

# PCT NEWSLETTER

## Reminder about the Main Changes to PCT Regulations and Procedure Effective 1 July 2008

It is recalled that a number of changes to the PCT Regulations and procedure entered into effect on 1 July 2008, including:

### Amendments to the Schedule of Fees

As well as a 5% reduction in the amount of the international filing fee<sup>1</sup>, there has also been an increase from 75% to 90% in the reduction in the international filing fee and the handling fee accorded to applicants who meet the criteria indicated in Item 4(a) or (b) of the Schedule of fees, and the scope of the fee reduction has been extended to applicants from certain additional States (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2008, page 1).

### E-mail

Applicants can authorize the various PCT Offices and Authorities, if the Office or Authority concerned so wishes, to send advance copies of notifications using the e-mail address provided by the applicant for this purpose (for further information, see the “Practical advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008, page 9).

### Filing and processing of international applications in electronic form

Following the modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, where international applications are filed in fully electronic form, applicants may, if the receiving Office so permits, include the application documents in a pre-conversion format (together with the international application), accompanied by a statement that the international application as filed in electronic form is a complete and accurate copy of the document in the pre-conversion format (for further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008, page 2).

### Requesting the ISA to take into consideration the results of an earlier search carried out by another Authority

Applicants can request the International Searching Authority (ISA), when carrying out the international search, to take into consideration the results not only of an earlier search it has carried out, but also of an earlier search carried out by another ISA or a national or regional Office (see PCT Rules 4.12, 12*bis*.1 and 41.1).

### Requesting restoration of the right of priority

The receiving Office may now extend, for a period of up to two months, the time limit for paying a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (see amended PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)).

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1. Note that, even though there have been consequential changes in the equivalent amounts in most currencies (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008, page 5), due to fluctuations in the applicable exchange rates, the amounts payable in certain currencies, for example in EUR, might not have actually changed.

## International applications considered withdrawn

A clarification has been made to PCT Rule 29 that, where the receiving Office (RO) declares the international application withdrawn, international publication of that application can only be prevented if the notification of the said declaration transmitted by the RO reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed (PCT Rule 29.1(v)).

Updated consolidated versions of the PCT Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2008, as well as the July 2008 version of the request and demand forms, are available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html)

## Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain PCT Articles and Rules with National Laws

### Switzerland (PCT Article 22(1), PCT Rule 51bis.1(e), 51bis.2(a)(i), (ii) and (iii) and 51bis.3(a))

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2002, cover page), the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it has withdrawn its notification with effect from 1 July 2008. The 30-month time limit under PCT Article 22(1) therefore applies as from 1 July 2008 in respect of international applications for which the 20-month time limit expires on or after that date and in respect of which the acts referred to in PCT Article 22(1) have not yet been performed by the applicant. The table of time limits for entering the national phase has been updated accordingly on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time\\_limits.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf)

That Office has also notified the IB that it has withdrawn, with effect from 1 July 2008, its notification of incompatibility of the following PCT Rules with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2001, page 2):

- PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) – concerning the furnishing of a translation of the priority document;
- PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(i) – concerning certain circumstances in which documents or evidence relating to the identity of the inventor may not be required;
- PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(ii) – concerning certain circumstances in which documents or evidence relating to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent may not be required;
- PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(iii) – concerning certain circumstances in which documents or evidence relating to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim priority of an earlier application may not be required; and
- PCT Rule 51bis.3(a) – concerning the opportunity to comply with national requirements referred to in PCT Rule 51bis.1(a)(i) to (iv) and (c) to (e).

The above-mentioned Rules will therefore be applicable to the Office as from 1 July 2008.  
(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (CH))

## **Modifications to the Administrative Instructions**

In addition to the modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT which were announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008, new Section 337 has now been included, with effect from 1 July 2008. Section 337 clarifies that the receiving Office is to transmit to the International Searching Authority any copy of the results of an earlier search which that Office has received from, or prepared on request of, the applicant, and will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2008. The updated consolidated versions of the Administrative Instructions in English and French, as in force from 1 July 2008, are now available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE®, in PDF and HTML formats at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm)

[www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.htm)

## **Filing and Processing of International Applications in Electronic Form**

### **Attaching pre-conversion files to international applications filed electronically**

Following the promulgation of modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (relating to the electronic filing and processing of international applications) with effect from 1 July 2008 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008, page 2, and *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 24 April 2008, pages 45 *et seq.*), the International Bureau (IB) has notified, in its capacity as receiving Office, and the Offices listed below have notified the IB, in their capacity as receiving Offices, of the replacement, in their notifications pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see the *PCT Gazette* reference following the name of each Office/State), of the paragraph relating to the filing of backup copies by a text relating to the inclusion of documents in pre-conversion format.

