# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

## **CONTRACTING STATES**

**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)** 

### **Singapore**

On November 23, 1994, **Singapore** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Singapore will become the 76th Contracting State of the PCT on February 23, 1995.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after February 23, 1995, Singapore (country code: SG) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from February 23, 1995, nationals and residents of Singapore are entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 16/1994, Annex A, page 10243]

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

Agreement between the Committee of the Russian Federation for Patents and Trademarks and the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup>

#### Amendment to Annex C

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the Agreement, of amendments to Annex C of the Agreement. The amended Annex 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	<b>Amount</b> *		
	Rouble	US Dollar	
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	53,000	200	

Published in PCT Gazette No. 26/1987, pages 4569 to 4575, and No. 29/1991, pages 12867 and 12868.

<sup>\*</sup> The amount in roubles is payable where the international application is filed by a resident or national of the Russian Federation or of a country which has a rouble-based payment agreement with the Russian Federation.

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

Kind of fee or charge	$\mathbf{Amount}^*$		
	Rouble	US Dollar	
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	40,000	200	
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	26,000	300	
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	20,000	200	
Cost of copies of cited documents (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	30 per page	0.30 per page	
Cost of copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.1)	30 per page	0.30 per page	

# Part II: Conditions and Extent of Refunds of the Search Fee and of the Preliminary Examination Fee

- (1) any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded
- (2) Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.
- (3) Where the international search report is based on an earlier search the following refund shall be made:
- (i) if the earlier search was so complete that only a minor updating search is required: refund of  $90\% (50\%)^{**}$ ;
- (ii) if the earlier search relates practically to the same invention but the claims in the international application under consideration differ so that it is necessary to search 1-3 additional IPC subgroups: refund of  $70\% (40\%)^{**}$ ;
- (iii) if the earlier search saves one half of the efforts usually made to carry out international search: refund of  $40\% (25\%)^{**}$ ;
  - (iv) if the earlier search applies only to a few IPC subgroups: refund of 20% (10%)\*\*.
- (4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.
- (5) If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee shall be fully refunded."

<sup>\*</sup> The amount in roubles is payable where the international application is filed by a resident or national of the Russian Federation or of a country which has a rouble-based payment agreement with the Russian Federation.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The amount in brackets is applicable if the earlier search has been carried out by the Authority under the WIPO Permanent Program for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property.

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### Republic of Korea

The Korean Industrial Property Office has notified new amounts of fees in Won (KRW), as specified below:

National fee:

Filing fee for patent: KRW 20,000 KRW 14,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Summary (KR), page 265]

#### Slovenia

The **Industrial Property Protection Office of Slovenia** has notified a change in the transmittal fee payable to the Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee: 5% of the total value of the basic fee, sheet fee(s), designation

nation fee(s) and search fee

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 16/1994, Annex C(SI), page 10421]

### **African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)**

The Office of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) has notified a new amount of a fee in US Dollars (USD), as specified below:

National fee:

Filing fee: USD 150

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 16/1994, Summary (AP), page 10461]

### RECEIVING OFFICES

### **France**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property of France** has notified the International Bureau of a modification in its requirement as to who can act as agent, as follows:

Who can act as agent? Any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 16/1994, Annex C(FR), page 10390]

# PUBLICATION OF PCT APPLICATIONS AND PCT GAZETTE TO BE WEEKLY

As from January 5, 1995, PCT applications and the PCT Gazette will be published on Thursday every week instead of every second week. This change is due to the continued increase in filings of international applications and to further automation of publication procedures by the International Bureau.

Since publication of an international application takes place promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (PCT Article 21(2)(a)), the weekly publication schedule will have the result that some international applications will be published one week earlier than they would have been under the present two-weekly publication cycle.

# 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 Organization<sup>1</sup>

#### 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. The amended Annex 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
  - (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
  - (ii) specifies the following languages: English."

Published in PCT Gazette No. 26/1987, pages 4583 to 4589, No. 08/1989, pages 2023 and 2024, No. 29/1991, pages 12868 and 12869, No. 25/1992, page 11300, No. 22/1994, pages 14898 and 14899, and No. 27/1994, pages 19027 and 19028.

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES (Cont'd)

#### **United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Pursuant to PCT Rules 12.1(d) and 55.2(e), the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau that it accepts to carry out international search and preliminary examination on international applications filed in Spanish at the Mexican Patent Office as receiving Office on the basis of a translation into English prepared under the responsibility of the receiving Office (PCT Rules 12.1(c) and 55.2(a)).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(US), page 211, and Annex E(US), page 220]

### **European Patent Office**

Pursuant to PCT Rules 12.1(d) and 55.2(e), the **European Patent Office** (**EPO**) has notified the International Bureau that it accepts to carry out international search and preliminary examination on international applications filed in Spanish at the Mexican Patent Office as receiving Office on the basis of a translation into English, French or German prepared under the responsibility of the receiving Office (PCT Rules 12.1(c) and 55.2(a)).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(EP), page 201, and Annex E(EP), page 215]

#### INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

#### Slovenia

The **Industrial Property Protection Office of Slovenia** has notified a change in the name of the office, as follows:

Name of Office:

Slovenian Intellectual Property Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(SI), page 116]

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

#### Mexico

General information on **Mexico** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Mexican Patent Office** as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office is given in "Annex B1(MX)", "Annex C(MX)" and "Summary (MX)" which are published on the following pages.

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# **Information on Contracting States**

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# **MEXICO**

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# **General information**

Name of Office:	Instituto Mexicano de la Propiedad Industrial		
	Mexican Patent Office		
Location and mailing address:	Periférico Sur 3108, Col. San Jerónimo Aculco, C.P. 10200 Mexico, D.F.		
Telephone:	(525-5) 624 04 34, 624 04 00 (ext. 4703)		
Facsimile machine:	(525-5) 624 04 35		
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 Mexico:	Mexican Patent Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)		
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Mexico is designated:	Mexican Patent Office (see Volume II)		
May Mexico be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)		
Types of protection available:	Patents, utility models		
Provisions of the law of Mexico concerning international-type search:	None		

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# **Information on Contracting States**

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# **MEXICO**

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Provisional protection after international publication:

After a patent has been granted, the applicant is entitled to damages for the period following the international publication of the international application. For that purpose, and if the international publication has not been effected in Spanish, the applicant must submit to the Office a translation of the international application into Spanish. The provisional protection applies as from the date of publication in Spanish of the international application.

# Information of interest if Mexico is designated (or elected)

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

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Mexican Patent Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms?

Yes (see Annex L)

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# **Receiving Offices**

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# **MEXICAN PATENT OFFICE**

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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Mexico
Language in which international applications may be filed:	$Spanish^1$
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	. 3
Competent International Searching Authority:	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office <sup>2</sup> or European Patent Office <sup>3</sup>
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	United States Patent and Trademark Office <sup>2</sup> or European Patent Office <sup>3</sup>
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Peso (MXP) and US Dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	Equivalent in MXP of USD 200
Basic fee:	Equivalent in MXP of CHF 762
Supplement per sheet over 30:	Equivalent in MXP of CHF 15
Designation fee:	Equivalent in MXP of CHF 185
Search fee:	See Annex D (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office or European Patent Office)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if applicant resides in Mexico Yes, if he is a non-resident and does not have an address for notifications in Mexico
Who can act as agent?	Any resident or national of Mexico

Depending on the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation may have to be furnished for the purposes of international search and/or international preliminary examination (see footnotes 2 and 3).

The United States Patent and Trademark Office will carry out international search and international preliminary examination on the basis of a translation of the international application into English.

The European Patent Office will carry out international search and international preliminary examination on the basis of a translation of the international application into English, French or German.

# **SUMMARY**

# Designated (or elected) Office

# **SUMMARY**

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# **MEXICAN PATENT OFFICE**

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# Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for the entry into the national phase:		20 months from the priority date 30 months from the priority date		
Translation of international application required into:1	Spanish			
Required contents of the translation for the entry into the national phase: <sup>1</sup>	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract			
ž.	drawings, abstract (if any	Description, claims, any text matter of y of those parts amended, only as to the international preliminary		
Is a copy of the international application required?	No			
National fee: <sup>1</sup>	Currency: Peso (MXP)			
	For patent:			
	Filing fee:	MXP 2,500		
	For utility model:			
	Filing fee:	MXP 1,164		
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None	,		
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <sup>bis</sup> ): <sup>2</sup>	Appointment of an agent if a	applicant is not resident in Mexico		
Who can act as agent?	Any resident or national of l	Mexico		

Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### **CONTRACTING STATES**

**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)** 

#### **Iceland**

On December 23, 1994, **Iceland** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Iceland will become the 77th Contracting State of the PCT on March 23, 1995.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after March 23, 1995, Iceland (country code: IS) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from March 23, 1995, nationals and residents of Iceland are entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex A, page 5]

### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

# Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified changes in fees for copies of documents cited in the international search report and the international preliminary examination report, as specified below:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):

Applicants receive together with the international search report a copy of each document cited therein free of charge. For other cases: SEK 4 per page.

SEK 4 per page

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(SE), page 210, and Annex E(SE), page 219]

#### 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, 1995, to February 1, 1996, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and	September 7, 1995
April 14, 1995	December 25, 1995
April 17, 1995	December 26, 1995
May 25, 1995	January 1, 1996
June 5, 1995	January 2, 1996

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

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<sup>&</sup>quot;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."

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

### **CORRIGENDUM**

In the **Announcement on the Protection of Industrial Property in Armenia** published in Section IV of PCT Gazette No. 22/1994, there is an error in the indication made in paragraph 8(c)(ii), on page 14905, and in paragraph 8(e), on page 14906, of the applicable period for international applications the effect of which may be extended to Armenia. The date of "July 18, 1994" should be replaced by "July 19, 1994".

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### **Estonia**

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

Telephone:

(372-6) 31 17 32

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(EE), page 40]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US Dollars (US)**, as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the Swedish Patent Office. The new amounts are applicable as from April 1, 1995.

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):

(i) if on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Swedish Patent Office:

USD 347

(ii) if on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Norwegian patent Office:

USD 480

(iii) in all other cases:

USD 560

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(SE), page 210]

# **RECEIVING OFFICES**

# Hungary

The **National Office of Inventions of Hungary** has notified the International Bureau of modifications in its requirements as to the competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with it as receiving Office, as follows:

Competent International Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office, for inter-Searching Authority: national applications filed in English, French or German, or

national applications filed in English, French or German, or Russian Patent Office for international applications filed in

English, French, German or Russian

Competent Preliminary

Austrian Patent Office, or Russian Patent Office, or, for Examining Authority:

international applications for which the Austrian

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. 01/1995, Annex C(HU), page 166]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

### THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT) IN 1994

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, announces the main events which occurred in 1994 in relation to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and the results of operations under the PCT in that 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 steep growth in recent years in the number of international applications filed under the PCT continued during 1994. In that year, the International Bureau of WIPO received 34,104 international applications filed worldwide, which represents an increase over 1993 of 19.3%. These 34,104 international applications had the effect of 614,123 national applications, and of 49,165 regional patent applications which were the equivalent of 707,093 applications for patent protection in the member States of the regional patent systems, that is, a total of 1,321,216 national applications.
- 3. During 1994, Armenia, China, Estonia, Georgia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Lithuania, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, Slovenia, Swaziland and Trinidad and Tobago (13 States) became PCT Contracting States.

China became bound by the PCT on January 1, 1994.

*Georgia* became bound by the PCT upon the filing, on January 18, 1994, of a declaration of continuation of the PCT with effect from December 25, 1991, as a successor State of the former Soviet Union.

*Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova and Tajikistan* became bound by the PCT upon the filing, on February 14, 1994, of declarations of continuation of the PCT with effect from December 25, 1991, as successor States of the former Soviet Union.

Slovenia became bound by the PCT on March 1, 1994.

Trinidad and Tobago became bound by the PCT on March 10, 1994.

*Armenia* became bound by the PCT upon the filing, on May 17, 1994, of a declaration of continuation of the PCT with effect from December 25, 1991, as a successor State of the former Soviet Union.

Kenya became bound by the PCT on June 8, 1994.

Lithuania became bound by the PCT on July 5, 1994.

Estonia became bound by the PCT on August 24, 1994.

Liberia became bound by the PCT on August 27, 1994.

Swaziland became bound by the PCT on September 20, 1994.

4. The 73 States party to the PCT on December 31, 1994, were the following:

In Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo,

Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali,

Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo (20);

In the Americas: Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America

(5);

In Asia and the Pacific: Armenia, Australia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Georgia,

Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, New Zealand, Republic of Korea,

Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam (15);

In Europe: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia,

Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom

(33).

5. Instruments of accession to the PCT were deposited towards the end of 1994 by Iceland, Mexico, Singapore and Uganda.

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

Uganda will become bound by the PCT on February 9, 1995.

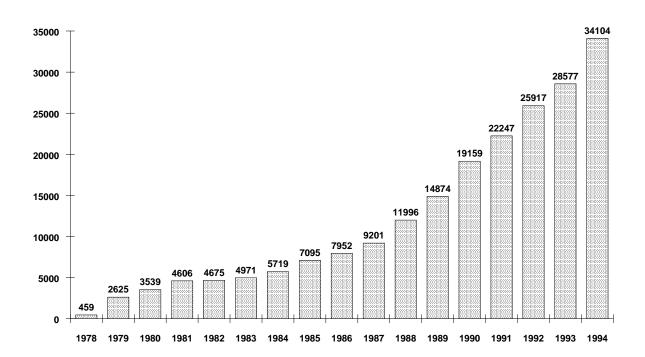
Singapore will become bound by the PCT on February 23, 1995.

Iceland will become bound by the PCT on March 23, 1995.

- 6. An international application may include designations for a European patent having effect in member States of the European Patent Convention and for an OAPI patent having effect in member States of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI). As from July 1, 1994, it became possible to include a designation for an ARIPO patent. This patent, obtainable from the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), has effect in those member States of the Harare Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs which are also Contracting States of the PCT (those States are Kenya, Malawi, Sudan and Swaziland, as well as, from February 9, 1995, Uganda).
- 7. Summary of the procedure under the PCT. The system of patent cooperation under the PCT means that, by filing only one international application with only 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.
- 8. During that period, each international application is subjected to an international search carried out by one of the major patent offices of the world 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 around the 16th month counted from the priority date.

- 9. If the applicant so requests, and most do so (see paragraph 20, below), the international application is also subjected to an 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 whether the claimed invention fulfills the criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. That report is received by the applicant around the 28th month counted from the priority date.
- 10. 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 the 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.
- 11. *Statistics*. As already indicated, the number of international applications received by the International Bureau in 1994 amounted to 34,104 (1993: 28,577). The corresponding numbers in each calendar year since the beginning of PCT operations are as follows:

# Number of international applications received since 1978



12. The following table shows, by country of origin, the number of international applications received by the International Bureau<sup>1</sup> in 1994, and the corresponding percentages, as compared with 1993:

Coun	atry of origin <sup>2</sup>	Number of	applications	Pero	centage
		1994	(1993)	1994	(1993)
US	United States of America	14,798	(12,535)	43.39	(43.86)
DE	Germany	4,294	(3,459)	12.59	(12.10)
GB	United Kingdom <sup>3</sup>	3,212	(2,813)	9.42	(9.84)
JP	Japan	2,290	(1,916)	6.71	(6.70)
FR	France	1,631	(1,517)	4.78	(5.31)
SE	Sweden	1,250	(1,098)	3.67	(3.84)
AU	Australia	803	(664)	2.35	(2.32)
NL	Netherlands	780	(484)	2.29	(1.69)
CA	Canada	748	(553)	2.19	(1.94)
CH	Switzerland <sup>4</sup>	640	(531)	1.88	(1.86)
FI	Finland	592	(568)	1.74	(1.99)
DK	Denmark	523	(454)	1.53	(1.59)
IT	Italy	518	(399)	1.52	(1.40)
RU	Russian Federation	343	(271)	1.01	(0.95)
AT	Austria	258	(244)	0.76	(0.95)
NO	Norway	216	(184)	0.70	(0.64)
BE	Belgium	205		0.60	
KR	Republic of Korea	190	(167)	0.56	(0.58)
NZ	New Zealand	147	(125)		(0.44)
			(133)	0.43	(0.47)
ES	Spain	142	(123)	0.42	(0.43)
CN	China	98 76	(-) (71)	0.29	(-)
ΙΕ	Ireland	76	(71)	0.22	(0.25)
HU	Hungary	75 48	(77)	0.22	(0.27)
BR	Brazil	48	(42)	0.14	(0.15)
LU	Luxembourg	42	(20)	0.12	(0.07)
GR	Greece	28	(24)	0.08	(0.08)
CZ	Czech Republic	27	(31)	0.08	(0.11)
UA	Ukraine	27	(6)	0.08	(0.02)
PL	Poland	23	(17)	0.07	(0.06)
SI	Slovenia	20	(-)	0.06	(-)
BG	Bulgaria	13	(15)	0.04	(0.05)
PT	Portugal	13	(10)	0.04	(0.03)
RO	Romania	9	(6)	0.03	(0.02)
BY	Belarus	5	(6)	0.01	(0.02)
SK	Slovakia	5	(5)	0.01	(0.02)
LK	Sri Lanka	4	(1)	0.01	(<0.01)
BB	Barbados	3	(1)	0.01	(<0.01)
MC	Monaco	3	(3)	0.01	(0.01)
AM	Armenia	1	(-)	< 0.01	(-)
GE	Georgia	1	(-)	< 0.01	(-)
ΚZ	Kazakhstan	1	(1)	< 0.01	(<0.01)
LT	Lithuania	1	(-)	< 0.01	(-)
TT	Trinidad and Tobago	1	(-)	< 0.01	(-)
OA	OAPI States	0	(2)	0.00	(0.01)
KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0	(1)	0.00	(<0.01)
TOT	AL	34,104	(28,577)	100.00	(100.00)

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).

