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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 present 12th edition provides information on the so-called extension states immediately following on the information given for the EPO contracting states.

Extension System

The European Patent Organisation has concluded agreements on cooperation 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 European 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:

Lithuania (as from 5 July 1994)
 Latvia (as from 1 May 1995)
 Albania (as from 1 February 1996)
 former Yugoslav Republic of
 Macedonia (as from 1 November 1997)

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 1994, 75 and OJ EPO 1997, 538.

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

- for Euro-PCT applications

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

Withdrawal of the request for extension

The request for extension is deemed withdrawn if the extension fee is not paid or the application is withdrawn, refused or deemed withdrawn.

Accession to the EPC of an extension state

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

The legal situation outlined above exists in Slovenia (termination of the extension agreement with effect from 1 December 2002) and in Romania (termination of the extension agreement with effect from 1 March 2003). The same legal situation will exist in the present extension states, Latvia and Lithuania, as soon as these countries become EPC contracting states.

Abbreviations

(see also Table I, column 4)

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

National legal bases

I.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contracting State	1 National provisions	2 Source	3 Translation published in . . . (language)	4 Abbreviations used in this synopsis
Austria	1. Bundesgesetz vom 16. Dezember 1978 über die Einführung des Europäischen Patentübereinkommens und des Vertrages über die internationale Zusammenarbeit auf dem Gebiet des Patentwesens (Patentverträge-Einführungsgesetz), zuletzt geändert durch das Bundesgesetz Nr. I 143	BGBl Nr. 52/1979; Nr. 234/1984; Nr. 418/1992; Nr. 181/1996; Nr. 175/1998; I Nr. 143/2001		
	[1. <i>Federal Law of 16 December 1978 on the introduction of the European Patent Convention and of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (Introductory Law on Patent Treaties) as last amended by the Federal Law No. I 143</i>]		IPLT AT 2-002 (English, French)	ILPT
	2. Patentgesetz 1970, zuletzt geändert durch das Bundesgesetz Nr. I 143	BGBl Nr. 259/1970; Nr. 234/1984; Nr. 382/1986; Nr. 418/1992; Nr. 771/1992; Nr. 212/1994; Nr. 634/1994; Nr. 181/1996; Nr. 175/1998; I Nr. 191/1999; I Nr. 143/2001		
	[2. <i>Patent Law 1970, as last amended by Federal Law No. I 143</i>]		IPLT AT 2-001 (English, French)	PA
3. Verordnung des Bundesministers für wirtschaftliche Angelegenheiten betreffend die Durchführung des Patentgesetzes 1970, des Patentverträge- Einführungsgesetzes, des Schutzzertifikatgesetzes 1996, des Gebrauchsmustergesetzes, des Halbleiterschutzgesetzes, des Markenschutzgesetzes 1970 und des Musterschutzgesetzes 1990 (Patent-, Gebrauchsmuster-, Marken- und Musterverordnung – PGMMV), zuletzt geändert durch die Verordnung Nr. II 477	BGBl Nr. 226/1994; Nr. 238/1997; II Nr. 477/2001			
[3. <i>Regulation of the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs on the implementation of the 1970 Patent Law, the Introductory Law on Patent Treaties, the Law on the Supplementary Protection Certificate 1996, the Utility Model Law, the Law on Semiconductor Protection, the 1970 Trademark Protection Law and the 1990 Design Protection Law (Patent, Utility Model, Trademark and Design Regulation), as last amended by Regulation No. II 477</i>]		-	RPT	
4. Verordnung des Präsidenten des Patentamts über Eingaben an das Patentamt sowie über das Verfahren in Patent-, Schutzzertifikats-, Gebrauchsmuster-, Halbleiterschutz-, Marken- und Musterangelegenheiten (Patentamtsverordnung – PAV), zuletzt geändert durch Verordnung des Präsidenten des Patentamts PBl. 2001, 148	Patentblatt 1990,161; 1992, 73; 1994, 66; 1997, 122; 1998, 213; 1999, 154; 2001, 148			
[4. <i>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), amended by Regulation of the President PBl. 2001, 148</i>]		-	POR	

