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List of abbreviations:

EPC: Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention)
Rfees: Rules relating to Fees (of the European Patent Office)
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### EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)

#### Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

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| Translation of international application required into: | English, French or German |

| Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: |
| Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, if the applicant wishes the amendments to form the basis for the proceedings, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract |
| Description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report and claims amended under PCT Article 19, if the applicant wishes these amendments to form the basis for the proceedings, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), abstract |

| Is a copy of the international application required? | No |

| National fee: |
| Currency: Euro (EUR) |
| Filing fee: |
| – where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: EUR 120 |
| – where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: EUR 210 |
| Additional fee for pages in excess of 35: for the 36th and each subsequent page: EUR 15 |
| Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: EUR 580 |
| Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Bosnia and Herzegovina or Montenegro): EUR 102 |
| Claims fee: |
| – for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50: EUR 235 |
| – for the 51st and each subsequent claim: EUR 580 |

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1 Where the applicant furnishes only one translation of the international application, or any part of it, either as originally filed or as amended, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation within a reasonable time limit. If the translation of the amended part or of the international application as initially filed is missing and is not furnished, the international application will be considered withdrawn.

2 Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date. For claims fees see also paragraph EP.08 of National Chapter EP.

3 The designation and extension fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date.
## Designated Office

**EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)**

**Search fee:**
- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 875
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,285

**Fee for further processing:**
- in the event of late payment of a fee: 50% of the relevant fee
- other cases: EUR 250

**Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:** EUR 230

**Examination fee:**
- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 1,805
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up: EUR 1,805
- for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,620

**Renewal fee for the third year:** EUR 465

**Exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees:**

- No search fee is payable where the international search report has been established by the EPO.
- Where the international application has been filed before 1 July 2005 and the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.
- Where the international application has been filed between 1 April 2005 and 30 June 2005 and the international search report has been established by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH).

The search fee is reduced by 20% (international applications filed before 1 July 2005) or by EUR 190 (international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005) where the international search report has been established by the Australian Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China or the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The search fee is reduced by EUR 1,100 for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on Centralization by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

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4 See footnote 2.
5 A request for examination must be made and the examination fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and EPC Rule 159(1).
6 This fee is due before the expiration of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; it is due within 31 months from the priority date if that 31-month time limit expires later.
8 See the Decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council dated 13 December 2013 (CA/D 14/13).
**SUMMARY**

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees:9

The search fee is refunded fully or in part where the supplementary European search report is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office.

The examination fee is reduced by 50% where the international preliminary examination report has been established by the EPO.10

Furthermore, in certain cases the examination fee is reduced by 30% for language reasons.10

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):11

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application or in a declaration in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17(i)

Address, nationality and residence of the applicant if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

Appointment of an agent if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of one of the Contracting States of the European Patent Convention

Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

Who can act as agent?

Any professional representative entered on the relevant list maintained by the EPO (the directory of professional representatives can be consulted on the EPO website)12

Any legal practitioner qualified to practice in patent matters in one of the States party to the European Patent Convention and who has his place of business in that State

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

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9  See footnote 8 and OJ EPO 3/2013, page 153 *et seq*.

10  See also paragraph EP.14 of National Chapter EP and OJ EPO 2/2014, A23.

11  If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) (31 months from the priority date), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months. In respect of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings, see also OJ EPO 2007, Special Edition No. 3, page 26 *et seq* and OJ EPO 6/2011, page 376.

12  See http://www.epo.org/applying/online-services/representatives.html
THE PROCEDURE IN THE NATIONAL PHASE

Detailed information on the procedure before the EPO as designated Office and as elected Office can also be found in the “Euro-PCT Guide” (‘‘PCT procedure before the EPO’’), to be ordered from the EPO Customer Service Centre and available on the EPO website www.epo.org/applying/international.html.

EP.01 FORM FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE. The EPO has available a special form for entering the national phase (EPO Form 1200—see Annex EP.III). The EPO strongly recommends that applicants use the latest version of this form which contains detailed explanatory notes. The form is also available on the EPO’s website: www.epo.org/applying/forms-fees/forms.html. The form may be filed electronically (see OJ EPO 3/2009, 182 et seq.).

EP.02 LANGUAGE OF PROCEEDINGS. The language of proceedings is one of the EPO official languages (English, French or German). If the international application has been published in one of those languages, this language is the language of proceedings; if not, the language of the translation which was transmitted to the EPO is the language of proceedings. The language of proceedings cannot be changed subsequently.

In written proceedings, the applicant may use any official language of the EPO. However, amendments (see paragraph EP.18) to the application itself must be filed in the language of proceedings.

EP.03 TRANSLATION OF THE APPLICATION. In addition to those elements of the translation which must be furnished within the time limit of 31 months from the priority date (the description, the claims and any text in the drawings as originally filed and the abstract as published), the following elements should also be included:

if the EPO acts as designated Office:

– any amendments made to the claims under PCT Article 19 in the form of a translation of the complete set of claims furnished in replacement of all claims originally filed only if the applicant wishes such amendments to form the basis of further proceedings. The amendments must be submitted together with, if submitted to the International Bureau, the statement under PCT Article 19(1) explaining the amendments and, in every case, the accompanying letter under PCT Rule 46.5(b) in an official language of the EPO. If a translation of the complete set of claims submitted under PCT Article 19 is not furnished or not accompanied by a translation of, if submitted to the International Bureau, the statement under PCT Article 19(1) and, in every case, the accompanying letter under PCT Rule 46.5(b), the amendments under PCT Article 19 will be disregarded for the further proceedings. If only the statement under PCT Article 19(1) is not available in an official language, only that document will be disregarded;

– any indication under PCT Rule 13bis.3 and 13bis.4, i.e., separately furnished reference to deposited biological material;

– any nucleotide and amino acid sequence listing furnished subsequently to the filing of the international application;

– any request for rectification referred to in PCT Rule 91.3(d) as published in accordance with PCT Rule 48.2(a)(vii).

if the EPO acts as elected Office:

– translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report (IPER), i.e. regardless of whether protection is sought for the same version of the application documents as was the subject of that report.

If the translation of all annexes is not filed in due time, the applicant is invited to furnish the missing translation within two months of notification of a communication. If the applicant fails to comply, the Euro-PCT application is deemed to be withdrawn. The applicant may request further processing (or re-establishment of rights).
EP.04 TRANSLATION (CORRECTION). Errors in the translation of the international application can be corrected with reference to the text of the international application as filed (see National Phase, paragraphs 6.002 and 6.003).

EP.05 FEES (MANNER OF PAYMENT). The manner of payment of the fees indicated in the Summary and in this Chapter is outlined in Annex EP.1.

EP.06 EUROPEAN DESIGNATION FEE. A (flat) designation fee must be paid within six months from the publication by the International Bureau of the international search report or before the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) and EPC Rule 159 (31 months from the filing date or, if priority has been claimed, the earliest priority date), whichever time limit expires later. If the designation fee is not paid in due time, the international application will be deemed withdrawn.

EP.07 EXTENSION. International applications entering the national phase at the EPO can be extended to certain States which have concluded an Extension Agreement to that effect with the European Patent Organisation (they are indicated in the Summary), provided the State concerned has been designated for a national patent in the international application and the respective extension fees have been paid, the amount of which is indicated in Annex EP.1. For payment of the extension fee, the provisions for payment of the European designation fees apply mutatis mutandis. The request for extension for a state is deemed withdrawn if the extension fee is not paid to the EPO within the time limit laid down in the EPC for the payment of the designation fee (EPC Rule 159(1)(d)). No communication pointing out the failure to observe the time limit for payment is issued. However, the applicant may still pay an extension fee after expiry of the (basic) time limit for payment of the designation fee and the extension fees with a 50% surcharge within a grace period of two months as from expiry of the basic time limit. Furthermore, where in the absence of payment of the designation fee in due time further processing can be requested in respect of the designation fee, the applicant may within two months from notification of the communication of the loss of rights also pay the extension fee(s) with a 50% surcharge (see Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, A-III, 12.2). When an extension State accedes to the EPC, the Extension Agreement remains applicable to international applications filed prior to the date of accession.

EP.08 CLAIMS FEES. The claims fees must be calculated on the basis of the number of claims existing on entry into the national phase (that is, where amendments have been filed, the claims as amended under PCT Article 19 or 34(2) or the claims as submitted by the applicant under PCT Article 28 or 41 upon entering the national phase), unless the applicant uses the opportunity to amend the claims in response to the communication pursuant to EPC Rules 161 and 162 referred to in paragraph EP.18, the claims thus amended being then used as the basis for calculation of the claims fee and for further proceedings. Where the applicant fails to pay the correct amount of the claims fees within the 31-month time limit, the EPO will invite him to pay the missing amount within the non-extendable six-month time limit set in the communication under EPC Rules 161 and 162. If claims are amended in response to the communication pursuant to Rules 161 and 162, the applicant has to calculate any additional claims fees himself and pay them within the time limit set in the communication. Where a claims fee is not paid in due time, the claim concerned shall be deemed to be abandoned. Features of a claim deemed to have been abandoned and which are not otherwise to be found in the description or drawings cannot subsequently be reintroduced into the application and, in particular, the claims.

EP.09 DESIGNATION OF THE INVENTOR. For details, see the form for such designation in Annex EP. IV. Legalization is not required. For time limits, see the Summary.

EP.10 APPOINTMENT OF AN AGENT AND POWER OF ATTORNEY. Natural and legal persons having either their residence or their principal place of business within the territory of one of the EPC contracting states may act on their own behalf in proceedings before the EPO (EPC Article 133(1)). Natural and legal persons not having either a residence or their principal place of business within the territory of one of the EPC contracting states must be represented by a professional representative and act through him in all proceedings established by the EPC (see the Summary, “Who can act as agent?”). In case of failure to appoint the required professional representative, the applicant will be invited by the EPO to do so within two months. If the deficiency is not corrected in due time, the application is refused. Nevertheless, the applicant may act on his own behalf within the 31-month time limit applicable under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) and EPC Rule 159(1). Under no circumstances, however, may the applicant act through his agent appointed during the international phase if the
latter is not an agent entitled to practice before the EPO. Payments can be made by anybody. A power of attorney (“Authorisation” or “General Authorisation”, see samples given in Annexes EP.V and EP.VI, respectively), generally, need not be filed by an agent who is a professional representative entered on the list maintained by the EPO. It is, however, necessary that he informs the EPO of his appointment. This applies even if the professional representative was appointed for the international phase, unless he was at the same time also explicitly appointed for the European phase before the EPO acting as Receiving Office. Legal practitioners entitled to practice before the EPO and employees representing an applicant under EPC Article 133(3) who are not professional representatives must always file a signed authorization or a reference to a general authorization already on file (for details, see the Decision of the President of the EPO dated 12 July 2007 on the filing of authorizations, OJ EPO 2007, Special edition No.3, 128 et seq.). Only where the EPO acted as receiving Office and the authorization expressly empowered the legal practitioner or employee to act before the EPO in the national phase, is a new authorization not required. In the cases where a power of attorney is required, the EPO will invite the applicant or agent to file it within a period to be specified. If the authorization is not filed in due time, any procedural steps taken by the agent will be deemed not to have been taken.

