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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 European 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 reader is in particular referred to the online version of the brochure "National law relating to the EPC"*, which is updated whenever the EPO learns of any relevant changes at national level.

The present 14th edition provides information on the so-called extension states immediately following on the information given for the EPC contracting states.

* www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/national-law-epc.html

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)

Serbia (as from 1 November 2004)*

Bosnia and Herzegovina (as from 1 December 2004)

Note: 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.

- for Euro-PCT applications

31 months from the filing or priority date (R. 59(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.

Further processing

Further processing is possible when

(i) one or more extensions are deemed to be withdrawn due to the applicant's failure to pay extension fees on time, and

(ii) one or more designations of EPC contracting states are deemed to be withdrawn because the designation fee(s) in respect of such state(s) is/are not paid on time, and

- (a) the applicant has not actively withdrawn these designations, and
- (b) the applicant has not waived the right to receive a Rule 112(1) communication in respect of these designations.

In such circumstances, the EPO notifies the applicant of the loss of rights with respect to the relevant designations and extensions (Rule 112(1) EPC). The applicant can then request further processing of the designations and extensions that are deemed to be withdrawn (Article 121; Rule 135 EPC).

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), in Latvia (termination of the extension agreement with effect from 1 July 2005), in Croatia (termination of the extension agreement with effect from 1 January 2008) and in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (termination of the extension agreement with effect from 1 January 2009).

* For 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, see OJ EPO 2007, 406. For information on the effect in Montenegro of European patent applications and Euro-PCT applications extended to Serbia, see the Montenegrin "Regulation on Providing the Application of Intellectual Property Rights" of 20 September 2007, published in Službeni List RCG No. 61/07 on 12 October 2007 and in force since 20 October 2007. Amendments to this regulation were made on 29 October 2008 and entered into force on 27 November 2008 (see Službeni List CG 70/08 of 19 November 2008).

Abbreviations

(See also Table I, column 4)

B.

AL	Albania	LGBL	Liechtensteinisches Landesgesetzblatt
ALL	Albanian lek	LI	Liechtenstein
AT	Austria	LT	Lithuania
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	LTL	Lithuanian litas
BAM	Bosnian convertible mark	LTPI	Lois et traités de propriété industrielle
BE	Belgium	LU	Luxembourg
BG	Bulgaria	LV	Latvia
BGBL	Bundesgesetzblatt	LVL	Latvian lats
BGN	Bulgarian lev	MC	Monaco
Bl.f.PMZ	Blatt für Patent-, Muster- und Zeichenwesen	MK	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
BOE	Boletín oficial del Estado	MKD	Macedonian denar
BOPI	Bulletin officiel de la propriété industrielle - Brevets d'invention	MT	Malta
CH	Switzerland	N/A	not applicable
CHF	Swiss franc	NIPO	Norwegian Industrial Property Office
CY	Cyprus	NL	Netherlands
CZ	Czech Republic	NN	Narodne Novine (Croatia)
CZK	Czech koruna	NO	Norway
DE	Germany	NOK	Norwegian krone
DK	Denmark	NPO	Netherlands Patent Office (Octrooicentrum Nederland)
DKK	Danish krone	OBI	Organismos Biomichanikis Idioktissias (Greek Industrial Property Organisation)
DKPTO	Danish Patent and Trademark Office	OEPM	Oficina Española de Patentes y Marcas (Spain)
DPMA	Deutsches Patent- und Markenamt	OJ EPO	Official Journal of the European Patent Office
EDBI	Eidiko Deltio Biomichanikis Idioktissias (Greek Industrial Property Bulletin)	OPRI	Office de la Propriété Intellectuelle (Belgium)
EE	Estonia	OSIM	State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)
EEA	European Economic Area	PIBD	Propriété industrielle - Bulletin documentaire
EEK	Estonian kroon	PL	Poland
EP	European	PLN	Polish Zloty
EPC	European Patent Convention	PRH	Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus (Finland)
EPO	European Patent Office	PT	Portugal
ES	Spain	RO	Romania
EUR	Euro	RON	New Romanian leu
ΦΕΚ	Fyllo Efimeridos tis Kyberniseos (Greek Law Gazette)	RS	Serbia
FI	Finland	RSD	Serbian dinar
FR	France	SäädKok	Suomen Säädoskokoelma
GBP	Pound sterling	SE	Sweden
GR	Greece	SEK	Swedish krona
GRUR Int.	Gewerblicher Rechtsschutz und Urheberrecht, Internationaler Teil	SFS	Svensk författningssamling
G.U.	Gazzetta Ufficiale	SG	State Gazette (Bulgaria)
HPO	Hungarian Patent Office	SI	Slovenia
HR	Croatia	S.I.	Statutory Instruments
HRK	Croatian kuna	SIPO	Slovenian Intellectual Property Office
HU	Hungary	SIPO	State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)
HUF	Hungarian forint	SK	Slovakia
IE	Ireland	SOIP	State Office of Industrial Property (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
INPI	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (France)	SR	Systematische Rechtssammlung (Switzerland)
INPI	Instituto Nacional da Propriedade Industrial (Portugal)	Stb	Staatsblad
IP	Industrial Property	TPI	Turkish Patent Institute
IPI	Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	TR	Turkey
IPLT	Industrial Property - Laws and Treaties	TRY	New Turkish lira
IPO	Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)	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		
ISK	Iceland króna		
IT	Italy		
J.M.	Journal de Monaco		
JORF	Journal officiel de la République Française		

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 to 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. English and French translations of legal texts relating to intellectual property can also be consulted in WIPO's international online archive, "Collection of Laws for Electronic Access (CLEA)" (<http://clea.wipo.int>). 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.

The abbreviations used in the following 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	<p>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. 2/2008</p> <p><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. 2/2008]</i></p>	<p>BGBI 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 Nr. 81/2007; I Nr. 2/2008</p>	IPLT AT 2-002 (English, French)	ILPT
	<p>2. Patentgesetz 1970, zuletzt geändert durch das Bundesgesetz I Nr. 81/2007</p> <p><i>[2. Patent Law 1970, as last amended by Federal Law I No. 81/2007]</i></p>	<p>BGBI 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 Nr. 96/2006; I Nr. 81/2007</p>		
	<p>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</p>	<p>Patentblatt 2005, Nr. 12, Anhang 4</p>	IPLT AT 2-001 (English, French)	PA
	<p><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></p> <p>4. Bundesgesetz, mit dem das Patentgesetz 1970, das Patentverträge-Einführungsgesetz, das Gebrauchsmuster-gesetz, das Schutzzertifikatsgesetz 1996, das Halbleiter-schutzgesetz, das Musterschutzgesetz 1990 und das Markenschutzgesetz 1970 geändert werden und ein Bundes-gesetz über die im Bereich des Patentamtes zu zahlenden Gebühren und Entgelte (Patentamtsgebührengesetz – PAG) erlassen wird (Patentrechts- und Gebührennovelle 2004)</p> <p><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></p>	<p>BGBI I Nr. 149/2004 idF BGBI I Nr. 81/2007</p>		
			-	POR
			-	LPOF

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Belgium	<p>1. Loi du 21 avril 2007 portant diverses dispositions relatives à la procédure de dépôt des demandes de brevet européen et aux effets de ces demandes et des brevets européens en Belgique</p> <p>[1. Law of 21 April 2007 on various provisions relating to the procedure for filing European patent applications and to the effects of such applications and of European patents in Belgium]</p> <p>2. Loi du 8 juillet 1977 portant approbation des actes internationaux suivants :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convention sur l'unification de certains éléments du droit des brevets d'invention, faite à Strasbourg le 27 novembre 1963 ; 2. Traité de coopération en matière de brevets, et Règlement d'exécution, faits à Washington le 19 juin 1970 ; 3. 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 ; 4. 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 <p>modifiée par la Loi du 28 mars 1984 et par la Loi du 21 avril 2007</p> <p>[2. Law of 8 July 1977 adopting the following international acts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convention on the Unification of Certain Points of Substantive Law on Patents for Invention, done at Strasbourg on 27 November 1963 2. Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations, done at Washington on 19 June 1970 3. Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention), Implementing Regulations and Four Protocols, done at Munich on 5 October 1973 4. Convention for the European patent for the common market (Community Patent Convention) and Implementing Regulations, done at Luxembourg on 15 December 1975, <p>as amended by the law of 28 March 1984 and by the law of 21 April 2007]</p> <p>3. 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>[3. Law of 10 January 1955 on the disclosure and use of inventions and trade secrets affecting national defence or the security of the State]</p>	<p>Moniteur belge du 4.9.07</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 30.9.77 et du 9.3.85</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 26.1.55</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1978, 276 (German) IPLT BE 2-001 (English)</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1955, 346 (German)</p>	<p>Law of 21.4.07</p> <p>Law of 8.7.77</p> <p>-</p>

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	<p>4. 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, par la Loi du 28 avril 2005, par la Loi du 27 décembre 2005, par la Loi du 6 mars 2007, par la Loi du 9 mai 2007 et par la Loi du 10 mai 2007</p> <p><i>[4. 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, by Law of 28 April 2005, by Law of 27 December 2005, by Law of 6 March 2007, by Law of 9 May 2007 and by Law of 10 May 2007]</i></p> <p>5. Arrêté royal du 21 décembre 2006 transformant le règlement général sur les taxes assimilées au timbre en arrêté d'exécution du Code des droits et taxes divers, abrogeant l'arrêté du Régent relatif à l'exécution du Code des droits de timbre et portant diverses autres modifications à des arrêtés d'exécution</p> <p><i>[5. Royal Decree of 21 December 2006 converting the General Regulation on Taxes Assimilated to Stamp Duty into an implementation decree of the Code of Sundry Duties and Taxes, repealing the Regent's Decree on Implementation of the Stamp Duty Code and making various other amendments to implementation decrees]</i></p> <p>6. Arrêté royal du 18 juillet 1966 portant coordination des lois sur l'emploi des langues en matière administrative</p> <p><i>[6. Royal Decree of 18 July 1966 co-ordinating the laws on the use of languages for administrative purposes]</i></p> <p>7. Arrêté royal du 5 décembre 2007 relatif au dépôt d'une demande de brevet européen, à sa transformation en demande de brevet belge et à l'enregistrement de brevets européens produisant effet en Belgique</p> <p><i>[7. Royal Decree of 5 December 2007 relating to the filing of European patent applications and their conversion into Belgian patent applications and the registration of European patents having effect in Belgium]</i></p> <p>8. 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>[8. 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>9. Arrêté royal du 2 décembre 1986 relatif à la demande, à la délivrance et au maintien en vigueur des brevets d'invention, modifié par l'arrêté royal du 25 mai 1987, par l'arrêté royal du 27 février 2007 et par l'arrêté royal du 17 août 2007</p> <p><i>[9. 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, by Royal Decree of 27 February 2007 and by Royal Decree of 17 August 2007]</i></p>	<p>Moniteur belge du 9.3.85</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 29.12.2006</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 2.8.66</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 12.12.07</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 5.3.81</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 6.12.86</p>	<p>Moniteur belge of 21.1.99 (German)</p> <p>IPLT BE 2-004 (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>IPLT BE 2-002 (English)</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1983, 166 (German)</p> <p>IPLT BE 2-005 (English)</p> <p>Moniteur belge of 8.1.00 (German)</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>RD of 5.12.07</p> <p>RD of 27.2.81</p> <p>RD of 2.12.86</p>

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	<p>10. 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, par arrêté royal du 20 juillet 2000, par l'arrêté royal du 21 décembre 2006 et par l'arrêté royal du 24 septembre 2007.</p> <p><i>[10. 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, by Royal Decree of 20 July 2000, by Royal Decree of 21 December 2006 and by Royal Decree of 24 September 2007]</i></p>	Moniteur belge du 23.12.86	-	RD (Fees)
Bulgaria	<p>1. Закон за патентите и регистрацията на полезните модели (загл. изм. ДВ, бр. 64 от 2006 г., в сила от 09.11.2006 г.), 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, изм. ДВ. бр. 30 от 11 април 2006 г., изм. ДВ. бр.64 от 8 август 2006 г., изм. ДВ. бр. 31 от 13 април 2007 г., изм. ДВ. бр. 59 от 20 юли 2007 г.</p> <p><i>[1. Law on Patents and Utility Model Registration (title amended by SG No. 64/2006; in force as from 9.11.2006), passed on 18.3.1993, in force as from 1.6.1993, supplemented by SG No. 83/1.10.1996, in force as from 1.11.1996, amended by SG No. 11/29.1.1998, amended by SG No. 81/14.9.1999, in force as from 15.12.1999, amended by SG No. 45/30.4.2002, amended and supplemented by SG No. 66/9.7.2002 in force as from 9.7.2002, corrected by SG No. 68/16.07.2002, and supplemented by SG No. 17/21.02.2003, amended by SG No. 30/11.4.2006, amended by SG No. 64/8.8.2006, amended by SG No. 31/13.4.2007 and amended by SG No. 59/20.7.2007]</i></p> <p>2. Наредба за секретните патенти, Постановление на Министерски съвет № 175/09.09.1993</p> <p><i>[2. Regulations on secret patents, Government Decree No. 175/9.9.1993]</i></p>	<p>State Gazette (SG)/(JO)</p> <p>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/ 16.7.2002, No. 17/ 21.02.2003, No. 30/ 11.4.2006, No. 64/ 8.8.2006, No. 31/ 13.4.2007, No. 59/ 20.7.2007</p> <p>State Gazette No. 81/ 24.9.1993</p>	<p>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)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>-</p>

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	<p>3. Наредба за представителите по индустриална собственост, Постановление на Министерски съвет № 137/15.07.1993, изм. ДВ. бр. 86 от 21 Октомври 1994г., доп. ДВ. бр. 41 от 23 Май 1997г., доп. ДВ. бр. 32 от 8 Април 2003г., изм. ДВ. бр. 69 от 23 Август 2005г.</p> <p><i>[3. Regulations relating to industrial property representatives, Government Decree No. 137/15.7.1993, amended by SG No. 86/21.10.1994, supplemented by SG No. 41/23.5.1997, supplemented by SG No. 32/8.4.2003, amended by SG No. 69/23.8.2005]</i></p> <p>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, изм. ДВ бр. 35 от 27.04.2007 г., изм. ДВ бр. 42 от 29.05.2007 г.</p> <p><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, amended by SG No. 35/27.4.2007; amended by S.G. No. 42/29.5.2007]</i></p> <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, приета с постановление на Министерския съвет № 53 от 19.03. 2008 г., обн. ДВ бр. 33 от 28.03.2008 г.</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, accepted by Government Decree No. 53/19.03.2008, promulgated in SG No 33/28.3.2008]</i></p>	<p>State Gazette No. 65/ 30.7.1993, No. 86/ 21.10.1994, No. 41/ 23.5.1997, No. 32/ 8.4.2003, No. 69/ 23.8.2005</p> <p>State Gazette No. 114/ 30.12.1999, No. 117/ 17.12.2002, No. 91/ 15.11.2005, No. 35/ 27.4.2007, No. 42/ 29.5.2007</p> <p>State Gazette No. 9/ 1.2.2000, No. 33/ 28.3.2008</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Bulgarian Patent Office website at www.bpo.bg/en/tariff_patents.html (English)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Decr. Fees</p> <p>-</p>
Croatia	<p>1. Zakon o patentu</p> <p><i>[1. Patent Act]</i></p> <p>2. Pravilnik o patentu</p> <p><i>[2. Patent Ordinance]</i></p> <p>3. Zakon o upravnim pristojbama u području prava intelektualnog vlasništva</p>	<p>Narodne Novine (NN) 173/2003, 87/2005, 76/2007, 30/2009</p> <p>NN 117/2007</p> <p>NN 64/2000, 164/2004, 62/2008</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PO</p>

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	<p>[3. <i>Law on administrative fees in the field of intellectual property rights</i>]</p> <p>4. Uredba o naknadama za posebne troškove i troškove za pružanje informacijskih usluga Državnog Zavoda za intelektualno vlasništvo</p> <p>[4. <i>Regulation on Special Charges and Charges for Information Services Provided by the State Intellectual Property Office</i>]</p> <p>5. Zakon o općem upravnom postupku</p> <p>[5. <i>Law on General Administrative Procedure</i>]</p>	<p>NN 86/2000, 187/2004, 70/08</p> <p>NN 53/1991, 103/1996</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>LAdmFees</p> <p>RCh</p> <p>Law on GAP</p>
Cyprus	<p>1. Patent Law 1998</p> <p>Patent (Amendment) Law 1999</p> <p>Patent (Amendment) Law 2000</p> <p>Patent (Amendment) Law 2002</p> <p>Patent (Amendment) Law 2006</p> <p>[1. <i>Patent Law 1998</i></p> <p><i>Patent (Amendment) Law 1999</i></p> <p><i>Patent (Amendment) Law 2000</i></p> <p><i>Patent (Amendment) Law 2002</i></p> <p><i>Patent (Amendment) Law 2006</i>]</p> <p>2. Patent (Fees) Regulations 1999</p> <p>Patent (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000</p> <p>[2. <i>Patent (Fees) Regulations 1999</i></p> <p><i>Patent (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000</i>]</p>	<p>Cyprus Gazette Part I, 6.4.98 Part I, 19.3.99 Part I, 17.11.00 Part I, 9.8.02, Part I, 28.7.06</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>BI.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</p> <p>[1. <i>Patent Act: Law No. 527/1990 Coll., on inventions and rationalisation proposals, as amended by subsequent laws</i>]</p>	<p>Sbírka zákonů č. 527/1990 č. 519/1991 č. 116/2000 č. 207/2000 č. 173/2002 č. 501/2004 č. 59/2005 č. 413/2005 č. 221/2006 č. 378/2007</p>	<p>Czech Industrial Property Office website at www.upv.cz/ (English)</p> <p>BI.f.PMZ 1993, 123; 2001, 12 (German)</p>	<p>PA</p>

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	<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>	Sbírka zákonů č. 206/2000	Czech Industrial Property Office website at www.upv.cz/ (English)	-
	<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>	Sbírka zákonů č. 191/1999 č. 121/2000 č. 260/2002 č. 255/2004 č. 173/2007 č. 41/2009	-	-
	<p>4. Zákon č. 634/2004 Sb., o správních poplatcích ve znění předpisů pozdějších</p> <p><i>[4. Law No. 634/2004 Coll., on administrative fees, as amended by subsequent laws]</i></p>	Sbírka zákonů č. 634/2004	Czech Industrial Property Office website at www.upv.cz/ (English)	LAdmFees
	<p>5. Zákon č. 173/2002 Sb., o poplatcích za udržování patentů a dodatkových ochranných osvědčení pro léčiva a pro přípravky na ochranu rostlin, ve znění předpisů pozdějších</p> <p><i>[5. Law No. 173/2002 Coll., on renewal fees for patents and supplementary protection certificates for pharmaceuticals and plant protection products, as amended by subsequent laws]</i></p>	Sbírka zákonů č. 173/2002 č. 377/2005	Czech Industrial Property Office website at www.upv.cz/ (English)	LRenFees
	<p>6. Zákon č. 500/2004 Sb. správní řád ve znění předpisů pozdějších</p> <p><i>[6. Law No. 500/2004 Coll., Administrative Procedure Code, as amended by subsequent laws]</i></p>	Sbírka zákonů č. 500/2004 č. 413/2005 č. 384/2008 č. 7/2009	-	APC
	<p>7. Zákon č. 150/2002 Sb., soudní řád správní, ve znění předpisů pozdějších</p> <p><i>[7. Law No. 150/2002 Coll., Administrative Court Procedure Code, as amended by subsequent laws]</i></p>	Sbírka zákonů č. 150/2002	-	ACP
	<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>	Sbírka zákonů č. 550/1990 č. 21/2002	Czech Industrial Property Office website at www.upv.cz/ (English)	DP

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Denmark	<p>1. Patentloven; lovbekendtgørelse nr. 91 af 28. januar 2009</p> <p><i>[1. Consolidated Patents Act No. 91 of 28 January 2009]</i></p> <p>2. Bekendtgørelse om patenter og supplerende beskyttelsescertifikater nr. 93 af 29. januar 2009</p> <p><i>[2. Order concerning Patents and Supplementary Protection Certificates No. 93 of 29 January 2009]</i></p> <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. 160 af 27. februar 2009 om Patent- og Varemærkestyrelsens gebyrer</p> <p><i>[4. Order No. 160 of 27 February 2009 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 2009</p> <p>Lovtidende A 2009</p> <p>Lovtidende A 1994, 1036</p> <p>Lovtidende A 2009</p> <p>Lovtidende A 1989, 2578</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PO</p> <p>-</p> <p>Fees Order</p> <p>Law No. 732/89</p>
Estonia	<p>1. Patendiseadus, vastu võetud 16. märtsil 1994, viimati muudetud 24. jaanuaril 2007</p> <p><i>[1. Patent Act, passed on 16 March 1994, as last amended on 24 January 2007]</i></p>	<p>RT I 1994, 25, 406</p> <p>RT I 1996, 49, 953</p> <p>RT I 1998, 64/65, 1003</p> <p>RT I 1998, 107, 1768</p> <p>RT I 1999, 84, 764</p> <p>RT I 2001, 27, 151</p> <p>RT I 2001, 93, 565</p> <p>RT I 2002, 53, 336</p> <p>RT I 2003, 18, 106</p> <p>RT I 2004, 20, 141</p> <p>RT I 2005, 18, 104</p> <p>RT I 2005, 39, 308</p> <p>RT I 2005, 70, 540</p> <p>RT I 2006, 58, 439</p> <p>RT I 2007, 13, 69</p> <p>RT I 2008, 59, 330</p> <p>RT I 2008, 4, 24</p>		<p>PA</p>

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	<p>2. Riigilõivuseadus, vastu võetud 22. oktoobril 1997, viimati muudetud 25. mail 2008</p> <p><i>[2. State Fees Act, passed on 22 October 1997, as last amended on 25 May 2008]</i></p> <p>3. Euroopa patentide väljaandmise konventsiooni kohaldamise seadus, vastu võetud 17. aprillil 2002, viimati muudetud 17. detsembril 2008</p> <p><i>[3. Act on implementing the Convention on the Grant of European Patents, passed on 17 April 2002, as last amended on 17 December 2008]</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 1997, 80, 1344 RT I 2008, 23, 150</p> <p>RT I 2002, 38, 233 RT I 2003, 88, 594 RT I 2004, 20, 141 RT I 2009, 4, 24</p> <p>RTL 2005, 5, 36 RTL 2008, 90, 1263</p> <p>RTL 2002, 84, 1295</p> <p>RTL 2002, 85, 1330 RTL 2008, 90, 1263</p>	<p>Estonian Patent Office website at www.epa.ee/default.asp?id=486 (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>FA</p> <p>IA</p> <p>-</p> <p>RFI</p> <p>REP</p>

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Finland	<p>1. Patentilaki 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. Patentiasetus 26.9.1980/669, muutettu viimeksi asetuksella nro 603/08 – 11.9.2008</p> <p><i>[2. Patents Decree No. 669/80 of 26 September 1980, as last amended by Decree No. 603/08 of 11 September 2008]</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 1.11.2008</p> <p><i>[4. Patent Office Regulations, as last amended on 1 November 2008]</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 1118/07 603/08</p> <p>SäädKok 551/67 795/89 599/95 1697/95 245/97</p> <p>-</p>	<p>IPLT FI 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>Bl.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>

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	<p>5. Kauppa- ja teollisuusministeriön asetus patentti - ja rekisterihallituksen maksullisista suoritteista 15.12.2004/1142, muutettu viimeksi asetuksella Työ- ja elinkeinoministeriön asetus Patentti- ja rekisterihallituksen maksuista 744/2008 – 27.11.2008</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 of the Ministry of Employment and Economy on the fees chargeable by the National Board of Patents and Registration No. 744/08 of 27 November 2008]</i></p>	<p>SäädKok 1142/2004 310/2005 530/2006 201/2007 1138/2007 70/2008 371/2008 744/2008</p>	-	Fees Decr.
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	<p>1. Закон за индустриска сопственост кој се применува од 25 февруари 2009</p> <p><i>[1. Law on Industrial Property of 12 February 2009, applicable as from 25 February 2009]</i></p> <p>2. Закон за административни такси</p> <p><i>[2. Act on administrative fees of 26 March 1993, as last amended on 7 November 2005]</i></p> <p>3. Правилник за признавање на патент</p> <p><i>[3. Patent Regulations of 23 March 2004, as last amended on 29 August 2006]</i></p> <p>4. Закон за општа управна постапка</p> <p><i>[4. Law on General Administrative Procedure]</i></p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 47/02, No. 42/03, No. 9/04, No. 39/06, No. 79/07, No. 21/09</p> <p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 17/93, No. 20/96, No. 7/98, No. 13/01, No. 24/03, No. 19/04, No. 61/04, No. 95/05, No. 7/06</p> <p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 18/04, No. 93/06</p> <p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 38/2005</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>Fees Law</p> <p>Reg.</p> <p>Law on GAP</p>
France	<p>1. Code de la propriété intellectuelle (partie Législative)</p> <p><i>[1. Intellectual Property Code (legislative part)]</i></p>	<p>www.legifrance.gouv.fr</p>	<p>IPLT FR 1-001 (English)</p>	<p>PL</p>

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	<p>2. Code de la propriété intellectuelle (partie Réglementaire)</p> <p><i>[2. Intellectual Property Code (regulations)]</i></p> <p>3. Arrêté du 24 avril 2008 relatif aux redevances de procédures perçues par l'Institut national de la propriété industrielle</p> <p><i>[3. Order of 24 April 2008 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><i>www.legifrance.gouv.fr</i></p> <p>JORF du 26.4.08 10.9.08</p> <p>JORF 1979, 8042</p> <p>JORF 1979, 63; 1983, 8807; 1985, 10735; 1987, 5308; 1993, 1276; 1993, 17678; 1995, 15941; 2000, 12799</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>Reg.</p> <p>Fees Ord. of 24.4.08</p> <p>Ord. of 19.9.79</p> <p>-</p>
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 8a des Gesetzes zur Verbesserung der Durchsetzung von Rechten des geistigen Eigentums vom 7. Juli 2008</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 8a of the Law on improving the enforcement of IP rights of 7 July 2008]</i></p>	<p>BGBI 1976 II 649; 1979 I 1269 1986 I 1446; 1991 II 1354; 1993 I 366; 1998 I 1827; 2001 I 3656; 2003 I 2470; 2004 I 390; 2007 I 2166; 2008 I 1191</p>	<p>IPLT DE 2-001 (English, French)</p>	<p>LIPC</p>