The relevant paragraph of the notification made by those Offices will read as follows:

*DK Denmark (PCT Gazette No. 35/2005, pages 22816 et seq.)*

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

*EP European Patent Office (PCT Gazette No. 47/2002, pages 23832 et seq.)*

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format under Section 706(a) and (f) of the Administrative Instructions under the conditions set out in Article 3 of the Decision of the President of the EPO dated 12 July 2007 (Special Edition No. 3, *OJ EPO* 2007, page 17).

In particular, the files should be archived in ZIP format and contain either plain ASCII text or be created with one of the following word processing programs:

- Microsoft 97 and later releases
- Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 & 10 and later releases
- Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 and later releases (including the corresponding StarOffice products).

Any objects originating from other programs may be embedded into documents being generated by the word processing programs mentioned above as long as they can be viewed without loss of the information being contained in these objects.

Documents in a format other than those mentioned above may be attached in that format only if the applicant informs the EPO at the time of filing where it can within reason acquire the relevant software.

*IB International Bureau (PCT Gazette No. 34/2003, pages 19248 et seq.)*

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The International Bureau will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

*JP Japan (PCT Gazette No. 50/2006, pages 19184 et seq.)*

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Japan Patent Office will accept no filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

*MY Malaysia (PCT Gazette No. 44/2006, pages 19118 et seq.)*

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

*SE Sweden (PCT Gazette No. 47/2005, pages 31398 et seq.)*

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

*SK Slovakia (PCT Gazette No. 46/2005, pages 30684 et seq.)*

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

## Notice to users of the PCT-SAFE software and the EPO Online Filing Software

It is recalled that a PCT-SAFE software update will be released at the beginning of July 2008, which will enable the preparation of request forms in compliance with the July 2008 rule changes for filing international applications, both in fully electronic and in PCT-EASY mode, with the International Bureau as receiving Office, as well as with certain other receiving Offices. However, the July rule changes are not available with some receiving Offices, as it has not yet been possible to make the necessary technical modifications to the respective receiving Office servers – for further details on which Offices are affected, and the consequences of this delay, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2008, page 3.

It is also recalled that, in view of the time needed to incorporate into other filing software packages the necessary updates resulting from those rule changes, updates of certain software, for example, the EPO Online Filing software and the JPO PAS electronic filing software, may also not be available as of 1 July 2008, but will be available as soon as the changes have been incorporated into the respective software. Please contact the Offices concerned for further details.

With regard to the PCT-SAFE software and the EPO Online Filing Software, information concerning measures to work around the problem during the time that it exists have been published on WIPO's "Electronic Filing (PCT-SAFE)" homepage at:

[www.wipo.int/pct-safe](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe)

It should be noted that not all of the features introduced by the July rule changes might be available with all PCT Authorities. Applicants are therefore advised to check with the Authorities concerned as to their availability.

## Changes to the Publication Schedule

### Publication of 11 September 2008

Due to the fact that Thursday, 11 September 2008, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications, as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* which would normally have been published on that day, will be published on Friday, 12 September 2008.

Note that the completion of technical preparations for that publication will take place more than the usual 15 days before publication, on Wednesday, 27 August 2008, meaning that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau (IB) by midnight on Tuesday, 26 August 2008.

### Publication of 25 September 2008

Due to the fact that Thursday, 11 September 2008, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the completion of technical preparations for PCT applications to be published on 25 September 2008 will take place earlier than usual, on Tuesday, 9 September 2008 (instead of on Wednesday, 10 September 2008, the day on which technical preparations would normally have been completed). This means that any changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the IB by midnight on Monday, 8 September 2008.

