

**COST COMPARISON OF OFFICIAL FEES FOR A EURO-PCT APPLICATION
(Based on amounts applicable on 3 January 2002)**

This schedule outlines the official fees through the EP Regional phase entry of an international (PCT) application filed with the RO/US. It compares the cost for an application which chooses the USPTO as ISA and IPEA to those for the same application where the EPO is the ISA and IPEA.

I. INTERNATIONAL PHASE

CHAPTER I

	<u>ISA/US</u>	<u>ISA/EP</u>
Transmittal Fee	USD 240	USD 240
Basic Fee	USD 407	USD 407
Designation Fee (1 for all EPC States)	USD 88	USD 88
International search fee (prior US application)	USD 450	USD 866
Total Chapter I	USD 1,185	USD 1,601

CHAPTER II

	<u>IPEA/US</u>	<u>IPEA/EP</u>
International preliminary examination fee*	USD 490	USD 1,355 (EUR 1,533)
Handling fee*	USD 146	USD 141 (EUR 159)
Total Chapter II*	USD 636	USD 1,495 (EUR 1,692)

INTERNAT'L FEES

	<u>ISA/IPEA/US</u>	<u>ISA/IPEA/EP</u>
Chapter I	USD 1,185	USD 1,601
Chapter II*	USD 636	USD 1,495
Total International Fees*	USD 1,821	USD 3,096

Upon entering the European regional phase (that is, within 31 months from the priority date), the applicant selects the countries in which to obtain a European patent from those designated in the original PCT application. Currently, by paying 7 designation fees, the option of validating the issued European patent in all contracting countries is preserved.

II. EP REGIONAL PHASE ENTRY

	<u>ISA/IPEA/US</u>	<u>ISA/IPEA/EP</u>
EPO filing fee	EUR 125	EUR 125
EPO designation fee (7 designations @ EUR 75 each)	EUR 525	EUR 525
EPO search fee		
if ISA/EP-no fee payable	---	EUR 0
if ISA/US-80% of fee (EUR 690) payable	EUR 552	---
EPO examination fee		
if IPEA/EP-50% of fee (EUR 1430) payable	---	EUR 715
if IPEA/US-100% of fee payable	EUR 1,430	---
Total EP Regional Phase Entry in EUR	<u>EUR 2,632</u>	<u>EUR 1,365</u>
Total EP Regional Phase Entry in USD*	USD 2,326	USD 1,206

III. EURO-PCT APPLICATION

	<u>ISA/IPEA/US</u>	<u>ISA/IPEA/EP</u>
Total International Fees*	USD 1,821	USD 3,096
Total EP Regional Phase Entry Fees*	USD 2,326	USD 1,206
Total Fees Through EP Entry*	USD 4,147	USD 4,302

(Difference = USD 155)

*Exchange rate on 28 January 2002: USD 1.00 = 1.13 EUR