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Filing and Processing of International Applications in Electronic Form

State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China begins receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

On 20 March 2007, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified WIPO under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 May 2007. The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 19 April 2007 and is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.htm

Working Group on Reform of the PCT

The ninth session of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT was held in Geneva from 23 to 26 April 2007.

Recommendations for Amendments to the Regulations

The Working Group approved proposed amendments to the Regulations, with a view to their submission to the PCT Assembly for consideration at its next session, in September/October 2007, to permit the applicant to request that the International Searching Authority take into account the results of an earlier search by another Office. This would be similar to the current possibility of taking into account a search which the Office acting as International Searching Authority had conducted itself.

Also approved for submission to the Assembly were minor amendments to PCT

Rule 29.1 (for clarification) and to PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d) (to permit a receiving Office to extend the time limit for payment of a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority).

While the Working Group reached agreement on what would be an appropriate set of amendments to the Regulations in order to implement a system of optional supplementary international searches as part of the international phase, there was no consensus that such a system was desirable, and thus no consensus to submit proposed amendments of the Regulations implementing such a system to the PCT Assembly for consideration at its next session.

Future Work

The Working Group noted that, while there would be an ongoing need to assess and adapt the Regulations to changing needs, there were no items remaining on its agenda which related to

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Reform of the PCT in accordance with the mandate set by the PCT Assembly in 2000. Consequently, the Working Group recommended that the PCT Assembly formally declare that the work of the Committee and Working Group on Reform of the PCT has been completed and that the mandate of both bodies has come to an end.

The report of the session (document PCT/R/WG/9/8) and other meeting documents will be made available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/r/wg/9

Modifications to the Receiving Office Guidelines

A number of modifications have been made, with effect from 1 April 2007, to the Receiving Office Guidelines and will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 April 2007. The consolidated text of the Receiving Office Guidelines (RO/GL/RO/5) is available under "PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (as in force from April 1, 2007)" in English and French at, respectively:

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

Budapest Treaty

Accession by the Dominican Republic

On 3 April 2007, the Dominican Republic deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 67. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to the Dominican Republic on 3 July 2007.

This updates the table of States party to the Budapest Treaty that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2006.

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

SG Singapore (PCT Rules 20.8(a), 20.8(b), 26bis.3(j), 49ter.1(g) and 49ter.2(h))

Further to its notification of incompatibility under PCT Rules 20.8(a) and 20.8(b) (incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements), 26bis.3(j) (restoration of right of priority by receiving Office), 49ter.1(g) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office) and 49ter.2 (h) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office), as modified with effect from 1 April 2007, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 07/2006), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in its capacity as receiving Office, and where applicable, designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 April 2007.

PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), 20.6, 26bis.3(a) to (i), 49ter.1(a) to (f) and 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore apply with respect to the Office with effect from that date, but only in the case of international applications the international filing date of which is on or after 1 April 2007.

The table of "PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities" has been updated accordingly – see under subheading "Updating of various PCT tables" on page 6 for details.

PCT Information Update

(1) Acceptance of requests for restoration of the right of priority

For background information on the above-mentioned subject, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2007, pages 1 and 8.

In addition to the Offices listed in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2007, the Offices listed below have notified the International Bureau (IB) of the criteria that they apply for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rules 26bis.3(a) and 49ter.2(a)), and where applicable, of the fee payable for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d) and/or 49ter.2(d)).

For information on a new table summarizing information received by the International Bureau regarding restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices and designated Offices under PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2, see page 6.

DK Denmark

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g) that it applies the "due care" criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the "due care" criterion:	DKK 3,000
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (DK) and the National Chapter (DK))

PL Poland

The Patent Office of the Republic of Poland, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g) that it applies the "due care" criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the "due care" criterion:	PLZ	70
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (PL) and the National Chapter (PL))

RS Serbia

The Intellectual Property Office (Serbia), in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g) that it applies the "due care" criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Fur-

thermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the "due care" criterion:	RSD	900
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (RS) and the National Chapter (RS))

SG Singapore

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that it applies both the "unintentionality" and the "due care" criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee for requesting restoration, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying both the "unintentionality" and the "due care" criteria:	SGD	250
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(For information on the withdrawal of the Office's notification of incompatibility under PCT Rules 26.3(j) and 49*ter*.2(h), see page 3.)

