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Introduction

A

European patent system

The centralised, fundamentally autonomous and uniform procedure for the grant of European patents, introduced by the European Patent Convention (EPC), is linked in a special way with the national patent law of the member states of the European Patent Organisation, and at a number of stages it "interfaces" with the national legal systems - a feature essential to smooth interaction between European and national law. In each of the contracting states for which it is granted, the European patent has the effect of and is subject to the same conditions as a national patent granted by that state, unless otherwise provided in the EPC (Article 2(2) EPC).

The salient characteristic of these interfaces is that, at the outset or in the course of the European grant procedure or after it has been completed, the patent applicant or proprietor may or must take certain steps before the patent authorities of the contracting states in order to acquire or maintain certain rights in those states. It is therefore of primordial importance for all European applicants and proprietors to be familiar with and carefully observe such procedural steps laid down by national law and the conditions for their validity, if full advantage is to be derived from the European patent system and loss of rights is to be avoided.

This booklet is intended by the European Patent Office as a concise and reliable guide to the most important provisions and requirements of the national law of the contracting states applicable to European patent applications and patents, for the use of patent applicants and proprietors and all others concerned with the European patent system. It may be considered, as it were, a "Guide to the Euro-

legislation of the contracting states on patents" and thus supplements the guide for applicants "How to get a European patent". The synopses given in the following tables have been prepared in close collaboration with the authorities of the contracting states responsible for the protection of industrial property, to which the EPO is indebted for their active support and numerous valuable suggestions.

Although we have exercised the greatest care in drawing up the tables, we cannot vouch for the absolute completeness and accuracy of the information given. If only because of their conciseness and the fact that they concentrate on the bare essentials, the tables can be no substitute for consultation of the national legal sources themselves, supplemented where appropriate by professional advice from authorised persons. After all, despite the latest reforms, thorough as they have mostly been, national patent law and practice are not static phenomena but are constantly changing and, of necessity, developing. As a result, it is not even possible to state with any certainty that the legal provisions summarised in the tables will not have been changed by the time this booklet appears. In particular, the reader should not assume that the official fees given at various points in the tables have not been increased in the meantime. It is therefore advisable always to refer back to the official publications of the contracting states so as to keep up to date with the development of national legislation and official practice. The EPO will continue to provide regular and, as far as possible, up-to-date coverage in its Official Journal of legal developments in the contracting states.

The present 13th edition provides information on the so-called extension states immediately following on the information given for the EPC contracting states.

Extension system

The European Patent Organisation has concluded agreements on co-operation in the field of patents and on extending the protection conferred by European patents (Extension Agreements) with a number of states which are not party to the EPC.

These agreements form the basis of an extension system providing patent applicants with a simple and cost-effective way of obtaining patent protection in these countries. At the applicant's request and on payment of the extension fee, European applications (direct or Euro-PCT, provided PCT applications include the designation both for a European patent and for extension states) and patents can be extended to these countries where they will have the same effects as national applications and patents and will enjoy substantially the same protection as patents granted by the EPO for the member states of the European Patent Organisation. **At present**, extension to the following states may be requested:

Albania (as from 1 February 1996)
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (as from 1 November 1997)
Croatia (as from 1 April 2004)
Serbia (as from 1 November 2004)*
Bosnia and Herzegovina (as from 1 December 2004)

Extension is possible only for those applications filed after entry into force of the agreements!

The extension system largely corresponds to the EPC system operating in the EPC contracting states, except that it is based not on direct application of the EPC but solely on national law modelled on the EPC. It is therefore subject to the national extension rules of the country concerned.

The rules, which are identical for all states mentioned, are summarised below, while the main requirements in each country are indicated in the tables concerned immediately following on the

information for the contracting states. For further information on extension, see OJ EPO 1996, 82, OJ EPO 1997, 538, OJ EPO 2001, 590 as well as OJ EPO 2004, 117, 563 and 619.

Extension fee

The extension fee of EUR 102 is **payable to the EPO**. The time limit for payment of the extension fee is:

- for European applications

Six months from the date on which the European Patent Bulletin mentions the publication of the European search report; two-month period of grace (R. 85a(2) EPC), provided a 50% surcharge is paid.

- for Euro-PCT applications

31 months from the filing or priority date (R. 107(1) EPC)

Withdrawal of the request for extension

The request for extension is deemed withdrawn if the extension fee is not paid or the application is withdrawn, refused or deemed withdrawn.

Accession to the EPC of an extension state

The extension agreement between an extension state and the European Patent Organisation will terminate with the entry into force of the EPC in that state. It will thereafter no longer be possible to extend European patent applications and patents to the former extension state. The **extension system will, however, continue to apply** to all European and international applications **filed prior to the date of entry into force of the EPC in that state**, as well as to all European patents granted in respect of such applications.

The legal situation outlined above exists in Slovenia (termination of the extension agreement with effect from 1 December 2002), in Romania (termination of the extension agreement with effect from 1 March 2003), in Lithuania (termination of the extension agreement with effect from 1 December 2004) and in Latvia (termination of the extension agreement with effect from 1 July 2005).

* Information concerning the effects of Montenegro's independence from the former Union of Serbia and Montenegro on implementation of the Co-operation and Extension Agreement will be published shortly in the EPO's Official Journal.

Abbreviations

(See also Table I, column 4)

B

AL	Albania	ISK	Iceland króna
ALL	Albanian lek	IT	Italy
AT	Austria	J.M.	Journal de Monaco
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	J.O. (FR)	Journal officiel de la République Française
BE	Belgium	LGBI.	Liechtensteinisches Landesgesetzblatt
BG	Bulgaria	LI	Liechtenstein
BGBI.	Bundesgesetzblatt	LT	Lithuania
BGN	Bulgarian lev	LTL	Lithuanian litas
Bl.f.PMZ	Blatt für Patent-, Muster- und Zeichenwesen	LTPI	Lois et traités de propriété industrielle
BOE	Boletín oficial del Estado	LU	Luxembourg
BOPI	Bulletin officiel de la propriété industrielle - Brevets d'invention	LV	Latvia
CH	Switzerland	LVL	Latvian lats
CHF	Swiss franc	MC	Monaco
CY	Cyprus	MK	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
CYP	Cyprus pound	MKD	Macedonian denar
CZ	Czech Republic	N/A	not applicable
CZK	Czech koruna	NIPO	Netherlands Industrial Property Office
DE	Germany	NL	Netherlands
DK	Denmark	OBI	Organismos Biomichanikis Idioktissias (Industrial Property Organisation)
DKK	Danish krone	OEPM	Oficina Española de Patentes y Marcas
DKPTO	Danish Patent and Trademark Office	OJ EPO	Official Journal of the European Patent Office
DPMA	Deutsches Patent- und Markenamt	OPRI	Office de la Propriété Intellectuelle
EDBI	Eidiko Deltio Biomichanikis Idioktissias (Industrial Property Bulletin)	OSIM	State Office for Inventions and Trademarks
EE	Estonia	PIBD	Propriété industrielle - Bulletin documentaire
EEK	Estonian kroon	PL	Poland
EPC	European Patent Convention	PLN	Polish Zloty
EPO	European Patent Office	PT	Portugal
ES	Spain	RO	Romania
EUR	Euro	RON	New Romanian leu
ΦEK	Fyllo Efimeridos tis Kyberniseos (Law Gazette)	RS	Serbia
FI	Finland	SäädKok	Suomen Säädoskokoelma
FR	France	SE	Sweden
GBP	Pound sterling	SEK	Swedish krona
GR	Greece	SFS	Svensk författningssamling
GRUR Int.	Gewerblicher Rechtsschutz und Urheberrecht, Internationaler Teil	SI	Slovenia
G.U.	Gazzetta Ufficiale	S.I.	Statutory Instruments
HR	Croatia	SIPO	Slovenian Intellectual Property Office
HRK	Croatian kuna	SIT	Slovenian tolar
HU	Hungary	SK	Slovakia
HUF	Hungarian forint	SKK	Slovak koruna
IE	Ireland	SR	Systematische Rechtssammlung (Switzerland)
INPI	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (FR)	Stb	Staatsblad
INPI	Instituto Nacional da Propriedade Industrial (PT)	TPI	Turkish Patent Institute
IP	Industrial Property	TR	Turkey
IPI	Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	TRY	New Turkish lira
IPLT	Industrial Property - Laws and Treaties	UIBM	Ufficio Italiano Brevetti e Marchi (Italian Patent and Trademark Office)
IPO	Irish Patents Office	UK	United Kingdom
IPPO	Industrial Property Protection Office	USD	US Dollar
IS	Iceland		

National legal bases

I.

This table lists (not necessarily all) the contracting and extension states' important national legal sources (laws, regulations, decrees, etc.) of significance for European patent applications and patents and, for the most part, also referred to in the subsequent tables. The title of these legal sources is given in the official language of the states in question. Where necessary, a translation in the official language of the EPO in which this summary is published is given underneath in italics in square brackets. To keep this table within a reasonable size, the "original title" in the case of states with more than one official language is given only in the language which is also one of the official languages of the EPO.

The dates on which the various items of referenced legislation entered into force have not been included, as this would have cluttered up the tables - especially in cases where some articles of certain laws and regulations entered into force at different times.

Where the Office knows of translations into one of the official languages of the EPO of the legal sources

listed, these are referenced. It should be noted, however, that these translations are not always up to date and that at all times only the original version given in the official publications is the authentic text.

Please note that as from 2002, paper publication of WIPO's "Intellectual Property Laws and Treaties" and "Lois et traités de propriété intellectuelle" has been abandoned and the periodicals consist only of the legislative inserts which are regularly published in electronic form on WIPO's website (www.wipo.org/cfdiplaw/en/laws_treaties). In addition, English and French translations of intellectual property legislation are to be found in WIPO's international electronic archive "Collection of Laws for Electronic Access (CLEA)" (<http://clea.wipo.int>).

The abbreviations used in the subsequent tables have been introduced for the sake of clarity and do not always coincide with the official abbreviations used in the contracting states.

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Source	3 Translation published in . . . (language)	4 Abbreviations used in this synopsis
Austria	1. Bundesgesetz vom 16. Dezember 1978 über die Einführung des Europäischen Patentübereinkommens und des Vertrages über die internationale Zusammenarbeit auf dem Gebiet des Patentwesens (Patentverträge-Einführungsgesetz), zuletzt geändert durch das Bundesgesetz I Nr. 42/2005	BGBl Nr. 52/1979; Nr. 234/1984; Nr. 418/1992; Nr. 181/1996; Nr. 175/1998; I Nr. 143/2001; I Nr. 149/2004; I Nr. 42/2005		
	<i>[1. Federal Law of 16 December 1978 on the introduction of the European Patent Convention and of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (Introductory Law on Patent Treaties) as last amended by Federal Law I No. 42/2005]</i>		IPLT AT 2-002 (English, French)	ILPT
	2. Patentgesetz 1970, zuletzt geändert durch das Bundesgesetz I Nr. 151/2005	BGBl Nr. 259/1970; Nr. 234/1984; Nr. 382/1986; Nr. 418/1992; Nr. 771/1992; Nr. 212/1994; Nr. 634/1994; Nr. 181/1996; Nr. 175/1998; I Nr. 191/1999; I Nr. 143/2001; I Nr. 149/2004; I Nr. 42/2005; I Nr. 130/2005; I Nr. 151/2005		
	<i>[2. Patent Law 1970, as last amended by Federal Law I No. 151/2005]</i>		IPLT AT 2-001 (English, French)	PA
	3. Verordnung des Präsidenten des Patentamts über Eingaben an das Patentamt sowie über das Verfahren in Patent-, Schutzzertifikats-, Gebrauchsmuster-, Halbleiterschutz-, Marken- und Musterangelegenheiten (Patentamtsverordnung - PAV), PBl. 2005, Nr. 12, Anhang 4	Patentblatt 2005, Nr. 12, Anhang 4		
	<i>[3. Regulation of the President of the Patent Office on the filing of documents with the Patent Office and on patent, supplementary protection certificate, utility model, semiconductor protection, trademark and design procedures (Patent Office Regulation), Patentblatt 2005, No. 12, Annex 4]</i>		-	POR
	4. Bundesgesetz, mit dem das Patentgesetz 1970, das Patentverträge-Einführungsgesetz, das Gebrauchsmustergesetz, das Schutzzertifikatsgesetz 1996, das Halbleiterschutzgesetz, das Musterschutzgesetz 1990 und das Markenschutzgesetz 1970 geändert werden und ein Bundesgesetz über die im Bereich des Patentamtes zu zahlenden Gebühren und Entgelte (Patentamtsgebührengesetz – PAG) erlassen wird (Patentrechts- und Gebührennovelle 2004)	BGBl I Nr. 149/2004 idF BGBl I Nr. 131/2005		
	<i>[4. Federal Law amending the Patent Law 1970, the Introductory Law on Patent Treaties, the Utility Model Law, the Law on Supplementary Protection Certificates 1996, the Law on Semiconductor Protection, the Law on Design Protection 1990 and the Law on Trade Mark Protection 1970, together with a Federal Law on the Fees Payable to the Patent Office (Law on Patent Office Fees - LPOF) (Amending Law to the Patent Law and Law on Fees 2004)]</i>		-	LPOF

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Belgium	<p>1. Loi du 8 juillet 1977 portant approbation des actes internationaux suivants :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Convention sur l'unification de certains éléments du droit des brevets d'invention, faite à Strasbourg le 27 novembre 1963 ; Traité de coopération en matière de brevets, et Règlement d'exécution, faits à Washington le 19 juin 1970 ; Convention sur la délivrance de brevets européens (Convention sur le brevet européen), Règlement d'exécution et quatre Protocoles, faits à Munich le 5 octobre 1973 ; Convention relative au brevet européen pour le Marché commun (Convention sur le brevet communautaire), et Règlement d'exécution, faits à Luxembourg le 15 décembre 1975, modifiée par loi du 28 mars 1984 <p><i>[1. Law of 8 July 1977 adopting the following international acts:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Convention on the Unification of Certain Points of Substantive Law on Patents for Invention, done at Strasbourg on 27 November 1963</i> <i>Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations, done at Washington on 19 June 1970</i> <i>Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention), Implementing Regulations and Four Protocols, done at Munich on 5 October 1973</i> <i>Convention for the European patent for the common market (Community Patent Convention) and Implementing Regulations, done at Luxembourg on 15 December 1975 as amended by the law of 28 March 1984]</i> <p>2. Loi du 10 janvier 1955 relative à la divulgation et à la mise en œuvre des inventions et des secrets de fabrique intéressant la défense du territoire ou la sûreté de l'Etat</p> <p><i>[2. Law of 10 January 1955 on the disclosure and use of inventions and trade secrets affecting national defence or the security of the State]</i></p> <p>3. Loi du 28 mars 1984 sur les brevets d'invention, modifiée par la loi du 9 mars 1995, par la loi du 28 janvier 1997, par la loi du 26 juin 2000, par la loi du 12 juin 2001 et par la loi du 28 avril 2005</p> <p><i>[3. Patents Act of 28 March 1984, amended by Law of 9 March 1995, by Law of 28 January 1997, by Law of 26 June 2000, by Law of 12 June 2001 and by Law of 28 April 2005]</i></p>	<p>Moniteur belge du 30.9.77 et du 9.3.85</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 26.1.55</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 9.3.85, du 7.6.95, du 4.4.97, du 27.7.00, du 7.7.01 et du 13.05.05</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 1978, 276 (German)</p> <p>IPLT BE 2-001 (English)</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1955, 346 (German)</p> <p>Moniteur belge of 21.1.99 (German)</p> <p>IPLT BE 2-004 (English)</p>	<p>Law of 8.7.77</p> <p>-</p> <p>PA</p>

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	<p>4. Arrêté du régent du 26 juin 1947 contenant le Code des droits de timbre, confirmé par la loi du 14 juillet 1951, modifié par arrêté royal n° 12 du 18 avril 1967, par arrêté royal du 16 janvier 1975 et loi du 22 juillet 1993</p> <p><i>[4. Decree of the Regent of 26 June 1947 containing the code of stamp duties confirmed by the Law of 14 July 1951, as amended by Royal Decree No. 12 of 18 April 1967, by Royal Decree of 16 January 1975 and by Law of 22 July 1993]</i></p> <p>5. Arrêté royal du 18 juillet 1966 portant coordination des lois sur l'emploi des langues en matière administrative</p> <p><i>[5. Royal Decree of 18 July 1966 co-ordinating the laws on the use of languages for administrative purposes]</i></p> <p>6. Arrêté royal du 27 février 1981 relatif au dépôt d'une demande de brevet européen, à sa transformation en demande de brevet national et à l'enregistrement de brevets européens produisant effet en Belgique, modifié par arrêté royal du 2 décembre 1986</p> <p><i>[6. Royal Decree of 27 February 1981 relating to the filing of European patent applications and their conversion into national patent applications and the registration of European patents having effect in Belgium, as amended by Royal Decree of 2 December 1986]</i></p> <p>7. Arrêté royal du 2 décembre 1986 relatif à la demande, à la délivrance et au maintien en vigueur des brevets d'invention, modifié par arrêté royal du 25 mai 1987</p> <p><i>[7. Royal Decree of 2 December 1986 on patent applications and the grant and renewal of patents, as amended by Royal Decree of 25 May 1987]</i></p> <p>8. Arrêté royal du 18 décembre 1986 relatif aux taxes et taxes supplémentaires dues en matière de brevets d'invention, modifié par arrêté royal du 14 février 1989, par arrêté royal du 21 septembre 1993, par arrêté royal du 3 février 1995, par arrêté royal du 17 juin 1999 et par arrêté royal du 20 juillet 2000</p> <p><i>[8. Royal Decree of 18 December 1986 concerning fees and supplementary fees payable in respect of patents, as amended by Royal Decree of 14 February 1989, by Royal Decree of 21 September 1993, by Royal Decree of 3 February 1995, by Royal Decree of 17 June 1999 and by Royal Decree of 20 July 2000]</i></p>	<p>Moniteur belge du 14.8.47, du 20.4.67, du 21.5.75 et du 26.7.93</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 2.8.66</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 5.3.81 et du 6.12.86</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 6.12.86 et du 4.6.87</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 23.12.86, du 14.3.89, du 29.9.93, du 28.2.95, du 7.8.99 et du 30.8.00</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>IPLT BE 2-002 (English) BI.f.PMZ 1983, 166 (German)</p> <p>IPLT BE 2-005 (English) Moniteur belge of 8.1.00 (German)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>DR of 26.6.47</p> <p>-</p> <p>RD of 27.2.81</p> <p>RD of 2.12.86</p> <p>RD (Fees)</p>

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Bulgaria	1. Закон за патентите, приет на 18.03.1993, в сила от 01.06.1993, допълнен бр.83/01.10.1996, в сила от 01.11.1996, изменен бр.11/29.01.1998, изменен и допълнен бр.81/14.09.1999, в сила от 15.12.1999, изменен бр.45/ 30.04.2002, изменен и допълнен бр.66/09.07.2002, в сила от 09.07.2002, поправен бр.68/16.07.2002, допълнен бр.17/21.02.2003	State Gazette No. 27/ 2.4.1993, No. 83/ 1.10.1996, No. 11/ 29.1.1998, No. 81/ 14.9.1999, No. 45/ 30.4.2002, No. 66/ 9.7.2002, No. 68/ 16.07.2002, No. 17/ 21.02.2003		
	<i>[1. Patent Law, passed on 18.3.1993, in force as from 1.6.1993, supplemented by No. 83/1.10.1996, in force as from 1.11.1996, amended by No. 11/29.1.1998, amended by No. 81/14.9.1999, in force as from 15.12.1999, amended by No. 45/30.4.2002, amended and supplemented by No. 66/9.7.2002 in force as from 9.7.2002, corrected by No. 68/16.07.2002, and supplemented by No. 17/21.02.2003]</i>		WIPO website at http://clea.wipo.int BG003EN (English) and BG003FR (French) Bulgarian Patent Office website at www.bpo.bg/en/ law_patents.html (English)	PL
	2. Наредба за секретните патенти, Постановление на Министерски съвет №175/09.09.1993	State Gazette No. 81/ 24.9.1993		
	<i>[2. Regulations on secret patents, Government Decree No. 175/9.9.1993]</i>		-	-
	3. Наредба за представителите по индустриална собственост, Постановление на Министерски съвет №137/15.07.1993	State Gazette No. 65/ 30.7.1993, No. 86/ 21.10.1994, No. 41/ 23.5.1997		
	<i>[3. Regulations relating to industrial property representatives, Government Decree No. 137/15.7.1993]</i>		-	-
	4. Тарифа за таксите, които се събират от Патентното ведомство на Република България, Постановление на Министерски съвет № 242/27.12.1999, в сила от 30.12.1999, изменена и допълнена с Постановление на Министерски съвет № 282/09.12.2002, в сила от 17.12.2002, изменена с Постановление на Министерски съвет № 235/07.11.2005	State Gazette No. 114/ 30.12.1999, No. 117/ 17.12.2002, No. 91/ 15.11.2005		
	<i>[4. Schedule of fees collected by the Patent Office, Government Decree No. 242/27.12.1999, amended and supplemented by Government Decree No. 282/9.12.2002, effective as from 17.12.2002, amended by Government Decree No. 235/7.11.2005]</i>		Bulgarian Patent Office website at www.bpo.bg/en/ tariff_patents.html (English)	Decr. Fees

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	<p>5. Наредба за оформяне, подаване и експертиза на заявки за патенти от 20.09.1995, изменена със Заповед на Председателя на Патентното ведомство № 220/09.08.2002</p> <p><i>5. Regulation on drafting, filing and examination of applications for patents of 20.9.1995, amended by Order of the President of the Patent Office No. 220/9.8.2002</i></p>	State Gazette No. 9/1.2.2000	-	-
Cyprus	<p>1. Patent Law 1998 Patent (Amendment) Law 1999 Patent (Amendment) Law 2000 Patent (Amendment) Law 2002</p> <p>1. Patent Law 1998 Patent (Amendment) Law 1999 Patent (Amendment) Law 2000 Patent (Amendment) Law 2002</p> <p>2. Patent (Fees) Regulations 1999 Patent (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000</p> <p>2. Patent (Fees) Regulations 1999 Patent (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000</p>	<p>Cyprus Gazette Part I, 6.4.98 Part I, 19.3.99 Part I, 17.11.00 Part I, 9.8.02</p> <p>Cyprus Gazette Part III (I), 26.3.99 Part III (I), 17.11.00</p>	<p>IPLT CY 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 2003, 15 (German)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>PFR</p>
Czech Republic	<p>1. Patentový zákon: Zákon č. 527/1990 Sb., o vynálezech a zlepšovacích návrzích, ve znění předpisů pozdějších (úplné znění publikováno pod č. 3/2001 Sb.).</p> <p><i>[1. Patent Act: Law No. 527/1990 Coll., on inventions and rationalisation proposals, as amended by subsequent laws (complete version published as No. 3/2001 Coll.)]</i></p> <p>2. Zákon č. 206/2000 Sb., o ochraně biotechnologických vynálezů</p> <p><i>[2. Law No. 206/2000 Coll., on the protection of biotechnological inventions]</i></p>	<p>Sbírka zákonů č. 527/1990 č. 519/1991 č. 116/2000 č. 207/2000 č. 3/2001 č. 173/2002 č. 501/2004 č. 59/2005</p> <p>Sbírka zákonů č. 206/2000</p>	<p>Czech Industrial Property Office website at http://www.upv.cz/ (English)</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1993, 123; 2001, 12 (German)</p> <p>Czech Industrial Property Office website at http://www.upv.cz/ (English)</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>-</p>

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	<p>3. Zákon č. 191/1999 Sb., o opatřeních týkajících se dovozu, vývozu a zpětného vývozu zboží porušujícího některá práva duševního vlastnictví, ve znění předpisů pozdějších</p> <p><i>[3. Law No. 191/1999 Coll., on measures concerning entry, export and re-export of goods infringing certain intellectual property rights, as amended by subsequent laws]</i></p> <p>4. Zákon č. 634/2004 Sb., o správních poplatcích</p> <p><i>[4. Law No. 634/2004 Coll., on administrative fees]</i></p> <p>5. Zákon č. 173/2002 Sb., o poplatcích za udržování patentů a dodatkových ochranných osvědčení pro léčiva a pro přípravky na ochranu rostlin</p> <p><i>[5. Law No. 173/2002 Coll., on renewal fees for patents and supplementary protection certificates for pharmaceuticals and plant protection products]</i></p> <p>6. Zákon č. 500/2004 Sb. o správním řízení (správní řád)</p> <p><i>[6. Law No. 500/2004 Coll., on administrative procedure (Administrative Procedure Code)]</i></p> <p>7. Zákon č. 150/2002 Sb., o soudním řízení správním</p> <p><i>[7. Law No. 150/2002 Coll., on the Administrative Court Procedure]</i></p> <p>8. Vyhláška č. 550/1990 Sb. o řízení ve věcech vynálezů a průmyslových vzorů, ve znění vyhlášky č. 21/2002 Sb.</p> <p><i>[8. Decree No. 550/1990 Coll., on the procedure in matters of inventions and industrial designs as amended by Decree No. 21/2002 Coll.]</i></p>	<p>Sbírka zákonů č. 191/1999 č. 121/2000 č. 260/2002 č. 255/2004</p> <p>Sbírka zákonů č. 634/2004</p> <p>Sbírka zákonů č. 173/2002</p> <p>Sbírka zákonů č. 500/2004</p> <p>Sbírka zákonů č. 150/2002</p> <p>Sbírka zákonů č. 550/1990 č. 21/2002</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Czech Industrial Property Office website at http://www.upv.cz/ (English)</p> <p>Czech Industrial Property Office website at http://www.upv.cz/ (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Czech Industrial Property Office website at http://www.upv.cz/ (English)</p>	<p>-</p> <p>LAdmFees</p> <p>LRenFees</p> <p>APC</p> <p>ACP</p> <p>DP</p>
Denmark	<p>1. Patentloven; lov bekendtgørelse nr. 1136 af 16. november 2004</p> <p><i>[1. Consolidated Patents Act No. 1136 of 16 November 2004]</i></p> <p>2. Bekendtgørelse om patenter og supplerende beskyttelsescertifikater nr. 6 af 6. januar 2003.</p> <p><i>[2. Order concerning Patents and Supplementary Protection Certificates No. 6 of 6 January 2003]</i></p>	<p>Lovtidende A 2004, 7365</p> <p>Lovtidende A 2003, 12</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PO</p>

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	<p>3. Bekendtgørelse om ændring af reglerne om konsumtion i patentloven m. v. nr. 238 af 30. marts 1994</p> <p><i>[3. Order No. 238 of 30 March 1994 amending the Provisions about Exhaustion of Rights in the Patents Act, etc.]</i></p> <p>4. Bekendtgørelse nr. 150 af 11. marts 2004 om Patent- og Varemærkestyrelsens gebyrer</p> <p><i>[4. Order No. 150 of 11 March 2004 on the fees of the Patent and Trademark Office]</i></p> <p>5. Lov om hemmelige patenter, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 732 af 27. november 1989</p> <p><i>[5. Consolidated Secret Patents Act No. 732 of 27 November 1989]</i></p>	<p>Lovtidende A 1994, 1036</p> <p>Lovtidende A 2001, 3941</p> <p>Lovtidende A 1989, 2578</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Fees Order</p> <p>Law No. 732/89</p>
Estonia	<p>1. Patendiseadus, vastu võetud 16. märtsil 1994, viimati muudetud 8. detsembril 2005</p> <p><i>[1. Patent Act, passed on 16 March 1994, as last amended on 8 December 2005]</i></p> <p>2. Riigilõivuseadus, vastu võetud 22. oktoobril 1997, viimati muudetud 1. juunil 2006</p> <p><i>[2. State Fees Act, passed on 22 October 1997, as last amended on 1 June 2006]</i></p>	<p>RT I 1994, 25, 406 RT I 1996, 49, 953 RT I 1998, 64/65, 1003 RT I 1998, 107, 1768 RT I 1999, 84, 764 RT I 2001, 27, 151 RT I 2001, 93, 565 RT I 2002, 53, 336 RT I 2003, 18, 106 RT I 2004, 20, 141 RT I 2005, 18, 104 RT I 2005, 39, 308 RT I 2005, 70, 540</p> <p>RT I 1997, 80, 1344 RT I 2006, 28, 211</p>	<p>Estonian Patent Office website at http://www.epa.ee/default.asp?id=498 (English)</p> <p>IPLT EE 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>BI.f.PMZ 2002, 300 (German)</p> <p>Estonian Patent Office website at http://www.epa.ee/default.asp?id=486 (English)</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>FA</p>

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	<p>3. Euroopa patentide väljaandmise konventsiooni kohaldamise seadus, vastu võetud 17. aprillil 2002, viimati muudetud 1. märtsil 2004</p> <p><i>[3. Act on implementing the Convention on the Grant of European Patents, passed on 17 April 2002, as last amended on 1 March 2004]</i></p> <p>4. Patenditaotluse sisu- ja vorminõuded ning Patendiametile esitamise kord. Majandus- ja kommunikatsiooniministri 28. detsembri 2004. a määrus nr 221</p> <p><i>[4. Requirements concerning the content and format of patent applications and the procedure for filing the same, Regulation No. 221 of the Minister of Economic Affairs and Communications of 28 December 2004]</i></p> <p>5. Euroopa patentide väljaandmise konventsiooni kohaselt väljaantavate patentidega seotud riigilõivude Eesti Patendiameti kontole kandmise ja Euroopa patendi jõushoidmise riigilõivude Euroopa Patendiametile ülekandmise kord, Rahandusministri 11. juuli 2002. a määrus nr 89</p> <p><i>[5. Order concerning the procedure for paying into the account of the Estonian Patent Office fees relating to patents granted under the European Patent Convention and transferring to the European Patent Office renewal fees for European patents, Regulation No. 89 of the Minister of Finance of 11 July 2002]</i></p> <p>6. Euroopa patenditaotluse Eesti Patendiametile esitamise ja Euroopa Patendiametile edastamise, Euroopa patenditaotluse patendinõudluse ja patendikirjelduse tõlke esitamise ja avalikustamise ning Euroopa patenditaotluse siseriiklikuks patenditaotluseks ja kasuliku mudeli registreerimise taotluseks muutmise kord, Majandusministri 24. juuli 2002. a määrus nr 46</p> <p><i>[6. Order concerning the procedure for filing European patent applications with the Estonian Patent Office, transmitting them to the European Patent Office, furnishing and publishing a translation of the claims of European patent applications and European patent specifications and converting European patent applications into national patent applications and utility model applications, Regulation No. 46 of the Minister of Economic Affairs of 24 July 2002]</i></p>	<p>RT I 2002, 38, 233 RT I 2004, 20, 141</p> <p>RTL 2005, 5, 36</p> <p>RTL 2002, 84, 1295</p> <p>RTL 2002, 85, 1330</p>	<p>Estonian Patent Office website at http://www.epa.ee/default.asp?id=498 (English)</p> <p>Estonian Patent Office website at http://www.epa.ee/default.asp?id=498 (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>IA</p> <p>-</p> <p>RFI</p> <p>REP</p>

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Finland	<p>1. Patenttilaki 15.12.1967/550, muutettu viimeksi lailla nro 684/06 - 21.7.2006</p> <p><i>[1. Patents Act No. 550/67 of 15 December 1967, as last amended by Act No. 684/06 of 21 July 2006]</i></p> <p>2. Patenttiasetus 26.9.1980/669, muutettu viimeksi asetuksella nro 144/06 - 16.2.2006</p> <p><i>[2. Patents Decree No. 669/80 of 26 September 1980, as last amended by Decree No. 144/06 of 16 February 2006]</i></p> <p>3. Laki maanpuolustukselle merkityksellisistä keksinnöistä 15.12.1967/551, muutettu viimeksi lailla nro 245/97 - 21.3.1997</p> <p><i>[3. Act on inventions of importance to the defence of the country No. 551/67 of 15 December 1967, as last amended by Act No. 245/97 of 21 March 1997]</i></p> <p>4. Patenttimääräykset 30.9.1980, muutettu viimeksi 6.3.2006</p> <p><i>[4. Patent Office Regulations, as last amended on 6 March 2006]</i></p> <p>5. Kauppa- ja teollisuusministeriön asetus patentti - ja rekisterihallituksen maksullisista suoritteista 15.12.2004/1142, muutettu viimeksi asetuksella 530/2006 – 20.6.2006</p> <p><i>[5. Decree No. 1142/04 of 15 December 2004 of the Ministry of Trade and Industry on the fees chargeable by the National Board of Patents and Registration, as last amended by decree No. 530/06 of 20 June 2006]</i></p>	<p>SäädKok 550/67 407/80 387/85 801/91 577/92 1034/92 1409/92 593/94 717/95 1695/95 243/97 650/00 990/04 896/05 295/06 684/06</p> <p>SäädKok 669/80 505/85 583/92 71/94 595/94 104/96 246/97 674/00 1200/04 144/06</p> <p>SäädKok 551/67 795/89 599/95 1697/95 245/97</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>SäädKok 1142/2004 310/2005 530/2006</p>	<p>IPLT FI 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>BI.f.PMZ 2000, 202 (German)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PD</p> <p>Defence inventions</p> <p>POR</p> <p>Fees Decr.</p>

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France	<p>1. Loi n° 92-597 du 1^{er} juillet 1992 relative au code de la propriété intellectuelle (partie Législative), modifiée en dernier lieu par la loi n° 97-283 du 27 mars 1997 portant transposition dans le code de la propriété intellectuelle des directives du Conseil des Communautés européennes n° 93/83 et 93/98</p> <p><i>[1. Law No. 92-597 of 1 July 1992 on the Intellectual Property Code (legislative part), as last amended by Law No. 97-283 of 27 March 1997 regarding the implementation of EU Directives 93/83 and 93/98 in the Intellectual Property Code]</i></p> <p>2. Décret n° 95-385 du 10 avril 1995 relatif à la partie Réglementaire du code de la propriété intellectuelle, modifié en dernier lieu par le Décret n° 96-103 du 2 février 1996</p> <p><i>[2. Decree No. 95-385 of 10 April 1995 regarding the Regulations part of the Intellectual Property Code, as last amended by Decree No. 96-103 of 2 February 1996]</i></p> <p>3. Arrêté du 2 août 2005 relatif aux redevances de procédures perçues par l'Institut national de la propriété industrielle</p> <p><i>[3. Order of 2 August 2005 on the procedural fees of the "Institut national de la propriété industrielle"]</i></p> <p>4. Arrêté du 19 septembre 1979 relatif aux modalités de dépôt des demandes de brevet d'invention et de certificat d'utilité et d'inscription au registre national des brevets</p> <p><i>[4. Order of 19 September 1979 on the procedures for filing applications for patents for invention and utility certificates and for making entries in the national register of patents]</i></p> <p>5. Arrêtés du 29 novembre 1978, du 16 septembre 1983, du 6 septembre 1985, du 30 avril 1987, du 13 janvier 1993, du 12 novembre 1993, du 23 octobre 1995 et du 27 juillet 2000 relatif au dépôt des demandes internationales et des demandes de brevet européen auprès des centres de province de l'Institut national de la propriété industrielle et décisions du Directeur de l'I.N.P.I. n° 80-164 du 3 mars 1980, n° 80-601 du 19 décembre 1980, n° 83-425 du 28 septembre 1983, n° 85-464 du 6 septembre 1985, n° 87-171 du 30 avril 1987, n° 93-12 du 13 janvier 1993 et n° 93-563 du 3 décembre 1993</p> <p><i>[5. Orders of 29 November 1978, of 16 September 1983, of 6 September 1985, of 30 April 1987, of 13 January 1993, of 12 November 1993, of 23 October 1995 and of 27 July 2000 on the filing of international applications and European patent applications with the regional offices of the "Institut national de la propriété industrielle" and Decisions of the Director of INPI No. 80-164 of 3 March 1980, No. 80-601 of 19 December 1980, No. 83-425 of 28 September 1983, No. 85-464 of 6 September 1985, No. 87-171 of 30 April 1987, No. 93-12 of 13 January 1993 and No. 93-563 of 3 December 1993]</i></p>	<p>J.O. (FR) 1992, 8801; 1994, 2151, 6863; 1995, 120; 1996, 18687; 1997, 4831</p> <p>J.O. (FR) 1995, 5843; 1996, 2122</p> <p>J.O. (FR) 2005, 13523</p> <p>J.O. (FR) 1979, 8042</p> <p>J.O. (FR) 1979, 63; 1983, 8807; 1985, 10735; 1987, 5308; 1993, 1276; 1993, 17678; 1995, 15941; 2000, 12799</p>	<p>IPLT FR 1-001 (English)</p> <p>IPLT FR 1-002 (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1980, 283 (German)</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1979, 163; 1988, 124; 2001, 66 (German)</p>	<p>Law No. 92-597</p> <p>Decr.</p> <p>Fees Ord. of 2.8.05</p> <p>Ord. of 19.9.79</p> <p>-</p>

