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List of abbreviations:

EPC: Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention)

RRF: Rules relating to Fees (of the European Patent Office)

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****EP****EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)****EP****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into:	English, French or German
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: 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 ¹), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): 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 ¹), abstract
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Euro (EUR) Filing fee: ² – where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: EUR 100 – where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: EUR 180 Additional fee for pages in excess of 35: for the 36 th and each subsequent page EUR 12 Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: ³ EUR 500 Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina or Serbia): ³ EUR 102 Claims fee: ² – for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50: EUR 200 – for the 51 st and each subsequent claim: EUR 500

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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 is missing and is not furnished, the amendments will be disregarded. If the translation 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.09 of National Chapter EP.

³ The designation and extension fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date. Extension fees are also to be paid if the European patent is to be extended to Croatia and the international filing date is prior to 1 January 2008, or to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the international filing date is prior to 1 January 2009.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****EP****EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)****EP***[Continued]*National fee (*cont'd*):

Search fee: ⁴	
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR 760
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR 1,050
Fee for further processing:	
– in the event of late payment of a fee:	50% of the relevant fee
– other cases:	EUR 210
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR 200
Examination fee: ⁵	
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR 1,565
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR 1,565
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR 1,405
Renewal fee for the third year: ⁶	EUR 400

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees:⁷

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 National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland.

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, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), 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 890 for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on centralization by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

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.

*[Continued on next page]*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.⁷ See OJ EPO 3/2006, pages 189 and 192, 12/2007, page 692, 1/2008, page 12 and 2/2009, page 96 *et seq.*

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****EP****EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)****EP***[Continued]*Exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees:⁸

The examination fee is reduced by 50% where the international preliminary examination report has been established by the EPO.⁹ Furthermore, in certain cases the examination fee is reduced by 20% for language reasons.⁹

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

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)¹⁰

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 Convention¹⁰

Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form¹⁰

Who can act as agent?

Any professional representative entered on the relevant list maintained by the EPO (the directory of professional representatives can be ordered at the EPO, Vienna, or consulted on the EPO web site)

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 49*ter*.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the "due care" criterion to such requests

⁸ See footnote 7.⁹ See also paragraph EP.16 of National Chapter EP.¹⁰ 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.*

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 EPO Guide for applicants—Part 2 (“PCT procedure before the EPO - ‘Euro-PCT’”), to be ordered from the EPO Information Office and available on the EPO website.

- 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). This form should preferably be used; it contains detailed explanatory notes. The form is also available on the EPO's website: www.epo.org. The form may be filed electronically (see OJ EPO 3/2009, page 182 *et seq.*).
- EPC Art. 14 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.
- PCT Art. 19(1)
PCT Rules 49.3
70.16 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 (see the Summary), the following elements should also be included:
- any indication under PCT Rule 13*bis*.3 and 13*bis*.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).
- EPC Rule 3(1), 3(2) EP.04 In written proceedings, the applicant may use any official language of the EPO. However, amendments (see paragraph EP.19) to the application itself must be filed in the language of proceedings.
- EP.05 **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 57 and 58).
- RRF Art. 5 EP.06 **FEES (MANNER OF PAYMENT).** The manner of payment of the fees indicated in the Summary and in this Chapter is outlined in Annex EP.I.
- EPC Art. 79(2)
EPC Rules 39(1)
159(1)(d)
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RRF Art. 2 No. 3 EP.07 **EUROPEAN DESIGNATION FEES.** The 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), whichever time limit expires later. If the designation fee is not paid in due time, the international application will be deemed withdrawn.
- EP.08 **LATE PAYMENT OF FEES.** See paragraphs EP.12 and 15 below.
- EPC Rules 45(1), (2)
161
162 EP.09 **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 referred to in paragraph EP.19, item (i), 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 a period of grace of one month of notification. If claims are amended in response to the communication referred to in paragraph EP.19, item (i), the applicant has to calculate any additional claims fees himself and pay them within the time limit mentioned in the communication. Where a claims fee is not paid in due time, the claim concerned shall be deemed to be abandoned.

- EPC Rule 163(1), (6) **EP.10 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.
- EPC Art. 133
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EPC Rule 152
163(5), (6)
OJ EPO 2007, Special Edition No.3, page 128 *et seq.*
- EP.11 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 an agent who is entitled to practice before the EPO (see the Summary, “Who can act as agent?”). In case of failure to appoint the required agent, 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 representative 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 who identifies himself as such. 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 a party 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, page 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.
- EPC Art. 86(1)
and (2)
EPC Rules 51
159(1)(g)
RRF Art. 2 No. 4, 5
- EP.12 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.
- EPC Art. 94
- EP.13 REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION.** A European patent will be granted only after examination as to patentability, the procedure for which is started only upon 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.
- EPC Art. 94(2)
EPC Rule 159(1)(f)
- EP.14 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), whichever time limit expires later.
- EPC Art. 121
EPC Rule 135
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- EP.15 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 are not filed in due time or if the filing fee, the search 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.

EPC Art. 94(1)
RRF Art. 14(2)

EP.16 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.14. 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.

EPC Art. 14(1)
EPC Rule 6(3)
RRF Art. 14(1)

(ii) Furthermore, a 20% reduction in the examination fee is allowed to persons having their residence or principal place of business within the territory of an EPC Contracting State with a language other than English, French or German as an official language and to nationals of such State residing abroad who file the written request for examination in an official language of that State other than English, French or German. 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.

(iii) If both reductions are allowed, the examination fee is reduced first by 50%. The 20% reduction is applied to the resulting total and not to the full fee.

For refund of the examination fee in the case where the supplementary search report is established by the EPO, see the following paragraph.

EPC Art. 153(7)
EPC Rule 70
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EP.17a SUPPLEMENTARY EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT. No supplementary European search report will be established in the following cases:

— the international search report was established by the EPO.

— the international search report was established by the Austrian Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the international application was filed before 1 July 2005.

A supplementary European search report is to be established in all other cases, including cases where the international search report was established by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland which acts as an International Searching Authority since 1 April 2005.

If the international application was filed on or after 1 July 2005, the supplementary European search report will be accompanied by an opinion on whether the application and the invention to which it relates seem to meet the requirements of the EPC (EPC Rule 62). The supplementary search will be based on those claims which are valid on the date the search is started, which will, in any case, not be before expiry of the time limit under EPC Rule 161. Thus, any amendment to the claims which has been filed up to that date will be taken into account (see paragraph EP.19, item (i)). Where the request for examination has been filed before the transmittal of the supplementary search report (which is usually the case), the EPO invites the applicant, after transmittal of the supplementary search report, to indicate whether he desires to proceed further with the application before the EPO. The applicant may dispense with this communication by informing the EPO thereof in due time.

If he does not wish to proceed further, the applicant 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; where the application is withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, the examination fee is refunded in full. **Where the applicant wishes to proceed further, he must notify the EPO accordingly** and may, at the same time, comment on the supplementary search report by filing amendments (see paragraph EP.19, item (ii)) to his application.

RRF Art. 11(b)

Seventy-five per cent of the examination fee is refunded if the application is withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn after the Examining Division has assumed responsibility but before substantive examination has begun.

EP.17b **SEARCH FEE.** If a supplementary search report is to be established, the search fee is reduced as follows:

(i) by EUR 190 where the international search report was drawn up by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) or the Australian Patent Office;

(ii) by EUR 890 where the international search report was drawn up by the Austrian Patent Office, or, in accordance with the Protocol on Centralisation, by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, 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 (see OJ EPO 2/2009, page 96 *et seq.*).

EPC Rules 30(2), (3)
163(3)

EP.18 **NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCES.** If, at the expiry of the 31-month time limit applicable under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), a sequence listing as prescribed in PCT Rule 5.2 is not available to the EPO, or does not comply with the Standard contained in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions Under the PCT, or has not been filed on the prescribed electronic data carrier, the applicant will be invited to file a sequence listing complying with the prescribed standard or on the prescribed data carrier and to pay the required late furnishing fee within two months (see also OJ EPO 2007, Special Edition No.3, page 26 *et seq.* and page 84 *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).

