

PCT NEWSLETTER

Meeting of International Authorities

The 16th session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 16 to 18 March 2009. The report (once it has been published) and working documents can be found on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/mia/16

The Meeting considered a memorandum by the Director General of WIPO entitled “The Future of the PCT” (PCT/MIA/16/9), which had previously been discussed and welcomed by informal meetings of heads of Offices and representatives of users and user organizations. The Authorities confirmed the support which had been expressed by the heads of Offices for the principle of a roadmap for developing the PCT so as to ensure that the PCT, as the main work sharing platform of the international patent system, provided a strong basis for the acquisition of international patent protection.

Some of the proposed measures which found general support included:

- an Office which establishes an international search report in its role as International Searching Authority should not repeat the same search in the national phase in its role as designated Office;
- making international preliminary examination more useful by introducing top-up searches and ensuring that at least one written opinion and further opportunity for response is offered in Chapter II proceedings;
- introducing a system permitting third party observations to be made in the international phase.

The Meeting also considered whether the process of international preliminary examination, including the content and format of the international reports, could be made more useful and relevant to subsequent national phase processing (documents PCT/MIA/16/3 and 4). The European Patent Office presented measures which it considered might be useful to other International Authorities, including seeking informal clarifications from the applicant before conducting the international search, and requiring a response to the international preliminary report on patentability in the regional phase before further examination took place. It also presented a proposal that requires applicants making amendments under PCT Article 34 to indicate the basis of those amendments in the international application as filed (document PCT/MIA/16/11).

The Meeting discussed, and agreed to in principle, proposals to further develop the quality framework set out in Chapter 21 of the International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (document PCT/MIA/16/2). These proposals will be the subject of broader consultation before the framework, set out in the existing Guidelines, is updated. The Meeting further supported the development of improved arrangements for designated Offices to give feedback to International Authorities (document PCT/MIA/16/5) and agreed that the Authorities which form a partnership in the context of the European patent system should coordinate

activities seeking to improve the review of quality reports by Authorities (documents PCT/MIA/16/5 and 12).

Proposals for revision of the PCT minimum documentation (document PCT/MIA/16/7) were discussed and referred back to the relevant task force for further consideration.

There was general agreement that, in principle, an Authority offering the service of supplementary international search should be able to adopt a limitation on the extent of searches which it offers in addition to the “all or nothing” question of competence to perform a supplementary international search in any particular case (document PCT/MIA/16/8). The Meeting requested the International Bureau to review how this matter might best be clarified, and it is expected that this issue will be discussed in the PCT Working Group in May.

There was no clear agreement on the appropriate way to deal with certain possible situations relating to the incorporation by reference of missing parts and elements in international applications (document PCT/MIA/16/10). The International Bureau was invited to take the various comments into account and to consider when and how best to consult on possible new provisions clarifying certain issues in the Receiving Office Guidelines.

The Meeting further considered a number of issues (documents PCT/MIA/16/13 and 14) which arise from the desire to allow effective processing of international applications in XML format, including matters of how replacement paragraphs might be provided and numbered, and how changes to the application needed to be made apparent in the resulting amended application body.

The Meeting also agreed that improvements were desirable to the arrangements for establishing equivalent amounts of certain fees (document PCT/MIA/16/6). The details of the issue are expected to be considered by the PCT Working Group in May.

Notification under PCT Rule 90.4(d) (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement 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:

- (a) in case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent’s entitlement to act, and
- (b) 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.

For background information on power of attorney waivers, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2. The table showing Offices (or Authorities) which have notified WIPO of waivers of the power of attorney requirement will be updated shortly at:

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annexes C (ES), D (ES) and E (ES))

Extension of European Patents to Montenegro

The European Patent Organisation and the Government of Montenegro have signed an agreement on the extension of European Patents to Montenegro. The date of entry into force of the Agreement has not yet been determined, and will be notified later in the year. Once the Agreement enters into force, it will be possible, in respect of international applications filed on or after a date which is yet to be determined, to extend the protection conferred by European patent applications and patents to Montenegro.