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	<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>3. Patentgesetz in der Fassung der Bekanntmachung vom 16. Dezember 1980, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 83a des Gesetzes zur Reform des Verfahrens in Familiensachen und in den Angelegenheiten der freiwilligen Gerichtsbarkeit (FGG-Reformgesetz – FGG-RG) vom 17. Dezember 2008 (<i>Änderungen treten am 1. September 2009 in Kraft: § 140b</i>)</p> <p><i>[3. Consolidated Patent Law as published on 16 December 1980, last amended by Article 83a of the Law reforming the procedure in family-law and non-contentious cases (FGG-Reformgesetz – FGG-RG) of 17 December 2008 (amendments enter into force on 1 September 2009, Section 140b)]</i></p> <p>4. Gesetz über die Kosten des Deutschen Patent- und Markenamts und des Bundespatentgerichts (Patentkostengesetz) vom 13. Dezember 2001, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 8b Nr. 1 des Gesetzes zur Verbesserung der Durchsetzung von Rechten des geistigen Eigentums vom 7. Juli 2008</p> <p><i>[4. Law concerning the Costs of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office and of the Federal Patents Court (Patent Costs Law) of 13 December 2001, last amended by Article 8b No. 1 of the Law on improving the enforcement of IP rights of 7 July 2008]</i></p>	<p>BGBI 1979 I 1269; 1986 I 1446; 1991 II 1354</p> <p>BGBI 1981 I 1; 1986 I 1446; 1986 I 2326; 1990 I 422; 1991 II 1354; 1992 I 727; 1993 I 366; 1994 I 2278; 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; ber. 2006 I 2737; 2007 I 2166; 2007 I 2614; 2007 I 2840; 2007 I 2897; 2008 I 1191; 2008 I 2586</p> <p>BGBI 2001 I 3656; 2002 I 2681; 2003 I 2470; 2004 I 390; 2004 I 718; 2004 I 3232; 2006 I 1318; ber. 2006 I 2737; 2007 I 2166; 2008 I 1191</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>(English - excerpt, DPMA - A 9514.1)</p>	<p>CPL</p> <p>PA</p> <p>LPF</p>

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	<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, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 4 des Gesetzes zur Umsetzung der Akte vom 29. November 2000 zur Revision des Übereinkommens über die Erteilung europäischer Patente vom 24. August 2007</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, last amended by Article 4 of the Law on the Implementation of the Act of 29 November 2000 revising the Convention on the Grant of European Patents of 24 August 2007]</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. 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>[9. 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 1991 II 1354; 2007 I 2166 i.V.m. Bek. v. 19.02.2008 I 254</p> <p>BGBI 1978 II 1469; 1993 II 1989</p> <p>BGBI 2003 I 2083</p> <p>BGBI 2003 I 1702; 2004 I 897; 2004 I 3532</p> <p>BGBI 1992 I 938; 1994 II 1438; 1997 I 3224; 1998 I 1827; 2001 I 3656; 2004 I 390</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>IPLT DE 1-006 (English, French)</p>	<p>2. CPL</p> <p>Publ. Reg.</p> <p>Cost Ord.</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>

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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>6. Απόφαση του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου του Οργανισμού Βιομηχανικής Ιδιοκτησίας της 15ης Απριλίου 2009 σχετικά με τον Κανονισμό τελών του Ο.Β.Ι.</p> <p><i>[6. Decision of the Administrative Council of the Industrial Property Organisation of 15 April 2009 on the Rules relating to Fees]</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>ΕΔΒΙ 4/2009, Τεύχος Α'</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>-</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> <p>Dec. of 15.4.2009</p>

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	<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>9. Νόμος 3396 "Κύρωση της Πράξης Αναθεώρησης της Σύμβασης για τη Χορήγηση των Ευρωπαϊκών Διπλωμάτων Ευρεσιτεχνίας (Σύμβαση για το Ευρωπαϊκό Δίπλωμα Ευρεσιτεχνίας της 5ης Οκτωβρίου 1973, η οποία τροποποιήθηκε στις 17 Δεκεμβρίου 1991) της 29ης Νοεμβρίου 2000" μετάφραση στην Ελληνική, άρθρα πρώτο, δεύτερο και τρίτο</p> <p><i>[9. Law No. 3396 on the ratification of the Revision Act of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention of 5 October 1973, as amended on 17 December 1991) of 29 November 2000 [Revision Act as translated into Greek], Articles 1, 2 and 3]</i></p> <p>10. Υπουργική απόφαση αριθ. 11475/ΕΦΑ/2388 σχετικά με την διαδικασία κατάθεσης αίτησης στον ΟΒΙ για εξαμηνια παράταση της διάρκειας ισχύος του συμπληρωματικού πιστοποιητικού προστασίας για παιδιατρικά φάρμακα</p> <p><i>[10. Ministerial Decision No. 11475/EFA/2388 on the filing of applications with the OBI for the six-month extension of the supplementary protection certificate in respect of paediatric medicinal products]</i></p>	<p>ΦΕΚ 149 Α' 26.06.02</p> <p>ΦΕΚ 218 Α' 1.10.01</p> <p>ΦΕΚ 246 Α' 6.10.05</p> <p>ΦΕΚ No.1165 Β' 25.06.2008</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
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 CXLII of 2007]</i></p>	<p>Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 1995/35 (V. 5.), 2007/163 (XI. 29.)</p>	<p>Hungarian Patent Office (HPO) website at www.hpo.hu (English)</p>	<p>PA</p>

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	<p>2. 2007. évi CXXX. törvény az Európai Szabadalmi Egyezmény 2000-ben felülvizsgált szövegének kihirdetéséről</p> <p><i>[2. Act CXXX of 2007 on the promulgation of the European Patent Convention as revised in 2000]</i></p> <p>3. 319/2007. (XII. 5.) Korm. rendelet az Európai Szabadalmi Egyezmény 2000-ben felülvizsgált szövegéhez kapcsolódó Végrehajtási Szabályzat kihirdetéséről</p> <p><i>[3. Decree No. 319/2007. (XII. 5.) Korm. of the Government (Kormány, Korm.) on the promulgation of the Implementing Regulations to the European Patent Convention as revised in 2000]</i></p> <p>4. 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>[4. 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, as amended by Decree No. 118/2008. (V. 8.) Korm. of the Government]</i></p> <p>5. 19/2005. (IV. 12.) GKM rendelet a Magyar Szabadalmi Hivatal előtti iparjogvédelmi eljárások igazgatási szolgáltatási díjairól</p> <p><i>[5. 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. 15/2009 (VI. 3.) IRM of the Minister of Justice and Law enforcement]</i></p>	<p>Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 2007/157 (XI. 20.)</p> <p>Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 2007/168 (XII. 5.)</p> <p>Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 2002/154 (XII. 12.), 2008/71 (V. 8.)</p> <p>Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 2005/47 (IV. 12.), 2008/71 (V. 8.), 2009/75 (VI. 3.)</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Hungarian Patent Office (HPO) website at www.hpo.hu (English)</p>	<p>PromEPC</p> <p>-</p> <p>PForm</p> <p>FeeDecr</p>

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	[1. Patents Act No. 17/1991, last amended by Act No. 167/2007]			
	2. Reglugerð varðandi umsóknir um einkaleyfi o.fl. nr. 574/1991, síðast breytt með rg. nr. 536/2006	Stjórnartíðindi B-deild 574/1991 661/1995 286/1996 679/1996 700/1997 926/2001 289/2002 534/2004 848/2004 852/2004 536/2006	Icelandic Patent Office website: www.patent.is (English)	PR
	[2. Regulation concerning patent applications, etc. No. 574/1991, last amended by Regulation No. 536/2006]			
	3. Auglýsing um reglur varðandi einkaleyfisumsóknir nr. 575/1991, síðast breytt með auglýsingu nr. 539/2004	Stjórnartíðindi B-deild 575/1991 661/1995 286/1996 679/1996 290/2002 539/2004	Icelandic Patent Office website: www.patent.is (English)	-
	[3. Advertisement of instructions concerning patent applications No. 575/1991, last amended by advertisement No. 539/2004]			
	4. Reglugerð um gjöld fyrir einkaleyfi, vörumerki, hönnun o.fl., nr. 916/2001, síðast breytt með rg. nr. 1057/2007	Stjórnartíðindi B-deild 916/2001 15/2003 898/2003 540/2004 848/2004 1057/2007	Icelandic Patent Office website: www.patent.is (English)	Fees Reg.
	[4. Regulation concerning fees for patents, trademarks, design, etc. No. 916/2001, last amended by Regulation No. 1057/2007]			

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Ireland	1. Patents Act 1992 Patents (Amendment) Act 2006	No. 1 of 1992 No. 31 of 2006	LTPI IE 2-001 (French) Bl.f.PMZ 1998, 99, 165 (German)	PA
	2. Patents Rules 1992	S.I. No. 179 of 1992	-	PR
	3. Patents, Trade Marks, Copyright and Designs (Fees) Rules, 2001	S.I. No. 482 of 2001	-	Fees Rules
	4. European Communities (Limitation of Effect of Patent) Regulations 2006	S.I. No. 50 of 2006	-	-
	5. European Communities (Patent Agents) Regulations 2006	S.I. No. 141 of 2006	-	S.I. No. 141 of 2006
	6. Patents (Amendment) Rules 2006	S.I. No. 142 of 2006	-	S.I. No. 142 of 2006
	7. European Communities (Compulsory Licensing of Patents Relating to the Manufacture of Pharmaceutical Products for Export to Countries with Public Health Problems) Regulations 2008	S.I. No. 408 of 2008	-	S.I. No. 408 of 2008
	8. European Communities (Supplementary Protection Certificate) Regulations 2008	S.I. No. 307 of 2008	-	S.I. No. 307 of 2008
	9. Patents (Amendment) Act 2006 (Certain Provisions) (Commencement) Order 2007	S.I. No. 761 of 2007	-	S.I. No. 761 of 2007
	10. European Communities (Legal Protection of Biotechnological Inventions) Regulations, 2000	S.I. No. 247 of 2000	-	S.I. No. 247 of 2000
	11. Patents (International Arrangements) Order 1996	S.I. No. 38 of 1996	-	S.I. No. 38 of 1996
	12. Register of Patent Agents Rules, 1992	S.I. No. 180 of 1992	-	S.I. No. 180 of 1992
	13. Patents Act, 1992 (Commencement) Order 1992	S.I. No. 181 of 1992	-	S.I. No. 181 of 1992
	14. The European Communities (Supplementary Protection Certificate) Regulations, 1993	S.I. No. 125 of 1993	-	S.I. No. 125 of 1993
	15. European Communities (Supplementary Protection Certificate) (Amendment) Regulations, 2001	S.I. No. 648 of 2001	-	S.I. No. 648 of 2001
	16. Patents (Amendment) Rules 2008	S.I. No. 71 of 2008	-	S.I. No. 71 of 2008
	17. Patents (Amendment) Rules 2009	S.I. No. 194 of 2009	-	S.I. No. 194 of 2009
	18. Patents (Amendment) Act 2006 (Certain Provisions) (Commencement) Order 2009	S.I. No. 196 of 2009	-	S.I. No. 196 of 2009

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Italy	<p>1. Legge n. 260 del 26 maggio 1978</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 Proprieta' 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 n. 296 del 27 dicembre 2006 - Legge Finanziaria 2007</p> <p><i>[3. Law No. 296 of 27 December 2006 - Annual Budget Law 2007]</i></p> <p>4. Decreto Ministeriale del 2 aprile 2007</p> <p>Determinazione dei diritti sui brevetti e modelli in attuazione del comma 851 dell'Art. 1 della Legge n. 296 del 27 dicembre 2006</p> <p><i>[4. Ministerial decree of 2 April 2007</i></p> <p><i>Fixing of fees for patents and models in accordance with Art. 1 of Law No. 296 of 27 December 2006]</i></p> <p>5. Legge n. 224 del 29 novembre 2007</p> <p>Ratifica ed esecuzione dell'atto recante la revisione della convenzione sul rilascio del brevetto europeo della CBE Monaco 29 novembre 2000</p> <p><i>[5. Law No. 224 of 29 November 2007 ratifying and implementing the Act revising the European Patent Convention, Munich, 29 November 2000]</i></p> <p>6. Decreto Ministeriale del 27 giugno 2008</p> <p>Accordo tra l'Ufficio italiano brevetti e marchi e l'organizzazione europea dei brevetti sulle modalita' di svolgimento delle ricerche di anteriorita' e la redazione dei rapporti di ricerca, firmato il 18 giugno 2008</p> <p><i>[6. Ministerial Decree of 27 June 2008</i></p> <p><i>Agreement between the Italian Patent and Trademark Office and EPO, signed on 18 June 2008, fixing the carrying out of searches on prior art and issue of search reports for Italian patent applications]</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. 299 del 27.12.2006 Suppl. ord. alla G.U. N. 244</p> <p>G.U. N. 81 del 6.4.2007</p> <p>Suppl. Ord. alla G.U. N. 281 del 3.12.2007</p> <p>G.U. N. 153 del 2.7.2008</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>PL</p> <p>Fees Law</p> <p>Min. Decr. of 2.4.07</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>

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Latvia	1. 2007. gada 15. februāra Patentu likums, stājas spēkā 2007. gada 1. martā <i>[1. Patent Law adopted on 15 February 2007, in force as of 1 March 2007]</i>	Latvijas Vēstnesis 34(3610), 27.02.2007	-	PL
	2. 2008. gada 1. aprīļa Ministru kabineta noteikumi Nr. 224 "Patentu un patentu pieteikumu noteikumi", stājas spēkā 2008. gada 5. aprīlī <i>[2. Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 224 of 1 April 2008 "Regulations on patents and patent applications", in force as of 5 April 2008]</i>	Vēstnesis No. 53, 4.4.2008	-	PR
	3. 2007. gada 4. decembra Ministru kabineta noteikumi Nr. 824 "Noteikumi par valsts nodevu par izgudrojumu tiesisko aizsardzību", stājas spēkā 2007. gada 8. decembrī <i>[3. Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 824 of 4 December 2007 "Regulations on State Fees for legal protection of inventions", in force as of 8 December 2007]</i>	Vēstnesis No. 197, 07.12.2007	-	Fees Reg.
Liechtenstein	1. Vertrag zwischen der Schweizerischen Eidgenossenschaft und dem Fürstentum Liechtenstein über den Schutz der Erfindungspatente vom 22. Dezember 1978 (Patentschutzvertrag) <i>[1. Treaty between the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on Patent Protection (Patent Treaty) of 22 December 1978]</i>	LGBI. 1980 Nr. 31	OJ EPO 1980, 407 (English, French) IPLT LI-CH 2-001 (English, French)	Treaty CH/LI of 22.12.78
	2. Ausführungsvereinbarung zum schweizerisch-liechtensteinischen Patentschutzvertrag vom 10. Dezember 1979 <i>[2. Implementing Agreement to the Treaty between Switzerland and Liechtenstein in respect of patents of 10 December 1979]</i>	LGBI. 1980 Nr. 32	OJ EPO 1980, 407 (English, French) IPLT LI-CH 2-001 (English, French)	-
	3. Gesetz vom 26. September 1979 zum Vertrag zwischen dem Fürstentum Liechtenstein und der Schweizerischen Eidgenossenschaft über den Schutz der Erfindungspatente <i>[3. Law of 26 September 1979 on the Treaty between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Swiss Confederation on Patent Protection]</i>	LGBI. 1980 Nr. 33	-	-
	For other legal provisions applicable to Liechtenstein, see Switzerland Nos. 1-4			

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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 (2001 06 05)</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. Lietuvos Respublikos Vyriausybės 2007 m. spalio 24 d. nutarimas Nr. 1143 Dėl įgaliojimų suteikimo įgyvendinant Lietuvos Respublikos patentų įstatymo 38¹ straipsnį</p> <p><i>[3. Order of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania No. 1143 of 24 October 2007 concerning the authority to implement Article 38¹ of the Patent Law]</i></p> <p>4. Valstybinio patentų biuro direktoriaus 2001 m. gruodžio 27 d. įsakymas Nr. 118 Dėl papildomos apsaugos liudijimų išdavimo</p> <p><i>[4. 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>5. Valstybinio patentų biuro direktoriaus 2006 m. balandžio 24 d. įsakymas Nr. 3R-29 Dėl Europos patentų paraiškų padavimo ir Europos patentų galiojimo Lietuvos Respublikoje tvarkos patvirtinimo</p> <p><i>[5. Order of the Director of the State Patent Bureau No. 3R-29 of 24 April 2006 on the filing of European patent applications and the effects of European patents in the Republic of Lithuania]</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, Nr. 72/2006, Nr. 55/2007</p> <p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 52/2001, Nr. 110/2001, Nr. 116/2003, Nr. 73/2004, Nr. 59/2007</p> <p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 114/2007</p> <p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 9/2002</p> <p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 49/2006, Nr. 68/2007</p>	<p>WIPO website at http://clea.wipo.int LT001EN (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>Fees Law</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</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 la 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>Mémorial A 1977, 872</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 1978, 334 (German)</p> <p>IPLT LU 2-003 (English)</p>	<p>Law of 27.5.77</p>

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	<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>3. Loi du 20 juillet 1992 portant modification du régime des brevets d'invention, telle que modifiée par la Loi du 24 mai 1998, Loi du 11 août 2001, Loi du 7 avril 2006 et la Loi du 25 avril 2008</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, by Law of 7 April 2006 and by Law of 25 April 2008]</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 le 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>Mémorial A 1978, 528</p> <p>Mémorial A-N° 49/1992, 1592; A-N° 45/1998, 685; A-N° 106/2001, 2175; A-N° 68/2006, 1326; A-N° 54/2008, 758</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>-</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>Reg. of 9.5.78</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>

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	<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>	Mémorial A 1975, 723	-	Fees Reg. of 12.6.75
Malta	<p>1. ATT DWAR IL-PRIVATTIVI INDUSTRIJALI U D-DISINNI Sabiex jipprovdi dwar ir-re[istrazzjoni u r-regolamentazzjoni ta' privattivi industrijali u disinni. 1 ta' {unju, 2002 L-ATT XVII ta' l-2000, kif emendat bl-Atti IX ta' l-2003 u XVIII ta' l-2005; u bl-Avvli Legali 181 u 186 ta' l-2006, u 426 ta' l-2007</p> <p><i>[1. PATENTS AND DESIGNS ACT To make provision for the registration and regulation of patents and designs. 1 June 2002 ACT XVII of 2000, as amended by Acts IX of 2003 and XVIII of 2005, and Legal Notices 181 and 186 of 2006, and 426 of 2007]</i></p> <p>2. ATT Nru. XVIII ta' l-2005 Att biex jemenda l-Att dwar il-Privattivi Industrijali u d-Disinni Kap. 417</p> <p><i>[2. ACT No. XVIII of 2005 Patents and Designs (Amendment) Act 2005]</i></p> <p>3. A.L.117 ta' l-2002 Regolamenti ta, l-2002 dwar il-Privattivi</p> <p><i>[3. Legal Notice No. 117 of 2002 Patents Regulations 2002]</i></p> <p>4. A.L. 260 ta l-2002 Regolamenti ta' l-2002 dwar il-Privattivi (Prodotti ta' Protezzjoni għall- Pjanti)</p> <p><i>[4. Legal Notice No. 260 of 2002 Patents (Plant Protection Products) Regulations 2002]</i></p> <p>5. A.L. 261 ta l- 2002 Regolamenti ta' l-2002 dwar il-Privattivi (Prodotti Medicinali)</p>	<p>Government Gazette of Malta No. 16 967 11.07.2000</p> <p>Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 853 16.12.2005</p> <p>Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 241 24.05.2002</p> <p>Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 288 13.09.2002</p> <p>Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 288 13.09.2002</p>	<p>Government Gazette of Malta No. 16 967 11.07.2000 (English)</p> <p>Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 853 16.12.2005 (English)</p> <p>Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 241 24.05.2002 (English)</p> <p>Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 288 13.09.2002 (English)</p>	<p>PA 2000</p> <p>Act XVIII 2005</p> <p>L.N. 117/2002</p> <p>L. N. 260/2002</p>

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	<p>[5. L.N. No. 261 of 2002 <i>Patents (Medicinal Products) Regulations 2002</i>]</p> <p>6. A.L. 98 ta' l-2007 Regolamenti ta' l-2007 dwar it-Trattat ta' Kooperazzjoni dwar il-Privattivi</p> <p>[6. L.N. No. 98 of 2007 <i>Patent Cooperation Treaty Regulations 2007</i>]</p> <p>7. A.L. 99 ta' l-2007 Regolamenti ta' l-2007 dwar il-Konvenzjoni Ewropea dwar il-Privattivi</p> <p>[7. L.N. No. 99 of 2007 <i>European Patent Convention Regulations 2007</i>]</p>	<p>Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 288 13.09.2002 (English)</p> <p>Government Gazette of Malta No. 18 064 13.04.2007</p> <p>Government Gazette of Malta No. 18 064 13.04.2007</p> <p>Government Gazette of Malta No. 18 064 13.04.2007 (English)</p>	<p>L.N. 261/2002</p> <p>L.N. 98/2007</p> <p>L.N. 99/2007</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>[1. Law No. 606 of 20 June 1955 on Patents of Invention, as amended by Law No. 625 of 5 November 1956]</p> <p>2. Ordonnance souveraine n° 1476 du 30 janvier 1957</p> <p>[2. Sovereign Ordinance No. 1476 of 30 January 1957]</p> <p>3. Ordonnance souveraine n° 707 du 3 octobre 2006 fixant le montant des droits applicables à l'occasion de l'accomplissement des formalités prévues par les textes organisant la protection de la propriété industrielle</p> <p>[3. Sovereign Ordinance No. 707 of 3 October 2006 fixing the fees payable for fulfilment of the formal requirements under the instruments governing the protection of industrial property]</p> <p>4. Ordonnance souveraine n° 10.427 du 9 janvier 1992 concernant le brevet européen</p> <p>[4. Sovereign Ordinance No. 10.427 of 9 January 1992 concerning European patents]</p> <p>5. Arrêté ministériel n° 93-553 du 21 octobre 1993 concernant les modalités de délivrance du brevet européen</p> <p>[5. Ministerial Decree No. 93-553 of 21 October 1993 concerning arrangements for the grant of European patents]</p>	<p>J. M. du 27.6.55 et du 19.11.56</p> <p>J. M. du 4.2.57</p> <p>J. M. du 6.10.06</p> <p>J. M. du 17.1.92</p> <p>J. M. du 22.10.93</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>SO No. 1476</p> <p>SO (Fees)</p> <p>SO No. 10.427</p> <p>MD</p>

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	6. Ordonnance souveraine n° 13.827 du 15 décembre 1998 relative à l'introduction de l'euro [6. <i>Sovereign Ordinance No. 13.827 of 15 December 1998 concerning the introduction of the euro</i>]	J.M. du 18.12.98	-	-
Netherlands	1. Rijksoctrooiwet 1995 van 15 december 1994 [1. <i>Patents Act of the Kingdom 1995 of 15 December 1994</i>] 2. Uitvoeringsbesluit Rijksoctrooiwet 1995 van 20 februari 1995 [2. <i>Patent Rules of 20 February 1995</i>] 3. Uitvoeringsregeling Rijksoctrooiwet 1995, 22 april 2003 [3. <i>Implementing Rules of 22 April 2003</i>]	Stb. 1995, 51, 52; Stb. 2003, 35 Stb. 1995, 108; 1999, 411; 2003, 158 Staatscourant 2003, 79	GRUR Int. 1996, 22 and Bl. f. PMZ 1996, 230 (German) IPLT NL 2-001 (English, French) - - -	PA PR IR
Norway	1. Lov om patenter (patentloven) av 15. Desember 1967 nr 9 [1. <i>The Norwegian Patents Act of 15 December 1967, No 9</i>] 2. Forskrift til patentloven (patentforskriften) av 14. Desember 2007 nr 1417 [2. <i>Regulations to the Norwegian Patents Act (the Patent Regulations) of 14 December 2007, No. 1417</i>] 3. Lov om oppfinnelser av betydning for rikets forsvar av 26. Juni 1953 nr 8 [3. <i>Inventions of Importance to the Defence of the Realm Act of 26 June 1953, No. 8</i>] 4. Lov om retten til oppfinnelser som er gjort av arbeidstakere av 17. April 1970 nr 21 [4. <i>The Right to Inventions made by Employees Act of 17 April 1970, No. 21</i>] 5. Forskrift om behandling av saker etter lov om oppfinnelser av betydning for rikets forsvar av 9. Mars 2000 nr 215 [5. <i>Regulations on the Handling of Cases in accordance with the Right to Inventions made by Employees Act of 9 March 2000, No. 215</i>] 6. Forskrift om avgifter til Patentstyret av 18. Desember 2007 nr 1586 [6. <i>Regulations on Fees to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office of 18 December 2007, No. 1586</i>]	www.lovdata.no ISBN 82-504-1193-5 www.lovdata.no I 2007 hefte 12 www.lovdata.no ISBN 82-504-1099-8 www.lovdata.no ISBN 82-504-1211-7 www.lovdata.no Avd I 2000 564 www.lovdata.no I 2007 hefte 13	- - - - - -	PL PR Defence Act - - Fees Reg.