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Germany	<p>1. Gesetz zu dem Übereinkommen vom 27. November 1963 zur Vereinheitlichung gewisser Begriffe des materiellen Rechts der Erfindungspatente, dem Vertrag vom 19. Juni 1970 über die internationale Zusammenarbeit auf dem Gebiet des Patentwesens und dem Übereinkommen vom 5. Oktober 1973 über die Erteilung europäischer Patente (Gesetz über internationale Patentübereinkommen) vom 21. Juni 1976, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 2 Absatz 2 des Geschmacksmusterreformgesetzes vom 12. März 2004</p> <p><i>[1. Law on the European Convention on the Unification of Certain Points of Substantive Law on Patents for Invention of 27 November 1963, the Patent Cooperation Treaty of 19 June 1970, and the Convention on the Grant of European Patents of 5 October 1973 (Law on International Patent Treaties) of 21 June 1976, as last amended by Article 2(2) of the Law revising the Law on Industrial Designs of 12 March 2004]</i></p>	<p>BGBI 1976 II 649; 1986 I 1446; 1991 II 1354; 1993 I 366; 1998 I 1827; 2001 I 3656; 2004 I 390</p>	<p>IPLT DE 2-001 (English, French)</p>	<p>LIPC</p>
	<p>2. Gesetz über das Gemeinschaftspatent und zur Änderung patentrechtlicher Vorschriften (Gemeinschaftspatentgesetz) vom 26. Juli 1979, zuletzt geändert durch das Zweite Gesetz über das Gemeinschaftspatent vom 20. Dezember 1991</p> <p><i>[2. Law concerning the Community patent and amending certain provisions of patent law (Community Patent Law) of 26 July 1979, as last amended by the Second Law on the Community Patent of 20 December 1991]</i></p>	<p>BGBI 1979 I 1269; 1986 I 1446; 1991 II 1354</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>CPL</p>
	<p>3. Patentgesetz in der Fassung der Bekanntmachung vom 16. Dezember 1980, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 1 des Gesetzes zur Änderung des patentrechtlichen Einspruchsverfahrens und des Patentkostengesetzes vom 21. Juni 2006</p> <p><i>[3. Consolidated Patent Law as published on 16 December 1980, as last amended by the Article 1 of the Law of 21 June 2006 amending the Rules on the patent opposition procedure and the Law on patent costs]</i></p>	<p>BGBI 1981 I 1; 1986 I 1446; 1990 I 422; 1991 II 1354; 1992 I 727; 1993 I 366; 1994 I 3082; 1996 I 1546; 1998 I 1827; 1998 I 2030; 1999 I 2598; 2001 I 1206; 2001 I 1887; 2001 I 3138; 2001 I 3656; 2002 I 2681; 2002 I 2850; 2004 I 390; 2004 I 718; 2004 I 3232; 2005 I 146; 2005 I 2570; 2006 I 1318</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>PA</p>

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	<p>4. Gesetz über die Kosten des Deutschen Patent- und Markenamts und des Bundespatentgerichts (Patentkostengesetz) vom 13. Dezember 2001, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 6 des Gesetzes zur Änderung des patentrechtlichen Einspruchsverfahrens und des Patentkostengesetzes vom 21. Juni 2006</p> <p><i>[4. Law concerning the Costs of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office and of the Federal Patent Court (Patent Costs Law) of 13 December 2001, last amended by Article 6 of the Law of 21 June 2006 amending the Rules on the patent opposition procedure and the Law on patent costs]</i></p> <p>5. Gesetz zu der Vereinbarung vom 21. Dezember 1989 über Gemeinschaftspatente und zu dem Protokoll vom 21. Dezember 1989 über eine etwaige Änderung der Bedingungen für das Inkrafttreten der Vereinbarung über Gemeinschaftspatente sowie zur Änderung patentrechtlicher Vorschriften (Zweites Gesetz über das Gemeinschaftspatent) vom 20. Dezember 1991</p> <p><i>[5. Law on the Agreement relating to Community Patents of 21 December 1989 and concerning the Protocol on a possible modification of the conditions of entry into force of the Agreement relating to Community patents of 21 December 1989 and amending certain provisions of patent law (Second Law on the Community Patent) of 20 December 1991]</i></p> <p>6. Verordnung über die Übersetzungen der Ansprüche europäischer Patentanmeldungen vom 18. Dezember 1978, geändert durch Artikel 1 der Verordnung vom 21. Oktober 1993</p> <p><i>[6. Regulation on the translations of the claims of European patent applications of 18 December 1978, amended by Article 1 of the Regulation of 21 October 1993]</i></p> <p>7. Verordnung über die Zahlung der Kosten des Deutschen Patent- und Markenamts und des Bundespatentgerichts (Patentkostenzahlungsverordnung - PatKostZV) vom 15. Oktober 2003</p> <p><i>[7. Ordinance on Payment of Costs by the German Patent and Trade Mark Office and of the Federal Patent Court (Patent Costs Payment Ordinance) of 15 October 2003]</i></p> <p>8. Verordnung zum Verfahren in Patentsachen vor dem Deutschen Patent- und Markenamt (Patentverordnung - PatV) vom 1. September 2003, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 2 der Verordnung vom 17. Dezember 2004</p> <p><i>[8. Ordinance on Patent Procedures before the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (Patent Ordinance) of 1 September 2003, last amended by Article 2 of the Ordinance of 17 December 2004]</i></p> <p>9. Verordnung über die Übersetzung europäischer Patentschriften (ÜbersV) vom 2. Juni 1992</p> <p><i>[9. Regulation on translation of European patent specifications (Translation Regulation) of 2 June 1992]</i></p>	<p>BGBl 2001 I 3656; 2002 I 2681; 2003 I 2470; 2004 I 390; 2004 I 718; 2004 I 3232; 2006 I 1318</p> <p>BGBl 1991 II 1354</p> <p>BGBl 1978 II 1469; 1993 II 1989</p> <p>BGBl 2003 I 2083</p> <p>BGBl 2003 I 1702; 2004 I 897; 2004 I 3532</p> <p>BGBl 1992 II 395</p>	<p>(English - excerpt, DPMA - A 9514.1)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>(DPMA: English - A 9511.1, French - A 9511.2)</p> <p>(DPMA: English - P 2790.1, French - P 2790.2)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>LPF</p> <p>2. CPL</p> <p>Publ. Reg.</p> <p>Cost Ord.</p> <p>-</p> <p>Transl. Reg.</p>

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	<p>10. Gesetz über die Erstreckung von gewerblichen Schutzrechten (Erstreckungsgesetz - ErstrG) vom 23. April 1992, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 2 Abs. 10 des Geschmacksmusterreformgesetzes vom 12. März 2004</p> <p><i>[10. Law on the Extension of Industrial Property Rights (Extension Law) of 23 April 1992, as last amended by Article 2(10) of the Law revising the Law on Industrial Designs of 12 March 2004]</i></p>	<p>BGBI 1992 I 938; 1994 II 1438; 1997 I 3224; 1998 I 1827; 2001 I 3656; 2004 I 390</p>	<p>IPLT DE 1-006 (English, French)</p>	<p>-</p>
Greece	<p>1. Νόμος 1733/1987 „Μεταφορά τεχνολογίας εφευρέσεις, τεχνολογική καινοτομία και σύσταση Επιτροπής Ατομικής Ενέργειας" όπως τροποποιήθηκε από το άρθρο 18 του νόμου 1739/1987, το Προεδρικό Διάταγμα 54/1992 και το άρθρο 9 του νόμου 2359/1995.</p> <p><i>[1. Law No. 1733/1987 on technology transfer, inventions, technological innovation and the establishment of a Nuclear Energy Commission, as amended by Article 18 of Law No. 1739/1987 and Presidential Decree No. 54/1992 and by Article 9 of Law No. 2359/1995]</i></p> <p>2. Νόμος 4325/1963 περί εφευρέσεων αφορωσών την εθνικήν άμυναν της χώρας και τροποποιήσεως του Ν. 2527/1920 « περί διπλωμάτων ευρεσιτεχνίας ».</p> <p><i>[2. Law No. 4325/1963 on inventions relating to national defence and amending Law No. 2527/1920 on patents]</i></p> <p>3. Νόμος 1607 της 30.06.1986 σχετικά με την κύρωση της σύμβασης του Μονάχου της 5ης Οκτωβρίου 1973 που αφορά τη χορήγηση ευρωπαϊκών διπλωμάτων ευρεσιτεχνίας.</p> <p><i>[3. Law No. 1607 of 30 June 1986 on the Ratification of the Munich Convention of 5 October 1973 on the grant of European patents]</i></p> <p>4. Προεδρικό Διάταγμα αριθμ. 77 της 11.02.1988 σχετικά με τις διατάξεις εφαρμογής της σύμβασης για τη χορήγηση ευρωπαϊκών διπλωμάτων ευρεσιτεχνίας.</p> <p><i>[4. Presidential Decree No. 77 of 11 February 1988 on provisions for implementing the Convention on the grant of European Patents]</i></p> <p>5. Υπουργική απόφαση αριθμ. 15928/ΕΦΑ/1253 σχετικά με την κατάθεση αίτησης για χορήγηση διπλώματος ευρεσιτεχνίας ή πιστοποιητικού υποδείγματος χρησιμότητας στον Ο.Β.Ι. και τήρηση βιβλίων. Τροποποιήθηκε με την Υπουργική Απόφαση αριθμ. 3111/ΕΦΑ/433</p> <p><i>[5. Ministerial Decision No. 15928/EFA/1253 on the filing of applications for patents or utility models with OBI and on keeping registers, as last amended by Ministerial Decision No. 3111/EFA/433]</i></p>	<p>ΦΕΚ 171 Α' 22.9.87 201 Α' 20.11.87 22 Α' 14.2.92 241Α' 21.11.95</p> <p>ΦΕΚ 156 Α' 27.9.63</p> <p>ΦΕΚ 85 Α' 30.6.86</p> <p>ΦΕΚ 33 Α' 25.2.88</p> <p>ΦΕΚ 778 Β' 31.12.87 309 Β' 27.3.98</p>	<p>Bl. f. PMZ 1988, 330 (German) IPLT GR 1-001 (English, French)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Bl. f. PMZ 1988, 338 (German)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Law No. 1733/87</p> <p>Law No. 4325/63</p> <p>Law No. 1607/86</p> <p>Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p> <p>Min. Dec. No. 3111/EFA/433</p>

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	<p>6. Απόφαση του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου του Οργανισμού Βιομηχανικής Ιδιοκτησίας της 14 Νοεμβρίου 2005 σχετικά με τον Κανονισμό τελών του Ο.Β.Ι.</p> <p><i>[6. Decision of the Administrative Council of the Industrial Property Organisation of 14 November 2005 on the Rules relating to Fees]</i></p> <p>7. Προεδρικό Διάταγμα αριθμός 161 της 31^{ης} Μαΐου 2002 σχετικά με την προσαρμογή του Προεδρικού Διατάγματος 259/1997 προς τις διατάξεις της Οδηγίας 98/71/ΕΚ του Ευρωπαϊκού Κοινοβουλίου και του Συμβουλίου της 13^{ης} Οκτωβρίου 1998 για τη νομική προστασία σχεδίων και υποδειγμάτων</p> <p><i>[7. Presidential Decree No. 161 of 31 May 2002 bringing Presidential Decree No. 259/1997 into line with Council Directive 98/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 1998 on the legal protection of designs]</i></p> <p>8. Προεδρικό Διάταγμα αριθμός 321 της 24.09.2001 σχετικά με την Προσαρμογή στην Οδηγία 98/44/ΕΚ του Ευρωπαϊκού Κοινοβουλίου και του Συμβουλίου για την έννομη προστασία των βιοτεχνολογικών εφευρέσεων</p> <p><i>[8. Presidential Decree No. 321 of 24 September 2001 adopting Directive 98/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the legal protection of biotechnological inventions]</i></p>	<p>ΕΔΒΙ 1988 σελ. 46-48</p> <p>ΦΕΚ 149 Α' 26.06.02</p> <p>ΦΕΚ 218 Α' 1.10.01</p>	-	Dec. of 14.11.2005
Hungary	<p>1. 1995. évi XXXIII. törvény a találmányok szabadalmi oltalmáról</p> <p><i>[1. Act XXXIII of 1995 on the protection of inventions by patents, as last amended by Act CLXV of 2005]</i></p> <p>2. 2002. évi L. törvény az európai szabadalmak megadásáról szóló 1973. október 5-i Müncheneri Egyezmény (Európai Szabadalmi Egyezmény) kihirdetéséről</p> <p><i>[2. Act L of 2002 on the promulgation of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents of 5 October 1973 (European Patent Convention)]</i></p> <p>3. 22/2002. (XII. 13.) IM rendelet az európai szabadalmak megadásáról szóló 1973. október 5-i Müncheneri Egyezmény (Európai Szabadalmi Egyezmény) Végrehajtási Szabályzatának kihirdetéséről</p> <p><i>[3. Decree No. 22/2002. (XII. 13.) IM of the Minister of Justice (Igazságügyi Minisztérium, IM) on the promulgation of the Implementing Regulations to the Convention on the Grant of European Patents of 5 October 1973]</i></p>	<p>Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 1995/35 (V. 5.)</p> <p>Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 2002/152 (XII. 7.)</p> <p>Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 2002/155 (XII. 13.)</p>	-	PA PromEPC

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	<p>4. 45/2002. (XII. 28.) GKM rendelet az európai szabadalmak megadásáról szóló 1973. október 5-i Müncheni Egyezmény (Európai Szabadalmi Egyezmény) Díjszabályzatának kihirdetéséről</p> <p><i>[4. Decree No. 45/2002. (XII. 28.) GKM of the Minister of Economy and Transport (Gazdasági és Közlekedési Minisztérium, GKM) on the promulgation of the Rules relating to Fees of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents of 5 October 1973]</i></p> <p>5. 20/2002. (XII. 12.) IM rendelet a szabadalmi bejelentés, az európai szabadalmi bejelentésekkel és az európai szabadalmakkal, illetve a nemzetközi szabadalmi bejelentésekkel összefüggő beadványok, valamint a növényfajta-oltalmi bejelentés részletes alaki szabályairól</p> <p><i>[5. Decree No. 20/2002. (XII. 12.) IM of the Minister of Justice (Igazságügyi Minisztérium, IM) on the detailed formalities of patent applications, plant varieties applications, documents filed in relation to European patent applications, European patents and international patent applications]</i></p> <p>6. 19/2005. (IV. 12.) GKM rendelet a Magyar Szabadalmi Hivatal előtti iparjogvédelmi eljárások igazgatási szolgáltatási díjairól</p> <p><i>[6. Decree No. 19/2005. (IV. 12.) GKM of the Minister of Economy and Transport (Gazdasági és Közlekedési Minisztérium, GKM) on the fees for administrative services in industrial property procedures before the Hungarian Patent Office, as last amended by Decree No. 29/2006. (V. 19.) GKM of the Minister of Economy and Transport]</i></p>	<p>Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 2002/165 (XII. 28.)</p> <p>Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 2002/154 (XII. 12.)</p> <p>Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 2005/47 (IV. 12.)</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Hungarian Patent Office (HPO) website at www.hpo.hu (English)</p>	<p>-</p> <p>PForm</p> <p>FeeDecr</p>
Iceland	<p>1. Lög um einkaleyfi nr. 17/1991, síðast breytt með lögum nr. 127/2005</p> <p><i>[1. Patents Act No. 17/1991, last amended by Act No. 127/2005]</i></p>	<p>Stjórnartíðindi A-deild 17/1991 92/1991 67/1993 36/1996 91/1996 132/1997 82/1998 28/2002 72/2003 22/2004 53/2004 54/2004 12/2005 127/2005</p>	<p>Icelandic Patent Office website: http://www.patent.is (English)</p>	<p>PA</p>

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	<p>2. Reglugerð varðandi umsóknir um einkaleyfi o.fl. nr. 574/1991, síðast breytt með rg. nr. 852/2004</p> <p><i>[2. Regulation concerning patent applications, etc. No. 574/1991, last amended by Regulation No. 852/2004]</i></p> <p>3. Auglýsing um reglur varðandi einkaleyfisumsóknir nr. 575/1991, síðast breytt með auglýsingu nr. 539/2004</p> <p><i>[3. Advertisement of instructions concerning patent applications No. 575/1991, last amended by advertisement No. 539/2004]</i></p> <p>4. Reglugerð um gjöld fyrir einkaleyfi, vörumerki, hönnun o.fl., nr. 916/2001, síðast breytt með rg. nr. 848/2004</p> <p><i>[4. Regulation concerning fees for patents, trademarks, design, etc. No. 916/2001, last amended by Regulation No. 848/2004]</i></p>	<p>Stjórnartíðindi B-deild 574/1991 661/1995 286/1996 679/1996 700/1997 926/2001 289/2002 534/2004 848/2004 852/2004</p> <p>Stjórnartíðindi B-deild 575/1991 661/1995 286/1996 679/1996 290/2002 539/2004</p> <p>Stjórnartíðindi B-deild 916/2001 15/2003 898/2003 540/2004 848/2004</p>	<p>Icelandic Patent Office website: http://www.patent.is (English)</p> <p>Icelandic Patent Office website: http://www.patent.is (English)</p> <p>Icelandic Patent Office website: http://www.patent.is (English)</p>	<p>PR</p> <p>PAR</p> <p>-</p> <p>Fees Reg.</p>
Ireland	<p>1. Patents Act 1992</p> <p>2. Patents Rules 1992</p> <p>3. Patents, Trade Marks, Copyright and Designs (Fees) Rules, 2001</p> <p>4. European Communities (Limitation of Effect of Patent) Regulations</p> <p>5. European Communities (Patent Agents) Regulations 2006</p> <p>6. Patent (Amendment) Rules 2006</p>	<p>No. 1 of 1992</p> <p>S.I. No. 179 of 1992</p> <p>S.I. No. 482 of 2001</p> <p>S.I. No. 50 of 2006</p> <p>S.I. No. 141 of 2006</p> <p>S.I. No. 142 of 2006</p>	<p>LTPI IE 2-001 (French) Bl.f.PMZ 1998, 99, 165 (German)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PR</p> <p>Fees Rules</p> <p>-</p> <p>S.I. No. 141 of 2006</p> <p>S.I. No. 142 of 2006</p>

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Italy	<p>1. Legge 26 maggio 1978, n. 260</p> <p>Ratifica ed esecuzione di atti internazionali in materia di brevetti, firmati, rispettivamente, a Strasburgo il 27 novembre 1963, a Washington il 19 giugno 1970, a Monaco il 5 ottobre 1973 ed a Lussemburgo il 15 dicembre 1975</p> <p><i>[1. Law No. 260 of 26 May 1978</i></p> <p><i>Ratification and implementation of international patent acts signed in Strasbourg on 27 November 1963, in Washington on 19 June 1970, in Munich on 5 October 1973 and in Luxembourg on 15 December 1975 respectively]</i></p> <p>2. Codice della Proprietà Industriale - Decreto Legislativo 10 febbraio 2005 n. 30</p> <p><i>[2. Legislative Decree No. 30 of 10 February 2005 - Code of Industrial Property]</i></p> <p>3. Legge 23 dicembre 2005, n. 266 - Legge Finanziaria 2006</p> <p><i>[3. Law No. 266 of 23 December 2005 - Annual Budget Law 2006]</i></p>	<p>Suppl. ord. alla G.U., N. 156 del 7-6-1978</p> <p>Suppl. ord. alla G.U., N. 52 del 4-3-2005</p> <p>G.U. N. 302 del 29-12-2005 Suppl. ord. alla G.U., N. 211</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>PL</p> <p>Fees Law</p>
Latvia	<p>Information not available at time of going to press.</p> <p>Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.</p>			
Liechtenstein	<p>1. Vertrag zwischen der Schweizerischen Eidgenossenschaft und dem Fürstentum Liechtenstein über den Schutz der Erfindungspatente vom 22. Dezember 1978 (Patentschutzvertrag)</p> <p><i>[1. Treaty between the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on Patent Protection (Patent Treaty) of 22 December 1978]</i></p> <p>2. Ausführungsvereinbarung zum schweizerisch-liechtensteinischen Patentschutzvertrag vom 10. Dezember 1979</p> <p><i>[2. Implementing Agreement to the Treaty between Switzerland and Liechtenstein in respect of patents of 10 December 1979]</i></p> <p>3. Gesetz vom 26. September 1979 zum Vertrag zwischen dem Fürstentum Liechtenstein und der Schweizerischen Eidgenossenschaft über den Schutz der Erfindungspatente</p> <p><i>[3. Law of 26 September 1979 on the Treaty between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Swiss Confederation on Patent Protection]</i></p> <p>For other legal provisions applicable to Liechtenstein, see Switzerland Nos. 1-4</p>	<p>LGBI. 1980 Nr. 31</p> <p>LGBI. 1980 Nr. 32</p> <p>LGBI. 1980 Nr. 33</p>	<p>OJ EPO 1980, 407 (English, French)</p> <p>IPLT LI-CH 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>OJ EPO 1980, 407 (English, French)</p> <p>IPLT LI-CH 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Treaty CH/LI of 22.12.78</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>

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Lithuania	<p>1. Lietuvos Respublikos patentų įstatymas Nr. I-372 (94 01 18)</p> <p><i>[1. Patent law of the Republic of Lithuania No. I-372 of 18 January 1994, as amended]</i></p> <p>2. Mokesčių už pramoninės nuosavybės objektų registravimą įstatymas Nr. IX-352</p> <p><i>[2. Law on fees for the registration of industrial property objects of 5 June 2001 No. IX-352]</i></p> <p>3. Valstybinio patentų biuro direktoriaus 2001 m. gruodžio 27 d. įsakymas Nr. 118 Dėl papildomos apsaugos liudijimų išdavimo</p> <p><i>[3. Order of the Director of the State Patent Bureau No. 118 of 27 December 2001 on the grant of supplementary protection certificates]</i></p>	<p>“Valstybės žinios” Nr. 8/1994, Nr. 89/1994, Nr. 117/1997, Nr. 119/1997, Nr. 54/2000, Nr. 113/2000, Nr. 94/2001, Nr. 85/2005</p> <p>“Valstybės žinios” Nr. 52/2001, Nr. 110/2001, Nr. 116/2003, Nr. 73/2004</p> <p>“Valstybės žinios” Nr. 9/2002</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>Fees Law</p> <p>-</p>
Luxembourg	<p>1. Loi du 27 mai 1977 portant a) approbation de la Convention sur la délivrance de brevets européens, signée à Munich, le 5 octobre 1973 ; b) adaptation de la législation nationale en matière de brevets, telle que modifiée par loi du 20 juillet 1992 (voir 3.)</p> <p><i>[1. Law of 27 May 1977, (a) approving the Convention on the Grant of European Patents signed at Munich on 5 October 1973, (b) amending the national legislation on patents as amended by Law of 20 July 1992 (see 3.)]</i></p> <p>2. Règlement grand-ducal du 9 mai 1978 pris en exécution de la loi du 27 mai 1977 portant a) approbation de la Convention sur la délivrance de brevets européens, signée à Munich le 5 octobre 1973 ; b) adaptation de la législation nationale en matière de brevets</p> <p><i>[2. Grand-Ducal Regulation of 9 May 1978 implementing the Law of 27 May 1977, (a) approving the Convention on the Grant of European Patents, signed at Munich on 5 October 1973, (b) amending the national legislation on patents]</i></p>	<p>Mémorial A 1977, 872</p> <p>Mémorial A 1978, 528</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 1978, 334 (German) IPLT LU 2-003 (English)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Law of 27.5.77</p> <p>Reg. of 9.5.78</p>

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	<p>3. Loi du 20 juillet 1992 portant modification du régime des brevets d'invention, telle que modifiée par loi du 24 mai 1998, loi du 11 août 2001 et loi du 7 avril 2006</p> <p><i>[3. Law of 20 July 1992 amending the provisions relating to patents, as amended by Law of 24 May 1998, by Law of 11 August 2001 and by Law of 7 April 2006]</i></p> <p>4. Règlement grand-ducal du 17 novembre 1997 concernant la procédure et les formalités administratives en matière de brevets d'invention</p> <p><i>[4. Grand-Ducal Patents Decree (implementing procedures) of 17 November 1997 on the procedure and administrative formalities relating to patents of invention]</i></p> <p>5. Règlement grand-ducal du 17 novembre 1997 portant fixation des taxes et rémunérations à percevoir en matière de brevets d'invention, tel que modifié par règlement grand-ducal du 30 avril 2004</p> <p><i>[5. Grand-Ducal Decree of 17 November 1997 on the fixing of fees and costs relating to patents of invention, as amended by Grand-Ducal Decree of 30 April 2004]</i></p> <p>6. Loi du 8 juillet 1967 concernant la divulgation et la mise en œuvre des inventions et des secrets de fabrique intéressant la défense du territoire ou la sûreté de l'Etat</p> <p><i>[6. Law of 8 July 1967 on the disclosure and use of inventions and trade secrets affecting national defence or the security of the State]</i></p> <p>7. Règlement grand-ducal du 18 septembre 1969 pris en exécution de l'article 4, alinéa final, de la loi du 8 juillet 1967 concernant la divulgation et la mise en œuvre des inventions et des secrets de fabrique intéressant la défense du territoire ou la sûreté de l'Etat</p> <p><i>[7. Grand-Ducal Regulation of 18 September 1969 implementing Article 4, final paragraph, of the Law of 8 July 1967 on the disclosure and use of inventions and trade secrets affecting national defence or the security of the State]</i></p> <p>8. Règlement grand-ducal du 12 juin 1975 concernant le recouvrement des frais de publication au Mémorial, Recueil administratif et économique</p> <p><i>[8. Grand-Ducal Regulation of 12 June 1975 on the recovery of the cost of publications in the "Mémorial, Recueil administratif et économique"]</i></p>	<p>Mémorial A-N° 49/1992, 1592; A-N° 45/1998, 685; A-N° 106/2001, 2175; A-N° 68/2006, 1326</p> <p>Mémorial A-N° 96/1997, 2946</p> <p>Mémorial A-N° 96/1997, 2956; A-N° 75/2004, 1108</p> <p>Mémorial A 1967, 796</p> <p>Mémorial A 1969, 1234</p> <p>Mémorial A 1975, 723</p>	<p>BI.f.PMZ 1998, 292 (German)</p> <p>IPLT LU 2-005 (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>Decr.</p> <p>Fees Reg.</p> <p>Law of 8.7.67</p> <p>Reg. of 18.9.69</p> <p>Fees Reg. of 12.6.75</p>
Monaco	<p>1. Loi n° 606 du 20 juin 1955 sur les brevets d'invention, modifiée par loi n° 625 du 5 novembre 1956</p> <p><i>[1. Law No. 606 of 20 June 1955 on Patents of Invention, as amended by Law No. 625 of 5 November 1956]</i></p>	<p>J. M. du 27.6.55 et du 19.11.56</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>PA</p>

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	<p>2. Ordonnance souveraine n° 1476 du 30 janvier 1957</p> <p><i>[2. Sovereign Ordinance No. 1476 of 30 January 1957]</i></p> <p>3. Ordonnance souveraine n° 13.449 du 12 mai 1998 portant majoration des droits applicables à l'occasion de l'accomplissement des formalités tendant à la protection de la propriété industrielle en matière de brevets d'invention, etc., et ordonnance souveraine n° 15.116 du 23 novembre 2001</p> <p><i>[3. Sovereign Ordinance No. 13.449 of 12 May 1998 increasing the fees payable for the formalities governing the protection of industrial property for patents for invention, etc., and Sovereign Ordinance No. 15.116 of 23 November 2001]</i></p> <p>4. Ordonnance souveraine n° 10.427 du 9 janvier 1992 concernant le brevet européen</p> <p><i>[4. Sovereign Ordinance No. 10.427 of 9 January 1992 concerning European patents]</i></p> <p>5. Arrêté ministériel n° 93-553 du 21 octobre 1993 concernant les modalités de délivrance du brevet européen</p> <p><i>[5. Ministerial Decree No. 93-553 of 21 October 1993 concerning arrangements for the grant of European patents]</i></p> <p>6. Ordonnance souveraine n° 13.827 du 15 décembre 1998 relative à l'introduction de l'euro</p> <p><i>[6. Sovereign Ordinance No. 13.827 of 15 December 1998 concerning the introduction of the euro]</i></p> <p>7. Ordonnance souveraine n° 15.116 du 23 novembre 2001 portant adaptation en euros des montants exprimés en francs dans certaines ordonnances souveraines prises pour l'application des traités internationaux</p> <p><i>[7. Sovereign Ordinance No. 15.116 of 23 November 2001 converting to euros amounts denominated in francs in Sovereign Ordinances implementing international treaties]</i></p>	<p>J. M. du 4.2.57</p> <p>J. M. du 26.7.96 et du 7.12.01</p> <p>J. M. du 17.1.92</p> <p>J. M. du 22.10.93</p> <p>J.M. du 18.12.98</p> <p>J.M. du 7.12.01</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>SO No. 1476</p> <p>SO (Fees)</p> <p>SO No. 10.427</p> <p>MD</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
Netherlands	<p>1. Rijksoctrooiwet 1995 van 15 december 1994</p> <p><i>[1. Patents Act of the Kingdom 1995 of 15 December 1994]</i></p> <p>2. Uitvoeringsbesluit Rijksoctrooiwet 1995 van 20 februari 1995</p> <p><i>[2. Patent Rules of 20 February 1995]</i></p> <p>3. Uitvoeringsregeling Rijksoctrooiwet 1995, 22 april 2003</p> <p><i>[3. Implementing Rules of 22 April 2003]</i></p>	<p>Stb. 1995, 51, 52; Stb. 2003, 35</p> <p>Stb. 1995, 108; 1999, 411; 2003, 158</p> <p>Staatscourant 2003, 79</p>	<p>GRUR Int. 1996, 22 and Bl. f. PMZ 1996, 230 (German) IPLT NL 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PR</p> <p>IR</p>

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Poland	<p>1. Ustawa z dnia 30 czerwca 2000r. Prawo własności przemysłowej ostatnio zmieniona ustawą z dnia 23 stycznia 2004r. o zmianie ustawy – Prawo własności przemysłowej</p> <p><i>[1. Act of 30 June 2000 on industrial property law, last amended by Act of 23 January 2004]</i></p>	<p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 119 poz. 1117 09.07.2003 Nr. 33 poz. 286 23.01.2004</p>	<p>Polish Patent Office website at www.uprp.pl (English)</p>	<p>IPL</p>
	<p>2. Rozporządzenie Prezesa Rady Ministrów z dnia 17 września 2001r. w sprawie dokonywania i rozpatrywania zgłoszeń wynalazków i wzorów użytkowych</p> <p><i>[2. Regulation of the Prime Minister of 17 September 2001 on the filing and processing of patent and utility model applications]</i></p>	<p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 102 poz. 1119 21.09.2001</p>		<p>FPR</p>
	<p>3. Rozporządzenie Rady Ministrów z dnia 23 lipca 2002r. w sprawie wynalazków i wzorów użytkowych dotyczących obronności lub bezpieczeństwa Państwa</p> <p><i>[3. Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 23 July 2002 on inventions and utility models concerning national defence and the security of the State]</i></p>	<p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 123 poz. 1056 02.08.2002</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>
	<p>4. Ustawa z dnia 14 marca 2003r. o dokonywaniu europejskich zgłoszeń patentowych oraz skutkach patentu europejskiego w Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej</p> <p><i>[4. Law of 14 March 2003 on the filing of European patent applications and the effects of the European patent in the Republic of Poland]</i></p>	<p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 65 poz. 598 16.04.2003</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>EPAL</p>
	<p>5. Rozporządzenie Prezesa Rady Ministrów z dnia 29 lipca 2003r. w sprawie składania i rozpatrywania wniosków o udzielenie dodatkowego prawa ochronnego dla produktów leczniczych i produktów ochrony roślin</p> <p><i>[5. Regulation of the Prime Minister of 29 July 2003 on the filing and processing of applications for the grant of a supplementary protection right for medicinal products and plant protection products]</i></p>	<p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 141 poz. 1361 13.08.2003</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>
	<p>6. Rozporządzenie Rady Ministrów z dnia 2 marca 2004r. zmieniające rozporządzenie w sprawie opłat związanych z ochroną wynalazków, wzorów przemysłowych, znaków towarowych, oznaczeń geograficznych i topografii układów scalonych</p> <p><i>[6. Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 2 March 2004 amending the regulation on fees relating to the protection of inventions, utility models, industrial designs, trademarks, geographical indications and topographies of integrated circuits]</i></p>	<p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 35 poz. 309 05.03.2004</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Fees Reg.</p>
	<p>7. Rozporządzenie Prezesa Rady Ministrów z dnia 14 czerwca 2005r. zmieniające rozporządzenie w sprawie dokonywania i rozpatrywania zgłoszeń wynalazków i wzorów użytkowych</p> <p><i>[7. Regulation of the Prime Minister of 14 June 2005 amending the Regulation on the filing and processing of patent and utility model applications]</i></p>	<p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 109 Poz. 910 21.06.2005</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>

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Portugal	<p>1. Código da Propriedade Industrial Decreto-Lei n° 36/2003 de 05 de Março de 2003</p> <p><i>[1. Industrial Property Code Decree Law No. 36/2003 of 5 March 2003]</i></p> <p>2. Despacho n° 12701/2003 de 2 de Julho de 2003, relativo a aspectos formais dos pedidos</p> <p><i>[2. Despatch No. 12701/2003 of 2 July 2003 relating to formal requirements for applications]</i></p> <p>3. Portaria n° 699/2003 de 31 de Julho de 2003, relativa a taxas</p> <p><i>[3. Order No. 699/2003 of 31 July 2003 regarding fees]</i></p> <p>4. Decreto-Lei n° 15/95 de 24 de Janeiro de 1995, relativo ao enquadramento legal da actuação dos agentes oficiais da propriedade industrial e dos procuradores autorizados, alterado pelo Decreto-Lei N° 54/2001, de 15 de Fevereiro de 2001 e pelo Decreto-Lei N° 206/2002, de 16 de Outubro de 2002</p> <p><i>[4. Decree Law No. 15/95 of 24 January 1995, as amended by Decree Law No. 54/2001 of 15 February 2001 and Decree Law No. 206/2002 of 16 October 2002 regarding official representatives]</i></p>	<p>Diário da República I Série-A N° 54/2003, 1501</p> <p>Diário II N° 113/1995, 5283</p> <p>Diário I Série-B N° 175/2003, 4520</p> <p>Diário I Série-A N° 20/1995, 408 N° 39/2001, 845 N° 239/2002, 6774</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1995, 295 (German)</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>-</p> <p>Fees order</p> <p>Decr. Law</p>
Romania	<p>1. Legea privind brevetele de invenție Nr. 64/1991 din 11 octombrie 1991 modificata si completata prin Legea 203/2002 din 19 aprilie 2002</p> <p><i>[1. Patent Law No. 64/1991 of 11 October 1991, amended and completed by Law No. 203/2002 of 19 April 2002]</i></p> <p>2. H.G. nr. 499/2002 din 18 aprilie 2002 de aprobare a Regulamentului de aplicare a Legii nr. 64/1991 privind brevetele de invenție</p> <p><i>[2. Government Decision No. 499/2002 of 18 April 2002 for the approval of the Regulations for implementing the Patent Law No. 64/1991]</i></p> <p>3. Legea Nr. 381/2005 din 16 decembrie 2005 pentru modificarea și completarea Ordonanței Guvernului nr. 41/1998 privind taxele în domeniul protecției proprietății industriale și regimul de utilizare a acestora</p> <p><i>[3. Law No. 381/2005 of 16 December 2005 on the modification and completion of Government Ordinance No. 41/1998 on industrial property fees and the use thereof]</i></p>	<p>Monitorul Oficial No. 212/1991 No. 340/2002 No. 752/2002</p> <p>Monitorul Oficial No. 348/2002</p> <p>Monitorul Oficial No. 43/1998 No. 471/2002 No. 6/2006</p>	<p>IPLT RO-2-001 (English, French) GRUR Int. 1992, 196 (German)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>Reg.</p> <p>Fees Law</p>

