

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

Eurasian Patent Organization

A new intergovernmental organization, the **Eurasian Patent Organization**, has been established under the Eurasian Patent Convention which was done in Moscow on 9 September 1994 and which constitutes a regional patent treaty within the meaning of PCT Article 45(1). With effect from 1 January 1996, all PCT Contracting States which are also party to the Eurasian Patent Convention can be designated either for a national patent or a Eurasian patent, or both a national patent and a Eurasian patent. It is not possible to designate only some of the Contracting States of the Eurasian Patent Convention for a Eurasian patent, since a Eurasian patent can only be granted for all Contracting States of the Eurasian Patent Convention. (States can be separately excluded from protection under the Eurasian patent by way of subsequent non-payment of annual fees.)

General information on the **Eurasian Patent Organization**, as well as information on the requirements of the **Eurasian Patent Office** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office is given in Annexes B2(EA), C(EA) and Summary (EA), published in the special issue of the PCT Gazette No. 01/1996 on the same date as this PCT Gazette.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

Azerbaijan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

General information on **Azerbaijan** and the **former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** as new Contracting States, as well as information on the requirements of the **Azerbaijan Patent Office** and the **Industrial Property Protection Office of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** as receiving Offices and as designated (or elected) Offices, is given in Annexes B1(AZ), C(AZ), Summary (AZ), Annexes B1(MK), C(MK) and Summary (MK), published in the special issue of the PCT Gazette No. 01/1996 on the same date as this PCT Gazette.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

International Bureau

Corrigendum

The equivalent amounts, in **US Dollars (USD)**, of certain fees payable to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office which were published in PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(IB), page 192, were the amounts as applicable until December 31, 1995, whereas new amounts became applicable as from January 1, 1996, as notified in PCT Gazette No. 49/1995, page 18777. The correct amounts of the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee are as follows:

Basic fee:	USD 677
Supplement per sheet over 30:	USD 13
Designation fee:	USD 164

[Corrigendum of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(IB), page 192]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5*, the days on which the International Bureau **is not open for business** are, for the period from February 1, 1996, to February 1, 1997, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and	September 5, 1996
April 5, 1996	December 25, 1996
April 8, 1996	December 26, 1996
May 16, 1996	January 1, 1997
May 27, 1996	January 2, 1997

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other international organizations.

* Rule 80.5 **Expiration on a Non-Working Day**

“If the expiration of any period during which any document or fee must reach a national Office or intergovernmental organization falls on a day on which such Office or organization is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, or on which ordinary mail is not delivered in the locality in which such Office or organization is situated, the period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which neither of the said two circumstances exists.”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

Albania

Extended European Patents – Corrigendum

PCT Gazette No. 01/1996 contained information, based on information received from the Albanian authorities, on the possibility of extending European patents to Albania (see Annexes B1(AL) and B2(EP), and the Summary (AL) and (EP)). The International Bureau has now been informed that the agreement which allows for the extension of European patents to Albania has not yet entered into force. It is therefore not yet possible to request the extension of a European patent to Albania. The date of entry into force of the agreement will be announced in the PCT Gazette when it is known.

Finland

On December 29, 1995, **Finland** deposited its instruments of accession to the European Patent Convention. Finland becomes party to the European Patent Convention on March 1, 1996. Consequently, as from March 1, 1996, it will be possible in international applications filed under the PCT to designate Finland for the purposes of a European patent.

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Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(a), an amount of the handling fee in **Finnish Markka (FIM)**, payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as specified below, has been established. The new amount is applicable as from March 1, 1996.

Handling fee: FIM 887

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 10/1996, Annex E(EP), page 246]

Hungary

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Forint (HUF)**, as specified below:

Transmittal fee: HUF 10,000 plus HUF 500 per claim in excess of 10

National fee:

– where the Office is a designated Office: HUF 20,000 plus HUF 1,000 per claim in excess of 10

– where the Office is an elected Office: HUF 10,000 plus HUF 500 per claim in excess of 10

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(HU), page 190, and Summary (HU), page 295]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

Agreement between the Chinese Patent Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Amendment to Annex A

The **Chinese Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A of the Agreement. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“ANNEX A STATES AND LANGUAGES

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority

(i) shall act for the following States:

China, Kenya, Liberia, Turkey, and
any State that the Authority will specify;

(ii) specifies the following languages:

Chinese, English.”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

Albania

Extension of European patents to Albania

Further to the announcement published in Section IV of PCT Gazette No. 05/1996, page 1565, the International Bureau has now received a notification to the effect that the agreement on extending the protection conferred by European patents to Albania entered into force on February 1, 1996.

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/1995, page 16615.

RECEIVING OFFICES**Turkey**

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau of modifications, as specified below, in its specifications as to the competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with it as receiving Office.

Competent International Searching Authority:	Chinese Patent Office, Russian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Chinese Patent Office, Russian Patent Office or, for international applications for which the European Patent Office has established the international search report, European Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(TR), page 227]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**Iceland**

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Icelandic Kronur (ISK)**, as specified below. The new amounts are applicable as from January 1, 1996.

Transmittal fee:	ISK 5,500
National fee:	
Basic fee:	ISK 28,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of ten:	ISK 1,300
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	[no change]
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK 7,500

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(IS), page 194, and Summary (IS), page 296]

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Germany

The **German Patent Office** has notified a new amount of a fee in **Deutsche Mark (DEM)**, as specified below:

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): DEM 35

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(DE), page 179]

European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office** has established equivalent amounts in **Finnish Markka (FIM)** of fees payable to it, as specified in the revised table below. The equivalent amounts are applicable as from March 1, 1996.

	DEM	GBP	FRF	CHF	NLG	SEK	BEF LUF	ITL	ATS	ESP	GRD	DKK	PTE	IEP	FIM
Transmittal fee:	200	92	730	170	230	1 060	4 200	247 000	1 430	18 800	33 300	820	21 600	92	630
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	60	28	220	50	70	320	1 300	74 000	430	5 600	10 000	250	6 500	28	190
Search fee (for an international search):	2 400	1 104	8 730	2 040	2 740	12 700	50 300	2 963 000	17 140	225 800	400 000	9 840	258 800	1 103	7 500
Preliminary examination fee:	3 000	1 380	10 910	2 550	3 430	15 870	62 900	3 704 000	21 430	—	—	12 300	323 500	1 379	9 380
Protest fee:	2 000	920	7 270	1 700	2 290	10 580	41 900	2 469 000	14 290	188 100	333 300	8 200	215 600	920	6 250
Fee for copies (per A4 page):	1.30	0.60	4.70	1.10	1.50	6.90	25	1 600	9.30	120	215	5.30	140	0.60	4
National fee:	600	276	2 180	510	690	3 170	12 600	741 000	4 290	56 400	100 000	2 460	64 700	276	1 880
Search fee (for a European patent):	1 900	874	6 910	1 620	2 170	10 050	39 800	2 346 000	13 570	178 700	316 700	7 790	204 900	874	5 940
European designation fee:	350	161	1 270	300	400	1 850	7 300	432 000	2 500	32 900	58 300	1 430	37 700	161	1 090
Claims fee:	80	37	290	70	90	420	1 700	99 000	570	7 500	13 300	330	8 600	37	250
Examination fee:	2 800	1 288	10 180	2 380	3 200	14 810	58 700	3 457 000	20 000	263 400	466 700	11 480	301 900	1 287	8 750
Renewal fee for the third year:	750	345	2 730	640	860	3 970	15 700	926 000	5 360	70 600	125 000	3 070	80 900	345	2 340

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex D(EP), page 236, Annex E(EP), page 246, and No. 17/1995, the table published on page 6757]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Amendment to Annex B

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3) of the Agreement, of amendments to Annex B of the Agreement. The new amounts of fees are applicable as from March 5, 1996. The amended Annex B reads as follows:

“ANNEX B

FEES AND CHARGES FOR INTERNATIONAL SEARCH

Part I: Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount Peseta
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	64,275
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	64,275
Cost of copies (Rule 44.3(b))	
(national documents)	500
(foreign documents)	700
	per document

Part I: [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), a new amount in **Pesetas (ESP)**, as well as equivalent amounts in **Swiss Francs (CHF)** and **US Dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. The new amounts are applicable as from March 5, 1996.

Search fee (international search by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office):	ESP 64,275	CHF 613	USD 526
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex D(ES), page 238]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/1995, page 16627.

THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT) IN 1995

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, announces the main events which occurred in 1995 in relation to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and the results of operations under the PCT for the same year.

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1. Since 1978, the PCT system has offered inventors and industry an advantageous route for obtaining patent protection internationally. By filing one “international” application under the PCT, protection for an invention can be sought simultaneously in each of a large number of countries.
2. The worldwide use of the PCT route continued to increase considerably during 1995. In that year, the International Bureau of WIPO received 38,906 international applications filed worldwide, which represents an increase over 1994 of 14.1%. These 38,906 international applications had the effect of 916,273 national applications, and of 68,206 regional patent applications which were the equivalent of 890,943 applications for patent protection in the member States of the regional patent systems, that is, a total of 1,807,216 national applications.
3. During 1995, Albania, Azerbaijan, Iceland, Lesotho, Mexico, Singapore, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan and Uganda (9 States) became PCT Contracting States.

Mexico became bound by the PCT on January 1, 1995.

Uganda became bound by the PCT on February 9, 1995.

Singapore became bound by the PCT on February 23, 1995.

Turkmenistan became bound by the PCT upon the filing, on March 1, 1995, of a declaration of continuation of the PCT with effect from December 25, 1991, as a successor State of the former Soviet Union.

Iceland became bound by the PCT on March 23, 1995.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia became bound by the PCT on August 10, 1995.

Albania became bound by the PCT on October 4, 1995.

Lesotho became bound by the PCT on October 21, 1995.

Azerbaijan became bound by the PCT on December 25, 1995.

4. The 82 States party to the PCT on December 31, 1995, were the following:

Albania	Denmark	Madagascar	Sudan
Armenia	Estonia	Malawi	Swaziland
Australia	Finland	Mali	Sweden
Austria	France	Mauritania	Switzerland
Azerbaijan	Gabon	Mexico	Tajikistan
Barbados	Georgia	Monaco	The former Yugoslav
Belarus	Germany	Mongolia	Republic of
Belgium	Greece	Netherlands	Macedonia
Benin	Guinea	New Zealand	Togo
Brazil	Hungary	Niger	Trinidad and Tobago
Bulgaria	Iceland	Norway	Turkmenistan
Burkina Faso	Ireland	Poland	Uganda
Cameroon	Italy	Portugal	Ukraine
Canada	Japan	Republic of Korea	United Kingdom
Central African Republic	Kazakstan	Republic of Moldova	United States of
Chad	Kenya	Romania	America
China	Kyrgyzstan	Russian Federation	Uzbekistan
Congo	Latvia	Senegal	Viet Nam
Côte d'Ivoire	Lesotho	Singapore	
Czech Republic	Liberia	Slovakia	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Liechtenstein	Slovenia	
	Lithuania	Spain	
	Luxembourg	Sri Lanka	

5. An instrument of accession to the PCT was deposited on October 1, 1995 by *Turkey*, which became bound by the PCT on January 1, 1996, as the 83rd Contracting State.