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Poland	<p>1. Ustawa z dnia 30 czerwca 2000r. Prawo własności przemysłowej</p> <p>Zmieniona:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ustawą z dnia 23 stycznia 2004r. o zmianie ustawy – Prawo własności przemysłowej; - Ustawą z dnia 17 grudnia 2004 r. o rejestracji i ochronie nazw i oznaczeń produktów rolnych i środków spożywczych oraz o produktach tradycyjnych; - Ustawą z dnia 27 lipca 2005 r. o przeprowadzaniu konkursów na stanowiska kierowników centralnych urzędów administracji rządowej, prezesów agencji państwowych oraz prezesów zarządów państwowych funduszy celowych; - Ustawą z dnia 28 lipca 2005 r o kosztach sądowych w sprawach cywilnych; - Ustawą z dnia 24 sierpnia 2006 r. o państwowym zasobie kadrowym i wysokich stanowiskach państwowych; - Ustawą z dnia 24 sierpnia 2006 r. o służbie cywilnej; - Ustawą z dnia 18 października 2006 r. o wyrobie napojów spirytusowych oraz o rejestracji i ochronie oznaczeń geograficznych napojów spirytusowych; - Ustawą z dnia 9 maja 2007 r o zmianie ustawy o prawie autorskim i prawach pokrewnych oraz niektórych innych ustaw; - Ustawą z dnia 29 czerwca 2007 r. o zmianie ustawy - Prawo własności przemysłowej <p><i>[1. Act of 30 June 2000 on industrial property law, as amended by the Act of 23 January 2004, the Act of 17 December 2004, the Act of 27 July 2005, the Act of 28 July 2005, the Acts of 24 August 2006, the Act of 18 October 2006, the Act of 9 May 2007 and the Act of 29 June 2007]</i></p> <p>2. Rozporządzenie Rady Ministrów z dnia 29.08.2001 w sprawie opłat związanych z ochroną wynalazków, wzorów przemysłowych, znaków towarowych, oznaczeń geograficznych i topografii układów scalonych</p> <p>Zmienione Rozporządzeniem Rady Ministrów z dnia 2.03.2004 zmieniającym rozporządzenie w sprawie opłat związanych z ochroną wynalazków, wzorów przemysłowych, znaków towarowych, oznaczeń geograficznych i topografii układów scalonych oraz Rozporządzeniem Rady Ministrów z dnia 26.02.2008 zmieniającym rozporządzenie w sprawie opłat związanych z ochroną wynalazków, wzorów przemysłowych, znaków towarowych, oznaczeń geograficznych i topografii układów scalonych</p> <p><i>[2. Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 29 August 2001 on fees relating to the protection of inventions, utility models, industrial designs, trademarks, geographical indications and topographies of integrated circuits, as amended by the Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 2 March 2004 and by the Regulation of 26 Feb. 2008]</i></p>	<p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 119 poz.1117 09.07.2003</p> <p>amendments Nr. 33 poz. 286 23.01.2004, Nr. 10, poz. 68, 17.12.2004; Nr. 163, poz. 1362, 27.07.2005; Nr. 167, poz. 1398, 28.07.2005; Nr. 170, poz. 1217 i 1218, 24.08.2006; Nr. 208, poz. 1539. 18.10.2006; Nr. 99, poz. 662, 09.05.2007; Nr. 136, poz. 958, 29.06.2007</p> <p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 90 poz. 1000, 29.08.2001;</p> <p>amendments: 2004 Nr. 35 poz. 309; 05.03.2004; 2008 Nr. 41 poz. 241, 26.02.2008</p>	<p>Polish Patent Office website at www.uprp.pl (English)</p> <p>Polish Patent Office website at www.uprp.pl (English)</p>	<p>IPL</p> <p>Fees Reg.</p>

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	<p>3. Rozporządzenie Prezesa Rady Ministrów z dnia 17 września 2001r. w sprawie dokonywania i rozpatrywania zgłoszeń wynalazków i wzorów użytkowych</p> <p>Zmienione Rozporządzeniem Prezesa Rady Ministrów z dnia 14 czerwca 2005r. zmieniającym rozporządzenie w sprawie dokonywania i rozpatrywania zgłoszeń wynalazków i wzorów użytkowych</p> <p><i>[3. Regulation of the Prime Minister of 17 September 2001 on the filing and processing of patent and utility model applications, as amended by the Regulation of the Prime Minister of 14 June 2005]</i></p> <p>4. Rozporządzenie Rady Ministrów z dnia 23 lipca 2002r. w sprawie wynalazków i wzorów użytkowych dotyczących obronności lub bezpieczeństwa Państwa</p> <p><i>[4. 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>5. Ustawa z dnia 14 marca 2003r. o dokonywaniu europejskich zgłoszeń patentowych oraz skutkach patentu europejskiego w Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej zmieniona ustawą z dnia 29.06.2007 o zmianie ustawy – Prawo własności przemysłowej</p> <p><i>[5. Law of 14 March 2003 on the filing of European patent applications and the effects of the European patent in the Republic of Poland, as amended by the Act of 29 June 2007]</i></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>7. Rozporządzenie Prezesa Rady Ministrów z dnia 15 maja 2008 r. w sprawie dokonywania zgłoszeń wynalazków, produktów leczniczych i produktów ochrony roślin, wzorów użytkowych, wzorów przemysłowych, znaków towarowych, oznaczeń geograficznych i topografii układów scalonych oraz prowadzenia korespondencji w postaci elektronicznej</p> <p><i>[7. Regulation of the Prime Minister of 15 May 2008 on the filing of inventions, medicinal products and plant protection products, utility models, industrial designs, trademarks, geographical indications and topographies of integrated circuits and conducting correspondence in an electronic version]</i></p>	<p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 102 poz. 1119 21.09.2001;</p> <p>amendments: Dziennik Ustaw 2005 Nr. 109, poz. 910, 14.06.2005</p> <p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 123 poz. 1056 02.08.2002</p> <p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 65 poz. 598 16.04.2003</p> <p>amendments: Dziennik Ustaw 2007, Nr. 136 poz. 958, 29.06.2007</p> <p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 141 poz. 1361 13.08.2003</p> <p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 89, poz. 540, 15.05.2008</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>FPR</p> <p>-</p> <p>EPAL</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>

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	<p>8. Rozporządzenie Prezesa Rady Ministrów z dnia 20 maja 2008r. w sprawie rejestrów prowadzonych przez Urząd Patentowy Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej</p> <p><i>[8. Regulation of the Prime Minister of 20 May 2008 on registers kept by the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland]</i></p>	<p>Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 91, poz. 564, 20.05.2008</p>	-	Reg. Registers
Portugal	<p>1. Código da Propriedade Industrial Decreto-Lei n° 36/2003 de 05 de Março de 2003, alterado pelos Decretos-Leis n°s 318/2007, de 26 de Setembro, 360/2007, de 2 de Novembro e pela Lei n°16/2008, de 1 de Abril, republicado pelo Decreto-Lei n° 143/2008, de 25 de Julho de 2008</p> <p><i>[1. Industrial Property Code Decree Law No. 36/2003 of 5 March 2003, amended by Decree Laws No. 318/2007 of 26 September 2007 and No. 360/2007 of 2 November 2007 and by Law No. 16/2008 of 1 April 2008, republished by Decree Law No. 143/2008 of 25 July 2008]</i></p> <p>2. Despacho n° 24743/2008 de 3 de Outubro de 2008, relativo a aspectos formais dos pedidos, alterado pelo Despacho n° 28670/2008 de 7 de Novembro de 2008</p> <p><i>[2. Despatch No. 24743/2008 of 3 October 2008 relating to formal requirements for applications, amended by Despatch No. 28670/2008 of 7 November 2008]</i></p> <p>3. Portaria n° 1098/2008, de 30 de Setembro de 2008, relativa a taxas</p> <p><i>[3. Order Nr. 1098/2008 of 30 September 2008 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° 143/2008, 4651 (Republication of the Industrial Property Code)</p> <p>Diário da República II Série N° 192/2008, 41110 N° 217/2008, 45890</p> <p>Diário I Série-B N° 189/2008, 6994</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 Nr. 64/1991 privind brevetele de invenție republicată în Monitorul Oficial al României, Partea I, nr. 541 din 8 august 2007</p>	<p>Monitorul Oficial No. 212/1991 No. 340/2002 No. 752/2002 No. 541/2007</p>		

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	<p>[1. Patent Law No. 64/1991, as republished in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, No. 541 of 8 August 2007]</p> <p>2. H.G. nr. 547 din 18 iunie 2008 pentru aprobarea Regulamentului de aplicare a Legii nr. 64/1991 privind brevetele de invenție</p> <p>[2. Government Decision No. 547/2008 of 18 June 2008 for the approval of the Regulations for implementing the Patent Law No. 64/1991]</p> <p>3. O.G. nr. 41/1998 privind taxele în domeniul protecției proprietății industriale și regimul de utilizare a acestora, republicată în Monitorul Oficial al României, Partea I, nr. 959 din 29.11.2006</p> <p>[3. Government Ordinance No. 41/1998 on industrial property fees and the use thereof, as republished in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, No.959 of 29 November 2006]</p> <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>[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]</p> <p>5. Legea nr. 350 din 12.12.2007 privind modelele de utilitate</p> <p>[5. Law No. 350 of 12 December 2007 on Utility Models]</p>	<p>Monitorul Oficial No. 456/2008</p> <p>Monitorul Oficial No. 43/1998 No. 471/2002 No. 6/2006</p> <p>Monitorul Oficial No. 844/2002</p> <p>Monitorul Oficial No. 851/2007</p>	<p>IPLT RO-2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>GRUR Int. 1992, 196 (German)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>Reg.</p> <p>Fees Ord.</p> <p>AccEPCLaw</p> <p>LMU</p>
San Marino from 1.7.8009	Relevant information will be published in the EPO Official Journal.			
Slovakia	<p>1. Oznámenie Ministerstva zahraničných vecí Slovenskej republiky č.47/2008 Z.z. o podpísaní Dohovoru o udeľovaní európskych patentov (Európskeho patentového dohovoru) a o uzavretí Revízie znenia textu Dohovoru o udeľovaní európskych patentov z 29. novembra 2000 (Európskeho patentového dohovoru), Príloha</p> <p>[1. Notification of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic No. 47/2008 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]</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 neskorších predpisov.</p> <p>[2. Law No. 435/2001 Coll. on patents, supplementary protection certificates and on amendment of other Acts (Patent Act)]</p>	<p>Zbierka zákonov č. 47/2008, z 9.2.2008</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov č. 435/2001, zo 4.10.2001</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 2002, 442 (German)</p>	<p>-</p> <p>PA</p>

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	<p>3. Zákon č. 517/2007 Z.z. o úžitkových vzoroch a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov v znení zákona č. 495/2008 Z.z.</p> <p><i>[3. Act No. 517/2007 Coll. on Utility Models and the Amendment of Certain Acts as amended by Act No. 495/2008 Coll.]</i></p> <p>4. Vyhláška Úradu priemyselného vlastníctva Slovenskej Republiky č. 1/2008 Z.z., ktorou sa vykonáva zákon č. 517/2007 Z.z. o úžitkových vzoroch a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov</p> <p><i>[4. Industrial Property Office Regulation No. 1/2008 Coll. implementing Act No. 517/2007 Coll. on Utility Models and the Amendment of Certain Acts]</i></p> <p>5. Zákon NR SR č. 145/1995 Z.z. o správnych poplatkoch v znení neskorších predpisov</p> <p><i>[5 Law NR SR No. 145/1995 Coll. on administration fees, as amended]</i></p> <p>6. 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>[6. 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>7. Zákon č. 71/1967 Zb. o správnom konaní (správny poriadok) v znení neskorších predpisov</p> <p><i>[7. Law No. 71/1967 Coll. on administrative procedure (Administrative Procedure Code) as amended by subsequent law]</i></p> <p>8. Zákon NR SR č. 495/2008 Z.z. o poplatku za udržiavanie platnosti patentu, o poplatku za udržiavanie platnosti európskeho patentu s účinkami pre Slovenskú republiku a o poplatku za udržiavanie platnosti dodatkového ochranného osvedčenia na liečivá a výrobky na ochranu rastlín a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov</p> <p><i>[8. Act No. 495/2008 Coll. on renewal fees for patents, European patents with the designation of the Slovak Republic, supplementary protection certificates for medicinal products and plant protection products, and on amendments of other Acts]</i></p>	<p>Zbierka zákonov č. 517/2007, z 21.11.2007</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov č. 1/2008, z 10.1.2008</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov NR SR č. 145/1995 Z.z., zo 17.7.1995</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov č. 223/2002 Z.z., z 30.4.2002</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov č. 71/1967 Zb. 29.6.1967</p> <p>(Úplné znenie zákona: Zbierka zákonov č. 138/2004 Z.z.)</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov č. 495/2008 Z.z. 6.11.2008</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>UM</p> <p>-</p> <p>Fees Law</p> <p>RPA</p> <p>APC</p> <p>Act No. 495/2008</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> <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>	<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> <p>BOE núm. 283/86, 39247</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 1987, 21, 61; 1999, 126; 2000, 174 (German)</p> <p>IPLT ES 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1987, 177 (German)</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>RD 2424</p>

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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, SFS 2007:242, SFS 2007:516, SFS 2007:517, SFS 2007:518, SFS 2007:636, SFS 2007:751, SFS 2008:131</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, SFS 2007:242, SFS 2007:516, SFS 2007:517, SFS 2007:518, SFS 2007:636, SFS 2007:751, SFS 2008:131]</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, SFS 2007:253, SFS 2007:519, SFS 2007:838, SFS 2007:1120, SFS 2008:130.</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 2008:130]</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 2007:242 2007:516 2007:517 2007:518 2007:636 2007:751 2008:131</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 2007:253 2007:519 2007:838 2007:1120 2008:130</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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	<p>3. Lagen om försvarsuppfinningar SFS 1971:1078, omtryckt genom lag SFS 1978:157, därefter ändrad genom lag SFS 1997:916</p> <p><i>[3. Defence Inventions Act SFS 1971:1078, reprinted SFS 1978:157 and last amended SFS 1997:916]</i></p> <p>4. Patentbestämmelser PRVFS 1981:1, omtryckt genom PRVFS 1997:1 P:32, PRVFS 2005:1 P:57, PRVFS 2006:3 P:60, PRVFS 2007:2 P:63, 2008:2 P:69, 2008:3 P:70</p> <p><i>[4. Patent Office Regulations PRVFS 1981:1, reprinted PRVFS 1997:1 P:32, PRVFS 2005:1 P:57, PRVFS 2006:3 P:60, PRVFS 2007:2 P:63, 2008:2 P:69, 2008:3 P:70]</i></p>	<p>SFS 1978:157 1980:211 1986:1161 1993:1407 1997:916</p> <p>PRVFS 1981:1 1986:4 P:17 1992:1 P:23 1993:5 P:27 1997:3 P:34 1998:4 P:38 1999:3 P:41 2000:7 P:43 2003:4 P:55 2005:1 P:57 2006:3 P:60 2007:2 P:63 2008:2 P:69 2008:3 P:70</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>POR</p>
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	<p>1. Bundesgesetz betreffend die Erfindungspatente vom 25. Juni 1954 (Patentgesetz)</p> <p><i>[1. Federal Law on Patents for Inventions of 25 June 1954 (Patent Act)]</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 20. Dezember 1968</p> <p><i>[4. Federal Law on administrative procedure of 20 December 1968]</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 of 22 December 1978 (Patent Treaty)]</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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	<p>6. Ausführungsvereinbarung zum schweizerisch-liechtensteinischen Patentschutzvertrag vom 10. Dezember 1979</p> <p>[6. <i>Implementing Agreement to the Treaty between Switzerland and Liechtenstein in respect of Patents of 10 December 1979</i>]</p>	SR 0.232.149.514.1	<p>OJ EPO 1980, 412 (English, French)</p> <p>IPLT LI-CH 2-001 (English, French)</p>	-
Turkey	<p>1. Patent haklarının korunması hakkında bakanlar kurulunca 26 Nisan 1995 tarihinde kararlaştırılan 551 sayılı kanun hükmünde kararname</p> <p>[1. <i>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 21.4.2009 tarihinde değiştirilmiştir</p> <p>[2. <i>Implementing Regulations 1995 to DL No. 551, as last amended on 21 April 2009</i>]</p> <p>3. Avrupa Patentlerinin verilmesi ile ilgili Avrupa Patent Sözleşmesinin Türkiye'de uygulama şeklini gösterir yönetmelik 9.1.2001, en son 22.5.2008 tarihinde değiştirilmiştir</p> <p>[3. <i>Regulations implementing the Convention on the Grant of European Patents in Turkey dated 9 January 2001, as last amended on 22 May 2008</i>]</p> <p>4. 2009 yılı Patent ve Faydalı Model ücret listesi</p> <p>[4. <i>List of fees in respect of patents and utility models, 2009</i>]</p>	<p>TC Resmi Gazete No:22326 27.6.1995</p> <p>TC Resmi Gazete No:22454 5.11.1995 No:27207 21.4.2009</p> <p>TC Resmi Gazete No:24282 9.1.2001 No:26883 22.5.2008</p> <p>TC Resmi Gazete No:27096 30.12.2008</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 2000, 355 (German)</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 2009</p>
United Kingdom	1. Patents Act 1977 (as amended)	<p>1977 c.37 1986 c.39 1988 c.48 2004 c.16 S.I. 2004/2357 S.I. 2007/3293</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 1979, 200; 1986, 334; 1991, 260 (German)</p> <p>LTPI UK 2-001 (French)</p>	PA

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	<p>2. The Patents Rules 2007</p> <p>The Patents, Trade Marks and Designs (Address for Service) Rules 2009</p> <p>The Patents Act 2004 (Commencement No. 1 and Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Order 2004</p> <p>The Patents Act 2004 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential, etc. and Transitional Provisions) Order 2004</p> <p>The Patents Act 2004 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2005</p> <p>The Patents, Trade Marks and Designs (Address for Service and Time Limits, etc) Rules 2006</p> <p>The Patents Act 2004 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007</p> <p>The Patents (Compulsory Licensing and Supplementary Protection Certificates) Regulations 2007</p> <p>3. The Patents (Fees) Rules 2007</p>	<p>S.I. 2007/3291; 2009/0546; 2004/2177; 2004/3205; 2005/2471; 2006/0760; 2007/3396; 2007/3293</p> <p>S.I. 2007/3292</p>	<p>LTPI UK 2-002 (French)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PR</p> <p>PFR</p>

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	<p><i>[4. Law on Amendments to the Law on Administrative Fees]</i></p> <p>5. Sporazum između vijeća ministara bosne i hercegovine i evropske patentne organizacije o saradnji u oblasti patenata (sporazum o saradnji i proširenju)</p> <p><i>[5. Agreement between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the European Patent Organisation on co-operation in the field of patents (co-operation and extension agreement)]</i></p> <p>6. Zakon o upravnom postupku</p> <p><i>[6. Law on administrative proceedings]</i></p>	<p>Sl.glasnik BiH (Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina) No. 3/02</p> <p>Sl.glasnik BiH (Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina) No. 29/02</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Admin. Fees</p> <p>Ext. Agr.</p> <p>Admin.proc.</p>
<p>Croatia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2008.)</p> <p>State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia Ulica grada Vukovara 78 10000 ZAGREB Tel. +385 1 6106111 Fax +385 1 6112017 ipo.croatia@dziv.hr www.dziv.hr</p>	<p>1. Zakon o patentu</p> <p><i>[1. Patent Act]</i></p> <p>2. Pravilnik o patentu</p> <p><i>[2. Patent Ordinance]</i></p> <p>3. Zakon o upravnim pristojbama u području prava intelektualnog vlasništva</p> <p><i>[3. Law on administrative fees in the field of intellectual property rights]</i></p> <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>Narodne Novine (NN) 173/2003, 87/2005, 76/2007, 30/2009</p> <p>NN 117/2007</p> <p>NN 64/2000, 164/2004, 62/2008</p> <p>NN 86/2000, 187/2004, 70/2008</p> <p>NN - IA. 14/2003</p> <p>NN 53/1991, 103/1996</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PO</p> <p>LAdmFees</p> <p>RCh</p> <p>Ext. Agr.</p> <p>Law on GAP</p>

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<p>Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2009.)</p> <p>State Office of Industrial Property (SOIP) Veljko Vlahovic 11 1000 SKOPJE Tel. +389 2 3103601 Fax +389 2 3137149 www.ippo.gov.mk mail@ippo.gov.mk</p>	<p>1. Закон за индустриска сопственост кој се применува од 25 февруари 2009</p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 47/02, No. 42/03, No. 9/04, No. 39/06, No. 79/07, No. 21/09</p>		
	<p><i>[1. Law on Industrial Property of 12 February 2009, applicable as from 25 February 2009]</i></p>		-	PL
	<p>2. Закон за административни такси</p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 17/93, No. 20/96, No. 7/98, No. 13/01, No. 24/03, No. 19/04, No. 61/04, No. 95/05, No. 7/06</p>		
	<p><i>[2. Act on administrative fees of 26 March 1993, as last amended on 7 November 2005]</i></p>		-	Fees Law
	<p>3. Правилник за признавање на патент</p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 18/04, No. 93/06</p>		
	<p><i>[3. Patent Regulations of 23 March 2004, as last amended on 29 August 2006]</i></p>		-	Reg.
	<p>4. Договор за соработка на полето на патентите (Договор за соработка)</p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 49/97</p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 49/97 (English)</p> <p>OJ EPO 1997, 538 (English, French, German)</p>	Ext. Reg.
	<p>5. Закон за општа управна постапка</p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 38/2005</p>		
	<p><i>[5. Law on General Administrative Procedure]</i></p>		-	Law on GAP

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Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005.) Latvian Patent Office Citadeles iela 7(70) P.O. Box 824 1010 RIGA Tel. +371 6 7099600 Fax +371 6 7099650 www.lrpv.lv valde@lrpv.lv	<p>1. 2007. gada 15. februāra Patentu likums</p> <p>[1. Patent Law of 15 February 2007]</p> <p>2. 2008. gada 1. aprīļa Ministru kabineta noteikumi Nr. 224 "Patentu un patentu pieteikumu noteikumi"</p> <p>[2. Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 224 of 1 April 2008 "Regulations on patents and patent applications"]</p> <p>3. 2007. gada 4. decembra Ministru Kabineta noteikumi Nr. 824 "Noteikumi par valsts nodevu par izgudrojumu tiesisko aizsardzību"</p> <p>[3. Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 824 of 4 December 2007 "Regulations on State Fees for legal protection of inventions"]</p>	<p>Latvijas Vēstnesis 27.2.2007 34 (3610)</p> <p>Vēstnesis 53 4.4.2008</p> <p>Vēstnesis 197 7.12.2007</p>	-	PL
Lithuania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2004.) The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania Kalvarijų g. 3 09310 VILNIUS Tel. +370 5 2780250 Fax +370 5 2750723 www.vpb.gov.lt spb@vpb.gov.lt	<p>1. Lietuvos Respublikos patentų įstatymas Nr. I-372 (94 01 18)</p> <p>[1. Patent law of the Republic of Lithuania No. I-372 of 18 January 1994, as amended]</p> <p>2. Lietuvos Respublikos valstybinio patentų biuro 95 07 25 įsakymas dėl Europos patentų galiojimo išplėtimo Nr. 22</p> <p>[2. Order of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania of 25 July 1995 on the extension of European patents]</p> <p>3. Europos patentų galiojimo išplėtimo taisyklės ER/01/95</p> <p>[3. Regulation ER/01/95 on the extension of European patents of 25 July 1995]</p> <p>4. Lietuvos Respublikos Vyriausybės ir Europos Patentų Organizacijos Susitarimas dėl 1994 sausio 25 d. Bendradarbiavimo susitarimo 3(3) straipsnio įgyvendinimo</p> <p>[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]</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, Nr. 72/2006, Nr. 55/2007</p> <p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 62/1995</p> <p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 62/1995, Nr. 108/1998</p> <p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 38/1995</p>	IPLT LT 2-001 (English, French) Bl.f.PMZ 1997, 50 (German)	PL
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	<p>5. Mokesčių už pramoninės nuosavybės objektų registravimą įstatymas Nr. IX-352 (2001 06 05)</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. 52/2001, Nr. 110/2001, Nr. 116/2003, Nr. 73/2004, Nr. 59/2007</p> <p>“Valstybės žinios” Nr. 9/2002</p>	<p>-</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 030044 BUCUREȘTI Tel. +40 21 3060-800, 3060-801, 3060-802, ..., 3060-829 Fax +40 21 3123819 www.osim.ro office@osim.ro</p>	<p>1. Legea Nr. 64/1991 privind brevetele de invenție republicată în Monitorul Oficial al României, Partea I, nr. 541 din 8 august 2007</p> <p><i>[1. Patent Law No. 64/1991, as republished in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, No. 541 of 8 August 2007]</i></p> <p>2. H.G. nr. 547 din 18 iunie 2008 pentru aprobarea Regulamentului de aplicare a Legii nr. 64/1991 privind brevetele de invenție</p> <p><i>[2. Government Decision No. 547/2008 of 18 June 2008 for the approval of the Regulations for implementing the Patent Law No. 64/1991]</i></p> <p>3. O.G. nr. 41/1998 privind taxele în domeniul protecției proprietății industriale și regimul de utilizare a acestora, republicată în Monitorul Oficial al României, Partea I, nr. 959 din 29.11.2006</p> <p><i>[3. Government Ordinance No. 41/1998 on industrial property fees and the use thereof, as republished in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, No. 959 of 29 November 2006]</i></p> <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>Monitorul Oficial No. 212/1991 No. 340/2002 No. 752/2002 No. 541/2007</p> <p>Monitorul Oficial Nr. 348/2002</p> <p>Monitorul Oficial No. 43/1998 No. 471/2002 No. 6/2006</p> <p>Monitorul Oficial Nr. 195/1996</p>	<p>IPLT RO-2-001 (English, French) GRUR Int. 1992, 196 (German)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>OJ EPO 1996, 601 (English, French, German)</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>Reg.</p> <p>Fees Ord.</p> <p>GO</p>

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	<p>5. Legea nr. 32/1997 privind implementarea ordonanței de extindere</p> <p>[5. Law on the Implementation of the extension ordinance No. 32/97]</p>		-	Ext. Law
<p>Serbia Intellectual Property Office Kneginje Ljubice 5 11000 BEOGRAD Tel. +381 11 2025800 Fax +381 11 3112377 www.zis.gov.rs zis@gov.rs</p>	<p>1. Закон о патентима</p> <p>[1. The Patent Law, published on 2.7.2004]</p> <p>2. Уредба о поступку за правну заштиту проналазака</p> <p>[2. Rules of Procedure for the Legal Protection of Inventions, published on 24.12.2004]</p> <p>3. Закон о потврђивању Споразума између Савезне владе Савезне Републике Југославије и Европске патентне организације о сарадњи у области патената (Споразумом о сарадњи и проширењу)</p> <p>[3. The Co-operation and Extension Agreement, published on 18.06.2004]</p> <p>4. Закон о савезним административним таксама Закон о изменама и допунама Закона о републичким административним таксама</p> <p>[4. Law on Federal Administrative Fees Law on Amendment of the Republic Administrative Fees (entry into force on 22.1.2009)]</p> <p>5. Одлука о висини накнада посебних трошкова поступка који води завод за интелектуалну својину и накнада трошкова за пружање информационих услуга Завода</p> <p>[5. Decision on the Amount of Remuneration of Special Costs of the Procedure and Costs of Information Services and Remuneration Tariffs, published on 23.7.2004]</p> <p>6. Закон о посебним овлашћењима ради ефикасне заштите права интелектуалне својине</p>	<p>Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro (Сл. лист СЦГ) No. 32/2004</p> <p>Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro No. 62/2004</p> <p>Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro-International Agreements No. 14/2004</p> <p>Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 5/2009</p> <p>Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro No. 35/2004</p> <p>Official Gazette of Republic of Serbia No. 47/2006</p>	<p>Serbian Intellectual Property Office's website at www.zis.gov.rs/en/pdf_patenti/patent_law.pdf (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>Serbian Intellectual Property Office's website at www.zis.gov.rs/en/pdf_patenti/patenti_sporazum.pdf (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>Rules</p> <p>CEA</p> <p>Fees Law</p> <p>-</p>

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	<p>[6. <i>The Law on Special Authorizations for the Sake of Efficient Protection of Intellectual Property Rights</i>]</p> <p>7. Уредба о упису у Регистар заступника који води Савезни завод за интелектуалну својину</p> <p>[7. <i>Rules on entry in the Register of Representatives kept by Federal Intellectual Property Office, published on 25.8.1995</i>]</p> <p>8. Правилник о начину полагања посебног стручног испита за лица која се баве заступањем у поступку заштите проналазака, жигова, модела, узорака и географских ознака порекла</p> <p>[8. <i>Regulations on the Procedure on the Passing of the Special Expert Exam for Persons Engaged in Representation in the Procedure for the Protection of Inventions, Trademarks, Models, Patterns and Geographical Indications of Origin</i>]</p> <p>9. Закон о општем управном поступку</p> <p>[9. <i>The Law on General Administrative Procedure</i>]</p>	<p>Official Gazette of Federal Republic of Yugoslavia No. 39/1995</p> <p>Official Gazette of Federal Republic of Yugoslavia No. 48/1995</p> <p>Official Gazette of Federal Republic of Yugoslavia No. 33/1997, No. 31/2001</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>LGAP</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 6203100 Fax +386 1 6203111 www.uil-sipo.si</p>	<p>1. Zakon o industrijski lastnini</p> <p>[1. <i>Industrial Property Act</i>]</p> <p>2. Uredba o pristojbinah Urada RS za intelektualno lastnino</p> <p>[2. <i>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>[3. <i>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>[4. <i>Rules on registering applications and industrial property rights and priority certificates</i>]</p> <p>5. Uredba o razširitvi evropskih patentov na Republiko Slovenijo</p>	<p>Uradni list RS, št. 51/2006</p> <p>Uradni list RS, št. 128/2006</p> <p>Uradni list RS, št. 102/2001</p> <p>Uradni list RS, št. 102/2001</p> <p>Uradni list RS, št. 15/2002</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>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>Fees Decr.</p> <p>PR</p> <p>Reg.Rules</p>

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	<i>[5. Decree on the extension of European patents to the Republic of Slovenia]</i>		OJ EPO 1994, 75 (English, French, German)	Ext. Decr.