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	<p>4. Legea nr. 611/2002 din 13 noiembrie 2002 privind aderarea României la Convenția privind eliberarea brevetelor europene, adoptată la Munchen la 5 octombrie 1973, precum și la Actul de revizuire a acesteia, adoptat la Munchen la 29 noiembrie 2000</p> <p><i>[4. Law No. 611/2002 of 13 November 2002 on Romania's Accession to the Convention on the Grant of European Patents of 5 October 1973, and to the Act revising the Convention of 29 November 2000]</i></p>	Monitorul Oficial No. 844/2002	-	AccEPCLaw
Slovakia	<p>1. Oznámenie Ministerstva zahraničných vecí Slovenskej republiky č.376/2002 Z.z. o podpísaní Dohovoru o udeľovaní európskych patentov (Európskeho patentového dohovoru) a o uzavretí Revízie znenia textu Dohovoru o udeľovaní európskych patentov (Európskeho patentového dohovoru), Príloha</p> <p><i>[1. Notification of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic No. 376/2002 Coll. on the introduction of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention), Act revising the Convention on the Grant of European Patents of 29 November 2000, Annex]</i></p> <p>2. Zákon č. 435/2001 Z.z. o patentoch, dodatkových ochranných osvedčeniach a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov (patentový zákon) v znení zákona č. 402/2002 Z.z. ktorým sa mení a dopĺňa zákon č. 435/2001 Z.z. o patentoch, dodatkových ochranných osvedčeniach a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov (patentový zákon)</p> <p><i>[2. Law No. 435/2001 Coll. on patents, supplementary protection certificates and on amendment of other Acts (Patent Act), as amended by Law No. 402/2002 Coll.]</i></p> <p>3. Zákon č. 478/1992 Zb o úžitkových vzoroch v znení neskorších predpisov</p> <p><i>[3. Law No. 478/1992 Coll. on utility models, as amended]</i></p> <p>4. Zákon NR SR č. 145/1995 Z.z. o správnych poplatkoch v znení neskorších predpisov</p> <p><i>[4. Law NR SR No. 145/1995 Coll. on administration fees, as amended]</i></p> <p>5. Vyhláška Úradu priemyselného vlastníctva Slovenskej republiky č. 223/2002 Z.z., ktorou sa vykonáva zákon č. 435/2001 Z.z. o patentoch, dodatkových ochranných osvedčeniach a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov (patentový zákon)</p> <p><i>[5. Regulation of the Industrial Property Office No. 223/2002 Coll. implementing Law No. 435/2001 Coll. on patents, supplementary protection certificates and on amendment of other Acts, as amended (Patent Act)]</i></p>	<p>Zbierka zákonov č. 376/2002 Z.z. 30.6.2002</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov č. 435/2001 Z.z. 4.10.2001</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov č. 402/2002 Z.z. 26.6.2002</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov č. 478/1992 Zb. 24.9.1992</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov NR SR č. 145/1995 Z.z. 17.7.1995</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov č. 223/2002 Z.z. 30.4.2002</p>	<p>-</p> <p>BI.f.PMZ 2002, 442 (German)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>PA</p> <p>UM</p> <p>Fees Law</p> <p>RPA</p>

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	<p>6. Zákon č. 71/1967 Zb. o správnom konaní (správny poriadok) v znení neskorších predpisov</p> <p>[6. Law No. 71/1967 Coll. on administrative procedure (Administrative Procedure Code) as amended by subsequent law]</p>	<p>Zbierka zákonov č. 71/1967 Zb. 29.6.1967</p> <p>(Úplné znenie zákona: Zbierka zákonov č. 138/2004 Z.z.)</p>	-	APC
Slovenia	<p>1. Zakon o industrijski lastnini</p> <p>[1. Industrial Property Act]</p> <p>2. Uredba o pristojbinah Urada RS za intelektualno lastnino</p> <p>[2. Decree on the fees of the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office]</p> <p>3. Pravilnik o vsebini patentne prijave in postopku z deljenimi patenti</p> <p>[3. Rules on the content of a patent application and the procedure for divided patents]</p> <p>4. Pravilnik o registraciji prijav in pravic industrijske lastnine ter potrdilu o prednostni pravici</p> <p>[4. Rules on registering applications and industrial property rights and priority certificates]</p>	<p>Uradni list RS, št. 51/2006</p> <p>Uradni list RS, št. 65/2006, št. 128/2006</p> <p>Uradni list RS, št. 102/2001</p> <p>Uradni list SFRJ št. 102/2001</p>	<p>GRUR Int. 2002, 712 (German)</p> <p>WIPO website at http://clea.wipo.int (English, French)</p> <p>Slovenian Intellectual Property website at www.uil-sipo.si (English)</p>	<p>IPA</p> <p>Fees Decr.</p> <p>PR</p> <p>Reg. Rules</p>

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Spain	<p>1. Ley 11/1986, de 20 marzo, de Patentes, modificado por Real Decreto-Ley 8/1998 de 31 de julio de 1998, Ley 1/2000 de 7 de enero de Enjuiciamiento Civil, Ley 3/2000 de 7.1.2000 de Régimen Jurídico de la Protección de las Obtenciones Vegetales, Ley 17/2001, de 7 de diciembre, de Marcas, Ley 10/2002, de 29 de Abril, por la que se modifica la ley 11/1986, de 20 de marzo, de Patentes, para la incorporación al derecho español de la Directiva 98/44/CE, del Parlamento Europeo y del Consejo, de 6 de julio, relativa a la protección jurídica de las invenciones biotecnológicas, y por Ley 20/2003, de 7 de julio de Protección Jurídica del Diseño Industrial</p> <p><i>[1. Patent Law 11/1986 of 20 March 1986, as amended by Royal Decree-Law 8/1998 of 31 July 1998, Civil Procedure Law 1/2000 of 7 January 2000, Law 3/2000 of 7 January 2000 on the legal system for the protection of new plant varieties, Trade Mark Law 17/2001 of 7 December 2001, Law 10/2002 of 29 April 2002 amending Patent Law 11/1986 of 20 March 1986 and incorporating into Spanish law Directive 98/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 1998 on the legal protection of biotechnological inventions, and Law 20/2003 of 7 July 2003 on the legal protection of industrial designs]</i></p>	BOE núm. 73/86, 11188; 194/98, 27858; 7 of 8/1/2000; 8 of 10/1/2000; 294 of 8/12/2001; 103 of 30/4/2002; 162 of 8/7/2003		
	<p>2. Real Decreto 2424/1986, de 10 de octubre, relativo a la aplicación del Convenio sobre la concesión de patentes europeas, hecho en Munich el 5 de octubre de 1973</p> <p><i>[2. Royal Decree 2424/1986 of 10 October 1986 on the Application of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents done at Munich on 5 October 1973]</i></p>	BOE núm. 283/86, 39247	<p>BI.f.PMZ 1987, 21, 61; 1999, 126; 2000, 174 (German)</p> <p>IPLT ES 2-001 (English, French)</p>	PL
	<p>3. Real Decreto 2245/1986, de 10 de octubre, por el que se aprueba el Reglamento para la ejecución de la Ley 11/1986, de 20 de marzo, de Patentes, modificado por Real Decreto 151/1996 de 2 de febrero 1996</p> <p><i>[3. Royal Decree 2245/1986 of 10 October 1986 approving the Regulation on the implementation of Patent Law 11/1986 of 20 March 1986, as amended by Royal Decree 151/1996 of 2 February 1996]</i></p>	BOE núm. 261/86, 36431; 33/96, 4143; 35/96, 4676	<p>BI.f.PMZ 1987, 177 (German)</p> <p>BI.f.PMZ 1987, 165 (German)</p>	RD 2424 RD 2245
	<p>4. Ley 20/1987, de 7 octubre, sobre tasas que deben satisfacer los solicitantes y concesionarios de patentes europeas por determinadas actividades a realizar en el Registro de la Propiedad Industrial</p> <p><i>[4. Law 20/1987 of 7 October 1987 governing fees payable by European patent applicants and proprietors for specific acts to be undertaken in the Registry of Industrial Property ("Registro de la Propiedad Industrial")]</i></p>	BOE núm. 241/87, 30150; 312/88, 36470; 315/96, 38974; 313/02, 46008; 313/03, 46784; 312/04, 41879	-	Fees Law
	<p>5. Ley 46/1998, de 17 de diciembre sobre la introducción del euro</p> <p><i>[5. Law 46/1998 of 17 December 1998 on the introduction of the euro]</i></p>	BOE núm. 302/98, 42460	-	-
	<p>6. Real Decreto-Ley 8/1998, de 31 de julio, de medidas urgentes en materia de propiedad industrial</p> <p><i>[6. Royal Decree-Law 8/1998 of 31 July 1998 on urgent measures relating to industrial property]</i></p>	BOE núm. 194/98, 27858	BI.f.PMZ 1999, 126 (German)	Law 8/98

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	<p>7. Real Decreto 812/2000, de 19 de mayo, por el que se establece la aplicación del procedimiento de concesión con examen previo para la solicitudes de patentes del sector de alimentación</p> <p><i>[7. Royal Decree 812/2000 of 19 May 2000 implementing the procedure for grant, subject to preliminary examination, of patent applications in the foodstuffs sector]</i></p> <p>8. Real Decreto 996/2001, de 10 de septiembre, por el que se establece la aplicación con carácter general del procedimiento de concesión de patentes nacionales con examen previo</p> <p><i>[8. Royal Decree 996/2001 of 10 September 2001 implementing the general procedure for grant of national patents, subject to preliminary examination]</i></p>	<p>BOE núm. 137/00, 20273</p> <p>BOE núm. 218/01, 34130</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 2001, 46 (German)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>
Sweden	<p>1. Patentlag SFS 1967:837, ändrad enligt lagen 1978:149, omtryckt genom lag SFS 1983:433, därefter ändrad genom lag SFS 2004:161, SFS 2005:289, SFS 2006:254, SFS 2006:625, SFS 2006:682</p> <p><i>[1. Patents Act SFS 1967:837, amended by Act SFS 1978:149, reprinted SFS 1983:433 and last amended by Act SFS 2004:161, 2005:289, 2006:254, 2006:625, 2006:682]</i></p> <p>2. Patentkungörelsen SFS 1967:838, ändrad genom förordning SFS 1978:151, omtryckt genom förordning SFS 1991:1331, därefter ändrad SFS 2006:1067</p> <p><i>[2. Decree on patent formalities SFS 1967:838, amended by Decree SFS 1978:151, reprinted SFS 1991:1331 and last amended by Decree SFS 2006:1067]</i></p>	<p>SFS 1983:433 1987:1330 1991:296 1993:1406 1994:234, 1511 1996:847, 889 1998:1456 2000:1158 2004:159 2004:161 2005:289 2006:254 2006:625 2006:682</p> <p>SFS 1983:435 1984:938 1986:1221 1988:987 1989:503 1991:1331 1993:197 1993:1312 1995:269 1996:225 1997:42 1999:139 2000:1160 2001:128 2001:774 2003:1071 2006:1067</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 1985, 174; 1995, 141, 142; 1996, 47; (German)</p> <p>IPLT SE 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1979, 169; 1985, 281; 1989, 346 (German)</p> <p>IPLT SE 2-002 (English, French)</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PD</p>

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Switzerland / Liechtenstein	<p>1. Bundesgesetz betreffend die Erfindungspatente vom 25. Juni 1954, Stand am 15. Februar 2005</p> <p><i>[1. Federal Law on Patents for Inventions of 25 June 1954, as at 15 February 2005]</i></p> <p>2. Verordnung über die Erfindungspatente vom 19. Oktober 1977 (Patentverordnung)</p> <p><i>[2. Ordinance on Patents for Inventions of 19 October 1977 (Patent Ordinance)]</i></p> <p>3. Gebührenordnung des Eidgenössischen Instituts für Geistiges Eigentum vom 28. April 1997 (IGE-GebO)</p> <p><i>[3. Regulation on the Fees of the Federal Intellectual Property Institute of 28 April 1997 (Fees Regulation)]</i></p> <p>4. Bundesgesetz über das Verwaltungsverfahren vom 9. Dezember 2003</p> <p><i>[4. Federal Law on administrative procedure of 9 December 2003]</i></p> <p>5. Vertrag zwischen der Schweizerischen Eidgenossenschaft und dem Fürstentum Liechtenstein über den Schutz der Erfindungspatente vom 22. Dezember 1978 (Patentschutzvertrag)</p> <p><i>[5. Treaty between the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on Patent Protection (Patent Treaty) of 22 December 1978]</i></p>	<p>SR 232.14</p> <p>SR 232.141</p> <p>SR 232.148</p> <p>SR 172.021</p> <p>SR 0.232.149.514</p>	<p>IPLT CH 2-001 (English)</p> <p>IPLT CH 2-002 (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>OJ EPO 1980, 407 (English, French)</p> <p>IPLT LI-CH 2-001 (English, French)</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PO</p> <p>Fees Reg.</p> <p>-</p> <p>Treaty CH/LI of 22.12.78</p>

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Turkey	<p>1. Patent haklarının korunması hakkında bakanlar kurulunca 26 Nisan 1995 tarihinde kararlaştırılan 551 sayılı kanun hükmünde kararname</p> <p><i>[1. Decree Law No. 551 on the protection of patents of 26 April 1995]</i></p> <p>2. 551 sayılı KHK'nin uygulama şeklini gösterir yönetmelik 1995, en son 6.12.1998 tarihinde değiştirilmiştir</p> <p><i>[2. Implementing Regulations 1995 to DL No. 551, as last amended on 6 December 1998]</i></p> <p>3. Avrupa Patentlerinin verilmesi ile ilgili Avrupa Patent Sözleşmesinin Türkiye'de uygulama şeklini gösterir yönetmelik 9.1.2001</p> <p><i>[3. Regulations implementing the Convention on the Grant of European Patents in Turkey dated 9 January 2001]</i></p> <p>4. 2006 yılı Patent ve Faydalı Model ücret listesi</p> <p><i>[4. List of fees in respect of patents and utility models, 2006]</i></p>	<p>TC Resmi Gazete No:22326 27.6.1995</p> <p>TC Resmi Gazete No:22454 5.11.1995</p> <p>TC Resmi Gazete No:24282 9.1.2001</p> <p>TC Resmi Gazete No: 26044, 5.1.2006</p>	<p>IPLT TR 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>DL No. 551</p> <p>IR</p> <p>RegEPC</p> <p>Fees 2006</p>
United Kingdom	<p>1. Patents Act 1977 (as amended)</p> <p>2. The Patents Rules 1995 The Patents (Amendment) Rules 1999 The Patents (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1999 The Patents (Amendment) Rules 2001 The Patents (Amendment) Rules 2002 The Patents (Electronic Communications) (Amendment) Rules 2003 The Patents Act 2004 (Commencement No. 1 and Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Order 2004 The Patents (Amendment) Rules 2004 The Patents Act 2004 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential, etc. and Transitional Provisions) Order 2004 The Patents Act 2004 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2005 The Patents (Amendment) Rules 2005 The Patents, Trade Marks and Designs (Address for Service and Time Limits, etc) Rules 2006</p>	<p>1977 c.37 1986 c.39 1988 c.48 2004 c.16 S.I. 2004/2357</p> <p>S.I. 1995/2093; 1999/1092; 1999/3197; 2001/1412; 2002/529; 2003/513; 2004/2177; 2004/2358; 2004/3205; 2005/2471; 2005/2496; 2006/0760</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 1979, 200; 1986, 334; 1991, 260 (German)</p> <p>LTPI UK 2-001 (French)</p> <p>LTPI UK 2-002 (French)</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PR</p>

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	3. The Patents (Fees) Rules 1998 The Patents (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 1999 The Patents (Amendment) Rules 2004 The Patents (Amendment) Rules 2005	S.I. 1998/1778; 1999/1093; 2004/2358; 2005/2496	-	PFR

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	<p>4. Uredba o naknadama za posebne troškove i troškove za pružanje informacijskih usluga Državnog Zavoda za intelektualno vlasništvo</p> <p><i>[4. Regulation on Special Charges and Charges for Information Services Provided by the State Intellectual Property Office]</i></p> <p>5. Sporazum Vlade Republike Hrvatske i Europske patentne organizacije o suradnji na području patenata (Sporazum o suradnji i proširenju)</p> <p><i>[5. Agreement on co-operation in the field of patents between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the European Patent Organisation (Co-operation and Extension Agreement)]</i></p> <p>6. Zakon o općem upravnom postupku</p> <p><i>[6. Law on General Administrative Procedure]</i></p>	<p>OG 86/2000, 187/2004</p> <p>OG - IA. 14/2003</p> <p>OG 53/1991, 103/1996</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>RCh</p> <p>Ext. Agr.</p> <p>Law on GAP</p>
<p>Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005.)</p> <p>Latvian Patent Office Citadeles iela 7(70) P.O. Box 824 1010 RIGA Tel.: (+ 371) 709 96 00 Fax (+ 371) 709 96 50 www.lrpv.lv valde@lrpv.lv</p>	<p>1. 1995. gada 30. marta Latvijas Republikas Patentu likums</p> <p><i>[1. Republic of Latvia Patent Law of 30 March 1995]</i></p> <p>2. Latvijas Republikas Ministru Kabineta noteikumi Nr. 309 "Noteikumi par rūpnieciskā īpašuma aizsardzības valsts nodevu"</p> <p><i>[2. Regulation No. 309 of the Cabinet of Ministers on the Regulation on fees for the Protection of Industrial Property Rights]</i></p>	<p>Saeimā Ministru Kabinetā Nr. 17/1995</p> <p>Latvijas vēstnesis Nr. 241/242, 1998</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>LPL</p> <p>Fees Reg.</p>
<p>Lithuania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2004.)</p> <p>The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania Kalvarijų g. 3 09310 VILNIUS Tel. (+ 370 5) 278 02 50 Fax (+ 370 5) 275 07 23 www.vpb.gov.lt spb@vpb.gov.lt</p>	<p>1. Lietuvos Respublikos patentų įstatymas Nr. I-372 (94 01 18)</p> <p><i>[1. Patent law of the Republic of Lithuania No. I-372 of 18 January 1994, as amended]</i></p> <p>2. Lietuvos Respublikos valstybinio patentų biuro 95 07 25 įsakymas dėl Europos patento galiojimo išplėtimo Nr 22</p> <p><i>[2. Order of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania of 25 July 1995 on the extension of European patents]</i></p>	<p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 8/1994, Nr. 89/1994, Nr. 117/1997, Nr. 119/1997, Nr. 54/2000, Nr. 113/2000, Nr. 94/2001, Nr. 85/2005</p> <p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 62/1995</p>	<p>IPLT LT 2-001 (English, French) Bl.f.PMZ 1997, 50 (German)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>-</p>

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	<p>3. Europos patentų galiojimo išplėtimo taisyklės ER/01/95</p> <p><i>[3. Regulation on the extension of European patents of 25 July 1995]</i></p> <p>4. Lietuvos Respublikos Vyriausybės ir Europos Patentų Organizacijos Susitarimas dėl 1994 sausio 25 d. Bendravbiavimo susitarimo 3(3) straipsnio įgyvendinimo</p> <p><i>[4. Agreement implementing Article 3(3) of the Co-operation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the European Patent Organisation of 25 January 1994]</i></p> <p>5. Mokesčių už pramoninės nuosavybės objektų registravimą įstatymas Nr. IX-352</p> <p><i>[5. Law on fees for the registration of industrial property objects of 5 June 2001 No. IX-352]</i></p> <p>6. Valstybinio patentų biuro direktoriaus 2001 m. gruodžio 27 d. įsakymas Nr. 118 Dėl papildomos apsaugos liudijimų išdavimo</p> <p><i>[6. Order of the Director of the State Patent Bureau No. 118 of 27 December 2001 on the grant of supplementary protection certificates]</i></p>	<p>“Valstybės žinios” Nr. 62/1995, Nr. 108/1998</p> <p>“Valstybės žinios” Nr. 38/1994</p> <p>“Valstybės žinios” Nr. 52/2001, Nr. 110/2001, Nr. 116/2003, Nr. 73/2004</p> <p>“Valstybės žinios” Nr. 9/2002</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Ext. Reg.</p> <p>-</p> <p>Fees Law</p> <p>-</p>
<p>Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)</p> <p>State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (OSIM) 5, Ion Ghica Street district 3, B.P. 52 70018 BUCUREȘTI Tel. (+ 40 21) 315 90 66, 315 19 66, 312 57 40 Fax (+ 40 21) 312 38 19 www.osim.ro office@osim.ro</p>	<p>1. Legea privind brevetele de invenție Nr. 64/1991 din 11 octombrie 1991 modificata si completata prin Legea 203/2002 din 19 aprilie 2002</p> <p><i>[1. Patent Law No. 64/1991 of 11 October 1991, amended and completed by Law No. 203/2002 of 19 April 2002]</i></p> <p>2. H.G. nr. 499/2002 din 18 aprilie 2002 de aprobare a Regulamentului de aplicare a Legii nr. 64/1991 privind brevetele de invenție</p> <p><i>[2. Government Decision No. 499/2002 of 18 April 2002 for the approval of the Regulations for implementing the Patent Law No. 64/1991]</i></p> <p>3. Legea Nr. 381/2005 din 16 decembrie 2005 pentru modificarea și completarea Ordonanței Guvernului nr. 41/1998 privind taxele în domeniul protecției proprietății industriale și regimul de utilizare a acestora</p> <p><i>[3. Law No. 381/2005 of 16 December 2005 on the modification and completion of the Government Ordinance No. 41/1998 on industrial property fees and the use thereof]</i></p>	<p>Monitorul Oficial Nr. 212/1991 Nr. 340/2002 Nr. 752/2002</p> <p>Monitorul Oficial Nr. 348/2002</p> <p>Monitorul Oficial Nr. 43/1998 Nr. 471/2002 Nr. 6/2006</p>	<p>IPLT RO-2-001 (English, French) GRUR Int. 1992, 196 (German)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>Reg.</p> <p>Fees Law</p>

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	<p>4. Ordonanța Nr. 32/1996 din 15 august 1996 pentru ratificarea Acordului de cooperare dintre Guvernul României și Organizația Europeană de Brevete privind cooperarea în domeniul brevetelor</p> <p><i>[4. Ordinance No. 32/1996 of 15 August 1996 for ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Romania and the European Patent Organisation on co-operation in the field of patents]</i></p> <p>5. Legea nr. 32/1997 privind implementarea ordonanței de extindere</p> <p><i>[5. Law on the Implementation of the extension ordinance No. 32/97]</i></p>	Monitorul Oficial Nr. 195/1996	<p>OJ EPO 1996, 601 (English, French, German)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>GO</p> <p>Ext. Law</p>
<p>Serbia Intellectual Property Office Ministry for Internal Economic Affairs Zmaj Jovina 21 11000 BEOGRAD Tel. (+ 381 11) 311 11 62 Fax (+ 381 11) 311 23 77 www.yupat.sv.gov.yu yupat@gov.yu</p>	<p>Information not available at time of going to press.</p> <p>Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.</p>			
<p>Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)</p> <p>Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) Kotnikova 6 p.p.206 1000 LJUBLJANA Tel. (+386 1) 478 31 00 Fax (+ 386 1) 478 31 11 www.uil-sipo.si</p>	<p>1. Zakon o industrijski lastnini</p> <p><i>[1. Industrial Property Act]</i></p> <p>2. Uredba o pristojbinah pristojbinah Urada RS za intelektualno lastnino</p> <p><i>[2. Decree on the fees of the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office]</i></p> <p>3. Pravilnik o vsebini patentne prijave in postopku z deljenimi patenti</p> <p><i>[3. Rules on the content of a patent application and the procedure for divided patents]</i></p> <p>4. Pravilnik o registrih prijav in pravic industrijske lastnine ter potrdilu o prednostni pravici</p> <p><i>[4. Rules on registering applications and industrial property rights and priority certificates]</i></p>	<p>Uradni list RS, št. 51/2006</p> <p>Uradni list RS, št. 65/2006, št. 128/2006</p> <p>Uradni list RS, št. 102/2001</p> <p>Uradni list SFRJ št. 102/2001</p>	<p>GRUR Int. 2002, 712 (German)</p> <p>WIPO website at http://clea.wipo.int (English, French)</p> <p>Slovenian Intellectual Property Office website at www.uil-sipo.si (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>IPA</p> <p>Fees Decr.</p> <p>PR</p> <p>Reg.Rules</p>

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	5. Uredba o razširitvi evropskih patentov na Republiko Slovenijo <i>[5. Decree on the extension of European patents to the Republic of Slovenia]</i>	Uradni list RS, št. 15/2002	OJ EPO 1994, 75 (English, French, German)	Ext. Decr.
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia State Office of Industrial Property (SOIP) Ilindenska b.b. 1000 SKOPJE Tel. (+ 389 2) 11 63 79, 13 71 89 Fax (+ 389 2) 11 60 41 mail@ippo.gov.mk www.ippo.gov.mk	1. Закон за индустриска сопственост <i>[1. Industrial Property Act of 15 July 1993]</i> 2. Закон за административни такси <i>[2. Act on administrative fees of 26 March 1993, as last amended on 10 February 1998]</i> 3. Правилник за признавање на патент <i>[3. Patent Regulations of 10 March 1994, as last amended on 16 September 1997]</i> 4. Договор за соработка на полето на патентите (Договор за соработка) <i>[4. Agreement on co-operation in the field of patents (Co-operation Agreement) on the extension of European patents of 30 September 1997]</i> 5. Закон за индустриска сопственост, ќе се применува од 1 јули 2003 <i>[5. Law on industrial property of 30 June 2002, applicable as from 1 July 2003]</i> 6. Закон за општа управна постапка <i>[6. Law on General Administrative Procedure]</i>	Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 42/93 Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 17/93, No. 20/96, No. 7/98 Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 15/94, No. 46/97 Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 49/97 Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 47/2002	"Glasnik" No. 1, p. 66-79 (English) - - Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 49/97 (English) OJ EPO 1997, 538 (English, French, German) -	PA Fees Law Reg. Ext. Reg. PL 2003 Law on GAP

Filing of European patent applications pursuant to Article 75, paragraphs 1(b) and 2, EPC

II.

European patent applications may be filed at the EPO at Munich, its branch at The Hague, its sub-office in Berlin (however not in Vienna) or, if the law of a contracting state so permits, at the central industrial property office or other competent authority of that state.

The following table indicates, for each contracting state, whether European patent applications may be filed at the option of the applicant at the EPO or a national authority, which applications must be filed with the national authorities, the languages in which European patent applications are accepted by the national authorities and what special features need to be borne in mind in connection with the filing.

For the purpose of filing an application, a national representative does not need to be appointed if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of the state concerned (Article 133(1) and (2) EPC).

Attention is drawn to the fact that a translation in respect of every application which is not in English, French or German must be filed in one of these

languages within three months of the filing of the European application, but no later than 13 months after the date of priority (Article 14(2), Rule 6(1) EPC). If this translation is not filed in due time, the application is deemed to be withdrawn (Article 90(3) EPC).

European divisional applications must always be filed directly with the EPO at Munich, The Hague or Berlin (Article 76(1) EPC).

With regard to the languages specified in column 3, applicants are recommended to file applications where possible in the official language(s) of these states as difficulties of communication may arise - in particular in the case of states which have to examine applications in the light of national security regulations - possibly resulting in European patent applications being deemed to be withdrawn because of non-observance of the time limit for forwarding such applications (Article 77(5) EPC).

This table contains no information on extension states since Article 75(1)(b) EPC does not apply to these states.

* See decision of the President of the EPO and Notice from the EPO: OJ EPO 2005, 41 and 44.

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France Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) 26bis, rue de St. Pétersbourg 75800 PARIS CEDEX 08 Tel. (+ 33 1) 53 04 53 04 Fax (+ 33 1) 53 04 52 65 www.inpi.fr	Yes	Applicants having a residence or their principal place of business in France must file with INPI unless claiming the priority of an earlier French application.	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC	French	<p>Applications as in column 1 may be filed at the EPO, with INPI in Paris or at its branch offices in Bordeaux, Grenoble, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nancy, Nantes, Nice-Sophia Antipolis, Rennes, Strasbourg and Toulouse.</p> <p>Applications as in column 2 may not be freely disseminated or utilised without the authorisation of the Minister responsible. Such authorisation is automatically deemed to have been given 4 months after the filing date or 4 months after the priority date.</p> <p>Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*</p> <p>Applications may also be filed electronically via <i>epoline</i>[®] (see decision of the Director of INPI No. 2002-801 dated 18 December 2002).</p> <p>The requirements for electronic filing are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prior subscription to INPI's electronic patent-filing service. The relevant contract can be downloaded from INPI's website: http://www.inpi.fr/front/content/ART_144_111.php?archive=0&StartRow=0&order=1 - the use of filing software provided for that purpose and of an electronic certificate accepted by INPI. <p>The certificate policy is implemented by use of a smart card containing a certificate making it possible to identify the applicant and to encode the transaction.</p> <p>The card is valid for three years (cost: EUR 150) and is issued by INPI in physical form at either 34 rue de Saint Petersburg – Paris 8e or its regional offices. The system requires a GEMPC 410 or GEMPC 430 smart-card reader.</p> <p>Address of the server for submission of electronic applications: https://brevet.e-inpi.net/eolf/receiver</p> <p>More information at www.INPI.fr</p> <p>Art. R. 614-3. to 5. Decr.</p>

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Iceland Icelandic Patent Office Skúlagötu 63 150 REYKJAVIK Tel. (+ 35 4) 580-9400 Fax: (+ 35 4) 580-9401 www.patent.is postur@patent.is	Yes Art. 75(3) PA	-	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC	Icelandic	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*
Ireland Patents Office Government Buildings Hebron Road KILKENNY Tel. (+ 353 56) 77201 11 Fax (+ 353 56) 77201 00 www.patentoffice.ie patlib@entemp.ie or Patents Office Information Centre Ground Floor, The Earlsfort Centre Lower Hatch Street DUBLIN 2 Tel. (+ 353 1) 631 26 03, ext. 2737 or 2742 Fax (+ 353 1) 631 25 51 patdub@entemp.ie	Yes Sect. 120(7) PA	-	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC	Irish English	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*
Italy Ufficio Italiano Brevetti e Marchi (UIBM) Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico Via Molise 19 00187 ROMA Tel. (+ 39 06) 47 05 56 43 Fax (+ 39 06) 47 05 56 32, 47 05 56 35 sala.pubblico2@ attivitaproduttive.gov.it	Yes, if priority of an application filed in Italy over 90 days previously is claimed and such application has not been made subject to the official secrets regulations or if the applicant has requested and obtained authorisation from the UIBM for filing abroad Art. 149 PL	European first applications filed by applicants having a residence or their principal place of business in Italy Art. 149 PL	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC (see also column 5)	Italian	European patent applications may be filed by post (registered mail with advice of delivery) directly with the Italian Patent and Trademark Office UIBM (Ufficio Italiano Brevetti e Marchi) or handed in to the Chamber of Commerce (Camera di Commercio), Via Capitan Bavastro n. 115, Rome. European patent applications which are not filed in Italian must be accompanied by a translation of the description and claims and, where appropriate, by a copy of the drawings. This requirement is waived if priority of an application filed in Italy over 90 days previously is claimed and such application has not been made subject to the official secrets regulations, or if the applicant is not resident in Italy (see column 2). Art. 149 PL Circular No. 136 of 20.02.79

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Latvia Latvian Patent Office Citadeles iela 7(70) P.O. Box 824 1010 RIGA Tel.: (+ 371) 709 96 00 Fax (+ 371) 709 96 50 www.lrpv.lv valde@lrpv.lv	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.				
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland				
Lithuania The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania Kalvariju g. 3 09310 VILNIUS Tel. (+ 370 5) 278 02 50 Fax (+ 370 5) 275 07 23 www.vpb.gov.lt spb@vpb.gov.lt	Yes Art. 59 ⁽¹⁾ (1) PL	Applications containing a professional or state secret Art. 59 ⁽¹⁾ (4) PL	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC	Lithuanian	Filing the applications by facsimile or other electronic media is not allowed.
Luxembourg Ministère de l'Economie et du Commerce extérieur - Direction de la Propriété Intellectuelle 2914 LUXEMBOURG Tel. (+ 35 2) 478 41 13 Fax (+ 35 2) 22 26 60 www.etat.lu/eco/ dpi@eco.etat.lu	Yes Art. 7 Law of 27.5.77	Applications relating to inventions of relevance to national security Art. 8 Law of 27.5.77 Law of 8.7.67 Reg. of 18.9.69	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC	French German Luxembourgish	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*
Monaco Direction de l'Expansion Economique Division de la Propriété Intellectuelle 9 Rue du Gabian 98000 MONACO Tel. (+ 377) 93 15 84 90 Fax (+ 377) 92 05 75 20 mcpi@gouv.mc	Yes Art. 1 SO No. 10.427	N/A	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC Art. 1 MD	French	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.* Art. 1 MD
Netherlands Octrooiencentrum Nederland (Netherlands Patent Office) Postbus 5820 2280 HV RIJWIJK (ZH) Tel. (+ 31 70) 398 66 55 Fax (+31 70) 390 01 90 www.octrooiencentrum.nl	No European patent applications must be filed at the EPO.	Applications whose content must be kept secret in the interest of the defence of the Kingdom Art. 46 PA	Applications under column 2 may be filed in all the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC.	Dutch	Care should be taken not to address European patent applications, which are filed at the branch of the EPO at The Hague, to the NPO, which is in the same building. The postal address of the branch of the EPO at The Hague is as follows: "Postbus 5818, 2280 HV RIJWIJK"

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Poland Urząd Patentowy RP (Patent Office of the Republic of Poland) Al. Niepodległości 188/192 P.O. Box 203 00-950 WARSZAWA Tél. : (+ 48 22) 825 80 01 Fax: (+ 48 22) 875 06 80 www.uprp.pl	Yes	European patent applications filed by a Polish national or a Polish legal person having his domicile or business seat within the territory of the Republic of Poland must be filed with the PL Patent Office and must be accompanied by a translation into Polish.	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC	Polish	Applications may also be filed by facsimile and, if so, the original copy thereof must be furnished within 30 days of the date on which the transmission by facsimile was effected.* For European patent applications the PL Patent Office also admits electronic filing. SMART cards accepted Digital certificates issued by the following certification authorities are accepted for EP e-filing by the RO: European Patent Office CA (Pink Roccade) 1. Server addresses: PCT PROD: https://pctsafe.uprp.pl/olf/pctreceiver DEMO: https://pctsafe.uprp.pl/demo/olf/pctreceiver EP DEMO: https://eolf.uprp.pl/demo/olf/receiver PROD: https://eolf.uprp.pl/olf/receiver Art. 13 §§ 2 and 3 IPL
Portugal Instituto Nacional da Propriedade Industrial (INPI) Campo das Cebolas 1149-035 LISBOA Tel. (+ 351 21) 881 81 00 Fax (+ 351 21) 887 53 08, 886 00 66, 888 37 20 www.inpi.pt cadm@inpi.pt	Yes	Applicants having their residence or principal place of business in Portugal must file any European patent application with INPI unless claiming the priority of an earlier Portuguese application and if the invention was not considered secret by the competent authorities	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC (see also column 5)	Portuguese	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.* The filing fee of EUR 64.87 is payable when filing the application. European patent applications which are not filed in Portuguese must be accompanied - unless the priority of an earlier Portuguese national filing is claimed - by a translation into Portuguese of the description, claims and abstract, and by a copy of the drawings even if these contain no text for translation. Fees Order Art. 77(2) PA

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Romania State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (OSIM) 5, Ion Ghica Street district 3, B.P. 52 70018 BUCUREȘTI Tel. (+ 40 21) 315 90 66, 315 19 66, 312 57 40 Fax (+ 40 21) 312 38 19 www.osim.ro office@osim.ro	Yes European divisional applications must always be filed direct with the EPO (Art. 76(1) EPC). Art. 3 AccEPCLaw	EP applications for inventions made in Romania and with subject-matter of significance for national security must be filed with the OSIM Art. 4(2) AccEPCLaw	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC Art. 4(1) AccEPCLaw	Romanian	Filing the applications by facsimile is not allowed.
Slovakia Úrad priemyselného vlastníctva Slovenskej republiky Jána Švermu 43 974 04 BANSKÁ BYSTRICA 4 Tel. (+ 421 48) 430 01 11 Fax (+ 421 48) 413 25 63 www.indprop.gov.sk	Yes § 66 PA	Applications filed by persons of Slovak nationality or having a residence or their principal place of business in Slovakia and which are of importance for national security and defence § 59 PA	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC	Slovak	The SK Patent Office admits electronic filing. Electronic filing software: epoline® Online Filing software Type of electronic signature: EPO Smart Card Server addresses: Demo mode: https://eolf.upv.sk/demo/olf/receiver Production mode: https://eolf.upv.sk/olf/receiver Helpdesk Tel. (+ 421 48) 430 03 32 Fax: (+ 421 48) 430 03 50 E-mail. helpdesk@indprop.gov.sk Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*
Slovenia Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) Kotnikova 6 p.p.206 1000 LJUBLJANA Tel. (+ 386 1) 478 31 00 Fax (+ 386 1) 478 31 11 www.uil-sipo.si	Yes Art. 25(1) IPA	N/A	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC Art. 25(1) IPA	Slovenian	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.* Art. 80(2) IPA

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Contracting state Central industrial property office	1 Applicant can choose between EPO and national authorities (subject to column 2)	2 Applications which must be filed with national authorities	3 Languages in which European patent applications must or may be filed with national authorities	4 Official language(s)	5 Special features
Spain Oficina Española de Patentes y Marcas Paseo de la Castellana, 75 28046 MADRID Tel. (+ 34) 902 157 530 Fax (+ 34 91) 349 55 97 www.oepm.es	Yes	Applicants having their head office, domicile, normal residence or permanent place of business in Spain must file in Spain unless claiming the priority of an earlier Spanish application.	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC (see also column 5)	Spanish	European patent applications which are not filed in Spanish must be accompanied by a translation of the description and claims and, where appropriate, by a copy of the drawings. Applications may also be filed by facsimile.* Applications can be filed online using the ES-EOLF V2.10 software developed on the basis of the EPO's EPOLINE OLF V2.10 software. The main features are: - Requirement for electronic signature issued by "Fábrica nacional de Moneda y Timbre" - Use of CERES smart card. - Registration with the OEPM The software can be downloaded at: ftp://ftp.oepm.es/anon/SoftEpoline/Modulo_Cliente/es_(ep_pct_210_sp4)_12.exe All the relevant details can be found (in Spanish) at: http://www.oepm.es/internet/ventanilla/primer.htm
Sweden Patent- och registreringsverket Box 5055 10242 STOCKHOLM Tel. (+ 46 8) 782 25 00 Fax (+ 46 8) 666 02 86 www.prv.se prv@prv.se	Yes	Defence inventions which have been made in Sweden or belong to a person domiciled in Sweden or to a Swedish legal person must be filed at the SE Patent Office or submitted to the "Gransknings- nämnden för försvarsuppfinningar" (Defence inventions examination committee). Defence Invention Act	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC	Swedish	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*

* See decision of the President of the EPO and notice from the EPO: OJ EPO 2005, 41 and 44.