6. The Eurasian Patent Convention (EAPC), a new regional patent treaty within the meaning of PCT Article 45(1), entered into force on August 12, 1995. In order for a State to become a member of that Convention, it must also be a Contracting State of the PCT. At the end of 1995, those PCT Contracting States which were also bound by the Eurasian Patent Convention were: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. The following PCT Contracting States became, or will become, bound by the EAPC during the months of January and February 1996: Armenia, Kyrgyzstan and the Republic of Moldova. The Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO), which is located in Moscow and which was established under the EAPC, commenced operations, including receiving Eurasian patent applications under the EAPC, on January 1, 1996. From that date, nationals and residents of member States of the EAPC have been entitled to file international applications with the EAPO as a PCT receiving Office. Moreover, in international applications filed on or after January 1, 1996, it is possible to include a designation for a Eurasian patent having effect in member States of the EAPC. Those PCT Contracting States which are also party to the EAPC can be designated either for a national patent or for a Eurasian patent, or for both. (It is not possible, however, to designate only some of the Contracting States of the EAPC for a Eurasian patent, since a Eurasian patent can only be granted for all Contracting States of that Convention.)

7. With effect from April 1, 1995, the "national route" in respect of the Netherlands was closed and consequently it is no longer possible to designate the Netherlands for a national patent. Therefore, in international applications filed on or after April 1, 1995, the Netherlands may be designated only for a European patent.

8. On September 1, 1995, Liechtenstein and Switzerland became bound by Chapter II of the PCT, following the withdrawal of their reservations under PCT Article 64(1)(a). Consequently, as from September 1, 1995, nationals and residents of Liechtenstein and Switzerland have been entitled to file demands for international preliminary examination of their international applications and Liechtenstein and Switzerland may be elected in demands for international preliminary examination.

9. In October 1995, a proposal to reduce by 75% the basic fee, the designation fee, the confirmation fee and the handling fee in respect of international applications filed by certain applicants was adopted by the Assembly of the PCT Union, with effect from January 1, 1996. A proposal to increase the maximum number of designation fees payable with effect from January 1, 1996, from 10 to 11, was also adopted. (See paragraph 29 for details.)

10. *Summary of the procedure under the PCT.* The system of patent cooperation under the PCT means that, by filing only one international application with one office, the PCT applicant can obtain the effect of regular national filings in any or all PCT Contracting States without initially having to furnish a translation of the application or to pay national fees. The national patent granting procedure and the related high expenses are postponed, in the majority of cases, by up to 18 months or even longer in the case of some offices.

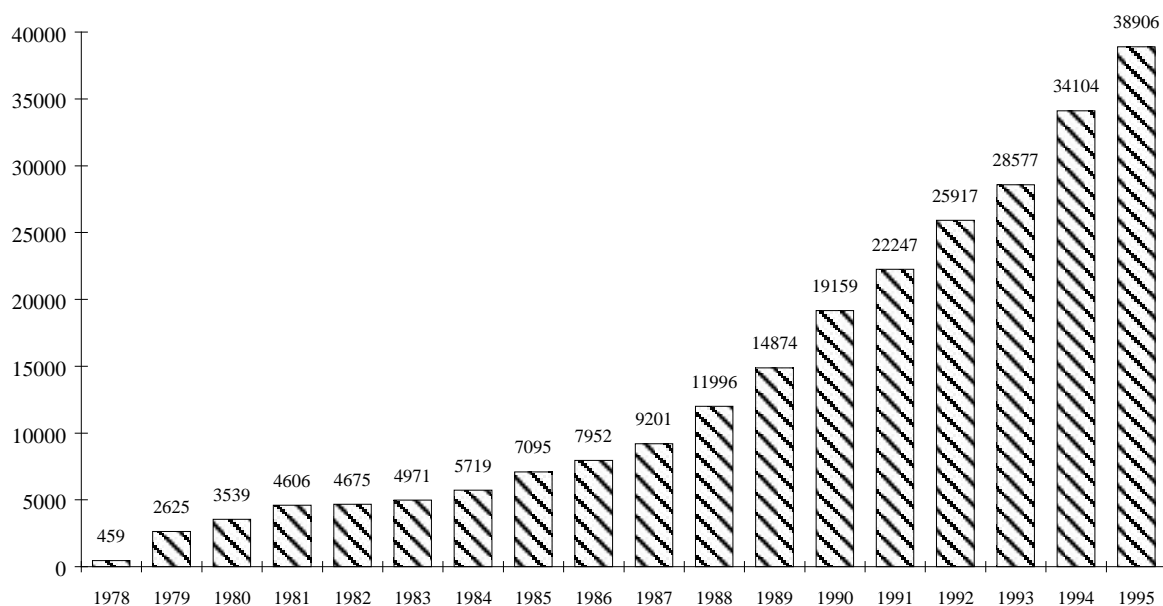
11. During that period, each international application is subjected to an international search carried out by one of the major patent offices of the world acting as an International Searching Authority under the PCT which establishes an international search report setting out the relevant prior art. That report is received by the applicant about 16 months from the priority date. The international application is published by the International Bureau 18 months after the priority date and is then transmitted to the designated Offices and to the applicant.

12. If the applicant so requests, and most do so (see paragraph 22, below), the international application is also subjected to international preliminary examination under Chapter II of the PCT carried out by one of the offices which act as International Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT. That examination results in a report as to whether the claimed invention fulfills the criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. The report is received by the applicant about 28 months from the priority date.

13. With the international search report, and, where requested, the international preliminary examination report, the applicant is in a much better position to decide whether to initiate the national patent granting procedure before the various designated patent offices. It is only if the applicant is convinced, in the light of such reports, that it is worthwhile to seek patent protection in the various countries, that he will normally decide to pay national fees, the cost of preparing translations and professional fees for patent agents abroad. This need not be done until 8 or 18 months later than under the traditional system (when the PCT is not used), depending on whether there is only an international search report or also an international preliminary examination report. At that later time, the applicant is also in a much better position to decide about the need for patent protection having regard to increased knowledge of the technical and economic prospects of the invention.

14. *Statistics.* As already indicated, the number of international applications received by the International Bureau in 1995 amounted to 38,906 (1994: 34,104). The corresponding numbers in each calendar year since the beginning of PCT operations are as follows:

Number of international applications received since 1978



15. The following table shows, by country of origin, the number of international applications received by the International Bureau¹ in 1995, and the corresponding percentages, as compared with 1994:

<i>Country of origin</i> ²	<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	1995	(1994)	1995	(1994)
US United States of America	16,588	(14,798)	42.64	(43.39)
DE Germany	5,054	(4,294)	12.99	(12.59)
GB United Kingdom ³	3,425	(3,212)	8.80	(9.42)
JP Japan	2,700	(2,290)	6.94	(6.71)
FR France	1,808	(1,631)	4.65	(4.78)
SE Sweden	1,572	(1,250)	4.04	(3.67)
NL Netherlands	1,297	(780)	3.33	(2.29)
AU Australia	877	(803)	2.25	(2.35)
CA Canada	786	(748)	2.02	(2.19)
CH Switzerland ⁴	786	(640)	2.02	(1.88)
FI Finland	718	(592)	1.85	(1.74)
IT Italy	570	(518)	1.47	(1.52)
DK Denmark	554	(523)	1.42	(1.53)
AT Austria	332	(258)	0.85	(0.76)
RU Russian Federation	288	(343)	0.74	(1.01)
NO Norway	246	(216)	0.63	(0.63)

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1. Figures based on the number of copies of international applications sent, under PCT Article 12, to the International Bureau by PCT receiving Offices (including by the International Bureau itself as a receiving Office).

2. Of the international applications received by the International Bureau, 4,953 (=12.7%) were received from the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office and 1,143 (=2.9%) were received from the International Bureau as receiving Office; those applications are included in the figures concerning the country of origin of the applicant.

3. Includes figures for Hong Kong and the Isle of Man, since the national Office of the United Kingdom also acts as receiving Office for residents of Hong Kong and the Isle of Man.

4. Includes figures for Liechtenstein, since the national Office of Switzerland also acts as receiving Office for nationals and residents of Liechtenstein.

[number of international applications received by the International Bureau in 1995, continued]

Country of origin ⁵		Number of applications		Percentage	
		1995	(1994)	1995	(1994)
BE	Belgium	232	(205)	0.60	(0.60)
KR	Republic of Korea	192	(190)	0.49	(0.56)
ES	Spain	170	(142)	0.44	(0.42)
NZ	New Zealand	140	(147)	0.36	(0.43)
CN	China	106	(98)	0.27	(0.29)
IE	Ireland	76	(76)	0.20	(0.22)
HU	Hungary	68	(75)	0.17	(0.22)
BR	Brazil	66	(48)	0.17	(0.14)
SI	Slovenia	32	(20)	0.08	(0.06)
LU	Luxembourg	31	(42)	0.08	(0.12)
CZ	Czech Republic	28	(27)	0.07	(0.08)
GR	Greece	25	(28)	0.06	(0.08)
PL	Poland	22	(23)	0.06	(0.07)
SG	Singapore	21	(–)	0.05	(–)
RO	Romania	16	(9)	0.04	(0.03)
BG	Bulgaria	12	(13)	0.03	(0.04)
BY	Belarus	11	(5)	0.03	(0.01)
UA	Ukraine	10	(27)	0.03	(0.08)
SK	Slovakia	10	(5)	0.03	(0.01)
MX	Mexico	10	(–)	0.03	(–)
PT	Portugal	6	(13)	0.02	(0.04)
IS	Iceland	3	(–)	0.01	(–)
MC	Monaco	3	(3)	0.01	(0.01)
KE	Kenya	2	(0)	0.01	(0.00)
LR	Liberia	2	(0)	0.01	(0)
MD	Republic of Moldova	2	(0)	0.01	(0)
MW	Malawi	2	(0)	0.01	(0)
OA	OAPI States	2	(0)	0.01	(0.00)
BB	Barbados	1	(3)	<0.01	(0.01)
GE	Georgia	1	(1)	<0.01	(<0.01)
KZ	Kazakstan	1	(1)	<0.01	(<0.01)
LK	Sri Lanka	1	(4)	<0.01	(0.01)
UZ	Uzbekistan	1	(0)	<0.01	(0)
AM	Armenia	0	(1)	0.00	(<0.01)
LT	Lithuania	0	(1)	0.00	(<0.01)
TT	Trinidad and Tobago	0	(1)	0.00	(<0.01)
TOTAL		38,906	(34,104)	100.00	(100.00)

16. In 1995, the average number of designations made per international application was 25.3 (1994: 19.5). This figure is much higher than the number of States where patent protection will eventually be sought, because the applicants in respect of 46.1% (1994: 41.4%) of all international applications received by the International Bureau in 1995 used the possibility of paying the maximum of 10 designation fees while designating any number of (frequently all) PCT Contracting States in order to extend the effects of the international application to as many States as might be of interest to them, retaining the option of deciding at a later stage in which States they wish to proceed. (As from January 1, 1996, the maximum number of designation fees payable is 11, see paragraph 29, below.) The 25.3 designations had, on average, per international application, the effect of national or regional applications in 46.5 (1994: 38.7) Contracting States. The difference between the number of designations and their effect as national or regional applications is due to the fact that each designation for a regional (European, ARIPO

5. Of the international applications received by the International Bureau, 4,953 (=12.7%) were received from the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office and 1,143 (=2.9%) were received from the International Bureau as receiving Office; those applications are included in the figures concerning the country of origin of the applicant.

or OAPI) patent covers several States. In 1995, a European patent was sought in 37,588 international applications, which represents 96.6% (1994: 32,823 = 96.2%) of the total.