PCT Art. 28
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EP.19 **AMENDMENT OF THE APPLICATION; TIME LIMITS.** In addition to any amendments made during the international phase and mentioned in the Summary, the applicant may make the following amendments to his international application before the EPO:

EPC Rule 161

(i) within a non-extendable period of one month from notification of a communication issued by the EPO promptly on the expiration of the time limit for entry into the national phase (see Summary) which will so inform the applicant: amendments, only once, to the description, claims and drawings;

EPC Rule 137(2)

(ii) if a supplementary search report has been established, after receipt of that report and before receipt of the first communication from the Examining Division: amendments to the description, claims and drawings;

EPC Rule 137(3)

(iii) after receipt of the first communication from the Examining Division: amendments, only once, to the description, claims and drawings, provided that the amendment is filed at the same time as the reply to the communication; no further amendment may be made without the consent of the Examining Division.

EPC Art. 97(1)
EPC Rules 71(3)-(6)

EP.20 **GRANTING OF THE EUROPEAN PATENT.** Prior to the decision to grant the European patent, the applicant will receive a communication containing both the text in which the Examining Division intends to grant the European patent and an invitation to pay the grant and printing fees and supply a translation of the claims. Performance of these acts implies approval of the text. If applicable, the communication will also include an invitation to pay additional claims fees.

- EPC Rule 71(3), (6) EP.21 **FEE FOR GRANT, INCLUDING FEE FOR PUBLISHING AND CLAIMS FEE.** The amounts of the fees are indicated in Annex EP.I. They must be paid within two months from the invitation to pay referred to in paragraph EP.20.
- EPC Rule 71(3) EP.22 **TRANSLATION OF CLAIMS.** 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.20).
- PCT Art. 25
PCT Rule 51
EPC Art. 106(1)
EPC Rule 159(2) EP.23 **REVIEW UNDER ARTICLE 25 OF THE PCT.** The applicable procedure is outlined in National Phase paragraphs 63 to 66. If, upon review under PCT Article 25, the Examining Division 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.
- PCT Art. 24(2)
48(2) EP.24 **EXCUSE OF DELAYS IN MEETING TIME LIMITS.** Reference is made to National Phase paragraphs 67 to 71 and to paragraph EP.15.
- EPC Art. 121
EPC Rule 135 EP.25 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.
- PCT Rule 82bis
EPC Art. 122
EPC Rule 136 EP.26 Reestablishment of rights may be requested where the applicant lost his rights 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, causing a loss of rights. An application for reestablishment 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 reestablishment of rights (see Annex EP.I) must be paid and the application 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 **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.I. 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 separate loss of rights communication is issued. As a rule, further processing is excluded for requests for extension which are deemed withdrawn (for exceptions and detailed information 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.
- EPC Rule 53 EP.28 **PRIORITY DOCUMENTS.** Where the priority of an earlier application is claimed, the priority documents are usually sent by the International Bureau to the EPO, since they are filed with the receiving Office or the International Bureau during the international phase. Where for any reason priority documents have not been submitted by the time of entry into the national phase, the applicant will be invited to furnish the missing documents within two months. However, this does not apply to priority documents of the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (see the notice dated 27 June 2007 concerning practical aspects of the electronic exchange of priority documents between the EPO and the USPTO in OJ EPO 8-9/2007, page 473 *et seq.*) which are supplied electronically and of the EPO (see OJ EPO 2007, Special Edition No. 3, page 22 *et seq.*). Translation requirements remain applicable to Japanese and Korean documents.

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 a translation in one of these three languages or a declaration that the international application is a complete translation of the priority application. The translation must then be filed within the time limit set by the EPO. For further information see Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, A-III, 6.8.

FEES

(Currency: Euro)¹

Filing fee:	
– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online	100
– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online	180
Additional fee for pages in excess of 35: for the 36 th and each subsequent page	12
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated.	500
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 16 th and each subsequent claim	200
Search fee in respect of a European or supplementary European search:	
– for international applications filed before 1 July 2005	760
– for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	1,050
Fee for further processing:	
– in the event of late payment of a fee 50% of the relevant fee	
– other cases	210
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing.	200
Examination fee:	
– for international applications filed before 1 July 2005	1,565
– for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	1,565
– for all other international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	1,405
Renewal fees for European patent applications: ²	
– for the 3 rd year counted from the international filing date	400
– for the 4 th year counted from the international filing date	500
– for the 5 th year counted from the international filing date	700
– for the 6 th year counted from the international filing date	900
– for the 7 th year counted from the international filing date	1,000
– for the 8 th year counted from the international filing date	1,100
– for the 9 th year counted from the international filing date	1,200
– for the 10 th and each subsequent year counted from the international filing date	1,350
Fee for grant ³ , including fee for printing the European patent specification:	
– where the application documents to be printed comprise not more than 35 pages	790
– where the application documents to be printed comprise more than 35 pages	790
plus for the 36 th and each subsequent page	12
Fee for grant ⁴ , including fee for publication of the European patent specification:	790
Fee for reestablishment of rights/fee for requesting restoration/fee for reinstatement of rights	550
Fee for appeal	1,120

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 (see Supplement to OJ EPO 3/2008), or 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.

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

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.

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 20% of the filing fee, examination fee, opposition fee, appeal fee, fee for the petition for review or the limitation or revocation 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 EPO⁵

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://secure.epo.org/products/deposit/> or
- (b) sending a signed request, on paper, by fax or by email, containing the abovementioned particulars, to the EPO as follows:

European Patent Office

Vienna sub-office

Dir. 5.5.4

PO Box 90

1031 Vienna

Austria

Fax: (+43-1) 521 262 495

E-mail: deposit_account@epo.org

3. Administration of the accounts

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

4. Inpayments

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.

⁵ Arrangements for deposit accounts (ADA): See Supplement to OJ EPO 3/2009.

6. Debiting the account

- 6.1 Subject to point 12, 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 via My *epoline*®, 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 the case of an individual debit order preferably on EPO Form 1010,
- by fax, in the case of an individual debit order preferably on EPO Form 1010, which should be sent to the EPO's central fax number in Munich,
- by diskette.

Paper confirmation of a debit order is not required.

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 via My *epoline*®

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



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

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- 3 Contracting States should only be specified 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).
- 4 When extension fees are paid, the states for which they are intended must be specified.

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1.

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(siehe Merkblatt II, 1)

Address for correspondence
(see Notes II, 1)

Adresse pour la correspondance
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4.	Prüfungsantrag	Request for examination	Requête en examen
4.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiermit wird die Prüfung der Anmeldung gemäß Artikel 94 EPÜ beantragt. Die Prüfungsgebühr wird (wurde) entrichtet.	Examination of the application under Article 94 EPC is hereby requested. The examination fee is being (has been, will be) paid.	Il est demandé par la présente que soit examinée la demande de brevet conformément à l'article 94 CBE. Il est (a été, sera) procédé au paiement de la taxe d'examen.
	Prüfungsantrag in einer zugelassenen Nichtamtssprache (siehe Merkblatt III, 19.2):	Request for examination in an admissible non-EPO language (see Notes III, 19.2):	Requête en examen dans une langue non officielle autorisée (voir notice III, 19.2) :

