

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT:
SCHEDULE OF FEES

(as proposed to be amended with effect from July 1, 2015)

Fees	Amounts	
1. International filing fee: (Rule 15.2)	1,330 15	Swiss francs plus Swiss francs for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets
2. Supplementary search handling fee: (Rule 45bis.2)	200	Swiss francs
3. Handling fee: (Rule 57.2)	200	Swiss francs

Reductions

4. The international filing fee is reduced by the following amount if the international application is, as provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed:
 - (a) on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract: 100 Swiss francs
 - (b) in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format: 100 Swiss francs
 - (c) in electronic form, the request being in character coded format: 200 Swiss francs
 - (d) in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format: 300 Swiss francs
5. The international filing fee under item 1 (where applicable, as reduced under item 4), the supplementary search handling fee under item 2 and the handling fee under item 3 are reduced by 90% if the international application is filed by:
 - (a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being a State whose per capita gross domestic product is below US\$ 25,000 (according to the most recent ten-year average per capita gross domestic product figures at constant 2005 US\$ values published by the United Nations), and whose nationals and residents who are natural persons have filed less than 10 international applications per year (per million population) or 50 international applications per year (in absolute numbers) according to the most recent 5-year average yearly filing figures published by the International Bureau; or
 - (b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country;

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b). The lists of States referred to in sub-items (a) and (b) shall be updated by the Director General at least every five years according to directives given by the Assembly. The criteria set out in sub-items (a) and (b) shall be reviewed by the Assembly at least every five years.

PROPOSED DIRECTIVES FOR UPDATING THE LISTS OF STATES MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PCT FEES

The Assembly establishes in the following terms the directives referred to in the Schedule of Fees, it being understood that, in the light of experience, the Assembly may at any time modify these directives:

1. Five years after the establishment of the first list of States which meet the criteria referred to in items 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees, and every five years thereafter, the Director General shall prepare draft lists of States which appear to meet the criteria referred to in:
 - (i) item 5(a) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent ten year average per capita gross domestic product figures from the United Nations published at least two weeks prior to the first day of that session of the Assembly;
 - (ii) item 5(b) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent list of countries classified as least developed countries by the United Nations published at least two weeks prior to the first day of that session of the Assembly;

and shall make those lists available to the PCT Contracting States and States entitled to observer status in the Assembly for comment before the end of that session of the Assembly.

2. Following the end of that session of the Assembly, the Director General shall establish new lists, taking into account any comments received. The revised lists shall become applicable on the first day of the calendar year subsequent to that session and shall be used to determine, in accordance with Rules 15.4, 45bis.2(c) and 57.3(d), the eligibility for the fee reduction under items 5(a) and 5(b), respectively, of the Schedule of Fees of any relevant fee payable. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

3. Where any State is not included in a particular list but subsequently becomes eligible for inclusion in that list due to the publication, after the expiration of the period of two weeks prior to the first day of the ordinary session of the Assembly referred to in paragraph 1, above, of revised per capita national income figures by the United Nations or of a revised list of States that are being classified as least developed countries by the United Nations, that State may request the Director General to revise the relevant list of States so as to include that State in the relevant list. Any such revised list shall become applicable on a date to be specified by the Director General, that date being no more than 3 months from the date of receipt of the request. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

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