**EP.11 RENEWAL FEES.** They are payable for the third and each subsequent year following the international filing date. Payment must be made before the expiration of the month containing the anniversary of the international filing date. Payment can then still be made, together with a 50% surcharge for late payment, before the expiration of the sixth month after the month containing the anniversary of the international filing date. It is to be noted that a renewal fee which is due within the 31-month time limit applicable under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) can be paid without surcharge up to the expiration of the 31-month time limit. The renewal fee can still validly be paid within six months after the expiration of the 31-month time limit, subject to the payment of the 50% surcharge. The amounts of the renewal fees are indicated in Annex EP.I. For the calculation of aggregate time limits, see OJ EPO 1993, 229, point II-3. Renewal fees may not be paid more than three months before they fall due.

**EP.12 REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION.** A European patent will be granted only if the substantive examination of the application shows it to meet the requirements of the EPC. Examination will only start upon explicit request. The request may be made by using the form referred to in paragraph EP.01 (see pre-crossed box 4.1 of EPO Form 1200, Annex EP.III). The request for examination is not deemed to be filed until after the examination fee has been paid.

**EP.13 TIME LIMIT FOR REQUESTING EXAMINATION.** Examination must be requested within six months from the publication by the International Bureau of the international search report or before the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) and EPC Rule 159(1) (31 months from the filing date or, if priority has been claimed, from the earliest priority date), whichever time limit expires later.

**EP.14 FEE FOR EXAMINATION.** The request for examination is only effective if the examination fee has been paid. That fee must therefore be paid within the time limits set out in paragraph EP.13. The amount of the said fee is indicated in Annex EP.I.

- (i) It is reduced by 50% where an international preliminary examination report has been established by the EPO. If the report was established on certain parts of the international application, the reduction is allowed only if examination is to be performed on subject matter covered by the report.

- (ii) Furthermore, a 30% reduction in the examination fee is available to SMEs, natural persons, non-profit organizations, universities or public research organizations having their residence or principal place of business in an EPC contracting state with an official language other than English, French or German when they file European patent applications or requests for examination in an official language of that state (“admissible non-EPO language”). Since the request for examination is only effective if the examination fee has been paid, the request for examination in the admissible non-EPO language may still be filed up until the examination fee is paid. Within one month of such filing (i.e., at the earliest simultaneously with the request for examination), a translation of the request in the language of proceedings must be filed. See also Annex EP.III, page 2, box 4.
If the conditions for both reductions are fulfilled, the examination fee is first reduced by 50%. The 30% reduction is applied to the resulting total and not to the full fee. Therefore, the total reduction in relation to the full fee is 65%.

The examination fee is refunded in full if the application is withdrawn, refused or deemed to be withdrawn before the examining division has assumed responsibility. Seventy-five per cent of the examination fee is refunded if the application is withdrawn, refused or deemed to be withdrawn after the examining division has assumed responsibility but before substantive examination has begun (see Notice from the European Patent Office dated 22 October 2009, OJ EPO 11/2009, 542 and Notice from the European Patent Office dated 29 January 2013, OJ EPO 3/2013, 153).

**CONSEQUENCES OF NON-FULFILMENT OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.**

EPC Rule 160 provides that if either the translation of the international application or the request for examination is not filed in due time or if the filing fee, the search fee, the examination fee or the designation fee is not paid in due time, the European patent application is deemed withdrawn. In these circumstances, the applicant will be informed of the deemed withdrawal and EPC Rule 112(2) shall apply. However, the loss of rights shall be deemed not to have occurred if, within two months of the EPO notification, further processing is requested by payment of the fee for further processing and the omitted act is completed.

If the applicant neither filed the request for examination nor paid the examination fee in due time, further processing must be requested in respect of both omissions, i.e. in respect of filing the request for examination and payment of the examination fee. It follows that the applicant must file the request for examination and pay the examination fee itself together with two fees for further processing: a flat fee for further processing in respect of the request for examination and 50% of the examination fee.

**SUPPLEMENTARY EUROPEAN SEARCH.** As a rule, a supplementary European search must be performed for each international application entering the European phase and a search fee must be paid.

The supplementary European search will be based on the last set of (amended) claims available to the EPO on the date of expiry of the time limit set under EPC Rule 161(2). Thus, any amendment to the claims which has been filed up to that date will be taken into account (see paragraph EP.18).

Where the request for examination was filed before transmittal of the supplementary European search report, which is usually the case, the EPO invites the applicant, after transmittal of the supplementary European search report, to indicate whether he wishes to proceed further with the application before the EPO. The applicant may waive the right to receive such communication by informing the EPO thereof in due time.

- If the applicant does not wish to proceed further, he may withdraw the application or he may simply refrain from answering the invitation within the time limit fixed in it and the application is deemed to be withdrawn. If the applicant wishes to proceed further, he must notify the EPO accordingly. He may, at the same time, respond to the supplementary European search report by filing amendments and/or comments to his application. The applicant is required to reply to a search opinion within the time limit set by the EPO in its communication under EPC Rule 70a(2) if the EPO has issued a negative written opinion (see Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, B-XI, 8 and EP.18).

No supplementary European search performed:

Dispensation applies and no search fee is to be paid if the international search report (or supplementary international search report)¹ was established by the EPO. In this case the applicant will be invited to comment on the written opinion of the ISA or on the IPER, or on the supplementary international search report and to correct, if appropriate, any deficiencies noted therein and to amend the application within six months² from notification of the invitation (EPC Rule 161(1)); see Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, E-VIII, 3.2 for more details.

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¹ Applicable as from 1 July 2010 (see OJ EPO 12/2009, 594).
² Applicable as from 1 May 2011 (see OJ EPO 12/2010, 634).
SEARCH FEE. If a supplementary European search report is to be established, the search fee must be paid within the 31-month time limit, and may be reduced as follows:

(i) by EUR 190 where the international search report was drawn up by the following ISAs: the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China (SIPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or the Australian Patent Office;

(ii) by EUR 1,100\(^3\) where the international search report was drawn up by the Austrian Patent Office, the Finnish Patent and Registration Office, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

Where the supplementary European search report is based on an earlier search report prepared by the EPO on

- an application whose priority is claimed, or
- an earlier application within the meaning of Article 76 EPC, or
- an original application within the meaning of Rule 17 EPC,

the search fee paid for the search on the pending patent application is refunded fully or in part depending on the type of the earlier search and the extent to which the EPO benefits from the earlier search report when carrying out the subsequent search.

NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCES. If a Standard-compliant sequence listing in TXT format is contained in the international application under PCT Rule 5.2, furnished to the EPO acting as ISA/SISA or IPEA under PCT Rule 13ter.1(a) or made accessible to the EPO by other means, the applicant does not have to submit the Standard-compliant sequence listing again in TXT format on entry into the regional phase before the EPO as designated or elected Office.

Where, however, a Standard-compliant sequence listing in TXT format is not available to the EPO on the expiry of the period under Rule 159(1) EPC, the applicant will be invited to file a Standard-compliant sequence listing in TXT format within a non-extendable period of two months from the invitation and to pay the late furnishing fee. EPC Rule 30(2) and (3) and Article 1 of the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 28 April 2011 on the filing of sequence listings (OJ EPO 6/2011, 372) are to be applied accordingly (see EPC Rule 163(3) in conjunction with Article 5 of the above-mentioned decision of the President).

If any deficiencies are not remedied in due time after such an invitation – this also applies to the payment of the late furnishing fee – the application will be refused (EPC Rule 30(3)). The applicant may request further processing of the application under EPC Article 121 EPC (see also Notice from the European Patent Office dated 18 October 2013 concerning the filing of sequence listings, OJ EPO 11/2013, 542 et seq.).

Furthermore, the applicant must enclose, together with the sequence listing and the data carrier, a declaration to the effect that the sequence listing filed does not extend beyond the content of the application as originally filed and that the information stored on the data carrier is the same as the written sequence listing (see EPO Form 1200, Section 9).

AMENDMENT OF THE APPLICATION; TIME LIMITS. For the purpose of the procedure before the EPO as designated/elected Office the applicant may always file (voluntary) amendments within the 31-month time limit, and if he subsequently changes his mind he may file (further) amendments until expiry of the time limit set in the combined communication under EPC Rules 161 and 162. The applicant may also be required to file (mandatory) amendments to and/or comments on the application within the time limit set in the communication under EPC Rules 161 and 162. Whether or not a response is mandatory is clearly stated in the communication, its wording thus differing depending on the case (EPO Forms 1226AA, 1226BB or 1226CC).

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\(^3\) See OJ EPO 3/2012, 215 et seq.
The communication under EPC Rules 161 and 162 is issued for each application promptly once the application has entered the European phase and on condition that the ISR is available to the EPO. This means that it is also issued if the applicant has already filed, with Form 1200 or thereafter, amendments and/or comments to form the basis for the procedure in the European phase. Pursuant to EPC Rules 161 and 162 the time limit set in the communication is six months. This time limit cannot be extended.

After expiry of the six-month time limit further possibilities for amending the application are limited. If no supplementary European search is carried out, it is at the discretion of the examining division to allow amendments. If a supplementary European search is carried out, the applicant always has one further opportunity to submit amendments upon receipt of the report. Thus, after issuance of the supplementary European search report the applicant may, first of all, comment on both the report and the search opinion and file (voluntary) amendments to the description, claims and drawings within the period specified in the communication under EPC Rule 70a(2) for indicating whether he wishes to proceed further with the application. Secondly, if any deficiencies are noted in the search opinion, the applicant will be required under EPC Rule 70a(2) to respond to the objections made. The application will be deemed withdrawn if the applicant does not submit a substantive reply to the communication under EPC Rule 70a(2) (“mandatory response”). The loss of rights can be remedied by requesting further processing. Amendments made thereafter require the consent of the examining division.

Amendments may under no circumstances go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.

Whenever amendments are filed, the applicant must identify them and indicate their basis in the application as filed. If he fails to do so, the examining division may issue a communication requesting correction of the omission within a non-extendable time limit of one month. If the deficiency is not remedied in due time, the application will be deemed withdrawn under EPC Art. 94(4). The loss of rights can be remedied by requesting further processing.