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| 4.2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Der Anmelder verzichtet auf die Aufforderung nach Regel 70 (2) EPÜ, zu erklären, ob die Anmeldung aufrechterhalten 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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5.	Abschriften	Copies	Copies
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6.2	<p>Dem Verfahren vor dem EPA als ausgewähltem Amt (PCT II) sind folgende Unterlagen zugrunde zu legen:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> die dem internationalen vorläufigen Prüfungsbericht zugrunde gelegten Unterlagen, einschließlich etwaiger Anlagen</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> soweit sie nicht ersetzt werden durch die beigefügten Änderungen.</p> <p><i>Falls nötig, sind Klarstellungen auf einem Zusatzblatt einzureichen.</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sind dem EPA als mit der internationalen vorläufigen Prüfung beauftragter Behörde Versuchsberichte zugegangen, dürfen diese dem Verfahren vor dem EPA zugrunde gelegt werden.</p>	<p>Proceedings before the EPO as elected Office (PCT II) are to be based on the following documents:</p> <p>the documents on which the international preliminary examination report is based, including any annexes</p> <p>unless replaced by the amendments enclosed.</p> <p><i>For further details see additional sheet.</i></p> <p>If the EPO as International Preliminary Examining Authority has received test reports, these may be used as the basis of proceedings before the EPO.</p>	<p>La procédure devant l'OEB agissant en qualité d'office élu (PCT II) doit se fonder sur les pièces suivantes :</p> <p>les pièces sur lesquelles se fonde le rapport d'examen préliminaire international, y compris ses annexes éventuelles</p> <p>dans la mesure où elles ne sont pas remplacées par les modifications jointes.</p> <p><i>Le cas échéant, des explications doivent être jointes sur une feuille supplémentaire.</i></p> <p>Si l'OEB, agissant en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a reçu des rapports d'essais, ceux-ci peuvent être utilisés comme base dans la procédure devant l'OEB.</p>
7.	<p>Übersetzungen</p> <p>Beigefügt sind die nachfolgend angekreuzten Übersetzungen in einer der Amtssprachen des EPA (Deutsch, Englisch, Französisch):</p> <p><i>a) Im Verfahren vor dem EPA als Bestimmungsamt oder ausgewähltem Amt (PCT I + II):</i></p>	<p>Translations</p> <p>Translations in one of the official languages of the EPO (English, French, German) are enclosed as crossed below:</p> <p><i>(a) In proceedings before the EPO as designated or elected Office (PCT I + II):</i></p>	<p>Traductions</p> <p>Vous trouverez, ci-joint, les traductions cochées ci-après dans l'une des langues officielles de l'OEB (allemand, anglais, français) :</p> <p><i>a) Dans la procédure devant l'OEB agissant en qualité d'office désigné ou élu (PCT I + II) :</i></p>
7.1	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Übersetzung der internationalen Anmeldung in der ursprünglich eingereichten Fassung (Beschreibung, Ansprüche, etwaige Textbestandteile in den Zeichnungen), der veröffentlichten Zusammenfassung und etwaiger Angaben über biologisches Material nach Regel 13bis.3 und 13bis.4 PCT</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Traduction de la demande internationale telle que déposée initialement (description, revendications, textes figurant éventuellement dans les dessins), de l'abrégé publié et de toutes indications visées aux règles 13bis.3 et 13bis.4 PCT concernant le matériel biologique</p>
7.2	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Übersetzung der prioritätsbegründenden Anmeldung(en) (nur nach Aufforderung durch das EPA, Regel 53 (3) EPÜ)</p>	<p>Translation of the priority application(s) (to be filed only at the EPO's request, Rule 53(3) EPC)</p>	<p>Traduction de la (des) demande(s) dont la priorité est revendiquée (à produire seulement sur invitation de l'OEB, règle 53(3) CBE)</p>
7.3	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Es wird hiermit erklärt, dass die internationale Anmeldung in ihrer ursprünglich eingereichten Fassung eine vollständige Übersetzung der früheren Anmeldung ist (Regel 53 (3) EPÜ).</p>	<p>It is hereby declared that the international application as originally filed is a complete translation of the previous application (Rule 53(3) EPC).</p>	<p>Il est déclaré par la présente que la demande internationale telle que déposée initialement est une traduction intégrale de la demande antérieure (règle 53(3) CBE).</p>

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	<p>b) Zusätzlich im Verfahren vor dem EPA als Bestimmungsamt (PCT I):</p>	<p>(b) In addition, in proceedings before the EPO as designated Office (PCT I):</p>	<p>b) De plus, dans la procédure devant l'OEB agissant en qualité d'office désigné (PCT I) :</p>
7.4	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 form the basis for the proceedings before the EPO (see Section 6).	Traduction des revendications modifiées et de la déclaration faite conformément à l'article 19 PCT, si la procédure devant l'OEB doit être fondée sur les revendications modifiées (voir la rubrique 6).
	<p>c) Zusätzlich im Verfahren vor dem EPA als ausgewähltem Amt (PCT II):</p>	<p>(c) In addition, in proceedings before the EPO as elected Office (PCT II):</p>	<p>c) De plus, dans la procédure devant l'OEB agissant en qualité d'office élu (PCT II) :</p>
7.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Übersetzung der Anlagen zum internationalen vorläufigen Prüfungsbericht	Translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report	Traduction des annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international
8.	Biologisches Material	Biological material	Matière biologique
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.	L'invention utilise et/ou concerne de la matière biologique déposée conformément à la règle 31 CBE.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Die Angaben nach Regel 31 (1) c) EPÜ (falls noch nicht bekannt, die Hinterlegungsstelle und das (die) vom Hinterleger zugeteilte(n) Bezugszeichen [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 depositor) are given in the international publication or in the translation submitted under Section 7 on page(s)/line(s):	Les indications visées à la règle 31(1)c) CBE (si elles ne sont pas encore connues, l'autorité de dépôt et la (les) référence(s) d'identification [numéro ou symboles etc.] du déposant) figurent dans la publication internationale ou dans la traduction produite conformément à la rubrique 7 à la/aux page(s)/ligne(s) :
	Die Empfangsbescheinigung(en) der Hinterlegungsstelle	The receipt(s) of deposit issued by the depository institution	Le(s) récépissé(s) de dépôt délivré(s) par l'autorité de dépôt
	<input type="checkbox"/> ist (sind) beigelegt.	is (are) enclosed.	est (sont) joint(s).
	<input type="checkbox"/> wird (werden) nachgereicht.	will be filed later.	sera (seront) produit(s) ultérieurement.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Verzicht auf die Verpflichtung des Antragstellers nach Regel 33 (2) EPÜ auf gesondertem Schriftstück	Waiver of the right to an undertaking from the requester pursuant to Rule 33(2) EPC attached	Renonciation, sur document distinct, à l'engagement du requérant au titre de la règle 33(2) CBE
9.	Nucleotid- und Aminosäuresequenzen	Nucleotide and amino acid sequences	Séquences de nucléotides et d'acides aminés
9.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Die nach den Regeln 5.2 und 13ter PCT sowie den Regeln 30 und 163 (3) EPÜ erforderlichen Unterlagen liegen dem EPA bereits vor.	The items pursuant to Rules 5.2 and 13ter PCT, Rules 30 and 163(3) EPC are already with the EPO.	Les pièces requises conformément aux règles 5.2 et 13ter PCT et aux règles 30 et 163(3) CBE ont déjà été déposées auprès de l'OEB.
9.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Das Sequenzprotokoll wird anliegend auf Papier nachgereicht.	The sequence listing is furnished herewith on paper.	Le listage de séquences sur papier est produit ci-joint.
9.3	<input type="checkbox"/> Der vorgeschriebene elektronische Datenträger ist beigelegt.	The prescribed electronic data carrier is enclosed.	Le support électronique de données prescrit est joint.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Die auf dem elektronischen Datenträger gespeicherte Information stimmt mit dem auf Papier eingereichten Sequenzprotokoll überein.	The information recorded on the electronic data carrier is identical to the sequence listing filed on paper.	L'information figurant sur le support électronique de données est identique à celle que contient le listage de séquences déposé sur papier.
9.4	<input type="checkbox"/> Das Sequenzprotokoll geht nicht über den Inhalt der Anmeldung in der ursprünglich eingereichten Fassung hinaus.	The sequence listing does not include matter which goes beyond the content of the application as filed.	Le listage de séquences ne contient pas d'éléments s'étendant au-delà du contenu de la demande telle qu'elle a été déposée.

