

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****FI****FINLAND****FI****General information**

Name of Office:	Patentti-ja rekisterihallitus Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)
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Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS ¹
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Finland:	European Patent Office (EPO), Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ² restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by residents

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¹ For further details on how to request this Office to make applications available to DAS, see www.prh.fi/fi/patentit/patentointi_ulkomailla/etuoikeys/das.html

² Act on Inventions of Importance to the Defence of the Country (551/1967), Section 2.

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Competent designated (or elected) Office if Finland is designated (or elected):	National protection: Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
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May Finland be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
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Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent) European: Patents
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Provisions of the law of Finland concerning international-type search:	Section 9 of the Finnish Patent Law and Section 5 of the Patent Decree
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Provisional protection after international publication:	<p>Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:</p> <p>After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Finnish or Swedish or, if the international application was filed in Finnish or Swedish, a copy of the international application as filed or, if the application or translation was filed in English a translation of the claims into Finnish or Swedish, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. See Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patent Law.</p> <p>Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:</p> <p>Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Finnish (or into Swedish if the applicant's own language is Swedish) of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent.</p>
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Information of interest if Finland is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Finland is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)
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For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2