,000	NOK* 12,110					
	USD* 1,871										
	* (from 1.4.06: SEK 15,230 CHF 2,525 DKK 12,050 EUR 1,615 ISK 125,000 NOK 12,990 USD 1,925)										
US	USD 1,000	300 ¹⁸	CHF 1,289	387 ¹⁸	EUR 828	248 ¹⁸	NZD 1,460	440 ¹⁸			
	ZAR 6,360	1,910 ¹⁸									

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

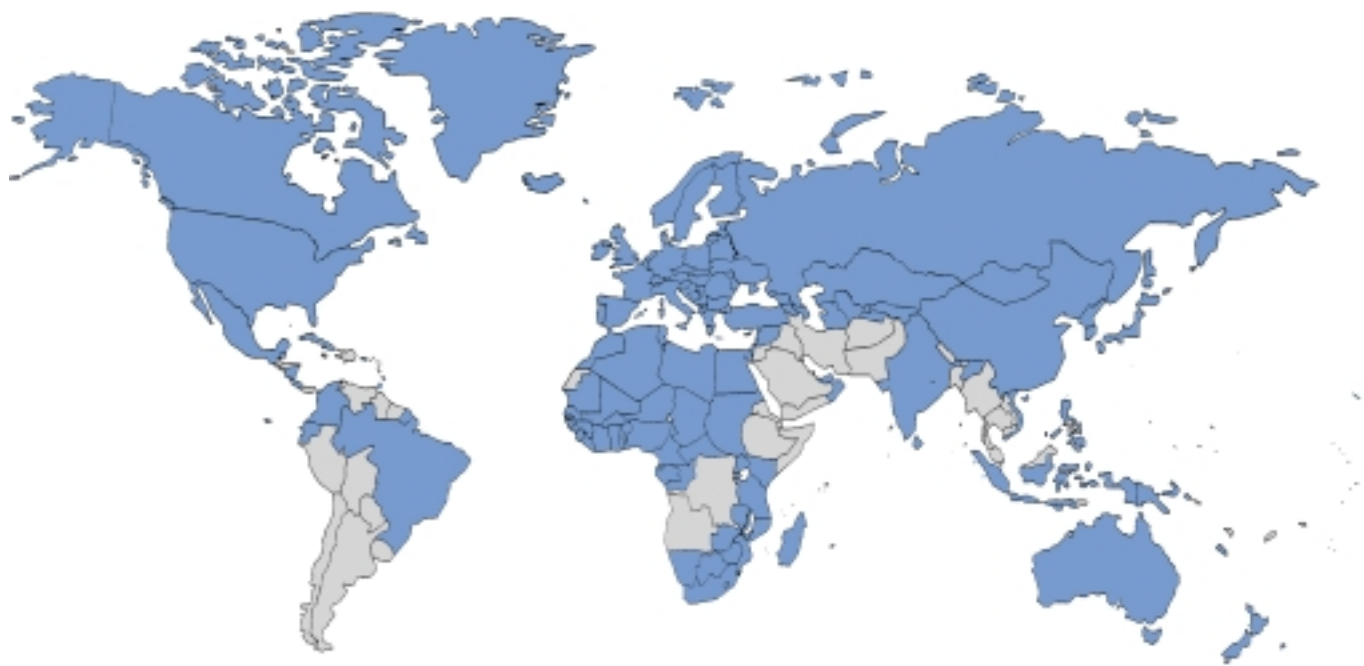
(amounts on 1 March 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁹		Handling fee^{3, 19} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ²⁰	AUD 205
CA	CAD	800		CAD 182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EP¹⁶	EUR	1,530	(from 1.4.06: 1,595)	EUR 129
ES	EUR	523.29		EUR 129
FI	EUR	550		EUR 129
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY 17,400
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW 160,000
RU¹⁷	USD	200 ²¹	300 ²²	USD 155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²³	USD 155

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The international filing fee is reduced by CHF 100 where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software; (b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and (c) the PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 5 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form, the international filing fee is reduced by CHF 200 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, and by CHF 300 if the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. Only the following receiving Offices have sent such a notification so far: RO/EP, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IB, JP, KR and NL. The equivalent amounts of those reductions in the relevant currencies are as follows: **CHF 200=AUD 205, DKK 960, EUR 129, GBP 87, SEK 1,210, USD 155; CHF 300=AUD 308, DKK 1,440, EUR 193, GBP 131, JPY 26,100, KRW 241,000, SEK 1,810, USD 233.**
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 9 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.
- 10 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
- 11 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (IB).
- 12 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 13 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 14 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 15 For international applications filed on or after 2 June 2006.
- 16 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in PCT Newsletter No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in part 1 of the table on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf, with the exception of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 17 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 18 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a), ((i) prior to 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid, or (ii) on or after 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a), the search fee under 37 CFR 1.16(k) and the examination fee under 37 CFR 1.16(o) have been paid) and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application.
- 19 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 20 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 21 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 22 In all cases where footnote 21 does not apply.
- 23 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (128 on 1 March 2006)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IN India	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SM San Marino
AL Albania ¹	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IT Italy (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AT Austria (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AU Australia	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	TD Chad (OA) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TN Tunisia
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TR Turkey (EP)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BR Brazil	FR France (EP) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NZ New Zealand	UA Ukraine
BW Botswana (AP)	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LR Liberia	OM Oman	UG Uganda (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	US United States of America
BZ Belize	GD Grenada	LT Lithuania (EP)	PH Philippines	UZ Uzbekistan
CA Canada	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GH Ghana (AP)	LV Latvia (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	VN Viet Nam
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