- A. Rights conferred by a European patent application after publication pursuant to Article 93 EPC (Article 67 EPC)**
- B. Filing of translations of the claims pursuant to Article 67(3) EPC**

III.

Under Article 67(1) EPC, from the date of its publication under Article 93 EPC, a European patent application provisionally confers on the applicant such protection as is conferred by Article 64, in the contracting states designated (see OJ EPO 1997, 479) in the application as published, ie the same rights as would be conferred by a national patent granted in those states.

Pursuant to Article 67(2), however, contracting states may confer protection which is less than that referred to in Article 64 EPC. That protection may not, though, be less than that which would result from publication of an unexamined national patent application. The applicant must at least be given the right to claim compensation reasonable in the circumstances from an unauthorised user.

A further exception to the basic rule in Article 67(1) is laid down in Article 67(3) regarding the date from which provisional protection is effective.

Under that provision, any contracting state which does not have as an official language the language of the proceedings may prescribe that provisional protection shall not be effective until such time as a translation of the claims in one of its official languages at the option of the applicant or, where that state has prescribed the use of one specific official language, in that language:

- (a) has been made available to the public in the manner prescribed by national law, or
- (b) has been communicated to the person using the invention in the said state.

No time limits are prescribed for filing the above-mentioned translations in the contracting states: provisional protection in the individual contracting states becomes effective only when the conditions referred to in Article 67(3) EPC have been fulfilled.

III. A. Rights conferred by a European patent application after publication
pursuant to Article 93 EPC (Article 67 EPC)

Contracting state	1 Provisional protection under Art. 67 EPC	2 Rights conferred	3 Translation of the claims necessary pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC?	4 When does the right referred to in column 1 arise if a translation pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC is necessary?
Austria	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) § 4(1) ILPT	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances § 4(1) ILPT	Yes § 4(2) ILPT	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user § 4(2) ILPT
Belgium	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 3(3) Law of 8.7.77	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 3(3) Law of 8.7.77	Yes Art. 3(3) Law of 8.7.77	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Art. 3(3) Law of 8.7.77
Bulgaria	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 72b(3), 18 PL	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 72b(3), 18(3) PL	Yes Art. 72b(2) PL	When the mention of the filing of the translation has been published in the Official Bulletin Art. 72b PL
Cyprus	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Sect. 28(1) PL	Reasonable compensation, possibly interlocutory remedies and invalidation. The court hearing the infringement action can stay proceedings until the patent is granted. Sect. 28(2), 61(2), 72(1) PL	Yes Sect. 65 PL	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Sect. 65 PL
Czech Republic	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) §§ 35a(4), 11(3) PA	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances §§ 35a(4), 11(3) PA	Yes § 35a(4) PA	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, and notice of the fact is published in "Věstník Úřadu průmyslového vlastnictví" (Bulletin of the CZ Industrial Property Office) § 35a(4) PA
Denmark	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) § 83 PA	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances §§ 58(2), 83(2) PA	Yes § 83(1) PA	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7 § 83(2) PA
Estonia	Yes § 6 IA § 18 PA	Injunction; administrative or criminal liability; damages § 6 IA §§ 52, 53 PA	Yes § 6 IA	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user § 6 IA
Finland	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) § 70n PA	Damages; compensation reasonable in the circumstances §§ 58, 70n PA	Yes § 70n PA	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, and notice of the fact is published in "Patenttilehti" (Finnish Patent Bulletin) § 70n PA

Contracting state	1 Provisional protection under Art. 67 EPC	2 Rights conferred	3 Translation of the claims necessary pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC?	4 When does the right referred to in column 1 arise if a translation pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC is necessary?
France	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. L. 614-9. Law No. 92-597	Damages; possibly seizure of the articles infringing the patent application; the court hearing the infringement action stays proceedings until the patent is granted. Art. L. 614-9. Law No. 92-597	Yes Art. L. 614-9. Law. No. 92-597	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Art. L. 614-9. Law No. 92-597 Art. R. 614-9 and R. 614-11 Decr.
Germany	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. II § 1(1) LIPC	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. II § 1(1) LIPC	Yes Art. II § 1(2) LIPC	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Art. II § 1(2) LIPC
Greece	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. 23(2) Law No. 1733/87 Art. 10 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	Damages; possibly seizure of the articles infringing the patent application; the court hearing the infringement action can stay decisions until the patent is granted. Art. 17(3) Law No. 1733/87	Yes Art. 23(3) Law No. 1733/87 Art. 10 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7 Art. 10 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88

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Contracting state	1 Provisional protection under Art. 67 EPC	2 Rights conferred	3 Translation of the claims necessary pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC?	4 When does the right referred to in column 1 arise if a translation pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC is necessary?
Italy	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. 54 PL	Damages; possibly description and seizure of the articles infringing the patent application and anything used in the making thereof Art. 124, 126, 128, 129, 130, 131 PL	Yes Art. 54 PL	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Art. 54 PL
Latvia	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal			
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland			
Lithuania	Yes (Art. 67(3)(a) EPC) Art. 59 ⁽²⁾ (2) PL	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 41(1) PL	Yes Art. 59 ⁽²⁾ (2) PL	Date of publication of translation of the claims in the Official Bulletin Art. 59 ⁽²⁾ (2) PL
Luxembourg	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 3(1) Law of 27.5.77	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 3(2) Law of 27.5.77	Yes Art. 4(1) Law of 27.5.77	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Art. 92(1) PL
Monaco	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. 2 SO No. 10.427	Damages and possibly fine; possibly seizure of the articles infringing the patent application Art. 44, 45, 48, 50 PA	Yes Art. 2(2) SO No. 10.427	When the translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer. (The translation is to be sent only to the alleged infringer and not to the MC Patent Office.) Art. 2(2) SO No. 10.427
Netherlands	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 72(1), (2) PA	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 72(1), (2) PA	Yes Art. 72(3) PA	30 days after notification of the applicant's rights (writ) has been served on the user; this writ must be accompanied by the Dutch translation of the claims or else indicate that the translation has been entered in the patent register. Art. 72(3) PA
Poland	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 4 § 2 EPAL Art. 287 IPL	Cessation of the infringement, redress of its consequences, surrender of the unlawfully obtained profits and compensation for damages in accordance with the general principles of law Art. 287 IPL	Yes Art. 4 § 2 EPAL	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, and notice of the fact is published in "Biuletyn Urzędu Patentowego" (Bulletin of the PL Patent Office) Art. 4 § 2 EPAL

Contracting state	1 Provisional protection under Art. 67 EPC	2 Rights conferred	3 Translation of the claims necessary pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC?	4 When does the right referred to in column 1 arise if a translation pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC is necessary?
Portugal	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. 78(1), 5(1), (2), (3) PA	Seizure Art. 319(1) PA Preliminary injunction Art. 339 PA The court hearing the infringement action stays proceedings until the patent is granted. Art. 5(3) PA	Yes Art. 78(1) PA	When the translation of the claims and a copy of the drawings is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Art. 78(1), (2), 5(1), (2) PA
Romania	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 5(2) AccEPCLaw Art. 34 PL	Damages; action may only be brought after grant of the patent. Art. 58(4) PL	Yes Art. 5(2) AccEPCLaw	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7 Art. 5(2) AccEPCLaw
Slovakia	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) § 60 PA	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances § 32 PA	Yes § 60 PA	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public, and notice to this effect is published in the Official Journal § 60(3) PA
Slovenia	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 26(2), 122(4) IPA	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances; action may only be brought after grant of a patent Art. 122(4) IPA	Yes Art. 26(2) IPA	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer Art. 26(2) IPA
Spain	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 59 PL Art. 5 RD 2424	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 59 PL	Yes Art. 5 RD 2424	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7 Art. 5 RD 2424
Sweden	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) § 88(2) PA	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances §§ 58, 87, 88(2) PA	Yes § 88(1) PA	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, and notice of the fact is published in the Swedish Patent Bulletin § 88(2) PA
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 111 PA	Damages; action may only be brought after grant of the patent. Art. 111(2), 73(3) PA	Yes Art. 112 PA	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Art. 112 PA
Turkey	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) R. 8 RegEPC	Damages; possibly seizure of the articles infringing the patent application Art. 137 DL No. 551	Yes R. 9 RegEPC	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user R. 8 RegEPC

Contracting state	1 Provisional protection under Art. 67 EPC	2 Rights conferred	3 Translation of the claims necessary pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC?	4 When does the right referred to in column 1 arise if a translation pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC is necessary?
United Kingdom	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Sect. 78(1), (2), (3)(d), 69 PA	Damages; court proceedings may only be brought after grant of the patent Sect. 69 PA (see also Sect. 62 PA regarding innocent infringers)	Yes Sect. 78(7), (8) PA R. 80 and Schedule 4:3 PR	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Sect. 78(7) PA

Extension state	1 Provisional protection under Art. 67 EPC	2 Rights conferred	3 Translation of the claims necessary pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC?	4 When does the right referred to in column 1 arise if a translation pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC is necessary?
Albania	Yes Art. 4(1) Ext. Reg.	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 27 PL	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer in Albania Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.			
Croatia	Yes Art. 102(2) PA	Damages in accordance with the general rules for compensation of damage Art. 60(1) PA	Yes Art. 102(2) PA	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer Art. 102(2) PA
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005.)	Yes § 18(7) LPL	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances § 18(7), 31(7), (8) LPL	Yes § 18(7) LPL	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer § 18(7) LPL
Lithuania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2004.)	Yes Art. 53(2) PL	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 41(1) PL	Yes Art. 53(2) PL	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer Art. 53(2) PL
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)	Yes Art. 34 PL Art. IV.2 GO	Damages; action may only be brought after grant of the patent. Art. 58(4) PL	Yes Art. IV.2 GO	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public by OSIM (see table III.B, column 7) Art. 34 PL Art. IV.2 GO
Serbia	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.			
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Decr.	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances; action may only be brought after grant of a patent. Art. 122(4) IPA	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Decr.	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer Art. 4(2) Ext. Decr.

Extension state	1 Provisional protection under Art. 67 EPC	2 Rights conferred	3 Translation of the claims necessary pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC?	4 When does the right referred to in column 1 arise if a translation pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC is necessary?
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.</p>	<p>Damages in accordance with the general rules for compensation of damage</p> <p>Art. 94, 95, 96 PA (Art. 201, 202, 203, 204 PL 2003)</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.</p>	<p>From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer</p> <p>Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.</p>

III. B. Filing of translations of the claims pursuant to Article 67(3) EPC

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Austria	<p>Yes; attorney at law, patent attorney or notary authorised to represent parties on a professional basis in Austria.</p> <p>However, if the residence or place of business is in the EEA, a person authorised to accept service who is a resident of Austria may be appointed instead.</p> <p>§ 24 ILPT § 21(4) PA</p>	<p>(a) EUR 150 plus EUR 130 for every 15 pages following the 16th page of the translation (see also column 10)</p> <p>(b) The translation is not published until the fee has been paid.</p> <p>§ 4(2) ILPT §§ 8, 27(2) LPOF</p>	<p>German</p> <p>§ 4(2) ILPT</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>1</p>
Belgium	<p>Yes, in the case of natural or legal persons having neither a residence nor their actual place of business in a member state of the European Union.</p> <p>Natural or legal persons obliged or wishing to be represented in patent matters before the OPRI by a third party must use a professional representative (authorised to act before the OPRI or, in a member state of the European Union, a legal practitioner).</p> <p>Natural or legal persons having their residence or an actual place of business in a member state of the European Union may be represented in patent matters before the OPRI by an employee, who need not be a professional representative but must be authorised. In patent matters, a professional representative may only act before the OPRI through one of his employees if that employee is himself a professional representative.</p> <p>Art. 55, 57, 58, 60 PA</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>French, Dutch or German</p> <p>(with regard to German see however OJ EPO 1999, 320)</p> <p>Art. 3(3) Law of 8.7.77</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Art. 4(1) RD of 27.2.81</p>

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Bulgaria	Yes Applicants with no permanent address or principal place of business in the Republic of Bulgaria are required to act in proceedings before the BG Patent Office through local industrial property representatives. Art. 3(2) PL	(a) publication fee: BGN 40 (b) No mention of the filing of the translation is published in the Official Bulletin until the fee for publication has been paid. Art. 72b(2) PL	Bulgarian Art. 72b(2) PL	No	3 Art. 72b(2) PL
Cyprus	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Cyprus must appoint a professional representative resident in Cyprus. Sect. 79(2) PL	(a) CYP 50 (b) Mention of the filing of the translation is not published until the fee has been paid. R. 53(1) PFR	Greek R. 53(2) PFR	Yes Form P.18	2 R. 53 PFR
Czech Republic	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business on the territory of the Czech Republic should be represented by a patent attorney or a legal practitioner. It is not strictly required in the case of EU citizens; an address for correspondence in the Czech Republic must be given. § 70 PA Act No. 417/2004 Coll. on Patent Attorneys Act No. 85/1996 Coll. on the Legal Profession	(a) CZK 500 (b) The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. § 35a(4) PA	Czech § 35a(4) PA	No	1

6 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rule 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	7 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	8 Correction of translation permitted?	9 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	10 Special features
Yes	<p>Making available of the translation of the claims by the BG Patent Office (inspection in the Patent Library)</p> <p>Mention of the filing of the translation in the Official Bulletin</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. 72b(2) PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 72d(3) PL</p>	<p>Fee for publication of the mention of the correction in the Official Bulletin: BGN 40</p> <p>Art. 72d(3) PL</p>	<p>The translation of the claims must be accompanied by a translation of the bibliographic data of the European patent application (name and address of the applicant, title of the invention, the EP application and publication numbers, number and date of European Patent Bulletin).</p> <p>Art. 72b(2) PL</p> <p>Corrections concerning the claims of a European patent application must be made available to the public by the BG Patent Office at the same time as the mention in the Bulletin is published, and have effect with respect to third parties as of the publication date of the mention.</p> <p>Art. 72d(3)(4) PL</p>
<p>Yes</p> <p>R. 53(3) PFR</p>	<p>Mention in the Official Gazette</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>R. 53(5) PFR</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Form P.5 Sect. 67 PL R. 6(2) PFR</p>	<p>CYP 50</p> <p>R. 13(1) PFR</p>	<p>Proof of payment of the fee must be submitted with the translation.</p> <p>R. 53(1) PFR</p> <p>The EP application and publication number, the name and address of the applicant and the title of the invention must be submitted with the translation. Where a priority is claimed the relevant particulars must be stated.</p> <p>R. 53(2) PFR</p> <p>The filing of the translation is recorded in the Record Book, vol. B Part B.</p> <p>R. 53(4) PFR</p>
Yes	<p>Mention in the "Věstník Úřadu průmyslového vlastnictví" (Bulletin of the CZ Industrial Property Office)</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>§ 35a(4) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 35a(6) PA</p>	<p>CZK 500</p> <p>§ 35a(6) PA</p>	<p>The translation must contain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the name and address of the applicant - the EP application and publication number - the title of the invention in Czech.

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Denmark	No	No	Danish § 83(1) PA	No (but recommended)	1
Estonia	No, but it is recommended (see also column 10). § 19 REP	(a) EEK 500 (b) date on which translation is filed § 6 IA § 140(1) FA	Estonian § 6 IA	No (see also column 10)	2 § 20(4) REP

6 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rule 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	7 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	8 Correction of translation permitted?	9 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	10 Special features
Yes	<p>Mention in "Dansk Patenttidende" (Danish Patent Gazette)</p> <p>Internet</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>§ 83(1) PA §§ 113, 114(2) PO</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 86 PA</p>	No	<p>The EP application number and the name and address of the applicant must be given with the translation. Otherwise the translation is deemed not to have been filed. The title of the invention in Danish must also be supplied with the translation.</p> <p>§ 113 PO</p>
Yes	<p>Mention in "Eesti Patendileht" (Official Gazette)</p> <p>Inspection at the Estonian Patent Office and Patent Library</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>§ 6 IA § 23 REP</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 9 IA</p>	No	<p>A request for publication and proof of payment of the fee must be submitted with the translation.</p> <p>The following information must be given in the request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European application number; - European application date; - any priority data, if applicable; - the IPC; - the title of the invention; - the applicant's name and address; - the representative's name and address for service, if applicable. <p>Translations may also be filed by a common representative, if any, or authorised professional representative before the EPO. A duly authorised professional representative or common representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.</p> <p>A power of attorney must be submitted with the translation, when the translation is filed by the Estonian patent attorney. The Office accepts an Estonian patent attorney whose name is entered in the State Register of Patent Attorneys as specialising in the legal protection of inventions and layout designs of integrated circuits.</p> <p>If the translation does not comply with the requirements, an Estonian patent attorney must be appointed to submit the corrections.</p> <p>The translation is not deemed to have been filed until all the requirements have been met.</p> <p>§§ 19 to 22 REP</p>

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6 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rule 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	7 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	8 Correction of translation permitted?	9 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	10 Special features
Yes	<p>Published in the form of printed patent documents</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Mention in "Patenttilehti" (Finnish Patent Bulletin)</p> <p>Entry in a separate diary, open to the public</p> <p>§ 70n PA §§ 52t, 52x PD</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 70q PA</p>	No	<p>The EP application number and the name and address of the applicant must accompany the translation. Otherwise the translation is deemed not to have been filed.</p> <p>§ 52v PD</p>
Yes (see also column 10)	<p>Notice of the filing of the translation appears in the Official Bulletin (BOPI)</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. R. 614-9 Decr.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. L. 614-10. Law No. 92-597</p>	<p>EUR 35</p> <p>Art. R. 614-12 and R. 614-18 Decr. Fees Ord. of 2.8.05</p>	<p>A request for publication and proof of payment of the requisite fee must be submitted with the translation.</p> <p>Art. R. 614-11 Decr.</p> <p>The translation may be filed with INPI in Paris or the branch offices in Bordeaux, Grenoble, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nancy, Nantes, Nice-Sophia Antipolis, Rennes, Strasbourg or Toulouse</p> <p>The following information must be given in the upper third part of the first page of the translation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European publication number - European application number - number and date of the European Patent Bulletin in which the application was published - application date - the title of the invention - the applicant's name - the IPC - any priority data, if applicable. <p>For further formal requirements, see the INPI notice in PIBD 1995 IV 128 and 1997 IV 37.</p>

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Germany	No	(a) EUR 60 (b) Within three months of receipt of the request for publication Art. II § 2(1) LIPC § 6(1) LPF No. 313800 Fees Schedule LPF	German Art. II § 1(2) LIPC	Yes EPA/DPA 110 (see also column 10) § 1 Publ. Reg.	2 § 2 Publ. Reg.
Greece	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Greece must appoint a representative for service (any natural person or any attorney) resident in Greece. Art. 19(3) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	(a) EUR 100 (b) Date on which translation is filed with the OBI Mention of the filing of the translation is published only when the fee has been paid. Art. 9(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 Dec. of 14.11.2005	Greek The translation must be certified by a Greek legal practitioner or by an authority empowered to do so (ie the Translation Dept. of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 10 Arionos Street, Athens, or any Greek Consulate abroad). Art. 23(5) Law No. 1733/87 Art. 9(2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	No	2 Art. 9(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88

6 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rule 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	7 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	8 Correction of translation permitted?	9 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	10 Special features
Yes	<p>Published in the form of a printed patent document</p> <p>Mention in the Patent Bulletin ("Patentblatt")</p> <p>Art. II § 2(1) LIPC</p>	Yes	<p>EUR 60</p> <p>Art. II § 2(1) LIPC No. 313800 Fees Schedule LPF</p>	<p>At the head of the first page of all communications sent to the Patent Office, the EP application number must be given, preceded by the letters "EP".</p> <p>§ 3 Publ. Reg.</p> <p>If the request for the publication of the German translation (see column 4) is not filed using the prescribed form, there are no adverse legal consequences (objection, delay in the publication), in so far as the translation was accompanied by all the prescribed data as laid down in § 1 Publ. Reg.</p> <p>If the fee shown in column 2 is not paid in time, the translation is deemed not to have been filed.</p> <p>Art. II § 2(1) LIPC</p>
<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 9(3) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>Mention in "EDBI"</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. 9(5) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The issue number and the date of the first publication in EDBI must be indicated.</p> <p>Art. 13(4) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The EP application and publication numbers, the applicant's name and address and the title of the invention in Greek must be submitted with the translation.</p> <p>Art. 9(2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p> <p>The filing of the translation is registered in the Records Book (Volume B).</p> <p>Art. 9(4) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Hungary	<p>Foreign applicants whose permanent residence or seat is not in the territory of the EEA must appoint a professional representative who is entitled to act before the HPO.</p> <p>This professional representative does not have to be a national professional representative but must be domiciled in the EEA.</p> <p>Art. 51(1), (4) PA</p>	<p>(a) HUF 21 400 plus HUF 3 200 for the sixth and each subsequent page of the translation</p> <p>(b) within two months of filing the request for publication of the mention in the official gazette of the HPO</p> <p>If the fee for publishing the claims is not paid at the time the request is filed, the HPO invites the applicant to remedy the deficiency within the set time limit. If this time limit is not observed, the request is deemed to have been withdrawn.</p> <p>Art. 84/E(2)-(6) PA Art. 4(1) FeeDecr</p>	Hungarian	No	2
Iceland	<p>Yes, an applicant who is not domiciled in Iceland must have an agent, residing in the European Economic Area.</p> <p>Art. 12 PA</p>	No	Icelandic	No	1
Ireland	<p>No, but recommended (see also column 10)</p> <p>R. 92, 93(1) PR SI No.141 of 2006 SI No.142 of 2006</p>	<p>(a) EUR 35</p> <p>(b) date on which translation is filed</p> <p>R. 84 and Schedule I Fees Rules</p>	<p>English (see also column 10)</p> <p>Sect. 120(6) PA</p>	No	1

6 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rule 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	7 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	8 Correction of translation permitted?	9 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	10 Special features
Yes	Mention in the official gazette of the HPO, the "Szabadalmi Közlöny és Védjegyértékesítő" (Gazette of Patents and Trademarks) The HPO keeps a separate record of European patent applications on which provisional protection has been conferred. Copies available	Yes	HUF 21 400 plus HUF 3 200 for sixth and each subsequent page of the translation	The claims must be translated in accordance with the detailed formal requirements set out in PatForm.
Art. 9 PForm	Art. 84/E(1), (7) and (8) PA Art. 17 FeeDecr	Art. 12(1) to (3) PForm	Art. 4(3) FeeDecr	Art. 84/E(3) PA
Yes	Mention in "ELS-tíðindi" (Icelandic Patent Gazette) Inspection in reading room Copies available Art. 83(1) PA Art. 82, 83(2) PR	Yes Art. 86 PA	No	A translation pursuant to Art. 83 of the Patents Act must be accompanied by information on the application number and by the name and address of the applicant. Should this condition not be fulfilled, the translation shall be regarded as not having been filed. Art. 82 PR
Yes	Inspection at the Patents Office Copies available	Yes	Yes, as in column 2 to be paid within one month of filing the corrected translation if it is desired that the translation be published by the IPO.	Where there are proceedings before the IPO, applicants with neither residence nor place of business in the European Community must be represented by an authorised patent agent and must give an address for service in the European Community which may be that of a patent agent. R. 92, 93(1) PR SI No.141 of 2006 SI No.142 of 2006 The translation shall be verified to the satisfaction of the Controller by the translator as being true to the best of his knowledge and belief.
R. 15 PR	Sect. 2, 100(3), 120(6) PA R. 65 and Schedule I Fees Rules	Sect. 121(3) PA R. 85 PR	Sect. 121(3) PA R. 85 and Schedule I Fees Rules	

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Italy	No, but an address for service in Italy must be given.	No	Italian Art. 54 PL	Yes - in triplicate (if acknowledgement of receipt is required: in quadruplicate; see column 2)	1
Latvia	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.				
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland				
Lithuania	Yes Foreign natural persons who are not permanently resident in the Republic of Lithuania, any other EEA member state or EPC contracting state, as well as foreign legal persons who do not have a subsidiary or representation registered in the Republic of Lithuania or their place of business, subsidiary or representation in any other EEA Member State or EPC contracting state, shall file their applications with the State Patent Bureau and perform at the State Patent Bureau all actions connected with the granting of the patent, including representation at the Division of Appeals of the State Patent Bureau, through an attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of the Republic of Lithuania.	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.	Lithuanian Art. 59 ⁽²⁾ (2) PL	No	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Luxembourg	No Art. 93 PL	(a) EUR 14 (b) Date on which translation is filed Art. 2(3) Reg. of 9.5.78	French or German Art. 92(2) PL	No	1 Art. 2 Reg. of 9.5.78
Monaco	No	No	French	No	1 (see column 10)
Netherlands	No The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.	No	Dutch Art. 72(3) PA	No	2 Art. 15(1) PR
Poland	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business within the territory of Poland must be represented by a national patent attorney. Art. 236 § 3 IPL	No	Polish Art. 4 § 2 EPAL	No	3 § 13(1) FPR in conjunction with Art. 2 EPAL

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Yes	Entry in the patent register Inspection in reading room Copies available Art. 2(4) Reg. of 9.5.78	Yes Art. 4(2) Law of 27.5.77	EUR 14 Art. 2(5) Reg. of 9.5.78	The name and address of the applicant and the number and date of publication of the EP application must be submitted with the translation. Art. 2(1) Reg. of 9.5.78
N/A	N/A	Yes Art. 3(2) SO No. 10.427	No	The translation is to be notified only to the alleged infringer (not to the MC Patent Office).
No national formal requirements are laid down for translations.	Entry in the patent register Mention in "De Industriële Eigendom" Art. 72(5), 20(1) PA	No provisions laid down	No	-
Yes	Mention in "Biuletyn Urzędu Patentowego" (PL Patent Office Bulletin) Inspection in reading room Art. 4 §§ 2 - 4 EPAL	Yes Art. 7 § 3 EPAL	No	The translation must contain a translation of the title of the invention and indicate a class in which the invention has been classified according to the IPC.

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Yes	Mention in the Industrial Property Bulletin Inspection in reading room Copies available	Yes	EUR 10.81	Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Portugal must have the translation prepared by a professional representative before INPI.
	Art. 78(2), (3) PA	Art. 85(1) PA	Fees Order	Art. 81 PA
Yes	Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention in the Patent Bulletin	Yes	EUR 30 or RON 108	The following data must be provided with the translation: - EP application and publication numbers, - EP application and publication dates, - names and addresses of applicant(s) and inventor(s), - the title of the invention in Romanian, - drawings, if any
		Art. 7(2) AccEPCLaw	Annex 1.30 Fees Law	
Yes	Mention in the Official Journal Internet Inspection in reading room	Yes	Yes	The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has been duly provided.
§ 12 RPA		§ 62(3), (4) PA	§ 62(3) PA	§ 60(2) PA § 26 RPA
Yes	N/A	Yes	No	The translation of the claims is to be notified by the applicant to the alleged infringer.
		Art. 28(2) IPA		Art. 26(2), 28(2) IPA

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Spain	No, if applicant resides in Spain or in a country of the European Union. Requirements in column 10 must be observed. Art. 155 PL Art. 3 Law 8/1998	(a) EUR 97.61* (EUR 97 for translations on magnetic data carrier) (b) The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. * Note: the fees may be revised at the beginning of each year. as of 1.1.2007: EUR 99.56 (EUR 103.96 for translations on magnetic data carrier) Art. 6 RD 2424 Fees Law	Spanish (see column 10) Art. 5 RD 2424	Yes	3
Sweden	No The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.	(a) SEK 200 (b) Mention of the filing of the translation is not published until the fee has been paid. § 88(1) PA § 45 PD	Swedish The translation must be certified by the person who made the translation and who is responsible for it. § 88(1) PA § 39 POR	No	1
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	No, if supplied in accordance with the regulations The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation. Art. 13 PA	No	German, French or Italian Art. 112 PA Art. 4(1) PO	No	1 Art. 112 PA
Turkey	Yes; applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Turkey must appoint an authorised professional representative. R. 9 RegEPC	(a) TRY 315** (b) Date on which translation is filed with the TPI ** Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January. Fees 2006	Turkish	No	3

6 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rule 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	7 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	8 Correction of translation permitted?	9 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	10 Special features
Yes	<p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Mention in "Boletín Oficial de la Propiedad Industrial"</p>	Yes	Yes, as in column 2	<p>Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Spain must have the translation prepared by a patent attorney accredited to OEPM or by a sworn interpreter appointed by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p>
	Art. 32 PL Art. 5, 12 RD 2424	Art. 12 RD 2424	Art. 12 RD 2424 Fees Law	Art. 6 RD 2424
Yes	<p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Mention in "Svensk Patenttidning" (Swedish Patent Bulletin)</p> <p>Internet</p> <p>§ 88(1) PA § 62(2) PD</p>	Yes	<p>SEK 200</p> <p>§ 91(2) PA § 45 PD</p>	<p>The EP application number and the name and address of the applicant must be given with the translation. Otherwise it is deemed not to have been filed.</p> <p>§ 61 PD</p>
Yes	<p>Inspection in the Institute</p> <p>Copies available</p>	Yes	No	<p>The application number or the publication number of the EP application must be indicated when the translation is filed.</p>
	Art. 116(4) PO	Art. 114 PA Art. 116(5) PO		Art. 116(1) PO
Yes	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in the Official Patent Bulletin ("Resmi Patent Bülteni")</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p>	Yes	<p>TRY 315*</p> <p>* Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January.</p>	<p>The following data must be provided with the translation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EP application and publication numbers, - EP application and publication dates, - names and addresses of applicant(s) and inventor(s), - the title of the invention, - if a representative is appointed, his name and address, - the IPC, - the abstract, - drawing and priority data, if applicable
R. 9 RegEPC	R. 10 RegEPC	R. 16 RegEPC	Fees 2006	R. 9 RegEPC

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
United Kingdom	<p>No</p> <p>The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation (see also column 10).</p> <p>R. 30 PR</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Schedule to PFR</p>	<p>English</p> <p>Sect. 78(7) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Form 54/77 in duplicate</p> <p>R. 80 and Schedule 4:3 PR</p>	<p>2</p> <p>R. 80 and Schedule 4:3 PR</p>

Extension state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Albania	N/A	N/A	Albanian	N/A	N/A
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.				
Croatia	N/A	N/A	Croatian	N/A	N/A
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005 .)	N/A	N/A	Latvian § 18(7) LPL	N/A	N/A
Lithuania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2004 .)	N/A	N/A	Lithuanian Art. 53(2) PL	N/A	N/A
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003 .)	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Romania must appoint a representative authorised to act before the OSIM. Art. 41 PL	(a) EUR 60 or RON 216 (b) date on which translation is filed Annex 1.29 Fees Law Art. IV.2 GO	Romanian	No (but recommended)	3
Serbia	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.				

6 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rule 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	7 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	8 Correction of translation permitted?	9 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	10 Special features
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer.
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The translation of claims is to be notified to the alleged infringer. Art. 102(2) PA
N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer. § 18(7) LPL
N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer. Art. 53(2) PL
Yes	Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention in the Patent Bulletin	Yes	EUR 30 or RON 108 Annex 1.30 Fees Law Art. VI.2 GO	The following data must be provided with the translation: - EP application and publication numbers, - EP application and publication dates, - names and addresses of applicant(s) and inventor(s), - the title of the invention in Romanian, - drawings, if any

Extension state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	No	No	Slovenian	N/A	N/A
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	N/A	N/A	Macedonian	N/A	N/A

6 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rule 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	7 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	8 Correction of translation permitted?	9 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	10 Special features
Yes	N/A	Yes	No	The translation of the claims is to be notified by the applicant to the alleged infringer.
Art. 7, 8, 9 PR		Art. 6(3) Ext. Decr.		Art. 4(2) Ext. Decr.
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer.

Filing of translations of the patent specification under Article 65 EPC

IV.