The amounts of the fees are indicated in Annex EP.I. They must be paid within four months from the invitation to pay referred to in paragraph EP.19.

The claims must be translated into the two official languages of the EPO which are not the language of proceedings (see paragraphs EP.02 and EP.19).

If the applicant wishes the processing and the examination of his application to start earlier than the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22(3) or 39(1)(b), he must file an express request for early processing, which is not included in Form 1200. Moreover, he must fulfill the requirements for entry into the European phase as if the 31-month time limit provided for in EPC Rule 159(1) expired on the date he requests early processing (see OJ EPO No. 3/2013, 156 et seq.).

For information concerning amended Rule 71 and new Rule 71a EPC, see the Notice from the European Patent Office dated 13 December 2011, OJ EPO 2/2012, 52.
To obtain such a review by the EPO as designated/elected Office, applicants must, within the two-month time limit under PCT Rule 51.1, request the International Bureau under PCT Art. 25(1) to send copies of documents in the files promptly to the EPO as designated Office. Furthermore, the filing fee under EPC Rule 159(1)(c) must be paid and, where required, a translation of the Euro-PCT application furnished within the same two-month time limit (PCT Rule 51.3).

Applicants are recommended to undertake the remaining steps for entry into the European phase under EPC Rule 159(1) at the same time.

If, upon review under PCT Article 25, the EPO denies an error or omission on the part of the receiving Office or the International Bureau, an appeal against this decision may be lodged within two months from the date of receipt of the decision. Within the same two-month time limit, a fee for appeal must be paid (for the amount, see Annex EP.I). The Board of Appeal will then decide on the appeal.

**EP.24 EXCUSE OF DELAYS IN MEETING TIME LIMITS.** Reference is made to paragraphs 6.022 to 6.028 of the National Phase and to paragraph EP.15.

**EP.25 FURTHER PROCESSING.** Further processing of the application may be requested where the applicant has missed a time limit during the international or the national phase in respect of which further processing is not ruled out under EPC Article 121(4) and Rule 135(2). Such request has the effect that the legal consequence of the failure to observe the time limit is deemed not to have ensued. It must be made by payment of the fee for further processing, the amount of which is indicated in Annex EP.I, within two months of the communication concerning either the failure to observe a time limit or a loss of rights.

**EP.26 RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RIGHTS.** Re-establishment of rights may be requested where the applicant lost any right because, in spite of all due care required by the circumstances having been taken, he was unable to observe a time limit during the international or the national phase. An application for re-establishment must be filed in writing within two months from the removal of the cause of non-compliance with the time limit but not later than one year from the expiration of the time limit which has not been observed. Within the said two months, the omitted act must be completed, the fee for re-establishment of rights (see Annex EP.I) must be paid and the request must state the grounds on which it is based and must set out the facts on which it relies. However, reestablishment of rights is ruled out in respect of any period for which further processing under EPC Article 121 is available.

**EP.27 PRIORITY DOCUMENTS.** Where the priority of an earlier application is claimed for a Euro-PCT application, the priority document is sent by the International Bureau to the EPO, since the International Bureau received the priority document from the receiving Office or directly from the applicant or was able to retrieve it from a digital library. Where for any reason the priority document has not been submitted by the time of entry into the national phase, the applicant will be invited to furnish the missing document(s) within two months from the date of a notification under EPC Rule 163(2). This time limit cannot be extended. If the priority document or the application number is not submitted within that time limit, the priority right is lost. The loss of rights may be remedied by requesting further processing.

No obligation to furnish the priority document:

The EPO as designated/elected Office will include a copy of the priority document free of charge in the file of a Euro-PCT application even without having received a copy from the International Bureau on condition that the applicant has informed the EPO of the application number and only if the priority application is:

- a European patent application;
- an international application filed with the EPO as receiving Office;
- a Chinese patent or utility model application;
- a Japanese patent or utility model application;
- a Korean patent or utility model application;
- a United States provisional or non-provisional application.

Where the language of priority documents is not one of the official languages of the EPO (English, French or German) and the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of the patentability of the invention concerned, the applicant is invited to file, within the time limit specified by the EPO, a translation in one of these three languages or a declaration that the international application is a complete translation of the priority application. Failure to comply with this invitation will result in the loss of the right of the relevant priority. For further information see Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, A-III, 6.8.

**EP.28 RESTORATION OF PRIORITY.** If the international application was filed more than 12 months from the filing date of the earlier application whose priority is claimed, the applicant may file a request for restoration of priority with the EPO as designated/elected Office. A request for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2 may be granted provided the following requirements are met:

- the filing date is within two months from the date on which the priority period expired (PCT Rule 26bis.2(c)(iii));
- the failure to claim the right of priority within the priority period occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken; thus, the requirement of due care is applied by the EPO in accordance with its standing practice under EPC Article 122;
- a request for restoration of priority is filed within one month from the date on which the 31-month time limit for entry into the European phase expired;
- the fee for restoration of priority levied by the EPO is duly paid within the same time limit;
- the request for restoration of priority is accompanied by a statement of reasons for the failure and is preferably accompanied by any declaration or other evidence in support of the statement of reasons.

**EP.29 LACK OF UNITY.** If upon expiry of the time limit set in the communication under EPC Rules 161 and 162 for filing amendments, the documents that serve as the basis for the supplementary European search or for examination contain claims relating to an invention that was not searched by the EPO and the application documents do not meet the requirement of unity of invention, a completely revised procedure under EPC Rule 164 applies as from 1 November 2014.

The EPO did not act as (S)ISA:

- In this case the EPO draws up a partial supplementary European search report on those parts of the application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims and informs the applicant that, for the supplementary European search report to cover the other inventions, a further search fee must be paid in respect of each invention involved, within two months.

The EPO acted as (S)ISA:

- Where the supplementary European search report is dispensed with (see EP.16a) and the examining division considers that in the application documents which are to serve as the basis for examination an invention is claimed which was not searched by the EPO as (S)ISA, the examining division shall inform the applicant that a search will be performed in respect of any such invention for which a search fee is paid within a period of two months.
FEES

(Currency: Euro)¹

Filing fee:
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online ........ 120
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online ... 210

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35:
for the 36th and each subsequent page ............................................. 15

Additional fee in the case of a divisional application filed in respect of any earlier application
which is itself a divisional application
- fee for a divisional application of second generation .......................... 210
- fee for a divisional application of third generation ............................ 420
- fee for a divisional application of fourth generation ......................... 630
- fee for a divisional application of fifth or any subsequent generation ....... 840

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated. ......................... 580

Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to certain States
which are not EPO Contracting States—see Summary) .......................... 102

Claims fee:
- for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50 ............................ 235
- for the 51st and each subsequent claim ............................................. 580

Search fee in respect of a European or supplementary European search:
- for international applications filed before 1 July 2005 ............................ 875
- for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 .......................... 1,285

Fee for further processing:
- in the event of late payment of a fee ............................................. 50% of the relevant fee
- in the event of late performance of the acts under Rule 71(3) EPC .................. 250
- other cases ............................................................... 250

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing ............................................. 230

Examination fee:
- for international applications filed before 1 July 2005 ............................. 1,805
- for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary
  European search report is drawn up ............................................. 1,805
- for all other international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 ................. 1,620

Renewal fees for European patent applications:²
- for the 3rd year counted from the international filing date .......................... 465
- for the 4th year counted from the international filing date .......................... 580
- for the 5th year counted from the international filing date .......................... 810
- for the 6th year counted from the international filing date .......................... 1,040
- for the 7th year counted from the international filing date .......................... 1,155
- for the 8th year counted from the international filing date .......................... 1,265
- for the 9th year counted from the international filing date .......................... 1,380
- for the 10th and each subsequent year counted from the international filing date .......... 1,560

Additional fee for late payment of a renewal fee ..................................... 50% of the relevant fee

Fee for grant³, including fee for printing the European patent specification:
- where the application documents to be printed comprise not more than 35 pages ........ 915
- where the application documents to be printed comprise more than 35 pages ........... 915
  plus for the 36th and each subsequent page ........................................... 15

¹ This list is based on the Schedule of fees and expenses of the European Patent Office. For the currently valid version of this
Schedule reference is made to the Guidance for the payment of fees and expenses, in the latest issue of the OJ EPO on to the EPO’s
website.
² The obligation to pay renewal fees to the EPO ceases with the payment of the renewal fee due in respect of the year during which
the grant of the European patent has been published in the European Patent Bulletin.
³ Applicable to international applications entering the regional phase before 1 April 2009.

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Fee for grant 4, including fee for publication of the European patent specification ........................................ 915
Fee for reestablishment of rights/fee for requesting restoration/fee for reinstatement of rights .............. 635
Fee for appeal ........................................................................................................................................... 1,860

Extract from the Rules Relating to Fees

**Article 5**
Payment of fees

(1) The fees due to the Office shall be paid in euro by payment or transfer to a bank account held by the Office.

(2) The President of the Office may allow other methods of paying fees than those set out in paragraph 1.

**Article 6**
Particulars concerning payments

(1) Every payment must indicate the name of the person making the payment and must contain the necessary particulars to enable the Office to establish immediately the purpose of the payment.

(2) If the purpose of the payment cannot immediately be established, the Office shall require the person making the payment to notify it in writing of this purpose within such period as it may specify. If he does not comply with this request in due time the payment shall be considered not to have been made.

**Article 7**
Date to be considered as the date on which payment is made

(1) The date on which any payment shall be considered to have been made to the Office shall be the date on which the amount of the payment or of the transfer is actually entered in a bank account held by the Office.

(2) Where the President of the Office allows, in accordance with the provisions of Article 5, paragraph 2, other methods of paying fees than those set out in Article 5, paragraph 1, he shall also lay down the date on which such payments shall be considered to have been made.

(3) Where, under the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2, payment of a fee is not considered to have been made until after the expiry of the period in which it should have been made, it shall be considered that this period has been observed if evidence is provided to the Office that the person who made the payment
   (a) fulfilled one of the following conditions in a Contracting State within the period within which the payment should have been made:
      (i) he effected the payment through a banking establishment;
      (ii) he duly gave an order to a banking establishment to transfer the amount of the payment and
   (b) paid a surcharge of 10% on the relevant fee or fees, but not exceeding EUR 150; no surcharge is payable if a condition according to sub-paragraph (a) has been fulfilled not later than ten days before the expiry of the period for payment.