17. In 1995, the International Bureau of WIPO as PCT receiving Office received 1,151 (1994: 447) international applications from 32 countries, including 164 which benefited from the procedure for the transmittal by “non-competent” receiving Offices to the International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office, allowing applicants to retain the date of receipt by the non-competent receiving Office as the international filing date.

18. A copy of every international application is sent to the competent International Searching Authority for carrying out the international search. Where more than one International Searching Authority is competent, the applicant chooses that which he prefers. The number of international applications sent to each International Searching Authority in 1995 is indicated below:

<i>International Searching Authority</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	1995	(1994)	1995	(1994)
European Patent Office	21,541	(18,718)	55.4	(54.9)
United States of America	9,628	(8,976)	24.7	(26.3)
Sweden	3,490	(2,578)	8.9	(7.6)
Japan	2,522	(2,156)	6.5	(6.3)
Australia	1,011	(939)	2.6	(2.7)
Russian Federation	302	(373)	0.8	(1.1)
Austria	244	(266)	0.6	(0.8)
China	108	(98)	0.3	(0.3)
Spain ⁶	60	(–)	0.2	(–)
TOTAL	38,906	(34,104)	100.0	(100.0)

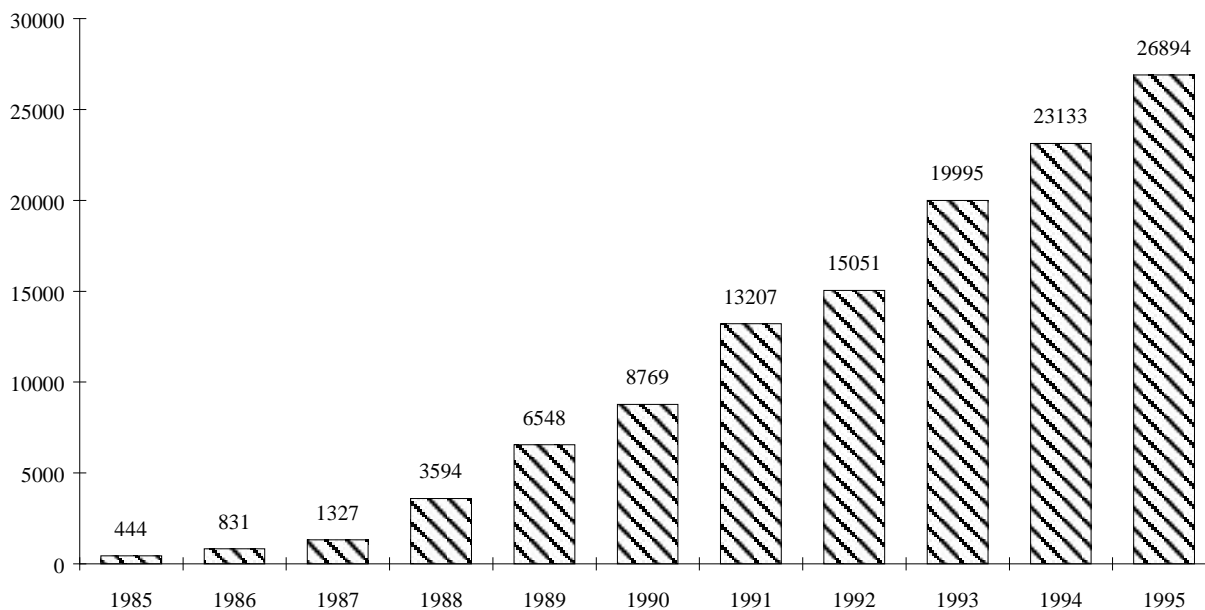
19. The international applications of which record copies were received by the International Bureau in 1995 were filed in the following languages:

<i>Language of filing</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	1995	(1994)	1995	(1994)
English	26,519	(23,340)	68.1	(68.4)
German	5,733	(4,848)	14.7	(14.2)
Japanese	2,526	(2,160)	6.5	(6.3)
French	1,895	(1,768)	4.9	(5.2)
Swedish	744	(620)	1.9	(1.8)
Finnish	387	(319)	1.0	(1.0)
Russian	302	(366)	0.8	(1.1)
Dutch	225	(170)	0.6	(0.5)
Danish	175	(174)	0.4	(0.5)
Spanish	160	(135)	0.4	(0.4)
Norwegian	143	(110)	0.4	(0.3)
Chinese	97	(94)	0.3	(0.3)
TOTAL	38,906	(34,104)	100.0	(100.0)

6. The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office started acting as International Searching Authority on January 1, 1995.

20. The number of demands for international preliminary examination received by the International Bureau from the International Preliminary Examining Authorities in 1995 amounted to 26,894, which represents an increase over 1994 of 16.3%. The numbers of demands in each calendar year since 1985 are as follows:

Number of demands filed worldwide



21. Those demands were received by the International Bureau from the Offices indicated below in their capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authorities:

<i>International Preliminary Examining Authority</i>	<i>Number of demands</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	1995	(1994)	1995	(1994)
European Patent Office	14,428	(12,261)	53.7	(53.0)
United States of America	8,178	(7,578)	30.4	(32.8)
Sweden	1,969	(1,575)	7.3	(6.8)
Japan	1,110	(730)	4.1	(3.1)
Australia	864	(732)	3.2	(3.2)
Austria	138	(116)	0.5	(0.5)
Russian Federation	127	(109)	0.5	(0.5)
China	80	(30)	0.3	(0.1)
United Kingdom ⁷	(-)	(2)	(-)	(<0.1)
TOTAL	26,894	(23,133)	100.0	(100.0)

22. The demands for international preliminary examination received in 1995 relate mainly to international applications filed in 1994. Applicants are increasingly (between 70 and 80% of all applicants) taking advantage of the benefits of the procedure under Chapter II of the PCT.

7. The United Kingdom Patent Office ceased to be an International Preliminary Examining Authority in respect of demands for international preliminary examination made on or after June 1, 1993.

23. **Publications under the PCT.** The publication of the *PCT Gazette*, in separate English and French editions, continued on a weekly basis (rather than every two weeks) from January 5, 1995. In addition to a substantial volume of information of a general character concerning new Contracting States and the requirements of the various offices and international authorities, the *PCT Gazette* included entries relating to the 35,638 (1994: 30,003) international applications which were published in 1995 in the form of PCT pamphlets (in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish, depending on the language of filing) on the same day as the relevant issue of the *PCT Gazette*. In January 1995 and July 1995, two special issues of the *PCT Gazette* were published, containing consolidated general information relating to Contracting States, national and regional Offices and international authorities (No. 01/1995 and No. 28/1995). In October 1995, a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* was published, containing consolidated texts of the Agreements between WIPO and the International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT.

24. The numbers of international applications published in 1995 as pamphlets in each of the above-mentioned languages are as follows:

<i>Language of publication</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	1995	(1994)	1995	(1994)
English	26,004	(21,959)	73.0	(73.2)
German	5,082	(4,281)	14.3	(14.3)
Japanese	2,267	(1,884)	6.4	(6.3)
French	1,799	(1,520)	5.0	(5.0)
Russian	273	(240)	0.7	(0.8)
Spanish	129	(91)	0.4	(0.3)
Chinese	84	(28)	0.2	(0.1)
TOTAL	35,638	(30,003)	100.0	(100.0)

25. The *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which contains information on the filing of international applications and the procedure during the international phase as well as information on the national phase and the procedure before the designated (or elected) Offices, was updated in 1995 to include the many changes that occurred during the year in respect of the PCT.

26. Twelve issues of the *PCT Newsletter* were published in 1995. This monthly publication (in English only) provides up-to-date news for users of the PCT. It contains information on the essential items included in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette* and supplements the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, with practical advice for applicants and agents, a list of forthcoming PCT seminars, consolidated tables of PCT fees in various currencies, and other items of general interest. It also includes tear-out provisional sheets permitting easy inclusion of certain important changes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* prior to the issuance of bi-yearly updates.

27. In 1995, the International Bureau continued, in cooperation with the European Patent Office, the production of *ESPACE WORLD* CD-ROMs, each disk containing the full text and the drawings of about 500 published international applications as well as the corresponding bibliographic data in coded, searchable form. All international applications published since 1978 are available in CD-ROM format (a total of 426 CD-ROMs).

28. **Meetings.** The PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (PCT/CTC) held its eighteenth session from May 15 to 19, 1995, in Geneva, and considered the draft of a revised PCT Minimum Documentation List pursuant to PCT Rule 34.1(b)(iii). The International Searching Authorities which were represented at the session approved the revised PCT list consisting of 135 periodicals and technical journals to be used for search and examination, now also including their titles abbreviated according to the International Serials Data System (ISDS) Register. The PCT/CTC agreed that the revised PCT list, which took effect as from January 1, 1996, would be published in the *PCT Gazette* and in the *WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation*.

29. The Assembly of the PCT Union held its twenty-third (tenth ordinary) session from September 25 to October 3, 1995. It decided, with effect from January 1, 1996, to reduce by 75% the basic fee, the designation fee, the confirmation fee and the handling fee in respect of international applications filed by any applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997).⁸ If there are several applicants, each must satisfy those criteria. The fee reduction will be available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them satisfies the above-mentioned criteria and that at least one of them is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application. The Assembly also decided not to increase PCT fees generally but to increase the maximum number of designation fees payable, with effect from January 1, 1996, from 10 to 11. (It should be noted that the number of PCT Contracting States had increased from 35, when the maximum of 10 designation fees payable was first introduced in 1984, to more than 80.)

30. In 1995, officials of the International Bureau participated in numerous meetings and seminars which dealt with the use and advantages of the PCT. Those meetings and seminars, which were held in Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Guyana, India, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Luxembourg, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela, included 59 seminars and presentations given to over 4,600 users and potential users of the PCT system.

31. **Ordering of PCT Publications.** PCT publications may be purchased from WIPO, Publications Sales and Distribution Unit, Post Office Box 18, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Facsimile No. (41 22) 740 18 12 or (41 22) 733 54 28. Publications of particular interest include:

- the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a five-binder loose-leaf publication of more than 1,000 pages (available in English and French from WIPO; also available from other sources in German and in Japanese—contact WIPO for details);
- PCT pamphlets containing the published international applications (in various languages—see paragraph 23, above—containing the title and the abstract (also) in English);
- the *PCT Gazette* (available in English and French);
- the *PCT Newsletter* (available in English);
- booklets containing the text of the PCT and the PCT Regulations (in Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish);
- special issues of the *PCT Gazette* (see paragraph 23, above) (in English and French).

32. A leaflet entitled *Basic Facts about the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* is available free of charge in English, French, German, Portuguese and Spanish.

33. The *ESPACE WORLD* CD-ROMs containing published international applications may be ordered from the European Patent Office, Schottenfeldgasse 29, Postfach 82, A-1072 Vienna, Austria. However, the CD-ROMs containing the international applications published between 1978 and 1989 can be obtained only from WIPO, at the address indicated in paragraph 31, above.

8. Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Gabon, Georgia, Guinea, Hungary, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Niger, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Israel

On March 1, 1996, **Israel** deposited its instrument of ratification of the PCT. Israel will become the 84th Contracting State of the PCT on June 1, 1996.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after June 1, 1996, Israel (country code: IL) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from June 1, 1996, nationals and residents of Israel are entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex A, page 5]

STATISTICS RELATING TO RECORD COPIES RECEIVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU IN 1995

Guidance Note Concerning Statistics

Certain codes are used in the statistical tables to indicate the identity of receiving Offices and of designated States. These codes have, pursuant to Section 115 of the Administrative Instructions, been taken from WIPO Standard ST.3*. The codes and the States to which they refer are set out on page 4530 of this Gazette.