For further information, see:

<http://www.epo.org/topics/news/2009/20090216.html>

PCT Information Update

BH Bahrain (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Patent Office (Bahrain) has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 26 March 2009, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Bahrain with the National Patent Office.

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

The EPO has notified changes relating to several components of the national fee payable to it as designated/elected Office, has modified the text of the section of the national fee relating to the payment of the extension fee and has notified a condition for refund of the national fee, with effect from 1 April 2009, as follows (other parts not indicated have not changed):

National fee:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Additional fee for pages in excess of 35, for the 36 th and each subsequent page:.....	EUR 12
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: ¹	EUR 500
Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina or Serbia):	[No change]
Claims fee:	
- for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:	EUR 200
- for the 51 st and each subsequent claim:	EUR 500

¹ The designation and extension fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date. Extension fees are also to be paid if the European patent is to be extended to Croatia and the international filing date is prior to 1 January 2008, or to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the international filing date is prior to 1 January 2009.

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees:

The search fee is refunded fully or in part where the supplementary European search report is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office.

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

There have also been changes to many of the references to the *Official Journal of the EPO*. Please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C (EP), D (EP) and E (EP), and the National Chapter (EP).

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 15 June 2009, 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 amounts in ISK of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reductions (see item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 June 2009, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in JPY of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee 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))

ST Sao Tome and Principe (general information; competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

General information about Sao Tome and Principe as a PCT Contracting State has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (ST)) on the PCT Resources page at:

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

The International Bureau acting for the National Service of Industrial Property (SENAPI) (Sao Tome and Principe) has specified the Austrian 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 Sao Tome and Principe with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

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

UA Ukraine (name of Office; fax number; fees)

The mailing address of the State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine has been corrected, and the Office has notified an additional fax number, as follows:

Mailing address: Ukrainsky Instytut Promyslovoi Vlasnosti
 Ukrainian Institute of Industrial Property
 1, Hlazunova Street, Kyiv 42, 01601, Ukraine

Facsimile machine: (380-44) 494 05 06 (general matters)
 (380-44) 494 05 35 (application processing)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 16 May 2008 (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Transmittal fee: ²	see Fee Table I(a)
Fee for priority document ² :	UAH 400 plus UAH 5 for each sheet in excess of 30 or equivalent in EUR or in USD
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)) ² :	UAH 100 or equivalent in EUR or in USD

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 16 May 2008:

For patent:

Filing fee:	UAH	800
Additional fee for each claim, dependent or independent, in excess of three:	UAH	80
Examination fee:	UAH	3,000
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	UAH	3,000

For utility model:

Filing fee:	UAH	800
Additional fee for each claim, dependent or independent, in excess of three:	UAH	80

There have been changes in the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

These fees are 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 fees are 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 fees are reduced by 90%.

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

² These fees are 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 fees are 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 fees are reduced by 90%.

Search fee (Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)

As from 15 June 2009, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, and in GBP and ISK for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified changes in the conditions for refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable since 1 July 2008, as follows (other conditions not indicated have not changed):

Where an earlier international or international-type search has already been made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed: refund of 50% or 100%, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search

Where a search and examination report issued on an application filed with the Authority, the Danish Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Icelandic Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Norwegian Industrial Property Office, is furnished together with the international application: refund of SEK 2,800

Where an earlier international application, the priority of which is claimed, is furnished together with an international search report issued by the European Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Nordic Patent Institute: refund of SEK 2,800

Where an earlier international application, the priority of which is claimed, is furnished together with an international-type search report issued by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Nordic Patent Institute: refund of SEK 2,800

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified changes to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable as from 1 April 2009, as follows:

Where the international search report drawn up by the Authority is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, the international search fee paid for the pending international application shall be refunded as follows:

- For a search with written opinion, including a European search (EPC Article 92), an international search (PCT Article 15(1)), or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE³, CY, FR, GR, IT, LU, MT, NL³, TR):
 - full benefit: refund of 100%
 - partial benefit: refund of 25%

³ Includes international-type searches covered by an agreement between the Authority and that Office.