Of the international applications received, 4,338 (=12.7%) were filed with the European Patent Office (EPO) and 435 (=1.3%) were filed with the International Bureau (see paragraph 14, below) as receiving Offices; those applications are included in the figures concerning the country of origin of the applicant.

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Includes figures for Liechtenstein, since the national Office of Switzerland also acts as receiving Office for nationals and residents of Liechtenstein.

- 13. In 1994, the average number of designations made per international application was 19.5 (1993: 13.7). These designations had, on average, per international application, the effect of national or regional applications in 38.7 (1993: 31.5) Contracting States. The difference between the numbers of designations and their effect as national or regional applications is due to the fact that each designation for a regional (European, ARIPO or OAPI) patent covers several States. In 1994, a European patent was sought in 32,823 international applications, which represents 96.2% (1993: 28,155 = 98.5%) of the total. The percentage of applications containing more than ten designations was 41.4% (1993: 34.5%), which shows that many PCT applicants take advantage of the possibility of designating any number of additional States free of charge provided that ten designation fees have been paid.
- 14. As from January 1, 1994, it became possible for any resident or national of a PCT Contracting State to file an international application under the PCT direct with the International Bureau of WIPO in its new function as a receiving Office. In 1994, 447 such applications<sup>5</sup> from 33 countries were filed, including 107 which benefitted from a new procedure for the transmittal by "non-competent" receiving Offices to the International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office, retaining the date of receipt by the non-competent receiving Office as the international filing date.
- 15. In 1994, the International Bureau informed applicants in respect of all international applications concerned about the possibility of requesting the extension of the effects of those applications to one or more successor States of the former Soviet Union that had made a declaration of continuation relating to the PCT (a total of 116,719 notifications were sent). The countries concerned and the number of requests for extension received in 1993 and 1994 are indicated below:

Successor State			requests for on filed
		1994	(1993)
BY	Belarus	788	(73)
GE	Georgia	33	(-)
ΚZ	Kazakhstan	5	(684)
UA	Ukraine	1	(1,841)
UZ	Uzbekistan	523	(-)
TOT	AL	1,350	(2,598)

Of these 447 applications, copies of 435 were transmitted under PCT Article 12 (see paragraph 12, above, and footnotes 1 and 2).

16. 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 may choose that which he prefers. The number of international applications sent to each International Searching Authority in 1994 is indicated below:

International Searching Authority <sup>6</sup>		Number of applications		Percentage	
		1994	(1993)	1994	(1993)
EP	European Patent Office	18,718	(15,409)	54.9	(53.9)
US	United States of America	8,976	(7,848)	26.3	(27.5)
SE	Sweden	2,578	(2,236)	7.6	(7.8)
JP	Japan	2,156	(1,811)	6.3	(6.3)
ΑU	Australia	939	(777)	2.7	(2.7)
RU	Russian Federation	373	(286)	1.1	(1.0)
AT	Austria	266	(210)	0.8	(0.7)
CN	China <sup>7</sup>	98	(-)	0.3	(-)
TOT	AL	34,104	(28,577)	100.0	(100.0)

17. The international applications which were received by the International Bureau<sup>8</sup> in 1994 were filed in the following languages:

Language of filing	Number of applications		Number of applications Percent		rcentage	
	1994	(1993)	1994	(1993)		
English	23,340	(19,562)	68.4	(68.5)		
German	4,848	(4,012)	14.2	(14.0)		
Japanese	2,160	(1,813)	6.3	(6.3)		
French	1,768	(1,602)	5.2	(5.6)		
Swedish	620	(569)	1.8	(2.0)		
Russian	366	(283)	1.1	(1.0)		
Finnish	319	(228)	1.0	(0.8)		
Danish	174	(183)	0.5	(0.6)		
Dutch	170	(123)	0.5	(0.5)		
Spanish	135	(104)	0.4	(0.4)		
Norwegian	110	(98)	0.3	(0.3)		
Chinese	94	(-)	0.3	(-)		
TOTAL	34,104	(28,577)	100.0	(100.0)		

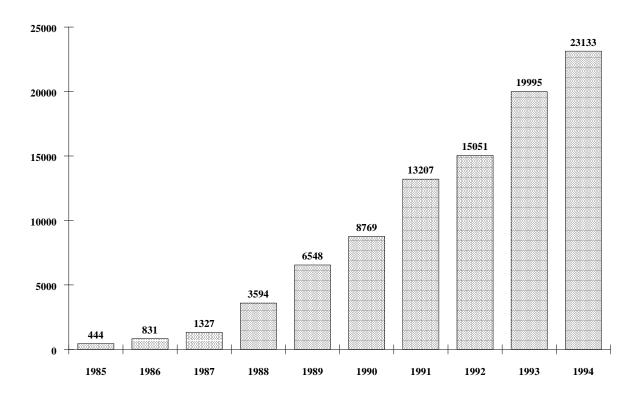
18. The number of demands for international preliminary examination in 1994 amounted to 23,133, which represents an increase over 1993 of 15.7%. The numbers of demands in each calendar year since 1985 are as follows:

# Number of demands filed worldwide

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

The Chinese Patent Office started acting as International Searching Authority, and Chinese became a language of filing, when China became bound by the PCT on January 1, 1994.

Figures based on the number of copies of international applications sent to the International Bureau by PCT receiving Offices.



19. These 23,133 demands were received by the International Bureau from the Offices indicated below in their capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authorities:

International Preliminary Number Examining Authority		Number	of demands	Percentage	
		1994	(1993)	1994	(1993)
EP	European Patent Office	12,261	(8,644)	53.0	(43.2)
US	United States of America	7,578	(7,065)	32.8	(35.3)
SE	Sweden	1,575	(1,363)	6.8	(6.8)
$\mathbf{AU}$	Australia	732	(612)	3.2	(3.1)
JP	Japan	730	(484)	3.1	(2.4)
ΑT	Austria	116	(92)	0.5	(0.5)
RU	Russian Federation	109	(63)	0.5	(0.3)
CN	China <sup>9</sup>	30	(-)	0.1	(-)
GB	United Kingdom <sup>10</sup>	2	(1,672)	< 0.1	(8.4)
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TOT	AL	23,133	(19,995)	100.0	(100.0)

20. The demands for international preliminary examination received in 1994 relate mainly to international applications filed in 1993. Applicants are increasingly (between 70 and 80% of all applicants) taking advantage of the benefits of the procedure under Chapter II of the PCT.

The Chinese Patent Office started acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority on January 1, 1994.

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.

- 21. **Publications under the PCT**. The fortnightly<sup>11</sup> publication of the PCT Gazette, in separate English and French editions, continued in 1994. 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 30,003 (1993: 26,090) international applications which were published in 1994 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.
- 22. Since June 1994, the *PCT Gazette* has been published with the aid of the new PCT Document Imaging and Computer-Assisted Publishing System (DICAPS), an automated system for processing, storing and publishing PCT applications.
- 23. The numbers of international applications published in 1994 as pamphlets in each of the above-mentioned languages are as follows:

Language of publication	Number of applications		Percentage	
	1994	(1993)	1994	(1993)
English	21,959	(19,056)	73.2	(73.0)
German	4,281	(3,588)	14.3	(13.7)
Japanese	1,884	(1,712)	6.3	(6.6)
French	1,520	(1,414)	5.0	(5.4)
Russian	240	(223)	0.8	(0.9)
Spanish	91	(97)	0.3	(0.4)
Chinese	28	(-)	0.1	(-)
TOTAL	30,003	(26,090)	100.0	(100.0)

- 24. In 1994, 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. 01/1994 and No. 16/1994).
- 25. In March 1994, the first issue of the *PCT Newsletter* was published. 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 the general part 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, until the next update, of certain important changes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.
- 26. In 1994, 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 1986 are available in CD-ROM format (a total of 366 CD-ROMs). The international applications published before 1986 will become available in CD-ROM format before the end of 1995.
- 27. *Meetings*. The Meeting of International Authorities (PCT/MIA) held its fourth session from June 27 to July 1, 1994, in Geneva and agreed on a number of proposed changes to the PCT Administrative Instructions, the PCT Preliminary Examination Guidelines and certain Forms for use by the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities.

As from January 5, 1995, the *PCT Gazette* became a weekly publication.

- 28. During its fifth session, held in Geneva from November 28 to December 1, 1994, the Meeting discussed proposals concerning the establishment of a uniform format for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings, and agreed that a P CT standard for sequence listings in international applications should be prepared. The Meeting further agreed upon a number of principles which should apply so as to reduce the amount of "free text" in sequence listings complying with the proposed PCT standard and to facilitate compliance by applicants with the language and translation requirements of different Offices. The Meeting also discussed a number of matters relating to the availability of and access to sequence listings, including their inclusion in on-line data banks, and requested the International Bureau to prepare proposals for amendment of the PCT Regulations, Administrative Instructions and Forms to implement its conclusions in relation to sequence listings and the proposed PCT standard.
- 29. The Assembly of the PCT Union held its twenty-second (thirteenth extraordinary) session from September 26 to October 4, 1994. It decided on the discontinuation of the publication, in the *PCT Gazette*, of the index of international publication numbers according to designated States. Such an index is no longer necessary since the PCT computer system now generates, for each designated Office, listings containing the required information.
- 30. In 1994, officials of the International Bureau participated in numerous meetings and seminars devoted to the use and advantages of the PCT. Those meetings and seminars, which were held in Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Botswana, Bulgaria, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe, included 52 seminars given to over 2,100 users of the PCT system.
- 31. *Ordering of PCT Publications*. PCT publications may be purchased from WIPO, Publications Sales and Distribution Service, Post Office Box 18, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Facsimile No. (41 22) 733 54 28. Publications of particular interest include:
  - the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a lo ose-leaf publication of more than 800 pages (available in English and French);
  - PCT pamphlets containing the published international applications (in various languages, but 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 24, 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, Japanese, 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 1986 and 1989 can be obtained only from WIPO, at the address indicated in paragraph 31, above.

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### **Czech Republic**

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified changes in its address and telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Antonína Čermáka 2a, 160 68 Praha 6 – Bubeneč, Czech

Republic

Telephone: (42-2) 24 31 15 55 (operator service)

Facsimile machine: (42-2) 32 00 13

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(CZ), page 34]

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new 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 April 23, 1995.

Search fee (international search

by the European Patent Office): CAD 2,235

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(EP), page 205]

### **Singapore**

Amounts in **Singapore Dollars (SGD)**, as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the Australian Patent Office and by the European Patent Office.

Search fee (international search

by the Australian Patent Office): SGD 882

Search fee (international search

by the European Patent Office): SGD 2,308

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(AU), page 203 and Annex D(EP), page 205]

# INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES RECEIVING OFFICES

# Singapore

General information on **Singapore** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Registry of Patents of Singapore** as receiving Office is given in "Annex B1(SG)" and "Annex C(SG)" which are published on the following pages. Information on the requirements of the Registry of Patents of Singapore as designated (or elected) Office will be published at a later date in "Summary (SG)".

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# **Information on Contracting States**

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# **SINGAPORE**

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# **General information**

Name of Office:	Registry of Patents
Location and mailing address:	51 Bras Basah Road #04-01, Plaza By The Park, Singapore 0718
Telephone:	(65) 33 02 700
Facsimile machine:	(65) 33 90 252
Teleprinter:	_
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	Only documents not accompanied by fees
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
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
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Singapore:	Registry of Patents or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant <sup>1</sup> (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Singapore is designated (or elected):	Registry of Patents
May Singapore be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Singapore concerning international-type search:	None

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A resident of Singapore, under Section 34 of the Patents Act 1994, may only file direct at the International Bureau of WIPO: (i) after having obtained written authorization from the Registrar; or (ii) after an application for the same invention has been filed in the Registry and not less than two months have elapsed without the Registrar of Patents giving a direction prohibiting publication or communication of the invention. These restrictions do not apply to an application for a patent for an invention for which an application for a patent has first been filed in a country outside Singapore by a person resident outside Singapore.

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# **Information on Contracting States**

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# **SINGAPORE**

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Provisional protection after international publication:

The publication of the international application in English by the International Bureau of WIPO, gives the applicant generally the same right as he would have had, if the patent had been granted on the date of publication of the application or translation, to bring proceedings in the court or before the Registrar for damages in respect of any act which would have infringed a patent. However such proceedings may only be brought after grant of a patent. See Part XVI of the Patents Act 1994.

# Information of interest if Singapore is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Singapore is designated: May be in the request or must be furnished within two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a)

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

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms?

Yes (see Annex L)

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# **Receiving Offices**

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# REGISTRY OF PATENTS (SINGAPORE)

SG

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Singapore							
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English							
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3							
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office or European Patent Office							
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office or European Patent Office for international applications for which the European Patent Office has established the international search report							
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Singapore Dollar (SGD)							
Transmittal fee:	SGD 120							
Basic fee:	SGD 880							
Supplement per sheet over 30:	SGD 17							
Designation fee:	SGD 214							
Search fee:	See Annex D (Australian Patent Office or European Patent Office)							
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	SGD 50							
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No							
Who can act as agent?	Any person appointed by the applicant							

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

### STATISTICS RELATING TO RECORD COPIES RECEIVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU IN 1994

#### 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 3720 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 European Patent Office which acts (as well as the respective national industrial property offices) as receiving Office for the Contracting States of the PCT which are also party to the European Patent Convention, and except in the case 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 of WIPO and notified by it to the designated Offices. Against the code of each designated State, the abbreviations "NAT", "AP" and/or "EPO" 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 ("EPO"). The code "OA" relates to all designations of the States member of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI).

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<sup>\*</sup> Published on pages 8371 to 8379 of PCT Gazette No. 20/1992.

