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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 16th 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:

Bosnia and Herzegovina (as from 1 December 2004)

Montenegro (as from 1 March 2010)

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 2004, 619, OJ EPO 2007, 406, OJ EPO 2009, 603 and OJ EPO 2010, 10.

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 date of filing or earliest date of priority or six months from the date on which the

international search report was published, whichever date is later.

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.

Subsequent payment of extension fees

If the fee for an extension state has not been paid within the basic period, the applicant can pay the extension fee subsequently in combination with a 50% surcharge

1. within two months of expiry of the basic period (for "re-introduced grace period" see OJ EPO 2009, 603) or
2. within two months of notification of a communication of loss of rights owing to non-payment of a designation fee.

In the latter case, a subsequent payment is possible only if the conditions set out in detail in the Guidelines for Examination, A-III, 12.2, are met. Under those conditions, the applicant can request further processing for the designations deemed to be withdrawn (Article 121; Rule 135 EPC), paying the extension fees at the same time.

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), in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (termination of the extension agreement with effect from 1 January 2009), in Albania (termination of the extension agreement with effect from 1 May 2010) and in Serbia (termination of the extension agreement with effect from 1 October 2010).

Abbreviations

(See also Table I, column 4)

AL	Albania	LI	Liechtenstein
ALL	Albanian lek	LT	Lithuania
AT	Austria	LTL	Lithuanian litas
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	LTPI	Lois et traités de propriété industrielle
BAM	Bosnian convertible mark	LU	Luxembourg
BE	Belgium	LV	Latvia
BG	Bulgaria	LVL	Latvian lats
BGBI.	Bundesgesetzblatt	MC	Monaco
BGN	Bulgarian lev	ME	Montenegro
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 (Octrooiencentrum 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	German Patent and Trademark Office	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
EP	European	PL	Poland
EPC	European Patent Convention	PLN	Polish Zloty
EPO	European Patent Office	PRH	Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus (Finland)
ES	Spain	PT	Portugal
EU	European Union	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 Säädöskokoelma
GBP	Pound sterling	SE	Sweden
GDPT	General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks (Albania)	SEK	Swedish krona
GR	Greece	SFS	Svensk författningssamling
GRUR Int.	Gewerblicher Rechtsschutz und Urheberrecht, Internationaler Teil	SG	State Gazette (Bulgaria)
G.U.	Gazzetta Ufficiale	SI	Slovenia
HIPO	Hungarian Intellectual Property Office	S.I.	Statutory Instruments
HR	Croatia	SIPO	Slovenian Intellectual Property Office
HRK	Croatian kuna	SK	Slovakia
HU	Hungary	Sl. list CG	Official Journal of Montenegro
HUF	Hungarian forint	Sl. list RCG	Official Journal of the Republic of Montenegro
IE	Ireland	Sl. list SCG	Official Journal of the State Union Serbia and Montenegro
INPI	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (France)	SM	San Marino
INPI	Instituto Nacional da Propriedade Industrial (Portugal)	SOIP	State Office of Industrial Property (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
IP	Industrial Property	SR	Systematische Rechtssammlung (Switzerland)
IPI	Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	Stb	Staatsblad
IPLT	Industrial Property - Laws and Treaties	TPI	Turkish Patent Institute
IPO	Icelandic Patent Office	TR	Turkey
IPO	Intellectual Property Office (UK)	TRY	Turkish lira
IPO	Irish Patents Office	UIBM	Ufficio Italiano Brevetti e Marchi (Italian Patent and Trademark Office)
IPPO	Industrial Property Protection Office	UK	United Kingdom
IS	Iceland	USBM	Ufficio di Stato Brevetti e Marchi (San Marino)
ISK	Iceland króna	USD	US Dollar
IT	Italy		
J.M.	Journal de Monaco		
JORF	Journal officiel de la République Française		
LGBI.	Liechtensteinisches Landesgesetzblatt		

B.

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 one of these languages.

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 electronic database "WIPO Lex" (www.wipo.int/wipolex/en). 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
Albania	1. Ligji Nr. 9947 Date 07.07.2008 "Per Pronesine Industriale" <i>[1. Law No. 9947 on Industrial Property of 7 July 2008]</i> 2. Rregullore "Per leshimin e patentave per shpikjet dhe modelet e perdorimit" Nr. 1707, date 29.12.2008 <i>[2. Regulation No. 1707 of 29 December 2008 on patents and utility models]</i> 3. V.K.M No. 883, 13 Maj 2009 "Per tarifat e Objekteve te Pronesise Industriale" <i>[3. Decree of the Government on State fees No. 883 of 13 May 2009]</i> 4. Ligji Nr. 8488 Date 13.05.1999 "Per mbrojtjen e topografise se qarqeve te integruar" <i>[4. Law No. 8488 of 13 May 1999 on the protection of topographies of integrated circuits]</i> 5. Ligji Nr. 9957 Date 17.07.2008 Per disa ndryshime ne ligjin nr 8488 date 13.05.1999 "Per mbrojtjen e topografise se qarqeve te integruara" <i>[5. Law No. 9957 of 17 July 2008 amending Law No. 8488 of 13 May 1999 on the protection of topographies of integrated circuits]</i> 6. VKM Nr. 618 datë 07.09.2011 për disa shtesa dhe ndryshime në VKM Nr. 1707 datë 29.12.2008, "Për miratimin e rregullores për lëshimin e patentave për shpikjet dhe modelet e përdorimit" <i>[6. Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 618 of 7 September 2011 amending Government Decree No. 1707 dated 29 December 2008 "Regulation on patents and utility models"]</i>	Gazeta Zyrtare No. 121, 2008 Gazeta Zyrtare No. 213, 2008 Gazeta Zyrtare No. 134, 2009 Gazeta Zyrtare No. 18, 1999 Gazeta Zyrtare No. 123, 2008 Gazeta Zyrtare No. 139, 2011	IPLT AL 1-001 (English, French) - - - - -	PL PR Fees Decr. - - PR 1
Austria	1. Bundesgesetz vom 16. Dezember 1978 über die Einführung des Europäischen Patentübereinkommens und des Vertrages über die internationale Zusammenarbeit auf dem Gebiet des Patentwesens (Patentverträge-Einführungsgesetz) <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)]</i>	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; I Nr. 126/2009; I Nr. 126/2013	IPLT AT 2-002 (English, French)	ILPT

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	2. Patentgesetz 1970 <i>[2. Patent Law 1970]</i> 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) <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)]</i> 4. Bundesgesetz über die im Bereich des Patentamtes zu zahlenden Gebühren und Entgelte (Patentamtsgebührengesetz – PAG) <i>[4. Federal Law on the Fees Payable to the Patent Office (Law on Patent Office Fees - LPOF)]</i>	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; I Nr. 126/2009; I Nr. 135/2009; I Nr. 126/2013 Patentblatt 2005, Nr. 12, Anhang 4; Patentblatt 2011, Nr. 2, S. 34 BGBI I Nr. 149/2004; I Nr. 81/2007; I Nr. 126/2009; I Nr. 111/2010; I Nr. 36/2011; I Nr. 126/2013	IPLT AT 2-001 (English, French) - -	PA POR LPOF
Belgium	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 <i>[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]</i>	Moniteur belge du 4.9.07	-	Law of 21.4.07

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	2. Loi du 8 juillet 1977 portant approbation des actes internationaux suivants : 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 modifiée par la Loi du 28 mars 1984 et par la Loi du 21 avril 2007 <i>[2. Law of 8 July 1977 adopting the following international acts:</i> 1. <i>Convention on the Unification of Certain Points of Substantive Law on Patents for Invention, done at Strasbourg on 27 November 1963</i> 2. <i>Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations, done at Washington on 19 June 1970</i> 3. <i>Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention), Implementing Regulations and Four Protocols, done at Munich on 5 October 1973</i> 4. <i>Convention for the European patent for the common market (Community Patent Convention) and Implementing Regulations, done at Luxembourg on 15 December 1975,</i> <i>as amended by the law of 28 March 1984 and by the law of 21 April 2007]</i> 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 <i>[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]</i> 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 <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>	Moniteur belge du 30.9.77 et du 9.3.85 Moniteur belge du 26.1.55 Moniteur belge du 9.3.85	BI.f.PMZ 1978, 276 (German) IPLT BE 2-001 (English) BI.f.PMZ 1955, 346 (German) Moniteur belge of 21.1.99 (German) IPLT BE 2-004 (English)	Law of 8.7.77 - PA

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	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 <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>	Moniteur belge du 29.12.2006	-	-
	6. Arrêté royal du 18 juillet 1966 portant coordination des lois sur l'emploi des langues en matière administrative <i>[6. Royal Decree of 18 July 1966 co-ordinating the laws on the use of languages for administrative purposes]</i>	Moniteur belge du 2.8.66	-	-
	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 <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>	Moniteur belge du 12.12.07	-	RD of 5.12.07
	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 <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>	Moniteur belge du 5.3.81	IPLT BE 2-002 (English) Bl.f.PMZ 1983, 166 (German)	RD of 27.2.81
	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 <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>	Moniteur belge du 6.12.86	IPLT BE 2-005 (English) Moniteur belge of 8.1.00 (German)	RD of 2.12.86
	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 <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>	Moniteur belge du 23.12.86	-	RD (Fees)

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Bulgaria	1. Закон за патентите и регистрацията на полезните модели (загл. изм. ДВ, бр. 64 от 2006 г., в сила от 09.11.2006 г.), отразена деноминацията от 05.07.1999г., обнародван ДВ бр. 27/02.04.1993 г., допълнен ДВ бр. 83/01.10.1996 г., изменен бр. 11/29.01.1998 г., изменен ДВ бр. 81/14.09.1999 г., изменен ДВ бр. 45/30.04.2002 г., изменен ДВ бр. 66/09.07.2002 г., допълнен ДВ бр. 17/21.02.2003г., изменен ДВ бр. 30/11.04.2006 г., изменен ДВ бр. 64/08.08.2006 г., изменен ДВ бр. 31/13.04.2007г., изменен ДВ бр. 59/20.07.2007 г., изменен ДВ бр.36/04.04.2008 г., изменен ДВ бр. 19/09.03.2010г., изменен ДВ бр.38/18.05.2012г. <i>[1. Law on Patents and Utility Model Registration (title amended by SG No. 64/2006; in force as from 09.11.2006 and reflecting the currency reform of 05.07.1999), promulgated by SG No. 27/02.04.1993, supplemented by SG No. 83/01.10.1996, amended by SG No. 11/29.01.1998, amended by SG No. 81/14.09.1999, amended by SG No. 45/30.04.2002, amended by SG No. 66/09.07.2002, supplemented by SG No. 17/21.02.2003, amended by SG No. 30/11.04.2006, amended by SG No. 64/08.08.2006, amended by SG No. 31/13.04.2007, amended by SG No. 59/20.07.2007, amended by SG No. 36/04.04.2008, amended by SG No. 19/09.03.2010, amended by SG No. 38/18.05.2012]</i> 2. Наредба за секретните патенти, приета с постановление на Министерския съвет № 331 от 20.12.2008 г., обн. ДВ бр. 2/09.01.2009 г. <i>[2. Regulation on secret patents, adopted by Government Decree No. 331/20.12.2008, promulgated by SG No. 2/09.01.2009]</i>	State Gazette (SG)/(JO) 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/ 21.2.2003, No. 30/ 11.4.2006, No. 64/ 8.8.2006, No. 31/ 13.4.2007, No. 59/ 20.7.2007, No. 36/ 4.4.2008, No. 19/ 9.3.2010, No. 38/ 18.5.2012 State Gazette No. 2/9.1.2009	WIPO website at www.wipo.int/wipolex BG003EN (English) and BG003FR (French) Bulgarian Patent Office website at www1.bpo.bg/ images/stories/laws/ law_on_pumr_ amended_2007.pdf (English) -	PL -

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	3. Наредба за представителите по индустриална собственост, приета с постановление на Министерски съвет № 137/15.07.1993, отразена деноминацията от 05.07.1999 г. Обнародвана ДВ 65/30.07.1993, изменена ДВ. бр. 86/21.10.1994 г., допълнена ДВ. бр. 41/23.05.1997 г., допълнена ДВ. бр. 32/08.04.2003 г., изменена ДВ бр. 69/23.08.2005 г., изменена ДВ бр. 47/22.06.2012 г. <i>[3. Regulations relating to industrial property representatives, adopted by Government Decree No. 137/15.07.1993 (reflecting the currency reform of 05.07.1999), promulgated by SG No. 65/30.07.1993, amended by SG No. 86/21.10.1994, supplemented by SG No. 41/23.5.1997, supplemented by SG No. 32/08.04.2003, amended by SG No. 69/23.08.2005, amended by SG No. 47/22.06.2012]</i> 4. Тарифа за таксите, които се събират от Патентното ведомство на Република България, в сила от 30.12.1999, приета с постановление на Министерски съвет № 242/27.12.1999 г., отразена деноминацията от 27.12.1999, обнародвана ДВ бр. 114/30.12.1999, изменена ДВ бр. 117/17.12.2002, изменена ДВ бр. 91/15.11.2005, изменена ДВ бр. 35/ 27.04.2007г., поправена ДВ бр. 42/29.05.2007 г., изменена ДВ бр. 31/15.04.2011 г. <i>[4. Schedule of fees collected by the Patent Office, adopted by Government Decree No. 242/27.12.1999 (reflecting the currency reform of 27.12.1999), promulgated in SG No. 114/30.12.1999, amended by SG No. 117/17.12.2002, amended by SG No. 91/19.11.2005, amended by SG No. 35/27.04.2007, amended by SG No. 42/29.05.2007, amended by SG No. 31/15.04.2011]</i> 5. Наредба за оформяне, подаване и експертиза на заявки за патенти, приета с постановление на Министерския съвет № 53 от 19.03.2008 г., обнародвана ДВ бр. 33/28.03.2008 г. <i>[5. Regulation on drafting, filing and examination of applications for patents, adopted by Government Decree No. 53/19.03.2008, promulgated by SG No. 33/28.03.2008]</i> 6. Наредба за разглеждане на спорове по закона за патентите и регистрацията на полезните модели, приета с Постановление на Министерския съвет № 55 от 09.03.2011 г., обнародвана ДВ бр. 21/15.03.2011 г. <i>[6. Regulations on disputes under the law governing patents and utility model registration, adopted by Government Decree No. 55/09.03.2011, promulgated by SG No. 21/15.03.2011]</i>	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, No. 47/ 22.6.2012 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, No. 31/ 15.4.2011 State Gazette No. 33/ 28.3.2008 State Gazette No. 21/ 15.3.2011	- Bulgarian Patent Office website at www1.bpo.bg/ images/stories/tariff/ tariff_of_fees_may_07.pdf (English) - -	- Decr. Fees - -

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Croatia	1. Zakon o patentu	Narodne Novine (NN) 173/2003, 87/2005, 76/2007, 30/2009, 128/2010, 49/2011, 76/2013	-	PA
	<i>[1. Patent Act]</i>			
	2. Pravilnik o patentu	NN 117/2007, 3/2011, 66/2011, 145/2012, 85/2013		PO
	<i>[2. Patent Ordinance]</i>			
	3. Zakon o upravnim pristojbama u području prava intelektualnog vlasništva	NN 64/2000, 164/2004, 62/2008, 30/2009, 49/2011		LAdmFees
	<i>[3. Law on administrative fees in the field of intellectual property rights]</i>			
Cyprus	4. Uredba o naknadama za posebne troškove i troškove za pružanje informacijskih usluga Državnog Zavoda za intelektualno vlasništvo	NN 109/2011, 96/2013	-	RCh
	<i>[4. Regulation on Special Charges and Charges for Information Services Provided by the State Intellectual Property Office]</i>			
	5. Zakon o općem upravnom postupku	NN 47/2009		Law on GAP
	<i>[5. Law on General Administrative Procedure]</i>			
Cyprus	1. Patent Law 1998 Patent (Amendment) Law 1999 Patent (Amendment) Law 2000 Patent (Amendment) Law 2002 Patent (Amendment) Law 2006	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	IPLT CY 2-001 (English, French) BI.f.PMZ 2003, 15 (German)	PL
	2. Patent (Fees) Regulations 1999 Patent (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2013	Cyprus Gazette Part III (I), 26.3.99 Part III (I), 1.2.13	-	PFR

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Czech Republic	1. Patentový zákon: Zákon č. 527/1990 Sb., o vynálezech a zlepšovacích návrzích, ve znění předpisů pozdějších <i>[1. Patent Act: Law No. 527/1990 Coll., on inventions and rationalisation proposals, as amended by subsequent laws]</i>	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	Czech Industrial Property Office website at www.upv.cz (English) Bl.f.PMZ 1993, 123; 2001, 12 (German)	PA
	2. Zákon č. 206/2000 Sb., o ochraně biotechnologických vynálezů <i>[2. Law No. 206/2000 Coll., on the protection of biotechnological inventions]</i>	Sbírka zákonů č. 206/2000	Czech Industrial Property Office website at www.upv.cz (English)	-
	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 <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>	Sbírka zákonů č. 191/1999 č. 121/2000 č. 260/2002 č. 255/2004 č. 173/2007 č. 41/2009	-	-
	4. Zákon č. 634/2004 Sb., o správních poplatcích ve znění předpisů pozdějších <i>[4. Law No. 634/2004 Coll., on administrative fees, as amended by subsequent laws]</i>	Sbírka zákonů č. 634/2004	Czech Industrial Property Office website at www.upv.cz (English)	LAdmFees
	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 <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>	Sbírka zákonů č. 173/2002 č. 377/2005	Czech Industrial Property Office website at www.upv.cz (English)	LRenFees

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	6. Zákon č. 500/2004 Sb. správní řád ve znění předpisů pozdějších <i>[6. Law No. 500/2004 Coll., Administrative Procedure Code, as amended by subsequent laws]</i> 7. Zákon č. 150/2002 Sb., soudní řád správní, ve znění předpisů pozdějších <i>[7. Law No. 150/2002 Coll., Administrative Court Procedure Code, as amended by subsequent laws]</i> 8. Vyhláška č. 550/1990 Sb. o řízení ve věcech vynálezů a průmyslových vzorů, ve znění vyhlášky č. 21/2002 Sb. <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>	Sbírka zákonů č. 500/2004 č. 413/2005 č. 384/2008 č. 7/2009 Sbírka zákonů č. 150/2002 Sbírka zákonů č. 550/1990 č. 21/2002	- - Czech Industrial Property Office website at www.upv.cz (English)	APC ACP DP
Denmark	1. Patentloven, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 108 af 24. januar 2012 <i>[1. Consolidated Patents Act No. 108 of 24 January 2012]</i> 2. Bekendtgørelse om patenter og supplerende beskyttelsescertifikater nr. 25 af 18. januar 2013 <i>[2. Order concerning Patents and Supplementary Protection Certificates No. 25 of 18 January 2013]</i> 3. Bekendtgørelse om ændring af reglerne om konsumtion i patentloven m. v. nr. 238 af 30. marts 1994 <i>[3. Order No. 238 of 30 March 1994 amending the Provisions about Exhaustion of Rights in the Patents Act, etc.]</i> 4. Lov om hemmelige patenter, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 107 af 24. januar 2012 <i>[4. Consolidated Secret Patents Act No. 107 of 24 January 2012]</i>	Lovtidende A 2012 Lovtidende A 2013 Lovtidende A 1994, 1036 Lovtidende A 2012	DKPTO website at www.dkpto.org (English) DKPTO website at www.dkpto.org (English) - DKPTO website at www.dkpto.org (English)	PA PO - Law No. 107/2012

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Estonia	1. Patendiseadus, vastu võetud 16. märtsil 1994, viimati muudetud 7. detsembril 2011	RT I 1994, 25, 406 RT I 1996, 49, 953 RT I 1998, 64/65, 1003 RT I 1998, 107, 1768 RT I 1999, 84, 764 RT I 2001, 27, 151 RT I 2001, 93, 565 RT I 2002, 53, 336 RT I 2003, 18, 106 RT I 2004, 20, 141 RT I 2005, 18, 104 RT I 2005, 39, 308 RT I 2005, 70, 540 RT I 2006, 58, 439 RT I 2007, 13, 69 RT I 2008, 59, 330 RT I 2008, 4, 24 RT I 2009, 62, 405 RT I 2010, 22, 108 RT I, 29.11.2011, 1 RT I, 28.12.2011, 1		
	<i>[1. Patent Act, passed on 16 March 1994, as last amended on 7 December 2011]</i>		Estonian Patent Office website at www.epa.ee/client/default.asp?wa_id=1222&wa_object_id=1&wa_id_key= (English)	PA
	2. Riigilõivuseadus, vastu võetud 22. aprillil 2010, viimati muudetud 20. juunil 2013	RT I 2010, 21, 107 RT I, 12.07.2013, 1		
	<i>[2. State Fees Act, passed on 22 April 2010, as last amended on 20 June 2013]</i>		Estonian Patent Office website at www.epa.ee/client/default.asp?wa_id=444&wa_object_id=1&wa_id_key= (English)	FA

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	3. Euroopa patentide väljaandmise konventsiooni kohaldamise seadus, vastu võetud 17. aprillil 2002, viimati muudetud 7. detsembril 2011 <i>[3. Act on implementing the Convention on the Grant of European Patents, passed on 17 April 2002, as last amended on 7 December 2011]</i> 4. Patenditaotluse sisu- ja vorminõuded ning Patendiametile esitamise kord, Justiitsministri 3. jaanuari 2012 määrus nr 2 <i>[4. Requirements concerning the content and format of patent applications and the procedure for filing the same, Regulation No. 2 of the Minister of Justice of 3 January 2012]</i> 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, viimati muudetud 22. detsembril 2011 <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, as last amended on 22 December 2011]</i> 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, Justiitsministri 3. jaanuari 2012. a määrus nr 3, viimati muudetud 28. mail 2013 <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. 3 of the Minister of Justice of 3 January 2012, as last amended on 28 May 2013]</i>	RT I 2002, 38, 233 RT I 2003, 88, 594 RT I 2004, 20, 141 RT I 2009, 4, 24 RT I, 28.12.2011, 1 RT I, 10.1.2012, 2 RTL 2002, 84, 1295 RT I, 29.12.2011, 36 RT I, 10.01.2012, 3 RT I, 31.05.2013, 2	Estonian Patent Office website at www.epa.ee/client/default.asp?wa_id=1222&wa_object_id=1&wa_id_key= (English) - - - -	IA - RFI REP

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Finland	1. Patenttilaki 15.12.1967/550, muutettu viimeksi lailla nro 101/2013 – 31.1.2013	SäädKok 550/1967 407/1980 387/1985 801/1991 577/1992 1034/1992 1409/1992 593/1994 717/1995 1695/1995 243/1997 650/2000 990/2004 896/2005 295/2006 684/2006 392/2010 954/2010 478/2011 743/2011 863/2011 101/2013		
	<i>[1. Patents Act No. 550/67 of 15 December 1967, as last amended by Act No. 101/2013 of 31 January 2013]</i>		PRH website at www.prh.fi (English)	PA
	2. Patenttiasetus 26.9.1980/669, muutettu viimeksi asetuksella nro 580/2013 – 18.7.2013	SäädKok 669/1980 505/1985 583/1992 71/1994 595/1994 104/1996 246/1997 674/2000 1200/2004 144/2006 1118/2007 603/2008 1097/2011 580/2013		
	<i>[2. Patents Decree No. 669/80 of 26 September 1980, as last amended by Decree No. 580/2013 of 18 July 2013]</i>		PRH website at www.prh.fi (English)	PD
	3. Laki maanpuolustukselle merkityksellisistä keksinnöistä 15.12.1967/551, muutettu viimeksi lailla nro 104/2013 – 31.1.2013	SäädKok 551/1967 795/1989 599/1995 1397/1995 1697/1995 245/1997 104/2013		
	<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. 104/2013 of 31 January 2013]</i>		-	Defence inventions
	4. Patenttimääräykset 28.8.2013	-		
	<i>[4. Patent Office Regulations of 28 August 2013]</i>		PRH website at www.prh.fi (English)	POR

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	5. Työ- ja elinkeinoministeriön asetus Patentti- ja rekisteri- hallituksen maksullisista suoritteista 20.12.2012/859 [5. Decree No. 859 of 20 December 2012 of the Ministry of Employment and Economy on the fees chargeable by the National Board of Patents and Registration]	SäädKok 859/2012	-	Fees Decr.
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1. Закон за индустриска сопственост кој се применува од 25 февруари 2009 [1. Law on Industrial Property of 12 February 2009, applicable as from 25 February 2009] 2. Закон за административни такси [2. Law on administrative fees of 26 March 1993, as last amended on 11 February 2011] 3. Правилник за признавање на патент [3. Patent Regulations of 23 March 2004, as last amended on 29 August 2006] 4. Закон за општа управна постапка [4. Law on General Administrative Procedure]	Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 47/02, No. 42/03, No. 9/04, No. 39/06, No. 79/07, No. 21/09 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. 70/06, No. 92/2007, No. 88/2008, No. 130/2008, No. 6/2010, No. 145/2010, No. 17/2011 Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 18/04, No. 93/06 Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 38/2005	WIPO website at www.wipo.int/wipolex MK008EN (English) - - -	PL Fees Law Reg. Law on GAP
France	1. Code de la propriété intellectuelle (partie Législative) [1. Intellectual Property Code (legislative part)]	www.legifrance.gouv.fr	IPLT FR 1-001 (English)	PL

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	2. Code de la propriété intellectuelle (partie Réglementaire) <i>[2. Intellectual Property Code (regulations)]</i> 3. Arrêté du 24 avril 2008 relatif aux redevances de procédures perçues par l'Institut national de la propriété industrielle, applicable au 6 février 2009 <i>[3. Order of 24 April 2008 on the procedural fees of the "Institut national de la propriété industrielle", applicable as from 6 February 2009]</i> 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 <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> 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 <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>	<i>www.legifrance.gouv.fr</i> JORF du 26.4.08 10.9.08 JORF 1979, 8042 JORF 1979, 63; 1983, 8807; 1985, 10735; 1987, 5308; 1993, 1276; 1993, 17678; 1995, 15941; 2000, 12799	IPLT FR 1-002 (English) - Bl.f.PMZ 1980, 283 (German) Bl.f.PMZ 1979, 163; 1988, 124; 2001, 66 (German)	Reg. Fees Ord. of 24.4.08 Ord. of 19.9.79 - -

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Germany	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 7 des Gesetzes zur Novellierung patentrechtlicher Vorschriften und anderer Gesetze des gewerblichen Rechtsschutzes vom 19. Oktober 2013 (Änderungen treten am 1. April 2014 in Kraft) <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 7 of the Law of 19 October 2013 amending provisions of patent legislation and other industrial property laws (amendments entering into force on 1 April 2014)]</i> 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 <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>	www.gesetze-im-internet.de 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; 2013 I 3830 BGBI 1979 I 1269; 1986 I 1446; 1991 II 1354	IPLT DE 2-001 (English, French) -	LIPC CPL

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	3. Patentgesetz in der Fassung der Bekanntmachung vom 16. Dezember 1980, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 1 des Gesetzes zur Novellierung patentrechtlicher Vorschriften und anderer Gesetze des gewerblichen Rechtsschutzes vom 19. Oktober 2013 (Änderungen treten teilweise erst am 1. April 2014 in Kraft) <i>[3. Consolidated Patent Law as published on 16 December 1980, last amended by Article 1 of the Law of 19 October 2013 amending provisions of patent legislation and other industrial property laws (some amendments not entering into force until 1 April 2014)]</i> 4. Gesetz über die Kosten des Deutschen Patent- und Markenamts und des Bundespatentgerichts (Patentkostengesetz) vom 13. Dezember 2001, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 4 des Gesetzes zur Novellierung patentrechtlicher Vorschriften und anderer Gesetze des gewerblichen Rechtsschutzes vom 19. Oktober 2013 (Änderungen treten teilweise erst am 1. April 2014 in Kraft) <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 4 of the Law of 19 October 2013 amending provisions of patent legislation and other industrial property laws (some amendments not entering into force until 1 April 2014)]</i>	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; 2009 I 2521; 2011 I 2302; 2013 I 3786; 2013 I 3799; 2013 I 3830 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; 2009 I 2446; 2009 I 2521; 2013 I 3799; 2013 I 3830	- (English - excerpt, DPMA - A 9514.1)	PA LPF

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	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 2 Abs. 4 des Gesetzes zur Modernisierung von Verfahren im patentanwaltlichen Berufsrecht vom 14. August 2009 <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 2(4) of the law of 14 August 2009 modernising procedures under the law governing the patent-agent profession]</i> 6. Verordnung über die Übersetzungen der Ansprüche europäischer Patentanmeldungen vom 18. Dezember 1978, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 1 der Verordnung vom 4. August 2011 <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 4 August 2011]</i> 7. Verordnung über die Zahlung der Kosten des Deutschen Patent- und Markenamts und des Bundespatentgerichts (Patentkostenzahlungsverordnung - PatKostZV) vom 15. Oktober 2003, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 4 der Verordnung über den elektronischen Rechtsverkehr beim Deutschen Patent- und Markenamt und zur Änderung weiterer Verordnungen für das Deutsche Patent- und Markenamt vom 1. November 2013 (Änderungen treten am 1. Dezember 2013 in Kraft) <i>[7. Ordinance on Payment of Costs charged by the German Patent and Trade Mark Office and of the Federal Patent Court (Patent Costs Payment Ordinance) of 15 October 2003, last amended by Article 4 of the Ordinance of 1 November 2013 on electronic legal dealings with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office and amending other ordinances relating to the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (amendments entering into force on 1 December 2013)]</i> 8. Verordnung zum Verfahren in Patentsachen vor dem Deutschen Patent- und Markenamt (Patentverordnung - PatV) vom 1. September 2003, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 3 der Verordnung vom 10. Dezember 2012 <i>[8. Ordinance on Patent Procedures before the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (Patent Ordinance) of 1 September 2003, last amended by Article 3 of the Ordinance of 10 December 2012]</i>	BGBI 1991 II 1354; 2007 I 2166 i.V.m. 2009 I 2827 BGBI 1978 II 1469; 1993 II 1989; 2011 II 738 BGBI 2003 I 2083; 2013 I 3906 BGBI 2003 I 1702; 2004 I 897; 2004 I 3532; 2011 I 996; 2012 I 2630	- - (DPMA: English - A 9511.1, French - A 9511.2) (DPMA: English - P 2790.1, French - P 2790.2)	2. CPL Publ. Reg. Cost Ord. PO