- For a search without written opinion, including an international-type search (PCT Article 15(5)), a standard search, or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE, CY⁴, FR, GR⁴, LU, NL, TR):

full benefit: refund of 70%

partial benefit: refund of 17.5%

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (CA), (EP) and (SE))

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en>)

Modified PCT Regulations

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2009, are now available in English and French at, respectively:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_regs2009.pdf

Modifications to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

A number of modifications have been made, with effect from 1 January 2009, to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines. The consolidated text of the Guidelines (RO/GL/RO/7) is available in PDF format, in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

PCT forms in Spanish

The complete collection of receiving Office forms in Spanish is now available in editable PDF format at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/ro/index.htm>

The International Bureau is most grateful to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office for preparing the translation of the forms.

PCT in the News

A special issue of the *WIPO Magazine* (Issue No. 2, April 2009) has been published to mark World Intellectual Property Day 2009, highlighting the contribution of a balanced intellectual property system to stimulating the creation, diffusion and application of clean technologies; to promoting green design, aimed at creating products that are ecologically-friendly from conception to disposal; to green branding, helping customers make informed choices and giving companies a competitive edge. A number of the articles feature inventions in respect of which PCT applications were filed, and there is a special article entitled "PCT Portraits:

⁴ Applies only to search requests in respect of national applications transmitted to the EPO after 1 January 2009.

Eco-inventors”, which focuses on inventors whose eco-friendly inventions are the subject of PCT applications.

The *WIPO Magazine* is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/2009/02/

and PCT-related extracts from earlier issues of the *WIPO Magazine* are available at:

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

PCT seminar document in Russian

A seminar document covering all aspects of the PCT is now available in Russian at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/seminar/basic_1/index.pdf

Time limits for entering the national phase

The table of time limits for entering the national phase has been updated with effect from 20 March 2009 and is available in English and French at, respectively:

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

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

The table indicates, for each designated/elected Office, the time limits for entering the national (or regional) phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT.

List of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization

The list of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization has been updated with effect from 20 March 2009 and is available at:

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

Applicability of 90% Reduction in Certain PCT fees

The table showing the applicability of the 90% reduction in certain PCT fees has been updated with effect from 20 March 2009 and is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

PCT-SME Booklet

WIPO is currently developing a guide on the PCT system specifically targeted to Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs). This guide will present and discuss how the PCT should be integrated into an SME business strategy by means of relevant case studies. The PCT community is invited to assist with the development of this PCT-SME booklet by providing examples of successful PCT usage by SMEs. These examples could include, but are not limited to: SME filing, licensing, searching, and patent information experiences and/or

strategies. Interested parties are kindly requested to send their case study suggestions, with pertinent references where appropriate, by e-mail to:

pct.our@wipo.int

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from “ODM – Patent Trademark Register”. To view an example of the new 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.htm

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the International Bureau of WIPO alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (see PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29.

If they have not already done so, PCT applicants and agents are advised to bring this information to the attention of the people responsible for handling payments of fees within their organizations, as well as to the attention of inventors who might also receive such requests.

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

telephone: +41 22 338 83 38
fax: +41 22 338 83 39
e-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

EPO: Reminder About New Fee Structure

It is recalled that on 1 April 2009, a new fee structure entered into force in respect of international applications entering the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO) on or after that date. For further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2009 and the “Notice from the European Patent Office dated 26 January 2009 concerning the 2009 fee structure”, in the *Official Journal EPO*, page 118 at:

http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj009/02_09/02_1189.pdf

and at:

<http://www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/InformationEPO/archiveinfo/20090126.html>

Practical Advice

Modes of filing documents/correspondence after filing the international application electronically

Q: I have filed, on behalf of an applicant, an international application online with the International Bureau as receiving Office using the PCT-SAFE software. Having received the international search report, I now wish to file amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19. Can these amendments be filed online as well, or, failing that, can they be filed by way of an e-mail attachment, or do they still have to be filed on paper?

A: Although it is possible to file international applications electronically using the PCT-SAFE software, either online or using physical media such as CD-R, it does not allow for the submission of subsequent documents in either of these forms.