1. Legal basis

Under Article 65, paragraph 1, of the European Patent Convention, any contracting state can prescribe that if the text, in which the European Patent Office intends to grant a European patent or maintain a European patent as amended for that state, is not drawn up in one of its official languages, the applicant for or proprietor of the patent must supply to its central industrial property office a translation of this text in one of its official languages at his option or, where that state has prescribed the use of one specific official language, in that language.

2. Legal position in the contracting states

Of the 31 contracting states (status: 1 July 2005), at least 28, namely Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom, have enacted provisions under Article 65(1) and (2) EPC. Except for Slovenia and Lithuania, which require the translation of the claims only, all the above-mentioned states require a translation of the complete patent specification*. At the time of going to press, no information was available on the legal situation in Latvia; it is recommended that the relevant information - to be published in the OJ EPO as soon as possible - be consulted.

All these states have prescribed, in accordance with Article 65(3) EPC, that in the event of failure to observe the relevant national provisions, the European patent will be deemed to be void *ab initio*. The circumstances in which such a loss of rights occurs are determined by the national law of the contracting states concerned. In most contracting states the **time limit** for filing the translation is **non-extendable**. However, extension is provided for in the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Turkey and the United Kingdom, subject to the payment of a surcharge**. In the contracting states Austria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden,

Switzerland/Liechtenstein and the United Kingdom, re-establishment of rights in the event of failure to observe the time limit for filing the translation (see column 2) is possible subject to the requirements of the national law of the state concerned.** In Switzerland/Liechtenstein it is also possible to request further processing under Article 46a PA.**

The contracting states Luxembourg and Monaco do not require a translation of the European patent specification.

3. Different sets of claims

If in the event of prior rights (Article 54(3), Rule 87 EPC), the European patent application contains different sets of claims for different states, only a translation of the set of claims applicable to the state in question need be filed.

4. Effect of the European patent as a national patent

It should be noted that, subject to Article 68 EPC, a European patent automatically acquires the effect of a national patent granted in a contracting state on the date the mention of its grant is published in the European Patent Bulletin. **Accordingly, no action need be taken by the patentee before the national patent authorities for the European patent to acquire that effect, provided it was published by the EPO in a language prescribed by the state concerned pursuant to Article 65(1) EPC or the state does not require a translation of the patent specification.**

See Table VI regarding payment of national renewal fees.

5. Explanatory notes concerning the table

The following table contains information regarding each of the aforementioned states, which should be of assistance to applicants in filing the translation of the patent specification with the central industrial property office. It also contains information as to how the translations filed will be made available to the public.

* In Iceland, an Icelandic translation of the patent claims suffices, provided the European patent was granted in English or an English translation of the remaining parts of the patent specification has been submitted.

** No information on the legal situation in Latvia was available at the time of printing. It is recommended that the relevant information – to be published in the OJ EPO as soon as possible – be consulted.

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 Period for filing the translation	(a) 3 Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?	4 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	5 Must a form be used?	6 No. of copies to be filed
Austria	Yes; attorney at law, patent attorney or notary authorised to represent parties on a professional basis in Austria. However, if the residence or place of business is in the EEA, a person authorised to accept service who is a resident of Austria may be appointed instead.	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin	(a) EUR 150 plus EUR 130 for every 15 pages following the 16th page of the translation (b) within period pursuant to column 2	German	No	1
	§ 24 ILPT § 21(4) PA	§ 5(1), (2) ILPT	§ 5(1) ILPT §§ 8, 27(2) LPOF	§ 5(1) ILPT		
Belgium	See table III.B, column 1	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin	No	French, Dutch or German (with regard to German, see however OJ EPO 1999, 320)	No	1
	Art. 55, 57, 58, 60 PA	Art. 5(1) Law of 8.7.77 (see also column 11)		Art. 5(1) Law of 8.7.77		Art. 6(3) RD of 27.2.81

7 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rules 32 and 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	8 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	9 Correction of translation permitted?	10 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	11 Special features
Yes	Publication of the translation and any corrections Mention of the published printed patent document and of any corrections in the Patent Bulletin	Yes	Yes, cf. column 3(a)	The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has duly been provided. The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter.
§ 19 POR	§§ 5(1), 6(2) – (4) ILPT	§ 6(2) ILPT	§ 6(2) ILPT §§ 8, 27(2) LPOF	§ 30 LPOF § 8(5) POR
Yes	Display in reading room Copies available	Yes (errors of transcription)	No	The translation must contain the name of the patent proprietor, the EP publication number and a translation of the title of the invention. The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification. The quality of the copy must permit direct reproduction in accordance with Rule 35(3) EPC. If the translation is filed before the mention of the grant or the decision regarding opposition is published in the European Patent Bulletin (see column 2), the date and issue No. of the Bulletin containing such publication must be indicated. If the mention of the grant or the decision regarding opposition is postponed or cancelled, the OPRI must at once be informed accordingly; it must also be informed as soon as possible of the date and issue No. of the European Bulletin containing the new publication.
Art. 6(2) RD of 27.2.81	Art. 5(3) Law of 8.7.77 Art. 5 RD of 27.2.81	Art. 7 RD of 27.2.81		

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 Period for filing the translation	(a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Bulgaria	Yes Applicants with no permanent address or principal place of business in the Republic of Bulgaria are required to act in proceedings before the BG Patent Office through local industrial property representatives.	3 months after the date on which the mention of grant is published in the European Patent Bulletin.	(a) BGN 40 (b) within period pursuant to column 2	Bulgarian	No	3
	Art. 3(2) PL	Art. 72c(1) PL	Art. 72c(1) PL	Art. 72c(1) PL		Art. 72c(1) PL
Cyprus	Yes Applicants must appoint an authorised professional representative resident in Cyprus who is entitled to practice law in Cyprus.	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin	(a) CYP 50 (b) within period pursuant to column 2; mention of the filing of the translation is published only when the fee has been paid.	Greek	Yes Form P.17	2
	Sect. 79(2) PL R. 2(1), 8(1) PFR	R. 54(1) PFR	R. 54(1) PFR		R. 54 PFR	R. 54(1) PFR

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Yes	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in the Official Bulletin</p> <p>Publication of the translation in the form of a printed patent document</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Entry in the patent register</p> <p>Art. 72c(4) and 72i PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 72d(3) PL</p>	<p>Fee for publication of the mention of the correction of the translation and for re-publishing the translation itself</p>	<p>The translation of the European patent must comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the title of the invention - the description - drawings, if any - the patent claims. <p>Art. 72c(2) PL</p> <p>The translation must be accompanied by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - data identifying the proprietor of the patent, - the number of the European patent application, - the publication number of the European patent, - the number and date of the European Patent Bulletin in which the mention of the grant of the patent was published. <p>Art. 72c(3) PL</p>
<p>Yes</p> <p>R. 54(2) PFR</p>	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in the Official Gazette</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Entry in the Register of Patents vol. B</p> <p>Sect. 3(1), 69 PL</p> <p>R. 55(1), (2), 60 PFR</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The issue number and the date of the first publication of the translation in the Official Gazette must be indicated (Form P.5).</p> <p>R. 55(4) PFR</p>	<p>Yes, CYP 50</p> <p>R. 6(2)(a) PFR</p>	<p>Proof of payment of the fee must be submitted with the translation.</p> <p>R. 54(1) PFR</p> <p>The EP application and publication number, the name and address of the patent proprietor and the title of the invention must be submitted with the translation. Where as a result of opposition proceedings the EP is maintained in an amended form, the translated amended text shall be attached to the original translation.</p> <p>R. 54(3) PFR</p> <p>The translation must be accompanied by 2 copies of the drawings in the EP specification, even where there is no textual matter.</p> <p>Moreover, two copies of the patent abstract translated into Greek must be supplied.</p> <p>R. 54(4) PFR</p> <p>The filing of the translation is recorded in the Records Book, vol. B, part B.</p> <p>R. 60(1) PFR</p>

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Czech Republic	<p>Yes</p> <p>Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business on the territory of the Czech Republic should be represented by a patent attorney or a legal practitioner. It is not strictly required in the case of EU citizens; an address for correspondence in the Czech Republic must be given.</p> <p>§ 70 PA Act No. 417/2004 Coll. on Patent Attorneys Act No. 85/1996 Coll. on the Legal Profession</p>	<p>3 months after the date on which the mention of grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin</p> <p>Extension of the time limit is possible (see column 11).</p> <p>§§ 35c(2), 35f(3) PA</p>	<p>(a) CZK 2000</p> <p>(b) within period pursuant to column 2</p> <p>§§ 35c(2), 35f(3) PA</p>	Czech	No	1

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Yes	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation and of any corrections in the "Věstník Úřadu průmyslového vlastnictví" (Bulletin of the CZ Industrial Property Office)</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p>	Yes	CZK 100	<p>The translation must contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the name and address of the patent proprietor - the EP application and publication number - number and date of the European Patent Bulletin in which the grant was mentioned - the title of the invention in Czech. <p>The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter.</p> <p>The time limit of 3 months for filing the translation of the patent granted may be extended by 3 months, upon payment of a fee. This fee amounts to CZK 3 000.</p> <p>§ 35c(3) PA</p> <p>The additional time limit of three months for filing the Czech translation of the patent specification provided for in § 35c(3) PA does not apply if a European patent is maintained in amended form in opposition proceedings. In the latter case, the proprietor of the patent must submit to the CZ Industrial Property Office the Czech translation of the amended text of the patent specification and pay the publication fee within three months from the mention of this amendment in the European Patent Bulletin. The CZ Industrial Property Office will announce the maintaining of the European patent in amended form in the Bulletin of the CZ Industrial Property Office and will publish the translation of the amended text of the patent specification.</p> <p>§ 35f(3) PA</p> <p>If the Czech translation of the amended text of the European patent specification is not submitted by that time limit, the European patent will be considered in the Czech Republic as null and void from the outset.</p> <p>§ 35f(4) PA</p> <p>Re-establishment of rights under conditions similar to Article 122 EPC is available.</p>
	§§ 35c(2), 35f(3) PA	§ 35d(2) PA	§ 35d(2) PA	§ 65 PA

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Denmark	No	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin § 77 PA § 112 PO	(a) DKK 1 050* plus DKK 80* for each page of the translation (including any drawings) in excess of 35 (b) within period pursuant to column 2 * Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January. § 77(1) PA § 112 PO § 1(7) Fees Order	Danish § 77(1) PA	No (but recommended)	1
Estonia	No, but it is recommended (see also column 11). § 15 IA § 26 REP	3 months after the date on which the mention of grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin Extension of the time limit is possible (see column 11). § 7(1) and (2) IA § 13(2) IA	(a) EEK 700 (b) within period pursuant to column 2 § 7(1) IA § 140(2) FA	Estonian §§ 7(1), 13(2) IA	No (see also column 11)	2 (1) (two copies on paper or one copy on diskette or CD-R; PDF format) §§ 7(1), 13(2) IA § 27(4) REP

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Yes	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in "Dansk Patenttidende" (Danish Patent Gazette)</p> <p>Internet</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Published in the form of printed patent documents</p> <p>Printed copies available</p> <p>§ 77(2), (3) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 86(1) PA</p>	<p>Yes, cf. column 3(a)</p> <p>§ 86(1) PA § 3(5) Fees Order</p>	<p>The number of the European patent and the name and address of the patent proprietor must accompany the translation.</p> <p>§ 112(3) PO</p> <p>The translation shall include title of the invention, description including drawings and photograms where available and sequence listing where available. The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter.</p> <p>§ 112(2) PO</p> <p>Otherwise the translation is deemed not to have been filed.</p>
Yes	<p>Mention in "Eesti Patendileht" (Official Gazette)</p> <p>Inspection at the Estonian Patent Office and Patent Library</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>§ 30 REP</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 9(1) IA</p>	<p>EEK 700</p> <p>§ 140(2) FA</p>	<p>A request for publication and proof of payment of the fee must be submitted with the translation.</p> <p>The following information must be given in the request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European patent number; - European application date; - the title of the invention; - the applicant's name and address; - the representative's name and address for service, if applicable. <p>The Office accepts as representative only a common representative resident in Estonia, where applicable, or an Estonian patent attorney whose name is entered in the State Register of Patent Attorneys as specialising in the legal protection of inventions and layout designs of integrated circuits.</p> <p>If the translation does not comply with the requirements, an Estonian patent attorney must be appointed to submit the corrections.</p> <p>The time limit of 3 months for filing the translation may be extended by two months, upon payment of a surcharge (EEK 500).</p> <p>§ 7(1) IA § 140(3) FA § 26 REP</p>

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Finland	No	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin § 70h PA § 52u PD	(a) EUR 85 plus EUR 10 for each page of the translation in excess of four plus EUR 10 for the front page (b) within period pursuant to column 2 § 70h PA § 52u PD Fees Decr.	Finnish If the patentee's own language is Swedish, the translation may be filed in Swedish. The translation must be certified by the patentee or his representative. § 70h PA § 41a POR	No	1
France	No, but it is recommended that an internal address for service be given. The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin (see also column 11) Art. R. 614-8 Decr.	(a) EUR 35 (b) date on which translation is filed Art. R. 614-11 and R. 614-18 Decr. Fees Ord. of 2.8.05	French Art. L. 614-7. Law No. 92-597	No (see however, column 11) INPI Notice in PIBD 1995 IV 128	1 see column 5

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Yes	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation and of any corrections in "Patentilehti" (Finnish Patent Bulletin)</p> <p>Published in the form of printed patent documents</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Entry in the patent register</p> <p>§§ 70h, 70q PA §§ 38a, 52x, 52y PD</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 70q PA</p>	<p>Yes, cf. column 3(a)</p> <p>§ 70q PA</p>	<p>The number of the European patent and the name and address of the patent proprietor must accompany the translation.</p> <p>§§ 52u, 52y PD</p> <p>The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification, even where there is no textual matter.</p> <p>The translation can also be sent online.</p>
Yes see column 5	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in the Official Bulletin (BOPI)</p> <p>Display in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. R. 614-9 Decr.</p>	<p>Yes; the applicant must indicate the issue number and date of the BOPI in which the mention of the first filing of the translation appeared.</p> <p>Art. L. 614-9. Law No. 92-597 PIBD 1981 I 36</p>	<p>Yes, cf. column 3(a)</p> <p>Art. R. 614-12 and R. 614-8 Decr. Fees Order of 2.8.05</p>	<p>Proof of payment of the requisite fee must be submitted with the translation (Art. R. 614-8 and R. 614-11 Decr.), which may be filed either with INPI in Paris or with the branch offices in Bordeaux, Grenoble, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nancy, Nantes, Nice-Sophia Antipolis, Rennes, Strasbourg and Toulouse.</p> <p>The following information must be given in the top quarter of the first page:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European publication number - application number - number and date of the European Patent Bulletin in which the grant was mentioned. <p>The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter.</p> <p>For further recommended formal requirements, see also the INPI Notice in PIBD 1995 IV 128 and 1997 IV 37.</p> <p>Failure to file the translation in due time is mentioned in the Official Bulletin (BOPI).</p> <p>Art. R. 614-10 Decr.</p> <p>If the translation is filed before the mention of the grant or the decision regarding opposition is published in the European Patent Bulletin (cf. column 2), the date of such publication must be indicated.</p>

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Germany*	No	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin Art. II § 3(1) LIPC	(a) EUR 150 (b) Within period pursuant to column 2 Art. II § 3(1) LIPC § 6(1) LPF No. 313820 Fees Schedule LPF	German Art. II § 3(1) LIPC	No	2 § 2 Transl. Reg.
Greece	No Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Greece must indicate an address for service in Greece (a national representative to accept correspondence). Art. 19(3) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	3 months from the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin Art. 11 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	(a) EUR 200 (b) Date on which translation is filed with the OBI; mention of the filing of the translation is published only when the fee has been paid Art. 12(1), 18 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 Dec. of 14.11.2005	Greek The translation must be certified by a Greek legal practitioner or by an authority empowered to do so (ie the Translation Dept. of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 10 Arionos Street, Athens or any Greek Consulate abroad). Art. 11(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	No	2 Art. 12(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88

* Applies to European patents whose grant has been published in the European Patent Bulletin on or after 1 June 1992

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Yes	<p>Document published in electronic form and mention in the "Patentblatt", both available exclusively on the official internet platform DPMApublikationen (http://publikationen.dpma.de)</p> <p>Entry in the patent register</p> <p>CD-ROM "DEPAROM-T2" Art. II § 3(3) LIPC</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Translation of the entire document is required indicating the text matter corrected.</p> <p>Art. II § 3(4) LIPC § 6 Transl. Reg.</p>	<p>Yes, cf. column 3(a)</p> <p>Within one month of receipt of the request</p> <p>Art. II § 3(4) LIPC No. 313820 Fees Schedule LPF</p>	<p>The following information should be submitted together with the translation, on a separate sheet signed by the patent proprietor or his representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - first name and surname/company name and full address of patent proprietor - if a representative is appointed, his first name, surname and address - the application number and publication number of the European patent and the title of the invention - the reference number assigned by the DPMA if known. <p>§ 1 Transl. Reg.</p> <p>The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter.</p> <p>§ 2 Transl. Reg.</p> <p>For patents maintained as amended after opposition proceedings no translation is required if the grant of the patent was mentioned in the European Patent Bulletin prior to 1 June 1992.</p> <p>Art. II § 3 LIPC in conjunction with Art. 12, 2. CPL</p>
<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 12(2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>Mention in "EDBI"</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. 13(1), (2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The issue number and the date of the first publication of the translation in "EDBI" must be indicated.</p> <p>Art. 13(4) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The European application and publication numbers, the name and address of the patent proprietor as well as the issue number and date of the European Patent Bulletin in which the grant was mentioned must be supplied with the translation.</p> <p>Art. 12(3) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p> <p>Two copies of the drawings in the EP specification must be supplied with the translation, even if these contain no textual matter requiring translation.</p> <p>Moreover, two copies of the patent abstract translated into Greek must also be supplied.</p> <p>Art. 12(4) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>

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Hungary	<p>Foreign applicants whose permanent residence or seat is not in the territory of the EEA shall appoint a professional representative who is entitled to act before the HPO.</p> <p>This professional representative does not have to be a national professional representative but must be domiciled in the EEA.</p>	<p>Within three months of the date on which the mention of the grant is published in the European Patent Bulletin.</p> <p>The translation can also be filed within three months of the last day of the above period on payment of the additional fee specified in the FeeDecr .</p> <p>In the event of failure to observe these provisions, the European patent shall be deemed to be void <i>ab initio</i> in the Republic of Hungary.</p>	<p>(a) HUF 21 400 plus HUF 3 200 for the sixth and each subsequent page of the translation Art. 4(1) FeeDecr</p> <p>(b) within two months of filing the translation</p> <p>(c) additional fee of HUF 53 400 is payable if the translation is filed during the additional three months (see point 2 Part IV)</p> <p>Art. 4(5) FeeDecr</p> <p>If the publishing and printing fee is not paid at the time the translation is filed, the HPO invites the applicant to remedy the deficiency within two months of the filing of the translation. If this regulation is not observed, the translation into Hungarian is deemed not to have been filed.</p>	Hungarian	No	2
	Art. 51(1), (4) PA	Art. 84/H(1), (2), (7) PA Art. 4(5) FeeDecr	Art. 84/H(2), (4), (6), (7) PA	Art. 84/H(1) PA	Art. 11 PForm	Art. 11(4) PForm
Iceland	Yes, an applicant who is not domiciled in Iceland must have an agent, residing in the European Economic Area.	4 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin	<p>(a) ISK 16 000 plus ISK 700 for each page of translation in excess of 40</p> <p>(b) within period pursuant to column 2</p>	Claims in Icelandic, other parts of the patent in Icelandic or English	No (but recommended)	1
	Art. 12 PA	Art. 77 PA Art. 81 PR	Art. 77(1) PA Art. 81 PR Art. 1(9) Fees Reg.	Art. 77(1) PA		

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Yes	<p>Mention in the official gazette of the HPO, the "Szabadalmi Közlöny és Védjegyértékesítő" (Gazette of Patents and Trademarks).</p> <p>The European patent will be entered in the separate part of the Patent Register if the translation of its text has been duly filed.</p> <p>Copies available from the HPO</p>	Yes	HUF 21 400 plus HUF 3 200 for the sixth and each subsequent page of the translation	Translations of European patents must be produced and filed in accordance with the detailed formal requirements set out in PatForm.
Art. 9 PForm	Art. 84/H(1), (8) and (9) PA Art. 17 FeeDecr	Art. 12(1) to (3) PForm	Art. 4(3) FeeDecr	Art. 84/H(3) PA
Yes	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in "ELS-tíðindum" (Icelandic Patent Gazette)</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. 77 PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 86(1) PA</p>	<p>Yes, cf. column 3(a)</p> <p>Art. 86(1) PA Art. 1(11) Fees Reg.</p>	<p>If a translation is corrected according to Art. 86, a new copy of the entire translation must be submitted, showing clearly what corrections have been made. The corrected copy must be accompanied by information on the number of the patent or application and on the name and address of the patent holder or applicant.</p> <p>Art. 84 PR</p> <p>Should the conditions according to the above not be fulfilled, the corrected translation shall be regarded as not having been filed.</p>

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Ireland	No; see III.B, columns 1 and 10 R. 92, 93(1) PR SI No.141 of 2006 SI No.142 of 2006	6 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin (see also column 11) Sect. 119(6), (7) PA R. 83 PR	(a) EUR 35 (b) within period pursuant to column 2 R. 83(2) and Schedule I Fees Rules	English (see also III.B, column 10) Sect. 119(6) PA	No	1
Italy	No, but an address for service in Italy must be given.	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin Art. 56(4) PL	(a) No (b) N/A	Italian The proprietor of the patent or his representative must give a declaration on the last page of the translation that the translation is in complete agreement with the original. Art. 56(4) PL	Yes - in triplicate	1
Latvia	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.					
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland					

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Lithuania	<p>Yes</p> <p>Foreign natural persons who are not permanently resident in the Republic of Lithuania, any other EEA member state or EPC contracting state, as well as foreign legal persons who do not have a subsidiary or representation registered in the Republic of Lithuania or their place of business, subsidiary or representation in any other EEA member state or EPC contracting state, shall file their applications with the State Patent Bureau and perform at the State Patent Bureau all actions connected with the granting of the patent, including representation at the Division of Appeals of the State Patent Bureau, through an attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of the Republic of Lithuania.</p> <p>Art. 10(3), (4) PL</p>	<p>The translation of the claims must be filed with the LT State Patent Bureau within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the EP or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin.</p> <p>Art. 59 ⁽³⁾(2) PL</p>	<p>(a) LTL 160 plus LTL 40 for the 11th and each subsequent claim. The translation is not published until the fee has been paid.</p> <p>(b) within period pursuant to column 2</p> <p>Fees Law Art. 59 ⁽³⁾(2) PL</p>	Lithuanian	No	<p><i>Information not available at time of going to press.</i></p> <p><i>Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.</i></p>
Netherlands	No	<p>3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin (see also column 11)</p> <p>Art. 52(1), (6) PA Art. 23(1) PR</p>	<p>(a) EUR 25</p> <p>(b) within period pursuant to column 2</p> <p>Art. 6(6), 23(3) PR</p>	Dutch	No	<p>2</p> <p>Art. 7 IR</p>

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Poland	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business within the territory of Poland must be represented by a national patent attorney.	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin	(a) PLN 80 for the publication of the mention of the grant of a patent when specification does not exceed 10 pages; PLN 6 for the publication of the 11th and each subsequent page of the patent specification – for each typewritten page or a sheet of drawings Annex 1 item 11 Fees Reg. (b) no later than 3 months after the date of service of the PL Patent Office's invitation	Polish	No	2
	Art. 236 § 3 IPL	Art. 6 §§ 2 and 3 EPAL	Art. 7 § 5 EPAL	Art. 6 §§ 2 and 3 EPAL		
Portugal	Yes	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin, plus a two-month supplementary period subject to payment of an additional fee.	(a) Filing fee EUR 64.87 (if the priority of a Portuguese patent or utility model application has been claimed or if a translation of the claims has been filed with INPI for the purpose of provisional protection); filing fee EUR 64.87 + national validation fee EUR 54.05 = EUR 118.92 (if no priority of a Portuguese patent or utility model application has been claimed or if no translation of the claims has been filed with INPI for the purpose of provisional protection); if filing occurs after the three-month period, an additional fee of EUR 59.46 is payable. (b) within period pursuant to column 2; mention of the filing of the translation is published only when the fee has been paid.	Portuguese	Yes INPI presentation form PatMut3	2
	Art. 10(1) PA Art. 1, 2 Decr. Law	Art. 80(1), (3) PA	Art. 80(2), (3), 82(2) PA Fees Order	Art. 79(1) PA		

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Yes	<p>Mention of the translation in "Wiadomości Urzędu Patentowego" (Official Gazette of the PL Patent Office)</p> <p>Publication in printed form available for inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. 7 § 1 EPAL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 7 § 3 EPAL</p>	<p>Yes, see column 3(a)</p> <p>Art. 7 § 6 EPAL</p>	<p>The published translation indicates the date on which the EPO published the mention of the grant of the European patent.</p> <p>Art. 7 § 1 EPAL</p> <p>The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the European patent specification even where there is no textual matter.</p> <p>Art. 7 § 1 in conjunction with Art. 1 § 6 EPAL</p>
Yes	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in the Industrial Property Bulletin</p> <p>Entry in the patent register</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. 82(1), 83(1) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 85(1) PA</p>	<p>EUR 10.81</p> <p>Fees Order</p>	<p>Patent proprietors with neither residence nor principal place of business in Portugal must have the translation prepared by a professional representative before INPI.</p> <p>The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings, even where there is no textual matter.</p> <p>Art. 79(2), 81 PA</p>

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 Period for filing the translation	3 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?	4 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	5 Must a form be used?	6 No. of copies to be filed
Romania	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Romania must appoint a representative authorised to act before the OSIM.	(i) 3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin; (ii) extendible by three months	(a) (i) EUR 100 or RON 360 plus EUR 5 or RON 18 for each page of the translation in excess of 20 (ii) EUR 200 or RON 720 plus EUR 5 or RON 18 for each page of the translation in excess of 20 (b) (i) within period pursuant to column 2(i) (ii) before the end of the period specified in column 2(ii) Annex 1.31 Fees Law	Romanian	No (but recommended)	3
Slovakia	Yes § 79(1) PA	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to limit or maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin; additional 3 months if no translation is submitted provided surcharge is paid §§ 63(2), (3), 65(1) PA	(a) SKK 2 000 up to 10 pages, plus for each subsequent page SKK 200; SKK 5 000 up to 10 pages, plus for each subsequent page SKK 200 in additional period (b) within period pursuant to column 2	Slovak	No	1
Slovenia	Translations of claims may be filed and fees may be paid direct by the proprietor of the European patent, provided an address for correspondence on Slovenian territory is given. An authorised professional representative, residing in Slovenia, is mandatory for other requests or acts before SIPO. Art. 129 IPA	The translation of the claims must be filed with SIPO within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the European patent or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 27(2) IPA	(a) Publication fee (SIT 24 000 – EUR 100.15)* * as of 1.1.2007: EUR 100 Art. 1(1.4.1) Fees Decr. (b) within the period pursuant to column 2 (see also column 11) Art. 27(2) IPA	Slovenian Art. 27(2) IPA	No (but recommended)	2 Art. 2(3) PR

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 Period for filing the translation	3 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?	4 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	5 Must a form be used?	6 No. of copies to be filed
Spain	No, if proprietor resides in Spain or in a country of the European Union. Requirements in column 11 must be observed Art. 155 PL as amended by additional provision 3 of Law 17/2001	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin	(a) EUR 276.57* plus EUR 11.11 for each page of the translation in excess of 22 (EUR 234.20 plus EUR 8.88 for translations on magnetic data carrier) (b) Translation is not published until the fee has been paid. * Note: the fees may be revised at the beginning of each year. as of 1.1.2007: EUR 296.43 plus EUR 11.91 for each page of the translation in excess of 22 (EUR 251.02 plus EUR 9.52 for translations on magnetic data carrier)	Spanish (see column 11)	Yes	3
	Art. 3 Law 8/98	Art. 8 RD 2424	Art. 9 RD 2424 Fees Law	Art. 7 RD 2424		
Sweden	No	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin	(a) SEK 1 100 plus SEK 155 for each complete or incomplete page of the translation (including any drawings) in excess of eight (b) within period pursuant to column 2	Swedish The translation must be certified by the person who made the translation and who is responsible for it.	No	1
	§ 71 PA	§ 60(1) PD	§ 82(1) PA §§ 45, 64 PD	§ 82(1) PA § 39 POR		
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	No, if supplied in accordance with the regulations The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin	No	German, French or Italian (see also column 11)	No	1
	Art. 13 PA	Art. 113(2) PA		Art. 113(1) PA Art. 4(1) PO		Art. 113(1) PA

Contracting state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 Period for filing the translation	3 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?	4 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	5 Must a form be used?	6 No. of copies to be filed
Turkey	Yes; applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Turkey must appoint an authorised professional representative. R. 12 RegEPC	(i) 3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin (ii) Extension of 3 months by paying a surcharge R. 12 RegEPC	(a)(i) TRY 472* (ii) TRY 159* (b)(i) within period pursuant to column 2(i) (ii) before the end of the period specified in column 2(ii) * Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January. Fees 2006	Turkish	No	3
United Kingdom	No The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation (see also column 11). R. 30 PR	(i) 3 months from the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin (ii) extendible by two months under R. 110(3) or (iii) possibly longer upon request under R. 110(4) and, if request is allowed, R. 110(6) R. 80, 110(3), 110(4), 110(6) and Schedule 4:2 PR	(a)(i) No (ii) GBP 135 (with Form 52/77) (iii) GBP 135 (with Form 52/77) followed by a further GBP 135 (with Form 53/77) if the request is granted. (b)(i) N/A (ii) on filing of Form 52/77 before the end of the month specified in column 2(ii) (iii) on filing of Form 52/77, whether or not the period specified in column 2(i) (including any extension obtained under R. 110(3)) has expired; and again upon filing Form 53/77 if the request is granted. R. 80 and Schedule 4:2 PR Schedule to PFR	English (see column 11) Sect. 77(6) PA	Yes column 2(i) Form 54/77 in duplicate column 2(ii) Form 52/77 column 2(iii) Form 52/77 generally accompanied by a witness statement, statutory declaration or affidavit verifying the grounds for the request; followed by the filing (if the request is granted) of Form 53/77. R. 80, 110(3), 110(4), 110(6) and Schedule 4:1 PR	2 R. 80 and Schedule 4:1 PR

7 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rules 32 and 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	8 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	9 Correction of translation permitted?	10 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	11 Special features
Yes	Mention of the filing of the translation in the "Resmi Patent Bülteni" Inspection in the reading room Copies available	Yes	TRY 472* * Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January.	The following data must be provided with the translation: - EP application and publication numbers, - EP application and publication dates, - number and date of the European Patent Bulletin in which the grant was mentioned, - names and addresses of applicant(s) and inventor(s), - the title of the invention, - the name and address of the representative, - the IPC, - a signed declaration stating that the translation corresponds to the original text, - the abstract, - drawing and priority data, if applicable.
R. 12 RegEPC	R. 13 RegEPC	R. 16 RegEPC	Fees 2006	R. 12 RegEPC
Yes	Display in Science Reference and Information Service, London Copies available from the UK Patent Office Mention in the "Patents and Designs Journal" Entry in the patent register	Yes (a) Form 54/77 (corrections under Sect. 80(3); R. 80 and Schedule 4:4) in duplicate (b) Form 11/77 (corrections under Sect. 117, R. 91)	(a) No (b) GBP 40 due at the same time as filing the corrected translation and request	The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter. R. 80 and Schedule 4:1(2) PR The UK Patent Office will accept translations before the date of mention of the grant of the patent in the European Patent Bulletin is known. An address for service in the European Economic Area or Channel Islands should be given when filing the translation, or for most proceedings. In the absence of a notification of an address for service, the proprietor's address on the register will be treated as the address for service. An address for service in the United Kingdom will be required only in the event of inter partes (contested) proceedings. The UK Patent Office will remind the proprietor of the need to file an English translation of the EP specification. For further information contact the European Translations Section: Tel. (+ 44 1633) 81 46 35
R. 80 and Schedule 4:1(3), 1(4) PR	Sect. 77(8) PA R. 93 PR	Sect. 80(3), 117 PA R. 80, 91 and Schedule 4:4 PR	Sect. 80(3), 117 PA R. 80, 91 and Schedule 4:4 PR Schedule to PFR	R. 30 PR

Extension state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 Period for filing the translation	3 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?	4 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	5 Must a form be used?	6 No. of copies to be filed
Albania	Yes	The translation of the claims must be filed with the AL Patent and Trademark Office within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the EP or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 5(2), (3) Ext. Reg.	(a) Yes (b) within period pursuant to column 2 Art. 5(2) Ext. Reg.	Albanian	No, but recommended	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.					
Croatia	Yes Art. 4 PA	The translation of the patent specification must be filed with the Croatia Intellectual Property Office within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the EP or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 103(2), (3) PA	(a) Publication fee (b) within period pursuant to column 2 Art. 16 PA Art. 3 RCh	Croatian	No (but recommended)	1 Art. 2(1) PO
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005.)	Yes § 29(2) LPL	The translation of the claims must be filed with the LV Patent Office within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the EP or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin. § 19(2) LPL	(a) LVL 25 (b) within period pursuant to column 2 § 19(2) LPL Fees Reg.	Latvian	No	1

7 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rules 32 and 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	8 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	9 Correction of translation permitted?	10 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	11 Special features
Yes	Translation and any corrections published in the form of a printed patent document Mention in Patent Bulletin Entry in Patent Register Art. 5(3) Ext. Reg.	Yes Art. 6(3) Ext. Reg.	Yes Art. 5 Ext. Reg.	Full translation is required only for legal proceedings.

Yes	Mention of the filing of the translation in the Official Gazette Translation and any corrections published in the form of a printed document Entry in Patent Register Inspection of files Copies available for viewing and downloading from the internet website	Yes	Yes, publication fee, see column 3	Correction of translation has legal effect from the date of publication by the Croatian Intellectual Property Office.
Art. 6, 8 PO	Art. 103(5) PA Art. 20 PO	Art. 104(3) PA	Art. 104(3) PA	Art. 104(3) PA
Yes	Translation and any corrections published in the Official Bulletin Inspection at the LV Patent Office Entry in Patent Register § 19(4) LPL	Yes	Yes, cf. column 3(a)	The translation of the claims must be accompanied by a copy of the EP specification. Full translation is required only for legal proceedings. § 7(5) LPL

Extension state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 Period for filing the translation	3 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?	4 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	5 Must a form be used?	6 No. of copies to be filed
Lithuania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2004.)	Yes Art. 10(3), (4) PL	The translation of the claims must be filed with the LT State Patent Bureau within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the EP or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 54(2) PL	(a) LTL 160 plus LTL 40 for the 11th and each subsequent claim. The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. (b) within period pursuant to column 2 Fees Law Art. 54(2) PL	Lithuanian Art. 54(2) PL	No R. 9 Ext. Reg.	2 R. 8 Ext. Reg.
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Romania must appoint a representative authorised to act before the OSIM.	The translation of the patent specification must be filed within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin	(a) EUR 100 or RON 360 plus EUR 5 or RON 18 for each page of the translation in excess of 20 (b) within period pursuant to column 2 Annex 1.31(a) Fees Law Art. V.2 GO	Romanian	No (but recommended)	3
Serbia	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.					

7 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rules 32 and 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	8 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	9 Correction of translation permitted?	10 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	11 Special features
Yes	Translation and any corrections published in the Official Bulletin Inspection at the Technical Library Art. 54(4) PL	Yes Art. 54(3), 55(3) PL	Yes, cf. column 3(a) Art. 54(3) PL Fees Law	Full translation is required only for legal proceedings.
Yes	Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention in the Patent Bulletin Art. V.2, 4 GO	Yes Art. V.3, 4 GO	EUR 20 or RON 72 Annex 1.36 Fees Law Art. V.3 GO	The following data must be provided with the translation: - EP application and publication numbers, - EP application and publication dates, - number and date of the European Patent Bulletin in which the grant was mentioned, - names and addresses of the owner(s) and the inventor(s), - the title of the invention in Romanian, - drawings, if any, - as well as a signed declaration stating that the translation corresponds to the original text of the patent specification. If the EPO maintains the patent in an amended form, a Romanian translation of the amended text must be filed.