(4) The Office may request the person who made the payment to produce evidence as to the date on which a condition according to paragraph 3(a) was fulfilled and, where required, pay the surcharge referred to in paragraph 3(b), within a period to be specified by it. If he fails to comply with this request or if the evidence is insufficient, or if the required surcharge is not paid in due time, the period for payment shall be considered not to have been observed.

**Article 8**
Insufficiency of the amount paid

A time limit for payment shall in principle be deemed to have been observed only if the full amount of the fee has been paid in due time. If the fee is not paid in full, the amount which has been paid shall be refunded after the period for payment has expired. The Office may, however, in so far as this is possible within the time remaining before the end of the period, give the person making the payment the opportunity to pay the amount lacking. It may also, where this is considered justified, overlook any small amounts lacking without prejudice to the rights of the person making the payment.

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4 Applicable to international applications entering the regional phase on or after 1 April 2009.

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Article 9

Refund of search fees

(1) The search fee paid for a European or supplementary European search shall be fully refunded if the European patent application is withdrawn or refused or deemed to be withdrawn at a time when the Office has not yet begun to draw up the search report.

(2) Where the European search report is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office on an application whose priority is claimed or an earlier application within the meaning of Article 76 of the Convention or of Rule 17 of the Convention, the Office shall refund to the applicant, in accordance with a decision of its President, an amount which shall depend on the type of earlier search and the extent to which the Office benefits from the earlier search report when carrying out the subsequent search.

Article 14

Reduction of fees

(1) The reduction laid down in Rule 6, paragraph 3, of the Convention shall be 30% of the filing fee or examination fee.

(2) Where the European Patent Office has drawn up an international preliminary examination report, the examination fee shall be reduced by 50%. If the report was established on certain parts of the international application in accordance with Article 34, paragraph 3(c), PCT, the fee shall not be reduced if subject-matter not covered by the report is to be examined.

Extract from the Arrangements for deposit accounts which may be used for the settlement of fees or the cost of publications and other services payable to the EPO

1. General provisions

Under Articles 5(2) and 7(2) of its Rules relating to Fees (RFees), the EPO makes available, for any interested natural or legal person (or bodies equivalent to a legal person under the law applicable to them), deposit accounts for paying fees, expenses and prices to be levied by the Office.

2. Formalities for opening an account

A deposit account may be opened upon request and provision of all the necessary particulars about the person, occupation and address of the prospective account holder. This is done by:

(a) completing and submitting the online request form on the EPO website under https://forms.epo.org/service-support/ordering/deposit-order-form.html or

(b) sending a signed request, on paper, by fax or by email, containing the abovementioned particulars, to the EPO as follows:

Customer Service Centre
Product Distribution and Specialised Services / European Patent Office
Dir. 5.4.3
PO Box 90
1031 Vienna
Austria
Tel.: (+43-1) 521 264 547
Fax: (+43-1) 521 262 495
E-mail: csc@epo.org
www.epo.org

3. Administration of the accounts

Deposit accounts are kept in euro only, at the EPO headquarters in Munich.

4. Inpayments

Arrangements for deposit accounts (ADA) and their annexes: See Supplementary publication to OJ EPO 4/2014.
4.1 Once the deposit account has been opened, its number is communicated to the holder, who must then make an initial inpayment commensurate with his requirements and the intended frequency of replenishment, so as to ensure that there are sufficient funds in the account.

4.2 Inpayments to replenish deposit accounts must be made into an EPO bank account, giving the number of the EPO deposit account concerned. They are credited to the deposit account with the date on which the inpayment is actually entered in the EPO bank account. They may be made only in the currency in which the EPO bank account concerned is held. If made into an EPO account held in a currency other than euro, they are converted into euro at the exchange rate pertaining on the inpayment date and the resulting euro amount is credited to the deposit account.

6. **Debiting the account**

6.1 Subject to point 11, deposit accounts may be debited only in respect of fees, expenses and prices to be levied by the EPO.

6.2 Debiting occurs in principle on the basis of a debit order signed by the account holder.

This may be
- a debit order for individual fees, or
- an automatic debit order filed under the automatic debiting procedure for a specific European patent application and authorising the debiting of fees automatically as the proceedings progress,

and may be filed
- by means of EPO Online Filing, on EPO Forms 1001E (Request for grant) and 1200E (Form for entry into the European phase),
- by means of EPO Online Filing or PCT-SAFE, on the PCT Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to Form PCT/RO/101 (PCT Request), in which case the signature requirement for the debit order is considered met if the Request is duly signed,
- by means of Online Fee Payment, in which case authorisation by smart card takes the place of a signature,
- by means of EPO Online Filing using EPO Form 1038E (Letter accompanying subsequently filed items),
- on paper, in which case the use of EPO Form 1010, Form PCT/RO/101 or PCT/IPEA/401 is mandatory,
- by fax, in which case the use of EPO Form 1010, Form PCT/RO/101 or PCT/IPEA/401 is mandatory. These forms should be sent to the EPO’s central fax number in Munich.

No paper confirmation of a debit order should be sent.

8. **Automatic debiting procedure**

Account holders may have their accounts debited automatically on the basis of an automatic debit order. The conditions applicable, and in particular the types of proceedings and fees covered, are laid down in the Arrangements for the automatic debiting procedure (AAD).

9. **Online Fee Payment**

Debit orders may also be filed online by means of Online Fee Payment, under conditions laid down in the Arrangements for Online Fee Payment.

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6 See point 8 ADA and the arrangements for automatic debiting in Annex A.1 in this supplementary publication, and the information from the EPO concerning the automatic debiting procedure in Annex A.2.

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002 = Search fee in respect of a European or supplementary European search

003 = Search fee in respect of an international search

005 = Designation fee for each Contracting State designated

006 = Examination fee

007 = Fee for grant may include fee for printing the European patent specification – see note 6

008 = Additional fee for printing the European patent specification (more than 35 pages) – see note 7

009 = Fee for publishing a new specification of the European patent (Rule 82(2), Rule 95(3) EPC)

010 = Opposition fee

011 = Fee for appeal

013 = Fee for re-establishment, reinstatement, restoration (EPC, PCT)

015 = Claims fee for the sixteenth and each subsequent claim (Rule 45(1), Rule 162(1) EPC) – see note 5

016 = Claims fee according to Rule 7(6) EPC – note 5 applies

017 = Fee for the awarding of costs

018 = Fee for the conservation of evidence

019 = Transmittal fee for an international application

020 = Filing fee – entry EP phase (Rule 159(1)(c) EPC)

021 = Fee for the preliminary examination of an international application

022 = Registering of transfer

023 = Registering of licences and other rights

024 = Cancellation of entry in respect of licences and other rights

025 = Duplicate copy of the European patent certificate

026 = Extract from the European Patent Register

027 = Inspection of the files of a European patent application

029 = Issue of a certified copy of a European patent application or an international application; priority documents

030 = Communication of information contained in the files of a European patent application

031 = Issue of receipts by fax

033 = Renewal fee for the 3rd year

034 = Renewal fee for the 4th year

035 = Renewal fee for the 5th year

036 = Renewal fee for the 6th year (and further years)

055 = Additional copy of the documents cited in the European search report

056 = Surcharge payable under Rule 82(3), Rule 95(3) EPC

059 = Postage and sundry communication expenses

060 = Fee for a technical opinion

061 = Surcharge under Article 7(3)(b) RFEes

062 = Protest fee

063 = Late payment fee (Rule 16bis.2 PCT)

064 = Late payment fee (Rule 58bis.2 PCT)

066 = Fee for late furnishing of sequence listings (Rule 13ter.1, 13ter.2 PCT)

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111 = Fee for petition for review

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141 = Revocation fee

Extension fees for:

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404 = Albania (AL)

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406 = Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MK)

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409 = Serbia (RS)

410 = Montenegro (ME)

501 = Additional fee if European patent application contains more than 35 pages

520 = Additional fee if the patent application contains more than 35 pages – entry EP phase

552 = Additional fee for divisional application 2nd generation

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PCT fees in EUR fixed by WIPO:

222 = Charge per sheet in excess of 30 (part of international filing fee)

224 = Handling fee

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Notes

1 Fee payments to EPO bank accounts must be made in EUR and transferred without charge to the payee.

On the bank transfer, the payer must give the following payment-reference information:

• patent application number

• fee code(s)


Payers are strongly recommended to make separate transfers for each application, to ensure, in accordance with Article 4(1) of the Rules relating to Fees (RFEes), that the payment-reference field gives all relevant data to enable the Office to establish immediately the purpose of payment.

2 Debits from deposit accounts held with the EPO may only be made in EUR.

For notes 3 to 7 see also OJ EPO 2/2009, 118 and Schedule of fees.

3 For European patent applications filed/international applications entering EP phase from 1.4.2009: an additional fee is payable as part of the filing fee if the application comprises more than 35 pages (fee codes 501 and 520 respectively).

4 European patent applications filed/international applications entering EP phase before 1.4.2009: contracting states to be specified only if they differ from any indicated in box 31.1 of EPO Form 1001 (Request for grant) or in box 10.1 of EPO Form 1200 (Entry EP phase).

European patent applications filed/international applications entering EP phase from 1.4.2009: flat designation fee covers all Contracting States designated.

5 European patent applications filed/international applications entering EP phase from 1.4.2009: higher amount applies for each claim above 50.

6 European patent applications filed/international applications entering EP phase before 1.4.2009: fee for grant includes fee for printing specification if not more than 35 pages; European patent applications filed/ international applications entering EP phase from 1.4.2009: fee for grant and publishing applies irrespective of number of pages of specification.

7 For European patent applications filed/international applications entering EP phase before 1.4.2009.

8 When extension or validation fees are paid, the states for which they are intended must be specified, using the abbreviation code of the state.

9 For divisional applications filed on or after 1 April 2014, the Rules relating to Fees provide for an additional fee, as part of the filing fee, in the case of a divisional application filed in respect of any earlier application which is itself a divisional application (Rule 38(4) EPC, Article 2, item 1b RFEes).

The list of European Patent Organisation bank accounts is published in the Official Journal of the EPO. It can also be found, with further fees information, including the complete list of fee codes, on the EPO website at http://www.epo.org (under Patents, Grant procedure).
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| - | Der Anmelder verzichtet auf die Aufforderung nach Regel 70 (2) EPÜ, zu erklären, ob die Anmeldung aufrecht- erhalten wird. | The applicant waives his right to be asked under Rule 70(2) EPC whether he wishes to proceed further with the application. | Le demandeur renonce à être invité, conformément à la règle 70(2) CBE, à déclarer s’il souhaite maintenir sa demande. |

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6. Für das Verfahren vor dem EPA bestimmte Unterlagen

6.1 Dem Verfahren vor dem EPA als Bestimmungsamt (PCT I) sind folgende Unterlagen zugrunde zu legen:

- die vom Internationalen Büro veröffentlichen Anmeldungsunterlagen (mit allen Anträgen, Beschreibung und Zeichnungen) mit etwaigen geänderten Ansprüchen nach Artikel 19 PCT

- soweit sie nicht ersetzt werden durch die beigefügten Änderungen.