Even though, according to PCT Rule 89*bis*.2, the PCT provides for the filing of documents other than the international application in electronic form or by electronic means, the modes of transmittal of documents under the PCT which are available to the applicant are determined by the Office of receipt of the documents concerned. Since amendments under PCT Article 19 are transmitted to the International Bureau (IB), it is the IB which determines the mode of transmittal of the amendments. The IB will accept documents sent by fax, but not by e-mail, noting that if the amendments are transmitted by fax, the original of the document (confirmation copy) should be furnished to the IB within 14 days, as is also the case for transmission by fax of the international application or any replacement sheets containing corrections to the international application. In other words, a confirmation copy is required in respect of any documents which are to be published, in view of the fact that the confirmation copy would normally be of better quality, and reproduction via optical character recognition would therefore be more accurate.

Although advance copies of notifications may be sent to applicants via e-mail by the IB, as well as by the receiving Office, International Searching Authority and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority if they are prepared to do so⁵, followed by a paper notification, note that only informal enquiries which are not related to specific international applications may be sent via e-mail by the applicant himself/herself. Correspondence or documents relating to a specific international application may not be sent by the applicant via e-mail because this form of communication cannot be used validly to perform any procedural act before the IB, including the submission of amendments under PCT Article 19, requests for changes under PCT Rule 92*bis* or requests for withdrawals under PCT Rule 90*bis* and, to this date, no other PCT Office or Authority has informed the IB of the acceptance of the submission of documents by e-mail.

An electronic document upload service, which would allow users to upload a number of applicant-submitted documents other than the international application itself, including amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19, is currently under development. The International Bureau plans to make this service available to applicants in the near future. For further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2009, page 2.

Information on the forms of telecommunication in which PCT Offices are prepared to receive documents is published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B, and information on the possible means of filing the international application itself is given, for each receiving Office, in Annex C.

⁵ Provided that the agent/common representative has furnished an e-mail address and authorized the above Offices/Authorities to send such notifications by e-mail.

PCT Seminar Calendar (situation on 6 April 2009)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5–6 April 2009 Manama (BH)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Zahran	Directorate of Industrial Property of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce of Bahrain (Mrs. Al-Moataz) Tel: (973–17) 574 833 Fax: (973–17) 536 479 E-mail: lona@commerce.gov.bh
6–7 April 2009 Lille (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	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
23–24 April 2009 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Gateau	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
24–25 April 2009 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) 225 96 47 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/cle/pct.php
27–28 April 2009 Falls Church, Virginia (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP (Ms. Elizabeth Richards) Tel: (1-703) 205 80 00 Fax: (1-703) 205 80 50 E-mail: ClientRelations@bskb.com Internet: www.bskb.com
11-12 May 2009 San Diego (La Jolla), CA (US)	English	PCT Comprehensive seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed Other speaker: Dr. Nicolaou (UCSD Technology Transfer Office)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
12–13 May 2009 Banská Bystrica (SK)	English and Slovak	WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Trpkovska	Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (Mr. Emil Zatkuliak, International Affairs Department) Tel: (421-48) 43 00 262 Fax: (421-48) 41 32 566 E-mail: emil.zatkuliak@indprop.gov.sk Internet: http://www.upv.sk

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25 May 2009 Zurich (CH)	English	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pieter Spierenburg) Tel: (41-56) 485 94 94 Fax: (41-56) 485 94 95 E-mail: ceipi@patent-anwalt.ch
26 May 2009 Paris (FR)	French	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	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
26 May 2009 Hamamatsu (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	University Technology Transfer Association, Japan (UNITT) (Mr. Fukuda) Tel: (81-3) 54 02 18 57 Fax: (81-3) 54 02 18 59 Internet: www.jauiptm.jp
27 May 2009 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Hamamatsu, above)
28 May 2009 Kobe (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Hamamatsu, above)
29 May 2009 Takamatsu (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(See Hamamatsu, above)
27-28 May 2009 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	See Lille, above
30 June 2009 Cologne (DE)	German	PCT update WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
16-17 July 2009 Arlington, VA (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
9 October 2009 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 8th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
29–30 October 2009 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
2–3 November 2009 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: to be announced	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
3 December 2009 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	See Lille, above
10 December 2009 London (GB)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

PCT Webinars

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
22 April 2009 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Tokyo time (9.00 am to 10.00 am, central European time)	Japanese	PCT update for Japan, including the new Supplementary International Search system and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT community WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/614813371
29 April 2009 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm, Beijing time (9.00 am to 10.00 am, central European time)	Chinese (Mandarin)	PCT update for China, including the new Supplementary International Search system and initiatives to enhance services to the PCT community WIPO speaker: Mr. Yu	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/199522985

Other IP events**Conference on Intellectual Property and Global Challenges, International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), 13–14 July 2009. Save the Date!**

The Conference will address issues relating to the interface of intellectual property with other areas of public policy, notably health, the environment, climate change, food security and disability.