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10.	Benennungsgebühren	Designation fees	Taxes de désignation	
	Alle Vertragsstaaten ¹ , 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 ² .	All the contracting states ¹ party to the EPC at the time of filing of the international patent application and designated in the international application are deemed to be designated ² (see Article 79(1) EPC).	Tous les Etats contractants ¹ qui sont parties à la CBE lors du dépôt de la demande de brevet internationale et sont désignés dans la demande internationale sont réputés désignés ² (voir article 79(1) CBE).	
10.1	Es ist derzeit beabsichtigt, weniger als sieben Benennungsgebühren für folgende Vertragsstaaten zu entrichten (bitte Ländercodes und Vertragsstaaten ¹ angeben):	It is currently intended to pay fewer than seven designation fees, for the following contracting states (please indicate country codes and contracting states ¹):	Il est actuellement envisagé de payer moins de sept taxes de désignation pour les Etats contractants suivants (prière d'indiquer les codes de pays et les Etats contractants ¹) :	
	(1)			
	(2)			
	(3)			
	(4)			
	(5)			
	(6)			
10.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Soweit in Feld 10.1 Vertragsstaaten aufgeführt sind, wird zugestimmt, dass für dort nicht aufgeführte Vertragsstaaten keine Mitteilung nach Regel 112 (1) EPÜ ergeht und dass eine Weiterbehandlung ausgeschlossen ist.	If contracting states are indicated in Section 10.1, it is agreed that for the contracting states not thus indicated no communication under Rule 112(1) EPC be issued and further processing be excluded.	Si des Etats contractants sont mentionnés à la rubrique 10.1, il est convenu que pour les Etats contractants non mentionnés à cette rubrique, aucune notification n'est établie au titre de la règle 112(1) CBE et que la poursuite de la procédure est exclue.	
11.	Erstreckung des europäischen Patents	Extension of the European patent	Extension des effets du brevet européen	
	Diese Anmeldung gilt als Antrag, die europäische Patentanmeldung und das darauf erteilte europäische Patent auf alle in der internationalen Anmeldung bestimmten Nichtvertragsstaaten des EPÜ zu erstrecken, mit denen am Tag der Einreichung der internationalen Anmeldung Erstreckungsabkommen in Kraft sind ³ . Der Antrag gilt jedoch als zurückgenommen , wenn die Erstreckungsgebühr nicht fristgerecht entrichtet wird.	This application is deemed to be a request to extend 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 and with which extension agreements are in force on the date on which the international application is filed ³ . However, the request is deemed withdrawn if the extension fee is not paid within the prescribed time limit.	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 Etats non parties à la CBE qui sont désignés dans la demande internationale et avec lesquels des accords d'extension sont en vigueur à la date du dépôt de la demande internationale ³ . Cette requête est toutefois réputée retirée si la taxe d'extension n'est pas acquittée en temps utile.	
	Es ist beabsichtigt, diese Gebühr(en) für folgende Staaten zu entrichten:	It is intended to pay the fee(s) for the following state(s):	Il est envisagé de payer la(les) taxe(s) d'extension pour les Etats suivants :	
	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.	Note: Under the automatic debiting procedure, extension fees will only be debited for states indicated here, unless the EPO is instructed otherwise before expiry of the period for payment.	Veillez 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 Etats cochés ici, sauf instruction contraire reçue avant l'expiration du délai de paiement.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	AL Albanien	Albania	Albanie
	<input type="checkbox"/>	BA Bosnien und Herzegowina	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnie-Herzégovine
	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR Kroatien	Croatia	Croatie
	<input type="checkbox"/>	MK Ehemalige jugoslawische Republik Mazedonien	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Ancienne République yougoslave de Macédoine
	<input type="checkbox"/>	RS Serbien	Serbia	Serbie
	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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12.	Automatischer Abbuchungsauftrag (Nur möglich für Inhaber von beim EPA geführten laufenden Konten)	Automatic debit order (for EPO deposit account holders only)	Ordre de prélèvement automatique (possibilité offerte uniquement aux titulaires de comptes courants ouverts auprès de l'OEB)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Das EPA wird hiermit ermächtigt, fällige Gebühren und Auslagen nach Maßgabe der Vorschriften über das automatische Abbuchungsverfahren vom unten stehenden laufenden Konto abzubuchen.	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.	Par la présente, il est demandé à l'OEB de prélever du compte courant ci-dessous les taxes et frais venant à échéance, conformément à la réglementation relative à la procédure de prélèvement automatique.
	Nummer und Kontoinhaber	Number and account holder	Numéro et titulaire du compte

13.	Etwaige Rückzahlungen sollen auf das unten stehende beim EPA geführte laufende Konto erfolgen	Any refunds should be made to the EPO deposit account below	Les remboursements éventuels doivent être effectués sur le compte courant ci-dessous ouvert auprès de l'OEB
<input type="checkbox"/>			
	Nummer und Kontoinhaber	Number and account holder	Numéro et titulaire du compte

14.	Ort / Datum	Place / Date	Lieu / Date

Unterschrift(en) des (der) Anmelders(s) oder Vertreter Name(n) des (der) Unterzeichneten bitte in Druckschrift wiederholen und bei juristischen Personen auch die Stellung des (der) Unterzeichneten innerhalb der Gesellschaft angeben.	Signature(s) of applicant(s) or representative Under signature please print name and, in the case of legal persons, position within the company.	Signature(s) du (des) demandeur(s) ou du mandataire Prière d'indiquer en caractères d'imprimerie le ou les noms des signataires ainsi que, s'il s'agit d'une personne morale, la position occupée au sein de celle-ci par le ou les signataires.

Für Angestellte (Art. 133 (3) EPÜ) mit allgemeiner Vollmacht Nr.:	For employees (Art. 133(3) EPC) with general authorisation No.:	Pour les employés (art. 133(3) CBE) disposant d'un pouvoir général n° :

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Fußnoten

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- 1 Stand bei Drucklegung:
34 Vertragsstaaten, und zwar:
AT Österreich, **BE** Belgien, **BG** Bulgarien,
CH / LI Schweiz und Liechtenstein, **CY** Zypern,
CZ Tschechische Republik, **DE** Deutschland,
DK Dänemark, **EE** Estland, **ES** Spanien,
FI Finnland, **FR** Frankreich, **GB** Vereinigtes
Königreich, **GR** Griechenland, **HR** Kroatien,
HU Ungarn, **IE** Irland, **IS** Island, **IT** Italien,
LT Litauen, **LU** Luxemburg, **LV** Lettland,
MC Monaco, **MT** Malta, **NL** Niederlande,
NO Norwegen, **PL** Polen, **PT** Portugal,
RO Rumänien, **SE** Schweden, **SI** Slowenien,
SK Slowakische Republik, **TR** Türkei
- 2 Für folgende Staaten nur möglich, falls in der internationalen Anmeldung am oder nach dem folgenden Tag bestimmt: Polen 1. März 2004, Island 1. November 2004, Litauen 1. Dezember 2004, Lettland 1. Juli 2005, Malta 1. März 2007, Norwegen 1. Januar 2008, Kroatien 1. Januar 2008.
- 3 Nur möglich, falls der Staat in der internationalen Anmeldung bestimmt und die internationale Anmeldung eingereicht wurde, während das Erstreckungsabkommen mit dem betreffenden Staat in Kraft war, d. h. für Albanien ab 1. Februar 1996, für die ehemalige jugoslawische Republik Mazedonien ab 1. November 1997, für Bosnien und Herzegowina ab 1. Dezember 2004, für Litauen vom 5. Juli 1994 bis 30. November 2004, für Lettland vom 1. Mai 1995 bis 30. Juni 2005, für Kroatien vom 1. April 2004 bis 31. Dezember 2007.
- Die vom 1. November 2004 bis 3. Juni 2006 eingereichten internationalen Anmeldungen, mit denen bei ihrer Einreichung Schutz in YU – Staatenunion Serbien und Montenegro – begehrt wurde, können auf das Territorium der heutigen Republik Serbien (RS) erstreckt werden. Dies gilt auch für die ab dem 4. Juni 2006 eingereichten internationalen Anmeldungen, in denen RS bestimmt ist.
- Zur Erstreckungswirkung solcher Anmeldungen in der heutigen Republik Montenegro (ME) siehe die montenegrinische „Regulation on Providing the Application of Intellectual Property Rights“ vom 20. September 2007, veröffentlicht in der Gesetzessammlung der Republik Montenegro Nr. 61/07 am 12. Oktober 2007 und in Kraft seit 20. Oktober 2007.
- 4 Platz für Staaten, mit denen Erstreckungsabkommen nach Drucklegung dieses Formblatts in Kraft treten und die in der internationalen Anmeldung bestimmt waren.
- When this form was printed, there were 34 contracting states, namely:
AT Austria, **BE** Belgium, **BG** Bulgaria,
CH / LI Switzerland and Liechtenstein,
CY Cyprus, **CZ** Czech Republic, **DE** Germany,
DK Denmark, **EE** Estonia, **ES** Spain, **FI** Finland,
FR France, **GB** United Kingdom, **GR** Greece,
HR Croatia, **HU** Hungary, **IE** Ireland, **IS** Iceland,
IT Italy, **LT** Lithuania, **LU** Luxembourg, **LV** Latvia,
MC Monaco, **MT** Malta, **NL** Netherlands,
NO Norway, **PL** Poland, **PT** Portugal,
RO Romania, **SE** Sweden, **SI** Slovenia,
SK Slovak Republic, **TR** Turkey
- Possible for the following states only if they are designated in the international application on or after the date specified: Poland 1 March 2004, Iceland 1 November 2004, Lithuania 1 December 2004, Latvia 1 July 2005, Malta 1 March 2007, Norway 1 January 2008, Croatia 1 January 2008.
- Possible only if the state was designated in an international application filed while the extension agreement with the state concerned was in force: Albania from 1 February 1996, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia from 1 November 1997, Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1 December 2004, Lithuania from 5 July 1994 to 30 November 2004, Latvia from 1 May 1995 to 30 June 2005, Croatia from 1 April 2004 to 31 December 2007.
- International applications filed from 1 November 2004 to 3 June 2006 with a view to obtaining protection in YU – the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro – can be extended to the territory of what is now the Republic of Serbia (RS). The same applies to international applications filed as from 4 June 2006 and designating RS.
- As regards the extension effect of such applications in what is now the Republic of Montenegro (ME), see the Regulation of 20 September 2007 on Providing the Application of Intellectual Property Rights, published in the Republic of Montenegro's Official Gazette No. 61/07 on 12 October 2007 and in force since 20 October 2007.
- Space for states with which extension agreements enter into force after this form has been printed and which were designated in the international application.
- Situation à la date d'impression :
34 Etats contractants, à savoir :
AT Autriche, **BE** Belgique, **BG** Bulgarie,
CH / LI Suisse et Liechtenstein, **CY** Chypre,
CZ République tchèque, **DE** Allemagne,
DK Danemark, **EE** Estonie, **ES** Espagne,
FI Finlande, **FR** France, **GB** Royaume-Uni,
GR Grèce, **HR** Croatie, **HU** Hongrie, **IE** Irlande,
IS Islande, **IT** Italie, **LT** Lituanie, **LU** Luxembourg,
LV Lettonie, **MC** Monaco, **MT** Malte, **NL** Pays-Bas,
NO Norvège, **PL** Pologne, **PT** Portugal,
RO Roumanie, **SE** Suède, **SI** Slovénie,
SK République slovaque, **TR** Turquie
- Possible pour les Etats suivants uniquement s'ils ont été désignés dans la demande internationale à partir des dates suivantes : 1^{er} mars 2004 pour la Pologne, 1^{er} novembre 2004 pour l'Islande, 1^{er} décembre 2004 pour la Lituanie, 1^{er} juillet 2005 pour la Lettonie, 1^{er} mars 2007 pour Malte, 1^{er} janvier 2008 pour la Norvège et 1^{er} janvier 2008 pour la Croatie.
- Possible uniquement si l'Etat a été désigné dans la demande internationale et que la demande internationale ait été déposée pendant la période où l'accord d'extension était en vigueur avec l'Etat concerné, c'est-à-dire à partir du 1^{er} février 1996 pour l'Albanie, à partir du 1^{er} novembre 1997 pour l'ancienne République yougoslave de Macédoine, à partir du 1^{er} décembre 2004 pour la Bosnie-Herzégovine, du 5 juillet 1994 au 30 novembre 2004 pour la Lituanie, du 1^{er} mai 1995 au 30 juin 2005 pour la Lettonie, du 1^{er} avril 2004 au 31 décembre 2007 pour la Croatie.
- Il est possible d'étendre au territoire de l'actuelle République de Serbie (RS) les effets produits par les demandes internationales qui ont été déposées entre le 1^{er} novembre 2004 et le 3 juin 2006 et dans lesquelles il était demandé d'obtenir une protection dans la Communauté d'Etats Serbie-et-Monténégro (YU). Il en va de même pour les demandes internationales déposées à compter du 4 juin 2006 et qui désignent RS.
- Concernant l'extension des effets produits par ces demandes à l'actuelle République du Monténégro (ME), cf. le « Regulation on Providing the Application of Intellectual Property Rights » monténégro en date du 20 septembre 2007, publié le 12 octobre 2007 dans le recueil de lois n° 61/07 de la République du Monténégro et en vigueur depuis le 20 octobre 2007.
- Prévu pour des Etats à l'égard desquels des accords d'extension entreront en vigueur après l'impression du présent formulaire et qui ont été désignés dans la demande internationale.

