

<b>C</b>	<b>Receiving Offices</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>DE</b>	<b>GERMAN PATENT AND TRADE MARK OFFICE</b>	<b>DE</b>

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Germany
Language in which international applications may be filed:	German
Language in which the request may be filed:	German
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? <sup>1</sup>	Yes <sup>2</sup>
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 90
International filing fee:	EUR 1,169
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 13
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 176
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 264
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 20
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Germany Yes, if he is a non-resident

*[Continued on next page]*

<sup>1</sup> Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

<sup>2</sup> For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to *PCT Gazette* No. 40/2006, pages 19076 *et seq.*

<b>C</b>	<b>Receiving Offices</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>DE</b>	<b>GERMAN PATENT AND TRADE MARK OFFICE</b>	<b>DE</b>

[Continued]

Who can act as agent?

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident), any patent attorney or attorney-at-law<sup>3</sup> resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Act on the Qualifying Examination for Admission to Practise as a Patent Attorney and Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany); any legal person entitled to practise before the Office (where an applicant wishes to appoint a law firm of representatives, the name of that law firm is to be indicated in Box IV of the Request form); otherwise, the above-mentioned persons and any natural person resident in Germany<sup>4</sup>

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes<sup>5</sup>

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

If the agent is *not*:

- a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law<sup>3</sup> resident in Germany,
- a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Act on the Qualifying Examination for Admission to Practise as a Patent Attorney and Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany)

In case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act  
In case of a common representative

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes<sup>5</sup>

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

If the agent is *not*:

- a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law<sup>3</sup> resident in Germany,
- a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Act on the Qualifying Examination for Admission to Practise as a Patent Attorney and Act on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany)

In case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act

<sup>3</sup> The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

<sup>4</sup> In accordance with the provisions of the Legal Services Act (Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz – RDG).

<sup>5</sup> Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).