In the case of receiving Offices, the codes indicate the Contracting State of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for which the receiving Office acts, except in the case of the ARIPO Office and the European Patent Office which act (as well as the respective national industrial property offices) as receiving Offices for the Contracting States of the PCT which are also party to the Harare Protocol or European Patent Convention, respectively, and that of the International Bureau where it acts pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(a)(iii) as receiving Office for applicants from all Contracting States of the PCT. In the statistical table relating to the designation of States, the figures shown relate to the indications as to designations contained in record copies as received by the International Bureau and notified by it to the designated Offices. Against the code of each designated State, the abbreviations “NAT”, “AP” and/or “EP” are indicated. The abbreviations mean that the figures shown in the table for the designated State relate to national patents (“NAT”) and/or ARIPO patents (“AP”) and/or European patents (“EP”). The code “OA” relates to all designations of the member States of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI).

* Published in the WIPO *Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation*.

**DESIGNATIONS OF STATES BROKEN DOWN ACCORDING TO RECEIVING OFFICES
(From 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1995)**

DESIGNATIONS	RECEIVING OFFICES															
	AP	AT	AU	BE	BG	BR	BY	CA	CH	CN	CZ	DE	DK	ES	FI	FR
PL NAT	2	145	707	78	5	30	5	550	156	81	21	445	456	72	477	580
PT EP	2	248	846	108	9	55	10	737	294	94	27	1772	512	147	701	1594
PT NAT	2	102	702	54	3	26	2	491	105	81	3	161	392	53	432	215
RO NAT	2	120	705	74	5	26	2	526	126	81	9	294	442	64	446	506
RU NAT	2	144	713	86	8	32	7	549	161	93	17	532	449	87	502	634
SD AP	2	98	699	70	1	20	0	502	98	79	5	212	394	44	419	417
SD NAT	2	110	700	67	1	19	2	491	109	79	3	199	399	46	406	288
SE EP	2	248	846	108	9	55	10	737	294	94	27	1774	512	146	701	1595
SE NAT	2	104	702	56	2	19	3	506	106	80	7	170	403	55	462	219
SG NAT	2	74	588	48	2	2	2	345	67	52	3	172	316	31	353	319
SI NAT	2	146	701	72	3	19	3	518	117	80	10	278	439	56	443	467
SK NAT	2	157	704	76	5	19	3	529	135	82	23	359	441	60	447	516
SZ AP	2	98	699	70	1	20	0	502	98	79	5	212	394	44	419	418
TJ NAT	2	107	701	70	1	19	2	509	101	81	5	236	438	47	431	433
TM NAT	2	46	497	33	1	0	2	291	49	40	3	103	259	25	296	179
TT NAT	2	112	702	70	1	19	2	510	100	80	5	230	407	47	423	431
UA NAT	2	128	707	75	7	19	4	532	136	82	16	338	442	61	449	525
UG AP	2	82	620	62	1	13	0	426	88	64	5	173	333	39	378	361
UG NAT	2	46	537	34	1	1	2	298	49	37	2	83	255	22	303	180
US NAT	2	222	844	109	8	61	11	365	279	94	22	1664	480	146	661	1559
UZ NAT	2	109	701	76	3	19	2	514	113	82	5	255	440	48	432	440
VN NAT	2	111	707	77	2	19	2	508	123	84	7	277	441	53	440	488
OA*	28	1456	9828	1064	14	322	0	7098	1624	1148	70	3332	5586	644	5866	6706
TOT NAT	110	6623	39333	3926	163	1210	158	28265	6963	4338	451	18468	23334	3408	25167	26523
TOT EP	32	3971	13536	1728	144	880	160	11792	4704	1504	432	28370	8193	2351	11216	25509
TOT AP+	10	490	3527	353	6	96	0	2503	506	391	28	1052	1956	225	2124	2063
TOT DES	180	12540	66224	7071	327	2508	318	49658	13797	7381	981	51222	39069	6628	44373	60801

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		RECEIVING OFFICES																	
		GB	GE	GR	HU	IE	IS	IT	JP	KE	KR	KZ	LR	LU	MC	MD	MX	NL	NO
DESIGNATIONS	PL NAT	1884	1	11	53	53	0	121	253	2	64	1	0	4	1	1	4	295	205
	PT EP	3010	1	23	64	62	1	220	2029	2	153	0	2	4	1	2	8	423	234
	PT NAT	1695	1	1	28	47	0	91	77	0	25	0	0	1	1	1	3	236	194
	RO NAT	1822	1	9	51	51	0	120	235	0	54	0	0	4	1	2	4	283	198
	RU NAT	1950	1	13	50	53	1	129	387	2	101	0	0	4	1	2	5	295	205
	SD AP	1751	1	4	32	50	0	104	189	0	39	0	0	4	1	1	3	284	194
	SD NAT	1749	1	4	27	50	0	97	127	0	24	0	0	1	1	1	3	241	195
	SE EP	3010	1	23	64	62	1	220	2084	2	155	0	2	4	1	2	8	423	234
	SE NAT	1696	1	1	28	47	0	94	91	0	27	1	2	1	1	1	3	238	202
	SG NAT	1353	0	7	22	22	0	54	349	0	28	0	0	0	1	1	1	216	130
	SI NAT	1810	1	6	46	51	0	115	207	0	42	0	0	4	1	1	4	282	200
	SK NAT	1841	1	6	52	50	0	119	235	0	51	0	0	4	1	1	4	287	201
	SZ AP	1751	1	4	32	50	0	104	189	0	39	0	0	4	1	1	3	284	194
	TJ NAT	1795	1	5	39	50	0	109	198	0	40	0	0	4	1	1	4	280	195
	TM NAT	1076	0	4	20	21	0	31	110	0	23	0	0	3	1	1	1	180	110
	TT NAT	1780	1	4	32	47	0	105	199	0	38	0	0	4	1	0	4	280	195
	UA NAT	1846	1	8	51	51	0	117	245	2	52	0	0	4	1	2	4	287	200
	UG AP	1537	1	3	28	33	0	90	167	0	33	0	0	4	1	1	3	242	153
	UG NAT	1200	0	2	14	22	0	53	30	0	20	0	0	2	1	0	1	184	102
	US NAT	2833	1	20	64	62	1	212	2567	2	149	1	0	4	1	2	7	415	231
	UZ NAT	1801	1	6	45	50	0	112	205	0	48	0	0	4	1	1	4	280	195
	VN NAT	1817	1	5	41	51	0	109	329	0	62	0	0	4	1	1	4	283	196
	OA*	24584	14	56	490	700	0	1512	2899	28	602	0	28	56	14	14	42	3976	2730
	TOT NAT	101724	51	340	2143	2708	11	6062	18658	30	2765	16	6	176	55	58	217	15320	10735
	TOT EP	48160	16	368	1028	992	16	3520	33613	32	2473	0	32	64	16	32	128	6768	3744
	TOT AP+	8817	5	20	161	236	0	519	954	0	196	0	0	20	5	5	15	1413	946
	TOT DES	183285	86	784	3822	4636	27	11613	56124	90	6036	16	66	316	90	109	402	27477	18155

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		RECEIVING OFFICES															
		NZ	PL	PT	RO	RU	SE	SG	SI	SK	UA	UZ	US	EP	IB	TOT DES	
DESIGNATIONS	PL NAT	131	3	5	9	80	899	8	23	6	5	1	7667	2280	328	18208	PL NAT
	PT EP	138	20	5	14	261	1503	10	29	7	8	1	15913	4850	1114	37268	PT EP
	PT NAT	131	4	1	1	44	782	7	12	5	3	0	5893	1016	207	13331	PT NAT
	RO NAT	131	6	2	0	65	828	7	22	6	4	1	7381	1691	287	16692	RO NAT
	RU NAT	131	17	4	11	60	908	7	25	8	4	1	8149	2248	342	19130	RU NAT
	SD AP	130	4	2	4	40	775	7	12	4	2	1	6758	1254	250	14960	SD AP
	SD NAT	130	3	1	1	43	782	7	13	4	3	0	6201	1084	224	13938	SD NAT
	SE EP	138	20	5	14	262	1500	10	29	7	8	1	15913	4851	1114	37326	SE EP
	SE NAT	131	5	2	2	51	800	7	12	5	3	0	5943	1014	213	13518	SE NAT
	SG NAT	102	2	1	2	6	571	9	5	2	0	1	5096	1162	330	11849	SG NAT
	SI NAT	131	5	2	6	49	813	7	5	6	3	1	7126	1641	272	16191	SI NAT
	SK NAT	131	8	2	5	71	855	7	22	4	4	1	7393	1987	290	17191	SK NAT
	SZ AP	130	4	2	4	40	774	7	12	4	2	1	6758	1254	250	14960	SZ AP
	TJ NAT	130	4	2	2	43	802	7	17	4	4	1	7055	1326	261	15563	TJ NAT
	TM NAT	95	1	0	1	7	427	1	3	2	0	1	3518	721	170	8354	TM NAT
	TT NAT	130	4	2	4	40	798	7	17	4	3	1	7045	1313	260	15459	TT NAT
	UA NAT	131	9	3	9	100	829	7	20	8	2	1	7490	1923	297	17223	UA NAT
	UG AP	112	4	1	4	33	639	7	12	3	0	1	5631	1091	222	12703	UG AP
	UG NAT	108	1	1	0	3	501	3	1	2	0	0	3206	637	145	8091	UG NAT
	US NAT	134	17	6	13	246	1376	9	29	5	9	1	3622	4335	429	23330	US NAT
	UZ NAT	130	4	2	5	53	798	7	17	5	4	0	7187	1372	266	15844	UZ NAT
	VN NAT	131	6	2	3	54	802	8	17	4	4	1	7280	1445	280	16282	VN NAT
	OA*	1820	56	28	56	826	10934	98	168	56	28	14	98924	19824	3724	219087	OA*
	TOT NAT	7216	341	134	261	3577	46711	380	941	271	189	42	398710	91080	16905	916273	TOT NAT
	TOT EP	2208	320	84	224	4199	24073	160	464	112	128	16	254634	77610	17827	597583	TOT EP
	TOT AP+	655	20	9	20	196	3819	35	60	20	8	6	33254	6253	1276	74273	TOT AP+
TOT DES	11899	737	255	561	8798	85537	673	1633	459	353	78	785522	194767	39732	1807216	TOT DES	

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BROKEN DOWN ACCORDING TO RECEIVING OFFICES AND LANGUAGES OF FILING
(From 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1995)

Receiving Offices	Languages of Filing								Total Number of Record Copies Received
	Chinese	English	French	German	Japanese	Russian	Spanish	Other	
AT				257					257
AU		871							871
BE		40	50					19 (Dutch)	115
BG		10				2			12
BR		66							66
BY		2				9			11
CA		729	14						743
CH			40	265					305
CN	97	5							102
CZ		20		8					28
DE				1816					1816
DK		342						175 (Danish)	517
ES							152		152
FI		329						387 (Finnish)	716
FR			1669						1669
GB		3049							3049
GE		1							1
GR		23							23
HU		57		11					68
IE		62							62
IS		1							1
IT		220							220
JP		170			2518				2688
KE		2							2
KR		179			8				187
KZ						1			1
LR		2							2
LU			2	2					4
MC			1						1
MD		1				1			2
MX							8		8
NL		223		2				206 (Dutch)	431
NO		99						143 (Norwegian)	242
NZ		138							138
PL		21	1						22
PT		6							6
RO		10	4	1					15
RU		3				281			284
SE		791						744 (Swedish)	1535
SG		10							10
SI		30							30
SK		7		1					8
UA		3				7			10
US		16378							16378
UZ						1			1
AP ¹		2							2
EP ¹		1558	67	3328					4953
IB ³		1059	41	42					1142
Total Number of Record Copies Received	97	26519	1895	5733	2526	302	160	1674	38906

¹ The record copies received from the African Regional Industrial Property Organization related to international applications filed by applicants from States party to the Harare Protocol.