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	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 <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> 10. Verordnung über das Deutsche Patent- und Markenamt (DPMA-Verordnung – DPMAV) vom 1. April 2004, zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 2 der Verordnung über den elektronischen Rechtsverkehr beim Deutschen Patent- und Markenamt und zur Änderung weiterer Verordnungen für das Deutsche Patent- und Markenamt vom 1. November 2013 <i>[10. Ordinance of 1 April 2004 on the German Patent and Trade Mark Office, as last amended by Article 2 of the Ordinance of 1 November 2013 on electronic legal dealings with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office and amending other ordinances relating to the German Patent and Trade Mark Office]</i> 11. Verordnung über den elektronischen Rechtsverkehr beim Deutschen Patent- und Markenamt (ERVDPMAV) vom 1. November 2013 <i>[11. Ordinance of 1 November 2013 on electronic legal dealings with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (OELDDPMA)]</i>	BGBI 1992 I 938; 1994 II 1438; 1997 I 3224; 1998 I 1827; 2001 I 3656; 2004 I 390 BGBI 2004 I 514; 2006 I 2159; 2010 I 83; 2010 I 330; 2013 I 3799; 2013 I 3906 BGBI 2013 I 3906	IPLT DE 1-006 (English, French) - -	- DPMAV OELDDPMA
Greece	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 <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> 2. Νόμος 4325/1963 περί εφευρέσεων αφορωσών την εθνικήν άμυναν της χώρας και τροποποιήσεως του Ν. 2527/1920 "περί διπλωμάτων ευρεσιτεχνίας" <i>[2. Law No. 4325/1963 on inventions relating to national defence and amending Law No. 2527/1920 on patents]</i> 3. Νόμος 1607/1986 "Κύρωση της σύμβασης για την χορήγηση Ευρωπαϊκών διπλωμάτων ευρεσιτεχνίας, που υπογράφηκε στο Μόναχο στις 5 Οκτωβρίου 1973 <i>[3. Law No. 1607/1986 on the ratification of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents, done at Munich on 5 October 1973]</i>	ΦΕΚ 171 Α' 22.9.1987 201 Α' 20.11.1987 22 Α' 14.2.1992 241Α' 21.11.1995 ΦΕΚ 156 Α' 27.9.1963 ΦΕΚ 85 Α' 30.6.1986	Bl. f. PMZ 1988, 330 (German) IPLT GR 1-001 (English, French) - -	Law No. 1733/87 Law No. 4325/63 Law No. 1607/86

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	4. Νόμος 3396 "Κύρωση της Πράξης Αναθεώρησης της Σύμβασης για την χορήγηση των Ευρωπαϊκών διπλωμάτων ευρεσιτεχνίας (Σύμβαση για το Ευρωπαϊκό δίπλωμα ευρεσιτεχνίας της 5^{ης} Οκτωβρίου 1973, η οποία τροποποιήθηκε στις 17 Δεκεμβρίου 1991) της 29^{ης} Νοεμβρίου 2000" <i>[4. 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]</i>	ΦΕΚ 246 Α' 6.10.2005	-	-
	5. Νόμος 3966 "Εναρμόνιση εθνικού δικαίου με την οδηγία 2004/48/ΕΚ του Ευρωπαϊκού Κοινοβουλίου και του Συμβουλίου της 29^{ης} Απριλίου 2004 σχετικά με την επιβολή δικαιωμάτων διανοητικής ιδιοκτησίας, άρθρο. 53" <i>[5. Law No. 3966, bringing national legislation into line with the Directive 2004/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the enforcement of intellectual property rights, Article 53]</i>	ΦΕΚ 118Α' 24.5.2011	-	-
	6. Προεδρικό Διάταγμα 77/1988 σχετικά με τις διατάξεις εφαρμογής της σύμβασης για τη χορήγηση Ευρωπαϊκών διπλωμάτων ευρεσιτεχνίας, όπως τροποποιήθηκε με το Προεδρικό διάταγμα 46/2012 <i>[6. Presidential Decree No. 77/1988 on provisions for implementing the Convention on the Grant of European Patents, as last amended by Presidential Decree No. 46/2012]</i>	ΦΕΚ 33 Α' 25.2.1988 246 Α' 95 Α' 23.4.2012	Bl. f. PMZ 1988, 338 (German)	Pres. Decr. No. 77/88
	7. Προεδρικό διάταγμα 321/2001 σχετικά με την προσαρμογή στην Οδηγία 98/44/ΕΚ του Ευρωπαϊκού Κοινοβουλίου και του Συμβουλίου για την έννομη προστασία των βιοτεχνολογικών εφευρέσεων <i>[7. Presidential Decree No. 321/2001 adopting Directive 98/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the legal protection of biotechnological inventions]</i>	ΦΕΚ 218 Α' 1.10.2001		
	8. Υπουργική απόφαση 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 ριθ. 3111/ΕΦΑ/433 <i>[8. 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>	ΦΕΚ 778 Β' 31.12.1987 309 Β' 27.3.1998		Min. Dec. No. 3111/EFA/433
	9. Υπουργική απόφαση 30560/544/1997 "Κατάθεση αίτησης στον ΟΒΙ για χορήγηση συμπληρωματικού πιστοποιητικού προστασίας για τα φυτοπροστατευτικά προϊόντα <i>[9. Ministerial decision No. 30560/544/1997 on the filing of applications with the OBI for a supplementary protection certificate in respect of plant protection products]</i>	ΦΕΚ 665 Β' 7.8.1997	-	-

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	10. Υπουργική απόφαση 14905/ΕΦΑ/3058/1997 "Κατάθεση αίτησης στον Ο.Β.Ι. για χορήγηση συμπληρωματικού πιστοποιητικού προστασίας για τα φάρμακα <i>[10. Ministerial Decision No. 14905/ΕΦΑ/3058/1997 on the filing of applications with the OBI for a supplementary protection certificate in respect of medicinal products]</i> 11. Υπουργική απόφαση 11475/ΕΦΑ/2388 σχετικά με την διαδικασία κατάθεσης αίτησης στον Ο.Β.Ι. για εξαμήνη παράταση της διάρκειας ισχύος του συμπληρωματικού πιστοποιητικού προστασίας για παιδιατρικά φάρμακα <i>[11. Ministerial Decision No. 11475/ΕΦΑ/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> 12. Υπουργική απόφαση 10374/2009 "Διαδικασία κατάρτισης της έκθεσης έρευνας ή της τελικής έκθεσης έρευνας" <i>[12. Ministerial decision No. 10374/2009 on the procedure for the drawing up of the search report or the final search report by the OBI]</i> 13. Απόφαση του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου του Οργανισμού Βιομηχανικής Ιδιοκτησίας της 10ης Φεβρουαρίου 2012 σχετικά με τον Ο.Β.Ι. <i>[13. Decision of the Administrative Council of the Industrial Property Organisation of 10 February 2012 relating to fees]</i>	ΦΕΚ 1162 Β' 30.12.1997 ΦΕΚ 1165 Β' 25.6.2008 ΦΕΚ 1594 Β' 4.8.2009 ΕΔΒΙ 1/2012, Τεύχος Α'	- - - -	- - - Dec. of 10.2.2012
Hungary	1. 1995. évi XXXIII. törvény a találmányok szabadalmi oltalmáról <i>[1. Act XXXIII of 1995 on the protection of inventions by patents, as last amended by Act XVI of 2013]</i> 2. 2007. évi CXXX. törvény az Európai Szabadalmi Egyezmény 2000-ben felülvizsgált szövegének kihirdetéséről <i>[2. Act CXXX of 2007 on the promulgation of the European Patent Convention as revised in 2000]</i>	Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 1995/35 (V.5.), 2007/163 (XI.29.), 2010/191 (XII.16.), 2011/151 (XII.14.), 2013/46 (III.19.) Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 2007/157 (XI.20.)	Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) website at www.hipo.gov.hu (English) -	PA PromEPC

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	3. 319/2007 (XII.5.) Korm. rendelet az Európai Szabadalmi Egyezmény 2000-ben felülvizsgált szövegéhez kapcsolódó Végrehajtási Szabályzat kihirdetéséről 43/2010 (II.26.) Korm. rendelet az Európai Szabadalmi Egyezmény 2000-ben felülvizsgált szövegéhez kapcsolódó Végrehajtási Szabályzat 2009.március 25-én, az Európai Szabadalmi Szervezet Igazgatótanácsának CA/D 2/09. számú határozatával megállapított módosításának kihirdetéséről 44/2010 (II.26.) Korm. rendelet az Európai Szabadalmi Egyezmény 2000-ben felülvizsgált szövegéhez kapcsolódó Végrehajtási Szabályzat 2009. március 25-én, az Európai Szabadalmi Szervezet Igazgatótanácsának CA/D 3/09. számú határozatával megállapított módosításának kihirdetéséről 45/2010 (II.26.) Korm. rendelet az Európai Szabadalmi Egyezmény 2000-ben felülvizsgált szövegéhez kapcsolódó Végrehajtási Szabályzat 2009. október 27-én, az Európai Szabadalmi Szervezet Igazgatótanácsának CA/D 20/09. számú határozatával megállapított módosításának kihirdetéséről 46/2010 (II.26.) Korm. rendelet az Európai Szabadalmi Egyezmény 2000-ben felülvizsgált szövegéhez kapcsolódó Végrehajtási Szabályzat 2009. október 28-án, az Európai Szabadalmi Szervezet Igazgatótanácsának CA/D 18/09. számú határozatával megállapított módosításának kihirdetéséről <i>[3.Government Decree No. 319/2007 (XII.5.) on the promulgation of the Implementing Regulations to the European Patent Convention as revised in 2000</i> <i>Government Decree No. 43/2010 (II.26.) publishing an amendment, adopted on 25 March 2009 by decision CA/D 2/09 of the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation, to the Implementing Regulations to the EPC 2000</i> <i>Government Decree No. 44/2010 (II.26.) publishing an amendment, adopted on 25 March 2009 by decision CA/D 3/09 of the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation, to the Implementing Regulations to the EPC 2000</i> <i>Government Decree No. 45/2010 (II.26.) publishing an amendment, adopted on 27 October 2009 by decision CA/D 20/09 of the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation, to the Implementing Regulations to the EPC 2000</i> <i>Government Decree No. 46/2010 (II.26.) publishing an amendment, adopted on 28 October 2009 by decision CA/D 18/09 of the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation, to the Implementing Regulations to the EPC 2000]</i>	Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 2007/168 (XII.5.), 2010/28 (II.26.)	-	-

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	4. 20/2002. (XII.12.) IM rendelet a szabadalmi bejelentés, az európai szabadalmi bejelentésekkel és az európai szabadalmakkal, illetve a nemzeti szabadalmi bejelentésekkel összefüggő beadványok, valamint a növényfajta-oltalmi bejelentés részletes alaki szabályairól <i>[4. Decree No. 20/2002 (XII.12.) of the Minister of Justice 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 last amended by Decree No. 30/2012 (VI.25.) of the Minister of Public Administration and Justice]</i> 5. 19/2005. (IV.12.) GKM rendelet a Magyar Szabadalmi Hivatal előtti iparjogvédelmi eljárások igazgatási szolgáltatási díjairól <i>[5. Decree No. 19/2005 (IV.12.) of the Minister of Economy and Transport on the fees for administrative services in industrial property procedures before the Hungarian Patent Office, as last amended by Decree No. 35/2011 (XII.22.) of the Minister of Public Administration and Justice]</i>	Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 2002/154 (XII.12.), 2008/71 (V.8.), 2010/199 (XII.28.), 2011/35 (XII.22.), 2012/76 (VI.25.) Magyar Közlöny (Official Gazette) 2005/47 (IV.12.), 2008/71 (V.8.), 2009/75 (VI.3.), 2010/199 (XII.28.), 2011/157 (XII.22.)	-	PForm FeeDecr
Iceland	1. Lög um einkaleyfi nr. 17/1991, síðast breytt með lögum nr. 126/2011 <i>[1. Patents Act No. 17/1991, last amended by Act No. 126/2011]</i>	Stjórnartíðindi A-deild 17/1991 92/1991 67/1993 36/1996 91/1996 132/1997 82/1998 28/2002 72/2003 22/2004 53/2004 54/2004 12/2005 127/2005 108/2006 167/2007 98/2009 25/2011 126/2011	Icelandic Patent Office website at www.eis.is (English)	PA

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	8. Patents, Trade Marks, Copyright and Designs (Fees) Rules 2001 Patents, Trade Marks and Design (Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2012 9. European Communities (Supplementary Protection Certificate) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 10. European Communities (Limitation of Effect of Patent) Regulations 2006 11. European Communities (Patent Agents) Regulations 2006 12. Patents (Amendment) Act 2006 (Certain Provisions) (Commencement) Order 2007 13. European Communities (Supplementary Protection Certificate) Regulations 2008 14. European Communities (Compulsory Licensing of Patents Relating to the Manufacture of Pharmaceutical Products for Export to Countries with Public Health Problems) Regulations 2008 15. Patents (Amendment) Act 2006 (Certain Provisions) (Commencement) Order 2009 16. Patents (Amendment) Act 2006 (Section 41) (Commencement) Order 2010	S.I. No. 482 of 2001 S.I. No. 335 of 2012 S.I. No. 648 of 2001 S.I. No. 50 of 2006 S.I. No. 141 of 2006 S.I. No. 761 of 2007 S.I. No. 307 of 2008 S.I. No. 408 of 2008 S.I. No. 196 of 2009 S.I. No. 432 of 2010	- - - - - - - - - -	Fees Rules - - SI No. 141 of 2006 - - - - -
Italy	1. Legge n. 260 del 26 maggio 1978 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 [1. Law No. 260 of 26 May 1978 <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> 2. Codice della Proprieta' Industriale - Decreto Legislativo 10 febbraio 2005 n. 30 [2. Legislative Decree No. 30 of 10 February 2005 - Code of Industrial Property] 3. Legge n. 296 del 27 dicembre 2006 - Legge Finanziaria 2007 [3. Law No. 296 of 27 December 2006 - Annual Budget Law 2007]	Suppl. ord. alla G.U. N. 156 del 7.6.1978 Suppl. ord. alla G.U. N. 52 del 4.3.2005 G.U. N. 299 del 27.12.2006 Suppl. ord. alla G.U. N. 244	- Bl.f.PMZ 2007, 17, 67, 131, 170 (German) -	- PL Fees Law

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	4. Decreto Ministeriale del 2 aprile 2007 Determinazione dei diritti sui brevetti e modelli in attuazione del comma 851 dell'Art. 1 della Legge n. 296 del 27 dicembre 2006 <i>[4. Ministerial decree of 2 April 2007</i> <i>Fixing of fees for patents and models in accordance with Art. 1 of Law No. 296 of 27 December 2006]</i> 5. Legge n. 224 del 29 novembre 2007 Ratifica ed esecuzione dell'atto recante la revisione della convenzione sul rilascio del brevetto europeo della CBE Monaco 29 novembre 2000 <i>[5. Law No. 224 of 29 November 2007 ratifying and implementing the Act revising the European Patent Convention, Munich, 29 November 2000]</i> 6. Decreto Ministeriale del 27 giugno 2008 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 <i>[6. Ministerial Decree of 27 June 2008</i> <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> 7. Decreto Ministeriale n. 33 del 13.01.2010 Regolamento di attuazione del Codice Proprieta' Industriale adottato con Decreto Legislativo del 10.02.2005 n. 30 <i>[7. Ministerial Decree No. 33 of 13 January 2010</i> <i>Implementing Regulations to the Code of Industrial Property, adopted by Legislative Decree No. 30 of 10 February 2005]</i> 8. Decreto Legislativo del 13.08.2010 n. 131 Modifiche al Codice Proprieta' industriale n. 30 <i>[8. Legislative Decree No. 131 of 13 August 2010</i> <i>Modifications to the Legislative Decree No. 30 - Code of Industrial Property]</i>	G.U. N. 81 del 6.4.2007 Suppl. Ord. alla G.U. N. 281 del 3.12.2007 G.U. N. 153 del 2.7.2008 G.U. N. 56 del 9.3.2010 Suppl. ord. N. 195/L alla G.U. del 18.8.2010	- - - - -	Min. Decr. of 2.4.07 - - Min. Decr. No. 33 -
Latvia	1. 2007. gada 15. februāra Patentu likums ar 2010. gada 14. oktobra grozījumiem <i>[1. Patent Law adopted on 15 February 2007, as amended on 14 October 2010]</i>	Latvijas Vēstnesis 34(3610), 27.2.2007 174(4366) 3.11.2010	Bl.f.PMZ 2010, 7 (German)	PL

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	2. 2008. gada 1. aprīļa Ministru kabineta noteikumi Nr. 224 Patentu un patentu pieteikumu noteikumi, stājās 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> 3. 2007. gada 4. decembra Ministru Kabineta noteikumi Nr. 824 "Noteikumi par valsts nodevu par izgudrojumu tiesisko aizsardzību" ar 2011. gada 22. februāra grozījumiem <i>[3. Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 824 of 4 December 2007 "Regulations on State Fees for legal protection of inventions", as amended on 22 February 2011]</i>	Vēstnesis No. 53, 4.4.2008 Vēstnesis No. 197, 7.12.2007 32 (4430), 25.2.2011	-	PR 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> 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> 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>	LGBl. 1980 Nr. 31 LGBl. 1980 Nr. 32 LGBl. 1980 Nr. 33	OJ EPO 1980, 407 (English, French) IPLT LI-CH 2-001 (English, French) OJ EPO 1980, 407 (English, French) IPLT LI-CH 2-001 (English, French) - -	Treaty CH/LI of 22.12.78 - -
Lithuania	1. Lietuvos Respublikos patentų įstatymas Nr. XI-1261 (2010 12 23) <i>[1. Patent law of the Republic of Lithuania No. XI-1261 of 23 December 2010]</i> 2. Mokesčių už pramoninės nuosavybės objektų registravimą įstatymas Nr. IX-352 (2001 06 05), pakeistas įstatymu Nr. XI-1262 (2010 12 23) <i>[2. Law on fees for the registration of industrial property objects of 5 June 2001 No. IX-352, as amended by Law No. XI-1262 of 23 December 2010]</i>	Valstybės žinios Nr. 4-127/2011 Valstybės žinios Nr. 52/2001, Nr. 110/2001, Nr. 116/2003, Nr. 73/2004, Nr. 59/2007, Nr. 4-128/2011 Nr. 135- 6873/2012	-	PL Fees Law

* For other legal provisions applicable to Liechtenstein, see Switzerland Nos. 1-4

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	3. Lietuvos Respublikos Vyriausybės 2007 m. spalio 24 d. nutarimas Nr. 1143 Dėl įgaliojimų suteikimo įgyvendinant Lietuvos Respublikos patentų įstatymo 38¹ straipsnį <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> 4. Valstybinio patentų biuro direktoriaus 2001 m. gruodžio 27 d. įsakymas Nr. 118 Dėl papildomos apsaugos liudijimų išdavimo <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> 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 <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>	Valstybės žinios Nr. 114/2007 Valstybės žinios Nr. 9/2002 Nr. 153-7254/2011 Valstybės žinios Nr. 49/2006, Nr. 68/2007 Nr. 153-7253/2011	- - -	- - -
Luxembourg	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.) <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> 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 <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>	Mémorial A 1977, 872 Mémorial A 1978, 528	Bl.f.PMZ 1978, 334 (German) IPLT LU 2-003 (English) -	Law of 27.5.77 Reg. of 9.5.78

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	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, Loi du 25 avril 2008 et la Loi du 22 mai 2009 <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, by Law of 25 April 2008 and by Law of 22 May 2009]</i> 4. Règlement grand-ducal du 17 novembre 1997 concernant la procédure et les formalités administratives en matière de brevets d'invention <i>[4. Grand-Ducal Patents Decree (implementing procedures) of 17 November 1997 on the procedure and administrative formalities relating to patents of invention]</i> 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 décembre 2010 <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 December 2010]</i> 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 <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> 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 <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> 8. Règlement grand-ducal du 12 juin 1975 concernant le recouvrement des frais de publication au Mémorial, Recueil administratif et économique <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>	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; A-N° 117/2009, 1684 Mémorial A-N° 96/1997, 2946 Mémorial A-N° 96/1997, 2956; A-N° 75/2004, 1108; A-N° 252/2010, 4601 Mémorial A 1967, 796 Mémorial A 1969, 1234 Mémorial A 1975, 723	Bl.f.PMZ 1998, 292 (German) IPLT LU 2-005 (English) - - - - -	PL Decr. Fees Reg. Law of 8.7.67 Reg. of 18.9.69 Reg. of 12.6.75

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Malta	1. ATT DWAR IL-PRIVATTIVI INDUSTRIJALI U D-DISINNI Sabiex jipprovdi dwar ir-registrazzjoni u r-regolamentazzjoni ta' privattivi industrijali u disinni. 1 ta' Ġunju, 2002 L-ATT XVII ta' l-2000, kif emendat bl-Atti IX ta' l-2003 u XVIII ta' l-2005; u bl-Avvizi Legali 181 u 186 ta' l-2006, u 426 ta' l-2007 <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> 2. ATT Nru. XVIII ta' l-2005 Att biex jemenda l-Att dwar il-Privattivi Industrijali u d-Disinni Kap. 417 <i>[2. ACT No. XVIII of 2005 Patents and Designs (Amendment) Act 2005]</i> 3. A.L.117 ta' l-2002 Regolamenti ta' l-2002 dwar il-Privattivi <i>[3. Legal Notice No. 117 of 2002 Patents Regulations 2002]</i> 4. A.L. 260 ta' l-2002 Regolamenti ta' l-2002 dwar il-Privattivi (Prodotti ta' Protezzjoni għall- Pjanti) <i>[4. Legal Notice No. 260 of 2002 Patents (Plant Protection Products) Regulations 2002]</i> 5. A.L. 261 ta' l-2002 Regolamenti ta' l-2002 dwar il-Privattivi (Prodotti Mediċinali) <i>[5. L.N. No. 261 of 2002 Patents (Medicinal Products) Regulations 2002]</i>	Government Gazette of Malta No. 16 967 11.07.2000 Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 853 16.12.2005 Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 241 24.05.2002 Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 288 13.09.2002 Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 288 13.09.2002	Government Gazette of Malta No. 16 967 11.07.2000 (English) Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 853 16.12.2005 (English) Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 241 24.05.2002 (English) Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 288 13.09.2002 (English) Government Gazette of Malta No. 17 288 13.09.2002 (English)	PA 2000 Act XVIII 2005 L.N. 117/2002 L.N. 260/2002 L.N. 261/2002

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	6. A.L. 98 ta' l-2007 Regolamenti ta' l-2007 dwar it-Trattat ta' Kooperazzjoni dwar il-Privattivi <i>[6. L.N. No. 98 of 2007 Patent Cooperation Treaty Regulations 2007]</i> 7. A.L. 99 ta' l-2007 Regolamenti ta' l-2007 dwar il-Konvenzjoni Ewropeja dwar il-Privattivi <i>[7. L.N. No. 99 of 2007 European Patent Convention Regulations 2007]</i>	Government Gazette of Malta No. 18 064 13.04.2007 Government Gazette of Malta No. 18 064 13.04.2007	Government Gazette of Malta No. 18 064 13.04.2007 (English) Government Gazette of Malta No. 18 064 13.04.2007 (English)	L.N. 98/2007 L.N. 99/2007
Monaco	1. Loi n° 606 du 20 juin 1955 sur les brevets d'invention, modifiée par la Loi n° 625 du 5 novembre 1956 <i>[1. Law No. 606 of 20 June 1955 on Patents of Invention, as amended by Law No. 625 of 5 November 1956]</i> 2. Ordonnance souveraine n° 1476 du 30 janvier 1957 <i>[2. Sovereign Ordinance No. 1476 of 30 January 1957]</i> 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 <i>[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]</i> 4. Ordonnance souveraine n° 10.427 du 9 janvier 1992 concernant le brevet européen <i>[4. Sovereign Ordinance No. 10.427 of 9 January 1992 concerning European patents]</i> 5. Arrêté ministériel n° 93-553 du 21 octobre 1993 concernant les modalités de délivrance du brevet européen <i>[5. Ministerial Decree No. 93-553 of 21 October 1993 concerning arrangements for the grant of European patents]</i> 6. Ordonnance souveraine n° 13.827 du 15 décembre 1998 relative à l'introduction de l'euro <i>[6. Sovereign Ordinance No. 13.827 of 15 December 1998 concerning the introduction of the euro]</i>	J. M. du 27.6.55 et du 19.11.56 J. M. du 4.2.57 J. M. du 6.10.06 J. M. du 17.1.92 J. M. du 22.10.93 J.M. du 18.12.98	- - - - - -	PA SO No. 1476 SO (Fees) SO No. 10.427 MD -

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Netherlands	1. Rijksoctrooiwet 1995 van 15 december 1994, laatstelijk gewijzigd op 7 juli 2010 <i>[1. Patents Act of the Kingdom 1995 of 15 December 1994, as last amended on 7 July 2010]</i>	Stb. 1995, 51, 52; 2003, 35; 2006, 22; 2006, 135; 2006, 650; 2007, 479; 2010, 339	GRUR Int. 1996, 22 and Bl. f. PMZ 1996, 230 (German) IPLT NL 2-001 (English, French)	PA
	2. Uitvoeringsbesluit Rijksoctrooiwet 1995 van 20 februari 1995, laatstelijk gewijzigd op 20 augustus 2010 <i>[2. Patent Rules of 20 February 1995, as last amended on 20 August 2010]</i>	Stb. 1995, 108; 1999, 411; 2003, 158; 2008, 124; 2009, 7; 2009, 429; 2010, 343	-	PR
	3. Uitvoeringsregeling 2009 Rijksoctrooiwet 1995 (van 6 november 2009) <i>[3. Implementing Rules 2009 (dated 6 November 2009) relating to the Patents Act 1995]</i>	Staatscourant 2009, 17294	-	IR
Norway	1. Lov om patenter (patentloven) av 15. Desember 1967 nr 9 <i>[1. The Norwegian Patents Act of 15 December 1967, No. 9]</i>	www.lovdata.no ISBN 82-504-1193-5	-	PL
	2. Forskrift til patentloven (patentforskriften) av 14. Desember 2007 nr 1417 <i>[2. Regulations to the Norwegian Patents Act (the Patent Regulations) of 14 December 2007, No. 1417]</i>	www.lovdata.no I 2007 hefte 12	-	PR
	3. Lov om oppfinnelser av betydning for rikets forsvar av 26. Juni 1953 nr 8 <i>[3. Inventions of Importance to the Defence of the Realm Act of 26 June 1953, No. 8]</i>	www.lovdata.no ISBN 82-504-1099-8	-	Defence Act
	4. Lov om retten til oppfinnelser som er gjort av arbeidstakere av 17. April 1970 nr 21 <i>[4. The Right to Inventions made by Employees Act of 17 April 1970, No. 21]</i>	www.lovdata.no ISBN 82-504-1211-7	-	-
	5. Forskrift om behandling av saker etter lov om oppfinnelser av betydning for rikets forsvar av 9. Mars 2000 nr 215 <i>[5. Regulations on the Handling of Cases in accordance with the Right to Inventions made by Employees Act of 9 March 2000, No. 215]</i>	www.lovdata.no Avd I 2000 564	-	-

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	6. Forskrift om avgifter og gebyrer til Patentstyret mv. av 13. desember 2010 nr. 1646 [6. Regulations on Fees to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office of 13 December 2010, No. 1646]	www.lovdata.no I 2010 hefte 14	-	Fees Reg.
Poland	1. Ustawa z dnia 30 czerwca 2000r. Prawo własności przemysłowej Zmieniona: - 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 - Ustawą z dnia 5 września 2008r. o zmianie ustawy o zastawie rejestrowym i rejestrze zastawów oraz o zmianie innych ustaw - Ustawą z dnia 24 października 2008 r. o zmianie ustawy o rejestracji i ochronie nazw i oznaczeń produktów rolnych i środków spożywczych oraz o produktach tradycyjnych oraz o zmianie niektórych innych ustaw - Ustawą z dnia 21 listopada 2008r. o służbie cywilnej - Ustawą z dnia 5 sierpnia 2010 r. o ochronie informacji niejawnych - Ustawą z dnia 23 listopada 2012 r. o zmianie niektórych ustaw w związku z podwyższeniem wieku emerytalnego [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, the Act of 29 June 2007, the Act of 5 September 2008, the Act of 24 October 2008, the Act of 21 November 2008, the Act of 5 August 2010 and the Act of 23 November 2012]	Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 119 poz.1117 09.07.2003 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; 2008, Nr. 180, poz.1113, Nr. 216, poz. 1368, Nr. 227, poz. 1505; 2010, Nr. 182, poz. 1228; 2012, poz. 1544	Polish Patent Office website at www.uprp.pl (English)	IPL

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	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 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 <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 February 2008]</i> 3. Rozporządzenie Prezesa Rady Ministrów z dnia 17 września 2001r. w sprawie dokonywania i rozpatrywania zgłoszeń wynalazków i wzorów użytkowych Zmienione Rozporządzeniem Prezesa Rady Ministrów z dnia 14 czerwca 2005r. zmieniającym rozporządzenie w sprawie dokonywania i rozpatrywania zgłoszeń wynalazków i wzorów użytkowych <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> 4. Rozporządzenie Rady Ministrów z dnia 23 lipca 2002r. w sprawie wynalazków i wzorów użytkowych dotyczących obronności lub bezpieczeństwa Państwa <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> 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 <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> 6. 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 <i>[6. 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>	Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 90 poz. 1000, 29.08.2001; amendments: 2004 Nr. 35 poz. 309; 05.03.2004; 2008 Nr. 41 poz. 241, 26.02.2008 Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 102 poz. 1119 21.09.2001; amendments: Dziennik Ustaw 2005 Nr. 109, poz. 910, 14.06.2005 Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 123 poz. 1056 02.08.2002 Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 65 poz. 598 16.04.2003 amendments: Dziennik Ustaw 2007, Nr. 136 poz. 958, 29.06.2007 Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 141 poz. 1361 13.08.2003	Polish Patent Office website at www.uopr.pl (English) - - - - -	Fees Reg. FPR - EPAL -

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	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 <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> 8. Rozporządzenie Prezesa Rady Ministrów z dnia 20 maja 2008r. w sprawie rejestrów prowadzonych przez Urząd Patentowy Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej <i>[8. Regulation of the Prime Minister of 20 May 2008 on registers kept by the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland]</i>	Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 89, poz. 540, 15.05.2008 Dziennik Ustaw Nr. 91, poz. 564, 20.05.2008	- -	- Reg. Registers
Portugal	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 <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> 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 <i>[2. Order No. 24743/2008 of 3 October 2008 relating to formal requirements for applications, amended by Order No. 28670/2008 of 7 November 2008]</i> 3. Deliberação n° 1376-A/2013, de 28 de junho de 2013, relativa a taxas <i>[3. Resolution No. 1376-A/2013 of 28 June 2013 regarding fees]</i>	Diário da República I Série-A N° 143/2008, 4651 (Republication of the Industrial Property Code) Diário da República II Série N° 192/2008, 41110 N° 217/2008, 45890 Diário da República 2ª Série N° 123 de 28.6.2013	- - -	PA - Fees Res.