## **Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations under the PCT (April 2007 edition in Arabic)**

The International Bureau has published the Arabic version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 1 April 2007. The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs by regular mail, or 28 Swiss francs by priority mail. Orders, which should refer to WIPO Publication No. 274 and indicate the language in which the publication is required, should be addressed to the Design, Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO:

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e-mail: [publications.mail@wipo.int](mailto:publications.mail@wipo.int)

electronic bookshop: [www.wipo.int/ebookshop](http://www.wipo.int/ebookshop)

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

It is recalled that the text of the above is also available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® in PDF format at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/ar/texts](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/texts)

## **PCT Information Update**

### **AT Austria (fees)**

The Austrian Patent Office has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable as from 1 July 2008, as follows:

Where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application and where the Austrian Patent Office acting as International Searching Authority has established the international search report for this earlier international application, and where the Authority benefits from this earlier search to the full extent or to a substantially prevailing portion: refund of 75%

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

### **AU Australia (fees)**

As from 15 September 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in AUD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction and electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

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

### **CA Canada (fees)**

As from 15 September 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in CAD to the Canadian



Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in CAD of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Table I(a).

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

### IB International Bureau (fees)

There have been changes in the equivalent amounts in EUR and USD of the following fees, payable to the IB as receiving Office with effect from 1 July 2008:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Table I(a)
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR 32
.....	USD 50
Supplement for airmail:.....	EUR [no change]
.....	USD 10

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

### IL Israel (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2008:

Transmittal fee:.....	see Table I(a)
Fee for priority document:.....	ILS 80

In addition, the amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office has changed with effect from 1 July 2008:

Filing fee: .....	ILS 964
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IL) and National Chapter, Summary (IL))

### JP Japan (fees)

The Japan Patent Office has changed one of the conditions for refund of the search fee, applicable as from 1 July 2008, as follows (the other condition not indicated has not changed):

Refund of JPY 41,000 upon request where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

- (i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;
- (ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

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

For patent:

## Filing fee:

– international applications for which the time limit for entry into the national phase expires on or after 1 June 2008, and for which transmittal form (Form 53) is submitted on or after 1 June 2008 .....	JPY	15,000
– international applications for which Form 53 was submitted on or before 31 May 2008, regardless of whether the time limit for entry into the national phase expires on or after 1 June 2008: .....	JPY	16,000
– international applications for which the time limit for entry into the national phase expired on or before 31 May 2008:	JPY	16,000

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

**KR Republic of Korea (fees)**

The Korean Intellectual Property Patent Office has changed one of the conditions for refund of the search fee, applicable as from 1 July 2008, as follows (other conditions not indicated have not changed):

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority, refund of 75% upon request by the applicant.

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

**MZ Mozambique (fees)**

The Industrial Property Institute (Mozambique) has informed the International Bureau that on 1 July 2006, the currency unit in Mozambique was revalued at a rate of 1000:1, which effectively removed three zeros from the fee amounts.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Institute as designated (or elected) Office have therefore changed, as follows:

## For patent:

Filing fee: .....	MZM	4,300
Annual fee for the first year: .....	MZM	750
Annual fee for the second year: .....	MZM	1,050

## For utility model:

Filing fee: .....	MZM	750
Annual fee for the first and second year, per year:.....	MZM	750

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



## **SV El Salvador (general information; special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)**

General information about El Salvador as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the National Center of Registries (El Salvador) as receiving Office have been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (SV) and Annex C (SV)) on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/)

The National Center of Registries has specified special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as indicated below:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:

the indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii):

– none

any additional matter specified below:

– none

Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned:

– to the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics and an indication of the usefulness of the microorganism and/or other biological material

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Center of Registries with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

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

## **ZA South Africa (fees)**

As from 1 September 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the PCT-EASY fee reduction (see item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees), as indicated in Table I(a).

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

## **Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office)**

There has been a change, with effect from 1 July 2008, in the equivalent amount payable in ISK for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

As from 1 August 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.

As from 1 September 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and as from 15 September 2008 there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in KRW for an international search carried out by that Office.

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

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

## **New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet ([www.wipo.int/pct/en](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en))**

### **Time Limits for Entering the National Phase**

A revised version of the table of time limits for entering the national phase has been prepared and is available on the WIPO website in English and French at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time\\_limits.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf)

[www.wipo.int/pct/fr/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.