² The record copies received from the European Patent Office related to international applications filed by applicants from States party to the European Patent Convention.

³ The record copies received from the International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office related to international applications filed by applicants from the following States: Australia, Austria, Barbados, Cameroon, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**Spain**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Pesetas (ESP)**, as specified below:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee: ESP 8,770

For utility model:

Filing fee: ESP 8,770

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SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

European Patent Organisation

The European Patent Office has established new equivalent amounts in Pounds Sterling (STG), French Francs (FF), Swiss Francs (CHF), Swedish Kronor (SEK), Italian Lira (ITL), Spanish Pesetas (ESP), Danish Kroner (DKK), Portuguese Escudos (PTE) and Irish Pounds (IEP) of fees payable to it, as specified in the revised table below. The new equivalent amounts are applicable as from April 3, 1996.

	DEM	GBP	FRF	CHF	NLG	SEK	BEF LUF	ITL	ATS	ESP	GRD	DKK	PTE	IEP	FIM
Transmittal fee:	200	91	700	170	230	980	4 200	220 000	1 430	17 200	33 300	790	21 200	88	630
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	60	27	210	50	70	290	1 300	66 000	430	5 200	10 000	240	6 400	26	190
Search fee (for an international search):	2 400	1 091	8 420	2 000	2 740	11 760	50 300	2 643 000	17 140	206 900	400 000	9 500	254 800	1 055	7 500
Preliminary examination fee:	3 000	1 364	10 530	2 500	3 430	14 710	62 900	3 304 000	21 430	258 600	500 000	11 880	318 500	1 319	9 380
Protest fee:	2 000	909	7 020	1 670	2 290	9 800	41 900	2 203 000	14 290	172 400	333 300	7 920	212 300	879	6 250
Fee for copies (per A4 page):	1.30	0.60	4.60	1.10	1.50	6.40	25	1 400	9.30	110	215	5.20	140	0.60	4.10
National fee:	600	273	2 110	500	690	2 940	12 600	661 000	4 290	51 700	100 000	2 380	63 700	264	1 880
Search fee (for a European patent):	1 900	864	6 670	1 580	2 170	9 310	39 800	2 093 000	13 570	163 800	316 700	7 520	201 700	835	5 940
European designation fee:	350	159	1 230	290	400	1 720	7 300	385 000	2 500	30 200	58 300	1 390	37 200	154	1 090
Claims fee:	80	36	280	70	90	390	1 700	88 000	570	6 900	13 300	320	8 500	35	250
Examination fee:	2 800	1 273	9 820	2 330	3 200	13 730	58 700	3 084 000	20 000	241 400	466 700	11 090	297 200	1 231	8 750
Renewal fee for the third year:	750	341	2 630	630	860	3 680	15 700	826 000	5 360	64 700	125 000	2 970	79 600	330	2 340

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex D(EP), page 236, Annex E(EP), page 246, and No. 09/1996, the table published on page 3603]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**Finland**

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new amounts of fees in **Finnish Markka (FIM)**, as specified below. The new amounts of fees are applicable as from April 1, 1996.

Transmittal fee:	FIM 800
Fee for priority document:	FIM 122 plus FIM 220 per document plus FIM 5 for each page in excess of 10
National Fee:	
Basic fee:	FIM 1,200
Claim fee for each claim in excess of ten:	FIM 120
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	FIM 550
Annual fees for the first three years:	FIM 750

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(FI), page 185, and Summary (FI), page 291]

RECEIVING OFFICES**Turkey**

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau of modifications in its specifications as to the competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with it as receiving Office, which are now as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, Chinese Patent Office (for international applications filed in English only), Russian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, Chinese Patent Office (for international applications filed in English only), Russian Patent Office, or, for international applications for which the Austrian Patent Office or the European Patent Office has established the international search report, the European Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 08/1996, page 3072]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

Belgium

The **Industrial Property Office of Belgium** has notified a change in its location and mailing address as follows:

Location and mailing address: Boulevard Emile Jacqmain 154
B-1000 Brussels
Belgium

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(BE), page 18]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

Italy

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b) the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution with which deposits of microorganisms may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before that Office, as follows:

Advanced Biotechnology Center (ABC)*
Largo Rossana Benzi, 10
16132 Genoa
Italy

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex L, page 264]

* Depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A of the Agreement whereby it will act as a competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Patents, Designs and Trademarks Office of Israel. The amended Annex A is applicable as from June 1, 1996, and reads as follows:

“ANNEX A

STATES AND LANGUAGES

- (1) Under Article 3(1) of the Agreement, the Authority
 - (i) shall act for the following States:

United States of America, Brazil, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Israel
 - (ii) specifies the following languages:

English.
- (2) Under Article 3(2) of the Agreement, the Authority
 - (i) shall act for the following States:

United States of America and,

where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Brazil, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Israel
 - (ii) specifies the following languages:

English.”

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/1995, page 16650.

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**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS
LIST OF DEPOSITARY INSTITUTIONS****United Kingdom****Corrigendum**

The name “European Collection of Cell Structures (ECACC)” published in the list of depositary institutions in PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex L, page 265, should be corrected to read as follows:

“European Collection of Cell Cultures (ECACC)”.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex L, page 265]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Cuba

On April 16, 1996, **Cuba** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Cuba will become the 85th Contracting State of the PCT on July 16, 1996.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after July 16, 1996, Cuba (country code: CU) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from July 16, 1996, nationals and residents of Cuba are entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex A, page 5]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

Belarus

The **Belarus Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as follows:

Telephone:	(7017-2) 268 50 53, 268 55 20
Facsimile machine:	(7017-2) 268 41 30

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(BY), page 26]

Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified changes in its location, mailing address, as well as its telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as follows:

Location:	Citadeles 7(70), Riga, Latvia
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 124, Riga, LV-1010, Latvia
Telephone:	(371) 702 73 56
Facsimile machine:	(371) 702 72 08

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(LV), page 90]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**Spain**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change in its facsimile machine number, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (34-1) 349 53 04

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(ES), page 46]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**Belarus**

The **Belarus Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Roubles (RUR)** and **US Dollars (USD)**, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	RUR equivalent of USD 70
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RUR 80,000 plus RUR 3,000 per page in excess of 15
National fee:	
Filing fee:	USD 100
Examination fee:	USD 600
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	USD 100

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(BY), page 174, and Summary (BY), page 276]

Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Pesetas (ESP)**, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	ESP 8,770
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ESP 3,510

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(ES), page 184]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified a change in its location, as follows:

Location: Rue Dr. Rahamefy-Antanimena, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(MG), page 96]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Italian Lira (ITL)**, as specified below:

Fee for priority document PCT Rule 17.1(b):	ITL 20,000 (in fee stamps) for the request to prepare the priority document, plus ITL 20,000 (in fee stamps) for the filing certificate, plus ITL 20,000 (in fee stamps) for the certificate of authenticity, plus ITL 20,000 (in fee stamps) for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings).
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If the applicant does not provide a complete copy of the priority documentation (filing certificate, description, claims, drawings and abstract) an amount of ITL 250 for every page will have to be paid to the special postal account of the Office.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(IT), page 195]

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Official closing

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau that the USPTO was officially closed for business on the following days:

Monday, January 8, 1996
Tuesday, January 9, 1996
Wednesday, January 10, 1996.

Any action or fee due on any of those days will be considered as being timely filed if the action was taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding business day on which the USPTO was open, that is, Thursday, January 11, 1996.

The USPTO was also officially closed for business on

Friday, January 12, 1996.

Any action or fee due on that day will be considered as being timely filed if the action was taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding business day on which the USPTO was open, that is, Tuesday, January 16, 1996 (Monday, January 15, 1996, being a federal holiday).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as follows. The change is applicable as from May 21, 1996.

Location and mailing address: Arkadiankatu 6A, FIN-00100 Helsinki, Finland

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(FI), page 48]

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (850-2) 381 60 25
Facsimile machine: (850-2) 381 45 37

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(KP), page 73]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**Luxembourg**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Luxembourg** has notified a change in its facsimile machine number, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (352) 22 26 60 (group 3)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(LU), page 88]

Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute** has notified changes in its telephone, facsimile machine and teleprinter numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (41-31) 325 25 25

Facsimile machine: (41-31) 325 25 26

Teleprinter: –

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(CH), page 32]

Uzbekistan

The **Uzbek Patent Office** has notified a change in its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (3712) 33 45 56

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(UZ), page 151]

African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified a change in its facsimile machine number, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (263-4) 70 40 25

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B2(AP), page 155]

Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified a change in its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (70-95) 206 62 37

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B2(EA), page 157]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, has notified new amounts of fees in Won (KPW), as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	Equivalent in KPW of Swiss Francs 50
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	Equivalent in KPW of Swiss Francs 195
Additional fee for late furnishing of the translation:	Equivalent in KPW of Swiss Francs 30

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(KP), page 199, and Summary (KP), page 301]

RECEIVING OFFICES**International Bureau**

The **International Bureau** notifies a change, as from May 1, 1996, in the amount of the transmittal fee payable to it as receiving Office by applicants from certain Contracting States. That fee is reduced by 75% for applicants from the same States as those to whom the 75% reduction of the basic fee, designation fee, confirmation fee and handling fee applies (see PCT Gazette No. 50/1995, page 19233). The revised Annex C(IB) reads as follows:

Transmittal fee: ⁶	CHF 300 or USD 200
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⁶ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba (from July 16, 1996), Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Gabon, Georgia, Guinea, Hungary, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Niger, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan or Viet Nam. For further details see PCT Gazette No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(IB), page 192]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has notified a change concerning the special requirements of the Office under PCT Rule 51^{bis}, as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 ^{bis}):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international appli- cation Inventor's declaration Assignment deed where the applicant is not the inventor Appointment of an agent if applicant is not resident in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Summary (KP), page 302]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

Agreement between the Royal Patent and Registration Office of Sweden and the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Amendment to Annex C

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the Agreement, of an amendment to Annex C of the Agreement. The amended Annex C is applicable as from June 1, 1996, and reads as follows:

“ANNEX C

FEES AND CHARGES FOR INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Part I: Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount Swedish Kroner
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)):	
(i) if on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Authority	6,200
(ii) if on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Norwegian Patent Office or the Icelandic Patent Office	6,200
(iii) in all other cases	6,800
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	6,800
Translation of international application (Rule 48.3)	2.30 per word
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	4,200
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	4,200

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/1995, page 16643.