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	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, pelo Decreto-Lei n° 206/2002, de 16 de Outubro de 2002, a Lei n° 17/2010, de 4 de Agosto, a Portaria n° 1200/2010, de 29 de Novembro de 2010 e a Portaria n° 239/2013 de 25 de julho de 2013 <i>[4. Decree Law No. 15/95 of 24 January 1995, as amended by Decree Law No. 54/2001 of 15 February 2001, Decree Law No. 206/2002 of 16 October 2002, Law 17/2010 of 4 August 2010, Order No. 1200/2010 of 29 November 2010 and Order No. 239/2013 of 25 July 2013 regarding official representatives]</i>	Diário I Série-A N° 20/1995, 408; N° 39/2001, 845; N° 239/2002, 6774 Diário da República 1ª Série N° 150 de 4.8.2010; N° 231 de 29.11.2010; N° 142 de 25.7.2013	Bl.f.PMZ 1995, 295 (German)	Decr. Law
Romania	1. Legea Nr. 64/1991 privind brevetele de invenție republicată în Monitorul Oficial al României, Partea I, nr. 541 din 8 august 2007 <i>[1. Patent Law No. 64/1991, as republished in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, No. 541 of 8 August 2007]</i> 2. H.G. nr. 547 din 18 iunie 2008 pentru aprobarea Regulamentului de aplicare a Legii nr. 64/1991 privind brevetele de invenție <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> 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 <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> 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 <i>[4. Law No. 611/2002 of 13 November 2002 on Romania's Accession to the Convention on the Grant of European Patents of 5 October 1973, and to the Act Revising the Convention of 29 November 2000]</i>	Monitorul Oficial No. 212/1991 No. 340/2002 No. 752/2002 No. 541/2007 Monitorul Oficial No. 456/2008 Monitorul Oficial No. 43/1998 No. 471/2002 No. 6/2006 Monitorul Oficial No. 844/2002	IPLT RO-2-001 (English, French) GRUR Int. 1992, 196 (German) - - -	PL Reg. Fees Ord. AccEPCLaw

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	5. Legea nr. 350 din 12.12.2007 privind modelele de utilitate <i>[5. Law No. 350 of 12 December 2007 on Utility Models]</i> 6. Hotărâre a Guvernului nr. 1.457 din 12 noiembrie 2008 pentru aprobarea Regulamentului de aplicare a Legii nr. 350/2007 privind modelele de utilitate <i>[6. Government decision No. 1.457 of 12 November 2008 adopting implementing regulations for Law No. 350/2007 on utility models]</i> 7. Legea nr. 16 din 6 martie 1995 privind protecția topografiilor produselor semiconductoare <i>[7. Law No. 16 of 6 March 1995 on the protection of topographies of semiconductor products]</i> 8. Ordin nr. 6 din 10.01.2007 pentru aprobarea Normelor de aplicare a Legii nr. 16/1995 privind protecția topografiilor produselor semiconductoare <i>[8. Order No. 6 of 10 January 2007 adopting implementing rules for Law No. 16/1995 on the protection of topographies of semiconductor products]</i>	Monitorul Oficial No. 851/2007 Monitorul Oficial No. 814/4.12.2008 Monitorul Oficial No. 45/9.3.1995, No. 824/6.10.2006 Monitorul Oficial No. 90/5.2.2007	- - - -	LMU - - -
San Marino	1. Legge 25 maggio 2005 n. 79 Testo unico in tema di proprietà industriale <i>[1. Law No. 79 of 25 May 2005 Consolidated Act on industrial property]</i> 2. Legge 20 luglio 2005 n. 114 Modifiche alla Legge 25 maggio 2005 n. 79 <i>[2. Law No. 114 of 20 July 2005 Amendments to Law No. 79 of 25 May 2005]</i> 3. Decreto Delegato 20 aprile 2010 n. 78 Tasse per Brevetti, Marchi e Disegni <i>[3. Delegated Decree No. 78 of 20 April 2010 Fees for patents, trademarks and designs]</i> 4. Decreto legge 22 giugno 2009 n. 76 Norme di applicazione della Convenzione sul Brevetto Europeo (CBE) <i>[4. Decree Law No. 76 of 22 June 2009 Provisions for the application of the European Patent Convention (EPC)]</i>	B.U. n. 5, 2° parte, 2005 B.U. n. 7, 1° parte, 2005 B.U. n. 4, 2010 B.U. n. 3, 2009	- - - -	PA Law No. 114/2005 Fees Decr. Decree Law No. 76/2009

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	5. Legge 5 Dicembre 2011 n. 189 Modifiche alla legge n. 79/2005 in materia di proprietà industriale e abrogazione dell'articolo 152 della legge n. 165/2005 <i>[5. Law of 5 December 2011, No. 189</i> <i>Amendments to Law No. 79/2005 in the field of industrial property and repeal of Article 152 of Law No. 165/2005]</i>	B.U. n. 9, 2011	-	-
Serbia	1. Закон о патентима <i>[1. Patent Law, published on 27.12.2011]</i> 2. Правилник о садржини јавних регистара, потврда, пријава и захтева у поступку заштите проналазака, као и о врстама података, начину подношења пријаве и објављивања проналазака <i>[2. Rules on the content of public registers, certificates, applications and requests in the procedure for the protection of inventions, and on types of information, how to file applications and the publication of inventions, published on 30.11.2012]</i> 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) <i>[3. Cooperation and Extension Agreement, published on 18.6.2004]</i> 4. Закон о републичким административним таксама Закон о изменама и допунама Закона о републичким административним таксама <i>[4. Law on the Republic's Administrative Fees</i> <i>Law on Amendment of the Republic's Administrative Fees (entry into force on 2.8.2013)]</i>	Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 99/2011 Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 113/2012 Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro-International Agreements No. 14/2004 Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 5/2009, No. 35/2009, No. 54/2009, No. 70/2011, No. 55/2012, No. 93/2012, No. 47/2013, No. 65/2013	Serbian Intellectual Property Office website at www.zis.gov.rs/upload/documents/pdf_en/pdf_patenti/The%20Patent%20Law.pdf (English) - - -	PL Rules CEA Fees Law

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	5. Одлука о висини накнада посебних трошкова поступка који води завод за интелектуалну својину и накнада трошкова за пружање информационих услуга Завода <i>[5. Decision on special procedural fees and costs of information services, published on 20.1.2006]</i> 6. Закон о посебним овлашћењима ради ефикасне заштите права интелектуалне својине <i>[6. Law on special authorisations for the effective protection of intellectual property rights, published on 16.12.2009]</i> 7. Уредба о упису у Регистар заступника који води Савезни завод за интелектуалну својину <i>[7. Rules on entry into the Register of Representatives of the Federal Intellectual Property Office, published on 25.8.1995]</i> 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 <i>[8. Regulations for the specialist examination for representatives in procedures for the protection of inventions, trademarks, models, designs and geographical indications of origin, published on 27.10.1995]</i> 9. Закон о општем управном поступку <i>[9. Law on General Administrative Procedure, published on 7.5.2010]</i>	Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro No. 3/2006 Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 46/2006, No. 104/2009 Official Gazette of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia No. 39/1995 Official Gazette of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia No. 48/1995 Official Gazette of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia No. 33/1997, No. 31/2001 Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 30/2010	- - - - - - -	- - - - - - LGAP

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	10. Закон о потврђивању Конвенције о признавању европских патената (Конвенција о европском патенту) од 5. октобра 1973. године са изменама члана 63. Конвенције о европском патенту од 17. децембра 1991. године и изменама од 29. новембра 2000. године <i>[10. Law on the ratification of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention) of 5 October 1973 as amended by the act revising Article 63 EPC of 17 December 1991 and the act revising the EPC of 29 November 2000, published on 27.12.2011]</i> 11. Закон о патентима (На европске пријаве патената за које је захтевано проширење на Републику Србију, као и на европске patente који су признати на основу таквих европских пријава примењиваће се одредбе поглавља 15. Закона о патентима ("Службени лист СЦГ", бр. 32/04, 35/04 и "Службени гласник РС", број 115/06) <i>[11. Patent Law, published on 2.7.2004 (the provisions of Chapter XV of the Patent Law ("Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro", No. 32/04, 35/04, and "Official Gazette of RS", No. 115/2006) are still applicable to European patent applications extended to the Republic of Serbia and to European patents which have been granted for such applications)]</i>	Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia - International Treaties No. 5/2010 Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 99/2011 Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro No. 32/2004, No. 35/2004 Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 115/2006	- -	LREPC PL Ext.
Slovakia	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 <i>[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]</i> 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 <i>[2. Law No. 435/2001 Coll. on patents, supplementary protection certificates and on amendment of other Acts (Patent Act), as amended by subsequent law]</i> 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. <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>	Zbierka zákonov č. 47/2008, z 9.2.2008 Zbierka zákonov č. 435/2001, zo 4.10.2001 Zbierka zákonov č. 517/2007, z 21.11.2007	- Bl.f.PMZ 2002, 442 (German) -	- PA UM

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	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 <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> 5. Zákon NR SR č. 145/1995 Z.z. o správnych poplatkoch v znení neskorších predpisov <i>[5. Law NR SR No. 145/1995 Coll. on administration fees, as amended by subsequent law]</i> 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) <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> 7. Zákon č. 71/1967 Zb. o správnom konaní (správny poriadok) v znení neskorších predpisov <i>[7. Law No. 71/1967 Coll. on administrative procedure (Administrative Procedure Code) as amended by subsequent law]</i> 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, v znení neskorších predpisov <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, as amended by subsequent law]</i>	Zbierka zákonov č. 1/2008, z 10.1.2008 Zbierka zákonov NR SR č. 145/1995 Z.z., zo 17.7.1995 Zbierka zákonov č. 223/2002 Z.z., z 30.4.2002 Zbierka zákonov č. 71/1967 Zb. 29.6.1967 (Úplné znenie zákona: Zbierka zákonov č. 138/2004 Z.z.) Zbierka zákonov č. 495/2008 Z.z. 6.11.2008	- - - - - - -	- Fees Law RPA APC Act No. 495/2008

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Slovenia	1. Zakon o industrijski lastnini <i>[1. Industrial Property Act]</i>	Uradni list RS, št. 51/2006	WIPO website at www.wipo.int/ wipolex (English, French) Slovenian Intellectual Property website at www.uil-sipo.si (English)	IPA
	2. Uredba o pristojbinah Urada RS za intelektualno lastnino <i>[2. Decree on the fees of the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office]</i>	Uradni list RS, št. 128/2006	-	Fees Decr.
	3. Pravilnik o vsebini patentne prijave in postopku z deljenimi patenti <i>[3. Rules on the content of a patent application and the procedure for divided patents]</i>	Uradni list RS, št. 102/2001	-	PR
	4. Pravilnik o registrih prijav in pravic industrijske lastnine ter potrdilu o prednostni pravici <i>[4. Rules on registering applications and industrial property rights and priority certificates]</i>	Uradni list RS, št. 102/2001	-	Reg.Rules

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Spain	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; Ley 19/2006, de 5 de junio, por la que se amplían los medios de tutela de los derechos de propiedad intelectual y se establecen normas procesales para facilitar la aplicación de diversos Reglamentos comunitarios; Ley 29/2006, de 26 de julio, de garantías y uso racional de los medicamentos y productos sanitarios; Ley 25/2009, de 22 de diciembre, de modificación de diversas leyes para su adaptación a la Ley sobre el libre acceso a las actividades de servicios y su ejercicio; Ley 2/2011, de 4 de marzo, de Economía Sostenible; y Ley 14/2011, de 1 de junio, de la Ciencia, la Tecnología y la Innovación <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, Law 19/2006 of 5 June 2006 extending the means of enforcement of intellectual and industrial property rights and establishing procedural rules to facilitate the application of various EU regulations; Law 29/2006 of 26 July 2006 on guarantees and rational use of medicines and health products; Law 25/2009 of 22 December of 2009 amending various laws in the light of Law 17/2009 on free access to, and practice of, service activities; Law 2/2011 of 4 March 2011 on the sustainable economy and Law 14/2011 of 1 June 2011 on science, technology and innovation]</i> 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, modificado por Real Decreto 1595/1999, de 15 de octubre y Real Decreto 1431/2008, de 28 de agosto <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, as amended by Royal Decree 1595/1999, of 15 October 1999 and Royal Decree 1431/2008, of 28 August 2008]</i>	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; 134 of 6/6/2006; 178 of 27/7/2006; 308 of 23/12/2009; 55 of 5/3/2011; 131 of 2/6/2011 BOE núm. 283/86, 39247; 264/99, 38616; 223/08, 37572	Bl.f.PMZ 1987, 21, 61; 1999, 126; 2000, 174 (German) IPLT ES 2-001 (English, French) Bl.f.PMZ 1987, 177 (German)	PL RD 2424

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	3. Real Decreto 2245/1986, de 10 de octubre, por el que se aprueba el Reglamento para la ejecución de la Ley 11/1986, de 20 de marzo, de Patentes, modificado por Real Decreto 151/1996 de 2 de febrero 1996; Real Decreto 1595/1999, de 15 de octubre; Real Decreto 1431/2008, de 28 de agosto; y Real Decreto 245/2010, de 5 de marzo <i>[3. Royal Decree 2245/1986 of 10 October 1986 approving the Regulation on the implementation of Patent Law 11/1986 of 20 March 1986, as amended by Royal Decree 151/1996 of 2 February 1996; Royal Decree 1595/1999, of 15 October 1999; Royal Decree 1431/2008, of 28 August 2008 and Royal Decree 245/2010, of 5 March 2010]</i>	BOE núm. 261/86, 36431; 33/96, 4143; 35/96, 4676; 264/99, 38616; 223/08, 37572; 71/10, 27977	Bl.f.PMZ 1987, 165 (German)	RD 2245
	4. Ley 20/1987, de 7 octubre, sobre tasas que deben satisfacer los solicitantes y concesionarios de patentes europeas por determinadas actividades a realizar en el Registro de la Propiedad Industrial <i>[4. Law 20/1987 of 7 October 1987 governing fees payable by European patent applicants and proprietors for specific acts to be undertaken in the Registry of Industrial Property (Registro de la Propiedad Industrial)]</i>	BOE núm. 241/87, 30150; 312/88, 36470; 315/96, 38974; 313/02, 46008; 313/03, 46784; 312/04, 41879; 310/07, 53286; 311/10, 105863	-	Fees Law
	5. Ley 46/1998, de 17 de diciembre sobre la introducción del euro <i>[5. Law 46/1998 of 17 December 1998 on the introduction of the euro]</i>	BOE núm. 302/98, 42460	-	-
	6. Real Decreto-Ley 8/1998, de 31 de julio, de medidas urgentes en materia de propiedad industrial <i>[6. Royal Decree-Law 8/1998 of 31 July 1998 on urgent measures relating to industrial property]</i>	BOE núm. 194/98, 27858	Bl.f.PMZ 1999, 126 (German)	Law 8/98
	7. Real Decreto 812/2000, de 19 de mayo, por el que se establece la aplicación del procedimiento de concesión con examen previo para la solicitudes de patentes del sector de alimentación, modificado por Real Decreto 1431/2008, de 28 de agosto <i>[7. Royal Decree 812/2000 of 19 May 2000 implementing the procedure for grant, subject to preliminary examination, of patent applications in the foodstuffs sector; as amended by Royal Decree 1431/2008, of 28 August 2008]</i>	BOE núm. 137/00, 20273 223/08, 37572	Bl.f.PMZ 2001, 46 (German)	RD 812/2000
	8. Real Decreto 996/2001, de 10 de septiembre, por el que se establece la aplicación con carácter general del procedimiento de concesión de patentes nacionales con examen previo <i>[8. Royal Decree 996/2001 of 10 September 2001 implementing the general procedure for grant of national patents, subject to preliminary examination]</i>	BOE núm. 218/01, 34130	-	RD 996/2001

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Sweden	1. Patentlag SFS 1967:837, ändrad enligt SFS 1971:626, SFS 1977:700, SFS 1977:730, SFS 1978:149, SFS 1978:150, SFS 1980:105, SFS 1981:816, omtryckt genom lag SFS 1983:433, SFS 1983:434 därefter ändrad genom SFS 1984:937, SFS 1986:233, SFS 1986:1156, SFS 1987:1330, SFS 1991:296, SFS 1992:1688, SFS 1993:1406, SFS 1994:105, SFS 1994:234, SFS 1994:1511, SFS 1996:847, SFS 1996:889, SFS 1996:890, SFS 1998:1456, SFS 2000:1158, SFS 2004:159, SFS 2004:161, SFS 2005:289, SFS 2005:692, 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, SFS 2008:367, SFS 2009:111, SFS 2010:1395, SFS 2011:580, SFS 2013:84 <i>[1. Patents Act SFS 1967:837, amended by SFS 1971:626, SFS 1977:700, SFS 1977:730, SFS 1978:149, SFS 1978:150, SFS 1980:105, SFS 1981:816, reprinted SFS 1983:433 SFS 1983:434 and amended by SFS 1984:937, SFS 1986:233, SFS 1986:1156, SFS 1987:1330, SFS 1991:296, SFS 1992:1688, SFS 1993:1406, SFS 1994:105, SFS 1994:234, SFS 1994:1511, SFS 1996:847, SFS 1996:889, SFS 1996:890, SFS 1998:1456, SFS 2000:1158, SFS 2004:159, SFS 2004:161, SFS 2005:289, SFS 2005:692, 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, SFS 2008:367, SFS 2009:111, SFS 2010:1395, SFS 2011:580, 2013:84]</i>	SFS 1967:837 1971:626 1977:700 1977:730 1978:149 1978:150 1980:105 1981:816 1983:433 1983:434 1984:937 1986:233 1986:1156 1987:1330 1991:296 1992:1688 1993:1406 1994:105 1994:234, 1994:1511 1996:847 1996:889 1996:890 1998:1456 2000:1158 2004:159 2004:161 2005:289 2005:692 2006:254 2006:625 2006:682 2007:242 2007:516 2007:517 2007:518 2007:636 2007:751 2008:131 2008:367 2009:111 2010:1395 2011:580 2013:84	Bl.f.PMZ 1985, 174; 1995, 141, 142; 1996, 47; (German) IPLT SE 2-001 (English, French)	PA

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	2. Patentkungörelsen SFS 1967:838, ändrad genom SFS 1973:906, SFS 1975:1331, SFS 1977:144, SFS 1978:151, SFS 1979:135, SFS 1979:888, SFS 1980:137, SFS 1980:646, SFS 1980:685, SFS 1980:1122, SFS 1981:1017, SFS 1983:435, SFS 1984:938, SFS 1986:1221, SFS 1987:1332, SFS 1988:987, SFS 1989:503, omtryckt genom förordning SFS 1991:1331, därefter ändrad SFS 1993:197, SFS 1993:1312, SFS 1995:269, SFS 1996:225, SFS 1997:42, SFS 1999:139, SFS 2000:1160, SFS 2001:128, SFS 2001:774, SFS 2003:109, SFS 2003:1071, SFS 2004:162, SFS 2006:1067, SFS 2007:253, SFS 2007:519, SFS 2007:1120, SFS 2008:130, SFS 2008:368, SFS 2009:1155, SFS 2011:449, SFS 2012:620 <i>[2. Decree on patent formalities SFS 1967:838, amended by SFS 1973:906, SFS 1975:1331, SFS 1977:144, SFS 1978:151, SFS 1979:135, SFS 1979:888, SFS 1980:137, SFS 1980:646, SFS 1980:685, SFS 1980:1122, SFS 1981:1017, SFS 1983:435, SFS 1984:938, SFS 1986:1221, SFS 1987:1332, SFS 1988:987, SFS 1989:503, reprinted SFS 1991:1331 and amended by SFS 1993:197, SFS 1993:1312, SFS 1995:269, SFS 1996:225, SFS 1997:42, SFS 1999:139, SFS 2000:1160, SFS 2001:128, SFS 2001:774, SFS 2003:109, SFS 2003:1071, SFS 2004:162, SFS 2006:1067, SFS 2007:253, SFS 2007:519, SFS 2007:1120, SFS 2008:130, SFS 2008:368, SFS 2009:1155, SFS 2011:449, SFS 2012:620]</i> 3. Lagen om försvarsuppfinningar SFS 1971:1078, ändrad genom SFS 1975:734, omtryckt genom lag SFS 1978:157, därefter ändrad genom lag SFS 1980:211, SFS 1986:1161, SFS 1993:1407, SFS 1997:916, SFS 2009:410 <i>[3. Defence Inventions Act SFS 1971:1078, amended by SFS 1975:157, reprinted SFS 1978:157 and amended by SFS 1980:211, SFS 1986:1161, SFS 1993:1407, SFS 1997:916, SFS 2009:410]</i>	SFS 1973:906 1975:1331 1977:144 1978:151 1979:135 1979:888 1980:137 1980:646 1980:685 1980:1122 1981:1017 1983:435 1984:938 1986:1221 1987:1332 1988:987 1989:503 1991:1331 1993:197 1993:1312 1995:269 1996:225 1997:42 1999:139 2000:1160 2001:128 2001:774 2003:109 2003:1071 2004:162 2006:1067 2007:253 2007:519 2007:1120 2008:130 2008:368 2009:1155 2011:449 2012:620 SFS 1971:1078 1975:734 1978:157 1980:211 1986:1161 1993:1407 1997:916 2009:410	BI.f.PMZ 1979, 169; 1985, 281; 1989, 346 (German) IPLT SE 2-002 (English, French) -	PD -

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	6. Ausführungsvereinbarung zum schweizerisch-liechtensteinischen Patentschutzvertrag vom 10. Dezember 1979 <i>[6. Implementing Agreement to the Treaty between Switzerland and Liechtenstein in respect of Patents of 10 December 1979]</i>	SR 0.232.149.514.1	OJ EPO 1980, 412 (English, French) IPLT LI-CH 2-001 (English, French)	-
Turkey	1. Patent haklarının korunması hakkında bakanlar kurulunca 26 Nisan 1995 tarihinde kararlaştırılan 551 sayılı kanun hükmünde kararname <i>[1. Decree Law No. 551 on the protection of patents of 26 April 1995]</i> 2. 551 sayılı KHK'nin uygulama şeklini gösterir yönetmelik 1995, 21.4.2009 tarihinde değişiklik ve en son 30.3.2013 tarihinde değiştirilmiştir <i>[2. Implementing Regulations 1995 to DL No. 551, amended on 21 April 2009, as last amended on 30 March 2013]</i> 3. Avrupa Patentlerinin verilmesi ile ilgili Avrupa Patent Sözleşmesinin Türkiye'de uygulama şeklini gösterir yönetmelik 9.1.2001, 22.5.2008 tarihinde değişiklik ve en son 30.3.2013 tarihinde değiştirilmiştir <i>[3. Regulations implementing the Convention on the Grant of European Patents in Turkey dated 9 January 2001, amended on 22 May 2008, as last amended on 30 March 2013]</i> 4. 2013 yılı Patent ve Faydalı Model ücret listesi <i>[4. List of fees in respect of patents and utility models, 2013]</i>	TC Resmi Gazete No:22326 27.6.1995 TC Resmi Gazete No:22454 5.11.1995 No:27207 21.4.2009 No:28603 30.3.2013 TC Resmi Gazete No:24282 9.1.2001 No:26883 22.5.2008 No:28603 30.3.2013 TC Resmi Gazete No: 28517 3.1.2013	Bl.f.PMZ 2000, 355 (German) IPLT TR 2-001 (English, French) - - -	DL No. 551 IR RegEPC Fees 2013
United Kingdom	1. Patents Act 1977 (as amended) 2. Patents Rules 2007 (as amended)	www.ipo.gov.uk/patentsact1977.pdf www.ipo.gov.uk/patentrules2007.pdf	Bl.f.PMZ 1979, 200; 1986, 334; 1991, 260 (German) LTPI UK 2-001 (French) LTPI UK 2-002 (French)	PA PR

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	3. Patents (Fees) Rules 2007 (as amended)	S.I. 2007/3292 2009/2089 2010/33	-	PFR

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Central industrial property office	5. Sporazum između vijeća ministara bosne i hercegovine i evropske patentne organizacije o saradnji u oblasti patenata (sporazum o saradnji i proširenju) [5. Agreement between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the European Patent Organisation on co-operation in the field of patents (co-operation and extension agreement)]	Sl.glasnik BiH No. 2/04	-	Ext. Agr.
Croatia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2008.) State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia Ulica grada Vukovara 78 10000 ZAGREB Tel. +385 1 6106111, 6106100 Fax +385 1 6112017 www.dziv.hr info@dziv.hr	1. Zakon o patentu [1. Patent Act] 2. Pravilnik o patentu [2. Patent Ordinance] 3. Zakon o upravnim pristojbama u području prava intelektualnog vlasništva [3. Law on administrative fees in the field of intellectual property rights] 4. Uredba o naknadama za posebne troškove i troškove za pružanje informacijskih usluga Državnog Zavoda za intelektualno vlasništvo [4. Regulation on Special Charges and Charges for Information Services Provided by the State Intellectual Property Office] 5. Sporazum Vlade Republike Hrvatske i Europske patentne organizacije o suradnji na području патената (Sporazum o suradnji i proširenju) [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)] 6. Zakon o općem upravnom postupku [6. Law on General Administrative Procedure]	Narodne Novine (NN) 173/2003, 87/2005, 76/2007, 30/2009, 128/2010, 49/2011, 76/2013 NN 117/2007, 3/2011, 66/2011, 145/2012, 85/2013 NN 64/2000, 164/2004, 62/2008, 30/2009, 49/2011 NN 109/2011, 96/2013 NN - IA. 14/2003 NN 47/2009	- - - - -	PA PO LAdmFees RCh Ext. Agr. Law on GAP

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Central industrial property office				
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2009.)	1. Закон за индустриска сопственост кој се применува од 25 февруари 2009	Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 47/02, No. 42/03, No. 9/04, No. 39/06, No. 79/07, No. 21/09		
State Office of Industrial Property (SOIP) 11 Oktomvri 25 1000 SKOPJE Tel. +389 2 3103601 Fax +389 2 3137149 www.ippo.gov.mk mail@ippo.gov.mk	[1. Law on Industrial Property of 12 February 2009, applicable as from 25 February 2009]		WIPO website at www.wipo.int/ wipolex MK008EN (English)	PL
	2. Закон за административни такси	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. 70/06, No. 92/2007, No. 88/2008, No. 130/2008, No. 6/2010, No. 145/2010, No. 17/2011		
	[2. Law on administrative fees of 26 March 1993, as last amended on 11 February 2011]		-	Fees Law
	3. Правилник за признавање на патент	Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 18/04, No. 93/06		
	[3. Patent Regulations of 23 March 2004, as last amended on 29 August 2006]		-	Reg.
	4. Договор за соработка на полето на патентите (Договор за соработка)	Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 49/97		
	[4. Agreement on co-operation in the field of patents (Co- operation Agreement) on the extension of European patents of 30 September 1997]		Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 49/97 (English) OJ EPO 1997, 538 (English, French, German)	Ext. Reg.

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	5 . Закон за општа управна постапка [5. Law on General Administrative Procedure]	Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 38/2005	-	Law on GAP
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005.) Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia Citadeles iela 7(70) 1010 RIGA Tel. +371 6 7099600 Fax +371 6 7099650 www.lrpv.gov.lv valde@lrpv.gov.lv	1. 2007. gada 15. februāra Patentu likums ar 2010. gada 14. oktobra grozījumiem [1. Patent Law of 15 February 2007, as amended on 14 October 2010] 2. 2008. gada 1. aprīļa Ministru kabineta noteikumi Nr. 224 Patentu un patentu pieteikumu noteikumi" [2. Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 224 of 1 April 2008 "Regulations on patents and patent applications"] 3. 2007. gada 4. decembra Ministru Kabineta noteikumi Nr. 824 "Noteikumi par valsts nodevu par izgudrojumu tiesisko aizsardzību" ar 2011. gada 22. februāra grozījumiem [3. Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 824 of 4 December 2007 "Regulations on State Fees for legal protection of inventions", as amended on 22 February 2011]	Latvijas Vēstnesis 34 (3610), 27.2.2007 174 (4366) 3.11.2010 Vēstnesis 53 4.4.2008 Vēstnesis No. 197, 7.12.2007 32 (4430), 25.2.2011	Bl.f.PMZ 2010, 7 (German) - -	PL PR Fees Reg.
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	1. Lietuvos Respublikos patentų įstatymas Nr. XI-1261 (2010 12 23) [1. Patent law of the Republic of Lithuania No. XI-1261 of 23 December 2010] 2. Lietuvos Respublikos valstybinio patentų biuro 2006 04 24 įsakymas dėl Europos patentų paraiškų padavimo ir Europos patentų galiojimo Lietuvos Respublikoje tvarkos patvirtinimo Nr. 3R-29 [2. Order of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania of 24 April 2006 on the filing of European patent applications and extension of the European patent procedure] 3. Mokesčių už pramoninės nuosavybės objektų registravimą įstatymas Nr. IX-352 (2001 06 05), pakeistas įstatymu Nr. XI- 1262 (2010 12 23) [3. Law on fees for the registration of industrial property objects of 5 June 2001 No. IX-352, as amended by Law No. XI-1262 of 23 December 2010]	Valstybės žinios Nr. 4-127/2011 Valstybės žinios Nr. 49- 1784/2006 Nr. 68- 2704/2007 Nr. 153- 7253/2011 Valstybės žinios Nr. 52/2001, Nr. 110/2001, Nr. 116/2003, Nr. 73/2004, Nr. 59/2007, Nr. 4-128/2011 Nr. 135- 6873/2012	- - -	PL Ext. Order Fees Law

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	4. Valstybinio patentų biuro direktoriaus 2001 m. gruodžio 27 d. įsakymas Nr. 118 Dėl papildomos apsaugos liudijimų išdavimo <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>	Valstybės žinios Nr. 9/2002 Nr. 153-7254/2011	-	-
Montenegro Zavod za intelektualnu svojinu Crne Gore (Montenegro Intellectual Property Office) Rimski Trg br. 46 81000 PODGORICA Tel. +382 20 234 591 Fax +382 20 234 592 www.ziscg.me ziscg.ipom@gmail.com	1. Zakon o patentima <i>[1. Patent Law]</i> 2. Uredba o postupku za pravnu zastitu pronalazaka <i>[2. Rules of Procedure for the Legal Protection of Inventions]</i> 3. Zakon o potvrđivanju sporazuma između Crne Gore i EPO o proširenju evropskih патената (Sporazum o proširenju) <i>[3. Law on ratification of the extension agreement between Montenegro and the EPO (Extension Agreement)]</i> 4. Zakon o administrativnim taksama <i>[4. Law on administrative fees]</i> 5. Odluka o visini naknada i posebnih troškova postupka koji vodi Zavod za intelektualnu svojinu i naknada troškova za pružanje informacionih usluga <i>[5. Decision on procedural and patent-information fees charged by the Intellectual Property Offices]</i> 6. Zakon o upravnom postupku <i>[6. Law on administrative procedure]</i>	Sl. list CG, br. 66/2008, 40/2010, 40/2011 Sl. list SCG, br. 62/2004 Sl. list CG, Međunarodni ugovori, br. 5/2009 Sl. list RCG, br. 55/2003, 46/2004, 81/2005, 02/2006; Sl. list CG, br. 22/2008, 77/2008, 03/2009, 20/2011, 26/2011 Sl. list CG, br. 16/2008 Sl. list RCG, br. 60/2003	- - - - - - -	PL Rules - LAdmFees Fees Dec. LAdmin.proc.