# DESIGNATIONS OF STATES BROKEN DOWN ACCORDING TO RECEIVING OFFICES (From 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1994)

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BE EP BG NA BR NA BY NA CA NA CH EP CH NA	AT		59	628	1	56	0	12	0	498	98 45	82 74	18	386 197	430 358	83 50
BG NA BR NA BY NA CA NA CH EP	AT	1	198	770	1	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1502	495	129
BR NA BY NA CA NA CH EP CH NA		<u> </u>	71	628	1	60	0	6	0	510	57	76	15	236	403	57
CA NA CH EP CH NA			94	657	- 1	66	5	4	0	547	78	79	16	344	410	74
CH EP	AT		75	626	1	54	2	6	1	500	42	76	14	211	394	47
CH NA	AT		140	743	0	83	6	25	0	564	130	83	22	578	438	99
	Р	1	198	770	1	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1503	495	129
CN NA	AT		56	624	1	44	1	4	0	442	42	73	9	135	310	44
	AT		99	638	0	66	4	13	1	509	101	50	16	413	385	63
CZ NA	AT		119	631	- 1	62	5	5	0	519	80	76	7	426	414	57
DE EP		1	198	770	1	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1501	495	130
DE NA			75	636	1	44	4	5	0	456	48	78	. 10	156	314	49
DK EP		1	198	770	1	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1502	495	129
DK NA			55	624	1	43	2	4	0	441	39	73	8	135	324	47
ES EP		1	198	770	1	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1502	495	128
ES NA			56	626	1	43	3	4	0	442	39	73	10	133	316	30
EE NA	_		7	190	0	12	0	0	0	75	7	4	0	23	68	4
FINAT			101	640	1	64	2	4	0	539	77	78	19	367	426	67
FR EP		1	198	770	1	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1503	495	130
GB EP	_	1	198	770	1	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1502	495	130
GB NA	_		62	648	1	43	2	4	0	458	44	81	9	148	311	45
GE NA			42	536	0	33	0	2	0	303	21	48	2	109	237	21
HU NA		1	198	770	1	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1502	495	129
IE EP	_	1	112 198	636 770	1	62 92	12	7 45	0	519 717	79 233	76 87	20 26	401 1501	412 495	63 129
IT EP	-	1	198	770	1	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1501	495	130
JP NA	T		147	749	1	85	8	36	. 1	691	195	94	24	1201	495	114
KE AP	_		31	292	0	22	0	2	0	193	11	34	0	59	131	17
KENA	_		32	339	0	21	0	2	0	220	10	33	0	62	169	15
KG NA			45	527	0	29	0	2	0	296	18	39	3	93	235	. 21
KP NA	_		66	633	1	57	1	6	0	495	55	76	14	233	375	57
KR NA			100	673	1	64	6	13	0	567	98	83	20	551	430	65
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	T		39	289	0	27	0	2	0	210	15	35	3	70	152	19
LU EP	>	1	198	770	1	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1502	495	128
LU NA	AT		55	621	1	43	0	4	0	437	38	73	9	126	306	45
LV NA			71	625	1	52	0	4	0	451	39	73	15	173	386	46
MC EF		1	198	770	1	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1502	495	128
MD NA	_		45	528	0	26	0	2	0	298	20	38	3	93	237	19
MG NA	-		61	628	1	57	1	5	0	492	47	73	14	197	358	51
MN NA			61	629	1	57	0	4	0	496	46	76	14	197	359	51
MW AF	_		31	292	0	22	0	2	0	193	11	34	0	59	131	17
MW N	_		59	628	1	52	0	4	0	476	43	72	12	189	351	48
NL EP		1	198	770	1	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1503	495	129
NL NA			54	627	1	43	2	4	0	441	39	74	8	134	308	45
NZ NA			100	645 705	1	63	1	6	0	542	82	75	19	361	429	67
PL NA			72 98	636	1	64 65	5	7	0	542 526	63 77	77 78	16 21	251 385	410 424	65 59
PT EP		1	198	770	1	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1501	424	130
PT NA		<u> </u>	55	625	1	43	1	45	0	451	36	74	9	131	308	45
RO NA			74	631	1	62	4	5	0	513	59	76	15	239	402	59
RU NA	_		97	644	1	64	9	8	1	545	81	83	21	437	418	71
SD AP			31	292	0	22	0	2	0	193	11	34	0	59	131	17
SD NA			61	628	1	52	0	5	0	479	46	72	13	189	353	49
SE EP	_	1	197	770	1 .	92	12	45	2	717	233	87	26	1502	495	129
SE NA	-		54	625	1	43	2	4	0	445	40	76	8	142	310	46
SINAT			73	518	0	36	0	2	0	317	28	47	5	138	233	23
SK NA	_		102	630	1	61	4	4	0	512	62	75	18	316	403	56
SZ AP			22	153	0	15	0	2	0	119	5	19	0	37	76	14
TJ NA	_		45	519	0	27	0	2	0	297	18	39	2	94	235	21
TT NA	AT		39	497	0	27	0	2	0	309	16	38	0	91	214	21
UA NA	AT		77	629	1	60	6	4	1	520	58	76	21	314	400	58
US NA	AT		176	767	0	90	9	44	2	320	224	90	26	1413	466	126
UZ NA	AT		67	625	0	52	0	4	0	447	39	75	13	159	382	47
VN NA	AT		65	641	1	56	0	6	0	483	49	78	15	192	388	50
OA*		0	868	8708	14	770	14	70	0	6734	686	1036	182	2814	4844	756
TOT N	TAV	0	3661	30345	36	2574	107	327	9	22458	2814	3412	608	13192	17167	2524
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# RECORD COPIES RECEIVED BROKEN DOWN ACCORDING TO RECEIVING OFFICES AND LANGUAGES OF FILING (From 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1994)

Receiving		Total Number of Record Copies							
Offices	Chinese	English	French	German	Japanese	Russian	Spanish	Other	Received
AM						1			1
AT				201					201
AU		800							800
BE		27	50					19 (Dutch)	96
BG		11				2			13
BR		46							46
BY						2			2
CA		712	13						725
CH			43	204					247
CN	94	4							98
CZ		22		5					27
DE				1543					1543
DK		324		2				174 (Danish)	500
ES							135		135
FI		264						319 (Finnish) 8 (Swedish)	591
FR			1529						1529
GB		2857							2857
GE		1							1
GR		23	2						25
HU		65		9					74
IE		60							60
IT		220	5						225
JP		135			2144				2279
KR		173			14				187
KZ						1			]
LU			2						
MC			1						
NL		209		3				151 (Dutch)	363
NO		102						110 (Norwegian)	215
NZ		146							146
PL		17		6					23
PT		8	4						15
RO		6	2	1					9
RU		4				335			339
SE		609						612 (Swedish)	122
SI		20							20
SK		3		2					
UA		2				24			20
US		14689							14689
EP1	<b>†</b>	1435	73	2830					4338
IB <sup>2</sup>		346	44		2	1			438
Total Number of Record Copies Received	94	23340	1768			366	135	1393	34104

<sup>1</sup> The record copies received from the European Patent Office related to international applications filed by applicants from States party to the European Patent Convention.

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, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and United States of America.

# FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Corrigendum)

### Liberia

In **Annex C(LR)** (English version only) published at page 177 of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995 there is an error in the amount of the supplement per sheet over 30. The corrected amount should read:

Supplement per sheet over 30:

USD 12

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(LR), page 177]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

Agreement between the Royal Patent and Registration Office of Sweden and the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup>

### Amendment to Annex C

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the Agreement, of amendments to Annex C of the Agreement. The amended Annex 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 first office action has been isued by the Authority	2,600
(ii) if on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or	2 600
the Norwegian Patent Office	3,600
(iii) in all other cases	4,200
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	4,200
Translation of international application (Rule 48.3)	2.70 per word
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	3,200
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	3,200

<sup>1</sup> Published in PCT Gazette No. 26/1987, pages 4576 to 4582, No. 22/1988, page 4949 and 4950, No. 28/1988, pages 6559 and 6560, No. 14/1989, pages 3759 and 3760, No. 18/1991, pages 7629 and 7630, and No. 12/1994, pages 7912 and 7913.

#### 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

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

Preparing and mailing copies of documents contained

Part II: [No change]"

# **RECEIVING OFFICES**

# African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **Office of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of modifications in its requirements as to the competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Contracting States of the Harare Protocol with the ARIPO Office or the International Bureau, as receiving Offices, as follows:

Competent International Austrian Patent Office, Swedish Patent Office or European

Searching Authority: Patent Office

Competent International Preliminary Austrian Patent Office, Swedish Patent Office or European

Examining Authority: Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(AP), page 145]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

**States party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)** 

#### Turkmenistan

On March 1, 1995, **Turkmenistan** deposited a declaration the effect of which is that the PCT, including Chapter II, is applied by Turkmenistan.

Consequently, as from March 1, 1995, nationals and residents of Turkmenistan are entitled to file international applications under the PCT. Furthermore, in any international application filed on or after March 1, 1995, Turkmenistan (country code: TM) may be designated and elected.

Applicants are, under the PCT Regulations, afforded the possibility of requesting the extension of the effects of international applications filed on or after December 25, 1991, (the date on which the Soviet Union ceased to exist) to States which have made a declaration of continuation. PCT Rule 32 allows the extension to Turkmenistan of international applications filed after December 24, 1991, and before May 2, 1995.

The applicant in respect of each international application concerned, or his agent, will receive a notification from the International Bureau of WIPO, informing him about the possibility and the applicable conditions for extending the effects of his international application to Turkmenistan.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex A, page 5]

# FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### **Iceland**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(b), amounts of fees in **Icelandic Kronur (ISK)**, as specified below, have been established. The amounts are applicable as from March 23, 1995.

Basic fee: ISK 40,000
Fee per sheet over 30: ISK 800
Designation fee: ISK 9,700

#### RECEIVING OFFICES

# **International Bureau**

The **International Bureau** acting as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(b) for Madagascar has specified the Swedish Patent Office as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Madagascar.

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### Australia

The Australian Patent Office has informed the International Bureau of errors in the amounts of the fee for priority document notified earlier and published in Annex C(AU) on page 147 of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995. The correct amounts are as follows:

Fee for priority document

In the case of the first priority document supplied:

AUD 95

(PCT Rule 17.1(b)):

In the case of each additional priority document that is the same and supplied at the same time

as the first priority document:

AUD 80

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(AU), page 147]

#### China

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 Chinese Patent Office. The new amounts are applicable as from May 23, 1995.

Search fee (international search by the Chinese Patent Office):

CHF 120

**USD 100** 

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(CN), page 204]

# **Russian Federation**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new 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 May 23, 1995.

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

CHF 245

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(RU), page 209]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

#### **MODIFICATION**

The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization has modified the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, after consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to Rule 89.2(b) of the PCT Regulations, as set out below. The modifications resulted mainly from consultations with the International Authorities under the PCT. The modifications are identified by underlining (of new text) or by footnotes.

The modified Sections will come into force on April 1, 1995. The present text of the Administrative Instructions is as set out in a Special Issue of the PCT Gazette, No. 15/1992, Section IV, pages 7016 to 7083, subject to modifications published in the PCT Gazette, No. 28/1993, pages 15639 to 15644 and No. 02/1994, pages 857 to 858. A consolidated text incorporating all modifications is under preparation and will be published in a Special Issue of the PCT Gazette.

# TEXT OF THE MODIFIED SECTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

#### **Section 110**

#### **Dates**

Any date in the international application, or used in any correspondence emanating from International Authorities relating to the international application, shall be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, by the name of the month, and by the Arabic number of the year. The receiving Office, where the applicant has not done so, or the International Bureau, where the applicant has not done so and the receiving Office fails to do so, shall, after, above, or below any date indicated by the applicant in the request, repeat the date, in parentheses, by indicating it by two-digit Arabic numerals each for the number of the day, for the number of the month and for the last two numbers of the year, in that order and with a period, slant or hyphen after the digit pairs of the day and of the month (for example, "05 March 1992 (05.03.92)," "05 March 1992 (05/03/92)," or "05 March 1992 (05-03-92)").

#### Section 208

#### **Sequence Listings\***

- (a) Any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence <u>listing</u> ("sequence <u>listing</u>") shall be presented in a format complying with WIPO Standard ST.23 (Recommendation for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings in Patent Applications and in Published Patent Documents).\*\*
- (b) Any machine readable form of <u>a sequence listing</u> shall comply with the required format in accordance with Annex C.
- (c) Any sequence listing not forming part of the international application shall, when furnished, be accompanied by a statement to the effect that the listing does not include matter which goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.
- (d) Sheets of a sequence listing in printed form not forming part of the international application shall be sequentially numbered in a series separate from that used in numbering the sheets of the international application; the number of each sheet shall preferably consist of two Arabic numerals separated by a slant, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of such sheets (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3).

#### **Section 313**

# Documents Filed with the International Application; Manner of Marking the Necessary Annotations in the Check List

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Where a\*\*\* sequence listing <u>in machine readable form</u>, or a sequence listing in printed form not forming part of the international application, is furnished to the receiving Office, it shall be transmitted to the International Searching Authority together with the search copy. Where such a sequence listing is received by the receiving Office after the transmittal of the search copy, that sequence listing shall be promptly transmitted to the International Searching Authority.

# Section 503

# Method of Identifying Documents Cited in the International Search Report

Identification of any document cited in the international search report shall be as provided in WIPO Standard ST.14 (Recommendation for the Inclusion of References Cited in Patent Documents).\*\*\*\*

(a) to (d) [Deleted]

<sup>\*</sup> The title has been modified to read as shown instead of "Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Listings."

<sup>\*\*</sup> Published in the WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The words "nucleotide and/or amino acid" have been deleted.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Published in the WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation. Note that the provisions set out in subparagraphs 11(b), (c) and (d) of the former version of Standard ST.14 adopted on 20 May 1994 may, until the end of 1997, continue to be used in parallel with the version adopted on 25 November 1994.

#### Section 513

# **Sequence Listings**

(a) and (b) [No change]

- (c) Where a meaningful international search cannot be carried out because a\* sequence listing is not available to the International Searching Authority in the required form, that Authority shall so state in the international search report.
- (d) The International Searching Authority shall indelibly mark, in the upper right-hand corner of the first sheet, and preferably of all sheets, of any sequence listing in printed form not forming part of the international application, the words "SEPARATELY FURNISHED SEQUENCE LISTING."

#### Section 611

# Method of Identification of Documents in the International Preliminary Examination Report

Any document cited in the international preliminary examination report which was not cited in the international search report shall be cited in the same form as required under Section 503 for international search reports. Any document cited in the international preliminary examination report which was previously cited in the international search report may be cited in a shortened form, provided that the reference to the document is unambiguous.

[End of text of modified Administrative Instructions]

### PCT PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

#### **MODIFICATION**

The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization has modified the PCT Preliminary Examination Guidelines, after consultations with the International Preliminary Examining Authorities, as set out below. The modifications are identified by underlining (of new text), by footnotes or by striking out (of deleted text).

The modifications will come into force on April 1, 1995. The present text of the PCT Preliminary Examination Guidelines is set out in a Special Issue of the PCT Gazette, No. 07/1993, Section IV, pages 3063 to 3141. A consolidated text incorporating the modifications is under preparation and will be published in a Special Issue of the PCT Gazette.

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<sup>\*</sup> The words "nucleotide and/or amino acid" have been deleted.

# TEXT OF THE MODIFIED PARAGRAPHS OF THE PCT PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

[CHAPTER II: CONTENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION (OTHER THAN THE CLAIMS)]

Article 34(2)(b), Rule 5.1(a)(ii) 4.4 **Background art.** The description should also mention any background art of which the applicant is aware, and which can be regarded as useful for understanding the invention and its relationship to the prior art; identification of documents reflecting such art, especially patent specifications, should preferably be included. This applies in particular to the background art corresponding to the first or "prior art" portion of the independent claim or claims (see Chapter III, paragraph 2.2). The insertion into the statement of prior art of references to documents identified subsequently, for example by the search report, may be invited, where necessary, to put the invention into proper perspective. For instance, while the originally filed description of prior art may give the impression that the inventor has developed the invention from a certain point, the cited documents may show that certain stages in, or aspects of, these\* alleged developments were already known. Where such an invitation is issued, the examiner should invite the inclusion of a reference to these documents and a brief summary of the relevant contents. — A new statement of advantage may also be appropriate. Care should be taken that any such inclusion does not contravene Article 34(2)(b) (see Chapter VI, paragraphs 7.8 to 7.13).

# [CHAPTER III: CLAIMS]

3.7a A claim may also contain a reference to another claim even if it is not a dependent claim as defined in Rule 6.4. One example of this is a claim referring to a claim of a different category (e.g., "Apparatus for carrying out the process of Claim 1 ...", or "Process for the manufacture of the product of Claim 1 ..."). Similarly, in a situation like the plug and socket example in paragraph 3.3 of this Chapter, a claim to the one part referring to the other cooperating part (e.g., "plug for cooperation with the socket of Claim 1 ...") is not a dependent claim. "The examiner should carefully consider the extent to which the claim containing the reference necessarily involves the features of the claim referred to and the extent to which it does not. In the case of a claim for a process which results in the product, of a product claim, or a claim for the use of that product, if the product claim does not give rise to objections on novelty or inventive step grounds, then no separate examination for the obviousness of the process or use claim is necessary (see Chapter IV, paragraph 8.5). In all other instances, the fact that the claim referred to contains novel and inventive matter does not necessarily imply that the same is also true of the independent claim containing the reference.