Extension state	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 Period for filing the translation	3 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?	4 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	5 Must a form be used?	6 No. of copies to be filed
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	Translations of claims may be filed and fees may be paid direct by the proprietor of the European patent, provided an address for correspondence on Slovenian territory is given. An authorised professional representative, residing in Slovenia, is mandatory for other requests or acts before SIPO. Art. 129 IPA	The translation of the claims must be filed with SIPO within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the European patent or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 5(2) Ext. Decr.	(a) Publication fee (SIT 24 000 – EUR 100.15)* * as of 1.1.2007: EUR 100 Art. 1(1.4.1) Fees Decr. (b) within the period pursuant to column 2 (see also column 11) Art. 5(2) Ext. Decr.	Slovenian	No (but recommended)	2 Art. 2(3) PR
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Yes, authorised agent who is either a domestic legal person or a citizen of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Art. 10, 120 PA (Art. 16, 227 PL 2003)	The translation of the claims must be filed with SOIP within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the EP or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 5(2), (3) Ext. Reg.	(a) Publication fee MKD 1 050 (b) Within the period pursuant to column 2	Macedonian	No	3

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Authentic text of a European patent application or European patent (Article 70 EPC)

V.

In any proceedings before the European Patent Office and in any contracting state the text of a European patent application or a European patent in the language of the proceedings is the authentic text.

Any contracting state may provide that a translation, as provided for in the Convention, in an official language of that state, shall in that state be regarded as authentic, except for revocation proceedings, in the event of the application or patent in the language of the translation conferring protection (Article 69 EPC) which is narrower than that conferred by it in the language of the proceedings.

Any contracting state which adopts a provision of this kind

(a) must allow the applicant for or proprietor of the patent to file a corrected translation of the European patent application or European patent;

(b) may prescribe that any person who, in that state, in good faith is using or has made effective and serious preparations for using an invention the use of which would not constitute infringement of the application or patent in the original translation may, after the corrected translation takes effect, continue such use in the course of his business or for the needs thereof without payment (Article 70(4)(b) EPC).

The following table indicates which text of a European patent application or European patent is authentic in the event of translations pursuant to Articles 67(3) and 65(1) EPC being filed, and whether a state has made provision for use in good faith in the meantime as provided for in Article 70(4)(b) EPC.

Contracting state	1 Authentic text of a European patent application or European patent	2 Has provision pursuant to Art. 70(4)(b) been made?
Austria	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 6(1) ILPT	Yes § 6(6) ILPT
Belgium	No provisions pursuant to Art. 70(3) EPC. Authentic text is that in the language of the proceedings.	N/A
Bulgaria	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 72d(1) PL	Yes Art. 72d(5) PL
Cyprus	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Sect. 67(1) PL	Yes Sect. 67(3) PL
Czech Republic	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 35d(1) PA	Yes § 35d(3) PA
Denmark	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 85(1) PA	Yes § 86(3) PA
Estonia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 8 IA	Yes § 9(3) IA
Finland	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 70p PA	Yes § 70q PA
France	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. L. 614-10. Law No. 92-597	Yes Art. L. 614-10. Law No. 92-597
Germany	No provisions pursuant to Art. 70(3) EPC. Authentic text is that in the language of the proceedings.	No, but see Art. II § 3(5) LIPC
Greece	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 14(2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	Yes Art. 16 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88
Hungary	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings; this does not apply, however, in revocation proceedings. Art. 84/J PA	Yes Art. 84/K(6) PA
Iceland	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 85(1) PA	Yes Art. 86(3) PA
Ireland	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Sect. 121 PA	Yes Sect. 121(4) PA
Italy	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 57(2) PL	Yes Art. 57(5) PL

Contracting state	1 Authentic text of a European patent application or European patent	2 Has provision pursuant to Art. 70(4)(b) been made?
Latvia	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.	
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland	
Lithuania	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 59 ⁽⁴⁾ (1), (2) PL	Yes Art. 59 ⁽⁴⁾ (3) PL
Luxembourg*	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 6(1) Law of 27.5.77	Yes Art. 6(2) Law of 27.5.77
Monaco*	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 3(1) SO No. 10.427	Yes Art. 3(3) SO No. 10.427
Netherlands	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 52(9) PA	Yes Art. 55(3) PA
Poland	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings Art. 7 § 2 EPAL	Yes Art. 7 § 4 EPAL
Portugal	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 84 PA	Yes Art. 85(2) PA
Romania	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings; this does not apply, however, in revocation proceedings. Art. 7 AccEPCLaw	Yes Art. 7(3) AccEPCLaw
Slovakia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 62(2) PA	Yes § 62(5) PA
Slovenia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 28(1) IPA	Yes Art. 28(3) IPA
Spain	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 11 RD 2424	Yes Art. 12 RD 2424
Sweden	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 90 PA	Yes § 91(3) PA
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 116(1) PA	Yes Art. 116(2), (3) PA
Turkey	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. R. 15 RegEPC	Yes R. 17 RegEPC

* Contracting state requires only a translation of the claims pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC

Contracting state	¹ Authentic text of a European patent application or European patent	² Has provision pursuant to Art. 70(4)(b) been made?
United Kingdom	<div>Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings.</div> <div>Sect. 80(2) PA</div>	<div>Yes</div> <div>Sec. 80(4) PA</div>

Extension state	1 Authentic text of a European patent application or European patent	2 Has provision pursuant to Art. 70(4)(b) been made?
Albania	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 6(2) Ext. Reg.	Yes Art. 6(3) Ext. Reg.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.	
Croatia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 104(2) PA	Yes Art. 104(4) PA
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005.)	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 20(1), (2) LPL	Yes §§ 19(3), 33(2), (3) LPL
Lithuania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2004.)	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 55(1), (2) PL	Yes Art. 55(3) PL
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings; this does not apply, however, in revocation proceedings. Art. VI.2 GO	Yes Art. VI.3 GO
Serbia	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.	
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 6(2) Ext. Decr.	Yes Art. 6(3) Ext. Decr.
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 6(2) Ext. Reg.	Yes Art. 6(3) Ext. Reg.

Payment of renewal fees for European patents

VI.

Under Article 141 EPC, "national" renewal fees in respect of a European patent may be imposed for the years which follow that in which the mention of the grant of the European patent is published in the "European Patent Bulletin". If a renewal fee becomes due shortly before such publication, it is still to be paid to the EPO. The mention of grant shall in this case not be published until the renewal fee has been paid. Further information on the calculation of the patent years for which "national" renewal fees are to be paid is published in Official Journal 6/1984, p. 272 f.

The following table indicates the most important national provisions and requirements to be observed when paying "national renewal fees" in respect of European patents. It takes no account of national provisions concerning reductions in renewal fees in connection with licensing rights, or of any stipulations

applying to the possibilities of extending or deferring payment.

Irrespective of the information given in column 3 of the following table, the minimum period referred to in Article 141(2) is decisive for all contracting state, ie "national" renewal fees in respect of a European patent falling due within two months of the publication of the mention of the grant of the European patent are deemed to have been validly paid if they are paid within that period. Any additional fee provided for under national law will not be charged.

Attention is particularly drawn to the fact that the fees given in columns 1 and 3 are frequently subject to change in various contracting states. The EPO can therefore accept no responsibility for the validity of those figures. As in the past, however, it will endeavour to report such changes as soon as possible in the Official Journal.

Contracting state Legal basis for levying renewal fees	1 Amount of fees	2 (a) Due date (in the patent year concerned) (b) Time limit for payment (without surcharge)*	3 Period of grace for payment of fees (with surcharge) (a) duration (b) surcharge																																								
Austria § 9 LPOF Enquiries re renewal fees: Accounts: Tel. (+ 43 1) 5 34 24-170 or 169 Fax (+ 43 1) 5 34 24-192 Enquiries re patent register: Tel. (+ 43 1) 5 34 24-241 Fax (+ 43 1) 5 34 24-535	<table> <tr> <th>Year</th><th>EUR</th><th>Year</th><th>EUR</th></tr> <tr><td>3rd</td><td>70</td><td>12th</td><td>500</td></tr> <tr><td>4th</td><td>150</td><td>13th</td><td>850</td></tr> <tr><td>5th</td><td>150</td><td>14th</td><td>850</td></tr> <tr><td>6th</td><td>150</td><td>15th</td><td>850</td></tr> <tr><td>7th</td><td>270</td><td>16th</td><td>1 400</td></tr> <tr><td>8th</td><td>270</td><td>17th</td><td>1 400</td></tr> <tr><td>9th</td><td>270</td><td>18th</td><td>1 400</td></tr> <tr><td>10th</td><td>500</td><td>19th</td><td>1 400</td></tr> <tr><td>11th</td><td>500</td><td>20th</td><td>1 400</td></tr> </table> <p>plus any charges levied by banks</p> <p>§§ 6(2), 9(2) LPOF</p>	Year	EUR	Year	EUR	3rd	70	12th	500	4th	150	13th	850	5th	150	14th	850	6th	150	15th	850	7th	270	16th	1 400	8th	270	17th	1 400	9th	270	18th	1 400	10th	500	19th	1 400	11th	500	20th	1 400	(a) last day of the month in which the date of filing occurred (b) for the first fee to be paid: 3 months from due date; subsequent fees must be paid by due date	(a) fee for 1st year: beginning of 4th up to end of 12th month from due date; fees for further years: beginning of 1st up to end of 6th month from due date (b) 20%
Year	EUR	Year	EUR																																								
3rd	70	12th	500																																								
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<p>(a) Yes, but not mandatory (b) approximately 1 month after due date in the event of non- or insufficient payment, but requests for payment are not sent abroad</p> <p>("Österreichisches Patentblatt" No. 1/1982, p. 28)</p>	<p>(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; not later than 12 months after expiry of non-observed time limit</p> <p>§ 24 ILPT §§ 129 et seq. PA</p>	<p>(a) No (b) No (c) Yes</p> <p>§ 27(1) LPOF § 24 ILPT § 21(4) PA</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents Publication in Patent Bulletin</p> <p>§§ 46, 79, 80 PA</p>
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<p>(a) Yes (reminders are sent abroad) (b) two months after the due date not observed.</p> <p>Art. R. 613-48 Decr.</p>	<p>(a) Yes (b) 3 months after communication of decision of the Director of INPI Fee for appeal: EUR 150</p> <p>Art. L. 613-22. Law No. 92-597 Art. R. 613-52 Decr.</p>	<p>(a) No (b) No, but is recommended that an address for service in France be given (c) No</p>	<p>Determined by decision of the Director of INPI (communication to proprietor of patent) Publication of Decision in Official Bulletin (BOPI) Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Art. L. 613-22. Law No. 92-597 Art. R. 613-50 Decr.</p>

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<p>(a) No (b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; not later than 1 year after expiry of non-observed time limit</p> <p>§ 123 PA</p>	<p>(a) No (b) No (c) Yes (see also notice No. 4/84 of the President of the DPMA in Bl.f.PMZ 1984, 117 = OJ EPO 1984, 275)</p> <p>§ 25 PA</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents Publication in Patent Bulletin</p> <p>§§ 30(1), 32(5) PA</p>
<p>(a) Yes, to the address for service in Greece, but not mandatory; reminders are not sent abroad. (b) approx. 1 month before expiry of period of grace</p>	<p>(a) No (b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) Payment must be made by the patentee or a Greek legal practitioner. Patentees with neither residence nor principal place of business in Greece must appoint a representative for service in that country. (b) No, but an address for service in Greece must be given. (c) N/A</p> <p>Art. 19 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>Publication in "EDBI"; the loss of rights takes effect as from the date of publication.</p> <p>Art. 16(2) Law No. 1733/87</p>
<p>(a) Yes, but not binding (b) one payment reminder issued before the due date and another during the period of grace</p>	<p>(a) No, however, request for restoration of patent protection is possible (b) within 3 months of the end of the period of grace if double that year's renewal fee is paid within that period</p> <p>Art. 40 PA Art. 9(4) FeeDecr</p>	<p>Foreign applicants whose permanent residence or seat is not in the territory of the EEA must appoint a professional representative who is entitled to act before the HPO. This professional representative does not have to be a national professional representative but must be domiciled in the EEA.</p> <p>Art. 51(1), (4) PA</p>	<p>Publication in the "Szabadalmi Közlöny és Védjegyzétesítő" (Gazette of Patents and Trademarks) Entry in the Register of Patents</p> <p>Art. 54, 56 and 56/A PA</p>

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<p>(a) No (b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; not later than 12 months from expiry of period of grace under column 3</p> <p>Art. 72 PA</p>	<p>(a), (b) and (c) An applicant who is not domiciled in Iceland must have an agent, residing in the European Economic Area, who can represent the applicant in all matters concerning the application. When the patent has taken effect in Iceland, no agent is needed except when the Patent Office so requires.</p> <p>Art. 12, 66 PA</p>	<p>Publication in ELS-tíðindi" (Icelandic Patent Gazette) Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Art. 51 PA Art. 46 PR</p>
<p>(a) Yes (b) not later than six weeks after due date</p> <p>R 34(5), (6) PR</p>	<p>(a) Yes (b) within two years of the date on which the patent lapsed</p> <p>Sect. 37 PA R 35 PR</p>	<p>(a) No (b) No, but an address for service in the European Community must be given (c) Yes</p> <p>Sect. 37(2) PA R 34(5), (6), 93(1) PR SI No.141 of 2006 SI No.142 of 2006</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents Publication in the Patents Office Journal</p>
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	7th	74	16th	205	
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<p>(a) Yes, but not mandatory; reminders are not sent abroad. (b) approx. 1 month after due date</p>	<p>(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle, not later than 6 months from expiry of period of grace under column 3</p> <p>§ 72 PA</p>	<p>(a) No (b) Yes, if proprietor resides outside Sweden (c) Yes</p> <p>§ 72 PA</p>	<p>Publication in Patent Bulletin</p> <p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>§ 51 PA § 42 PD</p>
<p>(a) Yes, but reminders are not sent abroad. (b) 8 weeks before expiry of period of grace; requests are not sent abroad.</p> <p>Art. 18d PO</p>	<p>(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; not later than one year from expiry of the non-observed time limit</p> <p>Further processing possible</p> <p>Art. 46a(4) PA Art. 47 PA</p>	<p>(a) No (b) No, but an address for service in Switzerland/Liechtenstein must be given. (c) Yes</p> <p>Art. 13 PA Art. 18d PO</p>	<p>Communication to proprietor of patent</p> <p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in Patent Bulletin</p> <p>Art. 15 PA Art. 18b, 94, 117 PO</p>

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<p>(a) Yes (reminders are sent to addresses outside the UK) (b) within 6 weeks of the due date</p> <p>Sect. 25(5) PA R. 39C PR</p>	<p>(a) Yes (b) within 13 months of the end of the 6-month period specified for late payment</p> <p>Sect. 28 PA R. 41 PR</p>	<p>(a) and (b) No (c) No, but an address for service in the European Economic Area or Channel Islands should be given.</p> <p>R. 30 PR (see also R. 45 PR)</p>	<p>Communication to applicant (notice of cessation) Entry in Register of Patents Publication in the "Patents and Designs Journal"</p> <p>Sect. 32(2), 123(6) PA R. 42, 48 PR</p>

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<p>(a) Yes; reminders are sent to the representative or address for correspondence which should be on Slovenian territory</p> <p>(b) approx. 1 month after due date</p>	<p>(a) Yes; at the time of filing a request for restitutio in integrum the omitted act should be completed and fee (SIT 36 000 – EUR 150.23 – Art. 1(7.2) Fees Decr.)* paid, otherwise the request is deemed to be withdrawn;</p> <p>(b) within 3 months of removal of the cause of non-compliance with the time limit or of date party becomes aware of non-compliance with the time limit, if this date is later;</p> <p>request is only admissible within 1 year of the expiry of the time limit.</p> <p>* as of 1.1.2007: EUR 150</p> <p>Art. 68 IPA</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) No, if the address for correspondence is on Slovenian territory, otherwise yes.</p> <p>(c) Yes</p> <p>Ext. Decr.</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in Official Bulletin (BIL)</p> <p>Decision on lapse of a patent due to non-payment of fees</p> <p>Art. 40(2) IPA</p>
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) not later than 3 months from expiry of the non-observed time limit</p> <p>Art. 105 Law on GAP</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) N/A</p> <p>(c) Yes</p> <p>Art. 10 PA (Art. 16 PL 2003)</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in Official Gazette</p> <p>Art. 39 Reg.</p>

Conversion of European patent applications or patents into national patent applications or patents

VII.

1. Basis for conversion

Under Article 135(1) EPC, the central industrial property office of a designated contracting state may apply the procedure for the grant of a national patent at the request of the applicant for or proprietor of a European patent, in the following circumstances:

(a) where the application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to Article 77(5) (delay by national authorities in forwarding the European application) or Article 162(4) (European patent application cannot be processed as a result of the procedure being restricted to certain areas of technology)*;

(b) in such other cases as are provided for by the national law in which the European patent application is refused or withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, or the European patent is revoked under the EPC.

2. Time limit for filing the request for conversion

The request for conversion must be filed within three months of the date on which

(a) the European patent application has been withdrawn or

(b) a communication has been notified that the application is deemed to be withdrawn, or

(c) a decision has been notified refusing the application or revoking the European patent.

The equivalence of the European patent to a regular national filing lapses if the request is not filed in due time (Article 135(2) EPC).

3. Submission of the request for conversion

(a) Unless the European patent application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to Article 77(5) EPC, the request for conversion must be filed with the European Patent Office. It is not deemed to be filed until the conversion fee has been paid to the Office (Article 136(1) EPC).

(b) If the applicant has been notified that the European patent application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to Article 77(5) EPC, the request must be filed with the central industrial property office with which the application was filed (Article 136(2) EPC).

4. Transmission of the request

(a) The requests for conversion which must be filed with the European Patent Office (see 3(a) above) are transmitted by the Office to the central industrial property offices of the contracting states specified therein, accompanied by a copy of the files relating to the European patent application or the European patent (Article 136(1) EPC).

(b) Where the request for conversion has to be filed with a national patent office (see 3(b) above), that Office, subject to the provisions of national security, transmits the request, together with a copy of the European patent application, directly to the central industrial property offices of the contracting states specified by the applicant in the request. The effect referred to in Article 66 EPC (ie equivalence of the European patent application to a regular national filing in the contracting states designated) lapses if the request for conversion is not transmitted within twenty months of the date of filing or date of priority (Article 136(2) EPC).

5. Explanatory notes concerning the table

The table below indicates the basis for conversion under the national law of all the contracting states to the EPC and contains useful information regarding the formal requirements of the competent national authorities, the time limits involved and regulations concerning representation or addresses for service if the applicant or his representative before the EPO has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in the contracting states in question.

All European patent applications transmitted pursuant to Article 136 EPC are governed by Article 137(1) EPC, which lays down that these applications may not be subjected to formal requirements of national law which are different from or additional to those provided for in the EPC.

The translation referred to in the table should be understood to mean a translation of the original text of the European patent application and, where appropriate, of the text, as amended during proceedings before the EPO, which the applicant wishes to submit to the national procedure (Article 137(2)(b) EPC).

This table contains no information on extension states since Article 135 EPC does not apply to these states.

* Article 162(4) is irrelevant to applications filed since 1 December 1979 (OJ EPO 1979, 443). This reason for conversion is therefore not included in the table.

Contracting state	1 Basis for conversion	2 Procedural steps to be taken	3 Time limit for taking procedural steps referred to in column 2	4 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	5 Special features
Austria	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC § 9(1) ILPT	(a) Payment of a fee for conversion into a national patent application: EUR 180; for conversion into a national utility model application: EUR 50 Additional document fees are payable for the request for conversion and any annexes on completion of the procedure . Document fee for the request as such: EUR 13; a document fee of EUR 3.60 is charged for each page of enclosure, not exceeding EUR 21.80. (b) Filing, in duplicate, of a German translation §§ 9(2), 24 ILPT § 10 LPOF	2 months after a request by the Austrian Patent Office (may be extended on request) § 9(2) ILPT	All procedural steps connected with the conversion must be taken by an attorney at law, patent attorney or notary authorised to represent parties on a professional basis in Austria, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Austria. If the procedural step referred to in column 2(b) is taken by a representative, then it is valid only if he supplies an authorisation within the time limit set by the Austrian Patent Office or refers to a granted authorisation. § 24 ILPT § 21(3), (4) PA	In the case indicated in column 1, the EP application may also be converted into an application for a utility model. § 9(1) ILPT As regards the legal device known as "derivation" ("Abzweigung") of an application for a utility model from an EP application, see § 15a, 21 GMG
Belgium	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Art. 8 Law of 8.7.77	(a) Payment of: (aa) national filing fee (EUR 50) (ab) stamp duty - for the duplicate of: -- the filing certificate (EUR 5) -- the description (EUR 5) -- the claims (EUR 5) -- each sheet of the drawings (EUR 5) - for the patent certificate (EUR 5) (b) Filing, in triplicate, of a translation including the abstract and, as the case may be, drawings (see also column 5); (c) Payment of any renewal fees due Art. 8 Law of 8.7.77 Art. 10 RD of 27.2.81 DR of 26.6.47 (see also table VIII, column 3)	3 months after receipt by OPRI of the request for conversion Art. 8 Law of 8.7.77	See table III.B, column 1 Art. 55, 57, 58, 60 PA	The translation referred to in column 2(b) must be filed in one of the national languages prescribed in the Royal Decree of 18.7.66 on the co-ordination of laws concerning the use of languages for administrative purposes (cf. OJ EPO 1999, 320). Where a translation is not required: filing in duplicate, in accordance with the provisions applying to Belgian patents, of a copy of the EP application including the abstract, and, as the case may be, of the drawings accompanying the description and, if any, the abstract. Art. 10(2) RD of 27.2.81

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Bulgaria	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC for failure to supply a translation of the application in the language of the proceedings	(a) Payment of national fees for filing, examination, patent claims, priority claims and for publication of the mention of the application (b) Filing in triplicate of a Bulgarian translation of the European patent application as originally filed and, where appropriate, a translation of the application as amended during the proceedings before the EPO	3 months following the date of transmission of the request for conversion to the BG Patent Office	Applicants with no permanent address or principal place of business in Bulgaria are required to act in proceedings before the BG Patent Office through local industrial property representatives.	In the case indicated in column 1, the EP application may also be converted into an application for a utility model.
	Art. 72f(1) PL	Art. 72f(3), 35(2) PL	Art. 72f(3) PL	Art. 3(2) PL	Art. 72f(1) PL
Cyprus	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time	(a) Payment of the filing fee CYP 50 (b) Filing, in duplicate, of a translation in Greek	(a) 3 months after notification of a request by the CY Patent Office (b) 4 months from filing of the request for conversion	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 must be taken by a professional representative in Cyprus if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Cyprus.	The request for conversion is recorded in Record Book Volume "A" National Applications.
	Sect. 70(1) PL	Sect. 70(4) PL R. 59(2) PFR	R. 59(1) PFR	Sect. 70(5) PL	R. 59 PFR
Czech Republic	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC	(a) Payment of the national filing fee (CZK 1200; CZK 600 if applicant is inventor) (b) Filing, in triplicate, of a Czech translation (c) Appointment of a professional representative	(a) and (b) within 3 months of notification of the invitation by CZ Industrial Property Office to submit the Czech translation and to pay the filing fee (c) see column 4	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 must be taken by a national professional representative - see table III.B, column 1.	In the case indicated in column 1, the European patent application may also be converted into a national application for a utility model.
	§ 35b(1) PA	§§ 35b(2), (3), 70 PA	§§ 35b(2), 70 PA	§ 70 PA	§ 35b(4) PA § 10a of Law No. 478/1992 Coll., on utility models, as amended by Law No. 116/2000 Coll.
Denmark	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC	(a) Payment of the filing fee (DKK 3 000* + DKK 300* for the 11th and each subsequent claim) (b) Filing, in duplicate of a Danish translation * Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January.	Within 3 months of the DKPTO's notifying the applicant of receipt of the request for conversion	No	In the case indicated in column 1, the EP application may also be converted into a national application for a utility model.
	§ 88 PA	§ 88 PA § 110(2) PO § 1(1) Fees Order	§ 110 PO	§ 12 PA	§ 26 Utility Models Act

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Estonia	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC	(a) Filing of an Estonian translation accompanied by a request for conversion (b) Payment of national filing fee (EEK 3 500 + EEK 200 for the 11th and each subsequent claim for patent application)	Within three months of notification by the Estonian Patent Office of receipt of documents	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 must be taken by the applicant itself or authorised Estonian patent attorney whose name is entered in the State Register of Patent Attorneys as specialising in the legal protection of inventions and layout designs of integrated circuits. All subsequent procedural steps must be taken by an authorised Estonian patent attorney if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Estonia.	In the cases indicated in column 1 and in all cases referred to in Art. 135(1)(b), the European patent application may also be converted into a national application for a utility model, subject to payment of the national filing fee (EEK 1 600), except where under Estonian law the invention may not be protected as a utility model. § 11(1) to (3) IA § 130 FA The following information must be given in the request for conversion: - European application or patent number; - European application date; - the title of the invention; - the applicant's or patentee's name and address; - kind of protection (patent and/or utility model); - the representative's name and address for service, if applicable. § 31(3) REP The 3-month period for filing the translation may, at the request of the applicant, be extended by two months.
	§ 11(1) IA	§ 11(5), (6) IA §§ 121(5), 130 FA §§ 31 to 34 REP	§ 11(5) and (6) IA	§ 15 IA § 13 ¹ PA § 31(1) REP	§ 11(5) IA

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Finland	<p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC</p> <p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time</p>	<p>(a) Payment of the filing fee (EUR 250 + EUR 25 for the 11th and each subsequent claim)</p> <p>(b) Filing in triplicate of a Finnish translation (see also column 5)</p>	3 months after notification of the request by the PRH	<p>The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant or his representative before the EPO.</p> <p>All subsequent procedural steps must be taken by an authorised national representative, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Finland.</p>	<p>In the cases indicated in column 1, the EP application may be converted into a national application for a utility model.</p> <p>§ 8a Utility Models Act</p> <p>The description and claims must be written in Finnish or Swedish in compliance with the language laws in force. If the claims are written in only one of the two national languages, the PRH will have them translated into the other national language and the applicant will have to pay the prescribed translation fee (EUR 40 for each page). Where the applicant is a foreigner the description must be written in Finnish and the claims in Finnish and Swedish.</p>
	§ 70s PA	§§ 8, 70s PA	§ 70s PA § 52s PD	§ 12 PA	§ 8 PA
France	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC	<p>(a) Payment of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - national filing fee (for paper filings EUR 35/ for electronic filings EUR 25) - the fee for a search report (EUR 500), unless the applicant has requested deferral of the report <p>(b) Filing, in triplicate, of a French translation</p>	<p>2 months after publication in BOPI of a notice regarding the conversion.</p> <p>Where patent applications may not be published: 2 months from the receipt by INPI of the request for conversion except the fee for a search report which is due within six months of the end of the prohibition measures.</p>	<p>Not required for procedural steps in column 2; an authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.</p> <p>All subsequent procedural steps must be taken by an authorised national representative, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in France.</p>	<p>The request for conversion may be filed either with the Patent Office (INPI) in Paris or with the branch offices in Bordeaux, Grenoble, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nancy, Nantes, Nice-Sophia Antipolis, Rennes, Strasbourg or Toulouse.</p> <p>Subject to national security legislation, INPI publishes in BOPI a notice regarding the conversion within one month of receiving the request for conversion.</p> <p>INPI charges a fee of EUR 25 + EUR 0.75 per page and copy for producing copies of the EP application and transmitting them to the designated States; cf. Art. R. 614-15 Decr. re payment of renewal fees.</p> <p>Art. R. 614-5, R. 614-19 Decr.</p> <p>Fees Ord. of 2.8.05</p> <p>Regarding provisions applicable to utility certificates see Art. L. 611-2. Law No. 92-597</p>
	Art. L. 614-6. Law No. 92-597	Art. R. 614-5 and R. 614-17 Decr. Ord. of 19.9.79 and Fees Ord. of 2.8.05	Art. R. 614-5, R. 612-31, para 2 Decr.	Art. R. 612-2 Decr.	

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Germany	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Art. II § 9(1) LIPC	(a) Payment of national filing fee (EUR 60) (b) Filing, in duplicate, of a German translation of the patent application (c) Filing of the designation of the inventor, if not indicated in the European application Art. II § 9(1), (2) LIPC § 37 PA	(a) 3 months from filing of the request for conversion (b) 3 months after notification of a request by the DPMA Art. II § 9(2) LIPC	Not required for procedural steps referred to in column 2; an authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation. All subsequent procedural steps must be taken by an authorised national representative, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Germany. § 25 PA	As regards the legal device known as "derivation" ("Abzweigung") of an application for a utility model from an EP application, see OJ EPO 1987, 175.
Greece	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time Art. 23(10)(f) Law No. 1733/87 Art. 20 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	(a) Payment of the filing fee (EUR 30) (b) Filing, in duplicate, of a Greek translation of the patent application Art. 21(1), (2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 Dec. of 14.11.2005	(a) Proof of payment must be submitted together with the request for conversion within 3 months of the date on which the EPO has notified the applicant that the application is deemed to be withdrawn. (b) 4 months after receipt by OBI of the request for conversion Art. 21(1), (2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 must be taken by the applicant or by a Greek legal practitioner. Art. 19 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	The request for conversion is entered in the Records Book, Volume A "National applications". Art. 21(3) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 In the cases indicated in column 1, the EP patent application may also be converted into a national application for a utility model. Art. 21 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 Art. 19(6) Law No. 1733/87
Hungary	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) or Art. 90(3) EPC The Hungarian translation of any European patent application in a foreign language must be filed within four months. Art. 84/F(3) PA	(a) Payment of the filing and the search fee (b) Filing of a Hungarian translation Art. 84/F PA	(2a) 2 months after filing the request for conversion or, if the request is not filed with the HPO, after receipt of the request (2b) 4 months after filing the request for conversion or, if the request is not filed with the HPO, after receipt of the request Art. 84/F PA	Foreign applicants whose permanent residence or seat is not in the territory of the EEA must appoint a professional representative who is entitled to act before the HPO. This professional representative does not have to be a national professional representative but must be domiciled in the EEA. Art. 51(1), (4) PA	

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Iceland	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Art. 88 PA	(a) Payment of the filing fee (ISK 34 500 plus ISK 1 700 for the 11th and each subsequent claim) (b) Filing of an Icelandic translation of the claims Art. 88 PA	Within 3 months of the Icelandic Patent Office's notifying the applicant of receipt of the request for conversion Art. 79 PR	An applicant who is not domiciled in Iceland must have an agent, residing in the European Economic Area, who can represent the applicant in all matters concerning the application Art. 12 PA	
Ireland	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Sect. 122(1) PA R. 86 PR	(a) Request for conversion (b) Payment of the conversion fee (EUR 30) and of the filing fee (EUR 125) (c) Filing, in duplicate, of an English translation of the patent application and any amendments previously made (d) Designation of the inventor or indication of the applicant's right to be granted the patent Sect. 17(2), 122(2) PA R. 86(1) and Schedule I Fees Rules	2 months from receipt by the Controller of the request for conversion or, where the EP application was not filed at the IPO, within 2 months of date of notification by the Controller to the applicant of receipt of a request from the Central Industrial Property Office of another contracting state where the EP application was filed Sect. 122 PA R. 86 PR	Yes, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in the European Community R. 93(1) PR SI No.141 of 2006 SI No.142 of 2006	-
Italy	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time (cf. column 5) Art. 58 PL	(a) When the conversion request is received from the EPO the applicant is invited by the UIBM to file a national application with a special annotation (b) Filing of an Italian translation of the abstract, the description, the claims and of the priority document, if any Art. 58 PL	(a) and (b): In response to a request by the UIBM giving at least 2 months for compliance Art. 58 PL	Not required for procedural steps referred to in column 2; an authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation. However, an address for service in Italy must be given.	The UIBM first requires the applicant to give an address for service; only then does it despatch the request referred to in column 3. The granting of a utility model may be applied for at the same time as conversion of the EP application. EP applications refused by the EPO, withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn may be converted into an application for registration of a utility model. The same applies to European patents revoked for Italy. Art. 58 PL
Latvia	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.				
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland				

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Lithuania	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time Art. 59 ⁽⁶⁾ (1) PL	(a) Payment of national filing fee (LTL 400 plus LTL 40 for the 11th and each subsequent claim) (b) Filing, in triplicate, of a Lithuanian translation Art. 59 ⁽⁶⁾ (2) PL	<i>Information not available at time of going to press.</i> <i>Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.</i>	Yes, but authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation. However, an address for service in Lithuania must be given. Art. 10(3), (4) PL	<i>Information not available at time of going to press.</i> <i>Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.</i>
Luxembourg	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Art. 11 Law of 27.5.77	(a) Payment of - the filing fee (EUR 14) - 3rd renewal fee (EUR 29) and of further renewal fees due on the date of receipt of the request for conversion - the publication fee (EUR 4.34) (b) Filing, in triplicate, of a German or French translation Art. 13 Law of 27.5.77 Fees Reg.	3 months from a request by the Luxembourg Patent Office Art. 13 Law of 27.5.77	The procedural steps referred to in column 2(b) must be taken by a representative entitled to practise in Luxembourg, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business on the territory of the European Union.	-
Monaco	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Art. 6 SO No. 10.427	(a) Payment of - national filing fee (EUR 22)* - priority fee (EUR 16 for the second and any additional priority) * as of 1.1.2007: EUR 27 (b) Filing of a French translation SO (Fees)	3 months after receipt by the applicant of the communication for conversion. An additional time limit of 1 month from date of notification by the MC Patent Office will be granted subject to a 20% surcharge on the amounts due. Art. 3 MD	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant or his representative before the EPO. Appointment of a national representative for subsequent procedural acts is not required.	-
Netherlands	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Art. 47 PA	(a) Payment of the national filing fee (EUR 90) (b) Filing, in duplicate, of a Dutch translation Art. 48(2) PA	3 months after receipt of the request for conversion Art. 48(2) PA	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant, his national patent attorney or attorney at law.	A certification of the translation must be filed if required by the NPO. Art. 48(2) PA

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Poland	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Withdrawal or refusal of the application Art. 5 § 1 EPAL	(a) Payment of - filing fee (PLN 500 plus PLN 25 for each page of the description, claims and drawings in excess of 20); - extra fee for a declaration claiming priority (PLN 100 for each priority) (b) Filing, in duplicate, of a Polish translation of the patent application (containing the description of the invention, the abstract, patent claims and drawings) Art. 5 §§ 2 and 3 EPAL Annex 1 item 1 Fees Reg.	2 months from the date of service of the invitation by the PL Patent Office at the latest Art. 5 § 2 EPAL	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 must be taken by a national patent attorney if the applicant has neither a domicile nor his seat in Poland. Art. 236 § 3 IPL	EP applications refused by the EPO, withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn may also be converted into an application for a utility model. Art. 5 § 1 EPAL
Portugal	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC was not filed in time. Art. 86(1), (2), 87(1), (2) PA	(a) Payment of new publication fee: EUR 54.05 fee for the 11th and each subsequent claim: EUR 10.81 examination fee: EUR 216.21 (b) Filing of a Portuguese translation Art. 81, 86(3), (4) PA Fees Order	2 months after receipt by INPI of the request for conversion Art. 86(4) PA	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 must be taken by an authorised representative in Portugal if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Portugal. Art. 81 PA	The EP application may also be converted into an application for a utility model. The same applies to EP applications refused by the EPO, withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn. Art. 87 PA
Romania	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time Art. 9(1) AccEPCLaw	(a) Request for conversion (b) Filing of the Romanian translation of the EP patent application and, where appropriate, of the text as amended in proceedings before the EPO (c) Payment of the prescribed fee	(a) Within 3 months of the date of the notification to the applicant that the application is deemed to be withdrawn (b) + (c) Within two months of the invitation by OSIM to do so	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant or his national representative. All subsequent procedural steps must be taken by an authorised national representative, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Romania.	-

