



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. PCT- 2015-06

TO : All Concerned

SUBJECT : Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts in USD of PCT Fees

DATE : December 9, 2015

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has announced that new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and fee reductions in USD have been established. The new amounts, applicable from January 1, 2016, read as follows:

PCT Fee	Previous Amount	New Amount
International filing fee	USD 1,384	USD 1,363
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	USD 16	USD 15
Electronic filing reduction – the request not in character coded format	USD 104	USD 102
Electronic filing reduction – the request in character coded format	USD 208	USD 205
Electronic filing reduction – the request, description, claims, and abstract are in character coded format	USD 312	USD 307

Further, new amounts have been established for the search fees charged by the International Searching Authorities and the handling fee payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authorities for the benefit of the International Bureau, respectively. The new amounts, applicable from January 1, 2016, are as follows:

Search Fee	Previous Amount	New Amount
Australian Patent Office	USD 1,622	USD 1,560
European Patent Office	USD 2,125	USD 2,097
Japan Patent Office	USD 577	USD 581
Korean Intellectual Property Office	USD 1,125	USD 1,120

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Handling Fee	Previous Amount	New Amount
Australian Patent Office	AUD 278	AUD 289
European Patent Office	EUR 191	EUR 183
Japan Patent Office	JPY 26,800	JPY 24,700
United States Patent and Trademark Office	USD 208	USD 205

The new amounts were published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) on November 26, 2015.

For your information and guidance.


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