Filing of European patent applications pursuant to Article 75 (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 two months of filing the European application (Article 14(2), Rule 6(1) EPC). If this translation is not filed in due time, the application is deemed to be withdrawn (Article 14(2), third sentence, EPC).

European divisional applications must always be filed directly with the EPO at Munich, The Hague or Berlin (Article 76(1), first sentence, EPC). The same applies to new European patent applications filed under Article 61(1)(b) (Article 61(2) 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(3) EPC).

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

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
Austria Österreichisches Patentamt Dresdner Str. 87 Postfach 95 1200 WIEN Tel. +43 1 53424-0 Fax +43 1 53424-535 www.patentamt.at	Yes § 2 ILPT	N/A	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC § 2 ILPT	German	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*
Belgium Office de la Propriété Intellectuelle auprès du Service public fédéral Economie, PME, Classes moyennes et Energie Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 16 1000 BRUXELLES Tel. +32 2 2777694 Fax +32 2 2775262 http://economie.fgov.be/ opri-die.htm piie_dir@economie.fgov. be	Yes Art. 2(1) Law of 21.4.07** Art. 3(1) Law of 8.7.77***	Applications filed by persons having Belgian nationality or having a residence or their principal place of business in Belgium and which are of importance for national security and defence Art. 2(2) Law of 21.4.07** Art. 3(2) Law of 8.7.77***	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC	French Dutch German (with regard to German for European patent applications filed before 13 December 2007, see OJ EPO 1999, 320)	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*
Bulgaria Patentno vedomstvo na Republica Bulgaria (Bulgarian Patent Office) 52B, Dr. G. M. Dimitrov Blvd. 1040 SOFIA Tel. +359 2 9701302 Fax +359 2 8708325, 8735258 www.bpo.bg/en/	Yes Art. 72a(1) PL	Applicants having a permanent address or principal place of business in the Republic of Bulgaria must file European patent applications with the BG Patent Office, unless the application claims the priority of an earlier application filed with the Office. Art. 72a(2) PL	Bulgarian German English French provided at least the following is available in Bulgarian: (a) a mention that a European patent has been requested (b) information enabling the applicant to be identified or contacted Art. 72a(1) PL	Bulgarian	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*

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** European patent applications filed on or after 13 December 2007

*** European patent applications filed before 13 December 2007

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Croatia Državni Zavod Za Intelektualno Vlasništvo (State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia) Ulica grada Vukovara 78 10000 ZAGREB Tel. +385 1 6106111 Fax +385 1 6112017 www.dziv.hr ipo.croatia@dziv.hr	Yes Art. 108.b(1) PA	Applications relating to inventions of relevance to national security Art. 108.b(4) PA	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC Art. 108.b(5) PA	Croatian	Applications may also be filed by facsimile and, if so, the original copy thereof must be furnished within 15 days of the date on which the transmission by facsimile was effected*.
Cyprus Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Corner Makarios III Ave. and Karpenssiou St., XENIOS Building 1427 NICOSIA Tel. +357 22 404301, 404302 Fax +357 22 304887 www.mcit.gov.cy/drcor markspat@drcor.mcit.gov.cy	Yes Sect. 64 PL R. 47(1) PFR	Applications by Cypriot nationals unless the priority of an earlier Cypriot application is claimed R. 47(2) PFR	Greek English French German R. 48(1) PFR	Greek	European patent applications which are not filed in Greek must be followed by a translation within two months. R. 48(2) PFR
Czech Republic Industrial Property Office Antonína Čermáka 2a 160 68 PRAHA 6 Tel. +420 2 20383111 Fax +420 2 24324718 www.upv.cz posta@upv.cz	Yes § 24(3) PA	Applications containing matters that must be kept secret under special regulations § 24(4) PA	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC	Czech	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.* § 37(4) APC
Denmark Patent- og Varemærkestyrelsen Helgeshøj Allé 81 2630 TAASTRUP Tel. +45 43 508000 Fax +45 43 508001 www.dkpto.dk pvs@dkpto.dk	Yes § 75(3) PA	Inventions relating to war material or processes for the manufacture of war material which are owned by a person or an enterprise residing in Denmark or by a Danish institution must be filed at the DKPTO. § 2a(1) Law No. 732/89	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC pro- vided at least the following is avail- able in Danish or one of the EPO's official languages: (a) a mention that a European patent has been requested (b) information enabling the applicant to be identified or contacted	Danish	The DKPTO admits electronic filing by use of <i>epoline</i> ® Online Filing. Users of <i>epoline</i> ® have to apply for a EPO SmartCard. An application form can be found at www.dkpto.dk/patent/epos/epolineansoegning.pdf The application should be sub- mitted to the DKPTO along with a copy of either a driver's licence or passport as documentation. Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*

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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
Estonia Central industrial property office Patendiamet Toompuiestee 7 15041 TALLINN Tel. +372 6277900 Fax +372 6451342 www.epa.ee	Yes § 3(1) IA	-	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC § 4 IA	Estonian	Filing the applications by facsimile or other electronic media is not allowed. § 3(3) REP
Finland Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus P.O. Box 1140 Arkadiankatu 6 A 00100 HELSINKI Tel. +358 9 6939-500 Fax +358 9 6939-5328 www.prh.fi kirjaamo@prh.fi	Yes § 70f PA	Inventions of importance to the defence of the country if the applicant has a residence or principal place of business in Finland. § 70f PA § 1 Defence Inventions	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC pro- vided at least the following is available in Finnish or Swedish or in one of the EPO's official languages: (a) a mention that a European patent has been requested (b) information enabling the applicant to be identified or contacted	Finnish or Swedish	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.* Applications may also be filed online using <i>epoline</i> ® software. FINEID smartcards will be accepted. Technical information is available on the PRH website: http://patent.prh.fi
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia State Office of Industrial Property (SOIP) Veljko Vlahovic 11 1000 SKOPJE Tel. +389 2 3103601 Fax +389 2 3137149 www.ippo.gov.mk mail@ippo.gov.mk	Yes Art. 119 PL	Applications relating to inventions of relevance to national security Art. 71, 72, 73 and 120 PL	Macedonian English French German Art. 120(1) PL	Macedonian	-

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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
France Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) 26bis, rue de St. Pétersbourg 75800 PARIS CEDEX 08 Tel. in France: 0820 213 2113 Tel. from abroad: +33 1 71087163 Fax +33 1 5304-5265 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(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, Lyons, Marseilles, 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 epoline® (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: www.inpi.fr/front/content/ART_14_4_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>
	Art. L. 614-2. PL	Art. L. 614-2. PL			Art. R. 614-3 to 5 Reg.

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Iceland Icelandic Patent Office Engjateigur 3 150 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(2) EPC	Icelandic	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*
Ireland Patents Office Government Buildings Hebron Road KILKENNY Tel. +353 56 7720111 Fax +353 56 7720100 www.patentoffice.ie patlib@entemp.ie	Yes Sect. 120(7) PA	-	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(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 4705-5643 Fax +39 06 4705-5632, 4705-5635 www.uibm.gov.it <a href="mailto:salapubblico2@sviluppo
economico.gov.it">salapubblico2@sviluppo economico.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 authorisa- tion 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(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 Commer- cio), 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 previ- ously is claimed and such appli- cation 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
Latvia Latvian Patent Office Citadeles iela 7(70) P.O. Box 824 1010 RIGA Tel. +371 6 7099600 Fax +371 6 7099650 www.lrpv.lv valde@lrpv.lv	Yes Art. 69(1) PL	N/A	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC Art. 69(1) PL	Latvian	Filing the applications by facsimile or other electronic media is not allowed.
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland				

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Lithuania The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania Kalvarijų g. 3 09310 VILNIUS Tel. +370 5 2780250 Fax +370 5 2750723 www.vpb.gov.lt spb@vpb.gov.lt	Yes Art. 59 ⁽¹⁾ (1) PL	Applications con- taining a professional or state secret Art. 59 ⁽¹⁾ (4) PL	All the languages pursuant to Art.14(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 L-2914 LUXEMBOURG Tel. +352 247-84113 Fax +352 22 26 60 www.eco.public.lu 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(2) EPC	French German Luxembourgish	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*
Malta Ministry of Finance The Economy and Invest- ment Commerce Division Intellectual Property Registration Directorate Lascaris VALLETTA – VLT 2000 Tel. +356 21242270 Fax +356 25690 338 www.mcmp.gov.mt/cd_ipr.asp ipoffice@gov.mt	Yes R. 5(3) L.N. 99/2007	Applications that may affect the national security, except in cases where priority is claimed from first filing in Malta. R. 5(3) L.N. 99/2007	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC (see also column 5) R. 5(1) L.N. 99/2007	Maltese English R. 5 L.N. 117/2002	Filling the applications by facsimile or other electronic media is not allowed. A transmittal fee (EUR 46.59 plus postage) is payable when filing the application. European patent applications which are not filed in Maltese or English must be followed within one month by an English translation of (a) a mention that a European patent has been requested (b) information enabling the applicant to be identified or contacted.
Monaco Direction de l'Expansion Economique Division de la Propriété Intellectuelle 9 Rue du Gabian 98000 MONACO Tel. +377 98988490 Fax +377 92057520 mcpi@gouv.mc	Yes Art. 1 SO No. 10.427	N/A	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC Art. 1 MD	French	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.* Art. 1 MD

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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
Netherlands Octrooiencentrum Nederland (Netherlands Patent Office) Postbus 5820 2280 HV RIJSWIJK (ZH) Tel. +31 70 3986655 Fax +31 70 3900190 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	N/A	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 RIJSWIJK"
Norway Norwegian Industrial Property Office (NIPO) Patentstyret Postboks 8160 Dep. 0033 OSLO Tel. +47 22 387300 Fax +47 22 387301 www.patentstyret.no	Yes	Patent applications regarding inventions relating to war mate- rial or processes for the manufacture of war material for which the applicant wants protection in Norway, must be filed with the NIPO. § 2 Defence Act	Norwegian English French German	Norwegian	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*
Poland Urząd Patentowy RP (Patent Office of the Republic of Poland) Al. Niepodległości 188/192 P.O. Box 203 00-950 WARSZAWA Tel. +48 22 5790000 Fax +48 22 5790001 www.uprp.pl	Yes	If a European patent application has not been filed with the Polish Patent Office before, a Polish national or a Polish legal person having his domicile or busi- ness seat within the territory of the Re- public of Poland is obliged to file it with the PL Patent Office.	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC If a European patent application is drawn up in a foreign language, it must be accom- panied by a trans- lation into Polish.	Polish	Applications may also be filed by facsimile or in an electronic version. If the application is filed by facsimile, the original copy 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

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Slovenia Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) Kotnikova 6 p.p.206 1000 LJUBLJANA Tel. +386 1 6203100 Fax +386 1 6203111 www.uil-sipo.si	Yes Art. 25(1) IPA	N/A	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC Art. 25(1) IPA	Slovenian	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.* Art. 80(2) IPA
Spain Oficina Española de Patentes y Marcas Paseo de la Castellana, 75 28046 MADRID Tel. +34 902 157530 Fax +34 91 3495597 www.oepm.es	Yes	Applicants having their head office, domicile, normal residence or perma- nent place of busi- ness in Spain must file in Spain unless claiming the priority of an earlier Spanish application. Art. 2 RD 2424	Spanish English German French (see also column 5) Art. 3 RD 2424	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/Soft/Epoline/Modulo_Cliente/es_(ep_pct_210sp4)_12.exe All the relevant details can be found (in Spanish) at: www.oepm.es/internet/ventanilla/primera.htm Art. 3 RD 2424
Sweden Patent- och registreringsverket Box 5055 102 42 STOCKHOLM Tel. +46 8 7822500 Fax +46 8 6660286 www.prv.se prv@prv.se	Yes § 80(2) PA	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 förs- varsuppfinningar" (Defence inventions examination committee). Defence Invention Act	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC	Swedish	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*

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- A. Rights conferred by a European patent application after publication pursuant to Article 93 EPC (Article 67 EPC)**
- B. Translations for obtaining provisional protection pursuant to Article 67(3) EPC**

III.

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

Pursuant to Article 67(2) EPC, 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) EPC is laid down in Article 67(3) EPC 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.

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 5, or communicated to the user § 4(2) ILPT
Belgium	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 2(3) Law of 21.4.07* Art. 3(3) Law of 8.7.77**	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 2(3) Law of 21.4.07* Art. 3(3) Law of 8.7.77**	Yes Art. 2(3) Law of 21.4.07* 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 5, or communicated to the user Art. 2(3) Law of 21.4.07* 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
Croatia	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. 108.d(2) PA	Damages in accordance with the general rules for compensation of damage Art. 60(1) PA	Yes Art. 108.d(2) PA	From the date on which a transla- tion of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer. Art. 108.d(2) PA
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 5, 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 5, 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 5 § 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 5, or communicated to the user § 6 IA

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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 5, and notice of the fact is published in "Patenttilehti" (Finnish Patent Bulletin) § 70n PA
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Yes	Damages in accordance with the general rules for compensation of damage Art. 291, 294, 295, 296 PL	Yes Art. 122(2), (3) PL	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer
France	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. L. 614-9. PL	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. PL	Yes Art. L. 614-9. PL	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 5, or communicated to the user Art. L. 614-9. PL Art. R. 614-11 Reg.
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 5, 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 5 Art. 10 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88

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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 5, or communicated to the user Art. 54 PL
Latvia	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. 70 PL	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 18(2) PL	Yes Art. 70(2) PL	When the translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer or is made available to the public in accordance with Part III.B, column 5 Art. 70(2)(3) PL
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 5, or communicated to the user Art. 92(1) PL
Malta	Yes (Art 67(1) EPC) Art. 28 PA 2000 R. 6(2) L.N. 99/2007	The same rights as national applications Art. 27 PA 2000 R. 6(2) L.N. 99/2007	Yes R. 7 L.N. 117/2002	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B column 5 R. 7(2) L.N. 99/2007
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

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Norway	Yes § 66g PL	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances §§ 66g(2) and 58(2) PL	Yes § 66g (1) PL	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 5 § 66g (2) PL
Poland	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 4 § 2 EPAL Art. 287 IPL	Cessation of the infringe- ment, redress of its con- sequences, surrender of the unlawfully obtained profits and in case of culpable infringement: - compensation for dama- ges in accordance with the general principles of law, or - payment of a sum of money equal to the licence fee, or other suitable pay- ment, provided that the right holder consents to the use of the invention. The right holder may de- mand the publication of part or all of the judicial decision. If the infringement was un- intentional, judicial autho- rities may order pecuniary compensation to be paid to the injured party where redress of the consequen- ces would cause dispropor- tionate harm and where pecuniary compensation to the injured party appears reasonably satisfactory. 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 5, and notice of the fact is published in "Biuletyn Urzędu Patentowego" (Bulletin of the PL Patent Office) Art. 4 § 2 EPAL
Portugal	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. 78(1), 5(1), (2), (3) PA	Customs intervention Art. 319(1) 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 5, or communicated to the user Art. 78(1), (2), 5(1), (2) PA
Romania	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 5(2) AccEPCLaw Art. 33 PL	Damages; action may only be brought after grant of the patent. Art. 59(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 5 Art. 5(2) AccEPCLaw
San Marino from 1.7.2009	Relevant information will be published in the EPO Official Journal.			

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Slovakia	Yes (Art. 67(3)(a) EPC) § 60(3) PA	As from the day on which the translation of the patent claims is made available to the public, the European patent applicant has the same rights as an applicant for a national (Slovak) patent application, provided that a European patent is granted with effects in the Slovak Republic. §§ 15(1) and 60(3) 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 5 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 5, 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	No	N/A
Turkey	Yes (Art. 67(3) 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 5, or communicated to the user R. 8 RegEPC
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. 56 PR	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 5, 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 trans- lation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer in Albania Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Agr.	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances; action may only be brought after grant of a patent Art. 42(3) IPL	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Agr.	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer Art. 4(2) Ext. Agr.
Croatia (The extension system continues to apply to Euro- pean and interna- tional patent appli- cations filed before 1 January 2008.)	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 trans- lation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer Art. 102(2) PA
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (The extension system continues to apply to Euro- pean and interna- tional patent appli- cations filed before 1 January 2009.)	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.	Damages in accordance with the general rules for compensation of damage Art. 201, 202, 203, 204 PL	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.	From the date on which a trans- lation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to Euro- pean and interna- tional patent appli- cations filed before 1 July 2005.)	Yes R. 2 Transitional provisions of the PL	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances R. 2 Transitional provisions of the PL §§ 70(2), 18(2), 18(3) PL	Yes R. 2 Transitional provisions of the PL 70(2), (3) PL	When the translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer or is made available to the public in accordance with Part III.B, column 5 R. 2 Transitional provisions of the PL § 70(2) PL
Lithuania (The extension system continues to apply to Euro- pean and interna- tional patent appli- cations 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 trans- lation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer Art. 53(2) PL

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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 7)</p> <p>(b) date on which translation is filed</p> <p>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>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 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>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>French, Dutch or German</p> <p>(with regard to European patent applications filed before 13 December 2007 in German, see OJ EPO 1999, 320)</p> <p>Art. 2(3) Law of 21.4.07*</p> <p>Art. 3(3) Law of 8.7.77**</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 1</p> <p>Art. 3(1) RD of 5.12.07*</p> <p>Art. 4(1) RD of 27.2.81**</p>
Bulgaria	<p>Yes</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Art. 3(2) PL</p>	<p>(a) publication fee: BGN 50</p> <p>(b) No mention of the filing of the translation is published in the Official Bulletin until the fee for publication has been paid.</p> <p>Art. 72b(2) PL</p>	<p>Bulgarian</p> <p>Art. 72b(2) PL</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 3</p> <p>Art. 72b(2) PL</p>

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Inspection in reading room Copies available	(a) Yes (b) Yes, as in column 2	The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has duly been provided.
§ 3(1) ILPT	§ 6(2)-(4) ILPT § 8 LPOF	§ 30 LPOF § 8(5) POR
Bibliographic data relating to filed translations may be inspected in the Belgian Patent Database, accessible via the OPRI website (www.economie.fgov.be/opri-die.htm). Translations filed with the OPRI are available in full in the EPATRAS database, accessible via the OPRI website (www.economie.fgov.be/opri-die.htm). Inspection in reading room Copies available	(a) Yes (errors of transcription) (b) No	The translation must contain the EP application's file number and date of filing and its publication number and date, the name of the applicant and a translation of the title of the invention.
Art. 2(3) Law of 21.4.07* Art. 3 RD of 5.12.07* Art. 3(3) Law of 8.7.77** Art. 4 RD of 27.2.81**	Art. 6 RD of 5.12.07* Art. 7 RD of 27.2.81**	
Making available of the translation of the claims by the BG Patent Office (inspection in the Patent Library) Mention of the filing of the translation in the Official Bulletin Copies available Art. 72b(2) PL	(a) Yes (b) Fee for publication of the mention of the correction in the Official Bulletin: BGN 50 Art. 72d(3) PL	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. 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). Art. 72b(2), 72d(3)(4) PL

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Croatia	No	(a) No (b) N/A	Croatian	(a) N/A (b) N/A
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) EUR 85.43 (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	(a) Yes, Form P.18 (b) 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) date on which translation is filed The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. § 35a(4) PA	Czech § 35a(4) PA	(a) No (b) 1
Denmark	No	(a) No (b) N/A	Danish § 83(1) PA	(a) No (but recommended) (b) 1

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N/A	(a) Yes (b) No	The translation of claims of the published European application is to be notified to the alleged infringer. Art. 108.d(2) PA
Mention in the Official Gazette Copies available Inspection in reading room R. 53(5) PFR	(a) Yes (Form P.5) (b) EUR 85.43 Sect. 67 PL R. 6(2), 13(1) PFR	Proof of payment of the fee must be submitted with the translation. R. 53(1) PFR 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. R. 53(2) PFR The filing of the translation is recorded in the Record Book, vol. B Part B. R. 53(4) PFR
Mention in the "Věstník Úřadu průmyslového vlastnictví" (Bulletin of the CZ Industrial Property Office) Inspection in reading room Copies available § 35a(4) PA	(a) Yes (b) CZK 500 § 35a(6) PA	The translation must contain - the name and address of the applicant - the EP application and publication number - the title of the invention in Czech.
Mention in "Dansk Patenttidende" (Danish Patent Gazette) Internet Inspection in reading room Copies available § 83(1) PA §§ 116, 117 PO	(a) Yes (b) No § 86 PA	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. § 116 PO

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France	<p>No, but it is recommended that an address for service in France be given.</p> <p>The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.</p>	<p>(a) EUR 35</p> <p>(b) date on which translation is filed (see also column 7)</p> <p>Art. R. 614-11 and R. 614-18 Reg. Fees Ord. of 24.4.08</p>	<p>French</p> <p>Art. L. 614-9. PL</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 1</p> <p>INPI Notice in PIBD 1995 IV 128</p>
Germany	<p>No</p>	<p>(a) EUR 60</p> <p>(b) Within three months of receipt of the request for publication</p> <p>Art. II § 2(1) LIPC § 6(1) LPF No. 313800 Fees Schedule LPF</p>	<p>German</p> <p>Art. II § 1(2) LIPC</p>	<p>(a) Yes, EPA/DPA 110 (see also column 7)</p> <p>(b) 2</p> <p>§§ 1, 2 Publ. Reg.</p>

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<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 Reg.</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) EUR 35</p> <p>Art. L. 614-10. PL</p> <p>Art. R. 614-12 and R. 614-18 Reg.</p> <p>Fees Ord. of 24.4.08</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 Reg.</p> <p>The translation may be filed with INPI in Paris or the branch offices in Bordeaux, Grenoble, Lille, Lyons, Marseilles, 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>
<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>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) EUR 60</p> <p>Art. II § 2(1) LIPC</p> <p>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 request for publication of the translation is deemed to have been withdrawn.</p> <p>Art. II § 2(1) LIPC</p>

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Greece	<p>Yes</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Art. 19(3) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>(a) EUR 100</p> <p>(b) Date on which translation is filed with the OBI</p> <p>Mention of the filing of the translation is published only when the fee has been paid.</p> <p>Art. 9(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 Dec. of 15.4.2009</p>	<p>Greek</p> <p>The translation must be certified by a Greek legal practitioner or by an authority empowered to do so (i.e. the Translation Dept. of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 10 Arionos Street, Athens, or any Greek Consulate abroad).</p> <p>Art. 23(5) Law No. 1733/87 Art. 9(2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 2</p> <p>Art. 9(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>
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>	<p>Hungarian</p> <p>Art. 84/E(1) PA</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 2</p> <p>Art. 10 PForm</p>
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>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>Icelandic</p> <p>Art. 83(1) PA</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 1</p>