Modification of the English text only.

4.8 If a claim commences with such words as "Apparatus for carrying out the process, etc., ..." this must be construed as meaning merely apparatus suitable for carrying out the process. Apparatus which otherwise possesses all of the features specified in the claim, but which would be unsuitable for the stated purpose or which would require modification to enable it to be so used, should not normally be considered as coming within the scope of the claim. Similar considerations apply to a claim for a product for a particular use. "For example, if a claim refers to a "mold for molten steel," this implies certain limitations for the mold. Therefore, a plastic ice cube tray with a melting point much lower than that of steel would not come within the claim. Similarly, a claim to a substance or composition for a particular use should be construed as meaning a substance or composition which is in fact suitable for the stated use; a k nown product which is per se the same as the substance or composition defined in the claim, but which is in a form which would render it unsuitable for the stated use, would not deprive the claim of novelty.

# [CHAPTER IV: REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION]

Rule 33.1(c), 64.3, 70.10

A written disclosure, i.e., a document, should be regarded as made available to the public if, at the relevant date (as to "relevant date," see paragraph 5.4 of this Chapter), it was possible for members of the public to have access to the content of the document and there was no bar of confidentiality restricting the use or dissemination of \* knowledge gained thereby.\* As a general rule, no non-patent document will be cited in the international search report if the date of publication or public availability of the document concerned is clearly the same as, or later than, the filing date of the international application. However, patent documents published on or after the filing date of the searched application will be cited in the search report if the filing or priority date of such published application is earlier than the filing date of the searched application. Such published patent documents, although cited in the search report, are not considered as prior art for the purposes of Article 33(2) and (3), but are mentioned in the preliminary examination report. The international search report may have cited a document where there is difficulty in establishing whether the date of publication or public availability of the document is or is not the same as, or later than, the filing date of the international application. The International Searching Authority will have tried to remove any doubt that may exist. Additional documents providing evidence in the case of doubt may have been cited. Any indication in a document of the date of its publication should be accepted as correct by the examiner unless proof to the contrary has been offered, e.g., by the International Searching Authority, showing earlier publication, or by the applicant, showing later publication. Also, if there is any ambiguity as to the precise date of publication of a document, the International Searching Authority may have established a publication date, e.g., the date of receipt in a library to which the public has access. If the applicant presents sound reasons for doubting that the document forms part of the prior art in relation to his international application and any further investigation does not produce evidence sufficient to remove that doubt, the examiner should not pursue the matter further.

Rule 64.2

5.3 The only other question which the examiner is required to consider is where a document reproduces an oral description (e.g., a public lecture) or gives an account of a prior use (e.g., display at a public exhibition) and only the oral description or lecture was publicly available before the relevant date of the international application, the document itself being published on or after this date. In such cases, the examiner will not consider the earlier lecture, display or other event as part of the prior art for purposes of Article 33(2) and (3), but will call attention to such non-written disclosure in the manner provided for in Rule 70.9 (see also Chapter VI, paragraph 8.12).

<sup>\*</sup> Modification of the English text only.

#### Rule 64.1(b)

- 5.4 It should be noted that the "relevant date," for the purpose of considering prior art, is defined in Rule 64.1(b) as meaning the international filing date or, where the international application contains a v alid claim to priority, that date of priority (see also Chapter V, paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4). It should be remembered also that different claims, or different alternatives claimed in one claim, may have different relevant dates. The question of novelty must be considered against each claim (or part of a claim where a claim specifies a number of alternatives) and the prior art in relation to one claim, or to one part of a claim, may include matter which cannot be cited against another claim, or part of a claim, because the latter has an earlier relevant date. Of course, if all the matter in the prior art was made available to the public before the date of the earliest priority document, the examiner need not (and should not) concern himself with the allocation of priority dates.
- 8.7 In considering whether there is inventive step as distinct from novelty (see section 7 of this Chapter), it is permissible to combine the disclosures of two or more documents or parts of documents, different parts of the same document or other pieces of prior art, but only where such combination would be obvious to the person skilled in the art. In determining whether it would be obvious to combine two or more distinct documents, the examiner should have regard to the following:
- (i) whether the nature and content of the documents are such as to make it likely or unlikely that the person skilled in the art, when concerned with the problem solved by the claimed invention, would combine them;
- (ii) whether the documents come from similar, neighboring or remote technical fields;
  - (iii) the number of documents which need to be combined.

The combining of two or more parts of the same document would be obvious if there is reasonable basis for the person skilled in the art to associate these parts with one another. It would normally be obvious to combine with other prior art documents a well-known text book or standard dictionary; this is only a special case of the general proposition that it is obvious to combine the teaching of one or more documents with the common general knowledge in the art. It would, generally speaking, also be obvious to combine two documents, one of which contains a clear and unmistakable reference to the other.

# [CHAPTER V: PRIORITY]

# Article 8(1)

An international application may claim rights of priority based on more than one earlier application ("multiple priorities"), even if they originate in different countries. The earliest application must have been filed not more than 12 months before the date of filing of the international application. An element of an international application will be accorded the priority date of the earliest priority application which discloses it. If, for instance, the international application describes and claims two embodiments (A and B) of an invention, A being disclosed in a French application and B in a German application, both filed within the preceding 12 months, the priority dates of both the French and German applications may be claimed for the appropriate parts of the international application; embodiment A will have the French priority date and embodiment B the German priority date. If an international application is based on one earlier application disclosing a feature C and a second earlier application disclosing a feature D, neither disclosing the combination of C and D, a claim to that combination will be entitled only to the date of filing of the international application itself. In other words, it is not permitted to make a mosaic of the priority documents. An exception might arise where one priority document contains a reference to the other and explicitly states that features from the two documents can be combined in a particular manner.

Rule 66.1

4.12 When amendments to the description, claims or drawings are made under Rule 66.8, they must be accompanied by a letter which draws attention to the differences between the replaced sheets and the replacement sheets and may explain the reasons for the amendments. These amendments may have been submitted to avoid possible objections of lack of novelty or lack of inventive step in view of the citations listed in the international search report: to meet any objections noted by the International Searching Authority under Article 17(2)(a)(ii) (i.e., that all or at least some claims do not permit a meaningful search) or under Rule 13 (i.e., that there is a lack of unity of invention); or to meet objections that may be raised for some other reason, e.g., to remedy some obscurity which the applicant himself has noted in the original documents.

Rule 70.3, 70.4, 70.14, Section 612 8.16 When completing the certification of the report, the examiner must indicate the date on which the demand for international preliminary examination was submitted and the date on which the report was completed and the name and address of the International Preliminary Examining Authority. These last-mentioned items may either be completed when including the other data or when completing the certification. Every international preliminary examination report must indicate the name of an authorized officer of the International Preliminary Examining Authority responsible for that report.

# [CHAPTER VII: DESCRIPTION OF THE TASKS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY IN RELATION TO FORMAL REQUIREMENTS]

Rule 53, 55, 60.1(a)

and (b)

15.1 If the International Preliminary Examining Authority finds one or more defects referred to in Rule 60.1(a) and (b), it invites the applicant to correct the defects within one month from the date of the invitation (Form PCT/IPEA/404). The International Preliminary Examining Authority notifies the International Bureau by sending it a copy of the invitation. Where the defect consists of the lack of the signature and Rule 53.8(b) does not apply (see paragraph 11 of this Chapter), the International Preliminary Examining Authority may include, with the invitation to correct, a copy of the last sheet of the demand which the applicant returns after affixing thereto the prescribed signature.

Article 19, Rule 46.1, 53.9(b), 69.1(d) 21.5 If the demand includes a statement that the start of the international preliminary examination is to be postponed under Rule 53.9(b) because the time limit for filing amendments under Article 19, as provided in Rule 46.1, has not expired, the International Preliminary Examining Authority waits until it receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make amendments under Article 19. Where neither a copy of the amendments nor a notice <u>has</u> reached the International Preliminary Examining Authority by the expiration of 20 months from the priority date, examination shall start on the basis of the documents in the file.

[End of text of modified PCT Preliminary Examination Guidelines]

# FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

# **Spain**

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

Fee for priority document

(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): ESP 3,390

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee: ESP 8,475

For utility model:

Filing fee: ESP 8,475

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(ES), page 160, and Summary (ES), page 253]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### **Iceland**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), amounts in **Icelandic Kronur (ISK)**, as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office and by the Swedish Patent Office.

Search fee (international search

by the European Patent Office): ISK 105,000

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):

(i) if on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Swedish Patent Office:

ISK 22,000

(ii) if on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Norwegian patent Office:

ISK 30,000

(iii) in all other cases:

ISK 35,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D (EP), page 205, and Annex D(SE), page 210]

# Announcement on the Protection of Industrial Property in Turkmenistan

The present situation of industrial property protection in Turkmenistan is summarized below.

# I. Legislation

- (1) The Law on Patents (covering inventions, industrial designs and trademarks) was adopted on October 1, 1993.
- (2) It has been possible, since October 1, 1993, to file applications for the grant of patents for inventions and for the registration of industrial designs and of trademarks with the Patent Office of Turkmenistan.

# **II.** Application of International Treaties

(3) On March 1, 1995, Turkmenistan deposited a declaration of continued application of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

# III. Re-registration of Industrial Property Titles Granted by the Patent Office of the Soviet Union and Further Processing of Pending Applications

- (4) The owner of a patent for invention, an industrial design patent or a trademark certificate granted by the Patent Office of the Soviet Union and still in force may file with the Patent Office of Turkmenistan, at any time during the validity, a request for the grant of a Turkmen patent or for the registration of the industrial design or the trademark.
- (5) An applicant having filed with the Patent Office of the Soviet Union or of the Russian Federation an application for a patent for invention or an application for an industrial design patent or an application for a trademark certificate before October 1, 1993, with the express or implied intention of obtaining protection also in Turkmenistan may, if the application is still pending, file with the Patent Office of Turkmenistan, before January 1, 1996, a request that the application be further processed by it under the legislation of Turkmenistan.

# IV. Effects in Turkmenistan of International Applications Under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

- (6)(a) On March 1, 1995, Turkmenistan deposited a declaration of continuation the effect of which is that the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) is applied by Turkmenistan. Nationals and residents of Turkmenistan can therefore file international applications, and Turkmenistan can be designated and elected in international applications filed from that date.
- (b) On September 29, 1992, the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, with effect on October 1, 1992, new Rules 32.1 and 32.2 of the Regulations under the PCT, concerning the extension of international applications to certain successor States.
- (c) For the purposes of determining the status of international applications with respect to Turkmenistan, one has to distinguish between
- (i) international applications designating the Soviet Union which were filed before December 25, 1991 (see (d), below);
- (ii) international applications--irrespective of the designations they contain--which were filed after December 24, 1991, and before May 2, 1995 (see (e) to (g), below);
- (iii) international applications specifically designating Turkmenistan filed on or after March 1, 1995 (see (h), below).
- (d) As regards any international application whose international filing date is before December 25, 1991, and in which the Soviet Union has been designated, the "national filing effect" of any such application under Article 11(4) of the PCT will, pursuant to the deposit by Turkmenistan of its declaration of continuation, be recognized in Turkmenistan. The conditions under which any such international application, or any patent resulting therefrom and granted by the Patent Office of the Soviet Union or by the Patent Office of the Russian Federation, may continue to have effect in Turkmenistan are the following:

In this announcement, an international application is regarded as "specifically" designating Turkmenistan either if Turkmenistan has been designated under Rule 4.9(a) of the Regulations under the PCT or if the designation of Turkmenistan has been confirmed under Rule 4.9(c) of those Regulations.

- (i) if a patent for invention has been granted by the Patent Office of the Soviet Union or by the Patent Office of the Russian Federation on the basis of the international application, the conditions referred to in paragraph (4), above, are applicable;
- (ii) if the applicant has entered the national phase before the Patent Office of the Soviet Union or the Patent Office of the Russian Federation but a patent for invention has not been granted by either of those Offices, the conditions referred to in paragraph (5), above, are applicable, provided that the applicant files, before January 1, 1996, with the Patent Office of Turkmenistan, a request to the effect that the international application be further processed according to the legislation of Turkmenistan; the request must be accompanied by a copy of the Russian translation of the international application submitted to the Patent Office of the Soviet Union or the Patent Office of the Russian Federation as well as a declaration that the application is still pending before the Patent Office of the Russian Federation; however, where a decision to grant a patent has been issued, only the requirements referred to in paragraph (4), above, apply;
- (iii) if the applicant has entered the national phase neither before the Patent Office of the Soviet Union nor before the Patent Office of the Russian Federation and if the time limit for entering the national phase had not expired on December 24, 1991, the applicant must, before January 1, 1996, furnish to the Patent Office of Turkmenistan a translation of the international application into Turkmen and evidence that the prescribed fee (see paragraph (8), below) has been paid to the latter Office.
- (e) As regards any international application whose international filing date is later than December 24, 1991, and earlier than May 2, 1995,<sup>2</sup> its effects may be extended to Turkmenistan (irrespective of the designations it contains) through the performance by the applicant of the following acts:
- (i) filing a request for extension with the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO);
- (ii) paying to the International Bureau of WIPO an extension fee of 185 Swiss francs, payable in Swiss francs.
- (f) The applicant in respect of each and every international application referred to in (e), above, or his agent or common representative if there is one, will receive a written notification from the International Bureau of WIPO drawing his attention to the fact that he can, by filing a written request for extension, extend the effects of the international application to Turkmenistan. The notification will, in particular, specify the modes of payment of the extension fee of 185 Swiss francs. The request for extension must contain the identification of the international application by its international application number. A form which may be used for the purpose of requesting extension to Turkmenistan will be attached to the notification. The request for extension must be in English or French, and may be sent by telefax or telex. The request for extension and the corresponding payment must reach the International Bureau of WIPO before the expiration of three months from the date of the notification sent by the International Bureau of WIPO.
- (g) If the conditions described in (e) and (f), above, are fulfilled, Turkmenistan will be considered as having been designated in the international application on its international filing date. For entering the national phase before the Patent Office of Turkmenistan, the applicant must furnish to that Office, within the following time limit, both a translation of the international application into Turkmen and evidence that the prescribed fee (see paragraph (8), below) has been paid:
- (i) before January 1, 1996, or before the expiration of 21 months from the priority date, or before the expiration of three months from the date of the request for extension, whichever is later, if Turkmenistan is not elected under Chapter II of the PCT before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and if item (iii) does not apply;

With the exception of any such international application whose international filing date is on or after March 1, 1995, and in which Turkmenistan is specifically designated: in such a case, the procedure described in (e) to (g) is not applicable, and the procedure described in (h) applies. It should be noted that Turkmenistan can be specifically designated only in international applications filed on or after March 1, 1995.

- (ii) before January 1, 1996, or before the expiration of 31 months from the priority date, or before the expiration of three months from the date of the request for extension, whichever is later, if Turkmenistan is elected under Chapter II of the PCT before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date;
- (iii) before January 1, 1996, or before the expiration of 31 months from the priority date, or before the expiration of three months from the date of the request for extension, whichever is later, if the request for extension to Turkmenistan is made after, but the demand was made before, the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, and if a later election of Turkmenistan is made together with the request for extension or within three months from the date of request for extension.
- (h) As regards any international application whose international filing date is on or after March 1, 1995, and in which Turkmenistan is specifically designated, the applicant, in order to enter the national phase before the Patent Office of Turkmenistan, must furnish to that Office, within the following time limit, both a translation of the international application into Turkmen and evidence that the prescribed fee (see paragraph (8), below) has been paid to the said Office:
- (i) before the expiration of 21 months from the priority date if Turkmenistan is not elected under Chapter II of the PCT within 19 months from the priority date;
- (ii) before the expiration of 31 months from the priority date if Turkmenistan is elected under Chapter II of the PCT within 19 months from the priority date.