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Belgium	<p>[5. Decree of the Regent of 26 June 1947 containing the code of stamp duties confirmed by the Law of 14 July 1951, as amended by Royal Decree No. 12 of 18 April 1967, by Royal Decree of 16 January 1975 and by Law of 22 July 1993]</p> <p>6. Arrêté royal du 18 juillet 1966 portant coordination des lois sur l'emploi des langues en matière administrative</p> <p>[6. Royal Decree of 18 July 1966 co-ordinating the laws on the use of languages for administrative purposes]</p> <p>7. 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 l'arrêté royal du 2 décembre 1986</p> <p>[7. 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]</p> <p>8. 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</p> <p>[8. 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]</p> <p>9. Arrêté royal du 18 décembre 1986 relatif aux taxes et taxes supplémentaires dues en matière de brevets d'invention, modifié par l'arrêté royal du 14 février 1989, par l'arrêté royal du 21 septembre 1993, par l'arrêté royal du 3 février 1995, par l'arrêté royal du 17 juin 1999 et par l'arrêté royal du 20 juillet 2000</p> <p>[9. Royal Decree of 18 December 1986 concerning fees and supplementary fees payable in respect of patents, as amended by Royal Decree of 14 February 1989, by Royal Decree of 21 September 1993, by Royal Decree of 3 February 1995, by Royal Decree of 17 June 1999 and by Royal Decree of 20 July 2000]</p>	<p>Moniteur belge du 2.8.66</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 5.3.81 et du 6.12.86</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 6.12.86 et du 4.6.87</p> <p>Moniteur belge du 23.12.86, du 14.3.89, du 29.9.93, du 28.2.95, du 7.8.99 et du 30.8.00</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>IPLT BE 2-002 (English) Bl.f.PMZ 1983, 166 (German)</p> <p>IPLT BE 2-005 (English) Moniteur belge of 8.1.00 (German)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>DR of 26.6.47</p> <p>-</p> <p>RD of 27.2.81</p> <p>RD of 2.12.86</p> <p>RD (Fees)</p>
Bulgaria	<p>1. Закон за патентите, приет на 18.03.1993, в сила от 01.06.1993, допълнен бр.83/01.10.1996, в сила от 01.11.1996, изменен бр.11/29.01.1998, изменен и допълнен бр.81/14.09.1999, в сила от 15.12.1999, изменен бр.45 от 30.04.2002, изменен и допълнен бр.66/09.07.2002, в сила от 09.07.2002</p>	<p>State Gazette No. 27/2.4.1993, No. 83/1.10.1996, No. 11/29.1.1998, No. 81/14.9.1999, No. 45/30.4.2002, No. 66/9.7.2002</p>		

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Bulgaria	<p>[1. Patent Law, passed on 18.3.1993, in force as from 1.6.1993, supplemented by No. 83/1.10.1996, in force as from 1.11.1996, amended by No. 11/29.1.1998, amended by No. 81/14.9.1999, in force as from 15.12.1999, amended by No. 45/30.4.2002, amended and supplemented by No. 66/9.7.2002 in force as from 9.7.2002]</p> <p>2. Наредба за секретните патенти, Постановление на Министерски съвет №175/09.09.1993</p> <p>[2. Regulations on secret patents, Government Decree No. 175/9.9.1993]</p> <p>3. Наредба за представителите по индустриална собственост, Постановление на Министерски съвет №137/15.07.1993</p> <p>[3. Regulations relating to industrial property representatives, Government Decree No. 137/15.7.1993]</p> <p>4. Тарифа за таксите, които се събират от Патентното ведомство на Република България, Постановление на Министерски съвет № 242/27.12.1999, в сила от 30.12.1999, изменена и допълнена с Постановление на Министерски съвет № 282/09.12.2002, в сила от 17.12.2002</p> <p>[4. Schedule of fees collected by the Patent Office, Government Decree No. 242/27.12.1999, amended and supplemented by Government Decree No. 282/9.12.2002, effective as from 17.12.2002]</p> <p>5. Наредба за оформяне, подаване и експертиза на заявки за патенти от 20.09.1995, изменена със Заповед на Председателя на Патентното ведомство № 220/09.08.2002</p> <p>[5. Regulation on drafting, filing and examination of applications for patents of 20.9.1995, amended by Order of the President of the Patent Office No. 220/9.8.2002]</p>	<p>State Gazette No. 81/24.9.1993</p> <p>State Gazette No. 65/30.7.1993, No.86/21.10.1994, No.41/23.5.1997</p> <p>State Gazette No.114/30.12.1999, No.117/17.12.2002</p> <p>State Gazette No. 9/1.2.2000</p>	<p>WIPO website at http://clea.wipo.int BG003EN (English) and BG003FR (French) Bulgarian Patent Office website at www.bpo.bg/en/law_patents.html (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Bulgarian Patent Office website at www.bpo.bg/en/tariff_patents.html (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Decr. Fees</p> <p>-</p>
Cyprus	<p>1. Patent Law 1998 Patent (Amendment) Law 2000</p> <p>2. Patent (Fees) Regulations 1999 Patent (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000</p>	<p>Cyprus Gazette Part I, 6.4.98 Part I, 17.11.00</p> <p>Cyprus Gazette Part III (I), 26.3.99 Part III (I), 17.11.00</p>	<p>IPLT CY 2-001 (English, French) Bl.f.PMZ 2003, 15 (German)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>PFR</p>