### **Applicability of 90% Reduction in Certain PCT fees**

Further to the amendments to the Schedule of Fees which entered into force on 1 July 2008 (see "Reminder about the Main Changes to PCT Regulations and Procedure Effective 1 July 2008", above) the table of "Applicability of 90% reduction in certain PCT fees" (previously "Applicability of 75% Reduction in Certain PCT Fees") has been updated with effect from 1 July 2008 and is available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)

### **Table of reservations and incompatibilities**

The revised table containing all PCT reservations and incompatibilities as in force from 1 July 2008, is now available in English, French, German and Spanish, at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf)

[www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf)

[www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf)

[www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf)

### **Request form in Chinese**

The request form (July 2008 version) is now available in Chinese at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/)

## **Request and demand forms in editable format**

The July 2008 versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) in English, French, German and Spanish are now available in editable PDF format on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/)

## **Modifications to the Receiving Office Guidelines**

A number of modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2008, to the Receiving Office Guidelines. The consolidated text of the Receiving Office Guidelines (RO/GL/RO/6) is available under “PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (as in force from July 1, 2008)” in PDF format, in English and French at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.htm)

[www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/gdlines.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/gdlines.htm)

## **Modified Administrative Instructions**

See separate item “Modifications to Administrative Instructions”, above.

## **ISA and IPEA Agreements**

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

- Austrian Patent Office
- European Patent Office
- National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland
- Japan Patent Office; and
- Korean Intellectual Property Office

relating to the functioning of those Authorities as ISAs and IPEAs under the PCT, as in force from 1 July 2008, have been published in English and French on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa\\_ipea\\_agreements.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html)

[www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa\\_ipea\\_agreements.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html)

## **Quality reports**

In accordance with the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, paragraphs 21.17 and 21.18, the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities make annual reports on the quality management systems which they have implemented for their work as International Authorities. The reports for the year 2007 are now available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html)

## PCT Gallery of Notable Inventions and Inventors

The following additions have been made to the gallery of notable inventors ([www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventors/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/inventions/inventors/index.html)):

- Erik DE CLERCQ
- Philip S. GREEN

Suggestions for additions to the PCT gallery should be sent to the following e-mail address:

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## Practical Advice

### Withdrawal of an international application after international publication but before the issuance of the ISR.

*Q: I recently tried to withdraw an international application before it was published, but, unfortunately, my notice of withdrawal was received by the International Bureau (IB) too late to prevent its publication. Since the International Searching Authority (ISA) had not yet issued the international search report (ISR) when the international application was published, it was published without the ISR. Given that international applications published prior to the issuance of the ISR are normally republished later with the ISR, would it be possible, in my case, to prevent publication of the ISR in view of the fact that the international application has been withdrawn?*

**A:** Once your international application has been published, you cannot prevent the later publication of the ISR – the ISR must, according to PCT Rule 48.2(a)(v), form part of the published international application, regardless of whether there has been an intervening notice of withdrawal of the application. Your international application will have been published with an annotation to the effect that the ISR (or declaration by the ISA to the effect that no ISR will be established) was not available at the time of completion of technical preparations for publication, and the ISR (or declaration) will be published separately after it has been received by the IB (PCT Rule 48.2(g)).

The only way in which you could have been certain of stopping the publication of the ISR, as well as the publication of the rest of the international application, would have been to ensure that your notice of withdrawal reached the IB before the completion of technical preparations for international publication (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1(c)). It is recalled that this is normally 15 calendar days before the actual publication date. (For a good indication of the earliest potential date for international publication for a given application – which, in accordance with PCT Article 21.1(a), is normally promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date – refer to the PCT Time Limit Calculator at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/calculator/pct-calculator.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/calculator/pct-calculator.html)). It is always recommended that applicants notify the IB of any withdrawal as early as possible before completion of technical preparations for publication, preferably by using Form PCT/IB/372 “Notice of withdrawal” and sending it by fax, making sure that the notice of withdrawal is signed by all applicants, or if signed by the agent, that the agent has been duly appointed by all applicants.