- Stellungnahmen zu dem vom EPA als internationaler Recherchenbehörde erstellten schriftlichen Bescheid und/oder Bemerkungen bzw. Stellungnahmen zu den Erläuterungen in dem vom EPA als mit der ergänzenden internationalen Recherche beauftragten Behörde erstellten ergänzenden internationalen Recherchenbericht (Regel 45bis.7 e PCT)

Soweit erforderlich, sind weitere Angaben auf einem Zusatzblatt einzureichen.

6.2 Dem Verfahren vor dem EPA als ausgewähltem Amt (PCT II) sind folgende Unterlagen zugrunde zu legen:

- die dem internationalen vorläufigen Prüfungsbericht zugrunde gelegten Unterlagen, einschließlich etwaiger Anlagen

- soweit sie nicht ersetzt werden durch die beigefügten Änderungen.

- Stellungnahmen zu dem vom EPA als mit der internationalen vorläufigen Prüfung beauftragten Behörde erstellten internationalen vorläufigen Prüfungsbericht und/oder Bemerkungen sind beigefügt.

Soweit erforderlich, sind weitere Angaben auf einem Zusatzblatt einzureichen.

Anmerkung zu den Feldern 6.1 und 6.2:

Bei Anmeldungen, die mehr als 35 Seiten umfassen, sollen in der Tabelle auf Seite 7 Angaben betreffend die Berechnung der Zusatzgebühren gemacht werden.

6.3 Eine Kopie der Recherchenergebnisse der Behörde, bei der die frühere(n) Anmeldung(en), deren Priorität beantragt wird, eingereicht wurde(n), ist beigefügt (Regel 141 (1) EPU).

6.4 Der Anmelder verzichtet auf die Mitteilung nach Regel 161 (1) oder (2) und 162 EPU.

Documents intended for proceedings before the EPO

Proceedings before the EPO as designated Office (PCT I) are to be based on the following documents:

- the application documents published by the International Bureau (with all claims, description and drawings) with any amended claims under Article 19 PCT

- unless replaced by the amendments enclosed.

Comments on the written opinion established by the EPO as the International Searching Authority and/or observations or, where applicable, on the explanations given in the Supplementary International Search Report established by the EPO as the Supplementary International Searching Authority (Rule 45bis.7(e) PCT)

Where necessary, further details should be submitted on an additional sheet.

If the EPO as International Preliminary Examination Authority has received test reports, these may be used as the basis of proceedings before the EPO.

Remarque concernant les rubriques 6.1 et 6.2:

Pour les demandes comportant plus de 35 pages, des indications relatives au calcul de la taxe additionnelle doivent figurer dans le tableau de la page 7.

For each of the previous applications whose priority is claimed a copy is attached of the search results produced by the authority with which the application was filed (Rule 141(1) EPC).

The applicant waives his right to the communication under Rules 161(1) or (2) and 162 EPC.

Le demande renonce au droit de recevoir la notification émise en vertu des règles 161(1) ou (2) et 162 CBE.
7. Übersetzungen

Beigefügt sind die nachfolgend angekreuzten Übersetzungen in einer der Amtssprachen des EPA (Deutsch, Englisch, Französisch):

a) Im Verfahren vor dem EPA als Bestimmungsamt oder ausgewähltem Amt (PCT I + II):

 Translation of the international application (description, claims, any text in the drawings) as originally filed, of the abstract as published and of any indication under Rule 13bis.3 and 13bis.4 PCT regarding biological material

7.1 Übersetzung der internationalen Anmeldung in der ursprünglich eingereichten Fassung (Beschreibung, Ansprüche, etw. text in the drawings) (a) In proceedings before the EPO as designated or elected Office (PCT I + II):

Traduction de la demande internationale telle que déposée initialement (description, revendications, textes figurant éventuellement dans les dessins), de l’abrégeé publié et de toutes indications visées aux règles 13bis.3 et 13bis.4 PCT concernant le matériel biologique

7.2 Übersetzung der prioritätsbegründenden Anmeldung(en) (nur nach Aufforderung durch das EPA, Regel 53 (3) EPÜ)

Translation of the priority application(s) (to be filed only at the EPO’s request, Rule 53(3) EPC)

7.3 Es wird hiermit erklärt, dass die internationale Anmeldung in ihrer ursprünglich eingereichten Fassung eine vollständige Übersetzung der früheren Anmeldung ist (Regel 53 (3) EPÜ).

It is hereby declared that the international application as originally filed is a complete translation of the previous application (Rule 53(3) EPC).

7.4 Übersetzung der nach Artikel 19 PCT geänderten Ansprüche nebst Erklärung, falls diese dem Verfahren vor dem EPA zugrunde gelegt werden sollen (siehe Feld 6).

Translation of amended claims and any statement under Article 19 PCT, if the claims as amended are to be the basis for the proceedings before the EPO (see Section 6).

7.5 Übersetzung der Anlagen zum internationalen vorläufigen Prüfungsbericht

Translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report

7.6 Übersetzung der Arbeiten

Übersetzung der Arbeiten

8. Biologisches Material

Die Erfindung verwendet und/oder bezieht sich auf biologisches Material, das nach Regel 31 EPÜ hinterlegt worden ist.

The invention uses and/or relates to biological material deposited under Rule 31 EPC.

Die Angaben nach Regel 31 (1) c) EPÜ (falls noch nicht bekannt, die Hinterlegungsstelle und das (die) vom Hinterlegter zugeordneten (Bezugs)zeichen [Nummer, Symbole usw.]) sind in der internationalen Veröffentlichung oder in der gemäß Feld 7 eingereichten Übersetzung enthalten auf Seite(n)/Zeile(n):

The particulars referred to in Rule 31(1) c) EPC (if not yet known, the depository institution and the identification reference(s) [number, symbols, etc.] of the deposit) are given in the international publication or in the translation submitted under Section 7 on page(s)/line(s):

Die Empfangsbescheinigung(en) der Hinterlegungsstelle

The receipt(s) of deposit issued by the depository institution

ist (sind) beigefügt.

is (are) enclosed.

wird (werden) nachgereicht.

will be filed later.

Verzicht auf die Verpflichtung des Antragstellers nach Regel 33 (2) EPÜ auf gesondertem Schriftstück

Waiver of the right to an undertaking from the requestor pursuant to Rule 33(2) EPC attached

Verzicht auf sämtliche ebenso wie das vorstehende Paragraphen gemachten Angaben

Renonciation, sur document distinct, à l’engagement du requérant au titre de la règle 33(2) CBE

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9. Nucleotid- und Aminosäure-sequenzen

9.1 Die nach den Regeln 5.2 und 13ter PCT sowie den Regeln 30 und 163 (3) EPÜ erforderlichen Unterlagen liegen dem EPA bereits vor.

9.2 Das Sequenzprotokoll wird anliegend in elektronischer Form gemäß den Regeln 30 und 163 (3) EPÜ nachgereicht.

Die auf dem elektronischen Datenträger gespeicherte Information stimmt mit dem in der Anmeldung offbarten Sequenzprotokoll (oder mit den dort offbarten Sequenzen) überein.

10. Benennung von Vertragsstaaten

Alle Vertragsstaaten, die dem EPÜ bei Einreichung der internationalen Patentanmeldung angehören, gelten als benannt (siehe Artikel 79 (1) EPÜ), soweit sie in der internationalen Anmeldung bestimmt sind.

11. Erstreckung/Validierung


Hinweis: Im automatischen Abbuchungsverfahren werden nur für die hier angekreuzten Staaten Erstreckungsgebühren abgebucht, sofern dem EPA nicht vor Ablauf der Zahlungsfrist ein anderslautender Auftrag zugeht.

Es ist beabsichtigt, die Erstreckungsgebühr(en) für folgende Staaten zu erstrecken:

BA Bosnien und Herzegowina
ME Montenegro

Note: Under the automatic debiting procedure, extension fees will be debited only for states indicated here, unless the EPO is instructed otherwise before expiry of the period for payment.

Veuillez noter que dans le cadre de la procédure de prélèvement automatique des taxes d’extension, le compte est débité du montant dû seulement pour les États cochés ici, sauf instruction contraire reçue avant l’expiration du délai de paiement.

11.1 It is intended to pay the extension fee(s) for the following state(s):

Note: Extension/Validation

This application is deemed to be a request to extend the effects of the European patent application and the European patent granted in respect of it to all non-contracting states to the EPC designated in the international application with which extension or validation agreements were in force on the date on which the application was filed. However, the request is deemed withdrawn if the extension fee or validation fee, whichever is applicable, is not paid within the prescribed time limit.

Extension/Validation

La présente demande est réputée constituer une requête en extension des effets de la demande de brevet européen et du brevet européen délivré sur la base de cette demande à tous les États non parties à la CBE qui sont désignés dans la demande internationale et avec lesquels des accords d’extension ou de validation étaient en vigueur à la date du dépôt de la demande. Cette requête est toutefois réputée retirée si la taxation d’extension ou, le cas échéant, la taxe de validation n’est pas acquittée en temps utile.

Il est envisagé de payer la(s) taxe(s) d’extension pour les États suivants:

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(Platz für in der internationalen Anmeldung bestimmte Staaten, mit denen Erstreckungsabkommen am Anmeltdatum der internationalen Anmeldung in Kraft waren)

(Space for states which were designated in the international application and with which extension agreements existed on the date of filing of the international application)

(Espace prévu pour des États désignés dans la demande internationale avec lesquels des accords d’extension existaient à la date de dépôt de la demande internationale)
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Es ist beabsichtigt, die Validierungsgebühr(en) für folgende Staaten zu entrichten:

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12.

Automatischer Abbuchungsauftrag

(Nur möglich für Inhaber von beim EPA geführten laufenden Konten)

Das EPA wird hiermit ermächtigt, fällige Gebühren und Auslagen nach Maßgabe der Vorschriften über das automatische Abbuchungsverfahren vom unten stehenden laufenden Konto abzubuchen.

**Automatic debit order**

(for EPO deposit account holders only)

The EPO is hereby authorised, under the Arrangements for the automatic debiting procedure, to debit from the deposit account below any fees and costs falling due.

