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Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{4, 5}	Yes ^{6, 7}
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentional” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
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⁶ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to *PCT Gazette* No. 32/2004, pages 18092 *et seq.*

⁷ The Office accepts the filing of international applications in electronic form using ePCT-Filing. For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 28 April 2022, pages 103 *et seq.*

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Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	GBP 20
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	GBP 150
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or a Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA). ⁹ A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 2 nd Floor Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London, EC1N 2JD ¹⁰
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ¹¹
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.
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⁸ See footnote 1.

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¹¹ 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 90bis.1 to 90bis.4, see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).