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<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>(a) Yes</p> <p>The issue number and the date of the first publication in EDBI must be indicated.</p> <p>(b) No</p> <p>Art. 13(4) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</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>
<p>Mention in the official gazette of the HPO, the "Szabadalmi Közlöny és Védjegyzéskönyv" (Gazette of Patents and Trademarks)</p> <p>The HPO keeps a separate record of European patent applications on which provisional protection has been conferred.</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Publication of the translation and any corrections on the internet</p> <p>Art. 84/E(1), (7) and (8) PA</p> <p>Art. 17 FeeDecr</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) HUF 21 400 plus HUF 3 200 for sixth and each subsequent page of the translation</p> <p>Art. 12(1) to (3) PForm</p> <p>Art. 4(3) FeeDecr</p>	<p>The claims must be translated in accordance with the detailed formal requirements set out in PForm.</p> <p>The translation of the claims may also be filed electronically.</p> <p>Art. 53/D(2)(b), 84/E(3) PA</p> <p>Art. 2(2)-(5) and 10(3) PForm</p>
<p>Mention in "ELS-tíðindi" (Icelandic Patent Gazette)</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. 83(1) PA</p> <p>Art. 82, 83(2) PR</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) No</p> <p>Art. 86 PA</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Art. 82 PR</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 (a) Must a form be used? (b) No. of copies to be filed
Ireland	No, but recommended (see also column 7) R. 92, 93(1) PR SI No.141 of 2006 SI No.142 of 2006	(a) EUR 35 (b) date on which translation is filed R. 84 PR Schedule I Fees Rules	English (see also column 7) Sect. 120(6) PA	(a) No (b) 1
Italy	No, but an address for service in Italy must be given.	(a) No (b) N/A	Italian Art. 54 PL	(a) Yes - in triplicate (if acknowledgement of receipt is required: in quadruplicate) (b) 1
Latvia	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Latvia must appoint a registered professional representative. Art. 26(1) PL	(a) LVL 25 (b) date on which translation is filed The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Art. 71(2)(6) PL	Latvian Art. 71(2) PL	(a) Yes (b) 1
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland			
Lithuania	Yes Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the European Economic Area or in an EPC Contracting State must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania.	(a) Publication fee: LTL 160 plus LTL 40 for the 11th and each subsequent claim. (b) date on which translation is filed The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Art. 59 ⁽²⁾ (2) PL	Lithuanian Art. 59 ⁽²⁾ (2) PL	(a) No (b) 2
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	(a) No (b) 1 Art. 2 Reg. of 9.5.78

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<p>Inspection at the Patents Office</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Sect. 2, 100(3), 120(6) PA R. 65 PR Schedule I Fees Rules</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) 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.</p> <p>Sect. 121(3) PA R. 85 PR Schedule I Fees Rules</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>R. 92, 93(1) PR</p> <p>SI No.141 of 2006</p> <p>SI No.142 of 2006</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) No</p> <p>Art. 57(4) PL</p>	<p>The translations must be filed with the Chambers of Commerce in the provincial capitals (Camere di Commercio dei capoluoghi di provincia) or by post (registered mail with advice of delivery) with the UIBM in Rome (cf. also OJ EPO 1982, 428).</p>
<p>Publication of the translation of the claims in the official bulletin of the LV Patent Office</p> <p>Art. 71(5) PL</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Yes, the same as for publication of the translation of claims</p> <p>Art. 71(5), 72(3) PL</p>	<p>The publication of the translation contains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bibliographic data as in the published European patent application - the name and address of the professional representative in Latvia - the title of the invention in Latvian <p>Art. 71(5) PL</p>
<p>Translation published in the Official Bulletin</p> <p>Inspection at the Technical Library (in paper form) or online www.vpb.gov.it</p> <p>Art. 59⁽²⁾(2) PL</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) No</p> <p>Art. 59⁽⁴⁾(3) PL</p>	<p>The translation must include the full name and signature of the representative.</p> <p>The translation must be accompanied by the request for publication. The request form is available at www.vpb.gov.it. Three copies of the prescribed form must be filed.</p> <p>The translation in electronic form must be included.</p>
<p>Entry in the patent register</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. 2(4) Reg. of 9.5.78</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) EUR 14</p> <p>Art. 4(2) Law of 27.5.77 Art. 2(5) Reg. of 9.5.78</p>	<p>The name and address of the applicant and the number and date of publication of the EP application must be submitted with the translation.</p> <p>Art. 2(1) Reg. of 9.5.78</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 (a) Must a form be used? (b) No. of copies to be filed
Malta	Yes Art. 61 PA 2000	(a) No (b) N/A	English	(a) No (b) 1
Monaco	No	(a) No (b) N/A	French	(a) No (b) 1 (see column 7)
Netherlands	No The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.	(a) No (b) N/A	Dutch Art. 72(3) PA	(a) No (b) 2 Art. 15(1) PR
Norway	No	(a) No (b) N/A	Norwegian § 66g(1) PL	(a) No (b) 1
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	(a) For the publication of the mention of the filing of the translation of the claims of the European patent application – PLN 90 (b) In advance, or within a month of the invitation to make a payment	Polish Art. 4 § 2 EPAL Art. 223 §§ 1 and 2 IPL Annex no. 1 item I 13 Fees Reg.	(a) No (b) 3 § 13(1) FPR in conjunction with Art. 2 EPAL

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Publication in the Government Gazette of Malta Inspection at the Commerce Division (IPRD)	(a) Yes (b) Yes (EUR 116.47) R. 3, 8(2) L.N. 99/2007	-
N/A	(a) Yes (b) No Art. 3(2) SO No. 10.427	The translation is to be notified only to the alleged infringer (not to the MC Patent Office).
Entry in the patent register Mention in "De Industriële Eigendom" Art. 72(5), 20(1) PA	(a) No provisions laid down (b) No	-
Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention in "Norske Patenttidende" (Norwegian Patents Gazette) Internet § 66g(1) PL	(a) Yes (b) NOK 1 100 plus NOK 250 for each full or part page of the translation (including any drawings) in excess of 14. § 66j(1) PL § 28 Fees Reg.	The EP application number and the name and address of the applicant must be submitted with the translation. Otherwise the translation will be regarded as not having been supplied. The title of the invention in Norwegian must also be supplied with the translation. § 59 PR
Mention in "Biuletyn Urzędu Patentowego" (PL Patent Office Bulletin) which can be viewed in the reading room Art. 4 §§ 2 - 4 EPAL	(a) Yes (b) No Art. 7 § 3 in conjunction with Art. 4 § 2 EPAL	The translation must contain a translation of the title of the invention, the application number and the applicant's name, and indicate the invention's IPC class.

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Mention in the Industrial Property Bulletin Inspection in reading room Copies available	(a) Yes (b) No fee in case of corrections of applicant or patentee, address. In the case of substitution or supplementary delivery of documents, no fee if filed online or EUR 5 if filed on paper	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	Art. 81 PA
Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention in the Patent Bulletin	(a) Yes (b) EUR 30 or RON 108 Art. 7(2) AccEPCLaw Annex 1.30 Fees Ord.	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
Mention in the Official Journal Internet Inspection in reading room	(a) Yes (b) Yes (EUR 6.50) § 62(3), (4) PA	The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has been duly provided. § 60(2) PA § 26 RPA
N/A	(a) Yes (b) No Art. 28(2) IPA	The translation of the claims is to be notified by the applicant to the alleged infringer. 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 (a) Must a form be used? (b) No. of copies to be filed
Spain	No, if applicant resides in Spain or in a country of the European Union. Requirements in column 7 must be observed. Art. 155 PL Art. 3 Law 8/1998	(a) EUR 103.58* (EUR 108.16 for translations on magnetic data carrier) (b) within one month of filing the translation The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Art. 6, 9 RD 2424 Fees Law	Spanish (see column 7) Art. 5 RD 2424	(a) Yes (b) 3
Sweden	No The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.	(a) SEK 200 (b) date on which translation is filed Mention of the filing of the translation is not published until the fee has been paid. § 88(1) PA § 45 PD	Swedish § 88(1) PA § 39 POR	(a) No (b) 1
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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 Fees 2009	Turkish	(a) Yes (b) 2
United Kingdom	No The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation (see also column 7). R. 103 PR	(a) No (b) N/A Schedule 1 to PFR	English Sect. 78(7) PA	(a) Yes, Form 54 in duplicate (b) 2 R. 56 PR

* Note: the fees may be revised at the beginning of each year.

** Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January.

5 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	6 (a) Correction of translation permitted? (b) Special fee payable?	7 Special features
Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention in "Boletín Oficial de la Propiedad Industrial" Art. 32 PL Art. 5, 12 RD 2424	(a) Yes (b) Yes, as in column 2 Art. 12 RD 2424 Fees Law	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. Art. 6 RD 2424
Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention in "Svensk Patenttidning" (Swedish Patent Bulletin) Internet § 88(1) PA § 62(2) PD	(a) Yes (b) SEK 200 § 91(2) PA § 45 PD	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. § 61 PD
N/A	N/A	N/A
Mention of the filing of the translation in the Official Patent Bulletin ("Resmi Patent Bülteni") Inspection in reading room Copies available R. 10 RegEPC	(a) Yes (b) No R. 16 RegEPC	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, - if a representative is appointed, his name and address, - the IPC, - the abstract, - drawing and priority data, if applicable R. 9 RegEPC
Display in Science Reference and Information Service, London Copies available from the IPO Mention in the "Patents Journal" Entry in the patent register Sect. 78(7) PA R. 51 PR	(a) Yes (i) Form 54 (corrections under Sect. 80(3); R. 56 and R. 57) in duplicate (ii) in writing (corrections under Sect. 117; R. 105) (b) No Sect. 80(3), 117 PA R. 57, 105 PR Schedule 1 to PFR	An address for service in the European Economic Area or Channel Islands should be given when filing the translation, or for other proceedings. In the absence of a notification of an address for service, the applicant's address on the register will be treated as the address for service. For further information, contact the European Patent Filing Department: Tel. +44 1633 814095 R. 103 PR

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 (a) Must a form be used? (b) No. of copies to be filed
Albania	N/A	N/A	Albanian	(a) N/A (b) N/A
Bosnia and Herzegovina	N/A	N/A	Bosnian Serbian Croatian	(a) N/A (b) N/A
Croatia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2008.)	N/A	N/A	Croatian	(a) N/A (b) N/A
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2009.)	Yes, for foreign applicants	N/A	Macedonian	(a) N/A (b) N/A
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005.)	Yes	(a) Yes, fee for publication of translation (b) Within 3 months of publication of the grant of the European patent R. 2 Transitional provisions of the PL § 70(3) PL	Latvian (only claims) R. 2 Transitional provisions of the PL § 70(2) PL	(a) Yes (b) 1
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	(a) N/A (b) N/A

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N/A	(a) N/A (b) N/A	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer.
N/A	(a) N/A (b) N/A	The translation of claims is to be notified by the applicant to the alleged infringer. Art. 4(2) Ext. Agr.
N/A	(a) N/A (b) N/A	The translation of claims is to be notified to the alleged infringer. Art. 102(2) PA
N/A	(a) N/A (b) N/A	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer.
Translation published in the official gazette of the Patent Office and laid open for public inspection	(a) Yes (b) LVL 35 (if filed on paper) or LVL 25 (if filed electronically) R. 2.6 Fees Reg.	The translation or the request to the Patent Office for its publication in the official gazette must be notified to the alleged infringer R. 2 Transitional provisions of the PL § 70(2) PL
N/A	(a) Yes (b) N/A	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer. Art. 53(2) PL

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 (a) Must a form be used? (b) No. of copies to be filed
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. 39 PL	(a) EUR 60 or RON 216 (b) date on which translation is filed Annex 1.29 Fees Ord. Art. IV.2 GO	Romanian	(a) No (but recommended) (b) 3
Serbia	Yes, foreign natural and legal persons must be represented by a representative listed in the competent authority's "Register of Representatives" or by a domestic attorney. Art. 4 PL	(a) No (b) N/A	Serbian Art. 123(2) PL	(a) Yes (b) 3
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	No	(a) No (b) N/A	Slovenian	(a) N/A (b) N/A

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Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention in the Patent Bulletin	(a) Yes (b) EUR 30 or RON 108 Annex 1.30 Fees Ord. 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
Mention in the Intellectual Property Gazette	(a) Yes (b) Yes	-
Art. 124(4) PL	Art. 124(3) PL	
N/A	(a) Yes (b) No Art. 6(3) Ext. Decr.	The translation of the claims is to be notified by the applicant to the alleged infringer. Art. 4(2) Ext. Decr.

Translation requirements after grant pursuant to Article 65 EPC

IV.

1. Legal basis

Under Article 65(1) of the European Patent Convention, any contracting state may, if the European patent as granted, amended or limited by the European Patent Office is not drawn up in one of its official languages, prescribe that the proprietor of the patent supply to its central industrial property office a translation of the patent as granted, amended or limited in one of that state's official languages at his option or, where that state has prescribed the use of one specific official language, in that language.

Under Article 1(1) of the London Agreement*, a contracting state to the Agreement which has an official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO will dispense with the translation requirements under Article 65(1) EPC.

Under Article 1(2) of the London Agreement, a contracting state to the Agreement which does not have an official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO will dispense with the translation requirements under Article 65(1) EPC if the European patent

- has been granted in the EPO official language prescribed by that state, or

- is translated into that language and filed under Article 65(1) EPC.

Under Article 1(3) of the London Agreement, such a contracting state can, however, require that a translation of the **claims** into one of its official languages be filed under Article 65(1) EPC.

2. Translation requirements in the contracting states

Of the 35 contracting states to the European Patent Convention (status: 1 May 2009), 21, namely Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey, have enacted provisions under Article 65 (1) and (2) EPC. Except for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, which requires a translation of the claims only, all of the above-mentioned states require a translation of the complete patent specification.

Fifteen contracting states have also ratified the London Agreement (Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom). These states dispense entirely or partly with the translation requirements under Article 65(1) EPC.

Contracting states to the London Agreement which have an official language in common with the EPO, i.e. France, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, dispense entirely with the translation requirements.

The following states do not have an official language in common with the EPO and require a translation of the claims to be filed in one of their official languages if the European patent has been granted in English, or has been translated into English and filed under Article 65(1) EPC: Croatia**, Denmark, Iceland, the Netherlands and Sweden. Except for Croatia, the European patent specification can also be filed in these countries in the respective country's language. Latvia, Lithuania and Slovenia only require a translation of the claims into their respective official languages, regardless of the official language in which the EPO has granted the patent.

All EPC contracting 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**.

3. Effect of the European patent as a national patent

Under Article 64(1) EPC, a European patent automatically confers on its proprietor from the date on which the mention of the grant is published in the European Patent Bulletin, in each contracting state in respect of which it is granted, the same rights as would be conferred by a national patent granted in that state.

Accordingly, the proprietor needs to take no action before the central industrial property office in respect of European patents granted for France, Germany, Luxembourg, Monaco, Switzerland/Liechtenstein or the United Kingdom. Subject to Article 68 EPC, a European patent takes effect as a national patent on the date on which the mention of the grant is published in the European Patent Bulletin.

See Table VI regarding payment of national renewal fees to the central industrial property offices.

4. Different sets of claims

If, in the event of prior national rights, the European patent application contains different sets of claims for different states (Rule 138 EPC), only a translation of the set of claims applicable to the state in question need be filed.

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 translations with the central industrial property office.

* Agreement on the application of Article 65 of the European Patent Convention (see OJ EPO 2001, 549 and 2008, 123)

** Under the applicable Croatian Amending Act (in force since 17 March 2009), Croatia also dispenses with the submission of a translation of the patent specification into Croatian in respect of European patents extended to Croatia and granted since 1 May 2008.

Contracting State	1 Contracting state to the London Agreement on the application of Art. 65 EPC?	2 Translation requirements	3 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	4 Period for filing the translation	5 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?
Austria	No	<p>A translation of the patent specification into German must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.</p> <p>§ 5(1) ILPT</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>§ 24 ILPT § 21(4) PA</p>	<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</p> <p>§ 5(1), (2) ILPT</p>	<p>(a) EUR 150 plus EUR 130 for every 15 pages following the 16th page of the translation</p> <p>(b) within period pursuant to column 4</p> <p>§ 5(1) ILPT §§ 8, 27(2) LPOF</p>
Belgium	No	<p>A translation of the patent specification into French, Dutch or German must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.</p> <p>(with regard to European patent applications filed before 13 December 2007 in German, see OJ EPO 1999, 320)</p> <p>Art. 3(1) Law of 21.4.07* Art. 5(1) Law of 8.7.77**</p>	<p>See table III.B, column 1</p> <p>Art. 55, 57, 58, 60 PA</p>	<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</p> <p>Art. 3(1) Law of 21.4.07* Art. 5(1) Law of 8.7.77** (see also column 9)</p>	<p>(a) No (b) N/A</p>

* European patents with applications filed on or after 13 December 2007

** European patents with applications filed before 13 December 2007

<p>6</p> <p>(a) Must a form be used?</p> <p>(b) No. of copies to be filed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Correction of translation</p> <p>(a) permitted?</p> <p>(b) Special fee payable?</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Special features</p>
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 1</p>	<p>Publication of the translation and any corrections</p> <p>Mention of the published printed patent document and of any corrections in the Patent Bulletin</p> <p>§§ 5(1), 6(2) – (4) ILPT</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Yes, cf. column 5(a)</p> <p>§ 6(2) ILPT</p> <p>§§ 8, 27(2) LPOF</p>	<p>The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has duly been provided.</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>§ 30 LPOF</p> <p>§ 8(5) POR</p>
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 1</p> <p>Art. 5(3) RD of 5.12.07*</p> <p>Art. 6(3) RD of 27.2.81**</p>	<p>Bibliographic data relating to filed translations may be inspected in the Belgian Patent Database, accessible via the OPRI website (www.economie.fgov.be/opri-die.htm).</p> <p>Translations filed with the OPRI are available in full in the EPATRAS database, accessible via the OPRI website (www.economie.fgov.be/opri-die.htm).</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. 3(3) Law of 21.4.07*</p> <p>Art. 4 RD of 5.12.07*</p> <p>Art. 5(3) Law of 8.7.77**</p> <p>Art. 5 RD of 27.2.81**</p>	<p>(a) Yes (errors of transcription)</p> <p>(b) No</p> <p>Art. 6 RD of 5.12.07*</p> <p>Art. 7 RD of 27.2.81**</p>	<p>- European patents with applications filed on or after 13 December 2007:</p> <p>The translation must contain the name of the patent proprietor, the file number and date of filing, the date of grant, the EP publication number and a translation of the title of the invention (Art. 5(1), (4) RD of 5.12.07).</p> <p>- European patents with applications filed before 13 December 2007:</p> <p>The translation must contain the name of the patent proprietor, the EP publication number and a translation of the title of the invention.</p> <p>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 for European patents with applications filed before 13 December 2007 and in accordance with Rule 49(2) for European patents with applications filed on or after 13 December 2007.</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 (see column 4), the date and issue No. of the Bulletin containing such publication must be indicated.</p> <p>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.</p>

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Contracting State	1 Contracting state to the London Agreement on the application of Art. 65 EPC?	2 Translation requirements	3 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	4 Period for filing the translation	5 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?
Bulgaria	No	<p>A translation of the patent specification into Bulgarian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.</p> <p>Art. 72c(1) PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Art. 3(2) PL</p>	<p>3 months after the date on which the mention of grant is published in the European Patent Bulletin.</p> <p>Art. 72c(1) PL</p>	<p>(a) BGN 50</p> <p>(b) within period pursuant to column 4</p> <p>Art. 72c(1) PL</p>
Croatia	<p>Yes</p> <p>No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.</p>	<p>A translation of the claims of the European patent into Croatian as well as the European patent specification in English, or translated into English, must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.</p> <p>If the European patent has been maintained in amended form, a translation of the amended claims into English and Croatian must be filed under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.</p> <p>Art. 1(2) and (3) London Agreement Art. 108.o PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 4 PA</p>	<p>3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant, maintenance in amended form or limitation of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin.</p> <p>Art. 108.e(2)(4) PA</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) within period pursuant to column 4</p> <p>Art. 108.e(2)(4) PA</p>

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Cyprus	No	A translation of the patent specification into Greek must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.	<p>Yes</p> <p>Applicants must appoint an authorised professional representative resident in Cyprus who is entitled to practice law in Cyprus.</p> <p>Sect. 79(2) PL R. 2(1), 8(1) PFR</p>	<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</p> <p>R. 54(1) PFR</p>	<p>(a) EUR 85.43</p> <p>(b) within period pursuant to column 4</p> <p>Mention of the filing of the translation is published only when the fee has been paid.</p> <p>R. 54(1) PFR</p>

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<p>(a) Yes, Form P.17</p> <p>(b) 2</p> <p>R. 54 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>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Sect. 3(1), 69 PL</p> <p>R. 55(1), (2), 60 PFR</p>	<p>(a) 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>(b) EUR 85.43</p> <p>R. 6(2)(a), 55(4) 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	No	A translation of the patent specification into Czech must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.	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.	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 9).	(a) CZK 2000 (b) within period pursuant to column 4
		§§ 35c(2), 35f(3) PA	§ 70 PA Act No. 417/2004 Coll. on Patent Attorneys Act No. 85/1996 Coll. on the Legal Profession	§§ 35c(2), 35f(3) PA	§§ 35c(2), 35f(3) PA

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<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 1</p>	<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> <p>§§ 35c(2), 35f(3) PA</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) CZK 100</p> <p>§ 35d(2) PA</p>	<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 or limitation 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>Bulletin of the CZ IPO No.52/2007</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 Art. 122 EPC is available.</p> <p>§ 65 PA</p>

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Denmark	Yes. No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	A translation of the claims into Danish must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. Other parts of the European patent must be supplied in Danish or English under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. If the European patent has been granted in French or German, a translation into English or Danish must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 1(2) and (3) London Agreement § 77(1) PA	No	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant, maintenance in amended form or limitation of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin. § 77(1) PA	(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 4 § 77(2) PA § 1(7) Fees Order
Estonia	No	A translation of the patent specification into Estonian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. §§ 7(1), 13(2) IA	No, but it is recommended (see also column 9). § 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 9). § 7(1), (2) and 13(2) IA	(a) EEK 700 (b) within period pursuant to column 4 § 7(1) IA § 149(2) FA

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<p>(a) No (but recommended)</p> <p>(b) 1</p>	<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(3), (4) PA</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Yes, cf. column 5(a)</p> <p>§ 86(1) PA</p> <p>§ 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>§ 115(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>§ 115(2) PO</p> <p>Otherwise the translation is deemed not to have been filed.</p>
<p>(a) No (see also column 9)</p> <p>(b) 2 (1)</p> <p>(two copies on paper or one copy on diskette or CD-R; PDF format)</p> <p>§§ 7(1), 13(2) IA</p> <p>§ 27(4) REP</p>	<p>Mention in "Eesti Patendileht" (Official Gazette)</p> <p>Inspection at the Estonian Patent Office and Patent Library</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Estonian Patent Office website at http://www.epa.ee/ep/default2.asp (Estonian)</p> <p>§ 30 REP</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) EEK 700</p> <p>§ 9(1) IA</p> <p>§ 149(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</p> <p>§ 149(3) FA</p> <p>§ 26 REP</p>

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Finland	No	A translation of the patent specification into Finnish must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. 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	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 400 (EUR 300 if the translation is filed online) (b) within period pursuant to column 4 § 70h PA § 52u PD Fees Decr.
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	No	A translation of the claims into Macedonian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.	Yes, authorised agent who is either a domestic legal person or a citizen of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.	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) Publication fee MKD 3 000 (b) within period pursuant to column 4
France	Yes. Official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	No translation required under Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 1(1) London Agreement Art. L. 614-7 PL	N/A	N/A	N/A
Germany	Yes. Official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	No translation required under Art. 65(1) EPC* Art. 1(1) London Agreement Art. 8a, 8b and 10 of the Law on the Improved Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (Law on Enforcement)	N/A	N/A	N/A

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<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 1</p>	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation and of any corrections in "Patentti-lehti" (Finnish Patent Bulletin)</p> <p>Published in electronic form</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Entry in the patent register</p> <p>§§ 70h, 70q PA</p> <p>§§ 38a, 52x, 52y PD</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Yes, cf. column 5(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>
<p>(a) Yes, Form "об. ДЗИС –П5"</p> <p>(b) 2</p>	<p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Mention in the Official Gazette ("Glasnik")</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Yes, see column 5(a)</p>	<p>The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has been duly provided.</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>-</p>

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Greece	No	<p>A translation of the patent specification into Greek must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Art. 11(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>No</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Art. 19(3) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Art. 11 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>(a) EUR 250</p> <p>(b) Date on which translation is filed with the OBI</p> <p>Mention of the filing of the translation is published only when the fee has been paid</p> <p>Art. 12(1), 18 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 Dec. of 15.4.09</p>
Hungary	No	<p>A translation of the patent specification into Hungarian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.</p> <p>Art. 84/H(1) PA</p>	<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>Art. 51(1), (4) PA</p>	<p>(i) Within three months of the date on which the mention of the grant is published in the European Patent Bulletin.</p> <p>(ii) 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>Art. 84/H(1), (2), (7) PA Art. 4(5) FeeDecr</p>	<p>(a) HUF 21 400 plus HUF 3 200 for the sixth and each subsequent page of the translation</p> <p>Art. 4(2) 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 (ii) in column 4)</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> <p>Art. 84/H(2), (4), (6), (7) PA</p>

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<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 2</p> <p>Art. 12(1) 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>(a) Yes</p> <p>The issue number and the date of the first publication of the translation in EDBI must be indicated.</p> <p>(b) No</p> <p>Art. 13(4) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</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>
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 2</p> <p>Art. 11 PForm</p>	<p>Mention in the official gazette of the HPO, the "Szabadalmi Közlöny és Védjegyértesítő" (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> <p>Publication of the translation and any corrections in printed form and/or on the internet</p> <p>Art. 84/H(1), (8), (9) and (10) PA</p> <p>Art. 17 FeeDecr</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) HUF 21 400 plus HUF 3 200 for the sixth and each subsequent page of the translation</p> <p>Art. 84/K PA</p> <p>Art. 12(1) to (3) PForm</p> <p>Art. 4(3) FeeDecr</p>	<p>Translations of European patents must be produced and filed in accordance with the detailed formal requirements set out in PForm.</p> <p>The translation of the European patent may also be filed electronically.</p> <p>Art. 53/D(2)(c), 84/H(3) PA</p> <p>Art. 2(2)-(5) and 11 PForm</p>

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Iceland	Yes. No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	A translation of the claims into Icelandic must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. Other parts of the European patent must be supplied in Icelandic or English under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 1(2) and (3) London Agreement § 77(1) PA	Yes, a patent proprietor who is not domiciled in Iceland must have an agent residing in the European Economic Area. § 12 PA	4 months after the date on which the mention of the grant, maintenance in amended form or limitation of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin. § 77 PA § 81 PR	(a) ISK 18 000 (b) within period pursuant to column 4 Art. 77(1) PA Art. 81 PR Art. 1(9) Fees Reg.
Ireland	No	A translation of the patent specification into English must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC (see also III.B, column 7). Sect. 119(6) PA	No; see III.B, columns 1 and 7 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 9) Sect. 119(6), (7) PA R. 83 PR	(a) EUR 35 (b) within period pursuant to column 4 R. 83(2) PR Schedule I Fees Rules
Italy	No	A translation of the patent specification into Italian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. 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	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