# V. Procedural Provisions

- (7) If an applicant is not a national of Turkmenistan and has no permanent domicile in the territory of Turkmenistan, he must conduct his affairs with the Patent Office of Turkmenistan through the intermediary of a patent attorney registered with the Patent Office of Turkmenistan. The list of persons who can act as representatives is available from the Patent Office of Turkmenistan.
- (8) The procedures referred to in paragraphs (2), (4), (5), and (6) are subject to payment of the prescribed fees.

#### VI. Address of the Patent Office

Patent Office of Turkmenistan P.B. 272 Krugozor Main Post Office 744000 Ashgabat Turkmenistan

Tel: (73632) 29 51 57

29 51 39

Fax: (73632) 25 51 12

#### **RECEIVING OFFICES**

# Kenya

The Kenva Industrial Property Office has notified the International Bureau of modifications in its requirements as to the comptent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with it as receiving Office, as follows:

Competent International Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Chinese Searching Authority: Patent Office, Swedish Patent Office or European Patent

Office

Competent International Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Chinese

Patent Office, Swedish Patent Office or European Patent Preliminary Examining Authority:

Office for international applications for which the European Patent Office has established the international search report

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(KE), page 172]

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

#### **Iceland**

General information on Iceland as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office is given in Annex B1(IS), Annex C(IS) and Summary (IS) which are published on the following pages.

# **B1** Information on Contracting States

**B1** 

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# **General information**

Name of Office:	Einkaleyfastofan
	Icelandic Patent Office
Location and mailing address:	Lindargata 9, IS-150 Reykjavík, Iceland
Telephone:	(354) 560 94 50
Facsimile machine:	(354) 562 94 34
Teleprinter:	_
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application.
	No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents.
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, TNT or other express delivery company which provides a proof of receipt
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Iceland:	Icelandic Patent Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Iceland is designated (or elected):	Icelandic Patent Office (see Volume II)
May Iceland be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Iceland concerning international-type search:	Section 9 of the Icelandic Patent Act and Section 5 of the Regulation concerning Patent Applications

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# **Information on Contracting States**

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Provisional protection after international publication:

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation of the international application into Icelandic, Danish, English, Norwegian or Swedish languages or, if the international application was filed in Danish, English, Norwegian or Swedish, of a copy of the international application as filed, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that, upon grant of the patent, he is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. See Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patent Act.

# Information of interest if Iceland is designated (or elected)

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

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Icelandic Patent Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms?

Yes (see Annex L)

# **C** Receiving Offices

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# IS ICELANDIC PATENT OFFICE

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Iceland			
Danish, English, Norwegian or Swedish			
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Swedish Patent Office for international applications filed in Danish, English, Norwegian or Swedish, or European Patent Office for international applications filed in English			
Swedish Patent Office or European Patent Office			
Currency: Icelandic Kronur (ISK)			
ISK 5,000			
ISK 40,000			
ISK 800			
ISK 9,700			
See Annex D (Swedish Patent Office or European Patent Office)			
ISK 2,500			
No, if applicant resides in Iceland			
Yes, if he is a non-resident			
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# **SUMMARY**

# Designated (or elected) Office

# **SUMMARY**

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# **ICELANDIC PATENT OFFICE**

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# Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for the entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: 20 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1): 30 months from the priority date			
Translation of international application required into:1	Icelandic, Danish, English, Norwegian or Swedish			
Required contents of the translation for the entry into the national phase: <sup>1</sup>	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both a originally filed and as amended, together with any statement unde PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract			
	Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts amended, both a originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)			
Is a copy of the international application required?	No			
National fee:	Currency: Icelandic Kronur (ISK) Basic fee: <sup>2</sup> ISK 27,500			
	Claim fee for each claim in excess of ten: <sup>3</sup> ISK 1,200			
	Additional fee for late furnishing of translation: <sup>4</sup> ISK 8,000			
	Annual fees for the first three years: 5 ISK 6,900			
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None			
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <sup>bis</sup> ): <sup>3</sup>	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application			
	Deed of transfer where the applicant is not the inventor Appointment of an agent if applicant is not resident in Iceland			
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Iceland			

Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). However, where a language other than Icelandic was used the Office will, before the application is laid open to public inspection, invite the applicant to furnish a translation into Icelandic.

Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Where the basic national fee has been paid within the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the prescribed translation may be filed within a further period of two months, provided that it is accompanied by this fee.

These fees are due on the last day of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; where PCT Article 39(1) applies, they are payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase, unless the 24-month time limit has not yet expired.

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### Italy

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new amounts of fees in **Lira (ITL**), as specified below, have been established. The new amounts are applicable as from June 13, 1995.

Basic fee:	ITL	1,130,000
Supplement per sheet over 30:	ITL	22,000
Designation fee:	ITL	270,000
Handling fee:	ITL	343,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C (IT), page 170, and Annex E (EP), page 215]

# Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new amounts in **Won (KRW)**, as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office and the Japanese Patent Office. The new amounts are applicable as from April 15, 1995.

Search fee (international search

by the Australian Patent Office): KRW 461,000

Search fee (international search

by the Austrian Patent Office): KRW 184,000

Search fee (international search

by the Japanese Patent Office): KRW 695,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D (AU), page 203, Annex D (AT), page 202, and Annex D (JP), page 208]

# **RECEIVING OFFICES**

Examining Authority:

# **Singapore**

The **Registry of Patents of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau of modifications in its requirements as to the competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with it as receiving Office, as follows:

Competent International Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office or

Searching Authority: European Patent Office

Competent International Preliminary Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent 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. 09/1995, and Annex C (SG), page 3715]

# UNITED KINGDOM - NATIONAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

As from April 16, 1995, national dialing codes for all localities in the United Kingdom will change. A "1" will be placed in front of the national (city) code, for example, the present code for London (71) will become (171). Exceptionally, in the cities of Bristol, Leeds, Leicester, Nottingham and Sheffield, the city codes will change and an extra digit will be added to individual numbers, as follows:

Bristol	(117)9
Leeds	(113) 2
Leicester	(116) 2
Nottingham	(115)9
Sheffield	(114) 2

The new telephone and facsimile machine numbers for the United Kingdom Patent Office have already been published in PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1 (GB), page 49.

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

#### **Netherlands – Closing of National Route**

The **Netherlands Patent Office** informed the International Bureau on March 31, 1995, that a new patent law would enter into force on April 1, 1995. Under the new law, it is no longer possible in an international application to designate the Netherlands for a national patent. Therefore, in international applications filed on or after April 1, 1995, the Netherlands, like Belgium, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy and Monaco, may be designated only for a European patent and not for a national patent.

A purported designation of the Netherlands for a national patent in an international application filed on or after April 1, 1995, will be corrected *ex officio* by the receiving Office to indicate a designation of the Netherlands for a European patent. Where the Netherlands is designated both for a European patent and a national patent in an international application filed on or after April 1, 1995, the purported designation for a national patent will be deleted *ex officio*.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex A, page 5, Annex B1(NL), pages 98 and 99, and Summary (NL), page 277]

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new amounts of fees in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, as specified below, have been established. The new amounts are applicable as from June 13, 1995.

Basic fee: AUD 906
Supplement per sheet over 30: AUD 18
Designation fee: AUD 220
Handling fee: AUD 277

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(AU), page 147, and Annex E(AU), page 213]

#### Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new amount in **US Dollars** (**USD**), as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Austrian Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from June 20, 1995.

Search fee (international search

by the Austrian Patent Office): USD 225

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(AT), page 202]

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)

#### **New Zealand**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new amount in **New Zealand Dollars (NZD)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Australian Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from July 1, 1995.

Search fee (international search

by the Australian Patent Office): NZD 905

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(AU), page 203]

# **United Kingdom**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new amounts in **Pounds Sterling (GBP)**, as specified below, have been established. The new amounts are applicable as from June 20, 1995.

Basic fee: GBP 419
Supplement per sheet over 30: GBP 8
Designation fee: GBP 102

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(GB), page 163]

#### **United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new 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 June 20, 1995.

Search fee (international search

by the European Patent Office): USD 1,722

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(EP), page 205]

# FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)

# **European Patent Organisation**

The European Patent Office has notified new equivalent amounts in Pounds Sterling (GBP), French Francs (FRF), Swiss Francs (CHF), Swedish Kroner (SEK), Lira (ITL), Pesetas (ESP), Greek Drachma (GRD), Danish Krone (DKK), Portuguese Escudos (PTE) and Irish Pounds (IEP) of fees payable to it, as specified in the revised table below. The new amounts are applicable as from May 3, 1995.

	DEM	GBP	FRF	CHF	NLG	SEK	BEF LUF	ITL	ATS	ESP	GRD	DKK	PTE	IEP
Transmittal fee:	200	92	730	170	230	1 060	4 200	247 000	1 430	18 800	33 300	820	21 600	92
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
Claims fee:	80	37	290	70	90	420	1 700	99 000	570	7 500	13 300	330	8 600	37
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
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

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(EP), page 205, and Annex E(EP), page 215, and No. 22/1994, the table published on page 14903]

#### **RECEIVING OFFICES**

#### **International Bureau**

The **International Bureau** acting as receiving Office under PCT Rule 19.1(b) for Madagascar has specified the European Patent Office and the Russian Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Madagascar.

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### **International Bureau**

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 Japanese Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The new amounts are applicable as from June 1, 1995.

Search fee (international search

by the Australian Patent Office): CHF 672

Search fee (international search

by the Japanese Patent Office): USD 874

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The amount in brackets is payable where a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic national fee paid):

national fee paid): CHF 727 (477)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(AU), page 203, Annex D(JP), page 208 and Annex D(US), page 211]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 16.1(d), new amounts of fees in Canadian Dollars (CAD), as specified below, have been established. The new amounts are applicable as from July 4, 1995.

Basic fee: 963 Supplement fee per sheet over 30: CAD 19 Designation fee: CAD 234

Search fee (international search

by the European Patent Office): CAD 2,456

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(CA), page 152, and Annex D(EP), page 205]

# Italy

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified a new amount of a fee in Lira (ITL), as specified below:

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

ITL 15,000 (in fee stamps) for the request to prepare the priority document, plus

ITL 15,000 (in fee stamps) for the filing certificate, plus

ITL 15,000 (in fee stamps) for the certificate of authenticity, plus

ITL 15,000 (in fee stamps) for every four pages or fraction of four pages

(description, claims, abstract, drawings).

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. 01/1995, Annex C(IT), page 170]

# **Spain**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new amounts in **Peseta (ESP)**, as specified below, have been established. The new amounts are applicable as from July 4, 1995.

Basic fee: ESP 87,000 ESP 1.700 Supplement per sheet over 30: Designation fee: ESP 21,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(ES), page 160]

# INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

# Italy

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (39-6) 4705-3043 Facsimile machine: (39-6) 4705-3032

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(IT), page 59]

# Netherlands

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

Name of Office: Netherlands Industrial Property Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(NE), page 98]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

# Bulgaria

The Bulgarian Patent Office has notified a new amount of a fee in Lev (BGL), as specified below:

Fee for priority document

(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): BGL 350

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(BG), page 149]

# **Czech Republic**

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified new amounts of fees in **Koruna** (CZK), as specified below:

Transmittal fee: CZK 1,500

Fee for priority document

(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): CZK 500

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(CZ), page 155]

#### **Iceland**

New amounts in **Icelandic Kronur (ISK)**, as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the Swedish Patent Office. The new amounts are applicable as from June 1, 1995.

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):

(i) if on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Swedish Patent Office:

ISK 22,000

(ii) if on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the

Norwegian Patent Office: ISK 31,000

(iii) in all other cases: ISK 36,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 15/1995, Section IV, page 5937]

# FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)

#### **Netherlands**

The **Netherlands Industrial Property Office** has notified a new amount of a fee in **Netherlands Guilder (NLG)**, as specified below:

Fee for priority document

(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): NLG 20

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(NL), page 185]

# **Norway**

The **Norwegian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Norwegian Krone** (**NOK**), as specified below:

National fee:

Basic fee: NOK 1,000 Claim fee for each claim in excess of ten: NOK 200

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Summary (NO), page 278]

#### Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Slovenian Tolars (SIT)**, as specified below:

Fee for priority document

(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): SIT 2,000

National fee:

Filing fee: SIT 7,000 Page fee per sheet over 30: SIT 100

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(SI), page 194, and Summary (SI), page 289]

# INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

# Bulgaria

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of modifications in its requirements as to the acceptance of filing documents by means of telecommunication, as follows:

Does the Office accept the filing

of documents by means of

telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)? Yes, by facsimile machine

Which kinds of documents

may be so transmitted:

All kinds of documents

Must the original of the document

be furnished in all cases? Yes, within 1 month from the date of the transmission

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(BG), page 17]

# INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)

# Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified changes in its location and telephone number, as follows:

Location: 103, rue Razafindranovona, 101 Antananarivo, Madagascar

Telephone: (261-2) 305 12

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(MG), page 89]

# Republic of Moldova

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

Telephone: (3732) 44 32 53, 44 01 19, 44 31 39, 49 31 87, 49 31 86

Facsimile machine: (3732) 44 01 19, 44 32 53

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(MD), page 87]

#### **Singapore**

The **Registry of Patents of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau of a modification in its requirement as to the acceptance of evidence of mailing documents by delivery services other than the postal authorities, as follows:

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)?

(PCT Rule 82.1)? No

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 09/1995, Annex B1(SG), page 3713]

# **RECEIVING OFFICES**

# Bulgaria

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified a modification of its requirement as to the number of copies required by it, as receiving Office, as follows:

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Number of copies required by the receiving Office:

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(BG), page 149]

# **RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)**

# **Singapore**

The **Registry of Patents of Singapore** has notified a modification in its requirement as to whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office, as follows:

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?

No, but an address for service in Singapore is required

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 09/1995, Annex C(SG), page 3715]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup>

#### 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 May 6, 1995. The amended Annex 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))	62,100	
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	62,100	
Cost of copies Rule 44.3(b)) (national documents) (foreign documents)	500 700	per document

# Part II: [No change]"

Published in PCT Gazette No. 26/1993, pages 14228 to 14231, and No. 28/1994, pages 19915 and 19916.

# FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### **Ireland**

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new amounts of fees in **Irish Pounds** (**IEP**), as specified below, have been established. The new amounts are applicable as from June 27, 1995.

Basic fee:	IEP	425
Supplement per sheet over 30:	IEP	8
Designation fee:	IEP	103
Handling fee:	IEP	130

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(IE), page 169, and Annex E(EP), page 215]

# **Poland**

Transmittal fee:

The Polish Patent Office has notified new amounts of fees in Zloty (PLZ), as specified below:

PLZ

150

(PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	PLZ	20
National fee:		
For patent or utility model:		
<ul> <li>where international preliminary examination has been carried out:</li> </ul>	PLZ	100
<ul> <li>where no international preliminary</li> </ul>		

examination has been carried out: PLZ 200 Fee for priority claims, per priority: PLZ 20

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(PL), page 188, and Summary (PL), page 282]

# **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 3,500
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	PTE 5,200
National fee:	
For patent or utility model:	
Filing fee:	PTE 7,000
Publication fee:	PTE 8 000

Fee for the submission of each application or document:

PTE 8,000

PTE 700

 $[Updating\ of\ PCT\ Gazette\ No.\ 01/1995,\ Annex\ C(PT),\ page\ 189,\ and\ Summary\ (PT),\ page\ 283]$ 

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)

# Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new amount in **Pesetas (ESP)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. The new amount is applicable as from May 6, 1995.