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

(2) Other changes

AU Australia (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, has changed:

Fee for priority document:	AUD	100
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (AU))

EP European Patent Office (acceptance of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format)

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 April 2007, any PCT-EASY applications (that is, applications filed on paper and accompanied by the request form data and abstract on a physical medium) filed with the EPO will be processed as international applications filed on paper, and PCT-EASY physical media received by the EPO will be disregarded. Moreover, from 1 April 2007, no international application filed with the EPO as receiving Office will benefit from the fee reduction applicable to PCT-EASY applications.

As a result, in its latest update, the PCT-SAFE software has been modified accordingly when the EPO is selected as receiving Office.

It is recalled that the EPO accepts the filing of international applications in fully electronic form using the *epoline*® Online Filing Software and the PCT-SAFE software.

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

GB United Kingdom (name of Office; fax number; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name, fax number, and the e-mail and Internet addresses of the Patent Office (United Kingdom) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:

United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office
(an operating name of the Patent Office)

Fax: (44-1633) 81 77 77

E-mail: pct@ipo.gov.uk
(for PCT enquiries only)
enquiries@ipo.gov.uk
(for general enquiries)

Internet: www.ipo.gov.uk

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

ID Indonesia (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) as receiving Office, has changed with effect since 15 February 2007:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

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

IL Israel (fees; requirements concerning sequence listings; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media – *corrigendum*)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, has changed with effect from 1 April 2007:

Fee for priority document:	ILS	78
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The Office has notified a change in the type of electronic medium that it accepts for the filing in electronic form of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto. The Office is now prepared to accept CD-R, rather than CD-ROM.

With reference to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2007, on page 3, the physical me-

dia which the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office is prepared to receive with effect from 1 February 2007 for the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, should have read: 3.5 inch diskettes and CD-R.

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

LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (general information)

General information about the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Libyan Industrial Property Office as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (LY) and Annex C (LY)) at:

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

SG Singapore (means of telecommunication; time when name and address of inventor must be given)

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has informed the IB of a change concerning the kinds of documents which may be filed by fax; only documents not requiring the payment of any fees may now be so transmitted. The Office has also removed its requirement to furnish the original of the document in all cases.

Furthermore, the Office has made a clarification concerning the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Singapore is designated (or elected), as follows:

“Where an application is initiated on or after 1 April 2007 and enters the national phase on the express request of the applicant prior to the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), that is, an express request made under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2), the time limit to give the name and address of the inventor, where required, is the later of the following periods:

- (a) 16 months from the declared priority date, or where there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of the application; or
- (b) two months from the date of national phase entry.”

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

Search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 July 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international

search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation) and in the equivalent amount (of the higher amount – the lower amount remains unchanged) payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

For the purposes of payment of fees to the IB as receiving Office, there will be a change, as from 1 July 2007, in the equivalent amount (of the lower amount – the higher amount remains unchanged) payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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

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

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

Amendments to the PCT Regulations: video presentations

Some readers have reported difficulties viewing the video presentation of the amendments to the PCT Regulations that entered into force on 1 April 2007, that was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2007. To overcome these viewing problems, the video has been made available from the following FTP site, under the folder 2007.

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

Readers may download the video from the FTP site and view it offline, thus avoiding the browser problems encountered with the streaming video.

The video presentation is now also available in German and Spanish at the following addresses:

www.wipo.int/pct/de/video/files/changes07_256.asx

www.wipo.int/pct/es/video/files/changes07_256.asx

and it will also soon be possible to download these videos from German and Spanish FTP sites.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PowerPoint presentations in Chinese, German and Japanese

The Chinese, German and Japanese versions of the PowerPoint presentation containing an overview of

the amendments to the PCT Regulations that entered into force on 1 April 2007 are now available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/zh/texts/ppt/2007changes.ppt

www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/ppt/2007changes.ppt

www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/ja/texts/ppt/2007changes.ppt

Table concerning restoration of the right of priority

A new table summarizing information received by the International Bureau regarding restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices and designated Offices under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2 is available in English at:

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

The French version of the table will be available shortly.