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<p>(a) No (but recommended)</p> <p>(b) 1</p>	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in "ELStíðindum" (Icelandic Patent Gazette)</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>§ 77 PA</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) ISK 16 000</p> <p>Art. 86(1) PA</p> <p>Art. 1(11) Fees Reg.</p>	<p>If a translation is corrected according to § 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 European patent and on the name and address of the patent proprietor.</p> <p>§ 84 PR</p> <p>If the above conditions are not be fulfilled, the corrected translation shall be regarded as not having been filed.</p>
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 1</p>	<p>Inspection at the Patents Office</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Sect. 2, 100(3), 119(6), (8) PA</p> <p>R. 65 PR</p> <p>Schedule I Fees Rules</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) EUR 35 within one month of the filing at the IPO of the corrected translation if it is desired that the translation be published</p> <p>Sect. 119(6), 121(3) PA</p> <p>R. 85 PR</p> <p>Schedule I Fees Rules</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>If the time limit of 6 months for filing the translation cannot be observed in spite of all due care required by the circumstances having been taken, it may be extended at the discretion of the Controller upon request made not later than one month after the time limit and accompanied by a fee of EUR 30.</p> <p>Sect. 119 (6), (7) PA</p> <p>R. 83, 98 PR</p> <p>Schedule I Fees Rules</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>(a) Yes - in triplicate</p> <p>(b) 1</p>	<p>Display in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>The form required for the purposes of column 6 must be used; the UIBM recommends that the national reference number allocated when the translation was filed be quoted.</p> <p>(b) No</p> <p>Art. 57(4) PL</p>	<p>The translations must be handed in at the Chambers of Commerce in the provincial capitals (Camere di commercio dei capoluoghi di provincia) or filed by post (registered mail with advice of delivery) with the UIBM in Rome (cf. also OJ EPO 1982, 428).</p> <p>The UIBM recommends that a translation of the abstract appearing in the EP application and a copy of the drawings of the patent specification be filed.</p>

Contracting State	1 Contracting state to the London Agreement on the application of Art. 65 EPC?	2 Translation requirements	3 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	4 Period for filing the translation	5 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?
Latvia	Yes. No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	A translation of the claims into Latvian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 1(3) London Agreement Art. 71(2) PL	Yes Art. 26(1) PL	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant, maintenance in amended form or limitation of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 71(2) PL	(a) LVL 35 (if filed on paper) or LVL 25 (if filed electronically) (b) within period pursuant to column 4 The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Art. 71(6) PL s.2.6.1 and 2.6.2 Fees Reg.
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland				
Lithuania	Yes No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	A translation of the claims into Lithuanian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 1(3) London Agreement Art. 59 ⁽³⁾ (2), (3) PL	Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the European Economic Area or in an EPC Contracting State must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania. Art. 10(3), (4) PL	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or maintenance in amended form of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 59 ⁽³⁾ (2), (3) PL	(a) Publication of claims - LTL 160 plus LTL 40 for the 11th and each subsequent claim. Publication of amended claims - LTL 120. (b) within period pursuant to column 4 The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Fees Law Art. 59 ⁽³⁾ (2), (3) PL
Luxembourg	Yes. Official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	No translation required under Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 1(1) London Agreement Law of 27.5.1977	N/A	N/A	N/A
Malta	No	A translation of the patent specification into English must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. R. 6(2) L.N. 99/2007	Foreign applicants whose permanent residence or business is not in any EU member state must appoint an agent who has his ordinary residence or principal place of business in Malta to represent him. Art. 61(2) PA 2000	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant, maintenance in amended form or limitation of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin. R. 6(2) L.N. 99/2007	(a) Yes (EUR 223.30) (b) within period pursuant to column 4 R. 3, 7(2) L.N. 99/2007

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(a) Yes (b) 1	Publication of the translation in the official bulletin of the LV Patent Office. Art. 71(5) PL	(a) Yes (b) Yes, cf. column 5(a) Art. 71(5), 72(3) PL	The publication of the translation contains - bibliographic data as in published European patent application - name and address of the professional representative in Latvia - the title of invention in Latvian Art. 71(5) PL
(a) No (b) 2	Publication of the translation and any corrections in the Official Bulletin. Inspection of the Official Bulletin at the Technical Library (in paper form) or online www.vpb.gov.lt Art. 59 ⁽³⁾ (4) PL	(a) Yes (b) No Art. 59 ⁽⁴⁾ (3) PL	The translation must include the full name and signature of the representative. The translation must be accompanied by the request for publication. The request form is available at www.vpb.gov.lt . Three copies of the prescribed form must be filed. The translation in electronic form must be included.
N/A	N/A	N/A	-
(a) No (b) 1 R. 6(2) L.N. 99/2007	Inspection in IPRD Office R. 8(2) L.N. 99/2007	(a) Yes (b) Yes R. 3, 8(2) L.N. 99/2007	The translation must contain the name and address of the patent proprietor R. 5(2b) L.N. 99/2007

Contracting State	1 Contracting state to the London Agreement on the application of Art. 65 EPC?	2 Translation requirements	3 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	4 Period for filing the translation	5 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?
Monaco	Yes. Official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	No translation required under Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 1(1) London Agreement	N/A	N/A	N/A
Netherlands	Yes. No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	A translation of the claims into Dutch must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. No further requirements if the European patent has been granted in English. If the European patent has been granted in French or German, a translation into English must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. The translation may be also be supplied in Dutch. Art. 1(2) and (3) London Agreement Art. 52(1) PA	No	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant, maintenance in amended form or limitation of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin (see also column 9) Art. 52(1), (6) PA Art. 23(1) PR	(a) EUR 25 (b) within period pursuant to column 4 Art. 6(6), 23(3) PR
Norway	No	A translation of the patent specification into Norwegian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.	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 § 66c(1) PL § 59(3) PR	(a) NOK 1 100 plus NOK 250 for each full or part page of the translation (including any drawings) in excess of 14. (b) within period pursuant to column 4 § 66c(1) PL § 27 Fees Reg.

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N/A	N/A	N/A	-
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 2</p>	<p>Entry in the patent register</p> <p>Mention of the filing of the translation in "De Industriële Eigendom"</p> <p>Inspection in reading room (only open by appointment)</p> <p>Copies available</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Yes, cf. column 5(a)</p>	<p>The publication number of the European patent must be indicated on each sheet of the translation. 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 IR</p> <p>If the translation is filed before the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin, the date of such publication must be indicated.</p> <p>The NPO sends to each proprietor of a European patent (NL), or to his representative, a list of important data. Proprietors who have not appointed a representative also receive an information note.</p>
<p>Art. 7 IR</p>	<p>Art. 19(4), 52(3), (8) PA</p>	<p>Art. 52(7) PA</p> <p>Art. 6(6) PR</p>	
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 1</p>	<p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Mention in "Norske Patenttidende" (Norwegian Patents Gazette)</p> <p>Internet</p> <p>§ 66c(2) PL</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) NOK 1 100 plus NOK 250 for each full or part page of the translation (including any drawings) in excess of 14.</p> <p>§ 66j(1) PL</p> <p>§ 28 Fees Reg.</p>	<p>The EP application number and the name and address of the applicant must be submitted with the translation. The translation shall comprise the title of the invention, patent claims, the description, including any drawings and any sequence listing that are necessary to understand the invention. Otherwise the translation will be regarded as not having been supplied.</p> <p>§ 59 PR</p>

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Poland	No	<p>A translation of the patent specification into Polish must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.</p> <p>Art. 6 §§ 2 and 3 EPAL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business within the territory of Poland must be represented by a national patent attorney.</p> <p>Art. 236 § 3 IPL</p>	<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</p> <p>Art. 6 §§ 2 and 3 EPAL</p>	<p>(a) For publication of the mention of the filing of a translation of the European patent or of a corrected or amended translation, or for making the translation of the European patent publicly available: PLN 90</p> <p>Where the translation or corrected translation is more than 10 pages long, the fee for each individual page of the translation is PLN 10.</p> <p>(b) no later than 3 months after the date of service of the PL Patent Office's invitation</p> <p>Art. 7 § 5 EPAL Annex no. 1 item I 14 Fees Reg.</p>

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<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 2</p>	<p>Mention of the translation in "Wiadomości Urzędu Patentowego" (Official Gazette of the PL Patent Office), which can also be consulted on the Patent Office's website (in Polish only)</p> <p>Publication in printed form available for inspection in the reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>PL Patent Office's database on its website at www.uprp.pl (Polish)</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Yes, see column 5(a)</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 when there is no textual matter.</p>
	Art. 7 § 1 EPAL	Art. 7 §§ 3, 6 EPAL	Art. 7 § 1 in conjunction with Art. 1 item 6 EPAL

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<p>(a) Yes, INPI presentation form PatMut3</p> <p>(b) 1</p>	<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>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) No fee for corrections of the applicant's/patentee's name and address. In the case of substitute or supplementary documents, no fee if filed online or EUR 5 if filed on paper</p> <p>Art. 85(1) PA</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>
<p>(a) No (but recommended)</p> <p>(b) 3</p>	<p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Mention in the Patent Bulletin</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) EUR 20 or RON 72</p> <p>Art. 7(2) AccEPCLaw Annex 1.36 Fees Ord.</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, - 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. <p>If the EPO maintains the patent in an amended form, a Romanian translation of the amended text must be filed.</p>

Contracting State	1 Contracting state to the London Agreement on the application of Art. 65 EPC?	2 Translation requirements	3 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	4 Period for filing the translation	5 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?
San Marino from 1.7.2009	Relevant information will be published in the EPO Official Journal.				
Slovakia	No	A translation of the patent specification into Slovak must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.	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) PA	(a) Publication and making available the translation or amended translation, or translation of the amended wording of the European patent within the prescribed time limit: EUR 116 Publication and making available the filed translation of the European patent document within the additional period: EUR 232 (b) within period pursuant to column 4
Slovenia	Yes. No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	A translation of the claims into Slovene must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 1(3) London Agreement Art. 27(2) IPA	No (provided an address for correspondence in Slovenia is given). For other requests or acts before SIPO, an authorised professional representative, registered at the SIPO, is mandatory. Art. 129 IPA	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant, maintenance in amended form or limitation of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 27(2) IPA	(a) EUR 100 (Publication fee) (b) within period pursuant to column 4 Art. 1(1.4.1) Fees Decr.
Spain	No	A translation of the patent specification into Spanish must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC (see column 9). Art. 7 RD 2424	No, if proprietor resides in Spain or in a country of the European Union. Requirements in column 9 must be observed Art. 155 PL Art. 3 Law 8/98	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. 8 RD 2424	(a) EUR 308.41* plus EUR 12.39 for each page of the translation in excess of 22 (EUR 261.16 plus EUR 9.90 for translations on magnetic data carrier) (b) within one month of filing the translation Translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Art. 6, 9 RD 2424 Fees Law

* Note: the fees may be revised at the beginning of each year.

Contracting State	1 Contracting state to the London Agreement on the application of Art. 65 EPC?	2 Translation requirements	3 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	4 Period for filing the translation	5 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?
Sweden	Yes. No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	A translation of the claims into Swedish must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. No further requirements if the European patent has been granted in English. If the European patent has been granted in French or German, a translation into English must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. The translation may also be supplied in Swedish. Art. 1(2) and (3) London Agreement § 82 PA § 60 PD § 39 POR	No § 71 PA	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant, maintenance in amended form or limitation of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin. § 82 PA § 60 PD	(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 4 § 82 PA §§ 45, 64 PD
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	Yes. Official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	No translation required under Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 1(1) London Agreement Art. 148 PA	N/A	N/A	N/A
Turkey	No	A translation of the patent specification into Turkish must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.	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 450* ii) TRY 300* (b)(i) within period pursuant to column 4(i) (ii) before the end of the period specified in column 4(ii) Fees 2009

* Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January.

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<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 1</p>	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in "Svensk Patenttidning" (Swedish Patent Bulletin)</p> <p>Internet</p> <p>§ 82 PA</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Yes, cf. column 5(a)</p> <p>§ 91(1) PA</p> <p>§§ 45, 63, 64 PD</p>	<p>The number of the European patent, the title of the invention and the name and address of the patent proprietor must accompany the translation.</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 drawings are considered part of the description. Neither the abstract nor any sequence listings need to be translated.</p> <p>§ 60(2) PD</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) 2</p>	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in the "Resmi Patent Bülteni"</p> <p>Inspection in the reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>R. 13 RegEPC</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) No</p> <p>R. 16 RegEPC</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, - 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. <p>R. 12 RegEPC</p>

Contracting State	1 Contracting state to the London Agreement on the application of Art. 65 EPC?	2 Translation requirements	3 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	4 Period for filing the translation	5 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?
United Kingdom	Yes. Official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	No translation required under Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 1(1) London Agreement R. 56(9) and 56(10) PR Sect. 77(6) and 77(9) PA	N/A	N/A	N/A

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N/A	N/A	<p>(a) Translations filed under Sect. 77(6) PA prior to 1 May 2008 may be corrected.</p> <p>(i) Form 54 (corrections under Sect. 80(3) PA; R. 56 and R. 57 PR) in duplicate.</p> <p>(ii) in writing (corrections under Sect. 117 PA; R. 105 PR)</p> <p>(b) No</p> <p>Sect. 80(3), 117 PA R. 57, 105 PR Schedule 1 to PFR</p>	-

Extension State	1 Contracting state to the London Agreement on the application of Art. 65 EPC?	2 Translation requirements	3 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	4 Period for filing the translation	5 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?
Albania	No	A translation of the claims into Albanian must be filed with the AL Patent and Trademark Office.	Yes	3 months after 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 4 Art. 5(2) Ext. Reg.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	No	A translation of the claims into an official language of Bosnia and Herzegovina must be filed with the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Art. 5(2) Ext. Agr.	Yes	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant of the European patent has been published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 5(2) Ext. Agr.	(a) Yes (publication fee) (b) within period pursuant to column 4
Croatia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2008 .)	Yes	A translation of the claims into Croatian must be filed with the Croatian Intellectual Property Office. Art. 103(2), (3) PA Art. 17 Transitional provisions, Amendments to the Patent Act (NN 30/2009)*	Yes Art. 4 PA	3 months after 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) Fee for publication and printing of the Croatian translation of the European patent claims (b) within period pursuant to column 4 Art. 16, 103(2) PA
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2009 .)	No	A translation of the claims into Macedonian must be filed with SOIP.	Yes, authorised agent who is either a domestic legal person or a citizen of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Art. 16, 227 PL	3 months after 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) MKD 3 000 (Publication fee) (b) within period pursuant to column 4

* The Agreement on the Application of Article 65 EPC (the London Agreement) applies to all European patents and extended European patents granted after 1 May 2008, irrespective of whether they are granted after a first-instance procedure, an opposition procedure or an appeal procedure, and in respect of which the mention of grant or amendment is published by the EPO.

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<p>(a) No, but recommended</p> <p>(b) 2</p>	<p>Translation and any corrections published in the form of a printed patent document</p> <p>Mention in Patent Bulletin</p> <p>Entry in Patent Register</p> <p>Art. 5(3) Ext. Reg.</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Yes</p> <p>Art. 5, 6(3) Ext. Reg.</p>	<p>Full translation is required only for legal proceedings.</p>
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 1</p>	<p>Database inspection in the Office</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Mention in the Official Gazette ("Glasnik")</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Yes, cf. column 5(a)</p> <p>Art. 5(3) Ext. Agr.</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>(a) No, but recommended</p> <p>(b) 1</p> <p>Art. 2(1) PO</p>	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in the Official Gazette</p> <p>Translation and any corrections published in the form of a printed patent document</p> <p>Entry in Patent Register</p> <p>Inspection of files</p> <p>Copies available for viewing and downloading from the internet website</p> <p>Art. 103(5) PA</p> <p>Art. 21 PO</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Yes, publication fee, cf. column 5(a)</p> <p>Art. 104(3) PA</p>	<p>Correction of translation has legal effect from the date of publication by the Croatian Intellectual Property Office.</p> <p>Art. 104(3) PA</p>
<p>(a) Yes, Form "об. ДЗИС –П5"</p> <p>(b) 3</p>	<p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Mention in the Official Gazette ("Glasnik")</p> <p>Art. 5(3) Ext. Reg.</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Yes, cf. column 5(a)</p> <p>Art. 5(3) Ext. Reg.</p>	<p>The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has been duly provided.</p> <p>Art. 5(5) Ext. Reg.</p>

Extension State	1 Contracting state to the London Agreement on the application of Art. 65 EPC?	2 Translation requirements	3 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	4 Period for filing the translation	5 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005 .)	Yes	A translation of the claims into Latvian must be filed with the LV Patent Office. R. 2 Transitional provisions of the PL § 70(2) PL	Yes § 26(1) PL	3 months after 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. R. 2 Transitional provisions of the PL § 70(2) PL	(a) LVL 35 (if filed on paper) or LVL 25 (if filed electronically) (b) within period pursuant to column 4 § 70(2) PL R. 2.6 Fees Reg.
Lithuania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2004 .)	Yes	A translation of the claims into Lithuanian must be filed with the LT State Patent Bureau. Art. 54(2) PL	Yes Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the European Economic Area or in an EPC Contracting State must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania. Art. 10(3), (4) PL	3 months after 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. 54(2) PL	(a) LTL 160 plus LTL 40 for the 11th and each subsequent claim. (b) within period pursuant to column 4 The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Fees Law Art. 54(2) PL
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003 .)	No	A translation of the patent specification into Romanian must be filed with the OSIM.	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Romania must appoint a representative authorised to act before the OSIM.	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 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 4 Annex 1.31(a) Fees Ord. Art. V.2 GO

6 (a) Must a form be used? (b) No. of copies to be filed	7 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	8 Correction of translation (a) permitted? (b) Special fee payable?	9 Special features
(a) Yes (b) 1	Translation and any corrections published in the Official Bulletin Inspection at the LV Patent Office Entry in Patent Register § 35 PL	(a) Yes (b) Yes, cf. column 5(a)	The translation of the claims must be accompanied by a copy of the EP specification. Full translation is required only for legal proceedings. § 72 PL
(a) No (b) 2 R. 8, 9 Ext. Reg.	Publication of the translation and any corrections in the Official Bulletin Inspection of the Official Bulletin at the Technical Library (in paper form) or online <i>www.vpb.gov.it</i> Art. 54(4) PL	(a) Yes (b) Yes, cf. column 5(a) Art. 54(3), 55(3) PL Fees Law	Full translation is required only for legal proceedings.
(a) No (but recommended) (b) 3	Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention in the Patent Bulletin Art. V.2, 4 GO	(a) Yes (b) EUR 20 or RON 72 Art. V.3, 4 GO Annex 1.36 Fees Ord.	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 Contracting state to the London Agreement on the application of Art. 65 EPC?	2 Translation requirements	3 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	4 Period for filing the translation	5 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?
Serbia	No	A translation of the patent specification into Serbian must be filed with the Serbian Intellectual Property Office. Art. 124(2) PL	Yes, foreign natural and legal persons must be represented by a representative listed in the competent authority's "Register of Representatives" or by a domestic attorney. Art. 4 PL	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. 124(2) PL	(a) Yes (b) within period pursuant to column 4 Art. 124(2) PL
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	Yes	A translation of the claims into Slovenian must be filed with SIPO	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. For other requests or acts before SIPO, an authorised professional representative, registered at the SIPO, is mandatory. Art. 129 IPA	3 months after 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) EUR 100 (Publication fee) (b) within period pursuant to column 4 (see also column 9) Art. 1(1.4.1) Fees Decr. Art. 5(2) Ext. Decr.

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(4) 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
Croatia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 108f(2) PA	Yes Art. 108f(4) PA
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
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings.	Yes
France	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. L. 614-10. PL	Yes Art. L. 614-10. PL
Germany	No provisions pursuant to Art. 70(3) EPC. Authentic text is that in the language of the proceedings.	No
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

Contracting state	1 Authentic text of a European patent application or European patent	2 Has provision pursuant to Art. 70(4)(b) been made?
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
Latvia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 72(1)(2) PL	Yes Art. 72(4) PL
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
Malta	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. R. 8(1) L.N. 99/2007	Yes R. 8(3) L.N. 99/2007
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
Norway	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 66i PL	Yes § 66j(2) PL
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
San Marino from 1.7.2009	Relevant information will be published in the EPO Official Journal.	
Slovakia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 62(1) and (2) PA	Yes § 62(5) PA

* 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?
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	N/A	N/A
Turkey	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. R. 15 RegEPC	Yes R. 17 RegEPC
United Kingdom	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Sect. 80(2) PA	Yes Sec. 80(4) PA

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	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 6(2) Ext. Agr.	Yes Art. 6(4) Ext. Agr.
Croatia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2008.)	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 104(2) PA	Yes Art. 104(4) PA
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2009.)	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 6(2) Ext. Reg.	Yes Art. 6(3) Ext. Reg.
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. § 72 PL	Yes § 72 PL
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	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings; this does not apply, however, in revocation proceedings Art. 125(2) PL	Yes Art. 125(3) PL
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.

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 will 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) EPC is decisive for all contracting states, i.e. "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 (plus any charges levied by banks)				2 (a) Due date (in the patent year concerned) (b) Time limit for payment (without surcharge)* (c) Earliest possible date for payment		3 Period of grace for payment of fees (with surcharge) (a) duration (b) surcharge	
	Year	EUR	Year	EUR				
Austria § 9 LPOF Enquiries re renewal fees: Accounts: Tel. +43 1 53424-170 or -169 Fax +43 1 53424-192 Enquiries re patent register: Tel. +43 1 53424-241 Fax +43 1 53424-535	3rd	70	12th	500	(a) last day of the month in which the date of filing occurred		(a) fee for 1st year: beginning of 4th up to end of 12th month from due date;	
	4th	150	13th	850	(b) for the first fee to be paid: 3 months from due date;		fees for further years: beginning of 1st up to end of 6th month from due date	
	5th	150	14th	850	(c) Payment may not be made more than 3 months before due date.		(b) 20%	
	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				
	§§ 6(2), 9(2) LPOF				§ 9(3) – (5) LPOF		§ 9(4), (5) LPOF	
Belgium Art. 3 Sect. 3 Law of 21.4.07 and Art. 8 RD of 5.12.07** Art. 5 Sect. 3, Law of 8.7.77 Art. 9 RD of 27.2.81*** Enquiries re renewal fees: Tel. +32 2 2776472, 2777530, 2777606 Fax + 32 2 2775262	3rd	35	12th	220	(a) last day of the month in which the date of filing occurred		(a) beginning of 2nd up to end of 6th month from due date	
	4th	50	13th	250	(b) 1 month		(b) 3rd-10th year: EUR 75	
	5th	65	14th	290	(c) Payment may not be made more than 6 months before due date.		11th-20th year: EUR 210	
	6th	85	15th	330				
	7th	100	16th	370				
	8th	125	17th	410				
	9th	145	18th	455				
	10th	170	19th	500				
	11th	195	20th	545				
	Art. 40 PA				Art. 8 RD of 5.12.07** Art. 9 RD of 27.2.81*** Art. 40 PA		Art. 40 PA	
Bulgaria Art. 72e, 33 PL Decr. Fees Enquiries re renewal fees: Tel. +359 2 9701332 Fax +359 2 8708325, 8735258	3rd	50	12th	700	(a) last day of the month in which the preceding patent year expires.		(a) 6 months from due date	
	4th	50	13th	800	(Each patent year starts from the filing date of the patent application)		(b) twice the rate	
	5th	150	14th	900	(b) N/A			
	6th	200	15th	1 000	(c) Payment may not be made more than 12 months before due date.			
	7th	250	16th	1 100				
	8th	300	17th	1 200				
	9th	400	18th	1 300				
	10th	500	19th	1 500				
	11th	600	20th	1 700				
	Decr. Fees				Art. 33(1), (2) PL		Art. 33(3) PL	

* For first renewal fee to be paid, see Art. 141(2) EPC.