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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) you should use Form PCT/RO/101. To request the grant of a European patent you should use EPA/EPO/OEB Form 1001.

The requirements for entry into the European phase are laid down in the European Patent Convention (EPC), in the text adopted by the decision of the European Patent Organisation's Administrative Council dated 28 June 2001, and in the Implementing Regulations thereto, in the text adopted by the Administrative Council's decision dated 7 December 2006.

Obtaining forms and brochures

Forms for applicants (e.g. authorisation, payment of fees) and brochures are available free of charge from the EPO – preferably from Vienna but also from Munich, The Hague and Berlin – and from the national authorities for industrial property protection in the contracting states.

Forms, brochures, schedules of fees and legal texts can be downloaded from the EPO's website at <http://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 (Special edition No. 3, OJ EPO 2007, F.1.) offers effective options for shortening the processing time. See also EPA/EPO/OEB Form 1005.

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, you should file an additional sheet 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 the documents

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

(a) Paper filing

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).

(b) Fax filing

Form 1200, attached translations and amendments to the application documents may also be filed by fax. Simultaneous confirmation on paper is required only at the specific invitation of the EPO (see Special edition No. 3, OJ EPO 2007, A.3.).

(c) Electronic filing

The above documents may also be filed online or on electronic data carriers (Special edition No. 3, OJ EPO 2007, A.4.). For more details go to <http://www.epo.org> or direct to <http://www.epoline.org>. The online filing fee is less than the paper and fax filing fee

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)-(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 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 (Article 150(2), Article 94 and Rule 70 EPC)

- 4.1 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. If the request is filed in an admissible non-EPO language (Article 14(4) and Rule 6(3) EPC), the examination fee is reduced by 20% (see III.19.2).

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 the (earliest) priority date, whichever period ends later. In practice this means that as a rule it must be submitted by payment of 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 set period that they wish to proceed further with the application (Rule 70(2) EPC). To accelerate the procedure, in Section 4.2 the right to be asked for such confirmation can be waived, in which case confirmation is deemed to be given on receipt of the supplementary European search report. With regard to the legal consequences, see the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, C-VI, 1.1.2.

5. Additional copy(ies) 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 (see III.20).

6. Documents intended for proceedings before the EPO

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 are to form the basis for the grant procedure. He can also amend the application once more, within a non-extendable period of one month from a communication (Form 1226) informing him accordingly (Rule 161 EPC). If this reduces the number of claims, any claims fees paid in excess of those due are refunded (Rule 162(3) EPC).

If, **exceptionally**, the applicant does not wish to proceed with the amendments submitted during the international preliminary examination procedure, but would rather revert to the published documents (including any amendments made before the International Bureau under Article 19 PCT), he must request this on an **additional sheet**.

In any case, Section 6 cannot cover all exceptional circumstances which may arise; these must be clarified as necessary on an **additional sheet**.

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.

7. Translations

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).

If the translation of the international application is not filed in due time, the international application is deemed to be withdrawn (Rule 160(1) EPC). If the EPO notes that the application is for that reason deemed to be withdrawn, it communicates this to the applicant. In response to this noting of loss of rights, the applicant may submit a request for further processing (Article 121, Rule 135 EPC). With Rule 112(2) EPC applying *mutatis mutandis*, the applicant may, within two months of notification of this communication, apply for a decision on the matter by the EPO.

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 application is a complete translation of the previous application) need only be filed at the request of the EPO.

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 (see Legal Advice No. 19/99, OJ EPO 1999, 296).

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 (depository 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 nucleotide or amino acid sequences are disclosed in the international application, the description must under Rule 5.2 PCT contain a sequence listing complying with WIPO Standard ST.25 and presented

as a separate part of the description in accordance with that standard. The EPO as International Searching Authority requires the sequence listing to be filed on paper and also on an electronic data carrier and accompanied by a statement that the information recorded on the electronic data carrier is identical to the sequence listing filed on paper (Rule 13~~ter~~.1 PCT and Rule 30 EPC together with Article 4 of the decision dated 12 July 2007, Special edition No. 3, OJ EPO 2007, C.1.).

If the EPO was the International Searching Authority, it will generally already have received all the necessary items.

- 9.2 Where a sequence listing complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT is not available to the EPO, the missing item(s) must be filed subsequently **on entry into the European phase** (see also Rules 163(3) and 30 EPC and Article 5 of the decision dated 12 July 2007, Special edition No. 3, OJ EPO 2007, C.1.).

- 9.3 Under Section 9.3, the applicant declares that the information recorded on the electronic data carrier is identical to the sequence listing filed on paper.

- 9.4 Under Section 9.4, the applicant declares that the subsequently filed sequence listing does not include matter which goes beyond the content of the application as filed.