The International Patent System in 2006 – Yearly Review of the PCT

“The International Patent System in 2006 – Yearly Review of the PCT” is now available in English and French in HTML and PDF formats at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/activity/

Receiving Office forms

An expanded collection of Receiving Office forms in German in editable format, which includes all of the forms that were updated in April 2007, is now available at:

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

The World Intellectual Property Organization is grateful to the European Patent Organisation for preparing these translations.

It is recalled that the forms in English and French are also available at:

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

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/

Filled-in Request and Demand Forms

The filled-in April 2007 versions of the Request Form (PCT/RO/101) and Demand Form (PCT/IPEA/401) in English, French, German and Spanish are now available at:

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

Modifications to the Receiving Office Guidelines

For details, see page 2.

Updating of various PCT tables

The following tables have been updated with effect from 1 May 2007: “Applicability of 75% Reduction in Certain PCT fees” and “States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization”. They are available at, respectively:

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

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

The table of “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” has also been updated in English, French, German and Spanish 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/es/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf

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

PCT in the News

The *WIPO Magazine* seeks out the people behind the patents. In the latest edition, innovators from Israel (“Chute to safety”), Australia (“Shark shock”) and the United States of America (“Zapping deadly chemicals with nano-particles”) pit human ingenuity against natural and unnatural hazards. Extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/index.html

It is recalled that, by clicking on “PCT Articles in the *WIPO Magazine*” in the “related links” box, you will be able to view all PCT-related articles which have been published in the *WIPO Magazine* since 1998, and that you may view the complete issue of the *WIPO Magazine* at:

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

Requesting Changes under PCT Rule 92*bis* in Respect of Multiple PCT Applications

In cases where the recording of a change under PCT Rule 92*bis* concerning the applicant, inventor or the agent is to be requested in respect of a number of different international applications, applicants or their

agents sending such requests to the International Bureau (IB) should preferably do so by way of a single letter in which the PCT application numbers concerned are listed (either in the body of the letter or in an attachment) rather than sending a separate letter for each international application concerned. Not only would this normally reduce the workload of the applicant/agent concerned, but it also facilitates the procedure at the IB where the change is then recorded for all applications concerned at the same time.

When sending such requests, please take note of the following:

- **the listing of the PCT application numbers concerned is very important** – it is not sufficient to simply request the change “in respect of all international applications filed by the applicant/agent”;
- should any of the other agents from a firm be handling different international applications, **separate requests should be sent by each agent** in respect of the international applications they are handling.

In order to ensure that the change is recorded promptly, the request for recording of changes should be sent direct to the IB, rather than to the receiving Office*, and should be sent by fax to the general PCT fax number: +41–22 338 82 70 (it is not necessary to send a confirmation copy by mail).

For further information on requesting the recording of changes under PCT Rule 92*bis*, see the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07/2005, and the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, paragraphs 427 to 431 (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf) (which includes important information on requirements for powers of attorney).

* Not all receiving Offices may be prepared to accept a request for recording a change in respect of multiple applications in a single letter.

New Contact Numbers for Processing Teams at the International Bureau

The processing of international applications at the International Bureau (IB) is carried out by 12 teams (including the team which carries out the functions of the IB as receiving Office). Each team now has its own central contact details (phone and fax numbers and e-mail address) and calls and messages to that central point can be accessed by the whole team. The central contact details will be indicated on PCT Forms sent to applicants, agents, offices and authorities, together with the name of the authorized officer concerned. The advantage of the central contact is that if the authorized officer is absent there will be some-

one available to answer the enquiry every working day, throughout the day.

For **published** international applications the contact details can be searched on PatentScope at the following address:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/iateamlookup.jsp

By typing the PCT application number in the box provided, the contact details of the team and the name of the supervisor in charge of the application will be given.