Part I: Schedule of Fees and Charges (Cont'd)

Kind of fee or charge	Amount Swedish Kroner
Preparing and mailing copies of documents cited in the international search report (Rule 44.3)	Applicants receive together with the international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases: 4.00 per page
Preparing and mailing copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (Rule 71.2)	4.00 per page
Preparing and mailing copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.1)	4.00 per page

Part II: [No change]"**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES****China**

The **Chinese Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (86-10) 62 09 36 77
Facsimile machine: (86-10) 62 01 94 51

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(CN), page 36]

Georgia

The **Georgian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (99532) 98 84 19, 93 69 35, 99 00 83
Facsimile machine: (99532) 98 84 19

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(GE), page 55]

Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization of Greece** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (30-1) 682 82 31, 618 35 48

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(GR), page 58]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**Slovenia**

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location: Kotnikova 6, SLO-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
Mailing address: p.p. 206, SLO-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(SI), page 129]

Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Registry, Registrar General's Department of Trinidad and Tobago** has notified a change in its facsimile machine number, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (1-809) 624 12 21

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(TT), page 143]

RECEIVING OFFICES**France**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property of France** has notified a change in its requirement as to who may act as agent before it as receiving Office, as follows:

Who may act as agent? Any natural or legal person registered to practice before the Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(FR), page 186]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**Austria**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirement as to who may act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who may act as agent? Any patent attorney, attorney at law or notary, entitled to professional representation in Austria

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Summary (AT), page 270]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**Greece**

The **Industrial Property Organization of Greece** has notified new amounts of fees in **Greek Drachma (GRD)**, as indicated below:

Transmittal fee: GRD 36,500
Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): GRD 13,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(GR), page 189]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified a new amount, in **Swedish Kroner (SEK)**, of the transmittal fee payable to it as receiving Office. Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(c) and (d), new amounts in **Swedish Kroner (SEK)**, **Danish Krone (DKK)**, **Finnish Markka (FIM)**, **Icelandic Kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian Krone (NOK)**, **Swiss Francs (CHF)** and **US Dollars (USD)**, as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the Swedish Patent Office. A new amount in **Swedish Kroner (SEK)** has also been established for the preliminary examination fee for an international preliminary examination by the Swedish Patent Office. The new amounts are applicable as from June 1, 1996.

Transmittal fee: SEK 1,000

	(1)	(2)	(3)
Search fee	SEK 6,200	SEK 6,200	SEK 6,800
(international search carried out by the Swedish Patent Office):	DKK 5,500	DKK 5,500	DKK 6,050
	FIM 4,500	FIM 4,500	FIM 4,950
	ISK 64,000	ISK 64,000	ISK 70,000
	NOK 6,150	NOK 6,150	NOK 6,750
	CHF 1,180	CHF 1,180	CHF 1,290
	USD 960	USD 960	USD 1,055

- (1) If on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Swedish Patent Office
- (2) If on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Norwegian Patent Office or the Icelandic Patent Office — a copy of the search report must be submitted to the Swedish Patent Office
- (3) In all other cases

Preliminary examination fee: SEK 4,200

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(SE), page 221, Annex D(SE), page 241, and Annex E(SE), page 250]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new amounts in **Swiss Francs (CHF)** and **US Dollars (USD)**, as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the Australian Patent Office. The new amounts are applicable as from July 1, 1996.

Search fee (international search by the Australian Patent Office):	CHF 787	USD 640
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex D(AU), page 234]

Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new amounts in **Swedish Kroner (SEK)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee. The new amounts are applicable as from July 1, 1996.

Basic fee:	SEK 4,200
Supplement per sheet over 30:	SEK 80
Designation fee:	SEK 1,000
Handling fee:	SEK 1,300

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(SE), page 221, and Annex E(SE), page 250]

United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new amounts in **Swiss Francs (CHF)**, as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The new amounts are applicable as from July 1, 1996.

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	CHF 812 (530)
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex D(US), page 242]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES RECEIVING OFFICES

Israel

General information on **Israel** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Patents, Designs and Trademark Office of Israel** as receiving Office, is given in Annex B1(IL) and Annex C(IL) which are published on the following pages.

B1 Information on Contracting States**B1****IL****ISRAEL****IL****General information**

Name of Office:	Patents, Designs and Trademarks Office
Location:	Lev Hagiva Building, Beit Hadebus Street 11, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem 95483, Israel
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 354, Jerusalem 91002, Israel
Telephone:	(972-2) 316 783
Facsimile machine:	(972-2) 316 764
Teleprinter:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Israel:	Patents, Designs and Trademarks Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Israel is designated (or elected):	Patents, Designs and Trademarks Office (see Volume II)
May Israel be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Israel concerning international-type search:	None

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B1	Information on Contracting States	B1
IL	ISRAEL	IL
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Provisional protection after international publication:	None
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Information of interest if Israel is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Israel is designated:	Not required. If the applicant desires that the name of the inventor be published on acceptance and registered in the Register of Patents, he should notify the Office on or before receipt of the notice before acceptance.
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Does the Office disregard the priority claim if the priority document was not submitted within 16 months from the priority date under PCT Rule 17.1?	No
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms?	Yes (see Annex L)
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C **Receiving Offices** **C**

IL **PATENTS, DESIGNS AND TRADEMARKS** **IL**

OFFICE (ISRAEL)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Israel
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Competent International Searching Authority:	United States Patent and Trademark Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	United States Patent and Trademark Office or, for international applications for which the European Patent Office has performed the international search, European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: New Israel Shekel (ILS) and US Dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	ILS 350
Basic fee:	USD 677
Supplement per sheet over 30:	USD 13
Designation fee:	USD 164
Search fee:	See Annex D (United States Patent and Trademark Office or European Patent Office)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS 30 plus ILS 2 per page
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any member of the Israel Bar Association or patent attorney registered and holding a current licence to practice in Israel

SECTION IV**NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER**

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US Dollars (USD)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from July 1, 1996.

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): USD 1,585

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex D(EP), page 236]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a modification as to whether a priority claim is disregarded if the priority document was not submitted within 16 months from the priority date, as follows:

Does the Office disregard the priority claim if the priority document was not submitted within 16 months from the priority date under PCT Rule 17.1?	Yes
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(IS), page 64]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

New Zealand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new amounts in **New Zealand Dollars (NZD)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee. The new amounts are applicable as from July 15, 1996.

Basic fee:	NZD 892
Supplement per sheet over 30:	NZD 18
Designation fee:	NZD 216

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(NZ), page 215]

Ukraine

The **Ukraine Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Karbovanets (UAK)**, as specified below.

Transmittal fee:	UAK 25,500,000
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	UAK 1,700,000 plus UAK 85,000 per sheet in excess of 20

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(UA), page 229]

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A – FORMS****Form PCT/RO/101 (Request)**

The Request Form has been modified to take into account: (i) the entry into force of the PCT for **Israel** (as from June 1, 1996); (ii) that a European patent can be sought via the PCT for **Finland** (as from March 1, 1996); (iii) that a Eurasian patent can be sought via the PCT for **Armenia** (as from February 27, 1996), **Kyrgyzstan** (as from January 13, 1996) and the **Republic of Moldova** (as from February 16, 1996); (iv) that patents of addition are available for **Turkey**; (v) that provisional patents are available for **Armenia**; and (vi) that utility models are available for **Albania**.

The above-mentioned modifications concern Box No. V and the Notes relating to Box No. V. All the sheets of the Request Form, including the Notes to the Request, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes relating thereto, are dated July 1996 (either as the date of issuance or as the date of reprint of the sheet). They are all reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction).

Only the updated version of the Request Form should be used for international applications filed from July 1, 1996. Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices and the International Bureau.

Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand)

The Demand Form has not been modified (except for the inclusion of the date of reprinting (July 1996)). All sheets are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction). Copies can be obtained free of charge from International Preliminary Examining Authorities, receiving Offices and the International Bureau.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Saint Lucia

On May 30, 1996, **Saint Lucia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Saint Lucia will become the 86th Contracting State of the PCT on August 30, 1996.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after August 30, 1996, Saint Lucia (country code: LC) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from August 30, 1996, nationals and residents of Saint Lucia are entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex A, page 5]

Bosnia and Herzegovina

On June 7, 1996, **Bosnia and Herzegovina** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Bosnia and Herzegovina will become the 87th Contracting State of the PCT on September 7, 1996.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after September 7, 1996, Bosnia and Herzegovina (country code: BA) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from September 7, 1996, nationals and residents of Bosnia and Herzegovina are entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex A, page 5]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

Armenia

The **Armenian Patent Office** has notified a change in its telephone numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (374-2) 52 06 73, 56 14 04

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(AM), page 8]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**Greece**

On June 7, 1996, **Greece** notified, under PCT Article 64(6)(b), the withdrawal of its declaration under PCT Article 64(1)(a) that it shall not be bound by the provisions of Chapter II of the PCT. Thus, Greece will become bound by Chapter II of the PCT on September 7, 1996.

The withdrawal of the said declarations has the effect that, on and after September 7, 1996:

(a) nationals and residents of Greece may submit demands for international preliminary examination of international applications filed by them;

(b) Greece may be elected in a demand for international preliminary examination, or in a notice of later election, submitted in respect of any international application in which Greece is a designated State;

(c) paragraphs (a) and (b) apply irrespective of whether the international application was or will be filed before, on or after September 7, 1996.

Monaco

The **Directorate of Commerce, Industry and Industrial Property of Monaco** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (377) 93 15 80 00, 93 15 88 67
Facsimile machine: (377) 92 05 75 20

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(MC), page 92]

Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of Slovakia** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as well as its telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address: švermova 43, 97401 Banská Bystrica, Slovakia
Telephone: (42-88) 73 25 30
Facsimile machine: (42-88) 73 25 66

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(SK), page 131]

Turkmenistan

The **Turkmen Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as follows:

Location: 13, Aitakova Street, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
Telephone: (73632) 41 58 73
Facsimile machine: (73632) 41 58 72

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B1(TM), page 139]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new amounts in **Australian Dollars (AUD)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee. The new amounts are applicable as from July 1, 1996.

Basic fee:	AUD	785
Supplement per sheet over 30:	AUD	15
Designation fee:	AUD	191
Handling fee:	AUD	240

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(AU), page 169, and Annex E(AU), page 244]

Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Canadian Dollars (CAD)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from September 1, 1996.

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	CAD	2,150
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex D(EP), page 236]

Italy

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new amounts in **Italian Lira (ITL)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee. The new amounts are applicable as from September 1, 1996.

Basic fee:	ITL	953,000
Supplement per sheet over 30:	ITL	19,000
Designation fee:	ITL	232,000
Handling fee:	ITL	295,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(IT), page 195, and Annex E(EP), page 246]

New Zealand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand Dollars (NZD)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from September 1, 1996.

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	NZD	2,280
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex D(EP), page 236]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**Singapore**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new amounts in **Singapore Dollars (SGD)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee. The new amounts are applicable as from September 1, 1996.

Basic fee:	SGD 860
Supplement per sheet over 30:	SGD 17
Designation fee:	SGD 208

Also, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore Dollars (SGD)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from September 1, 1996.