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Czech Republic	<p>1. Patentový zákon: Zákon č. 527/1990 Sb., o vynálezech a zlepšovacích návrzích, ve znění předpisů pozdějších (úplné znění publikováno pod č. 3/2001 Sb.).</p> <p>[1. <i>Patent Act: Law No. 527/1990 Coll., on inventions and rationalisation proposals, as amended by subsequent laws (complete version published as No. 3/2001 Coll.)</i>]</p>	Sbírka zákonů č. 527/1990 č. 116/2000 č. 207/2000 č. 3/2001	Czech Industrial Property Office website at http://www.upv.cz/english/index.html (English) Bl. f. PMZ 1993, 123, 2001, 12 (German)	PA
	<p>2. Zákon č. 206/2000 Sb., o ochraně biotechnologických vynálezů</p> <p>[2. <i>Law No. 206/2000 Coll., on the protection of biotechnological inventions</i>]</p>	Sbírka zákonů č. 206/2000	The website of the Czech Industrial Property Office at http://www.upv.cz/english/index.html (English)	LBIO
	<p>3. Zákon č. 191/1999 Sb., o opatřeních týkajících se dovozu, vývozu a zpětného vývozu zboží porušujícího některá práva duševního vlastnictví, ve znění předpisů pozdějších.</p> <p>[3. <i>Law No. 191/1999 Coll., on measures concerning entry, export and re-export of goods infringing certain intellectual property rights, as amended by subsequent laws</i>]</p>	Sbírka zákonů č. 191/1999 č. 121/2000 č. 260/2002	-	-
	<p>4. Zákon č. 368/1992 Sb., o správních poplatcích ve znění předpisů pozdějších</p> <p>[4. <i>Law No. 368/1992 Coll., on administrative fees as amended by subsequent laws</i>]</p>	Sbírka zákonů č. 368/1992 č. 85/1994 č. 173/2002	Czech Industrial Property Office website at http://www.upv.cz/english/index.html (English)	LAdmFees
	<p>5. Zákon č. 173/2002 Sb., o poplatcích za udržování patentů a dodatkových ochranných osvědčení pro léčiva a pro přípravky na ochranu rostlin</p> <p>[5. <i>Law No. 173/2002 Coll., on renewal fees for patents and supplementary protection certificates for pharmaceuticals and plant protection products</i>]</p>	Sbírka zákonů č. 173/2002	Czech Industrial Property Office website at http://www.upv.cz/english/index.html (English)	LRenFees
	<p>6. Zákon č. 71/1967 Sb. o správním řízení (správní řád) ve znění předpisů pozdějších</p> <p>[6. <i>Law No. 71/1967 Coll., on administrative procedure (Administrative Procedure Code) as amended by subsequent laws</i>]</p>	Sbírka zákonů č. 71/1967 č. 29/2000 č. 227/2000 č. 226/2002	-	APC