Further information will be published in due course. See: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=17642

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 April 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of –	BGL	Bulgarian lev	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDP	Sudanese pound
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona
		BRR	Brazilian real	GTQ	Quetzal	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
		BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit		
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 April 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
					Items 4(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,102 <i>(from 1.5.09: 1,184)</i>	12 <i>(13)</i>	83 <i>(89)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,102 <i>(from 1.5.09: 1,184)</i>	12 <i>(13)</i>	83 <i>(89)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,645	19	124	247	371	AU KR
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD 1,102 <i>(from 1.5.09: 1,184)</i>	12 <i>(13)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL	80	BGL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,102 <i>(from 1.5.09: 1,184)</i>	12 <i>(13)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT EP US
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,102 <i>(from 1.5.09: 1,184)</i>	12 <i>(13)</i>	83 <i>(89)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,102 <i>(from 1.5.09: 1,184)</i>	12 <i>(13)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,102 <i>(from 1.5.09: 1,184)</i>	12 <i>(13)</i>	83 <i>(89)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 April 2009, 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	
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,289 (from 1.5.09: 1,494)	15 (17)	97 (112)	194 (225)	291 (337)	CA	
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN	
CO	COP ⁹	–	COP eq USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	eq USD 12 (13)	eq USD 83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AT, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
CU	CUC	200	CUC 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES RU	
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR 848	10	–	–	–	EP	
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP	
DE	EUR	90	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP	
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK 6,320	70	480	950	1,430	EP SE XN	
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES US	
DZ	DZD	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP	
EA	RUR	1,600	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
EC	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
EE	EEK	1,800	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
EG	USD	142	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US	
EP	EUR	110	EUR 848	10	–	128	191	EP	
ES	EUR	69.25	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP ES	
FI	EUR	135	EUR 848	10	–	128	191	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR	60	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP	
GB	GBP	55	GBP 745 (from 1.5.09: 808)	8 (9)	– (–)	112 (122)	168 (182)	EP	
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹⁰	10	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES US	
HN	Information not yet available								
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP	
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU	

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

(amounts on 1 April 2009, 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	
IB	CHF ¹²	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 13
	or EUR ¹²	64	or EUR	848	10	64	128	191	
	or USD ¹²	83	or USD	1,102	12	83	166	248	
	(from 1.5.09: USD 89)		(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(89)	(178)	(267)	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	517	USD	1,102	12	83	–	–	EP US
			(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
IN	INR	8,000	USD	1,102	12	83	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
	(filing by indiv: 2,000)		(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
IS	ISK	7,700	ISK	152,800	1,700	11,500	–	–	EP SE XN
			(from 15.6.09:129,200)		(1,500)	(9,700)	(–)	(–)	
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	113,200	1,300	8,500	–	25,500	EP JP
			(from 1.6.09 103,900)		(1,200)	(7,800)	(–)	(23,400)	
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ²⁵⁰	plus cost of mailing	USD	1,102	12	83	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
			(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,102	12	83	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
KM	Information not yet available								
KN	Information not yet available								
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,614,000	18,000	121,000	–	364,000	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT	7,360 ¹⁵	USD	1,102	12	83	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
LR	USD	45	USD	1,102	12	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
			(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
LS	LSL ⁹	–	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL	48.40	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD ⁹	–	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 ¹⁶	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
MD	USD	40	USD	1,102	12	83	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	182,500	2,100	13,700	–	–	EP
MX	MXP eq USD	323.70	MXP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR	375 ¹⁷	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,102	12	83	–	–	EP ES
			(from 1.5.09: 1,184)		(13)	(89)	(–)	(–)	
NL	EUR	50	EUR	848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK	550	NOK	7,740	90	580	–	–	EP SE XN
			(from 1.5.09: 8,200)		(90)	(620)	(–)	(–)	
NZ	NZD	180 ¹⁸	NZD	2,082	23	157	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE