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Serbia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 October 2010.) Intellectual Property Office Kneževinske Ljubice 5 11000 BEOGRAD Tel. +381 11 2025800 Fax +381 11 3112377 www.zis.gov.rs zis@zis.gov.rs	1. Закон о патентима <i>[1. Patent Law, published on 27.12.2011]</i>	Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 99/2011		
	2. Правилник о садржини јавних регистара, потврда, пријава и захтева у поступку заштите проналазака, као и о врстама података, начину подношења пријаве и објављивања проналазака <i>[2. Rules on the content of public registers, certificates, applications and requests in the procedure for the protection of inventions and on types of information, how to file applications and the publication of inventions, published on 30.11.2012]</i>	Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 113/2012	Serbian Intellectual Property Office website at www.zis.gov.rs/upload/documents/pdf_en/pdf_patenti/The%20Patent%20Law.pdf (English)	PL
			-	Rules
	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) <i>[3. Cooperation and Extension Agreement, published on 18.6.2004]</i>	Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro-International Agreements No. 14/2004	-	CEA
	4. Закон о републичким административним таксама Закон о изменама и допунама Закона о републичким административним таксама <i>[4. Law on the Republic's Administrative Fees Law on Amendment of the Republic's Administrative Fees (entry into force on 2.8.2013)]</i>	Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 5/2009, No. 35/2009, No. 54/2009, No. 70/2011, No. 55/2012, No. 93/2012, No. 47/2013, No. 65/2013	-	Fees Law
	5. Одлука о висини накнада посебних трошкова поступка који води завод за интелектуалну својину и накнада трошкова за пружање информационих услуга Завода <i>[5. Decision on special procedural fees and costs of information services, published on 20.1.2006]</i>	Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro No. 3/2006	-	-
	6. Закон о посебним овлашћењима ради ефикасне заштите права интелектуалне својине <i>[6. Law on special authorisations for the effective protection of intellectual property rights, published on 16.12.2009]</i>	Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 46/2006, No. 104/2009	-	-

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	7. Уредба о упису у Регистар заступника који води Савезни завод за интелектуалну својину <i>[7. Rules on entry into the Register of Representatives of the Federal Intellectual Property Office, published on 25.8.1995]</i> 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 <i>[8. Regulations for the specialist examination for representatives in procedures for the protection of inventions, trademarks, models, designs and geographical indications of origin, published on 27.10.1995]</i> 9. Закон о општем управном поступку <i>[9. The Law on General Administrative Procedure, published on 7.5.2010]</i> 10. Закон о потврђивању Конвенције о признавању европских патената (Конвенција о европском патенту) од 5. октобра 1973. године са изменама члана 63. Конвенције о европском патенту од 17. децембра 1991. године и изменама од 29. новембра 2000. године <i>[10. Law on the ratification of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention) of 5 October 1973 as amended by the act revising Article 63 EPC of 17 December 1991 and the act revising the EPC of 29 November 2000, published on 27.12.2011]</i>	Official Gazette of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia No. 39/1995 Official Gazette of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia No. 48/1995 Official Gazette of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia No. 33/1997, No. 31/2001 Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 30/2010 Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia - International Treaties No. 5/2010 Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 99/2011	- - - - - -	- - - LGAP LREPC

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	11. Закон о патентима(На европске пријаве патената за које је захтевано проширење на Републику Србију, као и на европске патенте који су признати на основу таквих европских пријава примењиваће се одредбе поглавља 15. Закона о патентима ("Службени лист СЦГ", бр. 32/04, 35/04 и "Службени гласник РС", број 115/06) <i>[11. Patent Law, published on 2.7.2004 (the provisions of Chapter XV of the Patent Law ("Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro", No. 32/04, 35/04, and "Official Gazette of RS", No. 115/2006) are still applicable to European patent applications extended to the Republic of Serbia and to European patents which have been granted for such applications)]</i>	Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro No. 32/2004, No. 35/2004 Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 115/2006	-	PL Ext.
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.) Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) Kotnikova 6 p.p.206 1000 LJUBLJANA Tel. +386 1 6203100 Fax +386 1 6203111 www.uil-sipo.si	1. Zakon o industrijski lastnini <i>[1. Industrial Property Act]</i> 2. Uredba o pristojbinah Urada RS za intelektualno lastnino <i>[2. Decree on the fees of the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office]</i> 3. Pravilnik o vsebini patentne prijave in postopku z deljenimi patenti <i>[3. Rules on the content of a patent application and the procedure for divided patents]</i> 4. Pravilnik o registrih prijav in pravic industrijske lastnine ter potrdilu o prednostni pravici <i>[4. Rules on registering applications and industrial property rights and priority certificates]</i> 5. Uredba o razširitvi evropskih patentov na Republiko Slovenijo <i>[5. Decree on the extension of European patents to the Republic of Slovenia]</i>	Uradni list RS, št. 51/2006 Uradni list RS, št. 128/2006 Uradni list RS, št. 102/2001 Uradni list RS, št. 102/2001 Uradni list RS, št. 15/2002	WIPO website at www.wipo.int/wipolex (English, French) Slovenian Intellectual Property website at www.uil-sipo.si (English) - - - - OJ EPO 1994, 75 (English, French, German)	PA Fees Decr. PR Reg.Rules 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) EPC (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
Albania General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks (GDPT) Drejtoria e Përgjithshme e Patentave dhe Markave Blloku Vasil Shanto Rruga Viktor Eftimiu Godina 5-katëshe e Ish Institutit të Energjetikës Kati i katërt TIRANA Tel. +355 4 22 34 412 Fax +355 4 22 34 412 www.dppm.gov.al mailinf@alpto.gov.al	Relevant legal provisions are not yet in force.				
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 2779011 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	Official languages for correspondence with Office (irrespective of language of patent application): - French - Dutch - German In accordance with rules of Royal Decree of 18 July 1966 co- ordinating the laws on the use of languages for administrative purposes.	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*

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*** European patent applications filed before 13 December 2007

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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 Art. 72a(1) PL	Bulgarian	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*
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, 6106100 Fax +385 1 6112017 www.dziv.hr info@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	Filing the applications by facsimile is not allowed.
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

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Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia State Office of Industrial Property (SOIP) 11 Oktomvri 25 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	-
France Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) 15 rue des Minimes CS50001 92677 COURBEVOIE CEDEX Tel. in France: 0820 213 213 Tel. from abroad: +33 1 71087163 www.inpi.fr contact@inpi.fr	Yes Art. L. 614-2 PL	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. Art. L. 614-2 PL	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC	French	Applications as in column 1 may be filed at the EPO, with INPI in Courbevoie or at its regional offices in Bordeaux, Grenoble, Lille, Lyons, Marseilles, Nantes, Nice-Sophia Antipolis, Rennes, Strasbourg and Toulouse. Art. R. 614-1 Reg. 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 14 months after the priority date. Art. L. 614-4 PL Applications may also be filed by facsimile (+33 1 56658600). Applications may also be filed electronically via epoline® (see decision of the Director of INPI No. 2002-801 dated 18 December 2002). More information at www.inpi.fr Art. R. 614-3 to 5 Reg.

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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
Iceland Icelandic Patent Office Engjateigur 3 150 REYKJAVIK Tel. +35 4 580-9400 Fax +35 4 580-9401 www.els.is postur@els.is	Yes Art. 75(3) PA	-	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC	Icelandic	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.* The IPO also accepts electronic filing via epoline® Online Filing. Information on how to apply for a smart card accepted by the IPO is available on the IPO website.
Ireland Patents Office Government Buildings Hebron Road KILKENNY Tel. +353 56 7720111 Fax +353 56 7720100 www.patentsoffice.ie patlib@patentsoffice.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 contactcenteruibm@ sviluppoeconomico.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) or handed in to the Chamber of Commerce (Camera di Commercio), Via Capitan Bavastro n. 116, Rome. European patent applications which are not filed in Italian must be accompanied by an Italian translation of an exhaustive abstract describing the features of the invention and, where appro- priate, by a copy of the drawings. This requirement is waived if priority of an application filed in Italy over 90 days previously is claimed and such application has not been made subject to the official secrets regulations, or if the applicant is not resident in Italy (see column 2). Art. 149 PL Circular No. 136 of 20.02.79 Art. 7 Min. Decr. No. 33
Latvia Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia Citadeles iela 7(70) 1010 RIGA Tel. +371 6 7099600 Fax +371 6 7099650 www.lrpv.gov.lv valde@lrpv.gov.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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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
Lithuania The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania Kalvariju g. 3 09310 VILNIUS Tel. +370 5 2780250 Fax +370 5 2750723 www.vpb.gov.lt spb@vpb.gov.lt	Yes Art. 77(1) PL	Applications con- taining a professional or state secret Art. 77(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 Office de la Propriété Intellectuelle 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 for the Economy, Investment and Small Business Commerce Department Intellectual Property Registrations Directorate Lascaris VALLETTA, VLT 2000 Tel. +356 21242270 Fax +356 25690 338 www.commerce.gov.mt/ 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	Filing 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 98989801 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 NL Octrooiencentrum (Netherlands Patent Office) P.O. Box 10366 2501 HJ Den Haag Tel. +31 88 602 60 00 Fax +31 88 602 90 24 www.agentschapnl.nl nloctrooiencentrum@agentschapnl.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. 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. § 3 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. Art. 3 § 2 EPAL	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. Art. 3 EPAL	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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Contracting state Central industrial property office	1 Applicant can choose between EPO and national authorities (subject to column 2)	2 Applications which must be filed with national authorities	3 Languages in which European patent applications must or may be filed with national authorities	4 Official language(s)	5 Special features
Spain Oficina Española de Patentes y Marcas Paseo de la Castellana, 75 28071 MADRID Tel. +34 902 157530 Fax +34 91 3495597 www.oepm.es informacion@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.	Spanish English German French (see also column 5)	Spanish	European patent applications which are not filed in Spanish must be accompanied by a translation of the description and claims and, where appropriate, by a copy of the drawings. Applications may also be filed by facsimile.* Applications can be filed online using the ES-EOLF V5.0 software developed on the basis of the EPO's EPOLINE OLF V5.0 software. The main features are: - Requirement for electronic signature issued by Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre - Use of CERES smart card. - Registration with the OEPM The software can be downloaded at: ftp://ftp.oepm.es/anon/SoftEpoline/Modulo_Cliente/es_(ep_pct_210_sp4)_12.exe All the relevant details can be found (in Spanish) at: https://sede.oepm.gob.es/eSede/es/invenciones/EOLF_Solicitud_Electronica.html
		Art. 2 RD 2424	Art. 3 RD 2424		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	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).	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC	Swedish	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.* The SE Patent Office admits electronic filing by use of epoline® Online Filing. Users of epoline® have to apply for an EPO SmartCard. See www.epo.org/applying/online-services/online-filing.html
	§ 80(2) PA	Defence Invention Act			
Switzerland / Liechtenstein Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) Stauffacherstr. 65/59g 3003 BERN Tel. +41 31 3777777 Fax +41 31 3777778 www.ige.ch	Yes	n/a	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC	Switzerland: German French Italian Liechtenstein: German	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*
	Art. 115 PO				

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Contracting state Central industrial property office	Applicant can choose between EPO and national authorities (subject to column 2)	Applications which must be filed with national authorities	Languages in which European patent applications must or may be filed with national authorities	Official language(s)	Special features
Turkey Türk Patent Enstitüsü (Turkish Patent Institute (TPI)) Hipodrom Cad. No: 115 06330 YENİMAHALLE - ANKARA Tel. +90 312 3031000 Fax +90 312 3031220 www.turkpatent.gov.tr or www.tpe.gov.tr info@turkpatent.gov.tr	Yes	Applications relating to inventions which have been made in Turkey and which are of importance for national security	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC	Turkish	European patent applications filed by persons not having their resi- dence or principal place of busi- ness in Turkey may file the appli- cation in one of the languages indicated in col. 3, but must indicate an address for service in Turkey.
	R. 6 RegEPC	R. 6 RegEPC	R. 6 RegEPC		R. 6 RegEPC

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Contracting state	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
United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (IPO) Concept House Cardiff Road NEWPORT South Wales NP10 8QQ Tel. +44 1633 814000 Fax +44 1633 81 7777 www.ipo.gov.uk information@ipo.gov.uk or Intellectual Property Office (IPO) London Branch Office 1st Floor 4 Abbey Orchard Street LONDON SW1P 2HT	Yes Sect. 23(1), (1A), (2) PA	Applications filed or caused to be filed by persons resident in the United Kingdom and which contain information relating to military technology or other information whose publication might be prejudicial to national security or the safety of the public, unless: (a) an application has been filed at the IPO for the same invention not less than six weeks before filing the European patent application outside the United Kingdom and either the comptroller of the IPO has not prohibited the publication of the invention under Section 22 PA or any such prohibition has been revoked, or (b) an application for the same invention was first filed in a country outside the United Kingdom by persons resident abroad, or (c) written authority to file the application outside the United Kingdom has been obtained from the comptroller of the IPO. See www.ipo.gov.uk/p-permission.htm for further information. Sect. 23(1), (1A), (2) PA	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC	English	Applications may also be filed by facsimile (+44 1633 817777).* Applications may also be filed online via EPO Online Services by users who have registered with the IPO. Details are available from www.ipo.gov.uk/p-apply-online Copies of all forms referred to in the following tables can be obtained from the Newport address given in the left-hand column, and can be downloaded from the website at: www.ipo.gov.uk/p-formsfees

- 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?
Albania	Relevant legal provisions are not yet in force.			
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	When the translation of the claims is communicated to the user 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

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Contracting state	1 Provisional protection under Art. 67 EPC	2 Rights conferred	3 Translation of the claims necessary pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC?	4 When does the right referred to in column 1 arise if a translation pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC is necessary?
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
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 Patentilehti (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	When the translation of the claims is communicated to the user
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, L. 613-3 to L. 613-7, L. 615-4 and L. 615-5 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, 10a Pres. Decr. No. 77/88

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Contracting state	1 Provisional protection under Art. 67 EPC	2 Rights conferred	3 Translation of the claims necessary pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC?	4 When does the right referred to in column 1 arise if a translation pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC is necessary?
Italy	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. 54 PL	Damages; possibly description and seizure of the articles infringing the patent application and anything used in the making thereof Art. 124, 126, 128, 129, 130, 131 PL	Yes Art. 54 PL	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 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 communicated to the user 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. 78(2) PL	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 52(1) PL	Yes Art. 78(2) PL	Date of publication of translation of the claims in the official bulletin Art. 78(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	No	n/a
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 communicated to the user. (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
Norway	Yes § 66g PL	Compensation most favourable for applicant (§ 58(1)(a)-(c) PL) §§ 66g(2), 58(1) and (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

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?
Poland	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 4 § 2 EPAL Art. 287 IPL	Cessation of the infringement, redress of its consequences, surrender of the unlawfully obtained profits and in case of culpable infringement: - compensation for damages in accordance with the general principles of law, or - payment of a sum of money equal to the licence fee, or other suitable payment, provided that the right holder consents to the use of the invention. The right holder may demand the publication of part or all of the judicial decision. If the infringement was unintentional, judicial authorities may order pecuniary compensation to be paid to the injured party where redress of the consequences would cause disproportionate 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

Contracting state	1 Provisional protection under Art. 67 EPC	2 Rights conferred	3 Translation of the claims necessary pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC?	4 When does the right referred to in column 1 arise if a translation pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC is necessary?
Portugal	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC)	Article 78 of the Portuguese Industrial Property Code reads as follows: "1 - After European patent applications have been published under the terms of the European Patent Convention, they shall enjoy provisional protection equivalent to that afforded to published national patent applications as of the date on which a Portuguese translation of the claims, accompanied by a copy of the drawings, is available to the public at the National Industrial Property Institute. 2 - The National Industrial Property Institute shall publish a notice in the Industrial Property Bulletin with the indications necessary to identify the European patent application. 3 - As of the date of publication of the notice referred to in the previous paragraph, anyone may have access to the translated text and obtain copies thereof."	Yes	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), 5(1), (2), (3) PA	Art. 78(1), (2), (3) PA	Art. 78(1) PA	Art. 78(1), (2), 5(1), (2) PA
Romania	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC)	Damages; action may only be brought after grant of the patent.	Yes	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 5
	Art. 5(2) AccEPCLaw Art. 33 PL	Art. 59(4) PL	Art. 5(2) AccEPCLaw	Art. 5(2) AccEPCLaw
San Marino	Yes (Art. 67 EPC)	Rights identical to those conferred by a national patent (cessation of infringement, redress in respect of its consequences, surrender of unlawfully obtained profits and compensation for damages)	Yes	When the translation of the claims is communicated to the user
	Art. 4(2) Decree Law No. 76/2009	Art. 118, 121 PA		Art. 4(2) Decree Law No. 76/2009
Serbia	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC)	Damages; action may be brought from the date on which the translation of the claims is communicated to the user in Serbia (Art. 148, 150(3)(4) PL).	Yes	When the translation of the claims is communicated to the user in Serbia
	Art. 148(2), 150(3)(4) PL	Art. 132(2)(3) PL	Art. 148(2) PL	Art. 148(2), 150(3)(4) PL

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?
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	When the translation of the claims is communicated to the user 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 (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 May 2010 .)	Yes Art. 4(1) Ext. Reg.	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 27 PL	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.	When the translation of the claims is communicated to the person using the invention in Albania and made available to the public in accordance with Part III.B, column 5 Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Agr. Annex Art. 87(2) PL	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances; action may only be brought after grant of a patent Art. 69(1) PL	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Agr. Annex Art. 87(2) PL	When the translation of the claims is communicated to the user Art. 4(2) Ext. Agr. Annex Art. 87(2) PL
Croatia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications 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	When the translation of the claims is communicated to the user Art. 102(2) PA
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications 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.	When the translation of the claims is communicated to the user Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications 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 communicated to the user 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 European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2004 .)	Yes Art. 70(2) PL	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 52(1) PL	Yes Art. 70(2) PL	When the translation of the claims is communicated to the user Art. 70(2) PL

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?
Montenegro	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC)	Art. 107(2) PL: A published European patent application shall confer on the applicant the same provisional protection under this Law as is conferred by a national patent application, as from the date on which a translation of the claims of the published European patent application into Montenegrin is communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Montenegro. Art. 107(3) PL: The European patent application shall be deemed not to have had the effect specified in paragraph 2 of this Article, <i>ab initio</i> , if the request for extension has been withdrawn or is deemed to have been withdrawn.	Yes	When the translation of the claims is communicated to the person using the invention in Montenegro
	Art. 107(1) PL		Art. 107(2) PL	Art. 107(2) PL
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)	Yes	Damages; action may only be brought after grant of the patent.	Yes	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public by OSIM (see table III.B, column 5)
	Art. 33 PL Art. IV.2 GO	Art. 59(4) PL	Art. IV.2 GO	Art. 34 PL Art. IV.2 GO
Serbia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 October 2010.)	Yes	Damages; action may be brought from the date on which the translation of the claims is communicated to the user in Serbia (Art. 123(2) PL Ext.) or, in case the translation is corrected (Art. 125(3) PL Ext.), from the date the correction of the translation is published.	Yes	When the translation of the claims is communicated to the user in Serbia (Art. 123(2) PL Ext.) or, in case the translation is corrected (Art. 125(3) PL Ext.), from the date the correction of the translation is published.
	Art. 123(2), 125(3) PL Ext.	Art. 132(2)(3) PL Ext.	Art. 123(2) PL Ext.	Art. 123(2), 125(3) PL Ext.
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	Yes	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances; action may only be brought after grant of a patent.	Yes	When the translation of the claims is communicated to the user
	Art. 4(2) Ext. Decr.	Art. 122(4) IPA	Art. 4(2) Ext. Decr.	Art. 4(2) Ext. Decr.

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
Albania	Relevant legal provisions are not yet in force.			
Austria	Yes; attorney at law, patent attorney or notary authorised to represent parties on a professional basis in Austria. However, if the residence or place of business is in the EEA, a person authorised to accept service who is a resident of Austria may be appointed instead. § 24 ILPT § 21(4) PA	(a) EUR 180 (including EUR 30 document fees) plus EUR 130 for every 15 pages following the 16th page of the translation (see also column 7) (b) Date on which translation is filed The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. § 4(2) ILPT §§ 8, 27(2) LPOF	German § 4(2) ILPT	(a) No (b) 1
Belgium	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 EU. 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 EU, a legal practitioner). Natural or legal persons having their residence or an actual place of business in a member state of the EU 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. Art. 55, 57, 58, 60 PA	(a) No (b) n/a	French, Dutch or German (with regard to European patent applications filed before 13 December 2007 in German, see OJ EPO 1999, 320) Art. 2(3) Law of 21.4.07* Art. 3(3) Law of 8.7.77**	(a) No (b) 1 Art. 3(1) RD of 5.12.07* Art. 4(1) RD of 27.2.81**

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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) or the website http://epatras.economie.fgov.be. 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**	Art. 7 RD of 5.12.07

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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
Bulgaria	Yes Applicants with no permanent address or principal place of business in the Republic of Bulgaria are required to act in proceedings before the BG Patent Office through local industrial property representatives. Art. 3(2) PL	(a) For the publication of the mention of the filing of the translation: BGN 50 (b) No mention of the filing of the translation is published in the official bulletin until the fee for publication has been paid. Art. 72b(2) PL	Bulgarian Art. 72b(2) PL	(a) No (b) 3 Art. 72b(2) PL
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 100 (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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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
n/a	(a) Yes (b) No	The translation 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 100 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 §§ 98, 99 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. § 97 PO

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Mention in "Eesti Patendileht" (Official Gazette) Inspection at the Estonian Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Centre Copies available § 6 IA § 23 REP	(a) Yes (b) No § 9 IA	A request for publication and proof of payment of the fee must be submitted with the translation. The following information must be given in the request: - European application number; - European application date; - any priority data, if applicable; - the IPC; - the title of the invention; - the applicant's name and address; - the representative's name and address for service, if applicable. Translations may also be filed by a common representative, if any, or authorised professional representative before the EPO. A duly authorised professional representative or common representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation. A power of attorney must be submitted with the translation, when the translation is filed by the Estonian patent attorney. The Office accepts an Estonian patent attorney whose name is entered in the State Register of Patent Attorneys as specialising in the legal protection of inventions and layout designs of integrated circuits. If the translation does not comply with the requirements, an Estonian patent attorney must be appointed to submit the corrections. The translation is not deemed to have been filed until all the requirements have been met. §§ 19 to 22 REP
Published in electronic form Copies available Mention in "Patentilehti" (Finnish patent bulletin) Entry in a separate diary, open to the public § 70n PA §§ 52t, 52x PD	(a) Yes (b) No § 70q PA	The EP application number and the name and address of the applicant must accompany the translation. Otherwise the translation is deemed not to have been filed. § 52v PD
Translation and any corrections published in the official gazette on CD-ROM	(a) Yes (b) No	The translation is to be filed with SOIP and also to be notified to the alleged infringer.

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Notice of the filing of the translation appears in the official bulletin (BOPI)	(a) Yes (b) EUR 35	A request for publication and proof of payment of the requisite fee must be submitted with the translation.
Art. R. 614-11 Reg.	Art. L. 614-10 PL Art. R. 614-12 and R. 614-18 Reg. Fees Ord. of 24.4.08	Art. R. 614-11 Reg.
Published in the form of a printed patent document Mention in the patent bulletin (Patentblatt)	(a) Yes (b) EUR 60	At the head of the first page of all communications sent to the DPMA, the EP application number must be given, preceded by the letters EP. If the fee shown in column 2 is not paid, or not paid in full or in time, the request for publication of the translation is deemed to have been withdrawn.
Art. II § 2(1) LIPC	Art. II § 2(1) LIPC No. 313800 Fees Schedule LPF	Art. II § 2(1) LIPC § 6(2) LPF § 3 Publ. Reg.

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
Greece	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Greece must appoint a representative for service (any natural person or any attorney) resident in Greece. Art. 19(3) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	(a) EUR 100 (b) Date on which translation is filed with the OBI Mention of the filing of the translation is published only when the fee has been paid. Art. 9(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 Dec. of 10.2.2012	Greek The translation must be certified by a Greek legal practitioner or by an authority empowered to do so (i.e. the Translation Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 10 Arionos Street, Athens, or any Greek Consulate abroad). Art. 23(5) Law No. 1733/87 Art. 9(2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	(a) Yes (www.obl.gr/obl/Portals/0/ImagesAndFiles/Files/Forms/obl-a03.doc) (b) 2 see also column 7 Art. 9(1), (3) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88
Hungary	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 HIPO. This professional representative does not have to be a national professional representative but must be domiciled in the EEA. Art. 51.(1), (4) PA	(a) HUF 23 500 plus HUF 3 500 for the sixth and each subsequent page of the translation (b) Within two months of filing the request for publication of the mention in the official gazette of the HIPO If the fee for publishing the claims is not paid at the time the request is filed, the HIPO 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. Art. 84/E.(2)-(6) PA Art. 4.(1) FeeDecr	Hungarian Art. 84/E.(1) PA	(a) No (b) 1 Art. 10.(3) PForm
Iceland	Yes, an applicant who is not domiciled in Iceland must have an agent, residing in the EEA. Art. 12 PA	(a) No (b) n/a	Icelandic Art. 83(1) PA	(a) No (b) 1

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Mention in EDBI Inspection in reading room Copies available Art. 9(5) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	(a) Yes The issue number and the date of the first publication in EDBI must be indicated. (b) No Art. 13(4) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	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. The translation and the attached documents must be presented to the OBI in accordance with the provisions of Min. Dec. No. 15928/EFA/1253, which correspond to Rules 46 and 49 EPC. The filing of the translation is registered in the Register Book (Volume B). The provisional protection provided for under Art. 10 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 does not take effect if the European patent has been revoked or limited after opposition, limitation or revocation proceedings before the EPO. Art. 9(2), (4), 10, 10a Pres. Decr. No. 77/88
Mention in the official gazette of the HIPO, the "Szabadalmi Közlöny és Védjegyzétesítő" (Gazette of Patents and Trademarks) The HIPO keeps a separate record of European patent applications on which provisional protection has been conferred. Available for inspection; copies available upon payment of a fee Publication of the translation and any corrections on the internet Art. 53.(3), 84/E.(1), (7) and (8) PA Art. 17 FeeDecr	(a) Yes (b) HUF 23 500 plus HUF 3 500 for sixth and each subsequent page of the translation Art. 84/K.(1) to (3) PA Art. 12.(1) to (3) PForm Art. 4.(3) FeeDecr	The claims must be translated in accordance with the detailed formal requirements set out in PForm. The translation of the claims (and any request for its correction) may also be filed electronically. Art. 53/D.(2)(b) and (d), 84/E.(3) PA Art. 2.(2)-(5) and 10.(3) PForm
Mention in "ELS-tíðindi" (Icelandic Patent Gazette) Inspection in reading room Copies available Art. 83(1) PA Art. 57, 81 PR	(a) Yes (b) No Art. 86 PA	The translation referred to in Art. 83 of the Patents Act must be accompanied by the application number and the applicant's name and address, otherwise it will be deemed not to have been submitted. Art. 57 PR

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	(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) EUR 40 (see column 7) (b) Date on which translation is filed (see column 7)	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 as of 1.1.2014: 35.57 EUR (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 EEA 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 50 for the 16th and each subsequent claim. (b) Date on which translation is filed The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Art. 78(2) PL	Lithuanian Art. 78(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

5 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	6 Correction of translation (a) permitted? (b) Special fee payable?	7 Special features
Inspection at the Patents Office Copies available Sect. 2, 100(3), 120(6) PA R. 65 PR Schedule I Fees Rules	(a) Yes (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. Sect. 121(3) PA R. 85 PR Schedule I Fees Rules	Where there are proceedings before the IPO, applicants with neither residence nor place of business in the European Community must be represented by an authorised patent agent and must give an address for service in the European Community which may be that of a patent agent. R. 92, 93(1) PR SI No.141 of 2006 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.
Inspection in reading room Copies available	(a) Yes (b) No Art. 57(4) PL	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). On the same day as the translation is filed, a fee of EUR 40 must be paid into the bank account of the chamber of commerce with which it is filed. If it is sent to the UIBM by post, this fee must be transferred to the Rome Chamber of Commerce's giro account No. 39692005 (IBAN: IT67 C076 0103 2000 0003 9692 005, BIC: BPPIITRRXXX).
Publication of the translation of the claims in the official bulletin of the LV Patent Office Art. 71(5) PL	(a) Yes (b) Yes, the same as for publication of the translation of claims Art. 71(5), 72(3) PL	The publication of the translation contains - 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 Art. 71(5) PL
Translation published in the official bulletin Inspection at the Technical Library (in paper form) or online www.vpb.gov.it Art. 78(2) PL	(a) Yes (b) No Art. 80(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.it. Three copies of the prescribed form must be filed. The translation in electronic form must be included.
Entry in the patent register Inspection in reading room Copies available Art. 2(4) Reg. of 9.5.78	(a) Yes (b) EUR 14 Art. 4(2) Law of 27.5.77 Art. 2(5) Reg. of 9.5.78	The name and address of the applicant and the number and date of publication of the EP application must be submitted with the translation. Art. 2(1) Reg. of 9.5.78

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	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
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

5 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	6 Correction of translation (a) permitted? (b) Special fee payable?	7 Special features
n/a	n/a	-
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 § 34 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.