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Etwasige Rückzahlungen sollen auf das unten stehende beim EPA geführte laufende Konto erfolgen

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Unterschrift(en) des (der) Anmelder(s) oder Vertreter

Signature(s) of applicant(s) or representative

**Signature(s) du (des) demandeur(s) ou du mandataire**

Name(n) des (der) Unterzeichneten bitte in Druckschrift wiederholen und bei juristischen Personen auch die Stellung des (der) Unterzeichneten innerhalb der Gesellschaft angeben.

**For Angestellte (Art. 133 (3) EPÜ) mit allgemeiner Vollmacht Nr.:**

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Notes on EPA/EPO/OEB Form 1200 for entry into the European phase (EPO as designated or elected Office)

I. General instructions

These notes explain how to complete EPA/EPO/OEB Form 1200. To file international applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Form PCT/RO/101 should be used. The appropriate form to request the grant of a European patent is EPA/EPO/OEB Form 1001.

The requirements for entry into the European phase are laid down in the European Patent Convention (EPC) and its implementing Regulations. Further information on entry into the European phase can be obtained from the Guide for applicants Part 2 - PCT procedure before the EPO - Euro-PCT (6th edition, October 2012), in particular Section E - Euro-PCT procedure before the EPO as a designated (PCT Chapter I) or elected (PCT Chapter II) Office.

Forms and brochures

Forms, brochures, schedules of fees and legal texts can be downloaded from the EPO’s website at www.epo.org.

Accelerated prosecution

For those seeking faster search or examination for their applications, the "PACE" programme for accelerated prosecution of European patent applications (OJ EPO 2010, 352) offers effective options for shortening the processing time. See also EPA/EPO/OEB Form 1005.

However, PACE requests filed before the end of the international phase will not be effective unless accompanied by an express request for early processing under Articles 23(2) or 40(2) PCT (see notice from the European Patent Office dated 21 February 2013 concerning the request for early processing, OJ EPO 2013, 156).

Entry into the European phase – Form 1200

Under Rule 159(1) EPC, on entry into the European phase before the EPO as designated or elected Office the applicant must perform the acts specified in Rules 159(1)(a) to (h) and 162(1) EPC within 31 months of the filing date or, if priority has been claimed, the (earliest) priority date.

Use of Form 1200 is recommended. The form should be typed or printed (Rule 50(2) EPC) to ensure that it is machine-readable.

If there is not enough space for the required information, an additional sheet should be filed, indicating the number and heading (e.g. “2 - Additional representative(s)”; “6 - Documents intended for proceedings before the EPO”) of each section continued in this way.

Filing of documents

Form 1200 and attachments must be filed direct with the EPO.

(a) Online

Form 1200, attached translations and amendments to the application documents may be filed in electronic form (OJ EPO 2009, 182). For more details go to www.epo.org. The online filing fee is less than the fee for filing in person, by post or by fax.

(b) By fax

The above documents may also be filed by fax. Confirmation on paper is required only if the EPO specifically requests it (see Special edition No. 3, OJ EPO 2007, A.3.).

(c) By post or in person

Form 1200 need only be filed in one copy. The same applies to attached translations and amendments to the application documents. Special rules apply to sequence listings (see II.9).

II. Filling in the form

The numbering below corresponds to the sections of the form.

1. Applicant

If on entry into the European phase the address, nationality, or country of residence or of place of business is missing for any applicant (as may occur under Rule 26.2bis(b) PCT), this information must be filed on a separate sheet.

An address for correspondence may be given only by applicants with no representative and having several different business addresses. The address must be the applicant's own and will not appear in either the Register of European Patents or EPO publications (see OJ EPO 1980, 397).

2. Appointment of representative (Articles 133 and 134 EPC)

Applicants not having their residence or principal place of business in an EPC contracting state must be represented by a professional representative and act through him in all
proceedings established by the EPC (Article 133(2) EPC).

3. Authorisation (Rule 152 EPC)
Under Rule 152(1) to (3) EPC in conjunction with the decision of the President of the EPO dated 12 July 2007, professional representatives who identify themselves as such are required to file a signed authorisation only in particular circumstances (see Special edition No. 3, OJ EPO 2007, L.1.). However, a legal practitioner entitled to act as professional representative under Article 134(8) EPC or an employee acting for an applicant under Article 133(3), first sentence, EPC who is not a professional representative must file a signed authorisation unless an authorisation which expressly empowers him to act in proceedings established by the EPC has previously been filed with the EPO as receiving Office.

If an association registered with the EPO is appointed as representative (Rule 152(11) EPC; see OJ EPO 2013, 535), the association’s registered name and registration number must be indicated.

If an authorisation is required, the use of EPA/EPO/OEB Form 1003 is recommended for individual authorisations and EPO Form 1004 for general authorisations.

4. Request for examination (Articles 150(2), 94 and Rule 70 EPC)
4.1 First check-box
The request for examination is not deemed to be filed until the examination fee has been paid (Article 94(1) and Rule 70(1) EPC). The box for the request is pre-crossed in Section 4.1 of Form 1200.

4.1 Second check-box
Persons having their residence or principal place of business in an EPC contracting state with an official language other than English, French or German, and nationals of that state who are resident abroad, may file the request for examination in an admissible non-EPO language (Article 14(4) EPC).

For applicants who do so – and who also file a translation into the language of the proceedings – the examination fee is reduced by 30% provided they are an SME, natural person, non-profit organisation, university or public research organisation (Rule 6(4) EPC, Article 14(1) RFees).

Under Rule 6(6) EPC, applicants wishing to benefit from the fee reduction must declare that they are an entity or natural person covered by Rule 6(4) EPC. They must file this declaration at the latest by the time of payment of the fee in question, either by marking the relevant box in Section 14.1 of Form 1001 or separately (for this purpose, non-mandatory Form 1011 is available from the EPO). If there are multiple applicants, for the reduction to apply each one must be an entity or a natural person within the meaning of Rule 6(4) EPC and entitled to file documents in an admissible non-EPO language (Article 14(4), Rule 6(3) EPC). For more details see the notice from the EPO dated 10 January 2014 concerning amended Rule 6 EPC and Article 14(1) RFees (OJ EPO, 2014, A23)

The request for examination is available in all admissible non-EPO languages on the EPO website.

The request for examination must be filed either up to six months from the date on which the international search report (or the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) PCT) was published (Article 153(6) EPC) or within 31 months from the filing date or, where applicable, the (earliest) priority date, whichever period ends later. In practice this means that as a rule it must be submitted by paying the examination fee within the 31-month period (Rule 159(1)(f) EPC) unless the international search report was published late.

4.2 Applicants who file the request for examination before receiving the supplementary European search report are asked by the EPO, after the search report has been sent, to confirm within a six-month period that they wish to proceed further with the application (Rule 70(2) EPC). Where the applicant also has to respond to the search opinion, his response is required within this same period (Rule 70a(2) EPC). To accelerate the procedure, in Section 4.2 he can waive his right to be asked for such confirmation, in which case confirmation is deemed to be given when the supplementary European search report is transmitted to him. With regard to the legal consequences, see the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, C-VI, 1.1.2.

5. Additional copies of the documents cited in the supplementary European search report
One or more additional sets of copies of the documents cited in the supplementary European search report can be ordered (see Rule 65 EPC) against payment of the flat-rate fee(s).

6. Documents intended for proceedings before the EPO (Rule 159(1)(b) EPC) and response to the written opinion established by the EPO (Rule 161(1) EPC)
When an application enters the European phase the applicant must specify the application documents, as originally filed or as amended, on which the European grant procedure is to be based (Rule 159(1)(b) EPC). Section 6 covers normal cases, and makes clear that the applicant intends to proceed with either

- the published documents (including any amended claims filed with the International
Bureau under Article 19 PCT), in proceedings before the EPO as designated Office without PCT Chapter II (Section 6.1), or
• the documents on which the international preliminary examination report is based, in proceedings before the EPO as elected Office under PCT Chapter II (Section 6.2).

The applicant may however indicate that amended documents filed on entry into the European phase are to form the basis for the grant procedure.

For Euro-PCT applications where a communication under Rule 161 EPC was not issued by 1 April 2010 and where a supplementary European search report will not be prepared, the following applies (see the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, C-VI, 3.5.1 for details):

Where the EPO has acted as the International Searching Authority (ISA) and, if a demand under Article 31 PCT was filed, also as the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or as the Supplementary International Searching Authority (SISA), the applicant will be required to respond to any negative written opinion (WO-ISA) prepared by the EPO as ISA, or, where applicable, to the negative international preliminary examination report (IPER) prepared by the EPO as IPEA, or to the objections raised in the explanations given in the Supplementary International Search Report (SISR) under Rule 45bis.7(e) PCT, as the case may be. The time limit for response is six months from the invitation under Rule 161(1) EPC as in force from 1 May 2011 (see OJ EPO 2010, 634). Failure to respond in due time will lead to the application being deemed to be withdrawn (Rule 161(1) EPC).

New amendments (Rule 159(1)(b) EPC) and/or comments which are filed on entry into the regional phase before the EPO will be considered to constitute a response to the WO-ISA, or to the IPER or the explanations given in the SISR, as the case may be, if the applicant indicates on Form 1200 that such amendments and/or comments are to form the basis for further prosecution of the application. Similarly, amendments under Article 19 and/or 34 PCT filed in the international phase and maintained on entry into the European phase by making the appropriate entries on Form 1200 may constitute a response, subject to certain requirements (see the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, C-VI, 3.5.1 for details).

The applicant must therefore clearly indicate the documents which are to form the basis for further prosecution of the application by crossing the appropriate boxes in Section 6.1 or 6.2 as applicable.

In all cases, the applicant should specify in the table on page 7 of Form 1200 the documents which are to be used for the European phase and therefore form the basis for calculation of any additional fee. Any exceptional circumstances which may need further explanation must be clarified on an additional sheet.

The applicant can also amend the application within a non-extendable period of six months from a communication (Forms 1226AA, 1226BB, 1226CC) informing him accordingly (Rule 161(1) or (2) EPC). If this reduces the number of claims, any claims fees paid in excess of those due are refunded (Rule 162(3) EPC).

Pages of amendments filed during the six-month period under Rule 161 EPC are not taken into account in the calculation of the additional fee as part of the filing fee. Consequently, if amendments are filed at this stage which reduce the number of pages already paid for, no refund of the additional fee will be made.

If application documents filed on entry into the European phase contain handwritten amendments, an invitation to remedy this deficiency will be issued, and in case of non-compliance the application will be refused (see notice from the European Patent Office dated 8 November 2013 concerning application of Rules 49 and 50 EPC to handwritten amendments, OJ EPO 2013, 603).