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

(amounts on 1 April 2009, 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	
PG	PGK	250	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AU	
PH	PHP	3,500	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	166 (178)	248 (267)	AU EP JP KR US	
PL	PLZ	300	PLZ eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP	
PT	EUR	34.34	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP	
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU	
RS	RSD	3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP	
RU	RUR	600	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
SC	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
SD	SDP	50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP	
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK 8,800	100	660	1,320	1,980	EP SE	
SG	SGD	150	SGD 1,708	19	128	–	–	AT AU EP KR	
SI	EUR	91	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP	
SK	EUR	66	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP	
SM	EUR	50	EUR 848	10	–	–	–	EP	
SV	USD	200	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
SY	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP RU	
TJ	TJS ⁹	–	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
TN	TND ⁹	–	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP	
TR	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP	
TT	TTD	750	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US	
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD ¹⁹	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
US	USD	240	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	166 (178)	– (–)	AU EP KR US	
UZ	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
VC	Information not yet available								
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE	
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR 11,230	130	840	–	–	AT AU EP US	
ZM	USD	50	USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	12 (13)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE	
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,102 (from 1.5.09: 1,184)	eq USD 12 (13)	eq USD 83 (89)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU	

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 April 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	330	KRW	366,000	SGD	420	USD	257	ZAR	2,380
AU	AUD	1,600	CHF	1,294	EUR	855	KRW	1,418,000	NZD*	1,825	SGD	1,650
	USD	1,091	ZAR	10,540								
	* (from 1.5.09:		NZD		2,002)							
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF*	1,587	EUR	995	USD	1,309				
	* (from 15.6.09:		CHF		1,475)							
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	366	EUR	241	USD	280				
EP ²⁰	EUR	1,700	CHF	2,525	DKK	12,670	GBP*,**	1,352	ISK**,***	318,000	JPY	212,600
	MWK	344,000	NOK***	14,830	NZD	4,178	SEK***	17,000	SGD	3,270	USD	2,164
	ZAR	21,720										
	* (from 15.4.09:		GBP		1,619)							
	** (from 15.6.09:		GBP		1,530		ISK	244,000)				
	*** (from 1.5.09:		ISK		284,000		NOK	15,910		SEK	18,280)	
ES ²⁰	EUR	1,700	CHF	2,525	USD	2,164						
FI	EUR	1,700	CHF	2,525	USD	2,164						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF*	1,140	EUR*	752	KRW	1,459,000	USD	1,084		
	* (from 1.5.09:		CHF		1,241		EUR	812)				
KR	KRW	900,000 ²¹	AUD	976 ²¹	CHF	735 ²¹	EUR	475 ²¹	NZD	1,109 ²¹	SGD	919 ²¹
	USD	609 ²¹										
	KRW	450,000 ²²	AUD	488 ²²	CHF	367 ²²	EUR	237 ²²	NZD	554 ²²	SGD	460 ²²
	USD	304 ²²										
RU ²³	USD	500	CHF	573	EUR	390						
SE	SEK*	17,000	CHF	2,525	DKK	12,670	EUR	1,700	ISK*	318,000	NOK*	14,830
	USD	2,164										
	* (from 1.5.09:		SEK		18,280		ISK	284,000		NOK	15,910)	
US	USD	2,080	CHF*	2,467	EUR	1,596	NZD	3,808	ZAR	20,434		
	* (from 15.4.09:		CHF		2,323)							
XN	DKK	12,670	CHF	2,525	EUR	1,700	ISK*	318,000	NOK	14,830	USD	2,164
	* (from 1.5.09:		ISK		284,000)							