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
Portugal	No However, under Article 81 of the Portuguese Industrial Property Code, "If an applicant for or holder of a European patent does not have a domicile or registered office in Portugal, the translations must be performed under the responsibility of an official industrial property agent or a representative accredited by the National Industrial Property Institute." Patent proprietors with neither residence nor principal place of business in Portugal may request validation from the Portuguese Industrial Property Institute without appointing a professional representative. The translation must however be "certified" by a professional representative accredited by the National Industrial Property Institute. Art. 10 PA	(a) Fee for provisional protection: - EUR 52.12 if filed online, - EUR 104.24 if filed on paper (b) Date on which translation is filed Mention of the filing of the translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Fees Res. Art. 78(1) PA	Portuguese	(a) Yes, if filed on paper: INPI presentation form PatMut3 (b) 1
Romania	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.	Romanian	(a) No (but recommended) (b) 3
San Marino	Yes, foreign applicants must appoint a professional representative who has been entered on the list of patent attorneys maintained by the USBM. An address for correspondence in the Republic of San Marino must be given. Art. 92(6) PA	(a) No (b) n/a	Italian	(a) No (b) n/a
Serbia	n/a	(a) n/a (b) n/a	Serbian Art. 148(2) PL	(a) n/a (b) n/a

5 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	6 Correction of translation (a) permitted? (b) Special fee payable?	7 Special features
Mention in the Industrial Property Bulletin Inspection in reading room Copies available	(a) Yes (b) EUR 26.06 if filed online, EUR 52.12 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 Fees Res.	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
n/a	(a) Yes (b) No	-
n/a	(a) Yes (b) No	The translation of the claims is to be notified by the applicant to the alleged infringer.
Art. 150(3)(4) PL	Art. 150(3)(4) PL	Art. 148(2) PL

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
Slovakia	Yes, for natural or legal persons not having their residence or principal place of business in the Slovak Republic Representation by an appointed agent or a patent attorney authorised to practise before the SK Patent Office § 79(1) PA	(a) EUR 7 (b) Date on which translation is filed The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Art. 8(1) Fees Law	Slovak § 60(2) PA	(a) No (b) 1
Slovenia	No	(a) No (b) n/a	Slovenian Art. 26(2) IPA	n/a
Spain	No, if applicant resides in Spain or in a country of the EU. Requirements in column 7 must be observed. Art. 155 PL Art. 3 Law 8/1998	(a) EUR 106.73* (EUR 90.72* for translations filed by electronic means, via OEPM's online filing service or on magnetic data carriers, CDs or DVDs) (b) Date on which translation is filed 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) 1 in electronic format; if translation on paper, only one set of the documents need be filed (no copies)
Sweden	No The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.	(a) SEK 500 (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 425** (b) Date on which translation is filed with the TPI Fees 2013	Turkish	(a) Yes (b) 1

* 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 Correction of translation (a) permitted? (b) Special fee payable?	7 Special features
Mention in the official journal Internet Inspection in reading room	(a) Yes (b) EUR 7 § 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
Translation and any corrections published in the form of a printed patent document Electronic copies available: http://invenes.oepm.es/InvenesWeb/faces/busquedaInternet.jsp Mention of the filing of the translation in Boletín Oficial de la Propiedad Industrial Entry in the patent register 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. The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP patent application even where there is no textual matter. 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 500 § 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	-
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

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
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

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 (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 May 2010.)	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Albania must appoint a representative authorised to act before the GDPT. Art. 195(2) PL	(a) No (b) n/a	Albanian Art. 81(2) PA	(a) Yes (b) 2
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 Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Latvia must appoint a registered professional representative. Art. 26(1) PL	(a) LVL 25 as of 1.1.2014: EUR 35.57 (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
Lithuania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2004.)	n/a	n/a	Lithuanian Art. 70(2) PL	(a) n/a (b) n/a

5 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	6 Correction of translation (a) permitted? (b) Special fee payable?	7 Special features
Mention in the patent bulletin	(a) Yes (b) ALL 2 000	The translation is to be filed with the GDPT and also to be notified to the alleged infringer.
n/a	(a) n/a (b) n/a	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer. Art. 4(2) Ext. Agr. Annex Art. 87(2) PL
n/a	(a) n/a (b) n/a	The translation 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.
Publication of the translation of the claims in the official bulletin of the LV Patent Office	(a) Yes (b) Yes, the same as for publication of the translation of claims	The publication of the translation contains - 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
Art. 71(5) PL	Art. 71(5), 72(3) PL	Art. 71(5) PL
n/a	(a) Yes (b) n/a	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer. Art. 70(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
Montenegro	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 lawyer (Register of Representatives at www.advokatskakomora.me). Art. 4 PL	(a) No (b) n/a	Montenegrin Art. 107(2) PL	(a) Yes (b) 3
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 (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 October 2010.)	Yes, in cases where corrections of translation of patent claims have to be published.	(a) No (b) n/a	Serbian Art. 123(2) PL Ext.	(a) n/a (b) n/a
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

5 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	6 Correction of translation (a) permitted? (b) Special fee payable?	7 Special features
Mention in the Montenegrin Intellectual Property Gazette	(a) Yes (b) Yes	-
Art. 108(5) PL	Art. 108(3) PL	
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 only in case of corrections to the translation	(a) Yes (b) No Art. 125(3) PL Ext.	The translation of the claims is to be notified by the applicant to the alleged infringer. In case of corrections, the translation must be made available to the public by the Serbian Intellectual Property Office. Art. 123(2), 125(3) PL Ext.
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 38 contracting states to the European Patent Convention (status: 1 September 2013), 19, namely, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain and Turkey, have enacted provisions under Article 65 (1) and (2) EPC. These states all require a translation of the complete patent specification.

Albania has not adopted provisions pursuant to Article 65(1) EPC. Therefore, neither a translation of the claims nor of the patent specification of the European patent granted for Albania is to be supplied.

Nineteen contracting states have ratified the London Agreement (Albania, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Germany, Hungary, 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, Finland, Hungary, 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. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 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?
Albania	Relevant legal provisions are not yet in force.				
Austria	No	A translation of the patent specification into German must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. § 5(1) ILPT	Yes; attorney at law, patent attorney or notary authorised to represent parties on a professional basis in Austria. However, if the residence or place of business is in the EEA, a person authorised to accept service who is a resident of Austria may be appointed instead. § 24 ILPT § 21(4) PA	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 § 5(1), (2) ILPT	(a) EUR 180 (including EUR 30 document fees) plus EUR 130 for every 15 pages following the 16th page of the translation (b) Within period pursuant to column 4 § 5(1) ILPT §§ 8, 27(2) LPOF
Belgium	No	A translation of the patent specification into French, Dutch or German must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. (with regard to European patent applications filed before 13 December 2007 in German, see OJ EPO 1999, 320) Art. 3(1) Law of 21.4.07* Art. 5(1) Law of 8.7.77**	See table III.B, column 1 Art. 55, 57, 58, 60 PA	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. 3(1) Law of 21.4.07* Art. 5(1) Law of 8.7.77** (see also column 9)	(a) No (b) n/a

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

** European patents with applications filed before 13 December 2007

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) No (b) 1	Publication of the translation and any corrections Mention of the published printed patent document and of any corrections in the patent bulletin §§ 5(1), 6(2) – (4) ILPT	(a) Yes (b) Yes, cf. column 5(a) § 6(2) ILPT §§ 8, 27(2) LPOF	The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has duly been provided. The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter. § 30 LPOF § 8(5) POR
(a) No (b) 1 Art. 5(3) RD of 5.12.07* Art. 6(3) RD of 27.2.81**	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) or the website http://epatras.economie.fgov.be. Inspection in reading room Copies available Art. 3(3) Law of 21.4.07* Art. 4 RD of 5.12.07* Art. 5(3) Law of 8.7.77** Art. 5 RD of 27.2.81**	(a) Yes (errors of transcription) (b) No Art. 6 RD of 5.12.07* Art. 7 RD of 27.2.81**	- European patents with applications filed on or after 13 December 2007: 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). - European patents with applications filed before 13 December 2007: The translation must contain the name of the patent proprietor, the EP publication number and a translation of the title of the invention. The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification. The quality of the copy must permit direct reproduction in accordance with Rule 35(3) EPC 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. 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. 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.

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

** European patents with applications filed before 13 December 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?
Bulgaria	No	A translation of the patent specification into Bulgarian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 72c(1) PL	Yes Applicants with no permanent address or principal place of business in the Republic of Bulgaria are required to act in proceedings before the BG Patent Office through local industrial property representatives. Art. 3(2) PL	3 months after the date on which the mention of grant is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 72c(1) PL	(a) Publication of the mention of the translation: BGN 50; Fee for publishing the translation: BGN 80 plus BGN 10 for each page of the translation (including any drawings) in excess of 10 (b) Within period pursuant to column 4 Art. 72c(1) PL
Croatia	Yes No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	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. If the European patent has been maintained in amended form, a translation of the amended claims into Croatian must be filed under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 1(2) and (3) London Agreement Art. 108.o PA	Yes Art. 4 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. Art. 108.e(2)(4) PA	(a) Yes (b) Within period pursuant to column 4 Art. 108.e(2)(4) PA

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) No (b) 3	Mention of the filing of the translation in the official bulletin Publication of the translation in the form of a printed patent document Copies available Entry in the patent register	(a) Yes (b) Fee for publication of the mention of the correction of the translation and for republishing the translation itself, cf. column 5(a)	The translation of the European patent must comprise: - the title of the invention - the description - drawings, if any - the patent claims. The translation must be accompanied by: - data identifying the proprietor of the patent, - the number of the European patent application, - the publication number of the European patent, - the number and date of the European Patent Bulletin in which the mention of the grant of the patent was published.
Art. 72c(1) PL	Art. 72c(4) and 72i PL	Art. 72d(3) PL	Art. 72c(2), (3) PL
(a) No (but recommended) (b) 1	Translation and any corrections published in the Croatian Intellectual Property Gazette, in the form of a printed patent document and on CD-ROM Entry in the patent register Inspection of files Copies available	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Correction of translation has legal effect from the date of publication by the Croatian Intellectual Property Office.
	Art. 108.e(6) PA Art. 21 PO	Art. 108.f(3) PA	Art. 108.f(3) PA

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?
Cyprus	No	A translation of the patent specification into Greek must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.	Yes Applicants must appoint an authorised professional representative resident in Cyprus who is entitled to practice law in Cyprus. Sect. 79(2) PL R. 2(1), 8(1) PFR	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 R. 54(1) PFR	(a) EUR 100 (b) Within period pursuant to column 4 Mention of the filing of the translation is published only when the fee has been paid. R. 54(1) PFR

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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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(a) No (b) 1	Mention of the filing of the translation and of any corrections in the "Věstník Úřadu průmyslového vlastnictví" (Bulletin of the CZ Industrial Property Office) Inspection in reading room Copies available §§ 35c(2), 35f(3) PA	(a) Yes (b) CZK 100 § 35d(2) PA	The translation must contain: - 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. The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter. 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. § 35c(3) PA 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. § 35f (3) PA Bulletin of the CZ IPO No. 52/2007 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. § 35f (4) PA Re-establishment of rights under conditions similar to Art. 122 EPC is available. § 65 PA

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Denmark	Yes No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	Irrespective of the language of the granted patent, a translation of the claims into Danish must always 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. 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 (including any drawings) in excess of 35, though the additional fee is charged only up to a maximum of 400 extra pages. (b) Within period pursuant to column 4 §§ 77(2), 98(7) PA
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) EUR 44.73 (b) Within period pursuant to column 4 § 7(1) IA § 168(2) FA

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(a) No (but recommended) (b) 1	Mention of the filing of the translation in "Dansk Patenttidende" (Danish Patent Gazette) Internet Inspection in reading room Published in the form of printed patent documents Printed copies available § 77(3), (4) PA	(a) Yes (b) Yes, cf. column 5(a) §§ 86(1), 100(4) PA	The number of the European patent and the name and address of the patent proprietor must accompany the translation. § 96(2) PO 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. § 96(1) PO Otherwise the translation is deemed not to have been filed. § 96(3) PO
(a) No (see also column 9) (b) 2 (1) (two copies on paper or one copy on diskette or CD-R; PDF format) §§ 7(1), 13(2) IA § 27(4) REP	Mention in "Eesti Patendileht" (Official Gazette) Inspection at the Estonian Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Centre Copies available Estonian Patent Office website at www.epa.ee/ep/default2.asp (Estonian) § 30 REP	(a) Yes (b) EUR 44.73 § 9(1) IA § 168(2) FA	A request for publication and proof of payment of the fee must be submitted with the translation. The following information must be given in the request: - 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. 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. If the translation does not comply with the requirements, an Estonian patent attorney must be appointed to submit the corrections. The time limit of 3 months for filing the translation may be extended by two months, upon payment of a surcharge (EUR 31.95). § 7(1) IA § 168(3) FA § 26 REP

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Finland	Yes No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	A translation of the claims into Finnish must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. No further requirements if the European patent was granted in English. If the European patent was granted in French or German, a translation into English or 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, his representative or the translator. Art. 1(2) and (3) London Agreement § 70h PA § 62 POR	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. §§ 70h, 70t PA §§ 52u, 52z PD	(a) EUR 450 (EUR 350 if the translation is filed electronically) (b) Within period pursuant to column 4 §§ 70h, 70t PA §§ 52u, 52z PD Fees Decr.
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Yes No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	A translation of the claims into Macedonian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 1(3) London Agreement	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 (see column 9). 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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(a) No (b) 1	Mention of the filing of the translation and of any corrections in "Patentti-lehti" (Finnish Patent Bulletin) Published in electronic form Copies available Entry in the patent register §§ 70h, 70q PA §§ 38a, 52x, 52y PD	(a) Yes (b) Yes, cf. column 5(a) § 70q PA § 52y PD	The number of the European patent, the title of the invention and the name and address of the patent proprietor must accompany the translation. §§ 52u, 52y PD The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification, even where there is no textual matter. The translation may also be filed electronically.
(a) Yes, Form "об. ДЗИС –П5" (b) 2	Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention in the official gazette ("Glasnik")	(a) Yes (b) Yes, see column 5(a)	The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has been duly provided.
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n/a	n/a	n/a	A translation is still required for European patents in respect of which the mention of the grant was published in the European Patent Bulletin before 1 May 2008.

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Greece	No	A translation of the patent specification into Greek must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. The translation must be certified by a Greek legal practitioner or by an authority empowered to do so (i.e. the Translation Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 10 Arionos Street, Athens or any Greek Consulate abroad). Art. 11(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Greece must appoint a representative for service (any natural person or any attorney) resident in Greece. Art. 19(3) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	3 months from the date on which the mention of the grant, maintenance in amended form, limitation or revocation of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin In the event of failure to observe this deadline, the European patent is deemed void ab initio in Greece. Art. 11, 12a Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	(a) EUR 350 (b) Date on which translation is filed with the OBI Mention of the filing of the translation is published only when the fee has been paid Art. 12(1), 18 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 Dec. of 10.2.2012

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(a) Yes (www.obt.gr/obi/Portals/0/ImagesAndFiles/Files/Forms/obi-a04_ver_12_2009.dot) (b) 2 Art. 12(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	Mention in EDBI Inspection in reading room Copies available Art. 13(1), (2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	(a) Yes The issue number and the date of the first publication of the translation in EDBI must be indicated. (b) No Art. 13(4) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	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. Two copies of the drawings in the EP specification must be supplied with the translation, even if these contain no textual matter requiring translation. Moreover, two copies of the patent abstract translated into Greek must also be supplied. The filing of the translation of the European patent is registered in the Register Book (Volume B "European patents"). On request, the OBI issues the patent proprietor with confirmation of registration in the Registers, which may also cover any possible change in ownership. Art. 12(3), (4), 23a Pres. Decr. No. 77/88

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Hungary	Yes No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	A translation of the claims into Hungarian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. No further requirements if the European patent was granted in English, but the patentee is free to supply a full Hungarian translation as well. If the European patent was granted in French or German, a full translation into English or Hungarian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. If the European patent is maintained in amended form, a translation of the amended claims into Hungarian and, if the European patent was granted in German or French, a translation of the patent specification into English or Hungarian must be filed under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. After validation, a Hungarian translation of the text other than the claims may be filed additionally at any time. This option is designed to strengthen the patentee's position and increase legal certainty in any judicial infringement procedures. Art. 1(2) and (3) London Agreement Art. 84/H.(1)-(1a), 84/I. PA	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 HIPO. This professional representative does not have to be a national professional representative but must be domiciled in the EEA. Art. 51.(1), (4) PA	(i) Within 3 months of 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. (ii) The translation can also be filed within 3 months of the last day of the above period on payment of the additional fee specified in the FeeDecr. In the event of failure to observe these provisions, the European patent is deemed void <i>ab initio</i> in Hungary. After validation, a voluntary translation of the full text of the European patent into Hungarian may be filed at any time. Art. 84/H.(1)-(3), (8), (10a) PA	(a) (i) HUF 23 500 plus HUF 3 500 for the sixth and each subsequent page of the translation The number of pages is calculated as follows: - if the European patent was granted in English, by adding the pages of the claims, after translation into Hungarian, to those of the rest of the patent; if the full text of the patent was translated into and filed in Hungarian, this translation will be taken as the basis for the calculation; - if it was granted in French or German, by adding the pages of claims, after translation into Hungarian, to those of the rest of the patent after translation into Hungarian or English. (ii) additional fee of HUF 58 700 is payable if the translation is filed during the additional three months (see point (ii) in column 4) (b) Within two months of filing the translation If the publishing and printing fee is not paid at the time the translation is filed, the HIPO invites the applicant to remedy the deficiency within two months of the filing of the translation. If he fails to do so, the translation into Hungarian is deemed not to have been filed. Art. 84/H PA Art. 4.(2)-(2a), (5) FeeDecr

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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 EEA. § 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 § 56 PR	(a) ISK 22 000 (b) Within period pursuant to column 4 Art. 77(1) PA Art. 56 PR Art. 1(9) Fees Reg.
Ireland	No - Ireland has amended its legislation to give effect to the London Agreement on the application of Article 65 of the EPC. The revised legal provisions came into force on 3 September 2012. PA PR Fees Rules	Applicants are no longer required to file a translation into English of the specification of European patents granted in French or German on or after 3 September 2012 (mention published in the European Patent Bulletin).	n/a	n/a	n/a
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) EUR 40 (see column 9) (b) Date on which translation is filed (see column 9)

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(a) No (but recommended) (b) 1	Mention of the filing of the translation in "ELStíðindum" (Icelandic Patent Gazette) Inspection in reading room Copies available § 77 PA	(a) Yes (b) ISK 20 000 Art. 86(1) PA Art. 1(11) Fees Reg.	If a translation is corrected under Art. 86 of the Patents Act, a new version of the entire translation, clearly indicating what has been changed by each correction, must be submitted. This corrected version must be accompanied by the patent or application number and the name and address of the patent holder or applicant, otherwise it will be deemed not to have been submitted. Art. 58(1), (2) PR
n/a	n/a	(a) Yes – any translation filed under Section 119(6) PA prior to 3 September 2012 may be corrected. (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. Section 121(3) PA Rule 85 PR Schedule of Fees – Schedule 1, Rule 3, Item 47	As a consequence of the new legislation, the Irish Patents Office will no longer treat as void European patents which were granted in the six months prior to 3 September 2012 and for which a translation into English has not been filed.
(a) Yes - in triplicate (b) 1	Display in reading room Copies available	(a) Yes 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. (b) No Art. 57(4) PL	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). On the same day as the translation is filed, a fee of EUR 40 must be paid into the bank account of the chamber of commerce with which it is filed. If it is sent to the UIBM by post, this fee must be transferred to the Rome Chamber of Commerce's giro account No. 39692005 (IBAN: IT67 C076 0103 2000 0003 9692 005, BIC: BPPIITRRXXX). 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.

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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) as of 1.1.2014: EUR 49.80 (if filed on paper) or EUR 35.57 (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. 79(2), (3) PL	Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the EEA or in an EPC contracting state must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania. Art. 14(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. 79(2), (3) PL	(a) Publication of claims: LTL 160 plus LTL 50 for the 16th 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. 79(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) No (b) n/a

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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 § 33 Fees Reg.

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Poland	No	A translation of the patent specification into Polish must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 6 §§ 2 and 3 EPAL	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	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. 6 §§ 2 and 3 EPAL	(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 Where the translation or corrected translation is more than 10 pages long, the fee for each individual page of the translation is PLN 10. (b) no later than 3 months after the date of service of the PL Patent Office's invitation Art. 7 § 5 EPAL Annex no. 1 item I 14 Fees Reg.

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) No (b) 2	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) Publication in printed form available for inspection in the reading room Copies available PL Patent Office's database on its website at www.uprp.pl (Polish) Art. 7 § 1 EPAL	(a) Yes (b) Yes, see column 5(a) Art. 7 §§ 3, 6 EPAL	The published translation indicates the date on which the EPO published the mention of the grant of the European patent. Art. 7 § 1 EPAL The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the European patent specification even when there is no textual matter. Art. 7 § 1 in conjunction with Art. 1 item 6 EPAL

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?
Portugal	No	A translation of the patent specification into Portuguese must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 79(1) PA	No However, under Article 81 of the Portuguese Industrial Property Code, "If an applicant for or holder of a European patent does not have a domicile or registered office in Portugal, the translations must be performed under the responsibility of an official industrial property agent or a representative accredited by the National Industrial Property Institute." Patent proprietors with neither residence nor principal place of business in Portugal may request validation from the Portuguese Industrial Property Institute without appointing a professional representative. The translation must however be "certified" by a professional representative accredited by the National Industrial Property Institute. Art. 10 PA	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin, plus a one-month supplementary period subject to payment of an additional fee. Art. 80(1), (3) PA	(a) National validation fee - EUR 52.12 if filed online, - EUR 104.24 if filed on paper If the translation is filed within one month after the 3-month period, a surcharge calculated with reference to the national filing fee is payable: +50% of the online fee +50% of the paper fee (b) Within period pursuant to column 4 Mention of the filing of the translation is published only when the fee has been paid. Art. 80(2), (3), 82(2) PA Fees Res.
Romania	No	A translation of the patent specification into Romanian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC.	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Romania must appoint a representative authorised to act before the OSIM.	(i) 3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin; (ii) extendible by three months	(a) (i) EUR 100 or RON 360 plus EUR 5 or RON 18 for each page of the translation in excess of 20 (ii) EUR 200 or RON 720 plus EUR 5 or RON 18 for each page of the translation in excess of 20 (b) (i) Within period pursuant to column 4(i) (ii) before the end of the period specified in column 4(ii) Annex 1.31 Fees Ord.

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, if filed on paper: INPI presentation form PatMut3 (b) 1	Mention of the filing of the translation in the Industrial Property Bulletin Entry in the patent register Inspection in reading room Copies available Art. 82(1), 83(1) PA	(a) Yes (b) EUR 26.06 if filed online, EUR 52.12 if filed on paper Art. 85(1) PA Fees Res.	Patent proprietors with neither residence nor principal place of business in Portugal must have the translation prepared by a professional representative before INPI (see column 3). The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings, even where there is no textual matter. Art. 79(2), 81 PA
(a) No (but recommended) (b) 3	Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention in the patent bulletin	(a) Yes (b) EUR 20 or RON 72 Art. 7(2) AccEPCLaw 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.

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	No	A translation of the patent description and claims into Italian must be supplied under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. The translation must be certified by the patentee or his representative.	Yes, foreign applicants must appoint a professional representative who has been entered on the list of patent attorneys maintained by the USBM. An address for correspondence in the Republic of San Marino must be given.	6 months as from the date on which the mention of grant of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 5(2) Decree Law No. 76/2009	(a) EUR 100 plus EUR 15 for each page of the translation in excess of 20 (b) Within period pursuant to column 4 Tab. I Fees Decree
Serbia	No	A translation of the patent specification into Serbian must be filed with the Serbian Intellectual Property Office. Art. 149(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. 5(1) 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. 149(2)(3) PL	(a) Yes (b) Within period pursuant to column 4 Art. 149(2)(3) PL
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

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) 3	Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention of the translation in the official bulletin Entry in the patent register	a) Yes b) No	The translation must be signed by the representative. The translation of the European patent must comprise: - the title of the invention - the description - the claims - drawings, if any The translation must be accompanied by a declaration stating that the translation corresponds to the original text, signed by the proprietor or the professional representative If the EPO maintains the patent in an amended form, a translation of the amended text must be filed. The translation has to be filed in paper form and on CD or DVD in PDF format.
(a) Yes (www.zis.gov.rs/upload/documents/pdf_sr/pep-rs%20novi.pdf) (b) 2	Publication of the translation and any corrections Mention of the published printed patent document and of any corrections in the Intellectual Property Gazette Art. 149(10) PL Art. 54 Rules	(a) Yes (b) Yes Art. 150(3)(5) PL	-
(a) No (b) 1	Mention in the official journal Internet Inspection in reading room	(a) Yes (b) EUR 116 § 62(3) PA	The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has been duly provided. § 60(2) PA § 12 RPA

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?
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 EU. 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, maintenance in amended form or limitation of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 8 RD 2424	(a) EUR 317.75* plus EUR 12.77* for each page of the translation in excess of 22 (EUR 270.09* plus EUR 10.85* for translations filed by electronic means, via OEPM's online filing service or on magnetic data carriers, CDs or DVDs) (b) Date on which translation is filed Translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Art. 6, 9 RD 2424 Fees Law
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 1 400 plus SEK 175 for the ninth and each subsequent page of the translation (including any drawings) (b) Within period pursuant to column 4 § 82 PA §§ 45, 64 PD

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

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) No (but recommended) (b) 2 Art. 2, 9 PR	Translation and any corrections published on CD-Rom and at the Slovenian Patent Documents Server. Mention in official bulletin (BIL) Inspection of files and inspection in library Art. 27(5) IPA	(a) Yes (b) EUR 60 (fee for any subsequent publication of the translation) to be paid within the period pursuant to column 4 (see also column 9). Art. 27(2), 28(2) IPA Art. 1(1.4.2) Fees Decr.	The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has been duly provided. Correction of translation has legal effect from the date of publication by SIPO. Art. 28(2) IPA
(a) Yes (b) 1 in electronic format; if translation on paper, only one set of the documents need be filed (no copies)	Translation and any corrections published in the form of a printed patent document Electronic copies available: http://invenes.oepm.es/InvenesWeb/faces/busquedaInternet.jsp Mention of the filing of the translation in "Boletín Oficial de la Propiedad Industrial" Entry in the patent register Art. 37 PL Art. 9, 10, 12 RD 2424	(a) Yes (b) Yes, cf. column 5(a) Art. 12 RD 2424 Fees Law	Patent proprietors 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. The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter. Art. 8 RD 2424
(a) No (b) 1	Mention of the filing of the translation in "Svensk Patenttidning" (Swedish Patent Bulletin) Internet § 82 PA	(a) Yes (b) Yes, cf. column 5(a) § 91(1) PA §§ 45, 63, 64 PD	The number of the European patent, the title of the invention and the name and address of the patent proprietor must accompany the translation. The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter. The drawings are considered part of the description. Neither the abstract nor any sequence listings need to be translated. § 60 PD

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?
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 600* ii) TRY 400* (b)(i) Within period pursuant to column 4(i) (ii) before the end of the period specified in column 4(ii) Fees 2013
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

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

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
n/a	n/a	n/a	-
(a) Yes (b) 1	Mention of the filing of the translation in the "Resmi Patent Bülteni" Inspection in the reading room Copies available R. 13 RegEPC	(a) Yes (b) Publication of a corrected translation of the patent specification: TRY 275* Publication of the translation of an amended patent specification (opposition, limitation): TRY 360* R. 14 and 16 RegEPC Fees 2013	The following data must be provided with the translation: - EP application and publication numbers, - EP application and publication dates, - number and date of the European Patent Bulletin in which the grant was mentioned, - names and addresses of applicant(s) and inventor(s), - the title of the invention, - the name and address of the representative, - the IPC, - a signed declaration stating that the translation corresponds to the original text, - the abstract, - drawing and priority data, if applicable. R. 12 RegEPC
n/a	n/a	(a) Translations filed under Sect. 77(6) PA prior to 1 May 2008 may be corrected. (i) Form 54 (corrections under Sect. 80(3) PA; R. 56 and R. 57 PR) in duplicate. (ii) in writing (corrections under Sect. 117 PA; R. 105 PR) (b) No Sect. 80(3), 117 PA R. 57, 105 PR Schedule 1 to PFR	-

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

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 (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 May 2010.)	Yes No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	A translation of the claims into Albanian must be filed with the GDPT.	Yes	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 5(2), (3) Ext. Reg.	(a) ALL 1 000 (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. Annex Art. 88(2) PL	Yes	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant of the European patent is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 5(2) Ext. Agr. Annex Art. 88(2) PL	(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 No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	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. If the European patent has been maintained in amended form, a translation of the amended claims into Croatian must be filed under the conditions provided for in Art. 65(1) EPC. Art. 103(2), (3) and 114 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) Yes (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.)	Yes No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	A translation of the claims into Macedonian must be filed with SOIP. Art. 1(3) London Agreement	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.