Whenever amendments are filed, the applicant must identify them and indicate the basis for them in the application as filed (Rule 137(4) EPC) (see the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, C-VI, 5.7). If he fails to do so, the examining division may issue a communication under Rule 137(4) EPC requesting the correction of the deficiency within a non-extendable period of one month. If he then fails to reply within that period, the application will be deemed to be withdrawn under Article 94(4) EPC. If the applicant has supplied test reports in proceedings before the EPO as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the EPO assumes that it may also use them in the European grant proceedings.

6.3 Copies of the search results (Rule 141(1) EPC)

For each of the previous applications whose priority is claimed a copy of the search results produced by the authority with which the application was filed (Rule 141(1) EPC) has to be supplied. This obligation applies to European patent applications and international applications filed on or after 1 January 2011 (see OJ EPO 2010, 410, OJ EPO 2011, 64 and OJ EPO 2013, 217). Thus, an international application filed before but entering the European phase on or after 1 January 2011 does not fall under amended Rule 141(1) EPC.
7.1 Translation of the application

If the international application was not published in an EPO official language, the applicant must furnish the EPO with a translation of that application in such a language within 31 months of the filing date or, where applicable, the (earliest) priority date.

The EPO proceedings will then be conducted in the language of the translation. The translation must include the description, the claims as originally filed, any text in the drawings, and the abstract. It must also include the claims as amended under Article 19 PCT if the applicant wishes subsequent proceedings to be based on them (Rule 49.5(c) and (c-bis) PCT), together with any explanatory statement, as well as all indications under Rule 13bis.3 and 13bis.4 PCT and all published requests for rectification (Rule 91.3(d) PCT).

7.2 Translation of the priority application

Under Rule 53(3) EPC, a translation of the previous (priority) application (or a declaration that the European patent application is a complete translation of the previous application) need only be filed at the request of the EPO (see also OJ EPO 2013, 150).

The Rule 53(3) declaration can be made by crossing the relevant box in Section 7.3, in which case no invitation to file a translation of the priority application will be issued later.

7.5 Translation of annexes

Where PCT Chapter II applies, the applicant must prepare and file translations of all annexes to the international preliminary examination report (Article 36(2)(b) and (3)(b), Rule 74.1 PCT), regardless of whether he is seeking patent protection for the same version of the application documents as was the subject of that report.

8. Biological material

To enable the EPO to check compliance with Rule 31 EPC, the receipt issued by the depositary institution is to be submitted to the EPO. Applicants are strongly advised to submit the receipt when filing this form or at the latest within 31 months of the filing date or, where applicable, the (earliest) priority date.

Waiver under Rule 33(1) and (2) EPC

The applicant may waive his right under Rule 33(1) and (2) EPC to an undertaking from the requester to issue a sample of the biological material, provided that he is the depositor of the biological material concerned. This waiver must be expressly declared to the EPO in the form of a separate, signed statement. It must specify the biological material concerned (depositary institution and accession number or depositor's reference number as shown in the application documents). It may be submitted at any time.

9. Nucleotide and amino acid sequences

9.1 If the application discloses one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (WIPO Standard ST.25) is normally available to the EPO
as designated/elected Office if such sequence listing was contained in the international application in accordance with Rule 5.2(a) PCT, furnished to the EPO as International Authority under Rule 13ter.1(a) PCT, or otherwise made available to it, e.g. by WIPO.

9.2 If the application discloses one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences and a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (WIPO Standard ST.25) is not available to the EPO as designated/elected Office, such sequence listing must be filed in that form on entry into the European phase; otherwise, a late furnishing fee is payable. For further information, see Rules 163(3) and 35(3) EPC, as well as the decision of the President of the EPO dated 28 April 2011 and the notice from the EPO dated 18 October 2013 concerning the filing of sequence listings (OJ EPO 2011, 372 and OJ EPO 2013, 542).

Under Section 9.2, the applicant should also declare that the information recorded on the electronic data carrier is identical to the sequence listing (or sequences) disclosed in the application as filed.

10. Designation of contracting states
All the contracting states designated in the international patent application and party to the EPC at the time of its filing are deemed to be designated (see Article 79(1) EPC). Thus the EPC contracting states that can be validly designated on entry into the European phase are already specified in the international phase (Rule 4.9(a) PCT). For international applications entering the regional phase on or after 1 April 2009, payment of the flat-rate designation fee covers all EPC contracting states, unless individual designations are expressly withdrawn (Article 2, item 3, Rules relating to Fees) (cf. OJ EPO 2009, 118).

11. Extension and validation of European patents
11.1 The application and the European patent granted in respect of it are extended, in accordance with Section 11 of Form 1200, to those non-EPC contracting states designated for a national patent in the international application with which "extension agreements" existed at the time of filing of the international application (as at October 2010: Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro). The request for extension for a state is deemed withdrawn if the extension fee is not paid to the EPO within the time limit laid down in the EPC for paying the designation fee (Rule 159(1)(d) EPC) (for further details, see the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, A-III, 12, and the EPO’s notice dated 2 November 2009 concerning the re-introduction of a grace period for the payment of extension fees, OJ EPO 2009, 603).

Detailed information about the extension system was published in OJ EPO 1994, 75, and 1997, 538.

11.2 Validation of European patent applications and the resulting European patents may be requested for countries with which the EPO has validation agreements. The EPO publishes the necessary information about such agreements in its Official Journal in good time before their entry into force.

12. Automatic debit order
See Arrangements for the automatic debiting procedure, and information from the EPO concerning the automatic debiting procedure (supplementary publication 4, OJ EPO 2014).

13. Refunds
Any refunds due to an applicant who has a deposit account with the EPO may be credited to that account. An applicant who wishes this to be done must indicate the account number and the account holder’s name in this section. If the account is held by a representative, refunds will be made to him. Refunds will not be made to third-party payers, except for the fee for file inspection or at the explicit request of a party to proceedings.

See also Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, A-X, 10.4

III. Notes on payments

General information on fees

Fees can be paid online using the EPO's Online Fee Payment service. Offline fee payments by debit order should be made using EPO Form 1010, which has become mandatory as from 1 April 2014 (see point 6.2 of the Arrangements for deposit accounts, supplementary publication 4, OJ EPO 2014).

For the fee amounts, see the applicable legal provisions, as cited in the "Guidance for the payment of fees, costs and prices" which is published regularly in the EPO's Official Journal.

Fee information is also published on the EPO website at www.epo.org.

The list of the European Patent Organisation’s euro accounts is published in every issue of the Official Journal. It too can be consulted on the EPO website at www.epo.org.

Table for Section 6 of Form 1200.3

The table is used for calculating the additional fee (Article 2, item 1a, RFees). For further information see the EPO's notice dated 26 January 2009 concerning the 2009 fee structure (OJ EPO 2009, 118), its supplementary notice thereto (OJ EPO 2009, 338) and the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, September 2013, A-III, 13.2.
In Sachen der oben bezeichneten europäischen Patentanmeldung nennt (nennen) der (die) Unterzeichnete(n) als Erfinder:

Weitere Erfinder sind auf einem gesonderten Blatt angegeben. / Additional inventors are indicated on a supplementary sheet.

Der (Die) Anmelder hat (haben) das Recht auf das europäische Patent erlangt: / The applicant(s) has (have) acquired the right to the European patent.

Name des (der) Unterzeichneten bitte in Druckschrift wiederholen. Bei juristischen Personen bitte die Stellung des (der) Unterzeichneten innerhalb der Gesellschaft in Druckschrift angeben. / Please print name(s) under signature(s). In the case of legal persons, the position of the signatory within the company should also be printed. / Le ou les noms des signataires doivent être indiqués en caractères d'imprimerie. S'il s'agit d'une personne morale, la position occupée au sein de celle-ci par le ou les signataires doit également être indiquée en caractères d'imprimerie.

Datum / Date
Fußnoten zur Vorderseite

1 Name(n) des (der) Unterzeichneten nach Maßgabe der Regel 41 (2) c) und d) EPÜ:

Bei natürlichen Personen ist der Familienname vor den Vornamen anzugeben. Bei juristischen Personen und Gesellschaften, die juristischen Personen gemäß dem für sie maßgebenden Recht gleichgestellt sind, ist die amtliche Bezeichnung anzugeben.

2 Name(n), Vorname(n) und vollständige Anschrift(en) des Erfinder(s) gemäß Regel 19 (1) EPÜ.

3 Ist der Anmelder nicht oder nicht allein der Erfinder, so hat die Erfindernennung eine Erklärung darüber zu enthalten, wie der Anmelder das Recht auf das europäische Patent erlangt hat (Artikel 81, Regel 19 (1) EPÜ).

Bei rechtsgekündigter Übertragung genügt die Angabe „gemäß Vertrag vom ...“.

Bei Arbeitnehmererfindungen genügt der Hinweis, dass der oder die Erfinder Arbeitnehmer des Anmelders/der Anmelder ist bzw. sind.

Bei Erbhängen genügt die Angabe, dass der oder die Erbe(n) des Erfinder(s)/der Erfinder ist bzw. sind.

Footnotes to text overleaf

1 Name(s) of the undersigned in accordance with Rule 41(2)(c) and (d) EPC:

Names of natural persons shall be indicated by the person's family name, followed by his given names. Names of legal persons, and of bodies equivalent to legal persons under the relevant law, shall be indicated by their official designations.

2 Family name(s), given name(s) and full address(es) of the inventor(s) in accordance with Rule 19(1) EPC.

3 If the applicant is not the inventor or is not the sole inventor, the designation shall contain a statement indicating the origin of the right to the European patent (Article 81, Rule 19(1) EPC).

In the case of assignment the words "by agreement dated ..." suffice.

In the case of inventions by employees a mention that the inventor(s) is/are employee(s) of the applicant(s) is sufficient.

In the case of succession a mention that the applicant(s) is/are heir(s) of the inventor(s) is sufficient.

Renvois concernant le texte figurant au recto

1 Nom(s) du (des) soussigné(e)s, conformément à la règle 41(2)(c) et d) CBE:

Les personnes physiques doivent être désignées par leurs noms suivis de leurs prénoms. Les personnes morales et les sociétés assimilées aux personnes morales en vertu du droit dont elles relèvent doivent figurer sous leur désignation officielle.

2 Nom(s), prénom(s) et adresse(s) complète(s) de l'(des) inventeur(s), conformément à la règle 19(1) CBE.

3 Si le demandeur n'est pas l'inventeur, ou l'unique inventeur, la désignation de l'inventeur doit comporter une déclaration indiquant l'origine de l'acquisition du droit au brevet européen (article 81 et règle 19(1) CBE).

En cas de transfert contractuel, il suffit de mentionner « en vertu du contrat passé le ... ».