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Czech Republic	<p>7. Zákon č. 150/2002 Sb., o soudním řízení správním</p> <p>[7. <i>Law No. 150/2002 Coll. on the Administrative Court Procedure</i>]</p> <p>8. Vyhláška č. 550/1990 Sb. o řízení ve věcech vynálezů a průmyslových vzorů, ve znění vyhlášky č. 21/2002 Sb.</p> <p>[8. <i>Decree No. 550/1990 Coll. on the procedure in matters of inventions and industrial designs as amended by Decree No. 21/2002 Coll.</i>]</p>	<p>Sbírka zákonů Č. 150/2002</p> <p>Sbírka zákonů Č. 550/1990 Č. 21/2002</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Czech Industrial Property Office website at http://www.upv.cz/english/index.html (English)</p>	<p>ACP</p> <p>DP</p>
Denmark	<p>1. Patentloven; lovbekendtgørelse nr. 781 af 30. august 2001</p> <p>[1. <i>Consolidated Patents Act No. 781 of 30 August 2001</i>]</p> <p>2. Bekendtgørelse om patenter og supplerende beskyttelsescertifikater nr. 374 af 19. juni 1998, som senest er ændret ved bekendtgørelse nr. 1086 af 11. december 2000</p> <p>[2. <i>Order concerning Patents and Supplementary Protection Certificates No. 374 of 19 June 1998, as last amended by Order No. 1086 of 11 December 2000</i>]</p> <p>3. Bekendtgørelse om ændring af reglerne om konsumtion i patentloven m. v. nr. 238 af 30. marts 1994</p> <p>[3. <i>Order No. 238 of 30 March 1994 amending the Provisions about Exhaustion of Rights in the Patents Act etc.</i>]</p> <p>4. Bekendtgørelse nr. 653 af 3. juli 2001 om Patent- og Varemærkestyrelsens gebyrer, som senest er ændret ved bekendtgørelse nr. 812 af 30. september 2002</p> <p>[4. <i>Order No. 653 of 3 July 2001 on the fees of the Patent and Trademark Office, as last amended by Order No. 812 of 30 September 2002</i>]</p> <p>5. Lov om hemmelige patenter, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 732 af 27. november 1989</p> <p>[5. <i>Consolidated Secret Patents Act. No. 732 of 27 November 1989</i>]</p>	<p>Lovtidende A 1998, 2145 2001, 5003</p> <p>Lovtidende A 1998, 2267 2000, 7837</p> <p>Lovtidende A 1994, 1036</p> <p>Lovtidende A 2001, 3941</p> <p>Lovtidende A 1989, 2578</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PO</p> <p>-</p> <p>Fees Order</p> <p>Law No. 732/89</p>
Estonia	<p>1. Patendiseadus, vastu võetud 16. märtsil 1994, viimati muudetud 5. juunil 2002</p>	<p>RT I 1994, 25, 406 RT I 1996, 49, 953 RT I 1998, 64/65, 1003 RT I 1998, 107, 1768 RT I 1999, 84, 764 RT I 2001, 27, 151 RT I 2001, 93, 565 RT I 2002, 53, 336</p>		

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Estonia	[1. Patent Act, passed on 16 March 1994, as last amended on 5 June 2002]		Estonian Patent Office website at http://www.epa.ee/eng/law.htm (English) IPLT EE 2-001 (English, French) Bl. f. PMZ 2002, 300 (German)	PA
	2. Riigilõivuseadus, vastu võetud 22. oktoobril 1997, viimati muudetud 5. juunil 2002	RT I 1997, 80, 1344 RT I 2001, 55, 331, RT I 2002, 51, 316		
	[2. State Fees Act, passed on 22 October 1997, as last amended on 5 June 2002]		Estonian Patent Office website at http://www.epa.ee/eng/law.htm (English)	FA
	3. Euroopa patentide väljaandmise konventsiooni kohaldamise seadus, vastu võetud 17. aprillil 2002	RT I 2002, 38, 233		
	[3. Act on implementing the Convention on the Grant of European Patents, passed on 17 April 2002]		Estonian Patent Office website at http://www.epa.ee/eng/law.htm (English)	IA
	4. Patenditaotluse vormi ja sisunõuded ning patenditaotluse esitamise kord, Majandusministri 30. detsembri 1999. a määrus nr 69	RTL 2000, 8, 80		
	[4. Requirements concerning the content and format of patent applications and the procedure for filing the same, Regulation No. 69 of the Minister of Economic Affairs of 30 December 1999]		Estonian Patent Office website at http://www.epa.ee/eng/law.htm (English)	-
	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	RTL 2002, 84, 1295		
[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]		-	RFI	
6. Euroopa patenditaotluse Eesti Patendiametile esitamise ja Euroopa Patendiametile edastamise, Euroopa patenditaotluse patendinõudluse ja patendikirjelduse tõlke esitamise ja avalikustamise ning Euroopa patenditaotluse siseriiklikuks patenditaotluseks ja kasuliku mudeli registreerimise taotluseks muutmise kord, Majandusministri 24. juuli 2002. a määrus nr 46	RTL 2002, 85, 1330			
[6. Order concerning the procedure for filing European patent applications with the Estonian Patent Office, transmitting them to the European Patent Office, furnishing and publishing a translation of the claims of European patent applications and European patent specifications and converting European patent applications into national patent applications and utility model applications, Regulation No. 46 of the Minister of Economic Affairs of 24 July 2002]		-	REP	