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) 2	Mention in the patent bulletin Entry in the patent register Art. 5(3) Ext. Reg.	(a) Yes (b) ALL 2 000 Art. 5, 6(3) Ext. Reg.	-
(a) Yes (b) 1	Database inspection in the Office Copies available Mention in the official gazette (Glasnik)	(a) Yes (b) Yes, cf. column 5(a) Art. 5(3) and 6(3) Ext. Agr. Annex Art. 88(3), 89(3) PL	-
(a) No, but recommended (b) 1 Art. 2(1) PO	Mention of the filing of the translation in the official gazette Translation and any corrections published in the form of a printed patent document Entry in the patent register Inspection of files Copies available for viewing and downloading from the internet website Art. 103(5) PA Art. 21 PO	(a) Yes (b) Yes Art. 104(3) PA	Correction of translation has legal effect from the date of publication by the Croatian Intellectual Property Office. Art. 104(3) PA
(a) Yes, Form об. ДЗИС –П15 (b) 3	Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention in the official gazette (Glasnik) Art. 5(3) Ext. Reg.	(a) Yes (b) Yes, cf. column 5(a) Art. 5(3) Ext. Reg.	The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has been duly provided. Art. 5(5) Ext. Reg.

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 No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	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) as of 1.1.2014: EUR 49.80 (if filed on paper) or EUR 35.57 (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 No official language in common with one of the official languages of the EPO.	A translation of the claims into Lithuanian must be filed with the LT State Patent Bureau. Art. 71(2) PL	Yes Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the EEA or in an EPC Contracting State must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania.	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.	(a) Publication of claims: LTL 160 plus LTL 50 for the 16th 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. Art. 71(2) PL Fees Law
Montenegro	No	Patent holder must submit to the competent authority a translation of the claims of the European patent into Montenegrin and pay the prescribed publication fee. Art. 108(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 lawyer (Register of Representatives at www.advokatskakomora.me). 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. 108(2) PL	(a) Yes (b) Within period pursuant to column 4

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 the 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. Order	Publication of the translation and any corrections in the official bulletin of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania Inspection of the official bulletin online <i>www.vpb.gov.lt</i> Art. 71(4) PL	(a) Yes (b) Yes, cf. column 5(a) Art. 71(3), 72(3) PL Fees Law	Full translation is required only for legal proceedings.
(a) Yes (b) 2	Publication of translation of patent claims and any corrections in the Montenegrin Intellectual Property Gazette Art. 108(5) PL	(a) Yes (b) Yes Art. 108(3) PL	-

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

V.

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

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

Any contracting state which adopts a provision of this kind

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

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

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

Contracting state	1 Authentic text of a European patent application or European patent	2 Has provision pursuant to Art. 70(4)(b) EPC been made?
Albania	Relevant legal provisions are not yet in force.	
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. 108.f(2) PA	Yes Art. 108.f(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	If the translation does not correspond to the text in the language of the EPO proceedings, the protection conferred by the patent only extends to the subject-matter disclosed in both texts. § 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	Text in the language of the proceedings before the EPO. In the event of litigation, the judge or defendant may require a full translation of the patent into French. Art. L. 614-7 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. If a Hungarian translation of the text of the European patent other than the claims was voluntarily submitted after validation, the general rule applies to this translation once it has been published by the HIPO. Art. 84/J. PA	Yes Art. 84/K.(6) PA

Contracting state	1 Authentic text of a European patent application or European patent	2 Has provision pursuant to Art. 70(4)(b) EPC been made?
Iceland	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 85(1) PA	Yes Art. 86(3) PA
Ireland	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Sect. 121 PA	Yes Sect. 121(4) PA
Italy	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 57(2) PL	Yes Art. 57(5) PL
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. 80(1), (2) PL	Yes Art. 80(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	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings Art. 6(2) Decree Law No. 76/2009	Yes Art. 6(5) Decree Law No. 76/2009

* 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) EPC been made?
Serbia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings; this does not apply, however, in revocation proceedings Authentic text is a translation. The text of a European patent application or a European patent in the language of the proceedings before the European Patent Office is the authentic text in revocation proceedings if the protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings before the European Patent Office. Art. 150(2) PL	Yes Art. 150(6) PL
Slovakia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 62(1) and (2) PA	Yes § 62(5) PA
Slovenia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 28(1) IPA	Yes Art. 28(3) IPA
Spain	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 11 RD 2424	Yes Art. 12 RD 2424
Sweden	Both original text and translation to the extent that they correspond; in invalidity proceedings, the text as published by the EPO. § 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 filed under s.77 or s.78 PA, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings (except in revocation proceedings). In all other cases, the text in the language of the proceedings is the authentic text. Sect. 80(1), (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) EPC been made?
Albania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 May 2010.)	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. Annex Art. 89(2) PL	Yes Art. 6(4) Ext. Agr. Annex Art. 89(4) PL
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. 72(1), (2) PL	Yes Art. 72(3) PL
Montenegro	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings; this does not apply, however, in revocation proceedings. Art. 109(2) PL	Yes Art. 109(4) 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

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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
Albania Art. 40, 41, 86 Fees Decr.	Year 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th	ALL 4 000 5 000 6 000 7 000 8 000 10 000 12 000 14 000 16 000 20 000	Year 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th	ALL 22 000 25 000 27 000 30 000 32 000 35 000 37 000 40 000 45 000 50 000	(a) Last day of the month in which the date of filing occurred (b) n/a (c) Payment may not be made more than 12 months before due date. Art. 41(2) PL PR 1		(a) 6 months from due date (b) 50% Art. 41(3) PL
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	Year 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th § 6(2), 9(2) LPOF	EUR 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800	Year 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th	EUR 900 1 000 1 100 1 200 1 300 1 500 1 700	(a) Last day of the month in which the date of filing occurred (b) For the first fee to be paid: 3 months from due date; subsequent fees must be paid by due date (c) Payment may not be made more than 3 months before due date. § 9(3) – (5) LPOF		(a) Fee for 1st year: beginning of 4th up to end of 12th month from due date; fees for further years: beginning of 1st up to end of 6th month from due date (b) 20% § 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 and Art. 9 RD of 27.2.81*** Enquiries re renewal fees: Tel. +32 2 2775296 Fax + 32 2 2775262	Year 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th Art. 40 PA	EUR 35 50 65 85 100 125 145 170 195	Year 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th	EUR 220 250 290 330 370 410 455 500 545	(a) Last day of the month in which the date of filing occurred (b) 1 month (c) Payment may not be made more than 6 months before due date. Art. 8 RD of 5.12.07** Art. 9 RD of 27.2.81*** Art. 40 PA		(a) Beginning of 2nd up to end of 6th month from due date (b) 3rd-10th year: EUR 75 11th-20th year: EUR 210 Art. 40 PA

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

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

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(a) Only to the licensee if the patent proprietor fails to pay the relevant fee in time and a license in favour of a third party is entered in the patent register (b) Approx. 8 weeks before expiry of period of grace Art. 46(5) PL PR 1	(a) Yes (b) No later than 6 months from expiry of period of grace under column 3 Art. 35 PL	(a) and (c) Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Albania must appoint a representative authorised to act before the GDPT (b) n/a Art. 35 PL	Publication in the Patent Bulletin Entry in the patent register Part XIV (3.3) PR PR 1
(a) Yes, but not mandatory (b) Approximately 1 month after due date in the event of non- or insufficient payment, but requests for payment are not sent abroad (Österreichisches Patentblatt No. 1/1982, p. 28)	(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; no later than 12 months after expiry of non-observed time limit § 24 ILPT §§ 129 et seq. PA	(a) No (b) No (c) Yes; attorney at law, patent attorney or notary authorised to represent parties on a professional basis in Austria. However, if the residence or place of business is in the EEA, a person authorised to accept service who is a resident of Austria may be appointed instead. § 27(1) LPOF § 24 ILPT § 21(4) PA	Entry in the patent register Publication in the patent bulletin §§ 46, 79, 80 PA
(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) Beginning of 7th until end of 8th month from due date (or two months as from expiry of grace period under Art. 40 PA) Art. 41 PA	(a) see table III.B, column 1 (b) n/a (c) see table III.B, column 1 Art. 55, 57, 58, 60 PA	Confirmation of non-payment on request Entry in the patent register Art. 40 PA

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(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) 3 months after the reason ceases to apply; no later than 12 months after expiry of non-observed time limit Art. 49 PL	(a) No (b) n/a (c) Yes	Entry in the patent register Publication in the patent bulletin
(a) Yes (b) Approx. 1 month after due date	(a) Yes (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	(a) No (b) Yes (c) Yes	Entry in the patent register Publication in the official gazette
Art. 74(4) PA	Art. 57 PA	Art. 4 PA	Art. 26, 32(3) PO
(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (Form P.14 P.15) (b) Within 12 months of expiry of the period of grace under col. 3 R. 43 PFR	(a) Yes (b) n/a (c) Yes	Entry in the patent register Publication in the official gazette R. 3(1)(b), 42(4) PFR

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(a) No (b) n/a	(a) No (b) n/a	(a) No (b) n/a (c) n/a	Publication in Věstník Úřadu průmyslového vlastnictví (Bulletin of the CZ Industrial Property Office) Entry in the patent register
	§ 11(1)(a) LRenFees	§ 70 PA	§ 69(2), (3) PA
(a) No, but a postal cheque form will be sent to applicants/representatives (b) 2-4 weeks after due date	(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; no later than 1 year from expiry of period of grace under column 3	(a) No (b) No (c) No	Publication in Dansk Patenttidende (Danish Patent Gazette) Entry in the patent register
	§ 72 PA	§ 66 PA	§ 51 PA § 47 PO
(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; no later than 1 year from expiry of period of grace under column 3	(a) No (b) n/a (c) n/a	Publication in Eesti Patendileht (official gazette) Entry in the patent register
	§ 29(4) PA	§ 15 IA	§ 38(2) PA § 17 IA

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(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) No later than 3 months from expiry of the non-observed time limit	(a) No (b) n/a (c) Yes	Entry in the patent register Publication in the official gazette

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France Art. L. 612-19 PL Art. R. 613-46, R. 613-47, R. 613-63 and R. 614-16 Reg. Enquiries re renewal fees: Département des Titres, Service des annuités Tel. +33 3 28363493 Fax +33 3 28363481	<table> <tr> <th>Year</th><th>EUR</th><th>Year</th><th>EUR</th></tr> <tr><td>2nd</td><td>36</td><td>12th</td><td>290</td></tr> <tr><td>3rd</td><td>36</td><td>13th</td><td>330</td></tr> <tr><td>4th</td><td>36</td><td>14th</td><td>380</td></tr> <tr><td>5th</td><td>36</td><td>15th</td><td>430</td></tr> <tr><td>6th</td><td>72</td><td>16th</td><td>490</td></tr> <tr><td>7th</td><td>92</td><td>17th</td><td>550</td></tr> <tr><td>8th</td><td>130</td><td>18th</td><td>620</td></tr> <tr><td>9th</td><td>170</td><td>19th</td><td>690</td></tr> <tr><td>10th</td><td>210</td><td>20th</td><td>760</td></tr> <tr><td>11th</td><td>250</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> Fees Ord. of 24.4.08	Year	EUR	Year	EUR	2nd	36	12th	290	3rd	36	13th	330	4th	36	14th	380	5th	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 insufficient, 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) 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) Yes, to the address for service in Greece, but not mandatory; reminders are not sent abroad. (b) Approx. 1 month before expiry of period of grace	(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Payment must be made by the patentee or a Greek legal practitioner. Patentees with neither residence nor principal place of business in Greece must appoint a representative for service in that country. (b) No, but an address for service in Greece must be given. (c) n/a Art. 19 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	Publication in the EDBI; the loss of rights takes effect as from the date of publication. Art. 16(2) Law No. 1733/87
(a) Yes, but not binding (b) One payment reminder issued before the due date and another during the period of grace	(a) No, however, request for restoration of patent protection is possible (b) Within 3 months of the end of the period of grace if double that year's renewal fee is paid within that period Art. 40. PA Art. 9.(4) FeeDecr	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 HIPO. This professional representative does not have to be a national professional representative but must be domiciled in the EEA. Art. 51.(1), (4) PA	Publication in Szabadalmi Közlöny és Védjegyértesítő (Gazette of Patents and Trademarks) Entry in the patent register (available also from the HIPO website) Art. 54., 56. and 56/A. PA

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Iceland Art. 81 PA Enquiries re renewal fees and patent register: Tel. +35 4 580-9400 Fax +35 4 580-9401	Year	ISK	Year	ISK	(a) Last day of the month in which the date of filing occurred. The renewal fee for the 1st year, however, does not become due until four months after grant. (b) n/a (c) Payment may not be made more than 3 months before due date.	(a) 6 months from due date (b) 20%
	1st	8 000	11th	18 000		
	2nd	8 000	12th	20 000		
	3rd	8 000	13th	22 000		
	4th	9 000	14th	25 000		
	5th	10 000	15th	28 000		
	6th	11 000	16th	31 000		
	7th	12 000	17th	34 500		
	8th	13 500	18th	38 000		
	9th	15 000	19th	42 000		
	10th	16 500	20th	46 000		
	Art. 2 Fees Reg.				Art. 41(1), 81(1) PA	Art. 81(2), 41(3) PA Art. 2(2) Fees Reg.
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.	(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.
	3rd	60	12th	265		
	4th	90	13th	285		
	5th	114	14th	311		
	6th	134	15th	335		
	7th	150	16th	356		
	8th	176	17th	382		
	9th	194	18th	408		
	10th	220	19th	438		
	11th	242	20th	468		
	Schedule I Fees Rules				Sect. 36(3) PA R. 34(2), (3) PR	Sect. 36(3) PA Schedule I Fees Rules

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(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; no later than 12 months from expiry of period of grace under column 3 Art. 72 PA	(a), (b) and (c) An applicant who is not domiciled in Iceland must have an agent, residing in the EEA, 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. Art. 12, 66 PA	Publication in ELS-tíðindi (Icelandic Patent Gazette) Entry in the patent register Art. 51 PA Art. 93 PR
(a) Yes (b) No later than 6 weeks after due date R. 34(5), (6) PR	(a) Yes (b) Within 2 years of the date on which the patent lapsed Sect. 37 PA R. 35 PR	(a) No (b) No, but an address for service in the European Community must be given (c) Yes Sect. 37(2) PA R. 34(5), (6), 93(1) PR SI No.141 of 2006	Entry in the patent register Publication in the Patents Office Journal

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Italy Min. Decr. of 2.4.07	Year	EUR	Year	EUR	(a) Last day of month in which the date of filing occurred (b) n/a (c) No specific legal provision.		(a) 6 months after due date (b) EUR 100		
	5th	60	13th	530					
	6th	90	14th	600					
	7th	120	15th	650					
	8th	170	16th	650					
	9th	200	17th	650					
	10th	230	18th	650					
	11th	310	19th	650					
	12th	410	20th	650					
Latvia Art. 73 PL Fees Reg.			as of 1.1.2014:		(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.		(a) 6 months (b) 25%		
	Year	LVL	EUR						
	3rd	60	85.37						
	4th	90	128.06						
	5th	100	142.29						
	6th	105	149.40						
	7th	120	170.74						
	8th	150	213.43						
	9th	180	256.12						
	10th-15th	225	320.15						
	16th-20th	300	426.86						
					Art. 73(2) PL		Art. 43 PL		
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland								
Lithuania Appendix I Fees Law	Year	LTL				(a) Last day of the patent year preceding the patent year for which the renewal fee is due (the patent years starting on the anniversary of the date of filing) (b) n/a (c) Payment may not be made more than 2 months before due date.		(a) 6 months from due date (b) 50%	
	3rd	280							
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(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) Within 2 months of removal of the cause of non-compliance with the time limit, but no later than 12 months after expiry of non-observed time limit. Art. 193(2) PL	(a) No (b) n/a (c) No	Confirmation of non-payment on request
(a) Yes, but not mandatory (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle, but no later than 12 months after expiry of the non-observed time limit Art. 26 PL	(a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes	Communication to representative Entry in the patent register Publication in the official bulletin
(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (request fee: LTL 600) (b) Within two months of removal of the cause of non-compliance with the time limit or within 12 months of expiry of the non-observed time limit or, in cases of non-compliance with the time limit for payment of renewal fees, within 12 months of expiry of the grace period prescribed in Article 5bis of the Paris Convention, whichever period ends earlier. Art. 33 PL Art. 12 PLT	(a) and (c) Yes Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the EEA or in an EPC contracting state must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania. (b) n/a	Entry in a database of European patents Publication in the official bulletin Online www.vpb.gov.lt Art. 29 PL

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(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) 20 months from the date of lapse of the patent Art. 70 PL	(a) No (b) n/a (c) Yes	Only renewal fees paid are entered in the patent register.
(a) Yes (b) 6 weeks after due date R. 24(3) L.N. 117/2002	(a) When unable to observe the time limit set, causing refusal of the patent application, lapse of the patent or loss of any other right or means of redress. (b) Within 2 months from removal of the cause of non-compliance with the time limit or within 12 months from expiry of the non-observed time limit, whichever is the earlier Art. 46(1), (2) PA 2000	(a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes	n/a
(a) Yes (reminders are sent abroad) (b) No information available	(a) No (b) n/a	(a) No (b) No (c) n/a	n/a

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(a) Yes (b) 1 month before the due date	(a) Yes (b) within two months of discovery of the failure to observe, but no later than one year after expiry of non-observed time limit 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. Art. 23 PA	(a) No (b) No (c) No However only patent agents or attorneys at law registered in the Netherlands may represent the patentee or applicant before the NPO. Art. 23b(1) PA	Entry in the patent register Publication in De Industriële Eigendom Art. 20, 62 PA
(a) Yes, but not mandatory; reminders are not sent abroad. (b) Approx. 2 months after due date	(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; no later than 6 months from expiry of period of grace under column 3. § 72(2) PL	(a) No (b) No (c) No § 67 PL	Publication in Norsk Patenttidende (Norwegian Patents Gazette) Entry in the patent register § 43 PR

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(a) No (b) n/a	(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) n/a (c) n/a Art. 236 § 3 IPL	Determined by decision of the PL Patent Office (communication to proprietor of patent) Publication in Wiadomości Urzędu Patentowego (official gazette of the PL Patent Office) Entry in the patent register Art. 90, 92 and 233 IPL
(a) Yes (b) No information available Art. 349(8), (9) PA	(a) Yes (b) Within one year of publication of the notice of lapse by paying a surcharge equal to three times the fee due and without prejudice to third party rights Art. 350(1), (2) PA	(a) No (b) No (c) No Art. 10(1), 349(8) PA	Entry in the patent register Publication in the Industrial Property Bulletin Art. 356(1) PA

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(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) Within 6 months of publication, in the patent bulletin, of the patent's lapse due to non-payment of renewal fees Art. 37 PL	(a) Yes, if proprietor resides outside Romania (b) n/a (c) Yes	Entry in the patent register Publication in the patent bulletin Communication to proprietor of patent
(a) Yes (b) One payment reminder issued before the due date and another during the period of grace	(a) Yes (b) Within 2 months after USBM's communication on expiry of the time limit	(a) and (c) Foreign applicants must appoint a professional representative who has been entered on the list of patent attorneys maintained by the USBM. (b) An address for correspondence in the Republic of San Marino must be given.	Communication to proprietor of patent or to his representative and mention in the bulletin

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(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) Within 3 months from the date on which the grounds for the omission ceased to exist or, if the applicant learned about the omission subsequently, from the date on which he found out about the omission; the request is admissible only within 12 months of expiry of the time limit and, if it relates to non-payment of the maintenance fee, at least 12 months from the date of expiry of the additional time limit for payment Art. 73 PL	(a) No (b) n/a (c) Yes Art. 5 PL	Yes Art. 41(2) PL
(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of the cause of non-compliance with the time limit; no later than 12 months from expiry of the grace period under column 3 § 52(1) PA	(a) No (b) n/a (c) n/a § 79(1) PA	Entry in the patent register Mention in the official journal § 26 RPA

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(a) Yes; reminders are sent to the representative or address for correspondence which should be on Slovenian territory. (b) Approx. 1 month after due date Art. 110(2) IPA	(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; (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; request is only admissible within one year of the expiry of the time limit. Art. 68 IPA	(a) No (b) No, if the address for correspondence is on Slovenian territory, otherwise yes (c) Yes Art. 129 IPA	Entry in the patent register Mention in the official bulletin (BIL) Decision on lapse of a patent due to non-payment of fees Art. 5(2) IPA
(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes, in the case of force majeure (b) Within 6 months of publication in the Boletín Oficial de la Propiedad Industrial of the lapse of patent Art. 117 PL Article 25 of Law 17/2001 provides for restoration of rights where an applicant or owner has failed to comply with a time limit for an action in a procedure before the Office in spite of due care required by the circumstances, and that failure has the direct consequence of causing a loss of rights. The request has to be filed within 2 months of removal of the obstacle.	(a) No, if proprietor resides in a country of the EU (b) n/a (c) Yes	Entry in the patent register Publication in Boletín Oficial de la Propiedad Industrial Art. 49 RD 2245

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(a) Yes, but not mandatory (b) Approx. 1 month after due date	(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; no later than 12 months from expiry of period of grace under column 3 § 72 PA	(a) No (b) No (c) Yes § 72 PA	Publication in the patent bulletin Entry in the patent register § 51 PA § 42 PD
(a) Yes, but reminders are not sent abroad. (b) 8 weeks before expiry of period of grace; requests are not sent abroad. Art. 18d PO	(a) Yes (b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; no later than one year from expiry of the non-observed time limit Further processing possible Art. 46a, 47 PA	(a) No (b) No, but an address for service in Switzerland/Liechtenstein must be given. (c) Yes (From 1.7.2011: No, but an address for service in Switzerland/Liechtenstein must be given.) Art. 13 PA Art. 18d PO	Communication to proprietor of patent Entry in the patent register Publication in the patent bulletin Art. 15 PA Art. 18b, 94, 117 PO

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(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) Within 6 months of publication of the notice of lapse Art. 134 DL No. 551	(a) Yes (b) n/a (c) Yes R. 18 RegEPC R. 47 IR	Communication to representative Publication in the Resmi Patent Bülteni Entry in the patent register Art. 134 DL No. 551
(a) Yes (reminders are sent to addresses outside the UK) (b) Within 6 weeks of the due date Sect. 25(5) PA R. 39 PR	(a) Yes (b) Within 13 months of the end of the 6-month period specified for late payment Sect. 28 PA R. 40 PR	(a) and (b) No (c) No, but an address for service in the EEA or Channel Islands should be given. R. 103 PR (see also R. 49 PR)	Communication to applicant (notice of cessation) Entry in the patent register Publication in the Patents Journal Sect. 32(2), 123(6) PA R. 41 PR

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Bosnia and Herzegovina Art. 56, 92 PL					(a) Anniversary of date of filing		(a) 6 months from due date	
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(a) Only to the licensee if the patent proprietor fails to pay the relevant fee in time and a license in favour of a third party is entered in the patent register (b) Approx. 8 weeks before expiry of period of grace Art. 46(5) PL PR 1	(a) Yes (b) Not later than 6 months from expiry of period of grace under column 3 Art. 35 PL	(a) and (c) Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Albania must appoint a representative authorised to act before the GDPT (b) n/a Art. 35 PL	Publication in the Patent Bulletin Entry in the patent register Part XIV (3.3) PR PR 1
(a) Yes (b) Approximately 1 month after due date	(a) Yes (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 Art. 50(2)(3) PL	(a) No (b) Yes (c) Yes	Entry in the patent register Publication in the official gazette Art. 45(1), 56 and 57 PL

Extension 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																																								
Croatia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2008.) Art. 74 PA	<table> <tr> <th>Year</th><th>HRK</th><th>Year</th><th>HRK</th></tr> <tr><td>3rd</td><td>320</td><td>12th</td><td>1 800</td></tr> <tr><td>4th</td><td>360</td><td>13th</td><td>2 000</td></tr> <tr><td>5th</td><td>420</td><td>14th</td><td>2 100</td></tr> <tr><td>6th</td><td>500</td><td>15th</td><td>2 300</td></tr> <tr><td>7th</td><td>620</td><td>16th</td><td>2 900</td></tr> <tr><td>8th</td><td>740</td><td>17th</td><td>3 500</td></tr> <tr><td>9th</td><td>920</td><td>18th</td><td>4 600</td></tr> <tr><td>10th</td><td>1 200</td><td>19th</td><td>5 800</td></tr> <tr><td>11th</td><td>1 700</td><td>20th</td><td>6 900</td></tr> </table> Art. 13 RCh	Year	HRK	Year	HRK	3rd	320	12th	1 800	4th	360	13th	2 000	5th	420	14th	2 100	6th	500	15th	2 300	7th	620	16th	2 900	8th	740	17th	3 500	9th	920	18th	4 600	10th	1 200	19th	5 800	11th	1 700	20th	6 900	(a) Anniversary of date of filing (b) n/a (c) No specific legal provision: payment may be made for more than one patent year. However, if the fees are subsequently changed, the patent proprietor will be obliged to pay the difference between the amount paid in advance and the amount due for the year concerned. Art. 107(1) PA	(a) 6 months from due date (b) 100% Art. 74(3) PA
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(a) Yes (b) Approx. 1 month after due date Art. 74(4) PA	(a) Yes (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 Art. 57 PA	(a) No (b) Yes (c) Yes Art. 4 PA	Entry in the patent register Publication in the official gazette Art. 26, 32(3) PO
(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) Not later than 3 months from expiry of the non-observed time limit Art. 105 Law on GAP	(a) Yes (b) n/a (c) Yes Art. 16 PL	Entry in the patent register Publication in the official gazette Art. 39 Reg.

Extension 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																														
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005.) § 43 PL Fees Reg.	as of 1.1.2014: <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>LVL</th><th>EUR</th></tr><tr><td>3rd</td><td>60</td><td>85.37</td></tr><tr><td>4th</td><td>90</td><td>128.06</td></tr><tr><td>5th</td><td>100</td><td>142.29</td></tr><tr><td>6th</td><td>105</td><td>149.40</td></tr><tr><td>7th</td><td>120</td><td>170.74</td></tr><tr><td>8th</td><td>150</td><td>213.43</td></tr><tr><td>9th</td><td>180</td><td>256.12</td></tr><tr><td>10th-15th</td><td>225</td><td>320.15</td></tr><tr><td>16th-20th</td><td>300</td><td>426.86</td></tr></table> Fees Reg.	Year	LVL	EUR	3rd	60	85.37	4th	90	128.06	5th	100	142.29	6th	105	149.40	7th	120	170.74	8th	150	213.43	9th	180	256.12	10th-15th	225	320.15	16th-20th	300	426.86	(a) Last day of the month in which the date of filing occurred (b) n/a (c) No information available.	(a) 6 months from due date (b) 25 % § 43(2) PL Fees Reg.
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(a) Yes (b) Not later than 2 weeks after due date	(a) Yes (b) Not later than 6 months from expiry of period of grace under column 3	(a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes	Entry in the patent register Publication in the official bulletin
(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (request fee: LTL 600) (b) Within two months of removal of the cause of non-compliance with the time limit or within 12 months of expiry of the non-observed time limit or, in cases of non-compliance with the time limit for payment of renewal fees, within 12 months of expiry of the grace period prescribed in Article 5<i>bis</i> of the Paris Convention, whichever period ends earlier. Art. 33 PL Art. 12 PLT	(a) and (c) Yes Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the EEA or in an EPC contracting state must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania. (b) n/a	Entry in the patent register Publication in the official bulletin Online www.vpb.gov.lt Art. 29 PL R. 42 Reg.

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(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) Within 8 days of removal of the cause of non-compliance or of party becoming aware of such non-compliance; no later than 3 months from the date the act has been omitted. Art. 95 LAdmin.proc.	(a) Yes (Register of Representatives at www.advokatskakomora.me) (b) n/a (c) Yes Art. 62 PL	Yes Art. 58(3) PL
(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) Within 6 months of publication, in the patent bulletin, of the patent's lapse due to non-payment of renewal fees Art. 37 PL	(a) Yes, if proprietor resides outside Romania (b) n/a (c) Yes	Entry in the patent register Publication in the patent bulletin Communication to proprietor of patent

Extension 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	
Serbia (The extension system continues to apply to European and interna- tional patent applications filed be- fore 1 October 2010.) Fees Law	Year	RSD	Year	RSD	(a) Last day of the patent year preceding the patent year for which the renewal fee is due (a patent year starts on the anniversary of the date of filing) (b) n/a (c) Payment may not be made more than 3 months before the due date. Tar. No. 111(3) Fees Law	(a) 6 months from due date (b) 50%			
	3rd	9 840	12th	39 390					
	4th	11 950	13th	45 020					
	5th	14 060	14th	50 650					
	6th	16 880	15th	56 280					
	7th	19 680	16th	61 910					
	8th	22 500	17th	67 540					
	9th	25 130	18th	73 170					
	10th	28 310	19th	78 800					
	11th	33 760	20th	84 430					
	50% fee reduction for natural persons.								