Search fee (international search by the

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office): ESP 62,100

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(ES), page 207]

#### INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### **Belgium**

The **Industrial Property Office of Belgium** has notified changes in its address and telephone, facsimile machine and teleprinter numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Boulevard Emile Jacqmain 154, B-1210 Brussels, Belgium

Telephone: (32-2) 206 41 11

Facsimile machine: (32-2) 206 57 50

Teleprinter:

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(BE), page 14]

# China

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

Telephone: (86-10) 209 36 77

Facsimile machine: (86-10) 201 94 51

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(CN), page 32]

# **Finland**

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland has notified changes in its address and telephone number, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Albertinkatu 25, FIN-00180 Helsinki, Finland

Telephone: (358-0) 69 39 500

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(FI), page 44]

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

#### Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a modification in the types of protection available in Latvia, as follows:

Types of protection available: National: Patents

European: Extended European patents\*

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(LV), page 83]

# Mongolia

The Mongolian Patent Office has notified a new facsimile machine number, as follows:

Facsimile machine:

(976-1) 32 76 38

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(MN), page 92]

# **Portugal**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property of Portugal** has notified a change in its facsimile machine number, as follows:

Facsimile machine:

(351-1) 887 53 08, 886 00 66

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(PT), page 106]

#### Sudan

The Attorney General's Chambers, Commercial Registrar General's Office of Sudan has notified a change in its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone:

(249-11) 77 21 74

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(SD), page 112]

#### **United States of America**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office has notified a change in its mailing address, as follows:

Mailing address:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT

Washington, D.C. 20231, USA

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(US), page 130]

<sup>\*</sup> Available in respect of international applications filed as from May 1, 1995.

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

#### **Tajikistan**

# Announcement on the Extension of the Time Limits for the Re-registration of Industrial Property Titles in Tajikistan

The National Center for Patents and Information of Tajikistan has decided to extend until December 31, 1995, the time limit of December 31, 1994, indicated in paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) of the Announcement on the Protection of Industrial Property in Tajikistan published on pages 5629 to 5633 of PCT Gazette No. 09/1994.

The said extension applies to the owners of industrial property titles granted by the Patent Office of the Soviet Union and still in force, and to the applicants of industrial property applications filed before August 16, 1993, with the Patent Office of the Russian Federation.

#### RECEIVING OFFICES

#### **Spain**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of modifications in its requirements as to the competent International Searching Authorities for international applications filed with it as receiving Office, as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or European Patent

Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(ES), page 160]

#### **DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

# China

The **Chinese Patent Office** has notified a modification of its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required by it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Is a copy of the international application required?

A copy is required only if applicant has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Chinese Patent Office has not received a copy of the international application from the

International

Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Summary (CN), page 244]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### **CONTRACTING STATES**

**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)** 

#### The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

On May 10, 1995, **The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will become the 79th Contracting State of the PCT on August 10, 1995.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after August 10, 1995, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (country code: MK) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from August 10, 1995, nationals and residents of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex A, page 5]

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### **Russian Federation**

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

#### National fee:

For patent:		
Filing fee:	RUR 20,000	USD 100
Claim fee for each independent		
claim in excess of one:	RUR 5,000	USD 20
Examination fee:	RUR 60,000	USD 400
Claim examination fee for each		
independent claim in excess of one:	RUR 48,000	USD 320
Annual fee for the third year:	RUR 14,000	USD 100
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	RUR 10,000	USD 60

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Summary (RU), page 285]

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)

#### Ukraine

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

Transmittal fee: UAK 21,000,000

Fee for priority document

(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): UAK 1,400,000 plus UAK 70,000 per sheet in excess of 20

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(UA), page 198]

#### INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

#### Canada

The Canadian Patent Office has notified the deletion of its teleprinter number and a modification in its requirements as to the acceptance of filing documents by means of telecommunication, as follows:

Teleprinter:

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of

telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)? Yes, by facsimile machine

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(CA), page 24]

### Kazakhstan

The Kazakh Patent Office has notified changes in its location and mailing address and telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as well as a modification in its requirements as to the acceptance of filing documents by means of telecommunication, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 92, Maulenova Street, 480012 Almaty, Kazakhstan

Telephone: (7327-2) 62 44 69, 62 46 91 (general)

(7327-2) 62 30 69 (application processing)

Facsimile machine: (7327-2) 62 39 90

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of

telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)? Yes, by facsimile machine and teleprinter

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(KZ), page 71]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### **Singapore**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), an amount in **Singapore Dollars (SGD)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Austrian Patent Office.

Search fee (international search

by the Austrian Patent Office):

SGD 317

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(AT), page 202]

#### Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new amounts of fees in **Swedish Krona** (**SEK**), as specified below, have been established. The new amounts are applicable as from July 1, 1995.

Basic fee:	SEK	5,100
Supplement per sheet over 30:	SEK	100
Designation fee:	SEK	1,250
Handling fee:	SEK	1,550

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(SE), page 193, Annex E(EP), page 215, and Annex E(SE), page 219]

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new amounts in **Danish Krone** (**DKK**), **Finnish Markka** (**FIM**), **Norwegian Krone** (**NOK**) and **Swiss Francs** (**CHF**), as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the Swedish Patent Office. The new amounts are applicable as from July 1, 1995.

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	DKK	FIM	NOK	CHF
(i) if on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Swedish Patent Office:	2,000	1,540	2,240	410
(ii) if on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Norwegian patent Office:	2,710	2,130	3,100	570
(iii) in all other cases:	3,160	2,480	3,620	660

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(SE), page 210]

# FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)

# **United Kingdom**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e), a new amount of a fee in **Pounds Sterling (GBP)**, as specified below, has been established. The new amount is applicable as from June 20, 1995.

Handling fee:

GBP 128

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex E(EP), page 215]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### Kyrgyzstan

The **Kyrgyz Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **US Dollars (USD)**, as well as a modification with regard to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as specified below:

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Filing fee:	USD	180
Claim fee for each independent claim		
in excess of one:	USD	50
Examination fee:	USD	500
Examination claim fee for each		
independent claim in excess of one:	USD	250
Fee for grant and for the first three years:	USD	300

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

The examination fee is reduced by 50% where an international search report or an international preliminary

examination report has been established

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Summary (KG), page 262]

#### **RECEIVING OFFICES**

#### Kyrgyzstan

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

Facsimile machine: (3312) 21 48 92

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(KG), page 65]

#### **DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

### Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau of an extension of the deadline for entry into the national phase for international applications in which Madagascar has been designated and for which the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) or 39(1)(a) expired before December 9, 1993. The deadline has been extended from December 9, 1994, to December 9, 1995.

The Office has also notified the International Bureau that it now invites non-resident applicants to be represented by an agent with the right to practice before the Office.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Summary (MG), page 274]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

#### Liechtenstein and Switzerland

On June 1, 1995, **Liechtenstein** and **Switzerland** notified, under PCT Article 64(6)(b), the withdrawal of their declarations under PCT Article 64(1)(a) that they shall not be bound by the provisions of Chapter II of the PCT. Thus, Liechtenstein and Switzerland will become bound by Chapter II of the PCT on September 1, 1995.

The withdrawal of the said declarations has the effect that, on and after September 1, 1995:

- (a) nationals and residents of Liechtenstein and Switzerland may submit demands for international preliminary examination of international applications filed by them;
- (b) Liechtenstein and Switzerland may be elected in a d emand for international preliminary examination, or in a n otice of later election, submitted in respect of any international application in which Liechtenstein and Switzerland are designated States;
- (c) paragraphs (a) and (b) apply irrespective of whether the international application was or will be filed before, on or after September 1, 1995.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

#### ANNEX F – FORMS

#### **Modification of Form PCT/RO/101 (Request)**

The Request Form has been modified consequent to the accession by **Iceland**, **Singapore**, **Turkmenistan** and **Uganda** to the PCT, and to the closing of the national route by the **Netherlands**. Although the modifications of the Request concern only Box No. V on the second sheet and the Notes relating to Box No. V, all the sheets of the Request, including the Notes to the Request, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes relating thereto, are dated July 1995 (either as the date of issuance or as the date of reprint of the sheet). All the above-mentioned sheets are 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, 1995. Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices.

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### Georgia

The Georgian Patent Office has notified new amounts of fees in US Dollars (USD), as well as a modification with regard to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as specified below:

#### National fee:

For patent, patent of addition:

Filing fee:	USD	40
Fee for claiming priority:	USD	120
Search fee:	USD	235
<ul> <li>fee for each additional independent claim:</li> </ul>	USD	135
Examination fee:	USD	400
<ul> <li>fee for each additional independent claim:</li> </ul>	USD	170
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	USD	40

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

Examination fee is not charged if the international application relates to matters other than viticulture,

wine-

making, tea-, fruit- and citrus growing, manganese mining and processing. The search or examination fee is reduced by 50% where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Summary (GE), page 257]

#### **Poland**

Transmittal fee:

The **Polish Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Zloty** (**PLZ**), as specified below. The new amounts of fees are applicable as from July 2, 1995.

PLZ 200

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	PLZ	30
National fee:		
For patent or utility model:		
<ul> <li>where international preliminary</li> </ul>		
examination has been carried out:	PLZ	150
<ul> <li>where no international preliminary</li> </ul>		
examination has been carried out:	PLZ	300
<ul> <li>additional fee for each sheet in excess of 20:</li> </ul>	PLZ	20
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	PLZ	30

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 21/1995, Section IV, page 8340]

#### INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### Georgia

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

Telephone: (78832) 98 84 19, 36 44 87, 36 52 13

Facsimile machine: (78832) 93 43 15, 98 84 97

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(GE), page 51]

#### Slovakia

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

Location and mailing address: Partizánska cesta 9, 974 00 Banská Bystrica, Slovakia

Telephone: (42-88) 74 15 18

Facsimile machine: (42-88) 74 15 19

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(SK), page 118]

#### Ukraine

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

Telephone (380-44) 212 50 82 (Patent Office)

(380-44) 295 85 88 (Receiving Office)

Facsimile machine: (380-44) 295 63 00

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex B1(UA), page 128]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup>

#### Amendment to Annex C

The President of the **European Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, pursuant to Article 11(3)(ii) of the Agreement, of amendments to Annex C of the Agreement. The amended Annex 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	<b>Amount</b> Deutsche Mark
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,400*
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,400*
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	3,000*
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	3,000*
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	2,000*
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1)	1.30 per page

<sup>\*</sup> For nationals of developing countries, this fee shall be reduced by three-quarters under the conditions specified in the Decision of the Administrative Council of 9 December 1983 as amended on 8 June 1984 (see Official Journal of the EPO 1/1984, page 3 and 7/1984, page 297, and PCT Gazette No. 25/1984, page 3097).

For nationals of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and of States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, this fee shall be reduced by three-quarters under the conditions specified in the Decision of the Administrative Council of 15 December 1994 (see Official Journal of the EPO 1-2/1995, page 14, and 4/1995, page 271).

#### Part II: Conditions and Extent of Refunds of the Search Fee and of the Preliminary Examination Fee

[No change]"

<sup>1</sup> Published in PCT Gazette No. 26/1987, pages 4590 to 4596, No. 19/1988, pages 4113 and 4114, No. 29/1990, page 10037, No. 23/1992, page 10109, and No. 27/1992, page 12640.

# FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### **Russian Federation**

The Russian Patent Office has notified new amounts of fees in Roubles (RUR), as specified below:

Transmittal fee: RUR 294,000 Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): RUR 33,600

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex C(RU), page 191]

### Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new amounts of fees in **Swiss Francs** (**CHF**) and **US Dollars** (**USD**), as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**.

Search fee (international search by the

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office): CHF 585 USD 510

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1995, Annex D(ES), page 207]

#### **European Patent Organisation**

The **European Patent Office** has informed the International Bureau that the decision of the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation dated December 15, 1994, enabling the fees for an international search and international preliminary examination carried out at the EPO to be reduced by 75% if the international application was filed by a national of a "country in transition ("reform state")" with the receiving Office of such a country or the receiving Office acting on behalf of that country, has been implemented by the President of the EPO with effect from April 1, 1995 for the following "countries in transition":

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, plus the following member states of the Commonwealth of Independent States: A rmenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukrainem and Uzbekistan.

It is to be noted that the fee reduction is granted **only on request by the applicant**, to be made on a special form ("EPO Form 1223/B 02.95"). A new version of the corresponding form ("EPO Form 1223/A 02.95") to be used by nationals of developing countries for requesting the same reduction of fees (see PCT Gazette No. 25/1984, page 3097) has also been established. Both forms together with their respective notes 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.

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

#### Singapore, Turkmenistan

General information on **Turkmenistan** as a C ontracting State, information on the requirements of the **Turkmen Patent Office** as receiving Office, as well as the requirements of the Turkmen Patent Office and the **Registry of Patents of Singapore** as designated (or elected) Offices is given in Annex B1(TM), Annex C(TM), Summary (TM) and Summary (SG) which will be published in special issue of the PCT Gazette No. 28/1995 on July 6, 1995.

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# **RECEIVING OFFICES**

#### **Switzerland**

The **Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of the specification, as from September 1, 1995, of the European Patent Office as competent International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex C(CH), page 10905]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### **CONTRACTING STATES**

**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)** 

#### Albania

On July 4, 1995, Albania deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Albania will become the 80th Contracting State of the PCT on October 4, 1995.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after October 4, 1995, Albania (country code: AL) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from October 4, 1995, nationals and residents of Albania are entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex A, page 10749]

#### RECEIVING OFFICES

#### Mexico

The Mexican Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of modifications in its requirements as to the competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with it as receiving Office, as follows:

Competent International Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office or European Searching Authority:

Patent Office

Competent Preliminary Swedish Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark

Examining Authority: Office or European Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex C(MX), page 10938]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### **CONTRACTING STATES**

**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)** 

#### Lesotho

On July 21, 1995, **Lesotho** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Lesotho will become the 81st Contracting State of the PCT on October 21, 1995.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after October 21, 1995, Lesotho (country code: LS) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from October 21, 1995, nationals and residents of Lesotho are entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

Since Lesotho is a member State of the Harare Protocol within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), Lesotho will be able to be designated for a patent granted by ARIPO. Any designation in an international application for an ARIPO patent will, as from October 21, 1995, automatically include the designation of Lesotho for that purpose.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex A, page 10749]

#### INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

#### Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization of Greece** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:

5, Pantanassis St., 151 25 Paradissos Amaroussiou, Athens, Greece

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex B1(GR), page 10798]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### Monaco

The **Directorate of Commerce, Industry and Industrial Property of Monaco** has notified a new amount of a fee in **French Francs (FRF)**, as specified below. The new amount is applicable as from September 1, 1995.

Transmittal fee: FRF 300

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex C(MC), page 10934]

# 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 Organization<sup>1</sup>

#### 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 October 1, 1995. 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	660
(ii) where a corresponding prior United States national application with basic filing fee has been filed	430
Supplemental search fee (Rule 40.2(a)), per additional invention	190
Preparation of an international-type search report in a United States national application	40
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	4=0
International Searching Authority	470
(ii) where the International Searching Authority for the international application was an authority other than the United States Patent and Trademark Office	710

Published in PCT Gazette No. 26/1987, pages 4583 to 4589, No. 08/1989, pages 2023 and 2024, No. 29/1991, pages 12868 and 12869, No. 25/1992, page 11300, No. 22/1994, pages 14898 and 14899, No. 27/1994, pages 19027 and 19028, and No. 03/1995, page 1363.

USD 220

Kind of fee or charge (cont'd)	<b>Amount</b> 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	140
(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	250
Cost of copies (Rule 94.1)  – per copy of US patent  – per copy of non-US patent document	3 25

Part II: [No change]".