Practical Advice

Later furnishing of missing elements or parts of the international application

Q: I recently filed an international application in which a number of pages of the description were inadvertently omitted. The application claimed the priority of an earlier national application filed on 25 April 2006. Is it possible to submit those missing pages without affecting the international filing date which was originally accorded (4 April 2007), and if so, what must I do?

A: Following the recent entry into force of amendments to the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing elements or parts of the international application, it is possible for you to submit the missing pages of the description without affecting your international filing date, provided that certain conditions are met (further details follow). Amended PCT Rule 20 enables the inclusion of accidentally omitted *elements* of the international application referred to in PCT Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) (that is, the whole of the description or the whole of the claims) or *parts* of the international application (that is, part of the description, part of the claims or part or all of the pages of drawings) that were completely contained in an earlier filed application, the priority of which is claimed in the international application, without affecting the international filing date. Those amendments entered into force on 1 April 2007 and are applicable in respect of international applications filed on or after that date (hence they will not apply to international applications in respect of which one or more elements referred to in PCT Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office before 1 April 2007).

In order to make use of this new incorporation by reference procedure, the following requirements must be met:

- (1) the priority of the earlier filed application must have been claimed in the international application;

(2) the missing element or part must be completely contained in the earlier application concerned (PCT Rule 20.6(b));

(3) the request must contain the statement of incorporation by reference under PCT Rule 4.18, which is preprinted in the request form dated 1 April 2007¹ or, if that version of the request form was not used, a separate statement of incorporation by reference must have been filed together with the international application;

(4) confirmation of the incorporation by a written notice submitted to the receiving Office, stating that the element or part is incorporated by reference in the international application. The time limit for doing this is two months from the date on which one or more elements referred to in PCT Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, or, where the receiving Office has issued an invitation to correct the application, two months from the date of that invitation (see PCT Rule 20.7)². The notice of confirmation should be accompanied by:

- (a) the missing sheet or sheets which contain the element or part as contained in the priority application;
- (b) a (simple) copy of the earlier application as filed, unless such copy has already been submitted in the form of the priority document under Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-bis);
- (c) a translation of the earlier application, if required (see PCT Rule 20.6(a)(iii)); and
- (d) in the case of a missing part, an indication as to where in the earlier application (and, if applicable, where in the translation) the missing part is contained.

Note that if the applicant does not realize that an element or part of the international application is missing but the receiving Office does so when determining whether the application fulfills the requirements of Article 11(1) and/or when checking whether the international application complies with the formality requirements of the PCT, it will invite the applicant either:

(1) *in the case of a missing element:*

- (a) to furnish the missing element as a correction under PCT Article 11(2), in which case the international filing date will be the date of receipt by the receiving Office of the missing element (assuming that all other Article 11(1) requirements are fulfilled) (see Rule 20.3(b)(i)); or, alternatively,

(b) to confirm in accordance with Rule 20.6 the incorporation by reference of the missing element, in which case the missing element will be considered to have been contained in the international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received, and the international filing date will be the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled (see Rule 20.3(b)(ii)); or

(2) *in the case of a missing part:*

- (a) to complete the international application by furnishing the missing part, in which case:
 - (i) if no international filing date has yet been accorded, the missing part will be included in the international application and the international filing date will be the date on which all requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled (see Rule 20.5(b)); or
 - (ii) if an international filing date has already been accorded, the missing part will be included in the international application and the international filing date corrected to the date on which the missing part was received by the receiving Office (see Rule 20.5(c)); in this case, the applicant has the option, however, of maintaining the original filing date by requesting that the missing part be disregarded (see PCT Rule 20.5(e));

(b) to confirm in accordance with Rule 20.6 the incorporation by reference of the missing part, in which case the missing part will be considered to have been contained in the international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received, and the international filing date will be the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled (see Rule 20.5(d)).

Designated (and elected) Offices may, to a limited extent, review the decisions by receiving Offices to allow incorporation by reference (see PCT Rule 82ter.1(b) to (d)).