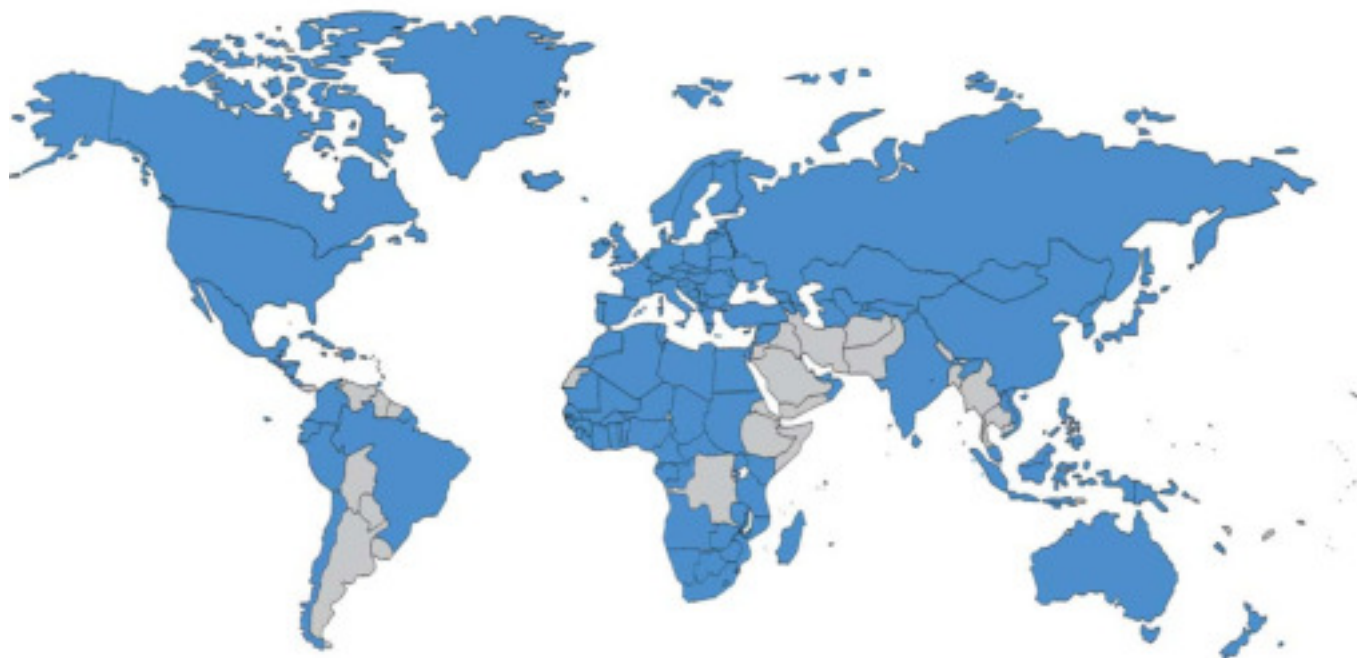
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 April 2009, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁴		Handling fee ^{2, 24} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200	EUR	121
AU	AUD	550	780 ²⁵	AUD 247
CA	CAD	800	CAD	171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EP ²⁰	EUR	1,675	EUR	121
ES	EUR	555.33	EUR	121
FI	EUR	550	EUR	121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY	16,000
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	157,000
RU ²³	USD	200 ²⁶	300 ²⁷	USD 171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,110 (from 15.4.09: 1,490)
US	USD	600	750 ²⁸	USD 171
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.
- 16 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 17 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 18 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 19 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 20 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For the conditions applicable in respect of international applications or demands filed prior to 1 January 2009 in the case of the EPO, and in respect of applications filed prior to 1 February 2009 in the case of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, see the decision of the EPO Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, page 446, at: www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj000/10_00/10_4460.pdf) and the PCT Resources page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/epo_fee_reduction.html. For the conditions applicable at the EPO in respect of applications or demands filed on or after 1 January 2009, see item in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008 entitled "EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees". For the conditions applicable at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office in respect of applications filed on or after 1 February 2009, see item in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2009 entitled "Spanish Patent and Trademark Office: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in PCT Search Fee".
- 21 For international applications filed in English.
- 22 For international applications filed in Korean.
- 23 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 24 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
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- 27 In all cases where footnote 26 does not apply.
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