Transmittal fee

# 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 October 1, 1995.

Transmittar ree.	USD	220	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	15	
Search fee:			
<ul> <li>where no corresponding prior United States national application with basic national fee has been filed:</li> </ul>	USD	660	CHF 782
<ul> <li>where a corresponding prior United States national application with basic national fee has been filed:</li> </ul>	USD	430	CHF 510
Additional search fee:	USD	190	
Preliminary examination fee:			
<ul> <li>where an international search fee has been paid on the international application for the benefit of the USPTO as an International Searching Authority:</li> </ul>	USD	470	
<ul> <li>where the International Searching Authority for the international application was an authority other than the USPTO:</li> </ul>	USD	710	
Additional preliminary examination fee:			
<ul> <li>where a supplemental search fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority:</li> </ul>	[No cł	nange]	
<ul> <li>where the International Searching Authority for the international application was an authority other than the USPTO:</li> </ul>	USD	250	
Fee for copies:	[No cł	nange]	

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)

Basic national fee (amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a "small entity"):

<ul> <li>where an international preliminary examination fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO:</li> </ul>	USD	680 (340)
<ul> <li>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:</li> </ul>	USD	750 (375)
<ul> <li>where no international preliminary examination fee has been paid to and no international search report has been prepared by the USPTO:</li> </ul>	USD	1,010 (505)
<ul> <li>where a search report on the international application has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japanese Patent Office:</li> </ul>	USD	880 (440)
<ul> <li>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:</li> </ul>	USD	94 (47)
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of 3:	USD	78 (39)
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:	[No ch	nange]
In addition, if the application contains a multiple dependent claim(s), per application:	USD	250 (125)
Surcharge for filing oath or declaration after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):	[No ch	nange]
Processing fee for filing English language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):	[No ch	nange]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex C(US), page 10955, Annex D(US), page 10967, Annex E(US), page 10976, and Summary (US), pages 11055 and 11056]

#### INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

# Uganda

**Uganda**, which became bound by the PCT on February 9, 1995, has announced that the **Office of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)** will act as receiving Office for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Uganda.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 26/1994, Section IV, page 18187]

# DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS LIST OF DEPOSITARY INSTITUTIONS

# Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Korean Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the name and address of the depositary institution listed as "Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC)" in Annex L, published in PCT Gazette No. 28/1995 on page 10989, as follows:

"Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology (KRIBB) # 52, Oun-dong, Yusong-Ku Taejon 305-333 Republic of Korea"

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex L, page 10989]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

Agreement between the USSR State Committee for Inventions and Discoveries and the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup>

#### Amendment to Annexes A and C

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) and (ii) of the Agreement, of amendments to Annex A and to the footnote concerning the payment of fees in roubles in Annex C of the Agreement. The amended Annex A and the amended footnote in Annex C read as follows:

#### "ANNEX A

#### STATES AND LANGUAGES

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Russian, English, French, German, Spanish."

#### FOOTNOTE IN ANNEX C

"The amount in roubles is payable where the international application is filed by a resident of the Russian Federation or of a country which has a rouble-based payment agreement with the Russian Federation."

#### **Russian Patent Office**

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a modification in the languages accepted by it as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international search and preliminary examination, as follows:

Languages accepted for international search: Russian, English, French, German, Spanish

Languages accepted for international

preliminary examination: Russian, English, French, German, Spanish

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex D(RU), page 10965, and Annex E(RU), page 10975]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Published in PCT Gazette No. 26/1987, pages 4569 to 4575, No. 29/1991, pages 12867 and 12868, and No. 02/1995, pages 915 and 916.

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese Yen (JPY)**, 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 November 15, 1995.

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):

JPY 162,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex D(EP), page 10961]

#### RECEIVING OFFICES

#### Hungary

The **National Office of Inventions of Hungary** 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. The modifications are applicable as from October 1, 1995.

Competent International Searching Authority:

Russian Patent Office or, for international applications filed in English, French or German, European Patent

Office

Competent International

Preliminary Examining Authority:

Russian Patent Office or, for international applications for which the European Patent Office has established the international search report, the European Patent

Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex C(HU), page 10918]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

Agreement between the USSR State Committee for Inventions and Discoveries and the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup>

#### Amendment to Annex C

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the Agreement, of amendments to Annex C of the Agreement. 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* Rouble	<b>Amount</b> US dollar
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	840,000	200
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	840,000	200
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,260,000	300
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	840,000	200
Cost of copies of cited documents (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	1,200 per page	0.30 per page
Cost of copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.1)	1,200 per page	0.30 per page

# Part II: [No change]"

\* The amount in roubles is payable where the international application is filed by a resident of the Russian Federation or of a country which has a roubles-based payment agreement with the Russian Federation.

<sup>1</sup> Published in PCT Gazette No. 26/1987, page 4569, No. 29/1991, page 12867, No. 02/1995, page 915 916, and No. 42/1995, page 16155.

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES (Cont'd)

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>2</sup>

#### Amendment to Annex C

#### Corrigendum

The amendment to Annex C published in PCT Gazette No. 27/1995, page 10735, contains a typographical error. In Part I, the asterisk indicated next to the amount of the protest fee should be deleted. The fee reduction for nationals of developing countries or "countries in transition" does not apply to the protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)).

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of Slovakia** has notified new amounts of fees in **Koruna (SKK)**, as specified below. The new fees are applicable as from August 1, 1995.

Transmittal fee: SKK 1,600

National fee:

Filing fee: SKK 1,600

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex C(SK), page 10950, and Summary (SK), page 11050]

Published in PCT Gazette No. 26/1987, page 4590, No. 19/1988, page 4113, No. 29/1990, page 10037, No. 23/1992, page 10109, No. 27/1992, page 12640, and No. 27/1995, page 10735.

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### **CONTRACTING STATES**

**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)** 

#### Azerbaijan

On September 25, 1995, **Azerbaijan** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Azerbaijan will become the 82nd Contracting State of the PCT on December 25, 1995.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after December 25, 1995, Azerbaijan (country code: AZ) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from December 25, 1995, nationals and residents of Azerbaijan are entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

#### **Turkey**

On October 1, 1995, **Turkey** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Turkey will become the 83rd Contracting State of the PCT on January 1, 1996.

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

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex A, page 10749]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

**Japanese Patent Office** 

### Corrigendum

Annex A of the Agreement between the Patent Office of Japan and the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, published in PCT Gazette No. 44/1995 contains an error in respect of the languages specified by the Authority. The corrected Annex reads as follows:

# "ANNEX A<sup>1</sup> STATES AND LANGUAGES

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority

(i) shall act for the following States:

Japan, Republic of Korea;

(ii) specifies the following languages:

Japanese."

[Corrigendum of PCT Gazette No. 44/1995, page 16635]

The text includes an amendment which was notified in PCT Gazette No. 29/1990, page 10038. Note: At the first session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (April 1978), the Delegation of Japan offered the services of the Japanese Patent Office as International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority under this Agreement to nationals and residents of all those States in Asia that would become party to the PCT, on the same conditions as those services would be available to Japanese nationals.

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

# **International Bureau**

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

[Fees may be paid in the following ways:]

"- by bank transfer to WIPO bank account No. 487080-81 (Swiss francs) or No. 487080-82 (US dollars) at the Crédit Suisse, CP 2153, 1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland;"

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex C(IB), page 10920]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

#### Luxembourg

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

Location: Ministère de l'Economie, 19-21, Boulevard Royal,

Luxembourg-Ville, Luxembourg

Mailing address: L-2914 Luxembourg

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex B1(LU), page 10827]

### Madagascar

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

Location: 103, rue Dr. Razafindranovona-Tsaralalana,

Antananarivo 101, Madagascar

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex B1(MG), page 10835]

#### **Singapore**

The **Registry of Patents of Singapore** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 51 Bras Basah Road, # 04-01, Plaza By The Park,

Singapore 189554

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex B1(SG), page 10864]

#### RECEIVING OFFICES

#### Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a modification in the number of copies of the international application required by it as receiving Office, as follows:

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Number of copies required

by the receiving Office:

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex C(ES), page 10912]

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

# Madagascar

The Industrial Property Office of Madagascar has notified new amounts of fees in Malagasy Francs (MGF), as specified below:

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Filing fee:	MGF	250,000		
Annual fees:				
<ul> <li>for the 3rd to the 5th year, per year:</li> </ul>	MGF	100,000		
for the 6th to the 10th year, per year:	MGF	300,000		
- for the 11th to the 15th year, per year:	MGF	600,000		
- for the 16th to the 20th year, per year:	MGF	800,000		
Fee for requesting extension of protection				
beyond the 15th year:	MGF	80,000		

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Summary (MG), page 11031]

# **Spain**

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified a new amount of a fee in Pesetas (ESP), as specified below:

Transmittal fee: ESP 8,475

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex C(ES), page 10912]

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

#### Armenia

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

Telephone: (374-2) 52 06 73

Facsimile machine: (374-2) 15 18 23, 56 11 26

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex B1(AM), page 10750]

# African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)

The Office of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) has notified a new teleprinter number, as follows:

Teleprinter: 26726 ARIPO

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex B2(AP), page 10888]

#### Hungary

The **National Office of Inventions of Hungary** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows. The new name is applicable as from January 1, 1996.

Name of Office: Magyar Szabadalmi Hivatal

**Hungarian Patent Office** 

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex B1(HU), page 10800]

#### Italy

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

Telephone: (39-6) 4705-3032, 4705-3043 Facsimile machine: (39-6) 4705-3032, 4705-3035

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex B1(IT), page 10805]

#### Lithuania

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

Telephone: (370-2) 23 33 49 Facsimile machine: (370-2) 26 34 69

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex B1(LT), page 10825]

#### Mexico

The Mexican Patent Office has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as follows

Location and mailing address: Periférico Sur 3106, Col. Jardines del Pedregal cp 01900,

Mexico, D.F.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex B1(MX), page 10843]

#### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### Greece

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

Transmittal fee: GRD 34,000 Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): GRD 12,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Annex C(GR), page 10917]

#### Sri Lanka

The **Registry of Patents and Trade Marks of Sri Lanka** has notified a new amount of a fee in **Sri Lanka Rupee (LKR)**, as specified below:

National fee:

Application fee: LKR 1,800

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1995, Summary (LK), page 11025]

#### **PCT Fees – New Equivalent Amounts**

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts in currencies other than Swiss Franc have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee, as indicated in the table which follows, in the following currencies: A ustrian Schilling (ATS), Belgian/Luxembourg Franc (BEF), Canadian Dollar (CAD), Danish Krone (DKK), Finnish Markka (FIM), French Franc (FRF), Deutsche Mark (DEM), Greek Drachma (GRD), Icelandic Kronur (ISK), Italian Lira (ITL), Japanese Yen (JPY), Malawi Kwacha (MWK), Netherlands Guilder (NLG), New Zealand Dollar (NZD), Norwegian Krone (NOK), Portuguese Escudo (PTE), Republic of Korea Won (KRW), Singapore Dollar (SGD), Spanish Peseta (ESP), Swedish Krona (SEK), UK Pound Sterling (GBP) and US Dollar (USD). The new amounts are applicable as from January 1, 1996.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts have been established for the search fee applicable for certain International Searching Authorities, as indicated in the tables which follow. The new amounts are applicable as from January 1, 1996.

# PCT Fees – Table of New Equivalent Amounts (applicable as from January 1, 1996)

	Basic Fee where no additional amount payable for sheets in excess of 30 sheets	Amount added to Basic Fee for each sheet in excess of 30 sheets	<b>Designation Fee</b>	Handling Fee	
Currency	Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 57.2(a)	
Swiss Franc (CHF)	762	15	185	233	
Austrian Schilling (ATS)	6 730	133	1 630	2 060	
Belgian Franc (BEF)	19 700	388	4 780	6 020	
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	914	18	222		
Danish Krone (DKK)	3 740	74	910	1 140	
Finnish Markka (FIM)	2 900	55	700		
French Franc (FRF)	3 300	65	800	1 000	
Deutsche Mark (DEM)	955	19	232	292	
Greek Drachma (GRD)	162 000	3 190	39 400		
Icelandic Kronur (ISK)	43 100	848	10 500		
Italian Lira (ITL)	1 090 000	21 500	265 000	333 000	
Japanese Yen (JPY)	67 400	1 300	16 400	20 600	
Luxembourg or Belgian Franc (LUF or BEF)	19 700	388	4 780	6 020	
Malawi Kwacha (MWK)	10 100	199	2 460		
Netherlands Guilder (NLG)	1 070	21	260	328	
New Zealand Dollar (NZD)	1 020	20	248		
Norwegian Krone (NOK)	4 250	84	1 030		
Portuguese Escudo (PTE)	101 000	1 990	24 500	30 900	
Republic of Korea Won (KRW)	544 000	10 700	132 000		
Singapore Dollar (SGD)	971	19	236		
Spanish Peseta (ESP)	83 500	1 640	20 300		
Swedish Krona (SEK)	4 770	94	1 160	1 460	
UK Pound Sterling (GBP)	430	8	104	131	
US Dollar (USD)	677	13	164	207	

# PCT Fees – Table of New Equivalent Amounts for International Search Fees (applicable as from January 1, 1996)

International Searching Authority	AT Austrian Patent Office	AU Australian Patent Office	CN Chinese Patent Office	EP European Patent Office	ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	JP Japanese Patent Office	RU Russian Patent Office	US United States Patent and Trademark Office
Currency & Amount	ATS 2 200	AUD 800	CNY 800	DEM 2 400	ESP 62 100	JPY 77 000	USD 200	USD 660 (430)
Swiss Franc	250		110		565	870	225	740 (480)
US Dollar	225			1 700	500	775		
Canadian Dollar				2 300				
Finnish Markka				7500				
Icelandic Kronur				108 100				
Japanese Yen				169 000				
Malawi Kwacha				25 440				
Norwegian Krone				10 660				
Republic of Korea Won	177 000	471 000				622 000		
Singapore Dollar		900		2 440				

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

#### MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION

#### **ASSEMBLY**

Twenty-Third Session (10th Ordinary) (Geneva, September 25 to October 3, 1995)

#### Note prepared by the International Bureau

The Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held its twenty-third session in Geneva from September 25 to October 3, 1995, in conjunction with the 26th series of meetings of the Governing Bodies of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Unions administered by WIPO.

# Changes relating to PCT fees\*

Maximum number of designation fees payable

The Assembly 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.

Reduction in PCT fees for applicants from certain States

The Assembly 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). If there are several applicants, each must satisfy those criteria.

<sup>\*</sup> New equivalent amounts in several currencies of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, designation fee, search fee and handling fee have been established with effect from January 1, 1996. They have been published in PCT Gazette No. 49/1995, page 18776.

Handling Fee:

(Rule 57.2(a))

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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. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

The text of the amended Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, as in force from January 1, 1996, reads as follows:

#### "SCHEDULE OF FEES

**Fees Amounts** 1. Basic Fee: (Rule 15.2(a)) if the international application (a) contains not more than 30 sheets 762 Swiss francs (b) if the international application contains more than 30 sheets 762 Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of 30 sheets 2. Designation Fee: (Rule 15.2(a)) (a) for designations made under Rule 4.9(a) 185 Swiss francs per designation, provided that any designation made under Rule 4.9(a) in excess of 11 shall not require the payment of a designation fee for designations made under Rule 4.9(b) (b) and confirmed under Rule 4.9(c) 185 Swiss francs per designation 3. Confirmation Fee: 50% of the sum of the designation (Rule 15.5(a)) fees payable under item 2(b)

All fees are reduced by 75% for 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 US\$3,000 (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); if there are several applicants, each must satisfy those criteria."

233 Swiss francs

#### Keeping of records and files

The Assembly discussed a proposal to amend PCT Rule 93.4 to make express provision permitting the keeping of records, copies and files in the form of reproductions on magnetic tapes, optical disks and any other electronic data carrier, as well as, as at present, in the form of photographic reproductions.

The Assembly agreed that further consideration by a WIPO expert body should take place with a view to submission of a revised text to the Assembly at a later date, that the revised proposal should take into account the fact that new kinds of data carrier had become and would continue to become available as technology developed and that the revised proposal should not be limited to the use of any particular kind of data carrier. The revised proposal should also take into account that any data carrier used for keeping files needed to be suitable for long-term storage consistent with the requirements of Rule 93 as to the duration of storage and needed to permit the preparation of faithful reproductions of the material stored.

Furthermore, the Assembly agreed that the International Bureau could keep files and documents in facsimile form on optical disks (under the International Bureau's Document Imaging and Computer-Assisted Publishing System (DICAPS)) and, provided that optical disk storage met the long-term storage requirements of Rule 93, could destroy the original files and documents in paper form subsequent to the storage of copies thereof on optical disks.

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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

Lesotho, Uganda

General information on **Lesotho** and **Uganda** as Contracting States, information on the requirements of the **Registrar General's Office of Lesotho** as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, as well as information on the requirements of the **Patents Registry, Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice of Uganda** as designated (or elected) Office is given in Annex B1(LS), Annex C(LS), Summary (LS), Annex B1(UG) and Summary (UG) which are published on the following pages.