With regard to the **late furnishing fee**, see Rules 163(3) and 30(3) EPC, Article 5 of the decision dated 12 July 2007 (Special edition No. 3, OJ EPO 2007, C.1.) and the notice dated 12 July 2007 (Special edition No. 3, OJ EPO 2007, C.2., III).

10. Designation fees

Period for payment

The designation fees must be paid either within six months as 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 as from the filing date or (earliest) priority date, whichever period ends later. In practice this means that as a rule the designation fees must be paid within the 31-month period (Rule 159(1)(d) EPC) unless the international search report was published late.

Designation of all contracting states

All the contracting states designated in the international patent application which are 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). If payment of **seven times the amount** of the designation fee is to constitute payment of the designation fees for all EPC contracting states designated (see III.16), the

EPO does not need any further information about contracting states.

10.1 Selection of states

Applicants intending to pay **fewer than seven** designation fees should list the relevant contracting states in Section 10.1. Within the time limit under Rule 159(1)(d) EPC, they can still pay designation fees for states not listed here but designated in the international application, indicating the contracting states concerned.

If there is an **automatic debit order** for the application (Section 12), the EPO will debit seven times the amount of the designation fee, or the designation fees for only the states listed in Section 10.1, on expiry of the period for payment unless instructed beforehand to do otherwise.

10.2 Waiver

If, by crossing the box in Section 10.2, the applicant has waived the right to receive a communication under Rule 160(3) EPC in respect of the designations not specifically indicated in Section 10.1, a communication under Rule 160(3) EPC will be issued only where, contrary to the intention originally stated in Section 10.1, he has failed to pay designation fees for states for which he had indicated an intention to pay. The communication under Rule 160(3) EPC and the communication under Rule 112(1) EPC are sent together in one and the same communication. In response to this notification of a loss of rights, the applicant may request further processing.

11. Extension of the European patent

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 January 2008: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia). Extension to such states is possible even if they have since become EPC contracting states. Thus extension to Latvia and Croatia is possible if they were designated in an international application filed up to 30 June 2005 (Latvia) or 31 December 2007 (Croatia).

Subject to this condition, extension is deemed requested for any application entering the European phase. 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 designation fees (Rule 159(1)(d) EPC). If no designations of EPC contracting states are deemed withdrawn under Rule 160(2) EPC and the extension fee has not been paid within the applicable basic time limit, no communication under Rule 112(1) EPC will be issued, and no further processing in

respect of the extensions deemed to be withdrawn is possible (for exceptions see Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, A.III, 12.2).

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

12. Automatic debit order

See Arrangements for the automatic debiting procedure and Information from the EPO concerning the automatic debiting procedure (Supplement to OJ EPO No. 10/2007).

13. Refunds

Any refunds due to an applicant who has a deposit account with the EPO (Supplement to OJ EPO No. 10/2007) 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. Where a **representative's** deposit account is to be indicated, refer to point 5 of Legal Advice No. 6/91 rev., OJ EPO 1991, 573.

III. Notes on fees

For fee payments it is advisable to use EPO Form 1010. **Online fee payment** under My.epoline® (Supplement to OJ EPO 10/2007 and <http://www.epoline.org>) is also possible.

14. Chapter I PCT (Article 22 PCT) and Chapter II PCT (Article 39(1) PCT)

Fees payable within 31 months of the filing date or, where applicable, the (earliest) priority date (Rules 159 and 162 EPC):

- (a) filing fee under Article 78(2) (see Rule 159(1)(c) EPC)
- (b) designation fees if the period under Rule 39(1) EPC has expired earlier (see III.16 and II.10)
- (c) supplementary European search fee, if any (see III.15)
- (d) claims fees, if any (see III.18)
- (e) examination fee (see III.19 and II.4.1)
- (f) renewal fee for the third year if it has fallen due earlier under Rule 51(1) EPC (see Rule 159(1)(g) EPC).

15. Search fee

See OJ EPO 3/2006.

15.1 No search fee payable

No supplementary European search report is drawn up and **no** search fee is payable if

- the international search report was drawn up by the EPO or

- the international application was filed before 1 July 2005 and the international search report was drawn up by the patent office of Austria, Spain or Sweden.

Also, **no** search fee is payable (but a supplementary European search report is drawn up) if

- the international application was filed between 1 April and 30 June 2005 and the international search report was drawn up by the patent office of Finland.

15.2 Reduction of search fee

A supplementary European search report is drawn up but the search fee is **reduced** by

- 20% (international applications filed up to 30 June 2005) or
- EUR 190 (international applications filed as from 1 July 2005)

if the international search report was drawn up by the patent office of Australia, China, Japan, Russia, South Korea or the USA.

A supplementary European search report is drawn up but the search fee is **reduced** by

- EUR 845 (international applications filed as from 1 July 2005 up to 30 June 2008)

if the international search report was drawn up by the patent office of Austria, Finland, Spain or Sweden.

16. Designation fees

A designation fee is payable for each designated state. A single designation fee is charged for the joint designation of Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Payment of seven times the amount of the designation fee is deemed to constitute payment of the fees for all EPC contracting states designated in the international application.

17. Extension fees

An extension fee is payable for each state requested.

When **extension fees are paid, the states for which they are intended must be specified**. Under the automatic debit procedure, extension fees are debited only for the states crossed in Section 11 unless other instructions are received before the period for payment expires.

18. Claims fees

On entry into the European phase, applicants are entitled to file amended claims with the EPO (Rules 137(3) and 159(1)(b) EPC). Thereafter, they may amend the application once more, within a non-extendable period of one month initiated by an EPO communication (Rule 161 EPC). This is without

prejudice to possible later amendments under Rule 137(2)-(4) EPC.

If the application documents on which the European grant procedure is to be based comprise more than fifteen claims, a claims fee is payable for the sixteenth and each subsequent claim. If amended claims are filed during the one-month period under Rule 161 EPC, the claims fees due are computed on the basis of such amended claims (Rule 162(2) EPC). See also III.22.2. The time limit for paying the claims fees is determined by Rule 159(1) or 162(2) EPC, with amended claims subject to the same time limits as those originally filed. Any claims fees paid in excess are refunded under Rule 162(3) EPC.

19. Reduction of examination fee

19.1 International preliminary examination by the EPO

The examination fee is reduced by 50% if the EPO, acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, has already drawn up the international preliminary examination report in respect of the application in question (Article 14(2) RFees). If the report was established on certain parts of the international application under Article 34.3(c) PCT, the examination fee will not be reduced if subject-matter not covered by the report is to be examined.

19.2 Languages

Natural or legal persons having their residence or principal place of business within 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 official language of that state (admissible non-EPO language; Article 14(4) EPC).

The examination fee is reduced by 20% if the request for examination is filed in an admissible non-EPO language and, within one month of its filing (i.e. at the earliest simultaneously with the request for examination), a translation in the language of the proceedings is also filed (Rule 6 EPC, Article 14(1) RFees).

It is advisable to use Form 1200, as its Section 4 contains a pre-printed request for examination in the EPO's official languages. There is also space for the request for examination in the admissible non-EPO language, which however may also be filed later until the examination fee is paid.

The request for examination may be worded as follows:

Bulgarian: "Да се извърши експертиза на заявката съгласно чл.94."

Croatian: "Zahtjeva se ispitivanje prijave prema clanku 94. EPC-a".

Czech: "Žádá se o průzkum přihlášky podle článku 94."

Danish: "Hermed begæres prøvning af ansøgningen i henhold til Art. 94."

Dutch: "Verzocht wordt om onderzoek van de aanvraag als bedoeld in Art. 94."

Estonian: "Taotlusele palutakse teha artikli 94 kohane ekspertiis."

Finnish: "Täten pyydetään hakemuksen tutkimista artiklan 94 mukaisesti."

Greek: "Simfona me tis diataxis tou arthrou 94 zitite i exetasis tis etiseos."

Hungarian: "Kérem az európai szabadalom megadását és a bejelentés 94. cikk szerinti vizsgálatát."

Icelandic: "Hér með er farið fram á veitingu evrópsks einkaleyfis og rannsókn á einkaleyfishæfi umsóknarinnar skv. 94. grein."

Irish: "Iarrtar leis seo scrúdú an iarratais de bhun Airteagal 94."

Italian: "Si richiede di esaminare la domanda ai sensi dell'art. 94."

Latvian: "Ar šo tiek lūgts veikt ekspertīzi saskaņā ar EPK 94.pantu."

Lithuanian: "Prašoma atlikti paraiškos ekspertizę pagal 94 straipsnį."