It is important to note that a number of receiving Offices³ and designated Offices⁴ have notified the International Bureau (IB) of the incompatibility of certain PCT Rules relating to incorporation by reference of missing elements or parts with the national law applied by those Offices. Consequently, those receiving Offices which have so notified the IB will not apply the Regulations concerning incorporation by reference but instead, in the case of the later furnishing of a missing element or part:

- (a) accord a later international filing date; or
- (b) in the case of a missing part, correct the international filing date so that it is the date of receipt of the missing part, leaving the applicant the option, however, of maintaining the original filing date by requesting that the missing part be disregarded (PCT Rule 20.5(e)).

Similarly, those designated Offices which have so notified the IB may treat the international application, in the case of the later furnishing of a missing element or part:

- (c) as if the international application had been accorded a later international filing date under Rule 20.3(b)(i) or 20.5(b); or
- (d) in the case of a missing part, as if the international filing date had been corrected under Rule 20.5(c), in which case the designated (or elected) Office must, however, give the applicant the opportunity to maintain the original filing date by requesting that the missing part be disregarded (PCT Rule 82*ter*.1(d)).

Footnotes to Practical Advice:

1. If you filed your international application in electronic form, you should check with your receiving Office whether the software you used at the time of filing had been updated to include that statement.
2. If a notice confirming the incorporation by reference of an element is received by the receiving Office after the expiration of the applicable time limit under PCT Rule 20.7(a) but before that Office notifies the applicant under PCT Rule 20.4(i) that the application will not be treated as an international application, that applicant's notice will be considered to have been received within that time limit (PCT Rule 20.7(b)).
3. The receiving Offices of the following States and intergovernmental organization have notified the IB under PCT Rule 20.8(a) of the incompatibility of PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6 with the national law applied by them: Belgium, Cuba, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Spain and the European Patent Office.
4. The designated Offices of the following States and intergovernmental organization have notified the IB under PCT Rule 20.8(b) of the incompatibility of PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6 with the national law applied by them: China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Turkey and the European Patent Office.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
14 May 2007 Zurich (CH)	German	PCT update presentation WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	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
15 May 2007 Sapporo (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
15-16 May 2007 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr
16 May 2007 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Sapporo, above)
18 May 2007 Fukuoka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar for patent administrators at universities WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	(see Sapporo, above)

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
22 May 2007 Brussels (BE)	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the "Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets 2006–2007" WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) and the Institut des mandataires agréés près l'Office européen des brevets (EPI) (Mr. Thierry Debled) Tel: (32–65) 40 08 19 Fax: (32–65) 31 14 74 E-mail: Thierry.Debled@vesuvius.com
28–29 May 2007 Singapore (SG)	English	PCT update and workshop WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Mr. Reischle	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) (Ms. Parameswari Ramalingam) Tel: (65) 63 31 65 69 Fax: (65) 63 31 65 62 E-mail: ramalingam_parameswari@ipos.gov.sg
30–31 May 2007 Johor Baru (MY)	English	PCT workshop WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Mr. Reischle	Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO) – (Ms. Jamilah Kamaruddin) Tel: (60–3) 2263 21 16 E-mail: jamilah@myipo.gov.my – (Ms. Khadijah Md Zin) Tel: (60–3) 2263 21 62 E-mail: khadijah@myipo.gov.my – (Ms. Phelomena) Tel: (60–3) 2263 21 50 E-mail: phelo@myipo.gov.my Fax: (60–3) 2274 13 32/2274 84 68
7–8 June 2007 Ottawa (CA)	English	2007 Canadian PCT Administrators' Roundtable WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Ms. Aeri <i>[Requirement: minimum 2 years experience in PCT and foreign filing; limited number of places available]</i>	Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (Ms. Sue Gibson) Tel: (1–613) 787 35 50 Fax: (1–613) 787 35 58 E-mail: sgibson@blgcanada.com
13–14 June 2007 Hamburg (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
21–22 June 2007 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Turner) Tel: (45) 43 50 65 87 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: LKT@dkpto.dk
25–26 June 2007 Gothenburg (SE)	German	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
2 July 2007 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81–3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81–3) 35 81 12 05
3 July 2007 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	(see Osaka, above)
5 July 2007 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	(see Osaka, above)