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Finland	<p>1. Patenttilaki 15.12.1967/550, muutettu viimeksi lailla nro 650/00 - 30.6.2000</p> <p>[1. <i>Patents Act No. 550/67 of 15 December 1967, as last amended by Act No. 650/00 of 30 June 2000</i>]</p> <p>2. Patenttiasetus 26.9.1980/669, muutettu viimeksi asetuksella nro 674/00 - 13.7.2000</p> <p>[2. <i>Patents Decree No. 669/80 of 26 September 1980, as last amended by Decree No. 674/00 of 13 July 2000</i>]</p> <p>3. Laki maanpuolustukselle merkityksellisistä keksinnöistä 15.12.1967/551, muutettu viimeksi lailla nro 245/97 - 21.3.1997</p> <p>[3. <i>Act on inventions of importance to the defence of the country No. 551/67 of 15 December 1967, as last amended by Act No. 245/97 of 21 March 1997</i>]</p> <p>4. Patenttimääräykset 30.9.1980, muutettu viimeksi 2.4.2001</p> <p>[4. <i>Patent Office Regulations, as last amended on 2 April 2001</i>]</p> <p>5. Kauppa- ja teollisuusministeriön päätös patentti- ja rekisterihallituksen maksullisista suoritteista 28.12.1995/1782, muutettu viimeksi päätöksellä 1027/01 - 21.11.2001</p> <p>[5. <i>Decision No. 1782 of 28 December 1995 of the Ministry of Trade and Industry on the fees chargeable by the National Board of Patents and Registration, as last amended by decision No. 1027/01 of 21 November 2001</i>]</p>	<p>SäädKok 550/67 407/80 387/85 801/91 577/92 1034/92 1409/92 593/94 717/95 1695/95 243/97 650/00</p> <p>SäädKok 669/80 505/85 583/92 71/94 595/94 104/96 246/97 674/00</p> <p>SäädKok 551/67 795/89 599/95 1697/95 245/97</p> <p>not published</p> <p>SäädKok 1782/95 123/96 247/97 597/97 1027/01</p>	<p>IPLT FI 2-001 (English, French) Bl. f. PMZ 2000, 202 (German)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PD</p> <p>Defence Inventions</p> <p>POR</p> <p>Fees Dec.</p>
France	<p>1. Loi n° 92-597 du 1^{er} juillet 1992 relative au code de la propriété intellectuelle (partie Législative), modifiée en dernier lieu par la loi n° 97-283 du 27 mars 1997 portant transposition dans le code de la propriété intellectuelle des directives du Conseil des Communautés européennes n° 93/83 et 93/98</p>	<p>J.O. (FR) 1992, 8801; 1994, 2151, 6863; 1995, 120; 1996, 18687; 1997, 4831</p>		