** European patents with applications filed on or after 13 December 2007

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<p>4</p> <p>Communication of a reminder in cases of non-payment</p> <p>(a) provided for</p> <p>(b) date of despatch</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Restitutio in integrum</p> <p>(a) provided for</p> <p>(b) time limit for submitting application</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Appointment of a national professional representative for</p> <p>(a) payment of fees</p> <p>(b) communication of a reminder of non-payment</p> <p>(c) proceedings in respect of restitutio in integrum</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Information regarding lapse of patent in cases of non-payment of renewal fees</p>
<p>(a) Yes, but not mandatory</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(b) No</p> <p>(c) Yes</p> <p>§ 27(1) LPOF § 24 ILPT § 21(4) PA</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in Patent Bulletin</p> <p>§§ 46, 79, 80 PA</p>
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) beginning of 7th until end of 8th month from due date</p> <p>Art. 41 PA</p>	<p>(a) see table III.B, column 1</p> <p>(b) N/A</p> <p>(c) see table III.B, column 1</p> <p>Art. 55, 57, 58, 60 PA</p>	<p>Confirmation of non-payment on request</p> <p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Art. 40 PA</p>
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) 3 months after the reason ceases to apply; no later than 12 months after expiry of non-observed time limit</p> <p>Art. 49 PL</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p> <p>(c) Yes</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in Patent Bulletin</p>

Contracting state Legal basis for levying renewal fees	1 Amount of fees (plus any charges levied by banks)	2 (a) Due date (in the patent year concerned) (b) Time limit for payment (without surcharge)* (c) Earliest possible date for payment	3 Period of grace for payment of fees (with surcharge) (a) duration (b) surcharge																																												
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<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) Yes (Form P.14 P.15)</p> <p>(b) within 12 months of expiry of the period of grace under col. 3</p> <p>R. 43 PFR</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) N/A</p> <p>(c) Yes</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in the Official Gazette</p> <p>R. 3(1)(b), 42(4) PFR</p>
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<p>(a) No, but a postal cheque form will be sent to applicants/representatives residing in Denmark</p> <p>(b) 2-4 weeks after due date</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; not later than 1 year from expiry of period of grace under column 3</p> <p>§ 72 PA</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) No</p> <p>(c) No</p> <p>§ 66 PA</p>	<p>Publication in "Dansk Patenttidende" (Danish Patent Gazette)</p> <p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>§ 51 PA</p> <p>§ 52(2) PO</p>
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Finland §§ 41, 51, 70I PA Enquiries re renewal fees and patent register: Tel.: +358 9 6939 500 Fax +358 9 69395328	Year 1st to 3rd year 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th Fees Decr.	EUR 170 12th 140 155 180 225 265 295 335 390 20th 850	(a) last day of the month in which the date of filing occurred. The first renewal fee is not, however, due for payment until the last day of the third month following the month the patent was granted. (b) N/A (c) Payment may not be made more than 6 months before due date. § 41, 70 I PA
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Art. 86 PL	Year 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th - 20th	MKD 800 1 000 1 200 1 400 1 600 1 800 2 000 3 000	(a) anniversary of date of filing (b) 2 months from due date (c) Payment may not be made more than 6 months before due date.
France Art. R. 613-46, R. 613-47, R. 614-16 and R. 618-3 Reg. Art. L. 612-19. PL Enquiries re renewal fees: Département des Titres, Service des annuités Tel. +33 3 28363493 Fax +33 3 28363481 and +33 1 53045399 for applications for payment by direct debit from the client account.	Year 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th Fees Ord. of 24.4.08	EUR 36 12th 36 13th 36 14th 36 15th 430 6th 72 16th 490 7th 92 17th 550 8th 130 18th 620 9th 170 19th 690 10th 210 20th 760 11th 250	(a) last day of the month in which the date of filing occurred (b) if the payment made up to the date specified under (a) is insuffi- cient, no surcharge is payable if the deficit is made good within the period for payment of the surcharge (c) Payment may not be made more than 12 months before due date. Art. L. 612-19 PL R. 613-46, R. 613-47 Reg.
			(a) 6 months from due date (b) 20% § 41 PA Fees Decr.
			(a)(i) 3 months from due date (ii) 9 months from due date (b)(i) 25% (ii) 100%
			(a) 6 months from due date (b) 50% of the due renewal fee
			Art. L. 612-19. PL Art. R. 613-46, R. 613-47 and R. 618-3 Reg. Fees Ord. of 24.4.08

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(a) No (b) N/A	(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; not later than 12 months from expiry of period of grace under column 3 § 71a PA	(a) No (b) No (c) Yes § 71a PA	Publication in "Patenttilehti" (Finnish Patent Bulletin) Entry in Register of Patents § 55 PA § 40 PD
(a) No (b) N/A	(a) Yes (b) not later than 3 months from expiry of the non-observed time limit	(a) No (b) N/A (c) Yes	Entry in Register of Patents Publication in Official Gazette
(a) Yes (reminders are sent abroad) (b) 2 months after the due date not observed. Art. R. 613-48 Reg.	(a) Yes (b) within one year of expiry of the six-month grace period and within two months of removal of the cause of non-compliance (the unpaid renewal fee must also be paid within this two-month period). Fee for appeal: EUR 150 Art. L. 612-16. PL Art. R. 613-52 Reg.	(a) No (b) No, but is recommended that an address for service in France be given (c) No	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 Art. L. 613-22. PL Art. R. 613-50 Reg.

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<p>(a) Yes, to the address for service in Greece, but not mandatory; reminders are not sent abroad.</p> <p>(b) approx. 1 month before expiry of period of grace</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(b) No, but an address for service in Greece must be given.</p> <p>(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>

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<p>(a) Yes, but not binding</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</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>Publication in the "Szabadalmi Közlöny és Védjegyzétesítő" (Gazette of Patents and Trade-marks)</p> <p>Entry in the Register of Patents</p> <p>Art. 54, 56 and 56/A PA</p>
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(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)</p> <p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Art. 51 PA Art. 46 PR</p>

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Ireland Sect. 99 PA R. 34 PR Schedule I Fees Rules Enquiries re renewal fees and patent register: Tel. +353 56 7720122 Fax +353 56 7720100	Year	EUR	Year	EUR	(a) last day of the month in which the date of filing occurred (b) N/A (c) Payment may not be made more than 4 months before due date. Form No. 4, duly completed, is to be filed with the payment. Sect. 36(3) PA R. 34(2), (3) PR	(a) up to 6 months on request made by or on behalf of the proprietor to the Controller (b) 1st - 3rd month: EUR 11 per month 4th - 6th month: EUR 19 per month (a) and (b) The request for extension and the additional fee must be submitted before expiry of the period of extension specified in the request. Sect. 36(3) PA Schedule I Fees Rules
Italy Min. Decr. of 2.4.07	Year	EUR	Year	EUR	(a) last day of month in which the date of filing occurred (b) ./. (c) No specific legal provision.	(a) 6 months after due date (b) EUR 100
Latvia Art. 73 PL Fees Reg.	Year	LVL			(a) last day of the month in which the date of filing occurred (b) a fee falling due within 3 months of the publication of the mention of grant in the European Patent Bulletin may be paid without surcharge within this 3- month period (c) No information available. Art. 73(2) PL	(a) 6 months (b) 25% Art. 43 PL
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	11th	130	20th	270	
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<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) See table III.B, column 1</p> <p>(b) N/A</p> <p>(c) N/A</p>	<p>Entry in a database of European patents</p> <p>Publication in Official Bulletin</p> <p>Online www.vpb.gov.it</p> <p>Art. 23 PL</p>
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) 20 months from the date of lapse of the patent</p> <p>Art. 70 PL</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p> <p>(c) Yes</p>	<p>Only renewal fees paid are entered in Register of Patents.</p>

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<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) 1 month before the due date</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) as soon as possible, but not later than one year after expiry of non-observed time limit</p> <p>In the case of failure to observe Art. 9(6), (7) or (8) PA (provisions relating to priority), the request for restitutio must be submitted no later than two months after expiry of the non-observed time limit.</p> <p>Art. 23 PA</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) No</p> <p>(c) No</p> <p>However only patent agents or attorneys at law registered in the Netherlands may represent the patentee or applicant before the NPO.</p> <p>Art. 23b(1) PA</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in "De Industriële Eigendom"</p> <p>Art. 20, 62 PA</p>
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VI. Payment of renewal fees

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Albania Fees Decr.	Year	ALL	(a) anniversary of date of filing (b) last day of the month in which the date of filing occurred (c) No information available	(a) 6 months from due date (b) 10%
	1st	5 000		
	2nd	6 000		
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	6th	12 000		
	7th	14 000		
	8th	17 000		
	9th	20 000		
	10th	25 000		
	11th-20th	30 000		
	Fees Decr.		Art. 28(2) PL	
Bosnia and Herzegovina Art. 61 IPL	Year	BAM	(a) anniversary of date of filing (b) N/A (c) Payment may be made within the patent year preceding the patent year for which the renewal fee is due.	(a) 6 months from due date (b) 50%
	3rd	80		
	4th	98		
	5th	110		
	6th	132		
	7th	159		
	8th	186		
	9th	228		
	10th-20th	330		

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<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) not later than 6 months from expiry of period of grace under column 3</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) N/A</p> <p>(c) Yes</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in Official Bulletin</p>
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) 3 months from expiry of period of grace under column 3</p> <p>Art. 94 - 99 Admin.proc.</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) N/A</p> <p>(c) Yes</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in Official Gazette</p> <p>Art. 63 IPL</p>

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<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) approx. 1 month after due date</p> <p>Art. 74(4) PA</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Within 3 months of the 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; request is only admissible within 1 year of the expiry of the time limit</p> <p>Art. 57 PA</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) Yes</p> <p>(c) Yes</p> <p>Art. 4 PA</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in the Official Gazette</p> <p>Art. 26, 32(3) PO</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. 16 PL</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in Official Gazette</p> <p>Art. 39 Reg.</p>

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<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) 50%</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) within 6 months of publication, in the Patent Bulletin, of the patent's lapse due to non-payment of renewal fees</p> <p>Art. 37 PL</p>	<p>(a) Yes, if proprietor resides outside Romania</p> <p>(b) N/A</p> <p>(c) Yes</p>	<p>Entry in the Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in the Patent Bulletin</p> <p>Communication to proprietor of patent</p>
<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) 2 months before the due date</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) within 8 days of the removal of the reason for which the act could not be performed (subjective time limit); no later than 3 months from the date the act has been omitted (objective time limit).</p> <p>Art. 76 PL</p> <p>Art. 30 Rules</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) Yes</p> <p>(c) Yes</p> <p>Art. 4 PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 72(3) PL</p>

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Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and inter- national patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.) Fees Decr.	Year	EUR	Year	EUR	(a) for each patent year (a patent year starting on the anniversary of the date of filing) on the last day of the preceding patent year (b) N/A (c) Payment may not be made more than 12 months before due date.	(a) 6 months from due date (b) 50%
	3rd	30	12th	200		
	4th	34	13th	234		
	5th	42	14th	274		
	6th	50	15th	310		
	7th	60	16th	390		
	8th	70	17th	510		
	9th	80	18th	654		
	10th	110	19th	870		
	11th	154	20th	1 100		
	Art. 1(1.2) Fees Decr.				Art. 109 IPA	Art. 109, 110 IPA

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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 (EUR 150 – 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>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. 5(2) IPA</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(3) EPC (delay by national authorities in forwarding the European application);
- (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 after 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 (Rule 155(1), second sentence, EPC).

3. Submission of the request for conversion

- (a) Unless the European patent application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to Article 77(3) 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 135(3), second sentence, EPC).
- (b) If the applicant has been notified that the European patent application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to Article 77(3) EPC, the request must be filed with the central industrial property office with which the application was filed (Article 135(2) EPC).

4. Transmission of the request

- (a) The requests for conversion which must be filed with the European Patent Office (cf. 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 135(3), Rule 155(3) EPC).

- (b) Where the request for conversion has to be filed with a national patent office (cf. 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 (i.e. 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 after the date of filing or date of priority (Rule 155(3) 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 135(2) or 135(3) 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.

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(3) 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 13.20; 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 of the European patent application pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Art. 6 Law of 21.4.07* Art. 8 Law of 8.7.77**	(a) Payment of: (aa) national filing fee (EUR 50) (ab) the fees - 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 of a translation, including the abstract and any drawings, in one of the national languages if the European patent application is not drafted in any such language (see also column 5); (c) Payment of any renewal fees due (see also table VIII, column 3) Art. 6 Law of 21.4.07* Art. 9 RD of 5.12.07* Art. 8 Law of 8.7.77** Art. 10 RD of 27.2.81**	3 months after receipt by OPRI of the request for conversion Art. 6 Law of 21.4.07* 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. 9 (2) RD of 5.12.07* Art. 10(2) RD of 27.2.81**

* European patent applications filed on or after 13 December 2007

** European patent applications filed before 13 December 2007

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Bulgaria	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) 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
Croatia	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 14(2) and Art. 90(3) EPC for failure to supply a translation of the application in the language of the proceedings Art. 108.i(1) PA	(a) Payment of the filing fee and the fee for conversion (b) Filing of a Croatian translation	2 months from filing the request for conversion	Yes	-
Cyprus	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) 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 EUR 85.43 (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(3) EPC § 35b(1) PA	(a) Payment of the national filing fee (CZK 1 200; 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. § 70 PA	In the case indicated in column 1, the European patent application may also be converted into a national application for a utility model. § 35b(4) PA § 10a of Law No. 478/1992 Coll., on utility models, as amended by Law No. 116/2000 Coll.

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Denmark	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC § 88 PA	(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 § 88 PA § 114(2) PO § 1(1) Fees Order	Within 3 months of the DKPTO's notifying the applicant of receipt of the request for conversion § 114 PO	No § 12 PA	In the case indicated in column 1, the EP application may also be converted into a national application for a utility model. § 26 Utility Models Act
Estonia	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC § 11(1) IA	(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) § 11(5), (6) IA §§ 130(5), 139 FA §§ 31 to 34 REP	Within 3 months of notification by the Estonian Patent Office of receipt of documents § 11(5) and (6) IA	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. § 15 IA § 13 ¹ PA § 31(1) REP	In the cases indicated in column 1 and in all cases referred to in Art. 135(1)(b) EPC, 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 § 139 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 2 months. § 11(5) IA

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Finland	<p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) 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 400 + EUR 30 for the 11th and each subsequent claim (EUR 300 + EUR 30 for the 11th and each subsequent claim if filed online)</p> <p>(b) Filing in triplicate of a Finnish translation.</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>	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 representative residing in the European Economic Area, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Finland.</p>	<p>A pending EP application may be converted into a national application for a utility model. The same applies to EP applications refused by the EPO, withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn.</p>
	§ 70s PA	§§ 8, 70s PA	§ 70s PA § 52s PD	§ 12 PA	§§ 8, 8a Utility Models Act §§ 5, 5a Utility Models Decree
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	<p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC</p> <p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 14(2) and Art. 90(3) EPC for failure to supply a translation of the application in the language of the proceedings</p>	<p>(a) Payment of the filing fee and the fee for conversion</p> <p>(b) Filing of a Macedonian translation</p> <p>Art. 125(2) PL</p>	2 months from filing the request for conversion	Yes	-

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France	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC	<p>(a) Payment of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - national filing fee (for paper filings EUR 36/ for electronic filings EUR 26) - the fee for a search report (EUR 500), <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 6 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, Lyons, Marseilles, 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 Reg. re payment of renewal fees.</p> <p>Art. R. 614-5, R. 614-19 Reg.</p> <p>Fees Ord. of 24.4.08</p> <p>Regarding provisions applicable to utility certificates see Art. L. 611-2. PL</p>
	Art. L. 614-6. PL	Art. R. 614-5 and R. 614-17 Reg. Ord. of 19.9.79 and Fees Ord. of 24.4.08	Art. R. 614-5, R. 612-31, para 2 Reg.	Art. R. 612-2 Reg.	
Germany	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC	<p>(a) Payment of national filing fee (EUR 60)</p> <p>(b) Filing, in duplicate, of a German translation of the patent application</p> <p>(c) Filing of the designation of the inventor, if not indicated in the European application</p>	<p>(a) 3 months from filing of the request for conversion</p> <p>(b) 3 months after notification of a request by the DPMA</p>	<p>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. A domestic representative must be appointed to handle the rest of the procedure.</p>	<p>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.</p>
	Art. II § 9(1) LIPC	Art. II § 9(1), (2) LIPC § 37 PA	Art. II § 9(2) LIPC	§ 25 PA	

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Greece	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) 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 15.4.09	(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. 14(2), 77(3) or Art. 78(2) EPC The Hungarian translation of any European patent application in a foreign language must be filed within four months. Art. 84/F(1), (3) PA	(a) Payment of the filing and the search fee (b) Filing of a Hungarian translation Art. 84/F(2), (3) PA	(a) 2 months after filing the request for conversion or, if the request is not filed with the HPO, after receipt of the request (b) 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(2), (3) 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	
Iceland	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Art. 88 PA	(a) Payment of the filing fee (ISK 39 500 plus ISK 1 900 for the 11th and each subsequent claim) (b) Filing of the patent application in Icelandic, Danish, Norwegian, Swedish or English. Patent claims, abstract and text of the picture must be available in Icelandic translation before the application is made accessible to the public. Art. 88 PA Art. 79, 3 PR	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	

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Ireland	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) 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) PR 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(3) 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 (c) Payment of national filing fee (for electronic filings: EUR 50 / for paper filings: EUR 120 to 600 depending on length of application) Claims fee for the eleventh and each subsequent claim: EUR 45 Search fee (in the absence of an English translation of the claims): EUR 200 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	Deemed withdrawn pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC or Art. 90(3) EPC	(a) Filing of a Latvian translation accompanied by a request for conversion (b) Payment of national filing fee for conversion Art. 74 PL	Within 3 months of filing the request for conversion	See Part III.B	-
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland				

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Lithuania	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 14(2) 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	(a) 3 months after receipt by the State Patent Bureau of the request. (b) Proof of payment must be submitted together with the request. Art. 11 PL	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	-
Luxembourg	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Art. 11 Law of 27.5.77	(a) Payment of - the filing fee (EUR 14) - the renewal fee(s) 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 Intellectual Property 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. Art. 13 Law of 27.5.77	-
Malta	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time. R. 10(1) L.N. 99/2007	(a) Payment of the prescribed fee (EUR 699) (b) Filing of a translation in one of Malta's official languages R. 10(2) L.N. 99/2007	Within 2 months from the date the Comptroller invites the applicant to submit the translation and pay the prescribed fee R. 10(2) L.N. 99/2007	Foreign applicants whose permanent residence or business is not in any EU member state must appoint an agent who has his ordinary residence or principal place of business in Malta to represent him. Art. 61(2) PA 2000	-
Monaco	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Art. 6 SO No. 10.427	(a) Payment of - national filing fee (EUR 24) - priority fee (EUR 16 for the second and any additional priority) (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.	-

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Netherlands	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) 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
Norway	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC. § 66m PL	(a) Payment of application fee (NOK 1 100 filing fee + NOK 3 100 search fee + NOK 200 for the 11th and each subsequent claim) If applicant is a private individual or a small enterprise of less than 20 man-years, the application fee is NOK 800 + NOK 200 for the 11th and each subsequent claim. (b) Filing of a Norwegian translation § 15 Fees Reg. § 66m PL	3 months after acknowledgement by the NIPO of receipt of the request for conversion § 66m PL § 62(2) PR	Yes An applicant who is not a resident of Norway must appoint a representative domiciled in Norway who can represent him in all matters concerning the application. § 12 PL	-
Poland	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Withdrawal or refusal of the application Art. 5 § 1 EPAL	(a) Payment of - filing fee (PLN 550, or PLN 500, if the application is filed electronically, 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 I 1 and 2 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

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Portugal	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) 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), (3), 87(3) PA	(a) Payment of new publication fee: EUR 90 if filed online, EUR 180 if filed on paper search fee: EUR 20 if filed online, EUR 40 if filed on paper (b) Filing of a Portuguese translation Art. 81, 86(4), (6) PA Fees Order	2 months after receipt by INPI of the request for conversion Art. 86(6) PA	No Art. 10 PA	The EP application may also be converted into an application for a utility model. Art. 87(3) PA
Romania	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) 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 2 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.	In the case indicated in column 1, the EP application may also be converted into an application for a utility model Art. 14(5) LMU
San Marino from 1.7.2009	Relevant information will be published in the EPO Official Journal.				

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Slovakia	<p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC</p> <p>The European patent application is withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, refused, or the European patent is revoked.</p>	<p>(a) If the request for conversion of a European patent application to a national patent application is filed with the IPO SR in accordance with Article 135(2) EPC the applicant is obliged to pay a fee of EUR 19.50 for each (designated) state.</p> <p>(b) If the request for conversion of a European patent application to a national patent application is filed with the European Patent Office in accordance with Article 135(3) EPC and transmitted to the IPO SR, the applicant is obliged</p> <p>(i) to pay a fee of EUR 26.50 (if the request is filed by an inventor or co-inventors) or EUR 53 (if the request is filed by a person other than an inventor or co-inventors);</p> <p>(ii) to file a translation of a European patent application into Slovak language.</p>	3 months from the date of the invitation by the SK Patent Office	<p>Yes, for natural or legal persons not having their residence or principal place of business in the Slovak Republic</p> <p>Representation by an appointed agent or a patent attorney authorised to practise before the SK Patent Office</p>	European patent application may also be converted into an application for a utility model.
	§ 61 PA	§ 61(2) PA	§ 61(2) PA	§ 79(1) PA	§ 36 UM
Slovenia	<p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) 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>Art. 30(1) IPA</p>	<p>(a) Payment of the prescribed fee (EUR 110)</p> <p>(b) Filing of a Slovenian translation of the European patent application</p> <p>Art. 30(2) IPA Art. 1(1.4.3) Fees Decr.</p>	<p>2 months following the date of transmission of the request for conversion to the Patent Office</p> <p>Art. 137(2) EPC</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 129 IPA</p>	-

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Spain	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) 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)	(a) Payment of - filing fee (EUR 91.69*) - fee for each foreign priority (EUR 21.23*) - any renewal fees due (b) Filing, in triplicate, of a Spanish translation	2 months after receipt by OEPM of the request for conversion	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.	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. 13 RD 2424	Art. 14 RD 2424	Art. 14 RD 2424	Art. 14 RD 2424 Art. 3 Law 8/1998	Art. 15 RD 2424
Sweden	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC	(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	3 months after acknowledgement by the SE Patent Office of receipt of the request for conversion	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.	-
	§ 93(1) PA	§ 93(1) PA § 66(x) PD	§ 66 PD	§ 12 PA	

* Note: the fees may be revised at the beginning of each year.

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Switzerland / Liechtenstein	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time (for applications filed in Italian). 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(3) EPC R. 19 RegEPC	(a) Payment of national filing fee (TRY 25*) The filing fee is increased according to the number of priorities, see List of Fees. Fee reduction for online filing: TRY 10 (b) Filing in duplicate of a Turkish translation R. 20 RegEPC Fees 2009	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 patent or utility model application. R. 19 RegEPC

* Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January

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
United Kingdom	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC	<p>(a) Request for conversion only if the IPO is the receiving Office</p> <p>(b) Application fee of GBP 30 and fee of GBP 100 for search (Form 9A);</p> <p>(c) Statement of invention and of right to grant (Form 7 - no fee)</p> <p>(d) Where necessary an English translation</p>	<p>If the IPO 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. 108(2)) or possibly longer on request under R. 108(3). Any extensions or further extensions may only be for periods of two months (R. 108(5)) and cannot be granted more than two months after the originally prescribed or previously extended period has expired (R. 108(7)).</p> <p>If the IPO is not the receiving Office:</p> <p>(a) 20 months from the date of filing of the application or the declared priority date</p> <p>(b) to (d) 4 months from the date of a communication from the IPO notifying receipt of a request for conversion, extendible by two months under R. 108(2) or possibly longer under R. 108(3). Any extensions or further extensions may only be for periods of two months (R. 108(5)) and cannot be granted more than two months after the originally prescribed or previously extended period has expired (R. 108(7)).</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 IPO have begun or where a representative is appointed after the applicant has started proceedings himself, in which case Form 51 (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) should also be supplied (e.g. title, priority data), but no fee will be necessary.</p> <p>re column 3:</p> <p>For an extension under R. 108(2), Form 52 (fee GBP 135) must be filed; for a request under R. 108(3), Form 52 (fee GBP 135) accompanied by a witness statement, statutory declaration or affidavit verifying the grounds for the request must be filed.</p>
	Sect. 81(1) PA	Sect. 81(2) PA R. 58, 59 PR R. 3 Schedule 1 PFR	R. 58(1), (3), (4), 59(1), (3), 108(2), (3), (5), (7) PR	R. 101, 103 PR	R. 12(1), 108(2), (3), (5), (7) PR Schedule 1 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 3(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 Upravljenje 1, Knyaz Alexander I Sq. 1000 SOFIA</p> <p>IBAN: BG90 BNBG 9661 3100 1709 01</p> <p>SWIFT: BNBGBGSF</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>
Croatia	LAdmFees RCh	<p>Državni Zavod Za Intelektualno Vlasništvo (State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia)</p> <p>Privredna Banka d.d. Zagreb Račkoga 6 10000 ZAGREB</p> <p>Account No. 702000-978-91828-132344-331</p> <p>IBAN: HR33 2340 0091 5102 9652 2</p> <p>BIC/SWIFT: PBZGHR2X</p>	<p>(a) bank transfer (b) postal money order</p>	<p>3(a) and (b) date on which credited to the 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
France	Fees Ord. of 24.4.08	<p>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</p> <p>Recette Générale des Finances 94, rue Réaumur, 75002 PARIS</p> <p>Code banque : 10071 Code guichet : 75000 Clé de RIB: 56</p> <p>Account No. 00001000008</p> <p>IBAN: FR76 1007 1750 0000 0010 0000 856</p> <p>BIC: BDFEFRPPXXX</p>	<p>(a) cash payment</p> <p>(b) bank cheque</p> <p>(c) postal money order ("mandat-lettre")</p> <p>(d) postal money order ("mandat-carte")</p> <p>(e) order to debit an INPI customer account</p> <p>(f) bank transfer</p> <p>Art. 4 Fees Ord. of 24.4.08</p>	<p>3(a) date of payment at INPI</p> <p>3(b)-(d) if forwarded by post: date of posting (postmark);</p> <p>if delivered by hand: date of receipt at INPI</p> <p>3(e) date of receipt of debit order</p> <p>3(f) date on which INPI's account is credited</p> <p>Art. 4 Fees Ord. of 24.4.08</p>
Germany	LPF Cost Ord.	<p>Bundeskasse Weiden für DPMA</p> <p>BBk München (Deutsche Bundesbank Filiale München)</p> <p>Account No. 700 010 54</p> <p>BLZ 700 000 00</p> <p>IBAN: DE84 7000 0000 0070 0010 54</p> <p>BIC: MARKDEF1700</p> <p>Important: Customers should declare that any handling charges are borne by the payer.</p>	<p>(a) Cash payment at the cashdesks of the DPMA</p> <p>(b) Credit transfer to the account of the Bundeskasse Weiden with the Bundesbank München (account No. 700 010 54, sort code 700 000 00)</p> <p>(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)</p> <p>(d) Grant of a direct debit mandate debiting a domestic account.</p> <p>§ 1 Cost Ord.</p>	<p>3(a) date of payment</p> <p>3(b) date payment is credited to the account</p> <p>3(c) date of payment</p> <p>3(d) date of receipt by the DPMA 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</p> <p>§ 2 Cost Ord.</p>
Greece	Dec. of 15.4.09	<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: CRBAGRAAXXX</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 15.4.09</p>	<p>3(a) date of receipt of the payment at the OBI's cash office</p> <p>3(b) and 3(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 15.4.09</p>

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Hungary	FeeDecr	Account of the HPO with the Hungarian State Treasury Deák Ferenc u. 5, 1052 BUDAPEST Treasury Transaction Code 310 No. 1003 2000-0173 1842- 0000 0000 IBAN: HU30 1003 2000 0173 1842 0000 0000 SWIFT: MANEHUHB	(a) bank transfer (b) postal money order Art. 21 FeeDecr	3(a) date of receipt of payment at the HPO 3(b) date on which the money order is issued (as date - stamped by a Hungarian post office)
Iceland	PA Fees Reg.	Icelandic Patent Office (Einkaleyfastofan) Engjateigur 3 150 REYKJAVIK National Bank of Iceland Laugavegi 77 101 REYKJAVIK IBAN: IS26 0111 0527 1038 6501 9121 89 Swift Code/BIC: LAISISRE	(a) cash payment (b) (cabled) transfer to an Icelandic bank in favour of the bank account indicated in column 2 The payment shall always be accompanied by detailed instructions/information.	3(a) date of receipt of payment at the Icelandic Patent Office 3(b) date on which credited to the bank account indicated in column 2
Ireland	PA PR	N/A	Fees must be paid in EUR. (a) cash payment Please note that cash should not be sent by post. Cash payments should only be made in person at the IPO. (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. (c) Post Office money order (d) Payment of renewal fees for patents, registered trade marks and designs which have been registered under the Industrial Designs Act 2001, grant fees for patents and registration fees for trade marks 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 payments referred to above online.	3(a) date of payment at IPO 3(b) and 3(c) date of receipt at IPO 3(d) date of payment made online

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Italy	Fees Law Min.Decr. of 2.4.07	Agenzia delle Entrate - Centro Operativo di Pescara (a) <i>Payment of renewal fees for European patents:</i> Giro account (conto corrente postale) No. 81016008 (b) <i>Payment of other fees :</i> Giro account (conto corrente postale) No. 668004	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 must be stated.	Date of inpayment at an Italian post office (date stamp)
Latvia	PL PR Fees Reg.	Valsts kase NMR 90000050138 Valsts kase IBAN: LV90 TREL 1060 1909 1930 0 BIC: TRELLV22	bank transfer	date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland			
Lithuania	Art. 58 PL Fees Law	Beneficiary: Vilnius State Tax Inspection Office Bank Hansabankas Bank Code 73000 IBAN: LT23 7300 0100 0245 8204 Reference number: 5310	bank transfer	date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2
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

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Malta	PA 2000 L.N. 99/2007	IPRD Office	(a) Bank cheque (b) Cash payment	3(a) and (b) Date of receipt of payment at IPRD Office
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 3074 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 Account No. 1923.24.160 IBAN: NL23 RABO 0192 3241 60 BIC: RABONL2U	(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 the bank account indicated in column 2 3(d) date of receipt of debit order
Norway	PL PR Fees Reg.	Patentstyret DnB NOR PO Box 1172 Sentrum 0107 OSLO Account No. 8276 01 00192 IBAN: NO82 8276 0100 192 BIC (SWIFT): DNBANOKKXXX	(a) Cash payment (b) Cheque drawn on a Norwegian bank and made payable to the NIPO in Norwegian currency. (c) Wire transfer to a Norwegian bank crediting the bank account indicated in column 2. Any payment to NIPO must be sent in NOK (Norwegian currency). The payment must be accompanied by detailed instructions/information.	3(a) date of receipt of payment at the NIPO 3(b) date of receipt of the cheque at the NIPO 3(c) date on which credited to the bank account indicated in column 2
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.	3(a) date marked by the date stamp on the payment form handed in at the PL Patent Office 3(b) date marked by the postal date stamp (at a Polish post office) on the postal money order 3(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(1), (2) PA Fees Ord.	N/A	Fees must be paid in EUR. (a) cash payment (b) ATM or home banking (online) (c) cheque (d) postal order	3(a) and 3(b) date of receipt of payment at INPI 3(c) and 3(d) date of post stamp
Romania	Fees Law	(a) <i>Payments in EUR:</i> Banca Comerciala Romana Sala Palatului Str. Ion Campineanu nr. 33, sect.1 BUCUREȘTI IBAN: RO38 RNCB 0080 0056 3032 0005 BIC/SWIFT: RNCBROBU (b) <i>Payments in RON:</i> Activitatea 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
San Marino from 1.7.2009	Relevant information will be published in the EPO Official Journal.			