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Slovakia	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC The European patent application is withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, refused, or the European patent is revoked. § 61(1), (3) PA	(a) Payment of the filing fee and the fee for conversion (SKK 600) (b) Filing of a Slovak translation § 61(2) PA	3 months § 61(2) PA	Yes § 79(1) PA	European patent application may also be converted into an application for a utility model. § 61(5) PA
Slovenia	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time Art. 30(1) IPA	(a) Payment of the prescribed fee (SIT 26 400 – EUR 110.16)* * as of 1.1.2007: EUR 110 Art. 1(1.4.3) Fees Decr. (b) Filing of a Slovenian translation of the European patent application Art. 30(2) IPA	2 months following the date of transmission of the request for conversion to the Patent Office Art. 137(2) EPC	Yes Art. 129 IPA	-
Spain	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time (see also column 5) Art. 13 RD 2424	(a) Payment of - filing fee (EUR 86.40*) - fee for each foreign priority (EUR 20*) - any renewal fees due (b) Filing, in triplicate, of a Spanish translation * Note: the fees may be revised at the beginning of each year. as of 1.1.2007: filing fee: EUR 88.13 priority: EUR 20.40 Art. 14 RD 2424	2 months after receipt by OEPM of the request for conversion Art. 14 RD 2424	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant or his representative before the EPO; an authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation. All subsequent procedural steps must be taken by an authorised national representative, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in the EU. Art. 14 RD 2424 Art. 3 Law 8/1998	The EP application may also be converted into an application for a utility model. The same applies to applications refused by the EPO, withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn. Art. 15 RD 2424

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Sweden	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC § 93(1) PA	(a) Payment of application fee (SEK 500 filing fee + SEK 2 500 search fee + SEK 150 for the 11th and each subsequent claim) (b) Filing, in duplicate, of a Swedish translation § 93(1) PA § 66(x) PD	3 months after acknowledgement by the SE Patent Office of receipt of the request for conversion § 66(x) PD	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant or his representative before the EPO. The SE Patent Office can invite an applicant not domiciled in Sweden to have an agent residing here who is entitled to receive for him service in matters concerning the application. § 12 PA	-
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time (for applications filed in Italian) Withdrawal or refusal of the application or revocation of the patent for Switzerland/Liechtenstein where the EPO finds that it does not meet the requirements of Art. 54(3) and (4) EPC. Art. 121 PA	(a) Payment of national filing fee (CHF 200 + CHF 50 for the 11th and each subsequent claim) (b) Filing of a translation in one of Switzerland's official languages (c) Payment of renewal fees already due Art. 123 PA Art. 118, 17a(1)(a), 49, 18 PO Fees Reg. (Annex III)	(a) and (b) time limit set by the IPI (c) 6 months from a request by the IPI (surcharge payable from 4th month) Art. 118 PO	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant or his representative before the EPO; an authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation. All subsequent procedural steps must be taken by an authorised national representative, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Switzerland. Art. 13 PA Art. 118 PO	If the applicant has his residence or principal place of business abroad, he is first required to appoint a Swiss representative in the time limit set by the IPI. The representative is then requested to take all subsequent procedural steps. Text in the drawings may, if admissible, be translated during the national procedure. A translation of the request and search report is not required.
Turkey	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC R. 19 RegEPC	(a) Payment of national filing fee* (TRY 49 – as of 1.1.2007: TRY 25) The filing fee is increased according to the number of priorities, see List of Fees. * Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January. (b) Filing in triplicate of a Turkish translation R. 20 RegEPC Fees 2006	3 months after receipt by TPI of the request for conversion R. 20 RegEPC	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 must be taken by a professional representative before the TPI, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Turkey. R. 20 RegEPC	In the case indicated in column 1 the EP application may be converted into a national application for a utility model. R. 19 RegEPC

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United Kingdom	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC	<p>(a) Request for conversion only if the UK Patent Office is the receiving Office</p> <p>(b) Application fee of GBP 30 and fee of GBP 100 for search (Form 9A/77);</p> <p>(c) Statement of inventorship and of right to grant (Form 7/77 - no fee)</p> <p>(d) Where necessary an English translation</p>	<p>If the UK Patent Office is the receiving Office:</p> <p>(a) 3 months from date of notification to the applicant by the EPO that the application is deemed to be withdrawn</p> <p>(b) and (c) 2 months from receipt of the request for conversion, extendible by two months (R. 110(3)) or possibly longer on request under R. 110(4) and, if request is allowed, R. 110(6). Any extensions or further extensions may only be for periods of two months (R. 110(8)) and cannot be granted more than two months after the originally prescribed or previously extended period has expired (R. 110(10)).</p> <p>If the UK Patent Office is not the receiving Office:</p> <p>(b) to (d) 4 months from the date of a communication from the UK Patent Office notifying receipt of a request for conversion, extendible by two months under R. 110(3) or possibly longer under R. 110(4) and, if request is allowed, R. 110(6). Any extensions or further extensions may only be for periods of two months (R. 110(8)) and cannot be granted more than two months after the originally prescribed or previously extended period has expired (R. 110(10)).</p>	<p>The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant or any representative appointed by the applicant.</p> <p>Authorisation will not normally be required except where there is a change of national representative after the proceedings before the UK Patent Office have begun or where a representative is appointed after the applicant has started proceedings himself, in which case Form 51/77 (no fee) is required. The form must be in duplicate if one representative is appointed for another.</p>	<p>The other information required for a normal domestic filing (Form 1/77) should also be supplied (eg title, priority data), but no fee will be necessary.</p> <p>re column 3:</p> <p>For an extension under R. 110(3), Form 52/77 (fee GBP 135) must be filed; for a request under R. 110(4), Form 52/77 (fee GBP 135) accompanied by a witness statement, statutory declaration or affidavit verifying the grounds for the request must be filed, followed by the filing of Form 53/77 (fee GBP 135) if the request is allowed.</p>
	Sect. 81(1)(b) PA	Sect. 81(2) PA R. 81, 82 PR Schedule PFR	R. 81(1), (3), (4), 82(3), (4), 110(3), 110(4), 110(6), 110(8), 110(10) PR	R. 30, 90 PR	R. 16(1), 110(3), 110(4), 110(6), 110(8), 110(10) PR Schedule PFR

Payment of fees

VIII.

A number of "national fees" are payable to the patent authorities of the contracting states in connection with the provisions of the EPC (see Tables II, III, IV, VI, VII, IX).

The purpose of the following Table is to facilitate these fee payments by setting out some useful information regarding national legal provisions, accounts held by patent authorities, permissible methods of payment and date considered as the effective payment date.

There is no special mention of common principles and practice governing payment transactions, such

as the requirement to state the name of the person making payment and the purpose of the payment and to specify the patent application number or publication number.

References to banks, post offices or postal giro offices denote only the relevant institution or office within the territory of the contracting state in question.

When making payments, allowance should be made for charges which may be levied by banks, especially on incoming foreign transfers, and which it is not the responsibility of the national patent authorities to pay.

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Austria	POR	<p>Österreichisches Patentamt Österreichische Postsparkasse Georg-Coch-Platz 2 1018 WIEN</p> <p>Giro account No. 5.160.000 (BLZ 60 000)</p> <p>IBAN: AT36 6000 0000 0516 0000</p> <p>BIC: OPSKATWW</p>	<p>(a) payment to the Giro account (b) transfer to the Giro account</p> <p>§ 8 POR</p>	<p>3(a) date of inpayment at an Austrian post office or the Austrian "Postsparkasse"</p> <p>3(b) date on which credited to the Patent Office Giro account indicated in column 2</p> <p>§ 8 POR</p>
Belgium	RD (Fees)	<p>Office de la Propriété Intellectuelle (OPRI) auprès du Service public fédéral Economie, PME, Classes moyennes et Energie</p> <p>Giro account No. 679-2005880-17 with the "Office des Chèques postaux", 1100 BRUXELLES</p> <p>IBAN: BE61 6792 0058 8017</p> <p>SWIFT: PCHQBEBB</p>	<p>(a) cash payment (b) payment to Giro account (c) postal money order ("mandat postal") (d) transfer to Giro account (e) payment order ("par assignation") (f) bank/postal cheque (g) international money order (h) debiting a deposit account</p> <p>See Table III.B, column 1, re representation before the OPRI</p> <p>Art. 4, 5, 8 RD (Fees)</p>	<p>3(a) date of payment at OPRI</p> <p>3(b) and (c) date marked by postal date stamp on payment form or money order (in the case of money orders sent direct to the postal giro office, the relevant date is as indicated in 3(d))</p> <p>3(d) date on which credited to the Giro account indicated in column 2</p> <p>3(e) date on which drawer's account is debited by the postal giro office</p> <p>3(f) and (g) date of receipt at OPRI</p> <p>3(h) date of receipt of the debit order at OPRI</p> <p>Art. 5, 6, 8 RD (Fees)</p>
Bulgaria	Art. 5, 33 PL Decr. Fees	<p>Bulgarian Patent Office</p> <p>Bulgarian National Bank Centralno Upravlenie 1, Batenberg sq., 1000 SOFIA</p> <p>SWIFT: BNBGBGSF</p> <p>IBAN: BG90 BNBG 9661 3100 1709 01</p>	<p>(a) cash payment (b) bank transfer</p>	<p>3(a) date of receipt of payment at BG Patent Office</p> <p>3(b) date of payment at the bank</p>
Cyprus	PL PFR	N/A	<p>Fees must be paid in CYP:</p> <p>(a) cash payment (b) cheque payable to the Registrar of Companies (c) bank draft</p>	date of receipt of the payment at the CY Patent Office

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Finland	PA Fees Decr.	Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus Nordea Bank Finland Plc, Aleksanterinkatu 36, 00020 NORDEA Account No. 166030-104227 IBAN: FI97 1660 3000 1042 27 BIC: NDEAFIHH	(a) cash payment (b) postal money order (c) cheque drawn on a Finnish bank and made payable to the PRH in euros (d) (cabled) transfer to a Finnish bank in favour of the giro account indicated in column 2	3(a) date of receipt of payment at the PRH 3(b) date on which the money order is handed in at a Finnish Post Office 3(c) date of receipt of the cheque at the PRH 3(d) date on which credited to the giro account indicated in column 2
France	Fees Ord. of 2.8.05	Payments to be made to the "Agent comptable de l'Institut national de la propriété industrielle" 26bis, rue de St Pétersbourg 75800 PARIS CEDEX 08 Recette Générale des Finances 94, rue Réaumur, 75002 PARIS Code banque : 10071 Code guichet : 75000 Clé de RIB: 56 Account No. 00001000008 IBAN: FR76 1007 1750 0000 0010 0000 856 BIC: BDFEFRPPXXX	(a) cash payment (b) postal cheque (c) bank cheque (d) postal money order ("mandat-lettre") (e) postal money order ("mandat-carte") (f) transfer to Giro account Note: As quickest payment method INPI recommends that payments be made as indicated under (b) to (e). Art. 5 Fees Ord. of 2.8.05	3(a) date of payment, at INPI 3(b)-(d) if forwarded by post: date of posting (postmark); if delivered by hand: date of receipt at INPI 3(e) date on which postal money order is issued (as stamped by post office) 3(f) date on which credited to the Giro account indicated in column 2 Art. 5 Fees Ord. of 2.8.05
Germany	LPF Cost Ord.	Bundeskasse Weiden für DPMA BBk München (Deutsche Bundesbank Filiale München) Account No. 700 010 54 BLZ 700 000 00 IBAN: DE84 7000 0000 0070 0010 54 BIC: MARKDEF1700 Important: Customers should declare that any handling charges are borne by the payer.	(a) Cash payment at the cashdesks of the DPMA Office (at the Munich and Jena sites, and at the Technical Information Centre in Berlin) (b) Credit transfer to the account of the Bundeskasse Weiden with the Bundesbank München (account No. 700 010 54, sort code 700 000 00) (c) (Cash) payment via a domestic or foreign financial institution to the Bundeskasse Weiden account with the Bundesbank München (account No. 700 010 54, sort code 700 000 00) (d) Presentation or submission of a direct debit mandate (Form A 9507) debiting a domestic account § 1 Cost Ord.	3(a) Date of payment 3(b) Date payment is credited to the account 3(c) Date of payment 3(d) Date of receipt by the DPMA's filing office in Munich or by the German Federal Patents Court. For fees due at a future date, the due date, provided that the payment is made to the credit of the Bundeskasse responsible for the DPMA § 2 Cost Ord.

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Greece	Dec. of 14.11.2005	<p>OBI Organismos Viomichanikis Idioktissias</p> <p>Alpha Bank (Amaroussio Branch No. 146) 64 Kifissias Avenue 15125 ATHENS</p> <p>Account No. 1460 0231 0002 160</p> <p>IBAN: GR65 0140 1460 1460 0231 0002 160</p> <p>BIC: CRBAGRAAXX</p>	<p>(a) cash payment</p> <p>(b) bank or personal cheque drawn on OBI</p> <p>(c) postal cheque made out to the order of OBI</p> <p>(d) remittance or telephone order drawn on Alpha Credit Bank</p> <p>Art. 4(1) Dec. of 14.11.2005</p>	<p>3(a) date of receipt of the payment at the OBI's cash office</p> <p>3(b) and (c) date of receipt of the cheque at the OBI's cash office</p> <p>3(d) date on which amount is credited to the account held by OBI with Alpha Credit Bank</p> <p>Art. 4(2) Dec. of 14.11.2005</p>
Hungary	FeeDecr	<p>Account of the HPO with the Hungarian State Treasury Deák Ferenc u. 5, 1052 BUDAPEST</p> <p>"Treasury Transaction Code 310"</p> <p>No. 1003 2000-0173 1842-0000 0000</p> <p>IBAN: HU30 1003 2000 0173 1842 0000 0000</p> <p>SWIFT: MANEHUHB</p>	<p>(a) bank transfer</p> <p>(b) postal money order</p> <p>Art. 21 FeeDecr</p>	<p>3(a) date of receipt of payment at the HPO</p> <p>3(b) date on which the money order is issued (as date stamped by a Hungarian post office)</p>
Iceland	PA Fees Reg.	<p>Icelandic Patent Office (Einkaleyfastofan), Skúlagötu 63, 150 REYKJAVIK</p> <p>National Bank of Iceland Laugavegi 77, 101 REYKJAVIK</p> <p>IBAN: IS26 0111 0527 1038 6501 9121 89</p> <p>Swift Code/BIC: LAISISRE</p>	<p>(a) cash payment</p> <p>(b) (cabled) transfer to an Icelandic bank in favour of the bank account indicated in column 2</p> <p>The payment shall always be accompanied by detailed instructions/information.</p>	<p>3(a) date of receipt of payment at the Icelandic Patent Office</p> <p>3(b) date on which credited to the bank account indicated in column 2</p>

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Ireland	PA PR	N/A	<p>Fees must be paid in EUR.</p> <p>(a) cash payment</p> <p>Please note that cash should not be sent by post. Cash payments should only be made in person at the IPO.</p> <p>(b) Bank drafts, company cheques or Personal cheques. These should be made payable to the Controller of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks or to the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, and drawn on an Irish bank.</p> <p>(c) Post Office money order</p> <p>(d) Payment of renewal fees for patents, registered trade marks and designs which have been registered under the Industrial Designs Act 2001 may be made by credit card or debit card online through the Patents Office website (www.patentsoffice.ie). Master Card and Visa credit cards and Irish Laser debit cards will be accepted for the purpose of making the renewal payments referred to above online</p>	<p>3(a) date of payment at IPO</p> <p>3(b) and (c) date of receipt at IPO</p> <p>3(d) date of payment made online</p>
Italy	Decision of 20.8.92	<p><i>Payment of fees for registering a transfer, licences and other rights in respect of a European patent in the national patent register:</i></p> <p>Agenzia delle Entrate - centro operativo Pescara (Imposte sui brevetti)</p> <p>Giro account ("conto corrente postale") No.: 668004 ABI 07601 CAB 03200</p> <p>IBAN: IT42 D076 0103 2000 0000 0668 004</p> <p>BIC: BPPIITRRXXX</p>	<p>Payment at any Italian post office using the prescribed form (Ch. 8quater). The payment voucher (Section 4) has to be presented to the Italian Patent and Trademark Office (UIBM, Ufficio G5). The purpose of the payment has to be stated on the reverse of Sections 1 and 4. In the case of payments from abroad, the UIBM also accepts international post giro transfers provided a supplement of EUR 0.52 is included to cover postal giro charges.</p>	<p>Date of inpayment at an Italian post office (date stamp)</p> <p>The date stamped by the post office also applies if payment is made through a bank; in this case the bank should be instructed to send the payment voucher to the Italian Patent and Trademark Office (UIBM, Ufficio G5).</p>
Latvia	<p>Information not available at time of going to press.</p> <p>Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.</p>			
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland			
Lithuania	Art. 58 PL Fees Law	<p>Beneficiary: Vilnius State Tax Inspection Office</p> <p>Bank "Hansabankas"</p> <p>Bank Code 73000</p> <p>IBAN: LT23 7300 0100 0245 8204</p>	bank transfer	date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Luxembourg	PL (Art. 89.2) Fees Reg.	Administration de l'Enregistrement et des Domaines, Bureau des successions et de la taxe d'abonnement 67-69, rue Verte 2667 LUXEMBOURG Bureau des chèques postaux LUXEMBOURG IBAN: LU31 1111 0077 3370 0000 BIC : CCPLLULL	(a) cash payment (b) postal money order (c) post office transfer or payment	3(a) date on which payment is handed over to the competent payments officer 3(b) date of receipt of the postal money order by the competent payments officer, only if sum is paid on presentation 3(c) date on which amount is credited to the account indicated in column 2
Monaco	PA SO No. 1476 SO No. 10.427 SO (Fees)	Trésorerie Générale des Finances (TGF) (rubrique 012104 - DCIPI brevets) Crédit Lyonnais 1, Avenue des Citronniers MONTE CARLO Account No. 0000063074 G Clé rib 72 Code banque 30002 - Code guichet 03214 IBAN: MC06 3000 2032 1400 0006 3 074 G72 BIC: CRLYFRPP	(a) cash payment (b) bank cheque or postal cheque (c) bank transfer	3(a) date of receipt of the payment at the MC Patent Office 3(b) date of receipt at the MC Patent Office; the date marked by postal date stamp will be considered as proof 3(c) date on which the amount is credited to the account Art. 40 SO No. 1476
Netherlands	PA PR	Octrooicentrum Nederland, RIJSWIJK Rabobank international Postbus 17100, 3500 HG UTRECHT BIC: RABONL2U (a) for renewal fees for European patents: Account No. 1923.24.160 IBAN: NL23 RABO 0192 3241 60 (b) for other fees: Account No. 1923.24.179 IBAN: NL92 RABO 0192 3241 79	(a) cash payment (b) transfer or payment to the bank account (c) cheque made out in EUR (d) debit from a deposit account with the NPO	3(a) and 3(c) date of receipt of the payment or cheque at the NPO 3(b) date on which credited to one of the accounts indicated in column 2 3(d) date of receipt of debit order
Poland	Fees Reg.	Urząd Patentowy RP Narodowy Bank Polski Oddział Okręgowy WARSZAWA IBAN: PL 93 1010 1010 0025 8322 3100 0000 BIC (SWIFT): NBPLPLPW	(a) cash payment (b) postal money order (c) bank transfer § 5 Fees Reg.	(a) date marked by the date stamp on the payment form handed in at the PL Patent Office (b) date marked by the postal date stamp (at a Polish post office) on the postal money order (c) date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Portugal	Art. 89, 346, 347 PA Fees Ord.	N/A	Fees must be paid in EUR. (a) cash payment (b) cheque (c) postal order Art. 347(1) PA Persons not having either a residence or their principal place of business in Portugal must make payments via a professional representative in Portugal.	3(a) date of receipt of payment at INPI 3(b) and 3(c) date of post stamp
Romania	Fees Law	<i>Payments in EUR:</i> Banca Comerciala Romana Sucursala Doamnei, nr. 14-16, sect. 3 BUCUREȘTI BIC/SWIFT: RNCBROBU IBAN: RO38 RNCB 0080 0056 3032 0005 <i>Payments in RON:</i> Directia de Trezorerie și Contabilitate Publică a Municipiului București Splaiul Unirii nr. 8, Sector 3, BUCUREȘTI IBAN: RO89 TREZ 7005 025X XX00 0278 Cod fiscal: 4266081	(a) bank transfer (b) cash payment	3(a) date on which credited to the bank account indicated in column 2 3(b) date of receipt of the payment at the OSIM

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Slovakia	PA	<p>Úrad priemyselného vlastníctva SR ul. Jána Švermu 43 974 04 BANSKÁ BYSTRICA</p> <p>Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s. Mlynské Nivy 1 829 90 BRATISLAVA</p> <p>SWIFT: SUBASKBX</p> <p><i>(a) for renewal fees for European patents:</i></p> <p>IBAN: SK53 8180 0000 0070 0011 9169</p> <p><i>(b) for other fees:</i></p> <p>IBAN: SK49 8180 0000 0070 0006 0750</p> <p>Important:</p> <p>Please state with each payment the following details:</p> <p>- the name of the respective account:</p> <p>(a) Účet európskych patentov Úrad priem. vlast. SR BB (for renewal fees), or (b) Depozitný účet Úrad priemysel. vlastníctva SR BB (for other fees) and, in each case,</p> <p>- the "variable symbol" described below which is needed to identify the European patent application or European patent concerned.</p> <p>The variable symbol consists of a 10-digit numerical code composed as follows:</p> <p>1 9 y y y y y y y y</p> <p>where:</p> <p>1 9 = prefix – European patent application/European patent</p> <p>yyyyyyyy = publication number of the European patent application (without A or B)</p>	<p>(a) postal money order</p> <p>(b) bank transfer</p> <p>§ 7 Fees Law</p>	Date on which it is credited to the account indicated in column 2

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Slovenia	Art. 9, 109, 110 IPA Fees Decr.	Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for public payments Banka Slovenije Slovenska 35, 1505 LJUBLJANA Account No. 01100-1000307004 IBAN: SI56 0110 0100 0307 004 SWIFT: BSLJSI2X	(a) Postal money order (b) Payment or transfer to account Although transfer to the account from abroad is possible, it is recommended that payments be made in Slovenia. (c) Cash or non-cash payment at SIPO - cost of non-cash payment to be borne by payer Art. 3 Fees Decr.	The date on which the required amount is actually entered in the account indicated in column 2 or date of payment in cash at SIPO Art. 4 Fees Decr.
Spain	Fees Law	Oficina Española de Patentes y Marcas La Caixa, Paseo de la Castellana, 75, 28046 MADRID IBAN: ES22 2100 5038 3102 0000 1807 SWIFT: CAIXESBBXXX	(a) transfer to the Giro account (b) certified cheque which is made payable to the OEPM (c) postal money order ("giro postal") Persons not having either a residence or their principal place of business in the EU must make payments via a professional national representative. Art. 3 Law 8/98	3(a) date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2 3(b) date of receipt of the cheque at OEPM 3(c) date of inpayment at a post office
Sweden	PA PD	Patent- och registreringsverket <i>for payments made in Sweden:</i> Postgirot, 105 06 STOCKHOLM Account No. 15684-4 <i>or</i> Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB) 106 40 STOCKHOLM Bankgiro 5050-0248 <i>for payments from abroad:</i> Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB) 106 40 STOCKHOLM BIC/SWIFT: ESSESESS IBAN: SE22 5000 0000 0543 9100 1349	(a) cash payment (b) postal money order (c) cheque drawn on a Swedish bank and made payable to the SE Patent Office in Swedish currency (d) (cabled) transfer to a Swedish bank in favour of the Giro accounts indicated in column 2	3(a) date of receipt of payment at SE Patent Office 3(b) date on which the postal money order is handed in at a Swedish post office 3(c) date of receipt of cheque at the SE Patent Office 3(d) date on which credited to one of the accounts indicated in column 2

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	Fees Reg.	Eidgenössisches Institut für Geistiges Eigentum Swiss Post, PostFinance 3030 BERN Account No. 30-4000-1 BLZ: 9000 IBAN: CH68 0900 0000 3000 4000 1 SWIFT: POFI CH BE	(a) debit from a current account with the IPI (b) payment or transfer to Giro account (c) postal money order (d) delivery or remittance of cheques drawn on a banking institution in Switzerland and made out to the IPI (e) cash payment Art. 4 Fees Reg.	3(a) to (d) date on which credited to an account of the IPI 3(d) payment by cheque is valid only if the cheque is paid on presentation by the bank on which it is drawn. 3(e) date of receipt of payment at the IPI The time limit for payment is observed if, before it expires, the amount due is paid to Swiss Post or debited from a postal or bank account in Switzerland, in favour of the IPI. If a payment order carries a value date after the time limit fixed by the IPI it is not possible to claim the evidence mentioned above. Art. 6 Fees Reg.
Turkey	DL No. 551 Fees 2006	Türkiye İs Bankası/Ankara Kızılay Şubesi Account No. 4214-1099999 or T.C. Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Necatibey Şubesi Account No. 6565383-5002 or Türkiye Garanti Bankası/Ankara Şubesi Account No. 6298581 or T.C. Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Başkent Şubesi Account No. 34272132-5030	Bank transfer	Date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2 The bank should be instructed to send the payment voucher to the TPI.
United Kingdom	PA PR	The Patent Office Barclays Bank Plc 121 Queen Street CARDIFF CF10 2XU Account No. 80531766 Sort Code: 20-18-15 IBAN: GB31 BARC 2018 1580 5317 66 SWIFT: BARCGB22	(a) cheque drawn in sterling on a UK clearing bank (b) bank transfer (c) debit to a client deposit account held by the UK Patent Office (d) cash payment in person at the UK Patent Office (e) money order (f) credit/debit card (Visa, MasterCard/ American Express, Switch, Solo, Maestro) The documents relating to the payment of fees should be supported by a Fees Sheet (Form FS/2) or equivalent form listing individual fees. A reference (eg patent or deposit account number) should be quoted to link payment with any forms sent separately.	3(a), 3(e) and 3(f) date of receipt at the UK Patent Office 3(b) date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2 3(c) date of receipt of documents at the UK Patent Office if sufficient funds are present in the deposit account - otherwise the date on which the deposit account is replenished 3(d) date of payment at the UK Patent Office

Extension state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Albania	Fees Decr.	Drejtoria e Pergjithshme e Patentave dhe Markave Raiffeisen Bank TIRANA, Rruga e Kavajes, Tirane-Shqiperi REUTERS CODE: SSAL, SGSA SWIFT: SGSBALTX Account number: 317/4302	(a) bank transfer (b) cash payment	3(a) date on which credited to the bank account indicated in column 2 3(b) date of receipt of payment at the AL Patent and Trademark Office
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.			
Croatia	LAdmFees RCh	Državni Zavod Za Intelektualno Vlasništvo (State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic Of Croatia) Privredna Banka d.d. Zagreb Račkoga 6 10000 ZAGREB Account No. 702000-978-91828-132344-331 BIC/SWIFT: PBZGHR2X	(a) cash payment (b) bank transfer (c) postal money order	3(a) date of receipt of the payment at the Croatian Intellectual Property Office 3(b) and (c) date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005.)	LPL Fees Reg.	Valsts kase Reg. Nr. 90000050138 Valsts kase IBAN: LV90 TREL 1060 1909 1930 0 SWIFT: TRELLV22	transfer order	date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2
Lithuania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2004.)	Art. 58 PL Fees Law	Beneficiary: Vilnius State Tax Inspection Office Bank Hansabankas Bank Code 73000 IBAN: LT23 7300 0100 0245 8204	bank transfer	date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2

Extension state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)	PL Reg. Fees Law	<p><i>Payments in EUR:</i></p> <p>Banca Comerciala Romana Sucursala Doamnei, nr. 14-16, sect. 3, BUCUREȘTI</p> <p>BIC/SWIFT: RNCBROBU</p> <p>IBAN: RO38 RNCB 0080 0056 3032 0005</p> <p><i>Payments in RON:</i></p> <p>Directia de Trezorerie și Contabilitate Publică a Municipiului București Splaiul Unirii nr. 8, Sector 3, BUCUREȘTI</p> <p>IBAN: RO89 TREZ 7005 025X XX00 0278</p> <p>Cod fiscal: 4266081</p>	(a) bank transfer (b) cash payment	<p>3(a) date on which credited to the bank account indicated in column 2</p> <p>3(b) date of receipt of the payment at the OSIM</p>
Serbia	<p>Information not available at time of going to press.</p> <p>Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.</p>			
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	Art. 9, 109, 110 IPA Fees Decr.	<p>Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for public payments</p> <p>Banka Slovenije Slovenska 35, 1505 LJUBLJANA</p> <p>Account No. 01100-1000307004</p> <p>IBAN: SI56 0110 0100 0307 004</p> <p>SWIFT: BSLJSI2X</p>	<p>(a) postal money order</p> <p>(b) payment or transfer to account</p> <p>Although transfer to the account from abroad is possible, it is recommended that payments be made in Slovenia.</p> <p>(c) cash or non-cash payment at SIPO - cost of non-cash payment to be borne by payer</p>	The date on which the required amount is credited to the account indicated in column 2 or date of payment in cash at SIPO
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Fees Law	<p>(a) <i>Renewal fees:</i></p> <p>money order or bank transfer to</p> <p>budget account No. 1 000 000 000 63095;</p> <p>suspense account No. 840-033-03161;</p> <p>revenue code: 722313;</p> <p>manner: 2</p> <p>(b) <i>Publication fees:</i></p> <p>money order or bank transfer to SOIP's Account No. 1100200213-787-13;</p> <p>revenue code: 724139-11;</p> <p>manner: 1;</p> <p>SOIP's tax number: 4030994253825</p> <p>depositor at National Bank</p>	(a) bank transfer (b) postal money order	<p>3(a) date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2</p> <p>3(b) date of payment at MK post office</p>

Registering a transfer, licences and other rights in respect of a European patent in the national patent register

IX.

1. Up to grant of the European patent, **transfers**, **licences** and **other rights** in respect of European patent applications are registered centrally in the Register of European Patents in accordance with Rules 20 to 22 EPC.

2. After grant of the European patent, a transfer is registered in the Register of European Patents only during the opposition period or during opposition proceedings, in accordance with Rule 61 in conjunction with Rule 20 EPC. Column 6 of the following table indicates whether and under what conditions the contracting states recognise the registration of such transfers in the Register of

European Patents for the purposes of the national procedure.

3. This table also sets out the national regulations and requirements concerning the registration of transfers, licences (excluding compulsory licences) and other rights after grant of the European patent or after the final conclusion of opposition proceedings in the individual national patent registers of the designated contracting states. All details concerning the applicable provisions and the nature of the supporting documents to be filed are based on the information supplied to the EPO by the patent authorities of the contracting states.

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Austria	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written application or request by court for entry in the patent register; submission of original or duly certified copy of the instrument concerned (eg deed of transfer, certificate of inheritance, distraint order). If it is not a public instrument, certified signature of the proprietor of the right.</p> <p>§§ 33, 43(5)-(7) PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Application and documents as under 1.</p> <p>§§ 34, 35, 36, 45 PA</p>	<p>Yes; attorney at law, patent attorney or notary authorised to represent parties on a professional basis in Austria</p> <p>However, if the residence or place of business is in the EEA, a person authorised to accept service who is a resident of Austria may be appointed instead.</p> <p>§ 21 (4) PA</p>	No
Belgium	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>- Notification to OPRI accompanied by either a copy of the instrument of assignment or of the official document recording the transfer of rights, or an extract from such instrument or document</p> <p>- proof that the fee has been paid</p> <p>Art. 44 PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Notification to OPRI accompanied by either a copy of the licence agreement or an extract from such document sufficient to prove that a licence has been granted.</p> <p>Art. 34, 45 PA</p> <p>3. Adjoining rights, pledging</p> <p>as under 1.</p> <p>Art. 46 PA</p>	<p>see table III.B, column 1</p> <p>see table III.B, column 1</p> <p>see table III.B, column 1</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Yes, for contractual licences</p> <p>No</p>
Bulgaria	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written request accompanied by a copy of the instrument of assignment or of the official document recording the transfer of rights (eg deed of transfer, certificate of inheritance, court decision); proof that the fee has been paid.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Applicants with no permanent address or principal place of business in Bulgaria are required to act in proceedings before the BG Patent Office through local industrial property representatives.</p> <p>Art. 3(2) PL</p>	No

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
<p>EUR 70 per application</p> <p>Additionally, document fees are payable for the request as such and any annexes on completion of the procedure.</p> <p>Document fee for the request as such: EUR 13</p> <p>No fee is payable in the case of succession.</p>	<p>Liens and other rights in rem, licences, entries relating to disputes</p> <p>Entries in the register have legal effect. Priority is determined by the order in which applications for entry are presented at the Patent Office.</p> <p>§ 43(1)-(4) PA</p>	No	
<p>EUR 12 per patent (in the form of Belgian revenue stamps)</p> <p>EUR 12 per patent (in the form of Belgian revenue stamps)</p> <p>EUR 12 per patent (in the form of Belgian revenue stamps)</p>	<p>Entry in the register has declaratory effect.</p> <p>However, entry in the register gives effect to the assignment as against third parties and OPRI as from the date of its notification to OPRI.</p> <p>Art. 44(6) PA Art. 8(1) RD of 27.2.1981</p> <p>Entry in the register gives effect to the licence agreement as against third parties and OPRI.</p> <p>Art. 45 PA</p> <p>Art. 46(2) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required together with a letter by the party concerned explaining the nature of the transfer.</p>	<p>Documents not drafted in one of OPRI's official languages must be accompanied by a translation.</p> <p>(Concerning OPRI's official languages see table II, column 4)</p> <p>Seizure: Art. 47 PA</p> <p>Adjoining rights, pledging: Art. 46 PA</p>
BGN 80	<p>Transfer of rights, licences</p> <p>Entry in the register has declaratory effect.</p> <p>However, the licence has effect with respect to third parties as from the date of entry.</p>	No	Documents not drafted in Bulgarian must be accompanied by a translation.