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(a) No (b) n/a	(a) Yes (b) Within 3 months from the date on which the grounds for the omission ceased to exist or, if the applicant learned about the omission subsequently, from the date on which he found out about the omission; the request is admissible only within 12 months of expiry of the time limit and, if it relates to non-payment of the maintenance fee, at least 12 months from the date of expiry of the additional time limit for payment Art. 73 PL	(a) No (b) n/a (c) Yes Art. 5 PL	Yes Art. 41(2) PL
(a) Yes; reminders are sent to the representative or address for correspondence which should be on Slovenian territory (b) Approx. 1 month after due date	(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; (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; request is only admissible within 1 year of the expiry of the time limit. Art. 68 IPA	(a) No (b) No, if the address for correspondence is on Slovenian territory, otherwise yes. (c) Yes Ext. Decr.	Entry in the patent register Publication in the official bulletin (BIL) Decision on lapse of a patent due to non-payment of fees Art. 5(2) IPA

Conversion of European patent applications or patents into national patent applications

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(2) 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
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**
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 Art. 72f(1) PL	(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 Art. 72f(3), 35(2) PL	3 months following the date of transmission of the request for conversion to the BG Patent Office Art. 72f(3) PL	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. Art. 3(2) PL	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
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	-

* European patent applications filed on or after 13 December 2007

** European patent applications filed before 13 December 2007

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
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 Sect. 70(1) PL	(a) Payment of the filing fee EUR 100 (b) Filing, in duplicate, of a translation in Greek Sect. 70(4) PL R. 59(2) PFR	(a) 3 months after notification of a request by the CY Patent Office (b) 4 months from filing of the request for conversion R. 59(1) PFR	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. Sect. 70(5) PL	The request for conversion is recorded in Record Book Volume A National Applications. 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 §§ 35b(2), (3), 70 PA	(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 §§ 35b(2), 70 PA	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.
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 of a Danish or English translation § 88, 98(2) PA § 95(2) PO	Within 3 months of the DKPTO's notifying the applicant of receipt of the request for conversion § 88 PA § 95(1) 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. § 36 Utility Models Act

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
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	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	(a) Payment of the filing fee and the fee for conversion (b) Filing of a Macedonian translation Art. 125(2) PL	2 months from filing the request for conversion	Yes	-
France	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Art. L. 614-6 PL	(a) Payment of - national filing fee (for paper filings EUR 36/ for electronic filings EUR 26) - the fee for a search report (EUR 500), (b) Filing, in triplicate, of a French translation Art. R. 614-5 and R. 614-17 Reg. Ord. of 19.9.79 and Fees Ord. of 24.4.08	2 months after publication in BOPI of a notice regarding the conversion. 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. Art. R. 614-5, R. 612-31, para 2 Reg.	Not required for procedural steps in column 2; an authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation. All subsequent procedural steps must be taken by an authorised national representative, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in France. Art. R. 612-2 Reg.	Subject to national security legislation, INPI publishes in BOPI a notice regarding the conversion within one month of receiving the request for conversion. 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. Art. R. 614-5, R. 614-19 Reg. Fees Ord. of 24.4.08 Regarding provisions applicable to utility certificates see Art. L. 611-2 PL
Germany	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Art. II § 9(1) LIPC	(a) Payment of national filing fee (b) Filing of a German translation of the patent application (c) Filing of the designation of the inventor, if not indicated in the European application Art. II § 9(1), (2) LIPC § 3(1) LPF Fees Schedule LPF § 37 PA	(a) 3 months from filing of the request for conversion (b) 3 months after notification of a request by the DPMA § 6(1) LPF Art. II § 9(2) LIPC	Not required for procedural steps referred to in column 2; an authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation. A domestic representative must be appointed to handle the rest of the procedure. § 25 PA	As regards the legal device known as derivation (Abzweigung) of an application for a utility model from an EP application, see OJ EPO 1987, 175.

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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 (2 months from the filing date) Art. 23(10)(f) Law No. 1733/87 Art. 20 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	(a) Payment of the filing fee (EUR 50) (b) Filing, in duplicate, of a Greek translation of the patent application Art. 21(1), (2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 Dec. of 10.2.2012	(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 Register 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 Art. 84/F(1), (3) PA	(a) Payment of the filing and the search fee: HUF 37 400 plus an additional fee per ten claims in excess of the 10th (11th to 20th claim: HUF 1 900; 21st to 30th claim: HUF 3 800; from 31st claim onwards: HUF 5 600) (b) Filing of a Hungarian translation Art. 3.(1) FeeDecr Art. 84/F.(2), (3) PA	(a) 2 months after filing the request for conversion or, if the request is not filed with the HIPO, after receipt of the request (b) 4 months after filing the request for conversion or, if the request is not filed with the HIPO, 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 HIPO. 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 47 000 plus ISK 3 000 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. 59 and 5 PR	Within 3 months of the Icelandic Patent Office's notifying the applicant of receipt of the request for conversion Art. 59(3) PR	An applicant who is not domiciled in Iceland must have an agent, residing in the EEA, 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	-
Italy	(1) Conversion into a patent application for an industrial invention: deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC (2) Conversion into a utility model: (a) deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC, if filed in Italian, (b) deemed withdrawal for any other reason, refusal or revocation of the patent 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 (as of 1.1.2014: EUR 106.74) Art. 74 PL	Within 3 months of filing the request for conversion	See Part III.B, column 1	-
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. 82(1) PL	(a) Payment of national filing fee (LTL 300 plus LTL 50 for the 16th and each subsequent claim) (b) Filing, in triplicate, of a Lithuanian translation Art. 82(2) PL	1 month after receipt by the State Patent Bureau of the request. Art. 15 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. 14(3) PL	-
Luxembourg	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Art. 11 Law of 27.5.77	(a) Payment of - the filing fee (EUR 20) - the renewal fee(s) due on the date of receipt of the request for conversion (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 EU.	-
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.	-
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

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Norway	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC. § 66m PL	(a) Payment of application fee (NOK 4 200 filing fee, including search fee, plus 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 § 37 Fees Reg. § 66m PL	3 months after acknowledgement by the NIPO of receipt of the request for conversion § 66m PL § 62(2) PR	No	-
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
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 national filing fee: - EUR 104.24 if filed online, - EUR 208.48 if filed on paper (b) Filing of a Portuguese translation Art. 81, 86(4), (6) PA Fees Res.	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

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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	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Art. 9(1)(b) Decree Law No. 76/2009	(a) Request for conversion (b) Payment of the prescribed fee (c) Filing of a translation in Italian of the European patent application	2 months after receipt by the USBM of the request for conversion	Foreign applicants must appoint a professional representative who has been entered on the list of patent attorneys maintained by the USBM	-
Serbia	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation into the language of the proceedings pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC was not filed in time. Art. 153(1) PL	(a) Payment of national fees for filing, for conversion and for publication of the mention of the conversion in the Intellectual Property Gazette Proof of payment of the prescribed fees must be provided. (b) Filing of a Serbian translation of the European patent application Art. 153(4)(5) PL	Within 2 months of filing the request for conversion Art. 153(5) PL	Yes Art. 5 PL	-

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Slovakia	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC The European patent application is withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, refused, or the European patent is revoked.	(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 20 for each (designated) state. (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 (i) to pay a fee of EUR 27 (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); (ii) to file a translation of a European patent application into Slovak language.	3 months from the date of the invitation by the SK Patent Office	Yes, for natural or legal persons not having their residence or principal place of business in the Slovak Republic Representation by an appointed agent or a patent attorney authorised to practise before the SK Patent Office	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	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. 30(1) IPA	(a) Payment of the prescribed fee (EUR 110) (b) Filing of a Slovenian translation of the European patent application Art. 30(2) IPA Art. 1(1.4.3) Fees Decr.	2 months following the date of transmission of the request for conversion to the Patent Office Art. 137(2) EPC	Yes Art. 129 IPA	-

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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 73.45* for paper filings/EUR 62.43* for electronic filings) - fee for each foreign priority (EUR 19.46* for paper filings/EUR 16.54* for electronic filings) - any renewal fees due (b) Filing of the 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 PD	§ 66 PD	§ 12 PA	

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

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

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United Kingdom	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(3) EPC	(a) Request for conversion, accompanied by copy of notification by EPO that the application is deemed to be withdrawn (only if the IPO is the receiving Office; otherwise request will be filed by the receiving office); (b) Application fee of GBP 30 and fee of GBP 150 for search (Form 9A); (c) Statement of inventorship and of right to grant (Form 7 - no fee) (d) Where necessary an English translation	If the IPO is the receiving Office: (a) 3 months from date of notification to the applicant by the EPO that the application is deemed to be withdrawn (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)). If the IPO is not the receiving Office: (a) 20 months from the date of filing of the application or the declared priority date (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)).	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant or any representative appointed by the applicant. 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.	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. re column 3: 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 evidence supporting the grounds for the request must be filed.
	Sect. 81(1) PA	Sect. 81(2) PA R. 58, 59 PR R. 3(b) 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 Payee Bank details	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Albania	Fees Decr.	Drejtoria e Pergjithshme e Patentave dhe Markave Raiffeisen Bank SHA Rruga e Kavajes TIRANE-SHQIPERI Account No. 0104030780 IBAN : AL22 2021 1013 0000 0001 0403 0780 SWIFT: SGSBALTX	(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 GDPT
Austria	POR	Österreichisches Patentamt BAWAG P.S.K. Georg-Coch-Platz 2 1018 WIEN IBAN: AT75 0100 0000 0516 0000 BIC: BUNDATWW	(a) Payment to the Giro account (b) Transfer to the Giro account § 8 POR	3(a) Date of inpayment at an Austrian post office or the BAWAG P.S.K. 3(b) Date on which credited to the Patent Office Giro account indicated in column 2 § 8 POR
Belgium	RD (Fees)	Office de la Propriété Intellectuelle (OPRI) auprès du Service public fédéral Economie, PME, Classes moyennes et Energie Giro account No. 679-2005880-17 with the Office des Chèques postaux 1100 BRUXELLES IBAN: BE61 6792 0058 8017 SWIFT: PCHQBEBB	(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 See Table III.B, column 1, representation before the OPRI Art. 4, 5, 8 RD (Fees)	3(a) Date of payment at OPRI 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)) 3(d) Date on which credited to the Giro account indicated in column 2 3(e) Date on which drawer's account is debited by the postal giro office 3(f) and (g) Date of receipt at OPRI 3(h) Date of receipt of the debit order at OPRI Art. 5, 6, 8 RD (Fees)
Bulgaria	Art. 5, 33 PL Decr. Fees	Bulgarian Patent Office Bulgarian National Bank Centralno Upravenie 1, Knyaz Alexander I Sq. 1000 SOFIA IBAN: BG90 BNBG 9661 3100 1709 01 SWIFT: BNBGBGSF	(a) Cash payment (b) Bank transfer	3(a) Date of receipt of payment at BG Patent Office 3(b) Date of payment at the bank
Croatia	LAdmFees RCh	Državni Zavod Za Intelektualno Vlasništvo (State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia) Privredna Banka d.d. Zagreb Račkoga 6 10000 ZAGREB IBAN: HR33 2340 0091 5102 9652 2 BIC/SWIFT: PBZGHR2X	(a) Bank transfer (b) Postal money order	3(a) and (b) Date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Payee Bank details	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Cyprus	PL PFR	n/a	Fees must be paid in EUR: (a) Cash payment (b) Cheque payable to the Registrar of Companies (c) Bank draft	Date of receipt of the payment at the CY Patent Office
Czech Republic	(a) Renewal fees for European patents: LRenFees (b) Other fees: LAdmFees	Czech Industrial Property Office Czech National Bank Na Příkopě 28 115 03 PRAHA 1 Account numbers: <i>(a) Renewal fees for European patents:</i> 35-21526001/0710 IBAN: CZ95 0710 0000 3500 2152 6001 SWIFT: CNBACZPP <i>(b) Other fees:</i> 3711-21526001/0710 IBAN: CZ36 0710 0037 1100 2152 6001 SWIFT: CNBACZPP	(a) Cash payment (b) Postal money order (c) Bank cheque (d) Transfer to the account of the CZ Industrial Property Office § 10 LRenFees	3(a) Date of receipt of payment at the CZ Industrial Property Office 3(b) Date on which credited to the bank account indicated in column 2 3(c) Date of receipt of the cheque at the CZ Industrial Property Office, provided the cheque is met 3(d) Date on which credited to the bank account indicated in column 2
Denmark	PA	Patent- og Varemærke-styrelsen Danske Bank Holmens Kanal 2-12 1092 KØBENHAVN K Account No. 0216 4069 0562 96 IBAN: DK66 0216 4069 0562 96 SWIFT: DABADKKK	(a) Cash payment (b) Cheque drawn on a Danish bank and made payable to the DKPTO in Danish currency (c) (Cabled) transfer to a Danish bank in favour of the bank account indicated in column 2 (d) Debit from a deposit account with the DKPTO Any payment to the DKPTO shall be sent in DKK (Danish currency). The payment shall always be accompanied by detailed instructions/information.	3(a) Date of receipt of payment at the DKPTO 3(b) Date of receipt of the cheque at the DKPTO 3(c) Date on which credited to the bank account indicated in column 2 3(d) Date of receipt of debit order

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Estonia	PA FA RFI	Rahandusministeerium (Ministry of Finance) Patent Office Ref. No. 2900082362 (1) AS SEB Pank Tornimäe 2 15010 TALLINN Account No. 10220034796011 IBAN: EE89 1010 2200 3479 6011 BIC/SWIFT: EEUHEE2X (2) Swedbank AS Liivalaia 8 15040 TALLINN Account No. 221023778606 IBAN: EE93 2200 2210 2377 8606 BIC/SWIFT: HABAE2X (3) Danske Bank AS Estonia branch Narva mnt 11 15015 TALLINN Account No. 333416110002 IBAN: EE 40 3300 3334 1611 0002 BIC/SWIFT: FOREEE2X (4) Nordea Bank Finland Plc Estonia Branch Liivalaia 45 10145 TALLINN Account No. 17001577198 IBAN: EE70 1700 0170 0157 7198 BIC/SWIFT: NDEAEE2X	Payment or transfer to a bank account of the Estonian Ministry of Finance (see column 2)	Date of receipt at the Estonian Patent Office of a document certifying the payment
				§ 41(2) PA
Finland	PA Fees Decr.	Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus (1) Pohjola Bank Plc PL 308 00013 POHJOLA BIC/SWIFT: OKOYFIHH IBAN: FI47 5000 0120 2535 79 (2) Nordea Bank Finland Plc Aleksanterinkatu 36 00020 NORDEA BIC/SWIFT: NDEAFIHH IBAN: FI97 1660 3000 1042 27 (3) Danske Bank Plc Hiililaiturinkuja 2 00075 SAMPO PANKKI BIC/SWIFT: DABAFIHH IBAN: FI34 8919 9710 0007 32FI34 8919 9710 0007 32	(a) Debit card payment at Client Service (b) (Cabled) transfer to a Finnish bank in favour of one of the bank accounts indicated in column 2	3(a) Date of receipt of payment at the PRH 3(b) Date on which credited to one of the bank accounts indicated in column 2

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Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Fees Law	State Office of Industrial Property (SOIP) National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia P.O. Box 401 Kompleks banki b.b. 1000 SKOPJE <i>(a) Renewal fees for European patents:</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 <i>(b) Publication fees:</i> money order or bank transfer to SOIP's account No. 1100200213-787-13; revenue code: 724149-20; 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
France	Fees Ord. of 24.4.08	I.N.P.I. Agence Comptable Trésor Public Direction régionale des finances publiques - Île-de-France et département de Paris (DRFIP) 94, rue Réaumur 75002 PARIS Code banque : 10071 Code guichet : 75000 Clé de RIB: 56 Account No. 00001000008 IBAN: FR76 1007 1750 0000 0010 0000 856 BIC: TRPUFRP1	(a) Cash payment (b) Bank cheque (c) Postal money order (mandat-lettre) (d) Postal money order (mandat-carte) (e) Order to debit an INPI customer account (f) Bank transfer (g) Debit card presented at INPI's head or regional offices Art. 4 Fees Ord. of 24.4.08	3(a) Date of payment at INPI 3(b), (c) and (e) If forwarded by post: date of posting (postmark); if delivered by hand: date of receipt at INPI 3(d) Date of issue of order (postmark) 3(f) Date on which INPI's account is credited 3(g) Date of payment Art. 4 Fees Ord. of 24.4.08

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Germany	LPF Cost Ord.	Bundeskasse Halle/DPMA BBk München (Deutsche Bundesbank Filiale München) IBAN: DE84 7000 0000 0070 0010 54 BIC: MARKDEF1700 Important: Customers should declare that any handling charges are borne by the payer.	(a) Cash payment at the cashdesks of the DPMA (b) Credit transfer to the account of the Bundeskasse Halle with the Bundesbank München (c) Cash payment via a domestic or foreign financial institution to the Bundeskasse Halle account with the Bundesbank München (d) As of 1.12.2013: Valid SEPA debit order stating purpose of payment and covering the costs § 1 Cost Ord.	3(a) Date of payment 3(b) Date payment is credited to the account 3(c) Date of payment 3(d) Date of receipt at DPMA or Federal Patent Court (for prepaid fees: their due date), provided payment is received by federal cash office competent for DPMA. If SEPA debit order is filed by fax, the original must be filed within one month thereafter; otherwise date of payment is deemed to be that on which original is received. § 2 Cost Ord.
Greece	Dec. of 10.2.2012	OBI Organismos Viomichanikis Idiotisias Alpha Bank (Amarousio Branch No. 146) 64 Kifissias Avenue 15125 ATHENS Account No. 1460 0231 0002 160 IBAN: GR65 0140 1460 1460 0231 0002 160 BIC: CRBAGRAAXX	(a) Cash payment (b) Bank or personal cheque drawn on OBI (c) Postal cheque made out to the order of OBI (d) Remittance or telephone order drawn on Alpha Credit Bank Art. 4(1) Dec. of 10.2.2012	3(a) Date of receipt of the payment at the OBI's cash office 3(b) and 3(c) Date of receipt of the cheque at the OBI's cash office 3(d) Date on which amount is credited to the account held by OBI with Alpha Credit Bank Art. 4(2) Dec. of 10.2.2012
Hungary	Art. 115/R. PA FeeDecr	Account of the HIPO with the Hungarian State Treasury BUDAPEST, H-1909 No. 1003 2000-0173 1842-0000 0000 IBAN: HU30 1003 2000 0173 1842 0000 0000 SWIFT: MANEHUHB	(a) Bank transfer (b) Postal money order Including identification data (reference or registration number) and recipient details Art. 21 FeeDecr	3(a) Two bank working days or, if transferred from abroad, five bank working days prior to crediting of the amount to the HIPO's account 3(b) Date on which the money order is issued (as date - stamped by a Hungarian post office)
Iceland	PA Fees Reg.	650191-2189 Einkaleyfastofan (Icelandic Patent Office) Engjateigur 3 150 REYKJAVIK NBI hf (Landsbankinn) Laugavegi 77 101 REYKJAVIK IBAN: IS93 0111 3871 2189 6501 9121 89 SWIFT: NBIISRE Euro correspondent bank: CITIGB2L	(a) Cash payment (b) Payment in euro to the bank account (see 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

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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, Jobs and Innovation, 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
Italy	Fees Law Min.Decr. of 2.4.07	Agenzia delle Entrate - Centro Operativo di Pescara (a) <i>Renewal fees for European patents:</i> Giro account (conto corrente postale) No. 81016008 (b) <i>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. (See also OJ EPO 2007, 486)	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			

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Lithuania	Art. 75 PL Fees Law	State Tax Inspectorate under the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania Reference number: 5310 (1) SWEDBANK AB Bank Code: 73000 IBAN: LT24 7300 0101 1239 4300 BIC: HABALT22 (2) Šiaulių bankas AB Bank Code: 71800 IBAN: LT32 7180 0000 0014 1038 BIC: CBSBLT26 (3) Danske Bank A/S Lietuvos filialas Bank Code: 74000 IBAN: LT74 7400 0000 0872 3870 BIC: SMPOLT22 (4) Nordea Bank Finland Plc Lietuvos skyrius Bank Code: 21400 IBAN: LT12 2140 0300 0268 0220 BIC: NDEALT2X (5) UAB Medicinos bankas Bank Code: 72300 IBAN: LT42 7230 0000 0012 0025 BIC: MDBALT22	Bank transfer	Date on which credited to one of the accounts 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 Entreprise des P et T LUXEMBOURG IBAN: LU31 1111 0077 3370 0000 BIC: CCPLULL	(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 Payee Bank details	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: FR24 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	NL Octrooiencentrum Den Haag Royal Bank of Scotland Gustav Mahlerlaan 10 P.O. Box 12925 1100 AX AMSTERDAM Account No. 056.99.94.098 IBAN: NL08 RBOS 0569 9940 98 BIC: RBOSNL2A	(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 Bank ASA PO Box 1172 Sentrum 0107 OSLO BIC: DNBANOKKXXX (a) <i>Renewal fees for European patents:</i> Account No. 8276.01.00192 IBAN: NO82 8276 0100 192 (b) <i>Other fees:</i> Account No. 8276.03.00078 IBAN: NO46 8276 0300 078	Bank transfer Any payment to NIPO must be sent in NOK (Norwegian currency). Payment details should be sent to the NIPO e-mail address: regnskap@patentstyret.no	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

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Portugal	Art. 89, 346, 347(1), (2) PA Fees Res.	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	State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (OSIM) (a) Payments in EUR: Banca Comerciala Romana Sala Palatului 33, Ion Campineanu Street Sector 1 BUCUREȘTI IBAN: RO38 RNCB 0080 0056 3032 0005 BIC/SWIFT: RNCBROBU (b) Payments in RON: 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	Fees Decr.	USBM – Ufficio di Stato Brevetti e Marchi Via 28 Luglio, n. 212 47893 BORGO MAGGIORE (R.S.M.) (1) Banca di San Marino – Agenzia Città 1 Account No. 04/01/21418 IBAN: SM35 I085 4009 8040 0004 0121 418 SWIFT: MAOISMSM (2) BANCA AGRICOLA COMMERCIALE – Filiale Tavolucci Account No. 09/01/00654 IBAN: SM09 Z030 3409 8090 0009 0100 654 SWIFT: BASMSMSMXXX (3) Giro account (CCP) No. 11751294 IBAN: IT87 I076 0113 2000 0001 1751 294 SWIFT: BPPIITRRXXX	(a) Bank transfer (b) Postal money order	3(a) Date on which credited to one of the bank accounts indicated in column 2 3(b) Date marked by postal date stamp on payment form or money order

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Serbia	Art. 69 PL Fees Law	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	Date when credited to the account indicated in column 2 and when proof of payment is duly provided to the competent authority. If the applicant or the right holder fails to pay the prescribed fee for the maintenance of rights and to submit proof of payment of this fee within the time limit, such rights shall lapse on the day following the due date. Art. 40(5) PL
Slovakia	PA	Úrad priemyselného vlastníctva SR Švermova 43 974 04 BANSKÁ BYSTRICA 4 Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s. Mlynské Nivy 1 829 90 BRATISLAVA SWIFT: SUBASKBX <i>(a) Renewal fees for European patents:</i> IBAN: SK53 8180 0000 0070 0011 9169 <i>(b) Other fees:</i> IBAN: SK49 8180 0000 0070 0006 0750 Important: Please state with each payment the following details: - the name of the respective account: (a) Účet európskych patentov Úrad priem. vlast. SR BB (for renewal fees), or (b) Depozitný účet Úrad priemysel. vlastníctva SR BB (for other fees) and, in each case, - the variable symbol described below which is needed to identify the European patent application or European patent concerned. The variable symbol consists of a 10-digit numerical code composed as follows: 9 y y y y y y y y y y where: 9 = prefix – European patent application/European patent yyyyyyyyyy = publication number of the European patent application (without A or B)	(a) Postal money order (b) Bank transfer	Date on which it is credited to the account indicated in column 2
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Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Payee Bank details	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) Payments made in Sweden:</i> Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB) 106 40 STOCKHOLM Bankgiro 5050-0248 <i>(b) 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) Cheque drawn on a Swedish bank and made payable to the SE Patent Office in Swedish currency (b) (Cabled) transfer to a Swedish bank in favour of one of the Giro accounts indicated in column 2	3(a) Date of receipt of cheque at the SE Patent Office 3(b) Date on which credited to one of the accounts indicated in column 2

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Payee Bank details	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	Fees Reg.	Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) Swiss Post, PostFinance 3030 BERN Account No. 30-4000-1 BLZ: 9000 IBAN: CH68 0900 0000 3000 4000 1 SWIFT: POFICHBE	(a) Debit from a current account with the IPI (b) Payment or transfer to Giro account (c) Postal money order (d) Cash payment Art. 4 Fees Reg.	3(a) to (c) Date on which credited to an account of the IPI 3(d) Date of receipt of payment at the IPI The time limit for payment is observed if, before it expires, the amount due is paid to Swiss Post or debited from a postal or bank account in Switzerland, in favour of the IPI. If a payment order carries a value date after the time limit fixed by the IPI it is not possible to claim the evidence mentioned above. Art. 6 Fees Reg.
Turkey	DL No. 551 Fees 2013	Türk Patent Enstitüsü (a) <i>Payments in TRY:</i> (1) Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Kamu Kurumsal Şubesi Account No. 34272132-5280 BIC: TCZBTR2AANK IBAN: TR45 0001 0017 4534 2721 3252 80 (2) Ziraat Bankası/ Ankara Kamu Kurumsal Şubesi Account No. 34272132-5274 BIC: TCZBTR2AANK IBAN: TR13 0001 0017 4534 2721 3252 74 (3) Halk Bankası/Ankara Yıldız Şubesi Account No. 06000004 BIC: TRHBTR2AXXX IBAN: TR34 0001 2009 4090 0006 0000 04 (4) Halk Bankası/Ankara Yıldız Şubesi Account No. 85000010 BIC: TRHBTR2AXXX IBAN: TR93 0001 2009 4090 0085 0000 10 (5) Vakıflar Bankası/Ankara Kamu Kurumsal Şubesi Account No. 00158007283203102 BIC: TVBATR2AXXX IBAN: TR18 0001 5001 5800 7283 2031 02 (b) <i>Payments in EUR:</i> (1) T.C. Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Kamu Kurumsal Şubesi Account No. 34272132-5276 BIC: TCZBTR2AANK IBAN: TR02 0001 0017 4534 2721 3252 76 (2) Halk Bankası/Ankara Yıldız Şubesi Account No. 58000016 BIC: TRHBTR2AXXX IBAN: TR20 0001 2009 4090 0058 0000 16	(a) Bank transfer (for all payments) Renewal fees may be paid either: (b) online by credit card through the TPI website https://online.turkpatent.gov.tr/CES/ or (c) by bank transfer. Patentees paying by bank transfer should submit the transfer details online through the TPI website https://online.turkpatent.gov.tr/CES/	3(a) and (c) Date on which credited to one of the accounts indicated in column 2 3(b) Date of receipt of payment at the TPI

Contracting state	1 National provisions	2 Payee Bank details	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
		(c) <i>Payments in USD:</i> (1) T.C. Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Kamu Kurumsal Şubesi Account No. 34272132-5275 BIC: TCZBTR2AANK IBAN: TR83 0001 0017 4534 2721 3252 75 (2) Halk Bankası/Ankara Yıldız Şubesi Account No. 53000082 BIC: TRHBTR2AXXX IBAN: TR40 0001 2009 4090 0053 0000 82 (d) <i>Payments in CHF:</i> (1) T.C. Ziraat Bankası/Ankara Kamu Kurumsal Şubesi Account No. 34272132-5277 BIC: TCZBTR2AANK IBAN: TR29 0001 0017 4534 2721 3252 77 (2) Halk Bankası/Ankara Yıldız Şubesi Account No. 73000001 BIC: TRHBTR2AXXX IBAN: TR63 0001 2009 4090 0073 0000 01		
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, 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 Payee Bank details	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Albania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 May 2010.)	Fees Decr.	Drejtoria e Pergjithshme e Patentave dhe Markave Raiffeisen Bank SHA Rruga e Kavajes TIRANE-SHQIPERI Account No. 0104030780 IBAN: AL22 2021 1013 0000 0001 0403 0780 SWIFT: SGSBALTX	(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 GDPT
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Spec. Fees Admin. Fees	Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina (1) Raiffeisen BANK d.d. Bosna i Hercegovina Danijela Ozme br. 3 71 000 SARAJEVO SWIFT: RZBABA2S budget account no. 1610000010751006 (2) Hypo Alpe-Adria-Bank a.d. Banja Luka Aleja svetog Save 13 78 000 BANJA LUKA SWIFT: HAABBA2B budget account no. 5520040002547572 (3) UniCredit Bank d.d. Kardinala Stepinca b.b. 88 000 MOSTAR SWIFT: UNCRBA22 budget account no. 3380002210018390	Bank transfer	Date on which credited to one of the accounts 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 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 Payee Bank details	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	State Office of Industrial Property (SOIP) National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia P.O. Box 401 Kompleks banki b.b. 1000 SKOPJE <i>(a) Renewal fees for European patents:</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 <i>(b) Publication fees:</i> money order or bank transfer to SOIP's account No. 1100200213-787-13; revenue code: 724149-20; 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

Extension state	1 National provisions	2 Payee Bank details	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.	State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (OSIM) (a) <i>Payments in EUR:</i> Banca Comerciala Romana Sala Palatului 33, Ion Campineanu Street 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 (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 October 2010.)	Art. 69 PL Fees Law	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	Date when credited to the account indicated in column 2 and when proof of payment is duly provided to the competent authority. If the applicant or the right holder fails to pay the prescribed fee for the maintenance of rights and to submit proof of payment of this fee within the time limit, such rights shall lapse on the day following the due date. Art. 40(5) PL
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?
Albania	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written request by the patent proprietor Original or duly certified copy of the official document recording the transfer of rights Art. 44 to 50 PL 2. Licences and other rights as under 1.	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Albania must appoint a representative authorised to act before the GDPT. Art. 195(2) PL	Yes
Austria	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) 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. §§ 33, 43(5)-(7) PA 2. Licences and other rights Application and documents as under 1. §§ 34, 35, 36, 45 PA	Yes; attorney at law, patent attorney or notary authorised to represent parties on a professional basis in Austria However, if the residence or place of business is in the EEA, a person authorised to accept service who is a resident of Austria may be appointed instead. § 21(4) PA	No

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
ALL 4 000	Transfer of rights and licences Entries in the register have legal effect. Art. 32(2) PL	No	Documents not drafted in Albanian must be accompanied by a translation.
EUR 125 per application (including EUR 40 document fees)	Liens and other rights in rem, licences, entries relating to disputes Entries in the register have legal effect. Priority is determined by the order in which applications for entry are presented at the Patent Office. § 43(1)-(4) PA	No	-

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Belgium	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) - 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 - proof that the fee has been paid Art. 44 PA 2. Licences and other rights 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. Art. 34, 45 PA 3. Usufruct, mortgaging as under 1. Art. 46 PA	see table III.B, column 1 see table III.B, column 1 see table III.B, column 1	No Yes, for contractual licences No
Bulgaria	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) 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. 2. Licences and other rights 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.	Yes 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. Art. 3(2) PL	No
Croatia	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written request 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 Art. 61.a PA Art. 36 PO 2. Licences and other rights as under 1.	Yes Art. 4 PA	Yes Art. 36(1) PO

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 12 per patent (sundry duties and taxes) EUR 12 per patent (sundry duties and taxes) EUR 12 per patent (sundry duties and taxes)	Entry in the register has declaratory effect. However, entry in the register gives effect to the assignment as against third parties and OPRI as from the date of its notification to OPRI. Art. 44(6) PA Art. 8(1) RD of 27.2.1981 Entry in the register gives effect to the licence agreement as against third parties and OPRI. Art. 45 PA Entry in the register has declaratory effect. However, entry in the register gives effect to the assignment as against third parties and OPRI as from the date of its notification to OPRI. Art. 46(2) PA	Yes A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required together with a letter by the party concerned explaining the nature of the transfer.	Documents not drafted in one of OPRI's official languages must be accompanied by a translation. (Concerning OPRI's official languages see table II, column 4) Seizure: Art. 47 PA Usufruct, mortgaging: Art. 46 PA
BGN 80	Transfer of rights, licences Entry in the register has declaratory effect. However, the licence has effect with respect to third parties as from the date of entry.	No	Documents not drafted in Bulgarian must be accompanied by a translation.
HRK 275 per entry Tar. No. 8.3. LAdmFees Art. 47.(1) RCh	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. On request, a transfer of rights or licence may, but need not, be entered in the register. Art. 61.a PA	No	Supporting documents must be furnished as an original or as a certified copy. The entered changes will be published in the official gazette. Art. 61.a PA Art. 36(4) PO

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Cyprus	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) 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. R. 5(2) PFR 2. Licences and other rights as under 1.	Yes R. 58(1) PFR	Form P.3 R. 5(1) PFR
Czech Republic	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Copy of the relevant document 2. Licences and other rights Two copies of the relevant document (licence agreement) indicating patent number, licensee and the scope of granted rights § 17 DP	Yes § 70 PA	No
Denmark	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Deeds of transfer signed by the patent proprietor or relevant legal decision. A declaration of consent by the transferee is not required. § 44 PA 2. Licences and other rights Licence agreement § 44 PA	No No	No No

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 100	Entries in the register have legal effect. R. 5(2) PFR	Yes Sect. 68 PL	Documents not drafted in Greek must be accompanied by a translation.
CZK 600 CZK 600	Transfer of rights as well as licences Licence agreement only has effect vis-à-vis third parties from its entry in the patent register. § 14(2) PA Assignment of a patent only has effect vis-à-vis third parties from the entry of the contract in the patent register. § 15 PA	Yes A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) and payment of the prescribed fee (see column 4) are required.	Documents not drafted in Czech must be accompanied by a translation, if so requested by the Czech Industrial Property Office
No No, but see column 7	Recording on request of transfer of rights or grant of licences § 44 PA § 47 PO Legal proceedings may be brought against a registered patent proprietor. § 44(4) PA Restrictions on the grant of additional licences, if any, may be entered on request.	Yes A transfer recorded in the EPO European Patent Register is recognised by the DKPTO. Only where the DKPTO has not yet been informed of a transfer under R. 85 EPC is a copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) required.	Documents not drafted in Danish, English, Norwegian or Swedish must be accompanied by a translation.