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
11–12 September 2007 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44–207) 539 42 45 E-mail: member@jsjones.fsnet.co.uk
5–6 October 2007 Riverside, Iowa (US)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the annual Continuing Legal Education seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell	Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association (IIPLA) (Ms. Wendy Marsh) Tel: (1–515) 288 36 67 Fax: (1–515) 288 13 38 E-mail: marsh@ipmvs.com
5–6 October 2007 Riverside, Iowa (US)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the annual Continuing Legal Education seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell	Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association (IIPLA) (Ms. Wendy Marsh) Tel: (1–515) 288 36 67 Fax: (1–515) 288 13 38 E-mail: marsh@ipmvs.com
8–9 October 2007 Oslo (NO)	English	PCT seminar for consultants WIPO speakers: to be announced	Norwegian Patent Office (Vigdis Aaserud) Tel: (47–22) 38 73 14/38 73 00 Fax: (47–22) 38 73 31 E-mail: vaa@patentstyret.no
11–12 October 2007 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Illmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmariinen@prh.fi
11–12 October 2007 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation at the 6 th 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
24–25 October 2007 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar: “La demande PCT” WIPO speakers: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr
28–29 November 2007 Boston, Massachusetts (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and another to be announced	Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Lee Carl Bromberg, President) Tel: (1–617) 443 92 92 Fax: (1–617) 443 00 04 (Attention: Lee Bromberg) E-mail: lbromberg@bromsun.com

Other IP events**WIPO-Kellogg Biotechnology: Strategies for Management of Intellectual Property Executive Program, Chicago (US), 11 to 14 June 2007**

As companies seek to achieve competitive advantage through exploitation of their technological assets, managing intellectual property has become a key issue for these companies. In most cases, intellectual property is responsible for more than 70% of the market value of companies in the S & P index. This course is designed to expose participants to the various organizational skills needed so as to confidently develop, analyze and negotiate the IP of their corporation. Faculty from Kellogg School of Management and WIPO will help you understand the strategic issues involved in IP management. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty. For further information on this event, see: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/chg_jun_07/index.html

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 2007, 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 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 Item 3(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). 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 2 and 12. (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	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar
		BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso		
Currencies:		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
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZAR	South African rand
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDP	Sudanese pound		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 May 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available						
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	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 150	AUD 1,531 (from 15.5.07: 1,445)	16 (15)	109 (103)	219 (206)	328 (310)	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	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
BH	Information not yet available						
BR	BRR 236	BRR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	CA 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 ⁹ –	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	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 900	10	64	129	193	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 6,710	70	480	960	1,440	EP SE
DM	Information not yet available						
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,400	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR 1,600	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 May 2007, 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 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
EG	USD	142	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	–	AT EP US	
EP	EUR	105	EUR	900	10	–	129	193	–	EP	
ES	EUR	66.56	EUR	900	10	64	129	193	–	EP ES	
FI	EUR	135	EUR	900	10	64	129	193	–	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR	60	EUR	900	10	64	129	193	–	EP	
GB	GBP	55	GBP	611 (from 1.6.07: 574)	7 (6)	44 (41)	87 (82)	131 (123)	–	EP	
GD	Information not yet available										
GE	GEL ¹⁰	10	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	–	EP RU	
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,086	12	–	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR	900	10	64	–	–	–	EP	
GT	Information not yet available										
HN	Information not yet available										
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	CHF ¹² or EUR ¹² or USD ¹²	100 64 79	CHF or EUR or USD	1,400 900 1,086	15 10 12	100 64 78	200 129 155	300 193 233	–	See footnote 13	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	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	486	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	78,500	800	5,600	–	–	–	EP SE	
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	900	10	–	–	–	–	EP	
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	130,300	1,400	9,300	–	27,900	–	EP JP	
KE	USD (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	250	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										
KN	Information not yet available										
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	AT CN RU	
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,096,000	12,000	78,000	–	235,000	–	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR	
KZ	KZT	7,360	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	–	EP RU	
LA	Information not yet available										
LR	USD	45	USD	1,086	12	–	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
LS	LSM ⁹	–	LSM eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	–	AT EP	
LT	LTL	320	EUR	900	10	64	–	–	–	EP RU	
LU	EUR	19	EUR	900	10	–	–	–	–	EP	
LV	LVL	47.20	EUR	900	10	64	–	–	–	EP RU	
LY	LYD ⁹	–	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	–	AT EP	
MA	None	None	CHF	1,400	15	–	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE	
MC	EUR	54 ¹⁵	EUR	900	10	–	–	–	–	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	None	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	–	EP RU	
MT	Information not yet available										
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	134,700	1,400	9,600	–	–	–	EP	
MX	MXP ² eq USD	200	MXP eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP ES SE US	
MY	Information not yet available										
NI	USD	200	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	–	EP ES	
NL	EUR	50	EUR	900	10	64	129	193	–	EP	
NO	NOK	550	NOK	7,030	80	500	–	–	–	EP SE	
NZ	NZD	180 ¹⁶	NZD	1,613	17	115	–	–	–	AU EP KR US	
OA	XAF ⁹	–	XAF eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE	