# B1 Information on Contracting States B1 LS LESOTHO LS

### **General information**

Name of Office:	Registrar General's Office
Location:	Qhobosheane Complex, Maseru, Lesotho
Mailing address:	Law Office, P.O. Box 33, Maseru 100, Lesotho
Telephone:	(266) 32 46 52, 33 26 97, 31 11 60
Facsimile machine:	(266) 31 01 78, 31 03 98
Teleprinter:	4330 FOREIN LO
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)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Lesotho:	Registrar General's Office, ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Lesotho is designated (or elected):	National patent: Registrar General's Office (see Volume II) ARIPO patent: ARIPO Office (see Volume II)
May Lesotho be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: Patents
Provisions of the law of Lesotho concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

**B**1 **B**1 **Information on Contracting States** LS **LESOTHO** [continued] Information of interest if Lesotho is designated (or elected) For national protection Time when the name and address Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the of the inventor must be given time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the if Lesotho is designated: Registrar General's Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation. 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 Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms? No

For an ARIPO patent - See African Regional Industrial Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

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## **Receiving Offices**

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# REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE (LESOTHO)

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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Lesotho
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Maloti (LSM)
Transmittal fee:	$LSM^1$
Basic fee:	Equivalent in LSM of Swiss Francs 762
Supplement per sheet over 30:	Equivalent in LSM of Swiss Francs 15
Designation fee:	Equivalent in LSM of Swiss Francs 185
Search fee:	Equivalent in LSM of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority: see Annex D (European Patent Office)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	$LSM^1$
Is an agent required by	No, if applicant resides in Lesotho
the receiving Office?	Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any legal practitioner practicing and resident in Lesotho

The amounts of fees in Maloti are not yet known. They will be fixed in the near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amounts.

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### **SUMMARY**

# Designated (or elected) Office

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# REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE (LESOTHO)

### Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for the entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: Under PCT Article 39(1):	21 months from the priority date 31 months from the priority date	
Translation of international application required into: <sup>1</sup>	English		
Required contents of the translation for the entry into the national phase: <sup>1</sup>	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only), any text matter of drawings		
	drawings (if any of those	Description, claims, any text matter of parts amended, only as amended by the l preliminary examination report)	
Is a copy of the international application required?	No		
National fee:1	Currency: Maloti (LSM)		
	For patent:		
	Application fee:	LSM $250 (100)^2$	
	First annual fee:3	LSM $45 (25)^2$	
	For utility model:		
	Application fee:	LSM $150 (50)^2$	
	First annual fee: <sup>3</sup>	LSM $40 (20)^2$	
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None		
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <sup>bis</sup> ): <sup>4</sup>	Instrument of assignment or transfer where the applicant is not the inventor		
	Appointment of an agent if applicant is not resident		
Who can act as agent?	Any legal practitioner practicing and resident in Lesotho		

<sup>1</sup> Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by individuals or "small entities". The Registrar General will determine whether an entity is eligible as a small entity, in accordance with the definition in the First Schedule of Fees.

Late payment of annual fees is permitted in some circumstances subject to payment of a surcharge. The first annual fee is due within 24 months from the international filing date; where Article 39(1) applies, it is due within 31 months from the priority date if that time limit expires later.

<sup>4</sup> If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

# B1 Information on Contracting States B1 UG UGANDA UG

### **General information**

Name of Office:	Patents Registry, Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice		
Location:	Parliamentary Building, Kampala, Uganda		
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 7151, Kampala, Uganda		
Telephone: Facsimile machine: Teleprinter:	(256-41) 23 32 19, 23 05 38, 23 05 39 (256-41) 25 48 29 61228 EXTERIOR; 61007 ADMINISTRATOR		
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?  Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?  Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, by facsimile machine  All kinds of documents  Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if transmitted document is an international application or replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of international application  No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents		
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		
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Uganda:	ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)		
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Uganda is designated (or elected):	National patent: Patents Registry, Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice  ARIPO patent: ARIPO Office		
May Uganda be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)		
Types of protection available:	National: Patents, utility certificates ARIPO: Patents		
Provisions of the law of Uganda concerning international-type search:	None		

## **Information on Contracting States**

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### **UGANDA**

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Provisional protection after international publication:

National protection:

Relief may be sought in respect of acts committed before the grant of the patent but after the date on which international publication was effected in English. Where the international publication was effected in a language other than English, relief may be sought provided that the applicant had transmitted an English translation of the international application to the infringer and only in respect of acts committed by the latter after he had received the translation.

ARIPO protection:

None

### Information of interest if Uganda is designated (or elected)

### For national protection

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

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Patents Registry will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms?

No

For an ARIPO patent – See African Regional Industrial Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

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**SUMMARY** 

Designated (or elected) Office

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# PATENTS REGISTRY, REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE (UGANDA)

### Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for the entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: 21 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1): 31 months from the priority date		
Translation of international application required into: <sup>1</sup>	English		
Required contents of the translation for the entry into the national phase: <sup>1</sup>	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract  Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)		
Is a copy of the international application required?	No		
National fee: <sup>1</sup>	Currency: Ugandan Shilling (UGS)  For patent:  National processing fee:  Grant and publication fee:  Annual fee for the second year:  VGS 180,000  UGS 300,000  Annual fee for the second year:  UGS 48,000  For utility certificate:  National processing fee:  UGS 60,000		
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None		
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <sup>bis</sup> ): <sup>3</sup>	Appointment of an agent if applicant is not resident in Uganda		
Who can act as agent?	Any agent who has the right to represent applicants before the Office. A list of registered agents may be obtained from the Office.		

Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

This fee is due, where PCT Article 22 applies, within 21 months from the priority date or within 12 months from the international filing date, whichever expires later; where Article 39(1) applies, it is due within 31 months from the priority date. Late payment of annual fees is permitted subject to the payment of a surcharge.

If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

### **SECTION IV**

### NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

Agreement between the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs of the Republic of Austria and the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup>

#### Amendment to Annex A

The **Federal Minister for Economic Affairs of the Republic of Austria** and the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization have agreed, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the Agreement, to amend 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:

the States regarded as a developing country in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations, provided that the Republic of Austria, in accordance with its obligations undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation, has concluded with those States an agreement for that purpose;

(ii) specifies the following languages:

English, French, German."

Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/1995, page 16603.

### **SECTION IV**

### NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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

#### Albania, Turkey

General information on **Albania** and **Turkey** as Contracting States, as well as information on the requirements of the **Albanian Patent Office** and the **Turkish Patent Institute** as receiving Offices and designated (or elected) Offices, is given in Annex B1(AL), Annex C(AL), Summary (AL), Annex B1(TR), Annex C(TR) and Summary (TR) which are published on pages 21039 to 21047.

#### **RECEIVING OFFICES**

#### Lesotho

The **Registrar General's Office of Lesotho** 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: Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office

Competent International Preliminary

Examining Authority: Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 51/1995, Annex C (LS), page 19652]

# 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 **Albania**, **Azerbaijan**, **Lesotho**, **the former Yougoslav Republic of Macedonia** and **Turkey**; (ii) that an ARIPO patent can be sought via the PCT for **Lesotho**; (iii) that a Eurasian patent can be sought via the PCT, as from January 1, 1996, for **Azerbaijan**, **Belarus**, **Kazakstan**, **the Russian Federation**, **Tajikistan** and **Turkmenistan**; (iv) that provisional patents are no longer available in **Armenia**; (v) that the maximum number of designation fees payable will, as from January 1, 1996, be 11, instead of 10; and (vi) that, as from January 1, 1996, applicants from certain States will be entitled to a reduction of 75% of the basic fee and designation fee.

The above-mentioned modifications concern Box No. V, the Notes relating thereto and the Supplemental Box, as well as the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to the Request and the Notes relating thereto. Furthermore, the Notes relating to Box No. VI of the Request Form have been modified in respect of the indications of dates to reflect the modification of Section 110 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (See PCT Gazette No. 14/1995, page 5577).

All the sheets of the Request Form, including the Notes to the Request, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes relating thereto, are dated January 1996 (either as the date of issuance or as the date of reprint of the sheet); they are all reproduced on the pages following page 21047 (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction).

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

#### Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand)

The Demand Form itself has not been modified but the Notes to Box No. I have been modified in respect of the indications of dates to reflect the modification of Section 110 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (See PCT Gazette No. 14/1995, page 5577); the Notes to Box No. V have been modified to reflect the fact that **Liechtenstein** and **Switzerland** have become bound by Chapter II of the PCT as from September 1, 1995; the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to the Demand has also been modified to take into account that, as from January 1, 1996, applicants from certain States will be entitled to a reduction of 75% of the handling fee. The Notes relating to the Fee Calculation Sheet have been modified accordingly.

All the sheets of the Demand, including the Notes to the Demand, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes relating thereto, are dated January 1996 (either as the date of issuance or as the date of reprint of the sheet); they are all reproduced on the pages following the last page of Notes relating to the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to the Request Form (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction).

Only the updated version of the Demand Form should be used for demands for international preliminary examination submitted from January 1, 1996. Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices and International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

Form PCT/RO/102 (Notification Concerning Payment of Prescribed Fees),
Form PCT/RO/133 (Invitation to Pay Prescribed Fees Together with Late Payment Fee),
Form PCT/RO/144 (Notice of Confirmation of Precautionary Designations), and
Form PCT/RO/145 (Invitation to Pay Prescribed Fees for Confirmation of Precautionary Designations)

The Annex to the Notification Concerning Payment of Prescribed Fees, the Annex to the Invitation to Pay Prescribed Fees Together with Late Payment Fee and the Invitation to Pay Prescribed Fees for Confirmation of Precautionary Designations have been modified to take into account that the maximum number of designation fees payable will, as from January 1, 1996, be 11, instead of 10 and that, also as from January 1, 1996, applicants from certain States will be entitled to a reduction of 75% of the basic fee, designation fee and confirmation fee. Amongst the above-mentioned Forms, only the Notice of Confirmation of Precautionary Designations is to be used by applicants; all the others are to be used by receiving Offices.

All the sheets of the above-mentioned Forms are dated January 1996 (either as the date of issuance or as the date of reprint of the sheet); they are all reproduced on the pages following the last page of Notes relating to the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to the Demand Form (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction).

# Form PCT/IPEA/403 (Notification Concerning Payment of the Preliminary Examination and Handling Fees)

The Notification Concerning Payment of the Preliminary Examination and Handling Fees has been modified to take into account that, as from January 1, 1996, applicants from certain States will be entitled to a reduction of 75% of the handling fee. The Notification is to be used by International Preliminary Examining Authorities, not by applicants.

The single sheet of the Notification is dated January 1996; it is reproduced on the last page of this issue of the Gazette (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction).

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# B1 Information on Contracting States AL ALBANIA

### **General information**

Name of Office:	Zyra e Patentave		
	Patent Office		
Location and mailing address:	Bulevardi "Zhan D'Ark" 2, Tirana, Albania		
Telephone:	(355-42) 258 00		
Facsimile machine:	(355-42) 279 75, 320 83		
Teleprinter:	-		
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine		
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents		
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission		
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		
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Albania:	Albanian Patent Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)		
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Albania is designated (or elected):	National protection: Albanian Patent Office (see Volume II)  Extension of European patent: European Patent Office (see Volume II)		
May Albania be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)		
Types of protection available:	National: Patents, utility models European: Extended European patents		
Provisions of the law of Albania concerning international-type search:	None		

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# **B1** Information on Contracting States

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Provisional protection after international publication:

Any international application designating Albania which has been published under PCT Article 21 shall give rise to the same rights as those which the Albanian law provides for the compulsory national publication of unexamined national applications as such. Provisional protection shall be effective as from the date on which an Albanian translation of the claims of the international application is published by the Albanian Patent Office. This translation shall be published within three months from the date of its submission to the Albanian Patent Office. (Article 20-Albanian Industrial Property Law)

### Information of interest if Albania is designated (or elected)

### For the grant of a national patent by the Albanian Patent Office:

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

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the invitation.

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

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms?

Yes (see Annex L)

For extension of a European patent -See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2, Summary (EP) and the national chapters EP and AL in Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide

# C Receiving Offices AL ALBANIAN PATENT OFFICE

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Albania
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Albanian Lek (ALL) and Swiss Francs (CHF)
Transmittal fee:	ALL 9,000
Basic fee:	CHF 762
Supplement per sheet over 30:	CHF 15
Designation fee:	CHF 185
Search fee:	See Annex D (European Patent Office)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ALL 2,500
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Albania or if the applicant is a legal entity established under Albanian law
	Yes, in all other cases
Who can act as agent?	Any patent agent registered to practice before the Office

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# Designated (or elected) Office

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### **ALBANIAN PATENT OFFICE**

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### Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for the entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: 21 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1): 31 months from the priority date		
Translation of international application required into:1	Albanian		
Required contents of the translation for the entry into the national phase: <sup>1</sup>	Under PCT Article 22: Request, description, claims (if amended as amended only), any text matter of drawings, abstract  Under PCT Article 39(1): Request, description, claims, any tex matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)		
Is a copy of the international application required?	No		
National fee: <sup>1</sup>	Currency: Albanian Lek (ALL)  For patent:  Filing fee: ALL 8,000  For utility model:  Filing fee: ALL 6,000		
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None		
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <sup>bis</sup> ): <sup>2</sup>	Appointment of an agent if the applicant does not reside in Albania or is not a legal entity established under Albanian law  Verification of the translation of the application by or on behalf of the applicant  Any document relating to the identity of the inventor  Any document relating to any transfer or assignment of the right to the application  The international application, the translation thereof or any document relating thereto, must be furnished in two copies		
Who can act as agent?	Any patent agent registered to practice before the Office		

<sup>1</sup> Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

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## **TURKEY**

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### **General information**

Name of Office:	Türk Patent Enstitüsü Başkanlığı Turkish Patent Institute
Location and mailing address:	Izmir Cad. No. 26-28, 06440 Kizilay, Ankara
Telephone:	(90-312) 419 02 30
Facsimile machine:	(90-312) 419 02 48
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)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Turkey:	Turkish Patent Institute or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Turkey is designated (or elected):	Turkish Patent Institute (see Volume II)
May Turkey be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Turkey concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	After international publication, the furnishing of a translation of the international application into the Turkish language gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. See Art. 82 of the Decree on the Protection of the Patent Rights.

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### **TURKEY**

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

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?

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms?

Must be in request. If the data concerning the inventor is not in the request, it must be furnished within the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a).

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# **Receiving Offices**

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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Turkey
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French or German
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Competent International Searching Authority:	Russian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Russian Patent Office or European Patent Office for international applications for which the European Patent Office has established the international search report
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Swiss Francs (CHF)
Transmittal fee:	CHF 100
Basic fee:	CHF 762
Supplement per sheet over 30:	CHF 15
Designation fee:	CHF 185
Search fee:	See Annex D (Russian Patent Office or European Patent Office)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	CHF 30
Is an agent required by	No, if the applicant resides in Turkey
the receiving Office?	Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Turkey

### **SUMMARY**

# Designated (or elected) Office

### **SUMMARY**

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### TURKISH PATENT INSTITUTE

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### Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for the entry into the national phase:		20 months from the priority date 30 months from the priority date	
Translation of international application required into: <sup>1</sup>	Turkish		
Required contents of the translation for the entry into the national phase: <sup>1</sup>	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract  Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)		
Is a copy of the international application required?	No	, ,	
National fee: <sup>1</sup>	Currencies: Turkish Lira (TRL), Swiss Franc (CHF) and Deutsche Mark (DEM)		
	For patent:		
	Filing fee:	CHF 100	
	Search fee:	DEM 850	
	Examination fee:	DEM 1,000	
	First annual fee:	TRL 2,800,000	
	For utility model:		
	Filing fee:	CHF 100	
	First annual fee:	TRL 2,800,000	
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The search fee is reduced search report has been estab	l by DEM 50 where an international lished	

Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). However, the national fee may still be paid within 7 calendar days from the expiration of 20 or 30 months from the priority date and the translation may still be filed within one month from the date of entry into the national phase.

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### TURKISH PATENT INSTITUTE

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Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):2

Statement justifying the applicant's right to the patent if he is not the inventor

Declaration justifying the applicant's right to claim priority where he is different from the applicant having filed the earlier application the priority of which is claimed

Any evidence concerning non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty, such as disclosures resulting from abuse, disclosures at certain exhibitions and disclosures by the applicant within a period of 12 months preceding the international filing date, or if priority is claimed, preceding the priority date

Where the person of the applicant has changed after the international filing date, a document of assignment and a power of attorney

Appointment of an agent if applicant is not resident in Turkey

Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in Turkey

If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.