Notwithstanding, when the ISA is informed by the IB that the international application has been withdrawn (Form PCT/IB/307), the ISA is entitled to immediately discontinue the processing of the application and is no longer obliged to establish an ISR. In such a situation, if the ISA does

not establish an ISR, the IB would not request the ISA to do so, and no republication of the international application would take place. There is no guarantee that this would be the outcome in any given case, however. (For information on refunds, where applicable, of the search fee where the international application has been withdrawn before the start of the international search, see the relevant part of Annex D of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.)

Note that a withdrawal of an international application can be made on the condition that it is to be effective only if the notice of withdrawal is received by the IB before completion of the technical preparations for international publication, and therefore in time to stop international publication of the application (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraph 453) – Form PCT/IB/372 contains a special check box for this purpose.

For further information on the publication and withdrawal of international applications, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 304 to 318B and 452 to 463, respectively.

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b> (situation on 1 July 2008)			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>10–11 July 2008 New York (US)</b>	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speakers: Mr. Helfgott (Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP, New York), Mr. Oppedahl (Oppedahl Patent Law Firm, Frisco), Ms. Kepplinger (Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Washington) and Mr. Kopf (Maiwald Patentanwalts GmbH, Munich)	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
<b>14–15 July 2008 Denver (US)</b>	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO and other speakers: see New York, above	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (See New York, above)
<b>2–3 October 2008 Cary, North Carolina (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Melanie Bostic) Tel: (1–919) 657 15 69 Fax: (1–919) 677 17 74 E-mail: mbostic@ncbar.org
<b>10 October 2008 London (GB)</b>	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th 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
<b>20 October 2008 Helsinki (FI)</b>	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	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
<b>22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	PCT update for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se
<b>24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)</b>	English	PCT update WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk
<b>30–31 October 2008 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	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

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<b>PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]</b> (situation on 1 July 2008)			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>3–4 November 2008 Chicago (US)</b>	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	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
<b>13 November 2008 Reykjavik (IS)</b>	English	PCT training course WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Icelandic Patent Office (Ms. Elfa Ólafsdóttir) Tel: (354) 580 94 00 Fax: (354) 580 94 01 E-mail: elfa@Einkaleyfastofan.is
<b>18 November 2008 Miami (US)</b>	English	“Patent Cooperation Treaty for the Americas” colloquium For further information see: <a href="http://www.pctcolloquium2008.org">www.pctcolloquium2008.org</a>	WIPO, ASIPI, FICPI and AIPLA For conference questions: E-mail: <a href="mailto:secretaria@asipi.org">secretaria@asipi.org</a> For online registration: Internet: <a href="http://www.pctcolloquium2008.org">www.pctcolloquium2008.org</a> For on-line registration questions: E-mail: <a href="mailto:oaliaga@meproductions.com">oaliaga@meproductions.com</a>
<b>20–21 November 2008 Boston, Massachusetts (US)</b>	English	Seminar on PCT practices and procedures WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reischle	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Janice Roussel) Tel: (1–617) 526 68 04 Fax: (1–617) 526 50 00 E-mail: <a href="mailto:Janice.Roussel@wilmerhale.com">Janice.Roussel@wilmerhale.com</a>
<b>4–5 December 2008 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: <a href="mailto:josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk">josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk</a>
<b>9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: <a href="mailto:fchauvin@inpi.fr">fchauvin@inpi.fr</a>

## PCT Fee Tables

### (amounts on 1 July 2008, 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 3(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%<sup>1</sup> reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 3 and 13. (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	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
RO	receiving Office	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israel shekel	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
Currencies:		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu		
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		
		GEL	Georgian lari	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		

#### Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 July 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>2</sup>		International filing fee <sup>2,3</sup> (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>2,3,4</sup> (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>5</sup>
					Items 3(a) <sup>6</sup> and (b) <sup>7</sup> (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) <sup>8</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) <sup>9</sup> (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)							
AT	EUR	50	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,466 (from 15.9.08 : 1,353)	17 (15)	110 (102)	220 (204)	331 (305)	AU
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD 1,338	15	–	–	–	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	Information not yet available							
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,338	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,375 (from 15.9.08: 1,289)	16 (15)	103 (97)	–	–	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 <sup>10</sup>	–	COP eq USD 1,338	eq USD 15	eq USD 101	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 July 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>2</sup>		International filing fee <sup>2,3</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>2,3,4</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>5</sup>
						Items 3(a) <sup>6</sup> and (b) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>8</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>9</sup>	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,338	15	101	–	–	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	1,338	15	101	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR	1,600	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	EEK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	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	675	8	51	101	152	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL <sup>11</sup>	10	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHC <sup>12</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,338	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	848	10	64	–	–	EP
GT	Information not yet available								
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
IB	CHF <sup>13</sup> or EUR <sup>13</sup> or USD <sup>13</sup>	100 64 101	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 848 1,338	15 10 15	100 64 101	200 128 201	300 191 302	See footnote 14
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	503	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	EP US
IN	INR (filing by indiv: 2,000)	8,000	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	6,500	ISK	101,400	1,100	7,600	–	–	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	848	10	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	133,400	1,500	10,000	–	30,100	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) <sup>250</sup> plus cost of mailing	250	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 July 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>2</sup>	International filing fee <sup>2,3</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>2,3,4</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>5</sup>
				Items 3(a) <sup>6</sup> and (b) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>8</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>9</sup>	
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 1,327,000	15,000	100,000	–	299,000	AT AU JP <sup>15</sup> KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,338	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL <sup>10</sup> –	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 47.20	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD <sup>10</sup> –	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 <sup>16</sup>	EUR 848	10	–	–	–	EP
MD	USD 40	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	100	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 182,500	2,100	13,700	–	–	EP
MX	MXP <sup>3</sup> eq USD 323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 375 <sup>17</sup>	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	64	128	191	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,820	80	510	–	–	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 <sup>18</sup>	NZD 1,704	19	128	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF <sup>10</sup> –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,338	15	101	201	302	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 33.44	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	AT EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD <sup>10</sup> –	USD 1,338	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,960	90	600	1,200	1,790	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,845	21	139	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR 91	EUR 848	10	64	–	–	EP
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 848	10	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,338	15	101	–	–	EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 July 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>2</sup>		International filing fee <sup>2,3</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>2,3,4</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>5</sup>
						Items 3(a) <sup>6</sup> and (b) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>8</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>9</sup>	
SY	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,338	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND <sup>10</sup>	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH) <sup>1</sup>	1,338	15	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	300	USD	1,338	15	101	201	–	EP KR US
UZ	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,338	15	101	–	–	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	10,860 (from 1.9.08: 9,510)	120 (110)	820 (720)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,338	15	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,338	eq USD 15	eq USD 101	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 July 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>2</sup>											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	330	KRW	306,000	SGD	420	USD	282	ZAR	2,380
AU	AUD	1,600	CHF*	1,483	EUR	987	KRW**	1,415,000	NZD	1,859	SGD	2,084
	USD***	1,390	ZAR	11,640								
	* (from 1.9.08:		CHF	1,594								
	** (from 15.9.08:		KRW	1,590,000)								
	*** (from 1.8.08:		USD	1,514)								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,587	EUR	995	USD	1,597				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	328	EUR	199	USD	280				
EP <sup>19</sup>	EUR	1,700	CHF	2,726	DKK	12,670	GBP	1,273	ISK	192,000	JPY	268,800
	MWK	344,000	NOK	13,440	NZD*	3,163	SEK	15,830	SGD	3,530	USD*	2,496
	ZAR	20,650										
	* (from 1.8.08:		NZD	3,395	USD	2,665)						
ES <sup>19</sup>	EUR	1,700	CHF	2,726	USD*	2,496						
	* (from 1.8.08:		USD	2,665)								
FI	EUR	1,700	CHF	2,726	USD*	2,496						
	* (from 1.8.08:		USD	2,665)								
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	991	EUR	600	KRW	924,000	USD	949		
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	226	EUR	148	NZD	289	SGD	320	USD	244
RU <sup>20</sup>	USD	500	CHF	507	EUR*	355						
	* (from 1.8.08		EUR	319)								
SE	SEK	15,830	CHF	2,726	DKK	12,670	EUR	1,700	ISK	192,000	NOK	13,440
	USD*	2,496										
	* (from 1.8.08:		USD	2,665)								
US	USD	1,800	CHF*	1,789	EUR	1,154	NZD	2,370	ZAR	14,000		
XN	DKK	12,670	CHF	2,726	EUR	1,700	ISK	192,000	NOK	13,440	USD*	2,496
	* (from 1.8.08:		USD	2,665)								

