

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. PCT- 2008-05

TO : **All Concerned**

SUBJECT : **Amendments to the Schedule of Fees and Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees**

DATE : **15 July 2008**

The World Intellectual Property Organization has announced that a number of amendments to the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union during its thirty-seventh (21st extraordinary) session on 31 March 2008.

The amendments, which were adopted on 15 May 2008 and entered into force on **1 July 2008**, consists of a **5% reduction in the international filing fee in Swiss francs**, an **increase from 75% to 90% in the reduction available to the applicant from certain States**, and an **extension of the availability of the reduction to applicants from additional nine States**.

Accordingly, equivalent amounts in USD of the new international filing fee and new equivalent amounts in USD of the fee per sheet over 30, together with new equivalent amounts in USD of the reductions for electronic filing, have been established, with effect from **1 July 2008**, as follows:

<u>PCT Fee</u>	<u>Previous Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
International filing fee	USD 1,263	USD 1,338
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	USD 14	USD 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
– PCT-EASY	USD 90	USD 101
– Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format)	USD 180	USD 201
– Electronic filing (in character coded format)	USD 271	USD 302

The new amounts were published in the 29 May 2008 and 12 June 2008 issues of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

For your information and guidance.

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