Luxembourgish: "Et gët heimat Préifung vun der Umeldung nom Art. 94 ugefrot."

Maltese: "Qed jigi mitlub l-ezaminazzjoni ta' l-applikazzjoni skond Artiklu 94."

Norwegian: "Med dette begjæres prøving av patentsøknaden i henhold til Art. 94".

Polish: "Niniejszym wnosi się o badanie zgłoszenia na podstawie art. 94."

Portuguese: "Solicita-se o examen do pedido segundo o artigo 94º."

Romanian: "Se solicită examinarea cererii în sensul art. 94."

Slovak: "Podľa článku 94 sa žiada o prieskum prihlášky."

Slovenian: "Zahteva se preizkus prijave po 94. členu EPC."

Spanish: "Se solicita el examen de la solicitud según el artículo 94."

Swedish: "Härmed begärs prövning av patentansökan enligt art. 94."

Turkish: "Başvurunun 94. Madde'ye göre incelenmesi istenmektedir."

19.3 If the requirements for both reductions are satisfied, the examination fee is reduced first by 50%. The 20% reduction is applied to the resultant amount, not to the full fee.

20. Amounts of fees

For these, 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 <http://www.epo.org>.

21. 10-day safety rule

In EPC contracting states it is advisable to make fee payments no later than ten days before the period referred to in Article 7(3) and (4) RFees. Then, if they are considered to have arrived late under Article 7(1) and (2) RFees, the EPO will nonetheless – on production of evidence of payment – treat them as having been made in time, whereas if they were paid fewer than ten days before the time limit (but still within it), a surcharge is payable in addition to the production of evidence (see Article 7(3) RFees).

22. Legal consequences of failure to pay fees

22.1 Filing fee, search fee, designation fees, examination fee, extension fees

If the filing fee, the search fee or the examination fee is not paid in due time, or if no designation fee is paid in due time, the European application is deemed to be withdrawn (Rule 160(1) EPC). The designation of any contracting state in respect of which the designation fee has not been paid in due time is deemed to be withdrawn (Rule 160(2) EPC). If the EPO notes that the application or the designation of a contracting state is deemed to be withdrawn, it communicates this to the applicant. In response to this noting of loss of rights, the applicant may submit a request for further processing (Article 121, Rule 135 EPC). With Rule 112(2) applying *mutatis mutandis*, the applicant may, within two months of notification of this communication, apply for a decision on the matter by the EPO.

By crossing the declaration in Section 10.2 the applicant waives the communication noting loss of rights under Rule 112(1) EPC for the contracting states not listed in Section 10.1 (Rule 160(3) EPC) and **agrees to the exclusion of further processing (Article 121, Rule 135) in such cases.**

If an extension fee is not paid in due time, the request for extension is deemed to be withdrawn.

22.2 Claims fees

If a claims fee is not paid within the time limit under Rule 159(1) EPC, it may still be validly paid within a non-extendable grace period of one month as from a communication (Form 1226) concerning the failure to observe the time limit (Rule 162(2) EPC).

Form 1226 also constitutes the communication under Rule 161 EPC (see II.6).

If amended claims are filed under Rule 161 EPC after receipt of the communication, that communication then constitutes the only request to pay any additional claims fees within the time limit under Rule 162(2) EPC.

If a claims fee is not paid in due time, the claim concerned is deemed to be abandoned (Rule 162(4) EPC).

22.3 Renewal fees

If a renewal fee has not been paid on or before the due date, it may still be validly paid within six months of that date, provided that the additional fee is paid at the same time (Rule 51(2) EPC). If the renewal fee and any additional fee are not paid in due time, the European patent application is deemed to be withdrawn (Article 86(1) EPC).

The list of the European Patent Organisation's euro accounts is published in every issue of the Official Journal. It can also be consulted on the EPO website at <http://www.epo.org>.



Erfindernennung
Designation of inventor
Désignation de l'inventeur

(falls Anmelder nicht oder nicht allein der Erfinder ist) /
 (where the applicant is not the inventor or is not the sole inventor) /
 (si le demandeur n'est pas l'inventeur ou l'unique inventeur)

Zeichen des Anmelders / Applicant's reference /
 Référence du demandeur

(max. 15 Positionen / max. 15 spaces / 15 caractères au maximum)

Anmeldenummer oder, falls noch nicht bekannt, Bezeichnung der Erfindung: /
 Application No. or, if not yet known, title of the invention: /
 N° de la demande ou, s'il n'est pas encore connu, titre de l'invention :

In Sachen der oben bezeichneten europäischen Patentanmeldung nennt (nennen) der (die) Unterzeichnete(n)¹ / In respect of the above European patent application I (we), the undersigned¹ / En ce qui concerne la demande de brevet européen susmentionnée, le(s) soussigné(s)¹

als Erfinder²: / do hereby designate as inventor(s)²: / désigne(nt) en tant qu'inventeur(s)²:

Weitere Erfinder sind auf einem gesonderten Blatt angegeben. / Additional inventors are indicated on a supplementary sheet. /
 D'autres inventeurs sont mentionnés sur une feuille supplémentaire.

Der (Die) Anmelder hat (haben) das Recht auf das europäische Patent erlangt³ / The applicant(s) has (have) acquired the right to the European patent³ /
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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 Erfinders (der Erfinder) 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 rechtsgeschäftlicher Übertragung genügt die Angabe „gemäß Vertrag vom ...“.
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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(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 ... ».
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N° de la demande (du brevet)

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I (We)² /
Je (Nous)²

bevollmächtigte(n) hiermit³ /
do hereby authorise³ /
autorise (autorisons) par la présente³

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to act for me (us) in all proceedings established by the European Patent Convention concerning the following European patent application(s) or patent(s)⁴ and to receive payments on my (our) behalf: /
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I (We) hereby revoke all previous authorisations in respect of the above application(s) or patent(s)⁵. /
Je révoque (Nous révoquons) par la présente tout pouvoir antérieur, donné pour la (les) demande(s) ou le (les) brevet(s) mentionné(e)(s) ci-dessus⁵.

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Datum / Date

Unterschrift(en)⁶ / Signature(s)⁶

Das Formblatt muss vom (von den) Vollmachtgeber(n) eigenhändig unterzeichnet sein (bei juristischen Personen vom Unterschriftsberechtigten). Nach der Unterschrift bitte den (die) Namen des (der) Unterzeichneten in Druckschrift wiederholen und bei juristischen Personen die Stellung des Unterschriftsberechtigten innerhalb der Gesellschaft angeben. /
The form must bear the personal signature(s) of the authoriser(s) (in the case of legal persons, that of the officer empowered to sign). After the signature, please print the name(s) of the signatory(ies) adding, in the case of legal persons, his (their) position within the company. /
Le formulaire doit être signé de la propre main du (des) mandant(s) (dans le cas de personnes morales, de la personne ayant qualité pour signer).
Veuillez ajouter en caractères d'imprimerie, après la signature, le (les) nom(s) du (des) signataire(s) en mentionnant, dans le cas de personnes morales, ses (leurs) fonctions au sein de la société.