**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**

(amounts on 1 July 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

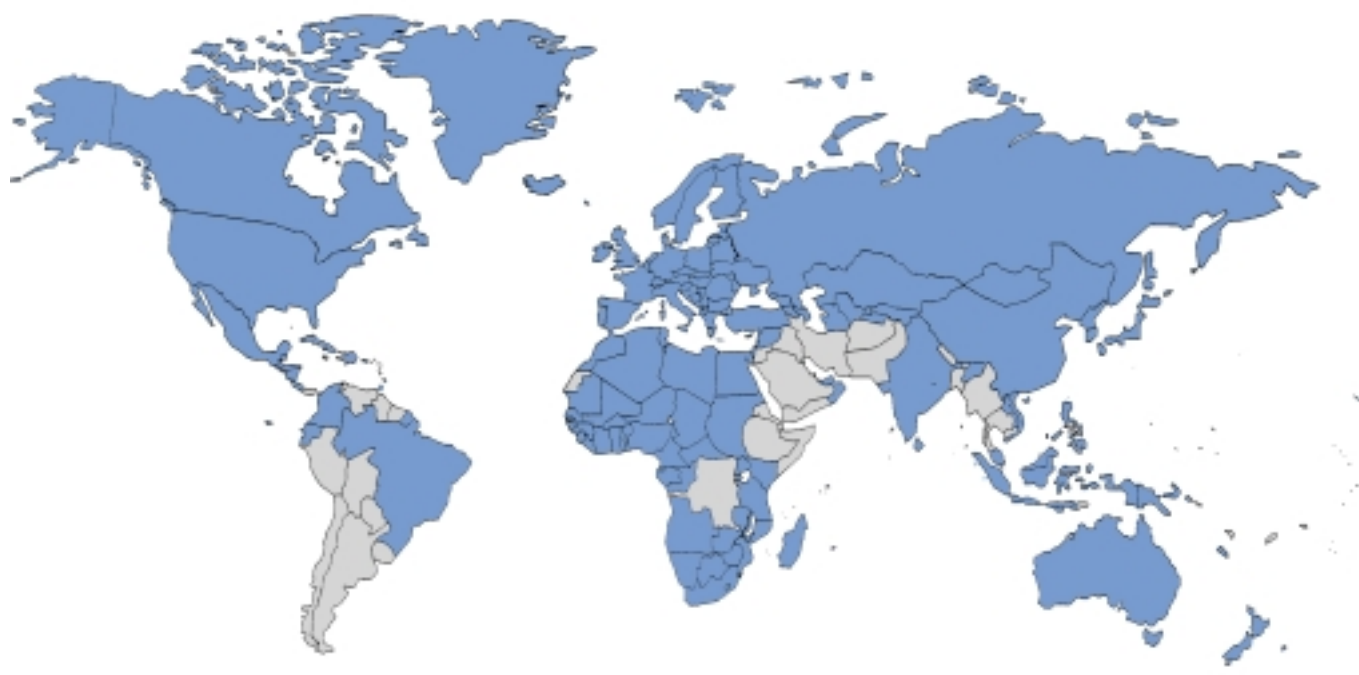
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>21</sup>		Handling fee <sup>3, 21</sup> (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	200	EUR 121
AU	AUD	550 780 <sup>22</sup>	AUD 196
CA	CAD	800	CAD 171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EP <sup>19</sup>	EUR	1,675	EUR 121
ES	EUR	544.44	EUR 121
FI	EUR	550	EUR 121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY 19,600
KR	KRW	225,000	KRW 157,000
RU <sup>20</sup>	USD	200 <sup>23</sup> 300 <sup>24</sup>	USD 171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,110
US	USD	600 750 <sup>25</sup>	USD 171
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK 900

*Footnotes to fee tables:*

- 1 For international applications received by the receiving Office before 1 July 2008, the former 75% reduction continues to apply.
- 2 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 90% (75% for international applications received by the receiving Office before 1 July 2008) 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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 5 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 6 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.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 9 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 10 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 11 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 12 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.
- 13 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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
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