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List of abbreviations:

Office:    Egyptian Patent Office

Law:       Egyptian Law No. 82 of 2002 on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

Regulations: Implementing Regulations of Law No. 82 of 2002 on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

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### SUMMARY

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

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| Is a copy of the international application required? | No |

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| Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee: | Reductions of the national fee are indicated under “National fee” above. |

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**Who can act as agent?**

- Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office

**Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?**

- Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

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4 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 of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

5 This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

6 Must be furnished within six months from the date of the invitation by the Office.

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THE PROCEDURE IN THE NATIONAL PHASE

EG.01 FORMS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE. The Office has available a special form for entering the national phase. This form should preferably be used.

EG.02 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 6.002 and 6.003).

EG.03 FEES (MANNER OF PAYMENT). The manner of payment of the fees indicated in the Summary and in this Chapter is outlined in Annex EG.I.

EG.04 INVENTOR. The indication of the name and nationality of the inventor is required and must be furnished, at the latest, at the time of entry into the national phase. Where the invention is part of the activities of the public or private establishment to which the inventor is attached, the employer shall have the choice either to exploit the invention or to acquire the patent against a fair compensation paid to the inventor, provided that the choice is made within three months from the date of notifying the grant of the patent. In all cases, the invention shall be attributed to the inventor.

EG.05 REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION. No special form is needed to request substantive examination, but substantive examination will not take place before full payment of the examination fee. The Office shall examine the patent application and its accompanying documents in order to ascertain that the invention is new, involves an inventive step, is industrially applicable and is in conformity with the provisions of the law.

EG.06 POWER OF ATTORNEY. An agent must be appointed by means of a separate power of attorney. If the applicant is not resident in Egypt, an Egyptian patent agent shall be appointed to whom all notifications, documentation and submissions shall be sent.

EG.07 AMENDMENT OF THE APPLICATION; TIME LIMITS. The Office may request the applicant by notification, by registered mail with an acknowledgement of receipt, to amend or complete the application to comply with the provisions of the Law and the Regulations. If the applicant fails to comply within three months from the notification, the application will be considered withdrawn. An appeal against the decision that the application has been considered withdrawn may be filed within 30 days from the notification of the decision before a special committee established to examine appeals against decisions made by the Office. The applicant may amend or correct the international application before the publication of acceptance of the application according to the provisions of the law, provided the scope of the subject matter is not thereby broadened.

EG.08 ANNUAL FEES. An annual fee shall be paid as of the second year until the expiration of the patent protection period (see Annex EG.I). The Office shall notify the person concerned 30 days before the due date for payment of the annual fee. If the applicant fails to pay by the due date, a surcharge shall be imposed, amounting to 7% of such fees. Failure to pay annual fees or surcharges for a period of one year from the due date shall cause the rights conferred by patents for inventions to lapse and the invention to fall into the public domain.

EG.09 DECLARATION OF ORIGIN. Where the application relates to an invention involving plant or animal biological material, traditional medicinal, agricultural, industrial or handicraft knowledge, or cultural or environmental heritage, it shall be accompanied by documentation proving that the inventor has accessed the source from which the material was obtained in a legitimate manner according to the provisions of national law.
EG.10 **DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.** Where the invention involves biological material, the applicant shall disclose such biological material according to conventional scientific rules, including all necessary information for the identification of the nature, characteristics and uses of such biological material, shall deposit a live culture thereof with a laboratory authorized by decision of the competent minister for scientific research affairs, and shall furnish a certificate to the effect that such deposit was made.

EG.11 **INFORMATION ON EARLIER APPLICATIONS.** The applicant shall, in all cases, provide full data and information on any applications relating to the same invention or its subject matter that he previously filed abroad, including any decisions concerning the status of such applications.

EG.12 **SAMPLES.** Depending on the kind of invention, the Office may request that the applicant furnish samples.

EG.13 **REVIEW UNDER ARTICLE 25 OF THE PCT.** The applicable procedure is outlined in paragraphs 6.018 to 6.021 of the National Phase.

EG.14 **EXCUSE OF DELAYS IN MEETING TIME LIMITS.** Reference is made to paragraphs 6.022 to 6.027 of the National Phase.

EG.15 **APPEALS.** A committee established by a decision of the competent minister is empowered to examine appeals against decisions made by the Office in the application of the provisions of the Law. The decision of the committee may be subject to an appeal by the Office or any interested party before the Administrative Tribunal within 60 days from the date of notification of the decision.

EG.16 **TRIBUNAL.** The Administrative Tribunal shall be competent to consider claims relating to patent decisions.

EG.17 **UTILITY MODEL.** The applicant chooses, upon entry into the national phase, whether to apply for a utility model or for a patent. The choice is made by checking the appropriate box on the national phase entry form.

EG.18 **CONVERSION.** If the Office finds that an invention is novel but lacks inventive step, it must ask the applicant whether the latter wishes to convert the application for a patent to one for a utility model. If the Office finds that an application for a utility model possesses inventive step, it may convert the application to one for a patent.
## FEES

*(Currency: Egyptian pound)*

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### Annual fees:

- for the 2nd year: 20
- for the 3rd year: 40
- for the 4th year: 80
- for the 5th year: 100
- for the 6th year: 150
- for the 7th year: 200
- for the 8th year: 250
- for the 9th year: 300
- for the 10th year: 350
- for the 11th year: 400
- for the 12th year: 500
- for the 13th year: 600
- for the 14th year: 700
- for the 15th year: 800
- for the 16th year: 900
- for the 17th year: 1,000
- for the 18th year: 1,000
- for the 19th year: 1,000
- for the 20th year: 1,000

A surcharge of 7% shall be due for each year of delay.

### Fee for restoration of the right of priority:

- individuals and research institutes: 800
- companies with less than 10 employees: 1,000
- companies with over 10 employees: 1,500

### How can payment of fees be effected?

The payment of fees must be effected in Egyptian pounds in cash or by check.

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1. Students are exempted from paying this fee.
2. The annual fee shall be reduced to 10% for students and it shall be reduced to 50% for individuals or establishments with a maximum staff of 10 persons.

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