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
OM	Information not yet available									
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,086		12	78	155	233	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ	300	PLZ eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	31.73	EUR	900		10	64	–	–	EP
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF	1,400		15	100	200	300	AT EP RU
RS	RSD	3,000	RSD eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUR	294	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,086		12	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDP	50	SDP eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	7,950		90	570	1,140	1,700	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD (from 15.5.07: 1,720)	1,834 (1,720)		20 (18)	131 (123)	–	–	AT AU EP KR ¹⁷
SI	EUR	91	EUR	900		10	64	–	–	EP
SK	SKK	2,000	SKK eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	900		10	–	–	–	EP
SV	Information not yet available									
SY	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹	–	USD	1,086		12	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹	–	CHF	1,400		15	–	–	–	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	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	300	USD	1,086		12	78	155	–	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹	–	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	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	8,230		90	590	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,086		12	–	–	–	AT SE
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 May 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	311	KRW	250,000	SGD	410	USD	241	ZAR	1,830
AU	AUD	1,600	CHF	1,553	EUR	962	KRW	1,173,000	NZD	1,794	SGD	1,943
	USD	1,266	ZAR	8,854								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,759	EUR	1,050	USD	1,365				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	335	EUR	215	USD	260				
EP ¹⁸	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	CYP	928	DKK	12,050	GBP	1,098	ISK	143,000
	JPY*	238,100	MWK	248,000	NOK	12,990	NZD*	3,208	SEK	15,230	SGD	3,120
	USD	2,059	ZAR	14,920								
	* (from 1.6.07:)		JPY	255,300	NZD	3,010						
ES ¹⁸	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	USD	2,059						
FI	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	USD	2,059						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	1,042	EUR	616	KRW	789,000	USD	797		
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	280	EUR	180	NZD	347	SGD	380	USD	232
RU ¹⁹	USD	300	CHF	387	EUR*	248						
	* (from 1.7.07:)		EUR	222								
SE	SEK	15,230	CHF	2,525	DKK	12,050	EUR	1,615	ISK	143,000	NOK	12,990
	USD	2,059										
US	USD	1,000	300 ²⁰	CHF*	1,289	387 ²⁰	EUR*	762	248 ²⁰	NZD	1,520	440 ²⁰
	ZAR	7,200	2,300 ²⁰									
	* (from 1.7.07:)		CHF	1,216	387 ²⁰	EUR	762	222 ²⁰				