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	SGD 2,200
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex C(SG), page 222, and Annex D(EP), page 236]

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NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

International Bureau

New amounts of fees payable to the International Bureau in particular circumstances, have been established in **Swiss Francs (CHF)**, as specified below;

Certified copy of an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office (PCT Rule 20.9):	CHF 50
Early publication, upon request of the applicant, where the international search report or the declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is not available for publication with the international application (PCT Rule 48.4(a)):	CHF 200
Publication of a refused request for rectification (PCT Rule 91.1(f)):	CHF 50
	plus CHF 12 for each sheet in excess of one
Copy of the record copy of an international application, upon request of the applicant (PCT Rule 94.1):	CHF 35
– if certified as true copy of the record copy:	CHF 50
Certified copy of a published international application (PCT pamphlet):	CHF 35
Copy of a priority document (PCT Rules 17.2(c) or 94.1):	CHF 35
– if certified as true copy of the priority document:	CHF 50
Copy of a document in the file (other than the record copy, the published application or the priority document), upon request of the applicant (PCT Rule 94.1):	CHF 5 plus CHF 1 per page
– if certified as true copy of the document concerned:	plus CHF 15
Transmitting to a designated Office a copy of an international application, upon request of the applicant (PCT Rule 31.1(b)):	CHF 35
Supplement for airmail:	CHF 10
Supplement for facsimile, per page:	CHF 3

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Annex B2(IB), page 162]

RECEIVING OFFICES**Turkey**

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau of modifications in its specifications as to the competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with it as receiving Office, which are now as follows:

Competent International
Searching Authority:

Australian Patent Office (for international applications filed in English only), Austrian Patent Office, Chinese Patent Office (for international applications filed in English only), Russian Patent Office or European Patent Office

Competent Preliminary
Examining Authority:

Australian Patent Office (for international applications filed in English only), Austrian Patent Office, Chinese Patent Office (for international applications filed in English only), Russian Patent Office, or, for international applications for which the Austrian Patent Office or the European Patent Office has established the international search report, the European Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 14/1996, page 5939]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The **Industrial Property Protection Office of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** has notified a new amount of fee in **Denars (MKD)**, as specified below:

National fee:

Filing Fee:

MKD 800

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1996, Summary (MK), page 314]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RECEIVING OFFICES

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

Cuba, Israel

General information on **Cuba** as a Contracting State and information on the requirements of the **Cuban Patent Office** as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, as well as information on the requirements of the **Patents, Designs and Trademarks Office of Israel** as designated (or elected) Office is given in “Annex B1(CU)”, “Annex C(CU)”, “Summary (CU)” and “Summary (IL)” which are published in the special issue of the PCT Gazette No. 32/1996 on the same date as this PCT Gazette.

SECTION IV**NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER**

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**Israel**

The **Patents, Designs and Trademarks Office of Israel** has notified of changes in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location: Lev Hagiva Building, Beit Hadevus Street 11, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem 95483, Israel
Mailing address: P.O. Box 34255, 91341 Jerusalem, Israel

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(IL), page 12881]

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Amendment to Annex C

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the Agreement, of amendments to Annex C of the Agreement. The new amounts of fees are applicable as from 1 October 1996. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“ANNEX C

FEES AND CHARGES FOR INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Part I: Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount US Dollar
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	
(i) where no corresponding prior United States national application with basic filing fee has been filed	680
(ii) where a corresponding prior United States national application with basic filing fee has been filed	440
Supplemental search fee (Rule 40.2(a)), per additional invention	200
Preparation of an international-type search report in a United States national application	[no change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
(i) where an international search fee has been paid on the international application for the benefit of the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching Authority	480
(ii) where the International Searching Authority for the international application was an authority other than the United States Patent and Trademark Office	730

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/1995, page 16650, and No. 16/1996, page 6619.

Kind of fee or charge (cont'd)	Amount US Dollar
Additional preliminary examination fee (Rule 68.3(a))	
(i) where a supplemental search fee has been paid on the international application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching Authority, per additional invention	[no change]
(ii) where the International Searching Authority for the international application was an authority other than the United States Patent and Trademark Office, per additional invention	260
Cost of copies (Rule 94.1)	
(i) per copy of US patent	[no change]
(ii) per copy of non-US patent document.....	[no change]

Part II: [No change]”.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

United States of America, International Bureau

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **US Dollars (USD)**, and corresponding amounts in **Swiss Francs (CHF)** for the search fee for an international search by the USPTO have been established pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), as specified below. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 October 1996.

Transmittal fee:	USD	230	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	15	
Search fee:			
– where no corresponding prior United States national application with basic national fee has been filed:	USD	680	CHF 800
– where a corresponding prior United States national application with basic national fee has been filed:	USD	440	CHF 518
Additional search fee:	USD	200	
Preliminary examination fee:			
– where an international search fee has been paid on the international application for the benefit of the USPTO as an International Searching Authority:	USD	480	
– where the International Searching Authority for the international application was an authority other than the USPTO:	USD	730	
Additional preliminary examination fee:			
– where a supplemental search fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority:			[No change]
– where the International Searching Authority for the international application was an authority other than the USPTO:	USD	260	

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)

Fee for copies:	[No change]
Basic national fee (amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a “small entity”):	
– where an international preliminary examination fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO:	USD 700 (350)
– where no international preliminary examination fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO, but an international search fee has been paid for an international search by the USPTO:	USD 770 (385)
– where no international preliminary examination fee has been paid to and no international search report has been prepared by the USPTO:	USD 1,040 (520)
– where a search report on the international application has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japanese Patent Office:	USD 910 (455)
– where the international preliminary examination report prepared by the USPTO states that the criteria of novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness), and industrial applicability, as defined in PCT Article 33(1) to (4), have been satisfied for all the claims presented in the application entering the national phase:	USD 96 (48)
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of 3:	USD 80 (40)
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:	[No change]
In addition, if the application contains a multiple dependent claim(s), per application:	USD 260 (130)
Surcharge for filing oath or declaration after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):	[No change]
Processing fee for filing English language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(US), page 13052, Annex D(US), page 13064, Annex E(US), page 13073, and Summary (US), page 13165]

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A of the Agreement whereby it will act as a competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the New Zealand Patent Office. The amended Annex A is applicable as from 1 September 1996, and reads as follows:

“ANNEX A STATES AND LANGUAGES

(1) Under Article 3(1) of the Agreement, the Authority

(i) shall act for the following States:

United States of America, Brazil, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Israel, New Zealand

(ii) specifies the following languages:

English.

(2) Under Article 3(2) of the Agreement, the Authority

(i) shall act for the following States:

United States of America and,

where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Brazil, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Israel, New Zealand

(ii) specifies the following languages:

English.”

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/1995, page 16650, No. 16/1996, page 6619, and No. 39/1996, page 16259.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**Greece**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(c), an equivalent amount of the handling fee in **Greek Drachma (GRD)** has been established, as specified below. This fee is applicable as from 7 September 1996.

Handling fee: GRD 48,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex E(EP), page 13068]

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NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

RECEIVING OFFICES

New Zealand

The **New Zealand Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of modifications in its specifications as to the competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with it as receiving Office, which are now as follows:

Competent International
Searching Authority:

Australian Patent Office, United States Patent and
Trademark Office or European Patent Office

Competent Preliminary
Examining Authority:

Australian Patent Office, United States Patent and
Trademark Office or European Patent Office for
international applications for which the European Patent
Office has established the international search report

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(NZ), page 13037]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

New Zealand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), an equivalent amount of the search fee in **New Zealand Dollars (NZD)**, payable for an international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, has been established, as specified below:

Search fee (for international search by the
United States Patent and Trademark Office): NZD 980 (634)

The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior
US national application has been filed and the basic filing fee paid

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex D(US), page 13064]

SECTION IV**NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER**

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**Finland**

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified the International Bureau that all area codes in Finland will change on 12 October 1996 and that consequently the telephone and facsimile machine numbers of the Office will change, as specified below:

Telephone:	(358-9) 69 39 500
Facsimile machine:	(358-9) 693 95 328

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(FI), page 12866]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**Armenia**

The **Armenian Patent Office** has established an amount for the transmittal fee, in **Armenian Dram (AMD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	AMD 32,000
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(AM), page 12986]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks of Romania** has notified the International Bureau of a modification in the types of protection available in Romania, as follows:

Types of protection available:	National: Patents
	European: Extended European patents*

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(RO), page 12939]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property of Portugal** has notified new amounts of fees in **Portuguese Escudos (PTE)**, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	PTE	3,600
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	PTE	5,350
National fee:		
For patent or utility model:		
Filing fee:	PTE	7,200
Examination fee:	PTE	15,500
Fee for the submission of each application or document:	PTE	750

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(PT), page 13039, and Summary (PT), page 13148]

* Available in respect of international applications filed as from 15 October 1996.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**European Patent Organisation**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has informed the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 July 1996, pursuant to a decision of the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation dated 14 June 1996, the 75% reduction of the international search fee and the international preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO is applicable to nationals of States whose per capita national income is less than USD 3,000. This decision replaces the decision of the same Council of 9 December 1983 under which the fee reduction was available to nationals of “developing countries”.

The decision of the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation of 15 December 1994 concerning the same fee reduction for nationals of “countries in transition” (“reform states”) still applies for a period of three years as from 1 April 1995.

It is to be noted that the fee reduction is granted **only upon request by the applicant**, to be made on a special form (EPO Form 1223/A 06.96 or EPO Form 1223/B 01.96, respectively).

Both forms together with their respective notes containing the texts of the applicable decisions of the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction); they are also available free of charge from the relevant national industrial property office or regional organization, the International Bureau, and the EPO.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 27/1995, Section IV, pages 10736 to 10744]

SECTION IV**NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER**

RECEIVING OFFICES**Greece**

The **Industrial Property Organization of Greece** has notified the International Bureau of the specification, as from 7 September 1996, of the European Patent Office as competent International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Industrial Property Organization of Greece as receiving Office.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(GR), page 13010]

SECTION IV**NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER**

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Swedish Krona (SEK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

National fee:

Search fee:	SEK 3,000
Annual fee for the first three years:	SEK 800

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Summary (SE), page 13152]

SECTION IV

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

International Bureau

The International Bureau has modified the information in footnote 5 to Annex C(IB), concerning the payment of fees by bank transfer to it in its capacity as receiving Office. Footnote 5, as modified, reads as follows:

“⁵ Fees may be paid in the following ways:

- by debit of a current account established with WIPO (Swiss francs only);
- by bank transfer to WIPO bank account No. 0251-487080-81 (Swiss francs) or No. 0251-487080-82 (US dollars), SWIFT code: CRESCHZZ12A at the Crédit Suisse, 1211 Geneva 70, Switzerland;
- by transfer to WIPO postal account No. 12-5000-8, Geneva, Switzerland (Swiss francs only);
- by check made payable to the World Intellectual Property Organization (Swiss francs or US dollars);
- in cash (only if payment is made in person) (Swiss francs only).”

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(IB), page 13013]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS

European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau pursuant to PCT Rule 13^{bis}.7(a)(i) that, where “biological material” (including any microorganism) has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the following matter, in addition to that referred to in PCT Rule 13^{bis}.3(a)(i), (ii) and (iii), is required to be included in a reference to such a deposit in an international application in which a State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT is designated for a European patent:

- the name and the address of the depositor and
- a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with Rule 28 of the Implementing Regulations to the European Patent Convention (Rule 28(1)(d) EPC).

This information may be submitted within a period of 16 months from the priority date of the international application (this period is deemed to have been met if the information is submitted before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed) or, where the applicant makes a request for early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b), up to the date on which such request is made.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex L, page 13085]

SECTION IV**NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER**

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**Hungary**

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified a change in its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (36-1) 312 44 00

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(HU), page 12878]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**Japan**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Japanese Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 1 January 1997.

Search fee (international search
by the Japanese Patent Office): USD 690

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex D(JP), page 13061]

Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Russian Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 1 January 1997.