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
	<p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Written request accompanied by a copy of the licence agreement or an extract thereof, sufficient to prove that a licence has been granted, signed by all parties; proof that the fee has been paid.</p>		
Cyprus	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Agreement assigning the ownership, signed by all parties, containing the EP number, date of filing, title of the invention, names, addresses and nationalities of the parties concerned.</p> <p>R. 5(2) PFR</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>R. 58(1) PFR</p>	<p>Form P.3</p> <p>R. 5(1) PFR</p>
Czech Republic	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Copy of the relevant document</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Two copies of the relevant document (licence agreement) indicating patent number, licensee and the scope of granted rights</p> <p>§ 17 DP</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 70 PA</p>	<p>No</p>
Denmark	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Deeds of transfer signed by the patent proprietor or relevant legal decision. A declaration of consent by the transferee is not required.</p> <p>§ 44 PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licence agreement</p> <p>§ 44 PA</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>

<p>4 Special fee payable?</p>	<p>5 Entries and data recorded in the register</p>	<p>6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?</p>	<p>7 Special features</p>
CYP 50	<p>Entries in the register have legal effect.</p> <p>R. 5(2) PFR</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Sect. 68 PL</p>	<p>Documents not drafted in Greek must be accompanied by a translation.</p>
<p>CZK 600</p> <p>CZK 600</p>	<p>Transfer of rights as well as licences</p> <p>Licence agreement only has effect vis-à-vis third parties from its entry in the patent register.</p> <p>§ 14(2) PA</p> <p>Assignment of a patent only has effect vis-à-vis third parties from the entry of the contract in the patent register.</p> <p>§ 15 PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) and payment of the prescribed fee (see column 4) are required.</p>	<p>Documents not drafted in Czech must be accompanied by a translation, if so requested by the Czech Industrial Property Office</p>
<p>No, but see column 7</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Recording on request of transfer of rights or grant of licences</p> <p>§ 44 PA</p> <p>§ 54 PO</p> <p>Legal proceedings may be brought against a registered patent proprietor.</p> <p>§ 54(1) PO</p> <p>Restrictions on the grant of additional licences, if any, may be entered on request.</p> <p>§ 54(1) PO</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A transfer recorded in the EPO European Patent Register is recognised by the DKPTO. Only where the DKPTO has not yet been informed of a transfer under R. 61 EPC is a copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) required.</p>	<p>Documents not drafted in Danish must be accompanied by a translation.</p>

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Estonia	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>(i) by transaction (eg sale, merger, transfer of title)</p> <p>- sale: request for transfer signed by the registered proprietor or request for transfer signed by the new proprietor, to which is attached a document showing that the transaction has taken place or a certified copy thereof</p> <p>- merger: request for transfer signed by new proprietor, to which is attached an extract from commercial register</p> <p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution): request for transfer signed by transferee, to which is attached a document legally establishing the transfer</p> <p>§ 16(2) IA § 45 PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Request for registration of rights (licence, pledge, etc.) signed by interested party, to which is attached an original or certified copy of the agreement or an extract from the relevant parts of the agreement</p> <p>(See also column 7)</p> <p>§ 17 IA § 46 PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 15 IA</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>
Finland	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>sale: dated deed of transfer (original or certified copy) signed by the proprietor</p> <p>merger: extract from the commercial register</p> <p>§ 44 PA § 42 PD</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Original or certified copy of the licence agreement signed by both the proprietor and the licensee.</p> <p>§ 44 PA § 42 PD</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>

<p>4 Special fee payable?</p>	<p>5 Entries and data recorded in the register</p>	<p>6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?</p>	<p>7 Special features</p>
<p>EEK 500, unless transfer of rights took place before filing of translation of the European patent specification</p> <p>§ 139(2) FA</p>	<p>Transfer of rights, registration of a licence or a pledge</p> <p>§§ 45 to 47 PA § 17(7) IA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required.</p> <p>§ 31(4) REP</p>	<p>A document certifying payment of the fee must be enclosed.</p> <p>§ 41(2) PA</p> <p>Request for transfer of rights, registration of a licence or a pledge may also be signed by the authorised Estonian patent attorney if a power of attorney contains permission to that effect.</p>
<p>EUR 40</p> <p>EUR 40</p>	<p>Transfer of rights, licences, seizure for debt</p> <p>Registration of transfers and licences has declaratory effect.</p> <p>§ 44 PA</p> <p>§ 42 PD</p> <p>Registration of seizure for debt has legal effect.</p> <p>§ 54 PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Entry in the register is automatic on payment of the fee (EUR 40) and submission of a copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544).</p>	<p>Documents are accepted in English, French, German, Danish or Norwegian or they may be submitted with a translation into one of these languages, unless special circumstances require a translation into Finnish. Documents in other languages require a translation into Finnish.</p>

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
France	<p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (eg sale, merger, transfer of title)</p> <p>sale: copy of the instrument of private agreement or a copy of the authentic instrument (see column 7). Registration may relate only to an extract from the instrument, in which case, failing the signature of the parties on the extract, the applicant sends it to INPI, which returns it to him, at his request, after verification of its conformity. Proof of payment of the prescribed fees must be provided.</p> <p>Art. R. 613-55 Decr.</p> <p>merger: copy of the merger agreement; extract from the Register of Trade and Companies</p> <p>Art. R. 613-56 Decr.</p> <p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>death (in the case of transfer on death or by unilateral action): a document evidencing the transfer of title.</p> <p>insolvency: the transfer of the patent is only registered in the event of liquidation of the insolvent's estate on presentation of the document legally establishing the transfer.</p> <p>Art. R. 613-56 Decr.</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>For assignment or the grant of a right of exploitation, the constitution or assignment of a lien, see under 1.</p> <p>Art. R. 613-55 Decr.</p>	No	Yes, in 4 copies
	<p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>death (in the case of transfer on death or by unilateral action): a document evidencing the transfer of title.</p> <p>insolvency: the transfer of the patent is only registered in the event of liquidation of the insolvent's estate on presentation of the document legally establishing the transfer.</p> <p>Art. R. 613-56 Decr.</p>	No	Yes, in 4 copies
	<p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>For assignment or the grant of a right of exploitation, the constitution or assignment of a lien, see under 1.</p> <p>Art. R. 613-55 Decr.</p>	No	Yes, in 4 copies

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Germany	<p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (eg sale, merger)</p> <p>- sale: evidence in the form of procedural declarations</p> <p>Request for transfer signed by the registered proprietor or his representative and by the successor in title or his representative</p> <p>or</p> <p>request for transfer signed by the successor in title or his representative, to which is attached a declaration signed by the registered proprietor or his representative to the effect that he agrees to the registration of the successor in title (authorisation of transfer)</p> <p>- other documents showing that the transaction has taken place (eg an agreement signed by the registered proprietor and the successor in title)</p> <p>- consolidation (merger of companies): extract from the register for the principal place of business of the new proprietor of the right</p> <p>§ 25 PA</p> <p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>- succession: duplicate of certificate of inheritance, certificate of inheritance limited where appropriate to specific items in the case of foreigners; certified copy of will with a copy of the probate proceedings</p> <p>- insolvency: authorisation by official receiver of transfer (proof of representation in the form of a duplicate or certified copy of the certificate of appointment)</p> <p>§ 15 in conjunction with § 30(3) PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>- Exclusive licence:</p> <p>written request from the exclusive licensee with authorisation from the patent proprietor or written request from the patent proprietor with authorisation from the exclusive licensee</p> <p>§ 30(4) PA</p> <p>- Licence of right:</p> <p>written declaration from the patent applicant or patent proprietor</p> <p>§ 23(1) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 25 PA</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>§ 25 PA</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>

<p>4 Special fee payable?</p>	<p>5 Entries and data recorded in the register</p>	<p>6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?</p>	<p>7 Special features</p>
None	Entry in the register has declaratory effect.	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required.</p>	<p>Further details are contained in the "Richtlinien für die Umschreibung von Schutzrechten und Schutzrechtsanmeldungen in der Patentrolle ..." ("Guidelines for the transfer of different kinds of protection of property rights and applications for property rights in the register of patents ...") of 28 October 1996, amended as of 1 January 2002 (Bl.f.PMZ 2002, 11).</p> <p>In the case of foreign-language documents drawn up in English, French, Italian or Spanish, the DPMA can require a translation of either the whole document or extracts from it, and that the translation be certified by a lawyer or patent attorney or prepared by an officially appointed translator. Where documents are drawn up in another language, a translation of the whole document or extracts from it is always required, either certified by a lawyer or patent attorney or prepared by an officially appointed translator.</p>
<p>EUR 25</p> <p>No. 313 400 Fees Schedule LPF</p>	Note concerning grant of licence		<p>The note is deleted on request of the patent proprietor or the licensee. The request for deletion by the patent proprietor must be substantiated by consent of the licensee recorded or his successor in title.</p> <p>§ 30(4) PA</p> <p>The fee for deletion of the note is EUR 25.</p> <p>No. 313 500 Fees Schedule LPF</p>
No	Note concerning licence of right		Renewal fees due after receipt of the declaration are halved.

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Greece	<p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (eg sale, merger)</p> <p>sale: Contract of sale</p> <p>merger: Agreement or decision of the competent body of a legal entity.</p> <p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Death of an owner: Certificate of hereditary succession</p> <p>Company in liquidation: Court decision or decision of the competent body of a legal entity. (see also column 7)</p> <p>Art. 12 Law No. 1733/87</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licence agreement</p> <p>Art. 12 Law No. 1733/87</p>	<p>No, unless the applicant is not in a position to file necessary documents.</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>
Hungary	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>The relevant public or private document</p> <p>Art. 55(2) PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>The relevant public or private document</p> <p>Art. 55(2) PA</p>	<p>Foreign applicants whose permanent residence or seat is not in the territory of the EEA must appoint a professional representative who is entitled to act before the HPO.</p> <p>This professional representative does not have to be a national professional representative but must be domiciled in the EEA.</p> <p>Art. 51(1), (4) PA</p>	<p>No</p>
Iceland	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Deeds of transfer signed by the patent proprietor or relevant legal decision. A declaration of consent by the transferee is not required.</p> <p>Art. 44 PA</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
EUR 136	Mention of the legal nature of the transfer or licence Substantive rights only accrue by virtue of registration in the patent register	Yes A certified copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required.	All foreign documents mentioned should contain an "apostille" according to the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961 and should be translated into Greek.
EUR 136			
HUF 15 000	Transfer of rights (data concerning the new owner), licences (licensee's name, duration of the contract, exclusivity, limitation on certain claims if applicable), mortgage (name of the mortgagee). With the exception of mortgage, entry in the register of transfer of rights and licences has declaratory effect. However, any right relating to patent protection only has effect vis-à-vis third parties of good faith if it has been recorded in the patent register.	Yes Entry in the register is automatic on payment of a fee (HUF 15 000) and submission of a copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544).	In the event of patent infringement, the holder of a contractual licence may invite the patentee to take appropriate action in order to stop the infringement. If the patentee fails to take action within 30 days of the invitation, the licensee recorded in the patent register may institute proceedings for patent infringement in his own name.
Art. 16 FeeDecr	Art. 54(1) and (3), 25(2) PA	Art. 42(1)d, 55(2) and 84/N PA Art. 16 FeeDecr	Art. 36(2) PA
HUF 15 000			
Art. 16 FeeDecr			
No	Recording on request of transfer of rights Art. 44 PA	Yes A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required.	Documents are accepted in Icelandic, Danish, Norwegian, Swedish and English.

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
	2. Licences and other rights Licence agreement Art. 44 PA	No	No
Ireland	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Certified copy of the relevant document Sect. 85 PA R. 58 PR 2. Licences and other rights Certified copy of the relevant document Sect. 85 PA R. 58 PR	Yes	No
Italy	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) - authenticated copy of the public document or the original - or authenticated copy of the authenticated private document (see also column 7) Art. 138 PL 2. Licences and other rights as under 1. Art. 138 PL	No	No
Latvia	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.		

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland		
Lithuania	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Contract assigning a patent application or patent</p> <p>Art. 31 PL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licence agreement</p> <p>Art. 34 PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 10(3), (4) PL</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 10(3), (4) PL</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>
Luxembourg	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>- original or certified copy of the substantiating document, or</p> <p>- private agreement between the parties, or joint declaration by the parties confirming the assignment or agreement, or</p> <p>- more rarely, acknowledgement or confirmation of the transfer by the transferor and separate declaration of acceptance or confirmation by the transferee</p> <p>Art. 53 PL Art. 23 Decr.</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Patentees with residence/place of business within the European Union must appoint a national professional representative only if they want "to exercise the rights derived from the patent".</p> <p>Art. 83(4) PL</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>
Monaco	<p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (eg sale, merger, transfer of title)</p> <p>sale and merger: The application (form) is drawn up on unstamped paper in two copies which must contain all the necessary details concerning the transfer in question.</p> <p>Production of a certified copy of the instrument of transfer. This copy must be registered with the Principality's "Direction des Services Fiscaux".</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
<p>LTL 400</p> <p>Fees Law</p> <p>LTL 240</p> <p>Fees Law</p>	<p>Transfer of rights and licences</p> <p>Entries in the Register have legal effect.</p>	<p><i>Information not available at time of going to press.</i></p> <p><i>Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.</i></p>	<p>Assignments are published in the Official Bulletin.</p> <p>Documents not drafted in Lithuanian must be accompanied by a translation.</p>
<p>EUR 7 per patent</p> <p>EUR 7 per patent mortgaged</p>	<p>Identity of assignee and date of his declaration</p> <p>Entry in the register has legal effect, except in the case of death.</p> <p>Identity of the mortgagee; mortgage term</p> <p>Licence: exclusive or non-exclusive; sub-licence</p> <p>Art. 23 Decr.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required.</p>	<p>Publication in the "Mémorial"</p> <p>Documents are also accepted in English and German.</p> <p>Art. 2 Decr.</p>
<p>EUR 16 per entry*</p> <p>* as of 1.1.2007: EUR 17 per entry</p>	<p>Transfers of rights, as well as licences, seizure and charges</p> <p>The transfer or amendment of rights only has effect vis-à-vis third parties once it has been entered in the special patent register and in so far as this transfer or amendment has been entered in the European Patent Register.</p> <p>Art. 11 SO No. 10.427</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A transfer recorded in the EPO European Patent Register is recognised.</p>	<p>Assignments are published in the "Journal de Monaco".</p> <p>Documents not drafted in French must be accompanied by a translation.</p>

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
	<p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, bankruptcy, legal means of execution)</p> <p>death and bankruptcy: certified copy of the instrument of transfer</p> <p>transfer by succession: notarised document or abstract of the inventory</p> <p>Art. 18 PL Art. 37 SO No. 1476</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Filing of a certified copy of the licence or lien</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>
Netherlands	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>either the original or a certified copy of the document containing the deed of transfer of title by the proprietor and declaration of acceptance by the assignee</p> <p>Art. 64, 65 PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Original or a certified copy of the licence agreement, or an accepted testamentary disposition</p> <p>Art. 56 PA</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>
Poland	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written request by an interested party; submission of the relevant document</p> <p>Art. 67, Art. 76 § 6 and Art. 229 § 1 IPL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p> <p>Art. 67, Art. 76 § 6 and Art. 229 § 1 IPL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 236 § 3 IPL</p>	<p>No</p>

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Portugal	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written document providing evidence of the transfer</p> <p>Art. 31(1), (2), (6), 30 PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licence contract</p> <p>Art. 30, 32 PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 10(1) PA Art. 1, 2 Decr. Law</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>INPI Form PatMut3</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>INPI Form PatMut3</p>
Romania	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>(i) by transaction</p> <p>sale: request for transfer signed by the old or the new proprietor, either the original or certified copy or extract of the assignment document signed by all parties to the transaction and proof that the fee has been paid</p> <p>merger: request for transfer signed by new proprietor, to which is attached an extract from commercial register</p> <p>(ii) by operation of law</p> <p>request for transfer signed by transferee, to which is attached a document legally establishing the transfer</p> <p>Art. 47 PL R. 73(2), (3) Reg.</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Request for registration of licence or other right signed by interested party, to which is attached an original or certified copy of the agreement or an extract from the relevant parts of the agreement and proof that the fee has been paid.</p> <p>Art. 47 PL R. 73(2), (3) Reg.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>
Slovakia	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written application, submission of copy of the instrument concerned (eg deed of transfer)</p> <p>§§ 19, 20, 21 RPA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Written application and documents as under 1.</p> <p>§§ 19, 20, 21 RPA</p>	<p>Yes, attorney at law, patent attorney authorised to practise before the SK Patent Office</p> <p>§ 79(1) PA</p>	<p>No</p>

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
Assignment fee: EUR 86.48 Licence fee: EUR 86.48 Compulsory licence fee: EUR 162.16	Transfers of rights as well as contractual licences Entry in the register has legal effect and takes effect vis-à-vis third parties. Art. 30(2), (4), 83(3) PA	Yes A copy certified by the EPO (EPO Form 2544) must be produced. Art. 83(3) PA	Assignments are published in the Industrial Property Bulletin. Documents not drafted in Portuguese must be accompanied by a translation. Art. 30(6), 356(1) PA
EUR 100 or RON 360, unless transfer of right took place before publication of the mention of grant by the EPO Annex 1.25 Fees Law EUR 100 or RON 360, unless transfer of right took place before publication of the mention of grant by the EPO Annex 1.25 Fees Law	Transfer of rights and licences Entry in the Register has declaratory effect. Art. 47 PL R. 55(12) Reg.	Yes A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) and proof of payment of the prescribed fees are required.	Documents are accepted in Romanian, English, French or German or they may be submitted with a translation into one of these languages, unless special circumstances require a translation into Romanian.
SKK 800 per application § 2 Fees Law SKK 500 per application for a licence SKK 200 per application for a legal pledge § 2 Fees Law	Assignment and transfer of patent, other rights in rem, licences, entries relating to disputes and other entries § 26 RPA	Yes	Documents not submitted in the Slovak language must be accompanied by translations if so requested by the SK Patent Office.

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Slovenia	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>No documentation is needed if a request for change in the register is filed by a person who has been entered in the register as the owner of a right.</p> <p>If the request is filed by another person, that person has to submit a statement that the owner consents to the requested change being entered in the register or, at his choice, any other document providing a legal basis for the requested change to be entered in the register.</p> <p>Art. 108 IPA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p> <p>Art. 108 IPA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 129 IPA</p>	<p>No, but recommended</p>
Spain	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Original or certified copy of the public document, as well as a copy indicating that the taxes have been paid, or exemption from or non-liability to such taxes and, if appropriate, the entry in the relevant register (see also column 7)</p> <p>Art. 79(5) PL Art. 56, 57, 58 RD 2245</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Patent applications and patents may be the subject of licences and adjoining rights. For registration, see under 1. They may also be used as security for personal loans; such use must be notified to the OEPM.</p> <p>Art. 74 PL</p>	<p>No, if proprietor resides in a country of the EU</p> <p>Art. 155, 156 PL Art. 3 Law 8/1998</p> <p>No, if proprietor resides in a country of the EU</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 57(1), RD 2245</p> <p>Yes</p>
Sweden	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Dated deed of transfer (original or certified copy) signed by the proprietor, together with a power of attorney for a national representative if the assignee has no residence or principal place of business in Sweden</p> <p>An assignee having his residence or principal place of business in Sweden who has not appointed a representative, has to file a declaration of acceptance (original or certified copy).</p> <p>§ 44 PA § 44 PD</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
<p>SIT 9 600 – EUR 40.06* * as of 1.1.2007: EUR 40</p> <p>Art. 1(6.1) Fees Decr.</p> <p>SIT 9 600 – EUR 40.06* * as of 1.1.2007: EUR 40</p> <p>Art. 1(6.1) Fees Decr.</p>	<p>Any change concerning a patent or owner of a right may be entered in the register, such as transfer of rights, licence, change of name or address, etc.</p> <p>On request, transfer of rights or licence may, but need not, be entered in the register.</p> <p>Art. 107(1) IPA</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Supporting documents, when needed, are accepted in Slovenian, English, French and German. In case of doubt, SIPO may ask for a translation.</p> <p>Art. 108 IPA Art. 11, 12 Reg.Rules</p>
<p>EUR 12.11* for each entry * as of 1.1.2007: EUR 12.35</p> <p>Art. 57(2) RD 2245</p> <p>EUR 12.11* for each entry as of 1.1.2007: EUR 12.35</p> <p>* Note: the fees may be revised at the beginning of each year.</p>	<p>Establishment and transfer of rights if these acts take place in accordance with the provisions of RD 2245: transfers, licences, etc.</p> <p>Art. 49(1)n, 56(2) RD 2245</p> <p>Any transfer, licence or other act, whether voluntary or compulsory, only has effect vis-à-vis third parties of good faith when it has been recorded in the patent register.</p> <p>Art. 79(2) PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A transfer recorded in the EPO European Patent Register is recognised by OEPM.</p> <p>Art. 10 RD 2424</p>	<p>A document drafted abroad must bear the "apostille" laid down in the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961.</p> <p>Documents not drafted in Spanish must be accompanied by a translation.</p> <p>Art. 56 RD 2245</p> <p>See Art. 74(1) PL with regard to adjoining rights</p>
<p>SEK 300</p>	<p>Transfer of rights, licences, pledging</p> <p>Registration of transfers and licences has a declaratory effect.</p> <p>§ 44 PA</p> <p>§ 44 PD</p> <p>Registration of pledging has legal effect.</p> <p>§ 95 PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A certified copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required.</p>	<p>Documents are also accepted in English, French or German.</p>

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
	<p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>§ 44 PA § 44 PD</p> <p>3. Adjoining rights, pledging</p> <p>§ 94 PA § 44 PD</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Statement from the previous patent proprietor or another confirmatory document. The IPI may request, if this seems indispensable, that the signature be authenticated or that another confirmatory document be submitted such as an extract from the commercial register.</p> <p>Art. 105(2), 105(2^{bis}) PO</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Application and documents as under 1.</p> <p>Art. 105(2), 105(2^{bis}) PO</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No, but recommended</p>
Turkey	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>(i) by transaction (eg merger, transfer of title, sale)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - written request - extract from the commercial register - proof that the fee has been paid - power of attorney <p>R. 44 IR</p> <p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - written request - succession: certificate of hereditary succession - proof that the fee has been paid - power of attorney <p>R. 38 IR</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
SEK 300			
SEK 500			
CHF 100 plus CHF 50* for each patent if the same changes are requested simultaneously * as of 1.1.2007 no fees to be paid Art. 105(5) PO Fees Reg. (Annex III) No fees if the changes are based on an enforceable judgment or an order by an authority responsible for distraint measures Art. 105(6) PO	Transfer of rights, licences, sub-licences, real rights Declaratory effect However, entry in the register has an influence on the legal position of third parties. Art. 33(3), 33(4), 36(3) PA Art. 105 PO	Yes Entry in the register is made on payment of the fee (CHF 100)*. A transfer recorded in the EPO European Patent Register is recognised by the IPI. Only one fee is payable where applications under column 1 are filed simultaneously. * as of 1.1.2007: no fee to be paid	For documents not drafted in one of the IPI's official languages a translation will only be requested if the documents proving the transfer of rights are not evident.
(i) merger: TRY 138* transfer of title: TRY 70* assignment: TRY 188* (ii) succession: TRY 188 * Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January.	Entry in the register has legal effect and takes effect vis-à-vis third parties.	Yes	All documents not drafted in Turkish must be accompanied by a translation.
Fees 2006	Art. 92 DL No. 551		

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
	<p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - written request - licence agreement signed both by the proprietor and the licensee; the signatures must be certified. - proof that the fee has been paid - power of attorney <p>R. 35 IR</p>	Yes	No
United Kingdom	<p>A form 21/77 (see column 3) signed by (or on behalf of) the granter of rights is sufficient to establish transfer on sale, granting of security and licences. In the absence of the signature of the granter (or his representative) or for any event other than those previously mentioned the following documents should be provided</p> <p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (eg sale, merger)</p> <p>Sale : the assignment document, a deed of transfer or a sale and purchase agreement, signed by (or on behalf of) the assignor (for transactions signed on or after 1 January 2005) or all parties to the transaction (for transactions before 1 January 2005) (Sect. 30(6) PA). For transactions done in Scotland only the signature of the granter (or his representative) is required (Sect. 31(6) PA). Where a patent is held in co-ownership, the co-owner(s) must give written consent to the disposal of the partner's (partners') interest in the patent.</p> <p>Merger: certificate of reincorporation or certified copies of the commercial register supported (where appropriate) by minutes or agreement documents identifying the patents concerned.</p> <p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Death of an owner: probate or letters of administration, supported by the will where appropriate (see also column 7)</p> <p>Company in liquidation: official evidence of winding up of company. Disposition by sale, as above at (i), the documents to be signed on behalf of the company by the person appointed to deal with its affairs.</p> <p>Statutory instrument: copy of relevant statutory instrument and effective date.</p> <p>Sect. 32, 33 PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licences may be entered in the EP (UK) register of patents, and require documentation sufficient to establish:</p> <p>(a) the date of the agreement (ie when it was signed by or on behalf of the licensor)</p> <p>(b) the parties (including addresses)</p> <p>(c) the patent concerned.</p> <p>Security agreements (eg mortgages, etc.) may also be entered in the EP (UK) register of patents. The basic requirements are the same as under 1.</p>	<p>No, but an address for service in the European Economic Area or Channel Islands should be given for most proceedings. An address for service in the United Kingdom will be required only in the event of inter partes (contested) proceedings.</p> <p>R. 30 PR</p> <p>re 1(ii): Probate or letters of administration of EP (UK) patents must be made by a personal representative in the UK</p>	<p>Yes, Form 21/77, one form only irrespective of the number of patents transferred</p> <p>Yes, Form 21/77</p>

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
<p>TRY 188</p> <p>Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January.</p> <p>Fees 2006</p>			
<p>No</p>	<p>All additional rights, eg mortgages, agreements, licences, sub-licences</p> <p>Registration in the register generally has merely declaratory effect. However, certain rights only accrue by virtue of registration (eg under Sect. 33 and 68 PA)</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) may be used to support an application for registration made on UK Form 21/77.</p>	<p>Transactions relating to EP (UK) patents are liable to the payment of stamp duty in the UK if the transaction was done before 28 March 2000. The UK Patent Office is prohibited by the Stamp Act 1892 from acting upon dutiable documents for which duty has not been assessed and paid.</p> <p>re 1(ii): UK property that includes EP (UK) patents must be assessed for taxation in the UK.</p> <p>For further information, contact the Assignment section, Tel. (+ 44-1633) 81 46 30.</p>
<p>No</p>			

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
ALL 5 000	<p>Transfer of rights and licences</p> <p>Entries in the Register have legal effect.</p> <p>Art. 32(2) PL</p>	No	Documents not drafted in Albanian must be accompanied by a translation.
HRK 275 per entry	<p>Any change concerning a patent or owner of a right may be entered in the register, such as transfer of rights, licence, change of name or address, etc.</p> <p>On request, transfer of rights or licence may, but need not, be entered in the register.</p> <p>Art. 54 PA</p>	No	<p>Supporting documents must be furnished as an original or as a certified copy.</p> <p>The entered changes will be published in the Official Gazette.</p> <p>Art. 54 PA Art. 32(4) PO</p>
LAdmFees RCh			
LVL 20 per patent	Entries in the Register have legal effect.	<p>Yes</p> <p>A transfer recorded in the EPO European Patent Register is recognised.</p>	Documents are accepted in Latvian, English, French, German or Russian.
LVL 30 per patent			

Extension state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Lithuania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2004 .)	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Contract assigning a patent application or patent</p> <p>Art. 31 PL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licence agreement</p> <p>Art. 34 PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 10 PL</p>	<p>No</p>
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003 .)	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>(i) by transaction</p> <p>sale: request for transfer signed by the old or the new proprietor, either the original or certified copy or extract of the assignment document signed by all parties to the transaction and proof that the fee has been paid</p> <p>merger: request for transfer signed by new proprietor, to which is attached an extract from commercial register</p> <p>(ii) by operation of law</p> <p>request for transfer signed by transferee, to which is attached a document legally establishing the transfer</p> <p>Art. 47 PL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Request for registration of licence or other right signed by interested party, to which is attached an original or certified copy of the agreement or an extract from the relevant parts of the agreement and proof that the fee has been paid.</p> <p>Art. 47 PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>
Serbia	<p>Information not available at time of going to press.</p> <p>Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.</p>		

Extension state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>No documentation is needed if a request for change in the register is filed by a person who has been entered in the register as the owner of a right;</p> <p>if the request is filed by another person, that person has to submit a statement that the owner consents to the requested change being entered in the register or, at his choice, any other document providing a legal basis for the requested change to be entered in the register.</p> <p>Art. 108 IPA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p> <p>Art. 108 IPA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 129 IPA</p>	<p>No, but recommended</p>
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written request by one of the contracting parties</p> <p>Original or duly certified copy of the official document recording the transfer of rights or licence agreement</p> <p>Art. 107, 108 PA (Art. 217 PL 2003)</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p> <p>Art. 109, 111 PA (Art. 218, 219, 220 PL 2003)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>

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<p>SIT 9 600 – EUR 40.06 *</p> <p>* as of 1.1.2007: EUR 40</p> <p>Art. 1(6.1) Fees Decr.</p> <p>SIT 9 600 – EUR 40.06*</p> <p>* as of 1.1.2007: EUR 40</p> <p>Art. 1(6.1) Fees Decr.</p>	<p>Any change concerning a patent or owner of a right may be entered in the register, such as transfer of rights, licence, change of name or address, etc.</p> <p>On request, transfer of rights or licence may, but need not, be entered in the register.</p> <p>Art. 107(1) IPA</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Supporting documents, when needed, are accepted in Slovenian, English, French and German. In case of doubt, SIPO may ask for a translation.</p> <p>Art. 108 IPA Art. 11, 12 Reg.Rules</p>
<p>MKD 500</p>	<p>Transfer of rights and licences</p> <p>Entries in the Register have legal effect.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Documents must be accompanied by a translation in Macedonian.</p> <p>Assignments are published in the Official Gazette.</p>

Miscellaneous

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The following table sets out information on

(a) the enactment of national provisions on the question of double protection under Article 139(3) EPC

(b) the territorial field of application of the EPC, pursuant to Article 168(1) EPC

(a) Simultaneous protection

Under Article 139(3) EPC, any contracting state may prescribe whether and on what terms an invention disclosed in both a European patent application or patent and a national application or patent having the same date of filing or, where priority is claimed, the same date of priority, may be protected simultaneously by both applications or patents.

The individual provisions enacted in connection with Article 139(3) EPC are indicated in column 1 of this table.

(b) Territorial field of application

Under Article 168(1), any contracting state may declare in its instrument of ratification or accession, or may inform the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany by written notification any time thereafter, that the Convention shall be applicable to one or more of the territories for the external relations of which it is responsible. European patents granted for that contracting state also have effect in the territories for which such a declaration has taken effect.

The current situation regarding the territorial field of application in the individual contracting states is displayed in column 2 of the table.

(c) Reservations

Reservations pursuant to Article 167(2) EPC (column 1 in earlier editions) are no longer shown, the last of

these having expired on 7 October 1992 (Article 167(3) EPC).

Austria

Austria's reservation - covering chemical, pharmaceutical or food products as such - expired on 7 October 1987 (OJ EPO 1987, 426).

Greece and Spain

Greece's reservation (for pharmaceutical products) and Spain's (for chemical and pharmaceutical products) both expired on 7 October 1992 (OJ EPO 1992, 301).

Important note

Under Article 167(5) EPC, reservations for European patents granted on European patent applications filed during the reservation period continue to run for the entire patent term. So they only affect European applications and patents with a filing date prior to 8 October 1987 (for Austria) and prior to 8 October 1992 (for Greece and/or Spain; cf. OJ EPO 1992, 301).

(d) Authorities having jurisdiction under Article 1(2) Protocol on Recognition

The following contracting states have notified the EPO of authorities which have a jurisdiction conferred to decide claims under Article 1(2) Protocol on Recognition:

Austria: Austrian Patent Office (Austrian "Patentblatt" 1993,154);

Slovakia: Krajský súd v Bratislave/Regional court in Bratislava, Krajský súd v Banskej Bystrici/Regional court in Banská Bystrica, Krajský súd v Košiciach/Regional court in Košice;

United Kingdom: The Comptroller General of Patents Designs and Trade Marks (Sections 12 and 82 Patents Act 1977).

Contracting state	1 Simultaneous protection allowed? Art. 139(3) and 140 EPC	2 Territorial field of application of the EPC Art. 168 EPC
Austria	Simultaneous protection by national patents/utility models is not excluded.	Territory of the Republic of Austria
Belgium	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) the period for filing the notice of opposition to the European patent expires without such notice being filed, or (b) the opposition proceedings are finally closed, the European patent having been maintained. Art. 7(1) Law of 8.7.77	Territory of the Kingdom of Belgium
Bulgaria	No In the case of an invention disclosed in both a national patent and a European patent designating the Republic of Bulgaria - both patents having the same date of filing or, when priority is claimed, the same date of priority, and belonging to the same person or his successor in title - the national patent will cease to have effect. Art. 72g(1) PL	Territory of the Republic of Bulgaria
Cyprus	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b). Sect. 71(1), (2) PL	Territory of the Republic of Cyprus
Czech Republic	No; to the extent that the national patent protects the same invention with the same right to priority for the same patentee or his successor in title, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b). Simultaneous protection by utility model is allowed. § 35e PA	Territory of the Czech Republic
Denmark	Simultaneous protection is not excluded. Applies equally to utility models (a separate request is to be made). § 6 Utility Models Act	Territory of the Kingdom of Denmark with the exception of Greenland and the Faroe Islands
Estonia	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> Simultaneous protection for utility models is allowed. § 12(1) and (3) IA	Territory of the Republic of Estonia
Finland	Simultaneous protection by national patents/utility models is not excluded.	Territory of the Republic of Finland

Contracting state	1 Simultaneous protection allowed? Art. 139(3) and 140 EPC	2 Territorial field of application of the EPC Art. 168 EPC
France	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b). Art. L. 614-13. Law No. 92-597 Provisions applicable to utility certificates: Art. L. 611-2. Law No. 92-597	Territory of the French Republic including the overseas territories and the territorial entity of Mayotte Art. L. 811-1. Law No. 92-597
Germany	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b). Art. II § 8(1) LIPC Simultaneous protection for utility models is allowed.	Territory of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Land Berlin in the case of applications filed before 3 October 1990 Territory of the Federal Republic of Germany within the frontiers of 3 October 1990 in the case of applications filed since 3 October 1990 Art. XI § 2 LIPC
Greece	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent/utility model ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> Art. 22(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 Art. 19(6) Law No. 1733/87	Territory of the Hellenic Republic Law No. 1607/86
Hungary	Simultaneous protection by national patents/utility models is not excluded.	Territory of the Republic of Hungary
Iceland	Simultaneous protection is not excluded.	Territory of the Republic of Iceland
Ireland	To the extent that it protects the same invention, the Controller may revoke the national patent after the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b). Sect. 60 PA	Territory of Ireland
Italy	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent/utility model ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b). Art. 59 PL	Territory of the Italian Republic
Latvia	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.	
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland	

Contracting state	1 Simultaneous protection allowed? Art. 139(3) and 140 EPC	2 Territorial field of application of the EPC Art. 168 EPC
Lithuania	No Art. 59 ⁽⁷⁾ PL	Territory of the Republic of Lithuania
Luxembourg	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b). Art. 94 PL	Territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Monaco	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b). Art. 9 SO 10.427	Territory of the Principality of Monaco
Netherlands	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b). Art. 77 PA	Territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe Art. 49(1), 53(4), 55, 57(2), 73(1), 74 PA
Poland	Simultaneous protection by national patents/utility models is not excluded.	Territory of the Republic of Poland
Portugal	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent/utility model ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b). Art. 88 PA	Territory of Portugal
Romania	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention with the same right to priority for the same patentee or his successor in title, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> Art. 10 AccEPCLaw	Territory of Romania
Slovakia	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> § 64 PA	Territory of the Slovak Republic
Slovenia	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> Art. 31 IPA	Territory of the Republic of Slovenia

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Spain	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b). Art. 16 RD 2424	Territory of the Kingdom of Spain
Sweden	Simultaneous protection by national patents is not excluded.	Territory of the Kingdom of Sweden
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> Art. 125 PA	Territory of the Swiss Confederation and of the Principality of Liechtenstein Treaty CH/LI of 22.12.78
Turkey	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> R. 21 RegEPC	Territory of the Republic of Turkey
United Kingdom	To the extent that it protects the same invention, the comptroller may revoke the national patent after the date on which (a) + (b) <i>as Belgium</i> (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b). Sect. 73 PA	Territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of the Isle of Man ¹ Sect. 131, 132 PA

¹ For information on the registrability of European patents (UK) in overseas states or territories, see the information in OJ EPO 2004, 179.

Extension state	1 Simultaneous protection allowed? Art. 139(3) and 140 EPC	2 Territorial field of application of the EPC Art. 168 EPC
Albania	No; to the extent that the extended European patent protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) the period for filing the notice of opposition to the European patent expires without such notice being filed, or (b) the opposition proceedings are finally closed, the European patent having been maintained. Art. 8 Ext. Reg.	Territory of the Republic of Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.	
Croatia	No; <i>as Albania</i> Art. 106 PA	Territory of the Republic of Croatia
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005.)	No; <i>as Albania</i> § 19(7) LPL	Territory of the Republic of Latvia
Lithuania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2004.)	No; <i>as Albania</i> Art. 57 PL	Territory of the Republic of Lithuania
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)	No; <i>as Albania</i> Art. VIII GO	Territory of Romania
Serbia	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.	

