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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	France
Language in which international applications may be filed:	French
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ¹	Yes ²
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
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 62
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 15
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR 156

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¹ 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”).

² For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to *PCT Gazette* No. 18/2003, pages 9656 *et seq.*

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in a State member of the European Union or party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area Yes, if he is a non-resident
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Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person registered to practice before the Office
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Waiver of power of attorney:

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

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

Yes³

The Office continues to require that a power of attorney be submitted in the following instances:

If the agent is:

- a person indicated in article L.422-5 of the Code of Intellectual Property,
- an enterprise or a public institution contractually bound to the applicant,
- a specialized professional organization;

In case of reasonable doubt 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?

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

Yes³

The Office continues to require that a power of attorney be submitted in the following instances:

If the agent is:

- a person indicated in article L.422-5 of the Code of Intellectual Property,
- an enterprise or a public institution contractually bound to the applicant,
- a specialized professional organization;

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

In case of a common representative.

³ 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).