Search fee (international search
by the Russian Patent Office): CHF 247

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex D(RU), page 13062]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

Armenia

The **Armenian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Armenian drams (AMD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	AMD 10,000
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	USD 40
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD 10
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	USD 20
Annual fees for the 2nd and the 3rd year, per year:	USD 40
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	USD 40
Annual fees for the 2nd and the 3rd year, per year:	USD 40

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(AM), page 12986, and Summary (AM), page 13090]

Bulgaria

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Bulgarian leva (BGL)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	BGL 3,000	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BGL 800	
National fee:	<i>Patent</i>	<i>Utility Model</i>
Filing fee:	BGL 2,000	BGL 2,000
Publication fee:		
— for abstract:	BGL 1,500	BGL 1,500
— for each drawing:	BGL 600	BGL 600
Examination fee:		
— where no additional search has to be carried out:	BGL 7,500	BGL 3,000
— where an additional search has to be carried out:	BGL 8,000	BGL 4,000
Claim fee for each claim:	BGL 800	BGL 400
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	BGL 1,000	BGL 1,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(BG), page 12992, and Summary (BG), page 13096]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**Ireland**

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new amounts in **Irish pounds (IEP)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 January 1997.

Basic fee:	IEP 378
Supplement per sheet over 30:	IEP 7
Designation fee:	IEP 92
Handling fee:	IEP 115

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(IE), page 13014, and Annex E(EP), page 13068]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**China**

The **Chinese Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as well as in its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if China is designated (or elected), as specified below:

Telephone:	(86-10) 62 01 32 76 (general) (86-10) 62 09 36 77 (PCT matters)
Facsimile machine:	(86-10) 62 01 96 15 (general) (86-10) 62 01 94 51 (PCT matters)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if China is designated:

The indication of the inventor's address is not required by the Office. The name may be indicated in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to

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with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the tation.

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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(CN), pages 12852 and 12853]

Cuba

The **Cuban Patent Office** has notified changes in its facsimile machine numbers, as specified below:

Facsimile machine: (537) 33 56 10, 33 82 37

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(CU), page 12854]

Israel

The **Patents, Designs and Trademarks Office of Israel** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as specified below:

Telephone:	(972-2) 531 67 83
Facsimile machine:	(972-2) 531 85 90

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(IL), page 12881]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**Slovenia**

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as specified below:

Telephone: (386-61) 178 30 00
Facsimile machine; (386-61) 178 31 11

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(SI), page 12949]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****Hungary**

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent? Any Hungarian patent attorney or attorney-at-law

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(HU), page 13011, and Summary (HU), page 13118]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**China**

The **Chinese Patent Office** has notified changes concerning the special requirements of the Office under PCT Rule 51^{bis}, as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 ^{bis}):	Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application
	Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical
	Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date
	Appointment of an agent
	Translation must be furnished in two copies
	Evidence concerning exceptions to lack of novelty if applicant claims such exceptions in respect of the international application

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Summary (CN), page 13103]

SECTION IV**NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER**

CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****Yugoslavia**

On 1 November 1996, **Yugoslavia** deposited its instrument of ratification of the PCT. Yugoslavia will become the 88th Contracting State of the PCT on 1 February 1997.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 1 February 1997, Yugoslavia (country code: YU) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 1 February 1997, nationals and residents of Yugoslavia are entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex A, page 12821]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**Tajikistan**

The **Tajik Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee: USD 50

Annual fees for the first three years, per year: USD 50

For utility model:

Filing fee: USD 30

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Summary (TJ), page 13157]

Ukraine

The **Ukraine Patent Office** has notified the introduction of a new national currency, **Hryvnia (UAH)**, as well as new amounts of fees, expressed in that currency, payable to it as receiving Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee: UAH 255

Fee for priority document

(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): UAH 17 plus UAH 0.85 for each sheet in excess of 20

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(UA), page 13051]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**France**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property of France** has notified changes in its telephone, facsimile machine and teleprinter numbers, as well as a modification in its requirements as to the acceptance of filing documents by means of telecommunication, as follows:

Telephone:	(33) 1 53 04 53 04
Facsimile machine:	(33) 1 42 93 59 30
Teleprinter:	—

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(FR), page 12868]

Tajikistan

The **Tajik Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as well as in its requirements as to whether the Office would accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used, as follows:

Telephone:	(3772) 27 59 87
Facsimile machine:	(3772) 21 71 54, 21 04 04

Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL, UPS or Federal Express
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(TJ), page 12957]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**Tajikistan**

The **Tajik Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the special requirements of the Office under PCT Rule 51^{bis}, as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 ^{bis}):	Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical
	Appointment of an agent if applicant is not resident in Tajikistan

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Summary (TJ), page 13157]

SECTION IV**NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER**

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**United Kingdom**

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 15 January 1997.

Basic fee:	GBP 372
Supplement per sheet over 30:	GBP 7
Designation fee:	GBP 90
Handling fee:	GBP 114

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(GB), page 13008 and Annex E(EP), page 13068]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**Monaco**

The **Directorate of Commerce, Industry and Industrial Property of Monaco** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office:	Direction de l'expansion économique, division de la propriété intellectuelle
	Department of Economic Expansion, Intellectual Property Division

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(MC), page 12912]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Ghana

On 26 November 1996, **Ghana** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Ghana will become the 89th Contracting State of the PCT on 26 February 1997.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 26 February 1997, Ghana (country code GH) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 26 February 1997, nationals and residents of Ghana will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

Since Ghana is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), it will be possible to designate Ghana for the purposes of obtaining an ARIPO patent. Any designation in an international application for an ARIPO patent will, as from 26 February 1997, automatically include the designation of Ghana for that purpose.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex A, page 12821]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian reais (BRR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	BRR 236
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BRR 75
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	BRR 109
First annual fee:	BRR 390 (if patent already issued) or BRR 150 (if patent not already issued)
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	BRR 109
First annual fee:	BRR 200 (if utility model already issued) or BRR 100 (if utility model not already issued)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(BR), page 12993, and Summary (BR), page 13097]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**Hungary**

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified a new fee in **Hungarian forints (HUF)**, as specified below:

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): HUF 200 per page

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(HU), page 13011]

European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office** has established new equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, **French francs (FRF)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, **Italian lire (ITL)**, **Greek drachmas (GRD)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **Portuguese escudos (PTE)** and **Irish pounds (IEP)** of fees payable to it, as specified in the revised table below. The new equivalent amounts are applicable as from 3 January 1997.

	DEM	GBP	FRF	CHF	NLG	SEK	BEF LUF	ITL	A'S	ESP	GRD	DKK	PTE	IEP	FIM
Transmittal fee:	200	84	690	170	230	900	4 200	208 000	1 430	17 200	32 600	790	20 700	82	630
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	60	25	210	50	70	270	1 300	62 000	430	5 200	9 800	240	6 200	25	190
Search fee (for an international search):	2 400	1 003	8 280	2 080	2 740	10 840	50 300	2 497 000	17 140	206 900	390 900	9 430	248 500	988	7 500
Preliminary examination fee:	3 000	1 253	10 340	2 600	3 430	13 540	62 900	3 122 000	21 430	258 600	488 600	11 790	310 600	1 235	9 380
Protest fee:	2 000	835	6 900	1 730	2 290	9 030	41 900	2 081 000	14 290	172 400	325 700	7 860	207 100	823	6 250
Fee for copies (per A4 page):	1.30	0.50	4.50	1.10	1.50	5.90	25	1 400	9.30	110	210	5.10	135	0.50	4.10
National fee:	600	251	2 070	520	690	2 710	12 600	624 000	4 290	51 700	97 700	2 360	62 100	247	1 880
Search fee (for a European patent):	1 900	794	6 550	1 650	2 170	8 580	39 800	1 977 000	13 570	163 800	309 400	7 470	196 700	782	5 940
European designation fee:	350	146	1 210	300	400	1 580	7 300	364 000	2 500	30 200	57 000	1 380	36 200	144	1 090
Claims fee:	80	33	280	70	90	360	1 700	83 000	570	6 900	13 000	310	8 300	33	250
Examination fee:	2 800	1 170	9 660	2 420	3 200	12 640	58 700	2 914 000	20 000	241 400	456 000	11 000	289 900	1 152	8 750
Renewal fee for the third year:	750	313	2 590	650	860	3 390	15 700	780 000	5 360	64 700	122 100	2 950	77 700	309	2 340

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex D(EP), page 13058, Annex E(EP), page 13068, and No. 13/1996, the table published on page 5475]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change in its World Wide Web address, as follows:

World Wide Web: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapps/pct/>

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(US), page 12969]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**Canada**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 February 1997.

Basic fee:	CAD 810
Supplement per sheet over 30:	CAD 16
Designation fee:	CAD 195

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(CA), page 12995]

China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Chinese Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 1 February 1997.

Search fee (international search by the Chinese Patent Office):	CHF 125
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex D(CN), page 13057]

Israel

The **Patents, Designs and Trademarks Office of Israel** has notified new amounts of fees in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 January 1997.

Transmittal fee:	ILS 365
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS 31 plus ILS 2 per page
National fee:	
Filing fee:	ILS 699

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(IL), page 13015, and Summary (IL), page 13119]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**Republic of Korea**

The **Korean Industrial Property Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 January 1997.

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee: KRW 22,000

For utility model:

Filing fee: KRW 15,500

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Summary (KR), page 13127]

United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Patent Office** has notified a new amount of fee in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below. The new amount is applicable as from 1 January 1997.

Substantive examination fee: GBP 70

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Summary (GB), page 13115]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**Albania**

The **Albanian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as well as in its requirements as to whether the Office would accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used, as follows:

Telephone: (355-42) 344 12

Facsimile machine: (355-42) 344 12

Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?

Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or TNT

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(AL), page 12822]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified changes in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person if the applicant resides in Sweden

Any natural or legal person resident in Sweden if the applicant is a non-resident

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(SE), page 13043, and Summary (SE), page 13153]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

Canada

The **Canadian Patent Office** has notified the international Bureau that the reinstatement fee and the annual fee for the third year have now been modified to read as follows:

Additional fee for late entry
into the national phase: CAD 200

Maintenance fee in respect of each
one-year period due at the time of entry
into the national phase where that entry
is effected on or after the second or
possibly the third anniversary of the
international filing date: CAD 100 (50)

The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a “small entity.”

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Summary (CA), page 13099]

United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 February 1997.

Basic fee:	USD 590
Supplement per sheet over 30:	USD 12
Designation fee:	USD 143
Handling fee:	USD 180

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(US), page 13052, and Annex E(US), page 13073]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

Mongolia

The **Mongolian Patent Office** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: Mongolian Intellectual Property Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(MN), page 12921]

Turkmenistan

The **Turkmen Patent Office** has notified changes in its mailing address and telephone number, as specified below:

Mailing address: 28 Post Office, 744028 Ashgabat
Turkmenistan

Telephone: (73632) 41 58 78

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(TM), page 12959]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

Canada

The **Canadian Patent Office** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51^{bis}, as well as in its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list reads as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 ^{bis}):	An address for service if the applicant does not reside or carry out business in Canada Evidence of entitlement to file where the applicant is not the inventor Evidence of entitlement to file where the applicant is not the applicant originally indicated Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not an inventor If the appointed agent does not reside in Canada, the appointment by the agent of an agent who resides in Canada to be associate agent Filing, where applicable, of a copy of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer-readable form as prescribed
Who can act as agent?	Any person or firm entitled to practice before the Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(CA), page 12995, and Summary (CA), page 13099]