

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. PCT-2009-7**

**TO :** All Concerned

**SUBJECT :** Adjustment in the Equivalent Amounts of the Handling Fee in AUD and JPY for the Australian Patent Office (APO) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO), respectively, and Adjustment in the Equivalent Amount in USD of the Search Fee for the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)

**DATE :** October 23, 2009

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The World Intellectual Property Organization has notified that new equivalent amounts of the handling fee in AUD and JPY payable to the Australian Patent Office (APO) and Japan Patent Office (JPO), as International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEA), respectively, have been established. These new applicable amounts are as follows:

<u>PCT Fee</u>	<u>Previous Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>	<u>Applicable Date</u>
<b>APO Handling Fee</b>	<b>AUD196</b>	<b>AUD247</b>	<b>March 1, 2009</b>
<b>JPO Handling Fee</b>	<b>JPY19,600</b>	<b>JPY16,000</b>	<b>April 1, 2009</b>

These new amounts were published in the January 22, 2009 issue of the PCT Gazette.

Furthermore, the WIPO has also notified that a new amount of the search fee in USD payable to the USPTO as an International Search Authority (ISA) has been established. The new amount applicable, as from January 12, 2009, reads as follows:

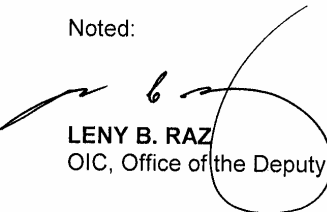
<u>PCT Fee</u>	<u>Previous Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
<b>Search Fee</b>	<b>USD1,800</b>	<b>USD2,080</b>


The new amount was published in the December 11, 2008 issue of the PCT Gazette.

For your information and guidance.

  
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