Pour les inventions de salariés, il suffit d'indiquer que le ou les inventeurs sont des employés du ou des demandeurs.

En cas de transfert successoral, il suffit d'indiquer que le ou les demandeurs sont les héritiers du ou des inventeurs.
Vollmacht

Anmelder / Patentinhaber / applicant(s) or patent proprietor(s), / demanmander(s) ou titulaire(s) du brevet,

und in den durch das Europäische Patentübereinkommen geschaffenen Verfahren betreffend die folgende(n) europäische(n) Patentanmeldung(en) oder das (die) folgende(n) europäische(n) Patent(e) für mich (uns) zu handeln und Zahlungen für mich (uns) in Empfang zu nehmen:

to act for me (us) in all proceedings established by the European Patent Convention concerning the following European patent application(s) or patent(s) to receive payments on my (our) behalf.

Fortsetzung auf einem gesondertem Blatt. / Additional applications or patents are indicated on a separate sheet. / Suite sur une feuille supplémentaire.

Die Vollmacht gilt auch für Verfahren nach dem Vertrag über die internationale Zusammenarbeit auf dem Gebiet des Patenbewesen.


Bitte vor dem Ausfüllen des Formblatts Rückseite beachten. / Please read the notes overleaf before completing the form. / Veuillez lire les remarques au verso avant de remplir le formulaire.


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I. Fußnoten zur Vorderseite


b) Zutreffendes ist anzukreuzen.

2 Name(n) und Anschrift(en) sowie Staat des Sitzes oder Wohnsitzes des Vollmachtgebers (der Vollmachtgeber) nach Maßgabe der nach- stehenden Regel 41 (2) c).

Bei einem Vertragspartei, der im Länderregister als juristische Personen sind, die durch den Wechsel zwischen den in Artikeln 134 (8) vertretungs- berechtigten Personen und Gesellschaften, die juristischen Personen geben die Identität des Anteilseigners und der an- gleichgelistet sind, ist die amtliche Bezeich- nung anzugeben. Anschreiben sind gemäß den Methoden des Auslands der vollmachttragenden Poststelle zum mit der angegebene Anschrift anzugeben und müssen in jedem Fall alle maßgeblichen Wirtschaftseinheiten, gege- genenfalls bis zur Hausnummer einschließlich, enthalten.1

3 Name(n) und Geschäftssitz des Vertre- ter der Vertreter vor dem Patentamt der in Ziff. 2 wiedergegeben Regel 41 (2) c).

4 Nummer der Anmeldung (falls bekannt) oder des Patenten (der Patente) und Bezeich- nung(en) der Erfindung(en).

5 Der Widerruf erfasst nicht eine gegebenenfalls erteilte allgemeine Vollmacht.

6 Übliche Unterschrift des (der) Vollmachtgebers.(v)

Wird die Vollmacht für eine juristische Person unterzeichnet, so dürfen nur solche Personen unterzeichnen, die nach Gesetz und/oder Satz 2 der juristischen Person dazu berech- tigt sind (Artikel 58, Regel 152 (1)). Es ist ein Hinweis auf die Unterschriftsberechtigung des Unterzeichneten (z. B. Gesellschafts- führer, Prokurist, Handelsbevollmächtigten; personaler Vertreter des Mandantens (z. B. Kommerzienrat, presi- dent, direktur, fondé de pouvoir).

Unterschreiben einiger Angestellter einer juristischen Person aufgrund einer speziell Vollmacht der juristischen Person, so ist dies anzugeben; von der speziellen Vollmacht ist eine Kopie, die nicht beglaubigt zu sein braucht, beizuflügen. Eine Vollmacht mit der Unterschrift einer nicht zeichnungsberechtigten Person wird als nicht unterschriebene Vollmacht behandelt.

II. Hinweise


Regel 152 (2) bestimmt: „Solchen die Voll- macht nichts anderes bestimmen, erlischt sie gegenüber dem Europäischen Patentamt nicht mit dem Tod des Vollmachtgebers.”

d) Im Übrigen vgl. die Mitteilung zu Fragen der Vertretung im EPA im wastewater GPA 1978, 281 ff.

II. Notices

(a) Authorisations covering more than one application or patent are to be filed in the corresponding number of copies (cf. Rule 152C)
(b) All decisions, summons and communica- tions will be sent to the representative (cf. Rule 130). In cases where employees are authorised under Article 133(3), these documents will be delivered to the applicant.
(c) Rule 152(9) states: “Unless it expressly provides otherwise, an authorisation shall not terminate vis-à-vis the European Patent Office upon the death of the person who gave it.”
(d) See also Communication on matters con- cerning representation before the EPO in the Official Journal EPO 4/1978, 281 ff.

II. Notes

a) Si le pouvoir est donné pour plusieurs demandes ou plusieurs brevets, il doit être fourni un nombre correspondant de copie (cf. règlement 152C). b) Toutes les décisions, citations, notifications sont adressées au mandataire (voir règlement 130). Dans le cas où les employés sont autorisés par l’article 133(3), ces documents devront être livrés à l’employé. c) La règle 152(9) stipule: “Sauf s’il est dis- pose autrement, le pouvoir ne prend pas fin, à l’égard de l’Office européen des bre- vets, au décès du mandataire.”

d) Pour le reste, se reporter à la Communication concernant les questions relatives à la représentation auprès de l’OE, parue au Journal officiel de l’OE, 4/1976, 281 s.
General authorisation

1 General authorisation No.
(for official use only)

2 I (We)
Full name and address of authorisor(s)

3 I do hereby authorise

Full name and address
of authorisee: professional
representative, legal practitioner,
employee, association of
representatives – please specify

4 I hereby authorise

Full name and address
of authorisee: professional
representative, legal practitioner,
employee, association of
representatives – please specify

4 to represent me (us) in all proceedings established by the European Patent Convention and to act for me (us) in all patent transactions.

☐ This authorisation includes the power to receive payments on my (our) behalf.

☐ This authorisation shall also apply to the same extent to any proceedings established by the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

5 Sub-authorisation may be given.

☐ Additional representatives indicated on supplementary sheet.

6 Please return a copy, supplemented by the general authorisation number, to the authorisor.

Name (printed) Position within the company (where relevant)

Place, Date Signature*

7 * The form must bear the personal signature(s) of the authorisor(s). In the case of legal persons, the signature must be that of the person empowered to sign on behalf of the company. If possible, please sign in blue.
Notes
to the General authorisation Form (EPO 1004)

1 The use of this form is recommended when authorising representatives before the European Patent Office (EPO): professional representatives and legal practitioners under Article 134(8) EPC; employees under Article 133(3), first sentence, EPC and associations of representatives under Rule 152(11) EPC. As to Article 133(3), second sentence, EPC no implementing regulation has been issued up to the present time. If the authorisee is an employee who is not a professional representative or a legal practitioner, the authorisor must make a declaration in the general authorisation or in a covering letter that the authorisee is his employee.

2 The name and address of the party giving the authorisation (hereafter “authorisor”) and the state in which their residence or principal place of business is located must be given, in accordance with Rule 41(2)(c) below, in the address box: “Names of natural persons shall be indicated by the person’s family name, followed by his given names. Names of legal persons, as well as of bodies equivalent to legal persons under the law governing them, shall be indicated by their official designations. Addresses shall be indicated in accordance with applicable customary requirements for prompt postal delivery and shall comprise all the relevant administrative units, including the house number, if any.”

Where the authorisation is being given by more than one party, the relevant information regarding the additional authorisors must be indicated to the right of the address box.

Where there are several authorisors, a general authorisation can also be used when only one or more of them are to be represented. If one of several authorisors cancels a general authorisation, it remains valid for the other authorisors under the old registration number. This applies equally to general authorisations already registered.

3 The name(s) and address of the place of business of the authorisee(s) must be given in accordance with Rule 41(2)(c) (see note 2 above). Please specify whether it is a professional representative, a legal practitioner, an employee or an association of representatives. As regards the authorisation of an association of representatives, within the meaning of Rule 152(11) EPC, the name and the number of the association must be given.

If there is more than one authorisee, please insert in the address box the name and address of the place of business of the authorisee to whom the EPO is to send a copy of the form bearing the general authorisation number.

A communication regarding the registration of the general authorisation is not inserted in the files relating to the application for which the authorisee is or is to be appointed as representative. Therefore, it is not permissible to revoke earlier specific authorisations in a general authorisation. When a general authorisation is intended to supersede an earlier one, the earlier authorisation’s number must be stated.

The general authorisation of one or more authorisees terminates as soon as the authorisor or the authorisee concerned – not another authorisee – has communicated the termination to the EPO in Munich (Directorate 5.2.3). The communication must be clear and unambiguous. It is not sufficient to file a new general authorisation omitting the name of the authorisee concerned (Rule 152(7) and (8) EPC).

4 The powers mentioned separately in the form (to receive payments, to act in PCT proceedings and to give sub-authorisation) must be expressly granted (eg by placing a cross in the appropriate box on the form). Powers other than those three mentioned above may not be excluded in a general authorisation.

5 The EPC provisions regarding authorisations are to be applied to sub-authorisations (Article 133(3), first sentence, Rule 152 EPC), be it
(a) a specific sub-authorisation (Rule 152(2), second sentence, EPC), or
(b) a general sub-authorisation (Rule 152(4) EPC).

When issuing a general sub-authorisation, Form EPO 1004 can for example be used and the sub-authorisor must indicate the general authorisation number from which he derives his power. When it is registered, the general sub-authorisation keeps the same number as the general authorisation by virtue of which it has been granted.

Subject to any provisions to the contrary contained therein, a general sub-authorisation does not terminate vis-à-vis the EPO upon the death of the person who gave it (Rule 152(9) EPC), nor upon the termination of the authorisation given to the sub-authorisor for any other reason.

6 The EPO returns a copy, supplemented by the general authorisation number, to the authorisor if the appropriate box is crossed (see 4). In any case the EPO will transmit a copy to the authorisee (see 3 above).

7 Where the authorisation is signed on behalf of a legal person, only such persons as are entitled to sign by law and/or in accordance with the articles of association or equivalent of the legal person may do so (Article 58 EPC).

An indication is to be given of the signatory’s entitlement to sign, eg president, director, company secretary; Geschäftsführer, Prokurist, Handlungs-bevollmächtigter; président, directeur, fondé de pouvoir. If any other employee of a legal person signs by virtue of a special authorisation conferred by the legal person, this is to be indicated and a copy of the special authorisation, which need not be certified, is to be supplied. An authorisation bearing the signature of a person not entitled to sign will be treated as an unsigned authorisation.

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