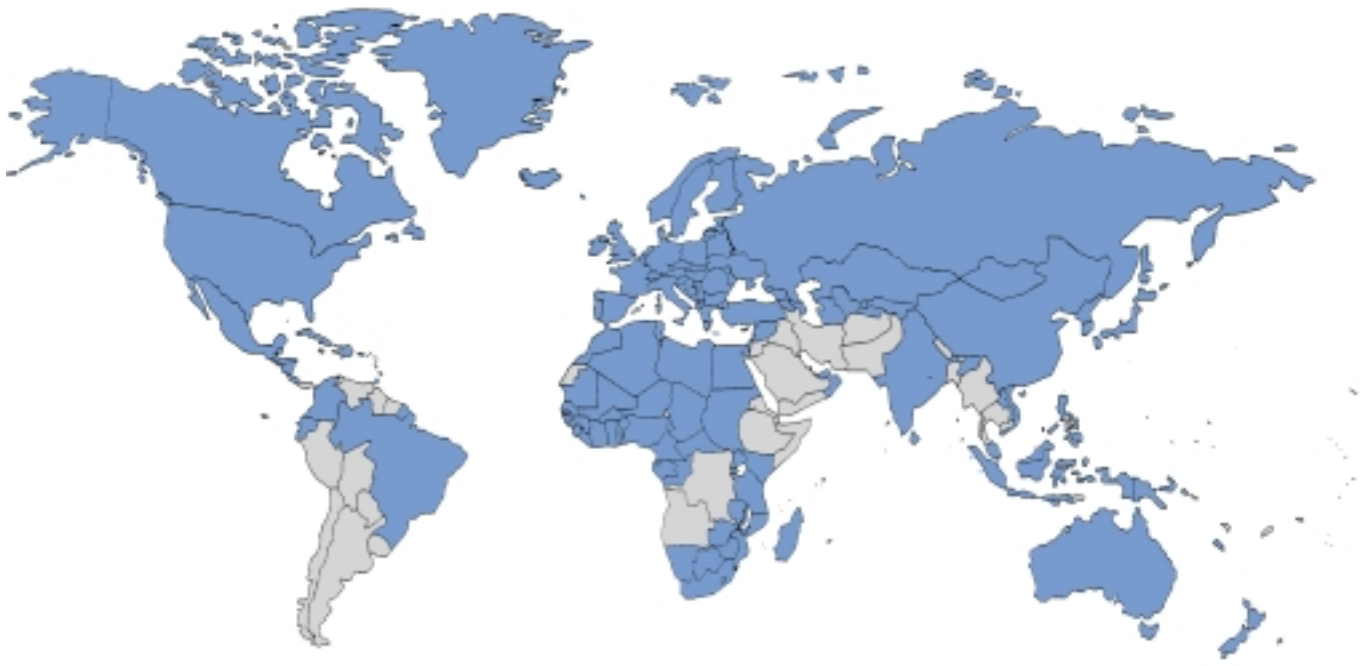
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 May 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²¹		Handling fee ^{2, 21} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129	
AU	AUD	550	780 ²²	AUD	205
CA	CAD	800		CAD	182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁸	EUR	1,595		EUR	129
ES	EUR	533.76		EUR	129
FI	EUR	550		EUR	129
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY	17,400
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW	147,000
RU ¹⁹	USD	200 ²³	300 ²⁴	USD	155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²⁵	USD	155

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 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope 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 of PatentScope 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 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 17 The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications, the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006.
- 18 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 Resources page of PatentScope 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.
- 19 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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AE United Arab Emirates	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IN India	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania ¹	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²		SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	ML Mali (OA) ²	SM San Marino
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic (from 28 May 2007)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KM Comoros	MT Malta (EP) ²	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EC Ecuador	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MW Malawi (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MX Mexico	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KR Republic of Korea	MY Malaysia	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NA Namibia (AP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NE Niger (OA) ²	TN Tunisia
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NG Nigeria	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	NI Nicaragua	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LR Liberia	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	NO Norway	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	NZ New Zealand	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	OM Oman	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PG Papua New Guinea	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PH Philippines	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ²	PT Portugal (EP)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Moldova (EA)	RO Romania (EP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	HN Honduras	ME Montenegro	RS Serbia ¹	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	HR Croatia ¹		RU Russian Federation (EA)	
CR Costa Rica	HU Hungary (EP)		SC Seychelles	
CU Cuba	ID Indonesia		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IL Israel		SG Singapore	

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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