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I. Fußnoten zur Vorderseite

- 1 a) Die Verwendung dieses Formblatts wird empfohlen für die Bevollmächtigung von Vertretern vor dem Europäischen Patentamt – zugelassene Vertreter, Rechtsanwälte im Sinne des Artikels 134 (8) und Zusammenschlüsse von Vertretern nach Regel 152 (11) – sowie für die Bevollmächtigung von Angestellten im Sinne des Artikels 133 (3) Satz 1; zu Satz 2 sind bisher keine Ausführungsbestimmungen ergangen.
Zugelassene Vertreter, die sich als solche zu erkennen geben, müssen nach Regel 152 (1) in Verbindung mit dem Beschluss der Präsidentin des EPA vom 12. Juli 2007 nur in bestimmten Fällen eine unterzeichnete Vollmacht einreichen (Sonderausgabe Nr. 3, ABI. EPA 2007, L.1.). Hingegen müssen nach Artikel 134 (8) vertretungsberechtigte Rechtsanwälte sowie Angestellte, die für einen Anmelder gemäß Artikel 133 (3) Satz 1 handeln und keine zugelassenen Vertreter sind, eine unterzeichnete Vollmacht einreichen.
- b) Zutreffendes ist anzukreuzen.
- 2 Name(n) und Anschrift(en) sowie Staat des Sitzes oder Wohnsitzes des Vollmachtgebers (der Vollmachtgeber) nach Maßgabe der nachstehenden Regel 41 (2) c): „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. Anschriften sind gemäß den üblichen Anforderungen für eine schnelle Postzustellung an die angegebene Anschrift anzugeben und müssen in jedem Fall alle maßgeblichen Verwaltungseinheiten, gegebenenfalls bis zur Hausnummer einschließlich, enthalten.“
- 3 Name(n) und Geschäftsanschrift des Vertreters (der Vertreter) nach Maßgabe der in Ziff. 2 wiedergegebenen Regel 41 (2) c).
- 4 Nummer der Anmeldung(en) (falls bekannt) oder des Patents (der Patente) und Bezeichnung(en) der Erfindung(en).
- 5 Der Widerruf erfasst nicht eine gegebenenfalls erteilte allgemeine Vollmacht.
- 6 Übliche Unterschrift des (der) Vollmachtgeber(s). Wird die Vollmacht für eine juristische Person unterzeichnet, so dürfen nur solche Personen unterzeichnen, die nach Gesetz und/oder Satzung der juristischen Person dazu berechtigt sind (Artikel 58, Regel 152 (1)). Es ist ein Hinweis auf die Unterschriftsberechtigung des Unterzeichneten zu geben (z. B. Geschäftsführer, Prokurist, Handlungsbevollmächtigter; president, director, company secretary; président, directeur, fondé de pouvoir). Unterzeichnet ein sonstiger Angestellter einer juristischen Person aufgrund einer speziellen Vollmacht der juristischen Person, so ist dies anzugeben; von der speziellen Vollmacht ist eine Kopie, die nicht beglaubigt zu sein braucht, beizufügen. Eine Vollmacht mit der Unterschrift einer nicht zeichnungsberechtigten Person wird als nicht unterzeichnete Vollmacht behandelt.

II. Hinweise

- a) Erstreckt sich die Vollmacht auf mehrere Anmeldungen oder Patente, so ist sie in der entsprechenden Stückzahl einzureichen (vgl. Regel 152 (2)).
- b) Alle Entscheidungen, Ladungen, Bescheide und Mitteilungen werden an den Vertreter übersandt (vgl. Regel 130). Im Fall der Bevollmächtigung von Angestellten im Sinne des Artikels 133 (3) werden die genannten Schriftstücke dem Anmelder übersandt.
- c) Regel 152 (9) bestimmt: „Sofern die Vollmacht nichts anderes bestimmt, erlischt sie gegenüber dem Europäischen Patentamt nicht mit dem Tod des Vollmachtgebers.“
- d) Im Übrigen vgl. die Mitteilung zu Fragen der Vertretung vor dem EPA im Amtsblatt EPA 4/1978, 281 ff.

I. Footnotes to text overleaf

- 1 (a) The use of this form is recommended for authorising representatives before the European Patent Office – professional representatives, legal practitioners under Article 134(8) and associations of representatives pursuant to Rule 152(11) – and for authorising employees under Article 133(3), first sentence; as regards the second sentence, no implementing regulation has yet been issued.
Professional representatives who identify themselves as such are required under Rule 152(1), in conjunction with the decision of the President of the EPO dated 12 July 2007, to file a signed authorisation only in particular cases (Special edition No. 3, OJ EPO 2007, L.1.). However, a legal practitioner entitled to act as a professional representative in accordance with Article 134(8), or an employee acting for an applicant in accordance with Article 133(3), first sentence, but who is not a professional representative, must file a signed authorisation.
- (b) Where applicable place a cross in the box.
- 2 Name(s) and address(es) of the party (parties) giving the authorisation and the State in which his (their) residence or principal place of business is located, in accordance with Rule 41(2)(c): „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.“
- 3 Name(s) and address of place of business of the representative(s) in accordance with Rule 41(2)(c) (cf. note 2 above).
- 4 Application No(s), or patent No(s), (if known) and title(s) of the invention(s).
- 5 The revocation does not extend to any general authorisation which may have been given.
- 6 Usual signature(s) of person(s) giving the authorisation. 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, Rule 152(1)). An indication is to be given of the signatory's entitlement to sign (e.g. president, director, company secretary; Geschäftsführer, Prokurist, Handlungsbevollmächtigter; 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 so to sign will be treated as an unsigned authorisation.

II. Notices

- (a) Authorisations covering more than one application or patent are to be filed in the corresponding number of copies (cf. Rule 152(2)).
- (b) All decisions, summonses and communications will be sent to the representative (cf. Rule 130). In cases where employees are authorised under Article 133(3), these documents will be sent 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 concerning representation before the EPO in the Official Journal EPO 4/1978, 281 ff.

I. Renvois concernant le texte figurant au recto

- 1 a) Il est recommandé d'utiliser ce formulaire pour mandater des représentants devant l'Office européen des brevets – mandataires agréés, avocats au sens de l'article 134(8) et groupements de mandataires conformément à la règle 152(11) – ainsi que pour mandater des employés au sens de l'article 133(3), première phrase; il n'a pas encore été arrêté de dispositions d'application relatives à la deuxième phrase. En vertu de la règle 152(1) en liaison avec la décision de la Présidente de l'OEB en date du 12 juillet 2007, les mandataires agréés qui se font connaître comme tels ne sont tenus de déposer un pouvoir signé que dans certains cas (Edition spéciale n° 3, JO OEB 2007, L.1.). En revanche, les avocats habilités à agir en qualité de mandataires en vertu de l'article 134(8), ainsi que les employés qui agissent pour le compte d'un demandeur conformément à l'article 133(3), 1^{ère} phrase, et qui ne sont pas des mandataires agréés, doivent déposer un pouvoir signé.
- b) Faire une croix dans la case si nécessaire.
- 2 Nom(s) et adresse(s), Etat du siège ou du domicile du (des) mandant(s), dans les conditions prévues à la règle 41(2) c) et reproduites ci-après : «Les personnes physiques doivent être désignées par leur nom suivi 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. Les adresses doivent être indiquées selon les exigences usuelles en vue d'une distribution postale rapide à l'adresse indiquée et comporter en tout état de cause toutes les indications administratives pertinentes, y compris, le cas échéant, le numéro de la maison.»
- 3 Nom(s) et adresse professionnelle du (des) mandataire(s), dans les conditions prévues à la règle 41(2) c) et mentionnées au point 2.
- 4 Numéro de la (des) demande(s) (s'il est connu) ou du (des) brevet(s) et titre(s) de l'invention (des inventions).
- 5 La révocation ne s'étend pas à un pouvoir général éventuellement donné.
- 6 Signature(s) habituelle(s) du (des) mandant(s). Lorsque le pouvoir est signé au nom d'une personne morale, seules sont habilitées à signer les personnes auxquelles cette qualité est reconnue en vertu de la loi et/ou du statut de la personne morale concernée (article 58, règle 152(1)). Il convient d'indiquer la qualité du signataire (par exemple: président, directeur, fondé de pouvoir; Geschäftsführer, Prokurist, Handlungsbevollmächtigter; président, directeur, company secretary).
Il y a lieu de signaler les cas où un autre employé d'une personne morale signe en vertu d'un pouvoir spécial conféré par la personne morale et de fournir alors une copie, qui peut ne pas être certifiée conforme, de ce pouvoir spécial. Un pouvoir portant la signature d'une personne non habilitée à signer sera considéré comme non signé.

II. Notes

- a) Si le pouvoir est donné pour plusieurs demandes ou plusieurs brevets, il doit être fourni un nombre correspondant d'exemplaires (cf. règle 152(2)).
- b) Toutes les décisions, citations, notifications seront adressées au mandataire (voir règle 130). Dans le cas où des employés au sens de l'article 133(3) sont mandatés, les pièces mentionnées sont envoyées au demandeur.
- c) La règle 152(9) stipule: «Sauf s'il en dispose autrement, le pouvoir ne prend pas fin, à l'égard de l'Office européen des brevets, au décès du mandant.»
- d) Pour le reste, se reporter à la Communication concernant les questions relatives à la représentation près l'OEB, parue au Journal officiel de l'OEB, 4/1978, 281 s.



1 General authorisation

General
authorisation No.
(for official use only)

Please forward the **original** direct to the EPO, Legal Division (Dir. 5.2.4) in Munich.
Please read the attached notes before completing the form.

2 I (We)

Full name
and address
of authorisor(s)

3 do 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.

Place

Name (printed)

Date

Position within
the company
(where relevant)

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.
- 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.**

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 5.2.4). 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).