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</p> <p>(b) Depozitný účet Úrad priemysel. vlastníctva SR BB (for other fees)</p> <p>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>	Date on which it is credited to the account indicated in column 2

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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 (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. Where the fee is paid to the SIPO account, the date of payment shall be considered to be the date of the payment order, provided that the amount of the payment is entered in the account within five working days. Failing that, the date of payment shall be considered to be the date on which the amount of the payment is actually entered in the account. 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>(a) for payments made in Sweden:</i> PlusGiro 105 71 STOCKHOLM Account No. 15684-4 <i>or</i> Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB) 106 40 STOCKHOLM Bankgiro 5050-0248 <i>(b) for payments from abroad:</i> Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB) 106 40 STOCKHOLM IBAN: SE22 5000 0000 0543 9100 1349 BIC/SWIFT: ESSESESS <i>or electronically:</i> via the Web Shop (only available in Swedish) on the website of the SE Patent Office	(a) cash payment (b) cheque drawn on a Swedish bank and made payable to the SE Patent Office in Swedish currency (c) (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 of receipt of cheque at the SE Patent Office 3(c) 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.	<p>Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI)</p> <p>Swiss Post, PostFinance 3030 BERN</p> <p>Account No. 30-4000-1 BLZ: 9000</p> <p>IBAN: CH68 0900 0000 3000 4000 1</p> <p>SWIFT: POFI CH BE</p>	<p>(a) debit from a current account with the IPI</p> <p>(b) payment or transfer to Giro account</p> <p>(c) postal money order</p> <p>(d) cash payment</p> <p>Art. 4 Fees Reg.</p>	<p>3(a) to (c) date on which credited to an account of the IPI</p> <p>3(d) date of receipt of payment at the IPI</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Art. 6 Fees Reg.</p>

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Turkey	DL No. 551 Fees 2009	<p><i>(a) for payments in TRY:</i></p> <p>Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Başkent Şubesi Account No. 34272132-5030</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>T.C. Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Necatibey Şubesi Account No. 6565383-5002</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>Vakıflar Bankası/Ankara Ankara Şubesi Account No. 00158007283203102</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>Halk Bankası/Ankara Yıldız Şubesi Account No. 85000010</p> <p><i>(b) for payments in EUR:</i></p> <p>Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Başkent Şubesi Account No. 34272132-5032</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Başkent Şubesi Account No. 34272132-5033</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Başkent Şubesi Account No. 34272132-5035</p> <p><i>(c) for payments in USD:</i></p> <p>Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Başkent Şubesi Account No. 34272132-5031</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Necatibey Şubesi Account No. 6565383-5017</p> <p><i>(d) for payments in CHF:</i></p> <p>Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Başkent Şubesi Account No. 34272132-5034</p>	Bank transfer	Date on which credited to one of the accounts 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
United Kingdom	PA PR	Intellectual Property 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) bank transfer (b) debit to a client deposit account held by the IPO (c) credit/debit card (Visa, MasterCard/American Express, Switch, Solo, Maestro) (d) cheque drawn in sterling on a UK clearing bank (e) money order (f) cash payment in person at the IPO 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 (e.g. patent or deposit account number) should be quoted to link payment with any forms sent separately.	3(a) date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2 3(b) date of receipt of documents at the IPO if sufficient funds are present in the deposit account - otherwise the date on which the deposit account is replenished 3(c), 3(d) and 3(e) date of receipt at the IPO 3(f) date of payment at the IPO

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	Spec. Fees Admin. Fees	(a) <i>Spec. Fees:</i> Raiffeisen BANK d.d. Bosna i Hercegovina Danijela Ozme br. 3 71 000 SARAJEVO SWIFT: RZBABA2S budget account No. 1610000010750812 revenue code: 734111 (b) <i>Admin. Fees:</i> HVB Central Profit Banka d.d. Zelenih Beretki 24 71000 SARAJEVO SWIFT: BACXBA22 budget account No. 3380002210018390 revenue code: 722843	(a) bank transfer (b) money order Only via national professional representative	3(a) and 3(b) date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2
Croatia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2008.)	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 IBAN: HR33 2340 0091 5102 9652 2 BIC/SWIFT: PBZGHR2X	(a) bank transfer (b) postal money order	3(a) and 3(b) 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
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2009.)	Fees Law	National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia P.O. Box 401 Kompleks banki b.b. 1000 SKOPJE (a) <i>Renewal fees:</i> money order or bank transfer to budget account No. 1 000 000 000 63095; suspense account No. 840 033 03135; revenue code: 722318; manner: 2 (b) <i>Publication fees:</i> money order or bank transfer to SOIP's account No. 1100200213-787-13; revenue code: 724139-11; manner: 1; SOIP's tax number: 4030994253825	(a) bank transfer (b) postal money order	3(a) date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2 3(b) date of payment at MK post office
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005.)	PL PR Fees Reg.	Valsts kase Reg. No. 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 Ord.	(a) <i>Payments in EUR:</i> Banca Comerciala Romana Sala Palatului Str. Ion Campineanu nr. 33, Sector 1 BUCUREȘTI BIC/SWIFT: RNCBROBU IBAN: RO38 RNCB 0080 0056 3032 0005 (b) <i>Payments in RON:</i> Activitatea 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
Serbia	Art. 72 PL	State administrative fees Account No. 840-742211843-84, followed by reference No. 97 and the code indicating the control number of the municipality	Bank transfer Art. 6(3) Fees Law	Date of credit to the account indicated in column 2 Art. 72(2) PL Tar. No. 84(2) Fees Law
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.	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 (c) cash or non-cash payment at SIPO - cost of non-cash payment to be borne by payer	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. Where the fee is paid to the SIPO account, the date of payment shall be considered to be the date of the payment order, provided that the amount of the payment is entered in the account in five working days. Failing that, the date of payment shall be considered to be the date on which the amount of the payment is actually entered in the account. Art. 4 Fees Decr.

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 European Patent Register in accordance with Rules 22 to 24 EPC.

2. After grant of the European patent, a transfer is registered in the European Patent Register only during the opposition period or during opposition proceedings, in accordance with Rule 85 in conjunction with Rule 22 EPC. Column 6 of the following table indicates whether and under what conditions the contracting states recognise the registration of such transfers in the European Patent Register 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 (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. 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 (e.g. 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 (e.g. sale, merger) or by operation of law (e.g. 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 (e.g. sale, merger) or by operation of law (e.g. 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 (e.g. deed of transfer, certificate of inheritance, court decision); proof that the fee has been paid.</p> <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>	<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

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Croatia	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written request</p> <p>Original or duly certified copy of the official document recording the transfer of rights or licence agreement and proof that the fee has been paid</p> <p>Art. 62 PA Art. 36 PO</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 4 PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 36(1) PO</p>
Cyprus	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. 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 (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. 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>

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Denmark	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. 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>
Estonia	<p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (e.g. 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 (e.g. 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>

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Finland	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. 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>
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. 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>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No (but recommended)</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	1. Transfer of rights (i) by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) - 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. Art. R. 613-55 Reg. - merger: copy of the merger agreement; extract from the Register of Trade and Companies Art. R. 613-56 Reg.	No	Yes, in 4 copies
	(ii) by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) - death (in the case of transfer on death or by unilateral action): a document evidencing the transfer of title. - 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. Art. R. 613-56 Reg.	No	Yes, in 4 copies
	2. Licences and other rights For assignment or the grant of a right of exploitation, the constitution or assignment of a lien, see under 1. Art. R. 613-55 Reg.	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 (e.g. 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 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 (e.g. 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>(ii) or by operation of law (e.g. 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>Yes</p> <p>§ 25 PA</p>	<p>No</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>Yes</p> <p>§ 25 PA</p>	<p>No</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>No</p>

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 85 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
None	Entry in the register has declaratory effect. The registered proprietor is deemed to be the patent holder before the DPMA and the Federal Patents Court.	Yes A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required.	<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>
EUR 25	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>
No. 313 400 Fees Schedule LPF			No. 313 500 Fees Schedule LPF
None	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 (e.g. 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 (e.g. 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 (e.g. sale, merger) or by operation of law (e.g. 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 (e.g. sale, merger) or by operation of law (e.g. 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>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licence agreement</p> <p>Art. 44 PA</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</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 85 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. 53C(2)(b) PA Art. 16 FeeDecr HUF 15 000 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
ISK 2 000	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.
ISK 2 000	Grant of licences may be entered on request. Art. 44 PA		

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Ireland	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Certified copy of the relevant document</p> <p>Sect. 85 PA R. 58 PR</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Certified copy of the relevant document</p> <p>Sect. 85 PA R. 58 PR</p>	No	Yes
Italy	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>- authenticated copy of the public document or the original</p> <p>- or authenticated copy of the authenticated private document (see also column 7)</p> <p>Art. 138 PL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p> <p>Art. 138 PL</p>	No	No
Latvia	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written request to have the transaction recorded, deed of transfer</p> <p>Art. 50, 51 PL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Written request to have the transaction recorded, licence agreement</p> <p>Art. 52 PL</p>	Yes	No, but recommended
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland		

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 85 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
<p>EUR 50</p> <p>For each additional patent where the devolution of title is the same as in the first patent: EUR 6</p> <p>EUR 50</p>	<p>Transfer of rights</p> <p>Sect. 85 PA R. 58 PR</p> <p>Licence of right</p> <p>Sect. 68 PA R. 46 PR</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Sect. 85 PA R. 58 PR</p>	<p>Documents not drafted in English must be accompanied by a verified translation.</p>
<p>EUR 50</p> <p>EUR 50</p>	<p>Date of submission of the application, identity of the successor in title or of his agent, nature of the rights to which the registration refers</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Art. 138 PL</p>	<p>The application for transfer can be filed on ordinary paper having a revenue stamp (EUR 14.62) every 4 pages.</p> <p>Each page must have a left-hand margin of at least 3 cm and a reasonable right-hand margin. Maximum number of lines of writing: 25 per page.</p>
<p>LVL 30</p> <p>Art. 51(2) PL s.2.16 Fees Reg.</p> <p>LVL 30</p> <p>Art. 52(4) PL s.2.16 Fees Reg.</p>	<p>Entries in the register have legal effect</p> <p>Art. 51(3) PL</p> <p>Declaratory effect</p> <p>However, entry in the register has legal effect vis-à-vis third parties.</p> <p>Art. 52(4) PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>For supporting documents not drafted in Latvian, a translation will only be requested if their meaning is not clear to the LV Patent Office.</p>

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Lithuania	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Contract assigning a patent application or patent</p> <p>Art. 31 PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the European Economic Area or in an EPC Contracting State must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania.</p> <p>Art. 10(3), (4) PL</p>	No
	<p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licence agreement</p> <p>Art. 34 PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the European Economic Area or in an EPC Contracting State must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania.</p> <p>Art. 10(3), (4) PL</p>	No
Luxembourg	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - original or certified copy of the substantiating document, or - private agreement between the parties, or joint declaration by the parties confirming the assignment or agreement, or - more rarely, acknowledgement or confirmation of the transfer by the transferor and separate declaration of acceptance or confirmation by the transferee <p>Art. 53 PL Art. 23 Decr.</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>	Yes
	<p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	No

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Malta	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Agreement assigning the ownership, signed by all parties, containing the patent number, date of filing, title of the invention, names, addresses and nationalities of the parties concerned.</p> <p>Art. 31 PA 2000</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>A copy of the agreement or an extract of the agreement which show the rights licensed and their extent.</p> <p>R. 36(2) L.N. 117/2002</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 60(1), (2) PA 2000</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 60(1), (2) PA 2000</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
Monaco	<p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (e.g. 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>(ii) by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory 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> <p>No</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?
Netherlands	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger) or by operation of law (e.g. 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>
Norway	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>A power of attorney for a national representative if the assignee has no residence or principal place of business in Norway.</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>There is no requirement to submit supporting documents such as a licensing agreement.</p> <p>3. Adjoining rights, pledging</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§§ 12 and 67 PL</p> <p>No, but recommended to have a national representative if licensee has no residence or principal place of business in Norway.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 43(3) PR</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>§ 43(3) PR</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 85 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
<p>EUR 27</p> <p>Art. 64(1) PA Art. 8(2) PR</p> <p>EUR 27</p> <p>Art. 56(2) PA Art. 8(2) PR</p>	<p>Any special stipulations made in respect of the transfer</p> <p>Transfer confers substantive rights.</p> <p>Transfer by assignment shall take effect vis-à-vis third parties only after its entry in the register.</p> <p>Art. 64, 65 PA</p> <p>Licence (how created), sub-licence</p> <p>A licence established by an agreement or testamentary disposition shall take effect vis-à-vis third parties only after its entry in the register.</p> <p>Art. 56(2) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required.</p>	<p>Documents are accepted in Dutch, English, French and German.</p>
<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Registration of transfers and licenses has a declaratory effect.</p> <p>§ 44 PL § 43 PR</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A transfer recorded in the EPO European Patent Register is recognized by the NIPO. Only where the NIPO has not yet been informed of a transfer under R. 85 EPC is a copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) required.</p>	<p>Documents are also accepted in English, French or German.</p>

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Poland	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written request by an interested party; submission of the relevant document</p> <p>Art. 67, 76 § 6 and 229 § 1 IPL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p> <p>Art. 67, 76 § 6 and 229 § 1 IPL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 236 § 3 IPL</p>	<p>No</p>
Portugal	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. 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>No</p> <p>Art. 10(1) PA</p> <p>No</p> <p>Art. 10(1) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>INPI Form PatMut3</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>INPI Form PatMut3</p>

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<p>PLN 70</p> <p>Annex 1 item I 21 Fees Reg.</p>	<p>Transfers of rights, licences, other rights <i>in rem</i>, entries relating to disputes, seizures, data concerning invalidation or termination of a patent,</p> <p>The transfer of a patent shall take effect vis-à-vis third parties only after its entry in the Patent Register.</p> <p>Art. 67 § 3 and 76 § 6 IPL Reg. Registers, chap. 2</p> <p>The holder of an exclusive licence recorded in the Register may, to the same extent as the patent holder, enforce his claims in the event of infringement, unless the licence contract stipulates otherwise.</p> <p>Art. 67 § 3 and 76 § 6 IPL, Reg. Registers, chap. 2</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Documents not drafted in Polish must be accompanied by a translation.</p>
<p>Transfer fee: EUR 100 if filed online, EUR 125 if filed on paper</p> <p>Licence fee: EUR 85 if filed online, EUR 100 if filed on paper</p> <p>Compulsory licence fee: EUR 85 if filed online, EUR 100 if filed on paper</p>	<p>Transfers of rights as well as contractual licences</p> <p>Entry in the register has legal effect and takes effect vis-à-vis third parties.</p> <p>Art. 30(2), (4), 83(3) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy certified by the EPO (EPO Form 2544) must be produced.</p> <p>Art. 83(3) PA</p>	<p>Assignments are published in the Industrial Property Bulletin.</p> <p>Documents not drafted in Portuguese must be accompanied by a translation.</p> <p>Art. 30(7), 356(1) PA</p>

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Romania	<p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (e.g. sale, merger)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - merger: request for transfer signed by new proprietor, to which is attached an extract from commercial register <p>(ii) by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>request for transfer signed by transferee, to which is attached a document legally establishing the transfer</p> <p>Art. 45 PL R. 85(2), (3), (5) 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. 45 PL R. 85(2), (3), (5) Reg.</p>	Yes	No
San Marino from 1.7.2009	Relevant information will be published in the EPO Official Journal.		
Slovakia	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written application, submission of copy of the instrument concerned (e.g. 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, for natural or legal persons not having their residence or principal place of business in the Slovak Republic</p> <p>Representation by an appointed agent or a patent attorney authorised to practise before the SK Patent Office</p> <p>§ 79(1) PA</p>	No

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<p>EUR 100 or RON 360, unless transfer of right took place before publication of the mention of grant by the EPO</p> <p>Annex 1.25 Fees Ord.</p> <p>EUR 100 or RON 360, unless transfer of right took place before publication of the mention of grant by the EPO</p> <p>Annex 1.25 Fees Ord.</p>	<p>Transfer of rights and licences</p> <p>Entry in the Register has declaratory effect.</p> <p>Art. 45 PL R. 67(11) Reg.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) and proof of payment of the prescribed fees are required.</p>	<p>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.</p>

<p>EUR 26.50 per application</p> <p>§ 2 Fees Law</p> <p>EUR 16.50 per application for a licence</p> <p>EUR 6.50 per application for a legal pledge</p> <p>§ 2 Fees Law</p>	<p>Assignment and transfer of patent, other rights in rem, licences, entries relating to disputes and other entries</p> <p>§ 26 RPA</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Documents not submitted in the Slovak language must be accompanied by translations if so requested by the SK Patent Office.</p>
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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 (e.g. sale, merger) or by operation of law (e.g. 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 (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. 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>

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<p>EUR 40</p> <p>Art. 1(6.1) Fees Decr.</p> <p>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 12.85* for each entry</p> <p>Art. 57(2) RD 2245</p> <p>EUR 12.85* for each entry</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>

* Note: the fees may be revised at the beginning of each year.

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Sweden	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Certified copy or extract of the deed of merger.</p> <p>Otherwise, only at the invitation of SE Patent Office, a dated deed of transfer (original or certified copy) signed by the proprietor.</p> <p>Transfer by operation of law: certified copy of relevant document.</p> <p>§ 44 PA § 44 PD</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Certified copy or extract of the license agreement.</p> <p>§ 44 PA § 44 PD</p> <p>3. Adjoining rights, pledging</p> <p>Certified copy or extract of the pledging agreement.</p> <p>§ 94 PA § 44 PD</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. 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) PO</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Application and documents as under 1.</p> <p>Art. 105(2) PO</p>	No	No, but recommended

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<p>(i) merger: TRY 138* transfer of title: TRY 70* assignment: TRY 188*</p> <p>Fees 2009</p> <p>(ii) succession: TRY 188*</p> <p>Fees 2009</p> <p>TRY 188*</p> <p>Fees 2009</p>	<p>Entry in the register has legal effect and takes effect vis-à-vis third parties.</p> <p>Art. 92 DL No. 551</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>All documents not drafted in Turkish must be accompanied by a translation.</p>
<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>All additional rights, e.g. 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 (e.g. 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.</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. Stamp duty may still be payable on transactions after 28 March 2000 if items other than intellectual property are involved.</p> <p>For further information, contact the Assignment section, Tel. +44 1633 81 46 30.</p>

* Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January.

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Extension State	Which supporting documents must be filed?	Must a national professional representative be appointed?	Must a form be used?
Albania	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written request by the patent proprietor</p> <p>Original or duly certified copy of the official document recording the transfer of rights</p> <p>Art. 32 PL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p> <p>Art. 35(2) PL</p>	Yes	Yes
Bosnia and Herzegovina	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written request</p> <p>Original or duly certified copy of the official document recording the transfer of rights or licence agreement and proof that the fee has been paid</p> <p>Art. 132 IPL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 16 IPL</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 16 IPL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 30 Pat. Reg.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 30 Pat. Reg.</p>
Croatia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2008 .)	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written request</p> <p>Original or duly certified copy of the official document recording the transfer of rights or licence agreement and proof that the fee has been paid</p> <p>Art. 61a PA Art. 36 PO</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 4 PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 36 (1) PO</p>

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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.
<p>Spec. Fees: BAM 40</p> <p>Admin. Fees: BAM 30</p> <p>Spec. Fees: BAM 40</p> <p>Admin. Fees: BAM 30</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>Art. 132 IPL</p> <p>Art. 133 IPL</p>	N/A	<p>Documents must be accompanied by a translation in Bosnian.</p> <p>Assignments are published in the Official Gazette.</p>
<p>HRK 275 per entry</p> <p>LAdmFees</p> <p>RCh</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. 61a 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. 61a PA</p> <p>Art. 36(4) PO</p>

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Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2009.)	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. 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. 217 PL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p> <p>Art. 218, 219, 220 PL</p>	Yes	No
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005.)	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Deeds of transfer signed by the patent proprietor</p> <p>§ 51(2) PL R. 59-66 PR</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licence agreement</p> <p>A licence contract takes effect after it has been registered with the LV Patent Office.</p> <p>§ 52 PL</p>	Yes	No, the use of the form is optional.

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 (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. 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>Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the European Economic Area or in an EPC Contracting State must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania.</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</p> <p>(i) by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title)</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 (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>request for transfer signed by transferee, to which is attached a document legally establishing the transfer</p> <p>Art. 45 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. 45 PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>

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<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>No</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 100 or RON 360, unless transfer of right took place before publication of the mention of grant by the EPO</p> <p>Annex 1.25 Fees Ord.</p> <p>EUR 100 or RON 360, unless transfer of right took place before publication of the mention of grant by the EPO.</p> <p>Annex 1.25 Fees Ord.</p>	<p>Transfer of rights and licences</p> <p>Entry in the Register has declaratory effect.</p> <p>Art. 45 PL</p> <p>R. 67(11) Reg.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) and proof of payment of the prescribed fees is required.</p>	<p>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.</p>

Extension State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Serbia	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>(a) Proof of the legal ground for the change to be entered into register (contract or public document),</p> <p>(b) Regular power of attorney if the entry procedure is initiated through a representative.</p> <p>Art. 34 Rules</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>
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 (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. 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>

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 territorial field of application in the individual contracting states is displayed in column 2 of the table.

(c) Reservations

Contracting states' reservations indicated in earlier editions are no longer shown because reservations are no longer allowed under the European Patent Convention (Revision Act version of 29 November 2000 which entered into force on 13 December 2007).

Important note

Under Article 167(5) EPC 1973, 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) either the period for filing the notice of opposition to the European patent expires without such notice being filed, (b) or the opposition proceedings are finally closed, the European patent having been maintained. Art. 5(1) Law of 21.4.07 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
Croatia	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. Art. 108h PA	Territory of the Republic of Croatia
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

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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
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	No Art. 126 PL	Territory of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
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> Art. L. 614-13. PL Provisions applicable to utility certificates: Art. L. 611-2. PL	Territory of the French Republic including the overseas territories and the territorial entity of Mayotte Art. L. 811-1. PL
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). Simultaneous protection for utility models is allowed. Art. II § 8(1) LIPC	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

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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	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. 75 PL	Territory of the Republic of Latvia
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland	
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
Malta	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. 11 L.N. 99/2007	Territory of the Republic of Malta
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 and, as of 4 April 2007, applicable also to the Netherlands Antilles Art. 49(1), 53(4), 55, 57(2), 73(1), 74 PA
Norway	Simultaneous protection by national patents is not excluded.	Territory of the Kingdom of Norway
Poland	Simultaneous protection by national patents/utility models is not excluded.	Territory of the Republic of Poland

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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
San Marino from 1.7.2009	Relevant information will be published in the EPO Official Journal.	
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
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 * Sect. 131, 132 PA

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

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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	No; <i>as Albania</i> Art. 8. Ext. Agr.	Territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Croatia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2008.)	No; <i>as Albania</i> Art. 106 PA	Territory of the Republic of Croatia
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2009.)	No; <i>as Albania</i> Art. 8 Ext. Reg.	Territory of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
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) PL	Territory of the Republic of Latvia

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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	No; <i>as Albania</i> Art. 127 PL	Territory of the Republic of Serbia
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	No; <i>as Albania</i> Art. 8 Ext. Decr.	Territory of the Republic of Slovenia