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Estonia	1. Transfer of rights (i) by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) - 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 - merger: request for transfer signed by new proprietor, to which is attached an extract from commercial register (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 § 16(2) IA § 45 PA 2. Licences and other rights Request for registration of rights (licence, mortgage, 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 (See also column 7) § 17 IA § 46 PA	Yes § 15 IA	No No
Finland	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) - sale: dated deed of transfer signed by the proprietor - merger: extract from the commercial register § 44 PA § 42 PD 2. Licences and other rights Licence agreement § 44 PA § 42 PD	No No	No No
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written request by one of the contracting parties Original or duly certified copy of the official document recording the transfer of rights or licence agreement 2. Licences and other rights as under 1.	Yes	No (but recommended)

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 31.95, unless transfer of rights took place before filing of translation of the European patent specification § 167(2) FA	Transfer of rights, registration of a licence or a mortgage §§ 45 to 47 PA § 17(7) IA	Yes A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required. § 31(4) REP	A document certifying payment of the fee must be enclosed. Request for transfer of rights, registration of a licence or a mortgage may also be signed by the authorised Estonian patent attorney if a power of attorney contains permission to that effect. § 41(2) PA
EUR 50 EUR 50	Transfer of rights, licences, seizure for debt Registration of transfers and licences has declaratory effect. § 44 PA § 42 PD Registration of seizure for debt has legal effect. § 54 PA	Yes A transfer recorded in the EPO European Patent Register is recognised by the PRH. Only where the PRH has not yet been informed of a transfer under R. 85 EPC is a copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) required.	Documents not drafted in Finnish, Swedish or English must be accompanied by a translation, if so required by the PRH.
MKD 500	Transfer of rights and licences Entries in the register have legal effect.	Yes	Documents must be accompanied by a translation in Macedonian.

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 contract (signed by both parties) for an instrument of private agreement, or (for an authentic instrument) a copy of that 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 (for an instrument of private agreement) or (for an authentic instrument) a copy of that instrument, or an extract from the commercial and companies register showing the amendment. Art. R. 613-56 Reg. (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. 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 (provided the applicant has his residence or place of business in France or another EU or EEA member state; otherwise, appointment of a representative is compulsory)	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	1. Transfer of rights (i) by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) - sale: evidence in the form of a request for transfer signed by the registered proprietor or his representative and by the successor in title or his representative or a 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) or to which are attached other documents showing that the transaction has taken place (e.g. an agreement signed by the registered proprietor and the successor in title) § 28(3), (4), (5), (6) DPMAV - consolidation (merger of companies): extract from the register for the principal place of business of the new proprietor of the right (ii) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) - 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 - insolvency: authorisation by official receiver of transfer (proof of representation in the form of a duplicate or certified copy of the certificate of appointment) § 15(1) in conjunction with § 30(3) PA 2. Licences and other rights - Exclusive licence: 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 § 15(2) in conjunction with § 30(4) PA - Licence of right: Written declaration from the patent applicant or patent proprietor § 23(1) PA	Yes § 25 PA Yes § 25 PA Yes § 25 PA	No, but DPMA forms should be used. § 28(4) DPMAV No No

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.	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 15 November 1996, amended as of 1 January 2002 (Bl.f.PMZ 2002, 11). 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. 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.
EUR 25	§ 30(3) PA Note concerning grant of licence		§ 14(3), (4), (5) PO The note in the register is deleted at request of patent proprietor or licensee. A request from the former must include evidence of consent of the latter (or his successor in title). § 30(4) PA Fee for deletion of the note: EUR 25
No. 313 400 Fees Schedule LPF	§ 30(4) PA		No. 313 500 Fees Schedule LPF
None	Note concerning licence of right § 23(1) PA		Renewal fees due after receipt of declaration are halved. § 23(1) PA

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Greece	1. Transfer of rights (i) by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) sale: Contract of sale merger: Agreement or decision of the competent body of a legal entity. (ii) by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Death of an owner: Certificate of hereditary succession Company in liquidation: Court decision or decision of the competent body of a legal entity. (see also column 7) Art. 12 Law No. 1733/87 2. Licences and other rights Licence agreement Art. 12 Law No. 1733/87	No, unless the applicant is not in a position to file necessary documents. No	No No

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Hungary	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) The relevant public or private document Art. 55.(2) PA 2. Licences and other rights as under 1.	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 HIPO. This professional representative does not have to be a national professional representative but must be domiciled in the EEA. Art. 51.(1), (4) PA	No

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
HUF 16 500 Art. 53C.(2)(b) PA Art. 16. FeeDecr	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). Requests for recording rights or data in the register must be made in writing. An official or private document providing sufficient evidence must be attached to the request. The HIPO amends the register data concerning the inventor and the share in authorship on the basis of either a unanimous declaration of all inventors recorded in the register and all of the persons making the request or a final court decision attached to the request. Where requests on the same case are mutually exclusive, they are dealt with in order of date of receipt. The patent register authentically attests to the existence of the rights and facts recorded therein, in the absence of proof to the contrary. If their correctness or authenticity is disputed, the burden of proof is on the person doing so. With the exception of mortgage, entry in the register of transfer of rights and licences has declaratory effect. Any patent-related right has effect vis-à-vis a third party acquiring it in good faith and for a consideration only if it has been recorded in the patent register. Any person may have access to the patent register. The register is accessible electronically via the HIPO website. Subject to payment of a fee, any person may ask for a certified copy of the data recorded in the register. Art. 54., 55., 25.(2) PA	Yes Entry in the register is automatic on payment of a fee (HUF 16 500) and submission of a copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544). Art. 55.(2) PA Art. 16. FeeDecr	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. 36.(2) PA

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Iceland	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Deeds of transfer signed by the patent proprietor or relevant legal decision. A declaration of consent by the transferee is not required. Art. 44 PA Chapter IX PR 2. Licences and other rights Licence agreement Art. 44 PA Art. 75, 76 PR	No No	No No
Ireland	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Certified copy of the relevant document Sect. 85 PA R. 58 PR 2. Licences and other rights Certified copy of the relevant document Sect. 85 PA R. 58 PR	No	Yes Yes
Italy	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) - authenticated copy of the public document or the original - or authenticated copy of the authenticated private document (see also column 7) Art. 138 PL 2. Licences and other rights as under 1. Art. 138 PL	No No	No No
Latvia	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written request to have the transaction recorded, deed of transfer Art. 50, 51 PL 2. Licences and other rights Written request to have the transaction recorded, licence agreement Art. 52 PL	Yes Yes	No, but recommended No, but recommended

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
ISK 2 500 Art. 5(1) Fees Reg. ISK 2 500 Art. 5(1) Fees Reg.	Recording on request of transfer of rights Art. 44 PA Grant of licences may be entered on request. 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.
EUR 50 For each additional patent where the devolution of title is the same as in the first patent: EUR 6 EUR 50	Transfer of rights Sect. 85 PA R. 58 PR Licence of right Sect. 68 PA R. 46 PR	No Sect. 85 PA R. 58 PR	Documents not drafted in English must be accompanied by a verified translation.
EUR 50 EUR 50	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	No Art. 138 PL	The application for transfer can be filed on ordinary paper having a revenue stamp (EUR 14.62) every 4 pages. 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.
LVL 30 per patent as from 1.1.2014: EUR 42.69 Art. 51(2) PL s.2.16 Fees Reg. LVL 30 per patent as from 1.1.2014: EUR 42.69 Art. 52(4) PL s.2.16 Fees Reg.	Entries in the register have legal effect Art. 51(3) PL Declaratory effect However, entry in the register has legal effect vis-à-vis third parties. Art. 52(4) PL	Yes Yes	For supporting documents not drafted in Latvian, a translation will only be requested if their meaning is not clear to the LV Patent Office.

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland		
Lithuania	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Contract assigning a patent application or patent Art. 42 PL 2. Licences and other rights Licence agreement Art. 45 PL	Yes Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the EEA or in an EPC contracting state must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania. Art. 14(3) PL Yes Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the EEA or in an EPC contracting state must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania. Art. 14(3) PL	No No
Luxembourg	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) - 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 Art. 53 PL Art. 23 Decr. 2. Licences and other rights as under 1.	No Patentees with residence/ place of business within the EU must appoint a national professional representative only if they want to exercise the rights derived from the patent. Art. 83(4) PL No	No 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	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)	Yes	Yes
	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.		
	Art. 31 PA 2000	Art. 60(1), (2) PA 2000	
	2. Licences and other rights	Yes	Yes
	A copy of the agreement or an extract of the agreement which show the rights licensed and their extent.		
	R. 36(2) L.N. 117/2002	Art. 60(1), (2) PA 2000	
Monaco	1. Transfer of rights		
	(i) by transaction (e.g. sale, merger)	No	No
	Production of a certified copy of the instrument of transfer. This copy must be registered with the Principality's Direction des Services Fiscaux.		
	(ii) by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)	No	No
	death and bankruptcy: certified copy of the instrument of transfer		
	transfer by succession: notarised document or abstract of the inventory		
	Art. 18 PL Art. 37 SO No. 1476		
	2. Licences and other rights	No	No
	Filing of a certified copy of the licence or lien		

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Netherlands	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) 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 Art. 64, 65 PA 2. Licences and other rights Original or a certified copy of the licence agreement, or an accepted testamentary disposition Art. 56 PA	No No	No No
Norway	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) There is no requirement to submit supporting documents. 2. Licences and other rights There is no requirement to submit supporting documents such as a licensing agreement.	No No	No No

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Poland	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written request by an interested party; submission of the relevant document Art. 67, 76 § 6 and 229 § 1 IPL 2. Licences and other rights as under 1. Art. 67, 76 § 6 and 229 § 1 IPL	Yes Art. 236 § 3 IPL	No
Portugal	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written document providing evidence of the transfer Art. 31(1), (2), (6), 30 PA 2. Licences and other rights Licence contract Art. 30, 32 PA	No Art. 10(1) PA No Art. 10(1) PA	Yes INPI Form PatMut3 Yes INPI Form PatMut3

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
PLN 70 Annex 1 item I 21 Fees Reg.	Transfers of rights, licences, other rights <i>in rem</i>, entries relating to disputes, seizures, data concerning invalidation or termination of a patent. The transfer of a patent shall take effect vis-à-vis third parties only after its entry in the Patent register. Art. 67 § 3 and 76 § 6 IPL Reg. Registers, chap. 2 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. Art. 67 § 3 and 76 § 6 IPL, Reg. Registers, chap. 2	No (documents proving transfer must be supplied to the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland)	Documents not drafted in Polish must be accompanied by a translation.
Transfer fee: EUR 104.24 if filed online, EUR 130.30 if filed on paper Fees Res. Licence fee: EUR 88.60 if filed online, EUR 104.24 if filed on paper Compulsory licence fee: EUR 10.42 if filed online, EUR 20.85 if filed on paper Fees Res.	Transfers of rights as well as contractual licences Entry in the register has legal effect and takes effect vis-à-vis third parties. Art. 30(2), (4), 83(3) PA	Yes A copy certified by the EPO (EPO Form 2544) must be produced. Art. 83(3) PA	Assignments are published in the Industrial Property Bulletin. Documents not drafted in Portuguese must be accompanied by a translation. Art. 30(7), 356(1) PA

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Romania	1. Transfer of rights (i) by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) - 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 (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 Art. 45 PL R. 85(2), (3), (5) Reg. 2. Licences and other rights 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. Art. 45 PL R. 85(2), (3), (5) Reg.	Yes Yes	No No
San Marino	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written application for entry in the patent register; submission of original or duly certified copy of the instrument concerned (deed of transfer, certificate of inheritance, distraint order). If it is not a public instrument, certified signature of the proprietor of the right. 2. Licences and other rights as under 1.	Yes	No

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Serbia	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written request accompanied by original or duly certified copy of the official document recording the transfer of rights; proof that the fee has been paid, Art. 44, 45 and 48 PL Art. 4 and 5 Rules 2. Licences and other rights as under 1. Art. 46 to 48 PL Art. 6 and 9 Rules	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. 5(1) PL Yes (as under 1.) Art. 5(1) PL	No (see column 7) Art. 48 PL
Slovakia	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written application, submission of copy of the instrument concerned (e.g. deed of transfer) §§ 19, 20, 21 RPA 2. Licences and other rights Written application and documents as under 1. §§ 19, 20, 21 RPA	Yes, for natural or legal persons not having their residence or principal place of business in the Slovak Republic Representation by an appointed agent or a patent attorney authorised to practise before the SK Patent Office § 79(1) PA	No
Slovenia	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) 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. 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. Art. 108 IPA 2. Licences and other rights as under 1. Art. 108 IPA	Yes Art. 129 IPA	No, but recommended

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
Yes Tar. No. 125(1) Fees Law Yes Tar. No. 125(1) Fees Law	Transfer of rights, licences, pledges Entry in the register of transfers of rights has declaratory effect vis-à-vis third parties. Art. 44(3), 47(7) PL Registration of licence contractors has declaratory effect vis-à-vis third parties. The pledgee acquires possessory lien upon entry in the register. Art. 46(5), 47(7) PL	Yes	The written request must include in particular: - the registration number of the patent or petty patent or patent or petty patent application; - data on the right holder or applicant; and - a statement setting out that registration is sought for a transfer of the patent or petty patent or of the rights arising from the application or specifying the other rights to be registered. Art. 48 PL
EUR 27 per application § 2 Fees Law EUR 17 per application for a licence EUR 7 per application for a legal mortgage § 2 Fees Law	Assignment and transfer of patent, other rights in rem, licences, entries relating to disputes and other entries § 26 RPA	Yes	Documents not submitted in the Slovak language must be accompanied by translations if so requested by the SK Patent Office.
EUR 40 Art. 1(6.1) Fees Decr. EUR 40 Art. 1(6.1) Fees Decr.	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. On request, transfer of rights or licence may, but need not, be entered in the register. Art. 107(1) IPA	No	Supporting documents, when needed, are accepted in Slovenian, English, French and German. In case of doubt, SIPO may ask for a translation. Art. 108 IPA Art. 11, 12 Reg.Rules

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Spain	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) The applicant may attach to the request for transfer any of the following documents: (a) an authentic copy of the contract, or an ordinary copy with the signatures authenticated by a notary or other competent public authority; (b) an extract from the contract certified as true to the original by a notary or other competent public authority; (c) a transfer certificate or document signed by both the holder and the new owner and in due statutory form. If the change in ownership is the result of a merger or is imposed by law or by an administrative ruling or court decision, the request for transfer must be accompanied by certification from the public authority issuing the document, or a copy of the document proving the change, authenticated by a notary or other competent public authority.	No, if proprietor resides in a country of the EU	Yes
	Art. 79(5) PL Art. 53, 54, 55 RD 2245 2. Licences and other rights Patent applications and patents may be the subject of licences and usufruct. For registration, see under 1. They may also be used as security for personal loans; such use must be notified to the OEPM.	Art. 155, 156 PL Art. 3 Law 8/1998	Art. 53(1) RD 2245
Sweden	Art. 74 PL	Art. 155, 156 PL Art. 3 Law 8/1998	Art. 53(1) RD 2245
	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Certified copy or extract of the deed of merger. Otherwise, only at the invitation of SE Patent Office, a dated deed of transfer (original or certified copy) signed by the proprietor. Transfer by operation of law: certified copy of relevant document. § 44 PA § 44 PD 2. Licences and other rights Certified copy or extract of the licence agreement. § 44 PA § 44 PD 3. Usufruct, mortgaging Certified copy or extract of the mortgage agreement. § 94 PA § 44 PD	No	No
Sweden		No	No
		No	No
Sweden		No	No
		No	No

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 13.11* for each entry (EUR 11.14* in electronic form) Art. 53(2) RD 2245 EUR 13.11* for each entry (EUR 11.14* in electronic form) Registering a change of the applicant's/patentee's name: EUR 16.22* for each entry, up to a maximum amount of EUR 2707.60* (EUR 13.79* for each entry, up to a maximum amount of EUR 2301.46* in electronic form) Art. 53(2) RD 2245	Establishment and transfer of rights if these acts take place in accordance with the provisions of RD 2245: transfers, licences, etc. Art. 49(1)n RD 2245 and Art. 80(2) PL 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. Art. 79(2) PL	Yes A transfer recorded in the EPO European Patent Register is recognised by OEPM. Art. 10 RD 2424	Documents not drafted in Spanish must be accompanied by a translation. See Art. 74(1) PL with regard to usufruct
SEK 500 SEK 500 SEK 500	Transfer of rights, licences, mortgaging Registration of transfers and licences has a declaratory effect. § 44 PA § 44 PD Registration of mortgaging has legal effect. § 95 PA	Yes A certified copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required.	Documents are generally accepted in English, French or German.

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

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Switzerland / Liechtenstein	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) 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. Art. 105(2) PO 2. Licences and other rights Application and documents as under 1. Art. 105(2) PO	No	No, but recommended
Turkey	1. Transfer of rights (i) by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title, sale) - written request - extract from the commercial register (for merger, transfer of title) - deed of assignment bearing certified signatures of both the assignee and the assignor, patent number and remuneration should be recorded in the deed and power of attorney must be given (for assignment, sale) - proof that the fee has been paid R. 37, 44 IR (ii) by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) - written request - succession: certificate of hereditary succession - proof that the fee has been paid - power of attorney (if necessary) R. 38 IR 2. Licences and other rights - written request - licence agreement signed both by the proprietor and the licensee; the signatures must be certified, patent number, duration, type and remuneration should be recorded in the agreement - proof that the fee has been paid - power of attorney (if necessary) R. 35 IR	Yes	No
		Yes	No

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
No	Transfer of rights, licences, real rights Declaratory effect However, entry in the register has an influence on the legal position of third parties. Art. 33(3), 33(4), 36(3) PA Art. 105 PO	Yes	For documents not drafted in one of the IPI's official languages a translation will only be requested if the documents proving the transfer of rights are not evident.
(i) merger: TRY 300* transfer of title: TRY 50* assignment: TRY 350* Fees 2013 (ii) succession: TRY 315* Fees 2013 TRY 263* Fees 2013	Entry in the register has legal effect and takes effect vis-à-vis third parties. Art. 92 DL No. 551	Yes	All documents not drafted in Turkish must be accompanied by a translation.

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

Contracting state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
United Kingdom	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) To tell us you have sold your patent you need to fill in form 21. Form 21 is not a replacement for the assignment or other agreement, merely the form that you should use to ask us to record it. For assignments signed on or after 22 December 1999 the form need be signed only by or on behalf of the assignor. For earlier assignments all parties or their representatives should sign. If this is not possible, we will accept other documents as evidence that the assignment has taken place and that any necessary stamp duty has been paid. In most cases a properly completed and signed form 21 is all that is required, but the comptroller may ask for additional evidence if necessary. Sect. 32, 33 PA R. 47 PR 2. Licences and other rights Licences and other transactions such as mortgages or granting of security may also be registered on form 21. As with assignments, a properly completed and signed form is usually all that is needed for registration, but more evidence may be required in some cases.	No, but an address for service in the EEA or Channel Islands should be given for all proceedings. R. 103 PR	Yes, Form 21, one form only irrespective of the number of patents transferred Yes, Form 21

Extension state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Albania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 May 2010 .)	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written request by the patent proprietor Original or duly certified copy of the official document recording the transfer of rights Art. 44 to 50 PL 2. Licences and other rights as under 1.	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Albania must appoint a representative authorised to act before the GDPT. Art. 195(2) PL	Yes
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written request 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 Art. 70 PL Art. 33 Pat. Reg. 2. Licences and other rights as under 1.	Yes Art. 5 PL	Yes Art. 33 Pat. Reg.
Croatia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2008 .)	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written request 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 Art. 61.a PA Art. 36 PO 2. Licences and other rights as under 1.	Yes Art. 4 PA	Yes Art. 36(1) PO

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
ALL 4 000	Transfer of rights and licences Entries in the register have legal effect. Art. 32(2) PL	No	Documents not drafted in Albanian must be accompanied by a translation.
Spec. Fees: BAM 70 Admin. Fees: BAM 30 Spec. Fees: BAM 100 Admin. Fees: BAM 30	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. Art. 70 PL Art. 33 Pat. Reg.	n/a	Documents not drafted in one of the official languages of Bosnia and Herzegovina must be accompanied by a translation. Assignments are published in the official gazette. Art. 33 Pat. Reg.
HRK 275 per entry Tar. Np. 8.3 LAdmFees Art. 47.(1) RCh	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. On request, transfer of rights or licence may, but need not, be entered in the register. Art. 61.a PA	No	Supporting documents must be furnished as an original or as a certified copy. The entered changes will be published in the official gazette. Art. 61.a PA Art. 36(4) PO

Extension state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 January 2009.)	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written request by one of the contracting parties Original or duly certified copy of the official document recording the transfer of rights or licence agreement Art. 217 PL 2. Licences and other rights as under 1. Art. 218, 219, 220 PL	Yes	No
Latvia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 July 2005.)	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Deeds of transfer signed by the patent proprietor § 51(2) PL R. 59-66 PR 2. Licences and other rights Licence agreement A licence contract takes effect after it has been registered with the LV Patent Office. § 52 PL	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.)	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Contract assigning a patent application or patent Art. 42 PL 2. Licences and other rights Licence agreement Art. 45 PL	Yes Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the EEA or in an EPC contracting state must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania. Art. 14 PL Yes Legal or natural persons who have no residence, permanent place of business, registered branch or representative office in Lithuania, in the EEA or in an EPC contracting state must appoint a patent attorney who has been entered on the List of Patent Attorneys of Lithuania. Art. 14 PL	No
Montenegro	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Proof of legal basis for change to be entered in the register (contract or public document), and regular power of attorney if the entry procedure is initiated through a representative Art. 34 Rules 2. Licences and other rights as under 1.	Yes (Register of Representatives at www.advokatskakomora.me)	Yes

Extension state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003 .)	1. Transfer of rights (i) by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) 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 (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 Art. 45 PL 2. Licences and other rights 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. Art. 45 PL	Yes Yes	No No
Serbia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 October 2010 .)	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) Written request accompanied by original or duly certified copy of the official document recording the transfer of rights; proof that the fee has been paid, Art. 44, 45 and 48 PL Art. 4 and 5 Rules 2. Licences and other rights as under 1. Art. 46 to 48 PL Art. 6 and 9 Rules	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. 5(1) PL Yes (as under 1.) Art. 5(1) PL	No (see column 7) Art. 48 PL

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 100 or RON 360, unless transfer of right took place before publication of the mention of grant by the EPO Annex 1.25 Fees Ord. EUR 100 or RON 360, unless transfer of right took place before publication of the mention of grant by the EPO. Annex 1.25 Fees Ord.	Transfer of rights and licences Entry in the register has declaratory effect. Art. 45 PL R. 67(11) Reg.	Yes A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) and proof of payment of the prescribed fees is required.	Documents are accepted in Romanian, English, French or German or they may be submitted with a translation into one of these languages, unless special circumstances require a translation into Romanian.
Yes Tar. No. 125(1) Fees Law Yes Tar. No. 125(1) Fees Law	Transfer of rights, licences, pledges Entry in the register of transfers of rights has declaratory effect vis-à-vis third parties. Art. 44(3), 47(7) PL Registration of licence contractors has declaratory effect vis-à-vis third parties. The pledgee acquires possessory lien upon entry in the register. Art. 46(5), 47(7) PL	Yes	The written request must include in particular: - the registration number of the patent or petty patent or patent or petty patent application; - data on the right holder or applicant; and - a statement setting out that registration is sought for a transfer of the patent or petty patent or of the rights arising from the application or specifying the other rights to be registered. Art. 48 PL

Extension state	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	1. Transfer of rights by transaction (e.g. sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (e.g. succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) 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; 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. Art. 108 IPA 2. Licences and other rights as under 1. Art. 108 IPA	Yes Art. 129 IPA	No, but recommended

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 40	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. On request, transfer of rights or licence may, but need not, be entered in the register.	No	Supporting documents, when needed, are accepted in Slovenian, English, French and German. In case of doubt, SIPO may ask for a translation.
Art. 1(6.1) Fees Decr.	Art. 107(1) IPA		Art. 108 IPA Art. 11, 12 Reg.Rules

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);

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 pursuant to Art. 168 EPC
Albania	Relevant legal provisions are not yet in force.	
Austria	Simultaneous protection by national patents/utility models is not excluded.	Territory of the Republic of Austria
Belgium	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) the period for filing the notice of opposition to the European patent expires without such notice being filed, or (b) the opposition proceedings are finally closed, the European patent having been maintained. Art. 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) as <i>Belgium</i> Simultaneous protection for utility models is allowed. Art. 108.h 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) as <i>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) + (c) as <i>Cyprus</i> 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).	Territory of the Kingdom of Denmark with the exception of Greenland and the Faroe Islands
Estonia	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) as <i>Belgium</i> Simultaneous protection for utility models is allowed. § 12(1) and (3) IA	Territory of the Republic of Estonia
Finland	Simultaneous protection by national patents/utility models is not excluded.	Territory of the Republic of Finland

Contracting state	1 Simultaneous protection allowed? Art. 139(3) and 140 EPC	2 Territorial field of application pursuant to Art. 168 EPC
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 once the European patent is definitively granted. Art. L. 614-13 PL	Territory of the French Republic including the overseas territories (in particular, French Polynesia and New Caledonia) 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) + (c) as <i>Cyprus</i> Simultaneous protection for utility models is allowed. Art. II § 8(1) LIPC	Territory of the Federal Republic of Germany
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) as <i>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 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) + (c) as <i>Cyprus</i> Sect. 60 PA	Territory of Ireland
Italy	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent/utility model ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) + (c) as <i>Cyprus</i> 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) as <i>Belgium</i> Art. 75 PL	Territory of the Republic of Latvia
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland	
Lithuania	No Art. 83 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) + (c) as <i>Cyprus</i> Art. 94 PL	Territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Contracting state	1 Simultaneous protection allowed? Art. 139(3) and 140 EPC	2 Territorial field of application pursuant to Art. 168 EPC
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) as <i>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) + (c) as <i>Cyprus</i> 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) + (c) as <i>Cyprus</i> Art. 77 PA	Territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe, as of 4 April 2007 applicable also to Curaçao, Sint Maarten and the Dutch Caribbean (Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba) 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
Portugal	No; under Article 88(1) PA, to the extent that it protects the same invention, a national patent for an invention for which a European patent valid in Portugal has been granted with the same date of filing or priority either to the same inventor or with his consent, lapses: (a) on expiry of the time limit for opposing the European patent, if no opposition has been filed; or (b) on closure of the opposition proceedings, if the European patent has been maintained. A national patent granted after the applicable date under (a) or (b) above is deemed void and a notice to that effect is published in the Industrial Property Bulletin. The above provisions apply irrespective of any subsequent extinction or annulment of the European patent. For utility models, Article 137(1)(g) PA provides that, in addition to the grounds for refusal under Article 24 PA, a utility model is to be refused if it concerns an invention for which a European patent valid in Portugal has been granted either to the same inventor or with his consent. According to Article 137(4), the ground for refusal under paragraph (1)(g) also leads to expiry of a utility model by analogous application of Article 88 PA. 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) as <i>Belgium</i> Art. 10 AccEPCLaw	Territory of Romania
San Marino	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which: (a) + (b) as <i>Belgium</i> Art. 10(1) Decree Law No. 76/2009	Territory of the Republic of San Marino

Contracting state	1 Simultaneous protection allowed? Art. 139(3) and 140 EPC	2 Territorial field of application pursuant to Art. 168 EPC
Serbia	No In the case of an invention disclosed in both a national patent and a European patent designating the Republic of Serbia - 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 ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) as <i>Belgium</i> Art. 152 PL	Territory of the Republic of Serbia
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) as <i>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) as <i>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) + (c) as <i>Cyprus</i> 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) as <i>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) as <i>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) as <i>Belgium</i> 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 and OJ EPO 2009, 546.

Extension state	1 Simultaneous protection allowed? Art. 139(3) and 140 EPC	2 Territorial field of application pursuant to Art. 168 EPC
Albania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 May 2010.)	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. Annex	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
Lithuania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2004.)	No; <i>as Albania</i> Art. 74 PL	Territory of the Republic of Lithuania
Montenegro	No; <i>as Albania</i> Art. 111 PL	Territory of Montenegro