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France	<p>[1. Law No. 92-597 of 1 July 1992 on the Intellectual Property Code (legislative part), as last amended by Law No. 97-283 of 27 March 1997 regarding the implementation of EU Directives 93/83 and 93/98 in the Intellectual Property Code]</p> <p>2. Décret n° 95-385 du 10 avril 1995 relatif à la partie Réglementaire du code de la propriété intellectuelle, modifié en dernier lieu par le Décret n° 96-103 du 2 février 1996</p> <p>[2. Decree No. 95-385 of 10 April 1995 regarding the Regulations part of the Intellectual Property Code, as last amended by Decree No. 96-103 of 2 February 1996]</p> <p>3. Arrêté du 24 décembre 2001 relatif aux redevances de procédures perçues par l'institut national de la propriété industrielle</p> <p>[3. Order of 24 December 2001 on the procedural fees of the "Institut national de la propriété industrielle"]</p> <p>4. Arrêté du 19 septembre 1979 relatif aux modalités de dépôt des demandes de brevet d'invention et de certificat d'utilité et d'inscription au registre national des brevets</p> <p>[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]</p> <p>5. Arrêtés du 29 novembre 1978, du 16 septembre 1983, du 6 septembre 1985, du 30 avril 1987, du 13 janvier 1993, du 12 novembre 1993, du 23 octobre 1995 et du 27 juillet 2000 relatif au dépôt des demandes internationales et des demandes de brevet européen auprès des centres de province de l'Institut national de la propriété industrielle et décisions du Directeur de l'I.N.P.I. n° 80-164 du 3 mars 1980, n° 80-601 du 19 décembre 1980, n° 83-425 du 28 septembre 1983, n° 85-464 du 6 septembre 1985, n° 87-171 du 30 avril 1987, n° 93-12 du 13 janvier 1993 et n° 93-563 du 3 décembre 1993</p> <p>[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]</p>	<p>J.O. (FR) 1995, 5843; 1996, 2122</p> <p>J.O. (FR) 2001, 21407</p> <p>J.O. (FR) 1979, 8042</p> <p>J.O. (FR) 1979, 63; 1983, 8807; 1985, 10735; 1987, 5308; 1993, 1276; 1993, 17678; 1995, 15941; 2000, 12799</p>	<p>IPLT FR 1-001 (English)</p> <p>IPLT FR 1-002 (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1980, 283 (German)</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1979, 163; 1988, 124; 2001, 66 (German)</p>	<p>Law No. 92-597</p> <p>Decr.</p> <p>Fees Ord. of 24.12.01</p> <p>Ord. of 19.9.79</p> <p>-</p>
Germany	<p>1. Gesetz zu dem Übereinkommen vom 27. November 1963 zur Vereinheitlichung gewisser Begriffe des materiellen Rechts der Erfindungspatente, dem Vertrag vom 19. Juni 1970 über die internationale Zusammenarbeit auf dem Gebiet des Patentwesens und dem Übereinkommen vom 5. Oktober 1973 über die Erteilung europäischer Patente (Gesetz über internationale Patentübereinkommen) vom 21. Juni 1976, zuletzt geändert durch das Gesetz zur Bereinigung von Kostenregelungen auf dem Gebiet des geistigen Eigentums vom 13. Dezember 2001</p> <p>[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 the Law standardising cost regulations in the intellectual property field of 13 December 2001]</p>	<p>BGBI 1976 II 649; 1986 I 1446; 1991 II 1354; 1993 I 366; 1998 I 1827; 2001 I 3656; 2001 I 3667</p>	<p>IPLT DE 2-001 (English, French)</p>	<p>LIPC</p>

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Germany	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	BGBl 1979 I 1269; 1986 I 1446; 1991 II 1354		
	<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>		-	CPL
	3. Patentgesetz in der Fassung der Bekanntmachung vom 16. Dezember 1980, zuletzt geändert durch das Gesetz zur Bereinigung von Kostenregelungen auf dem Gebiet des geistigen Eigentums vom 13. Dezember 2001	BGBl 1981 I 1; 1986 I 1446; 1990 I 422; 1991 II 1354; 1992 I 727; 1993 I 366; 1994 I 3082; 1996 I 1546; 1998 I 1827; 1998 I 2030; 1999 I 2598; 2001 I 1206; 2001 I 1887; 2001 I 1921; 2001 I 3656; 2001 I 3669		
	<i>[3. Consolidated Patent Law as published on 16 December 1980, as last amended by the Law standardising cost regulations in the intellectual property field of 13 December 2001]</i>		IPLT DE 2-002 (English, French)	PA
	4. Gesetz über die Kosten des Deutschen Patent- und Markenamts und des Bundespatentgerichts (Patentkostengesetz) vom 13. Dezember 2001	BGBl 2001 I 3656		
	<i>[4. Law on fees of the German Patent and Trademark Office and the Federal Patent Court of 13 December 2001]</i>		-	LPF
	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	BGBl 1991 II 1354		
	<i>[5. Law on the Agreement relating to Community Patents of 21 December 1989 and concerning the Protocol on a possible modification of the conditions of entry into force of the Agreement relating to Community patents of 21 December 1989 and amending certain provisions of patent law (Second Law on the Community Patent) of 20 December 1991]</i>		-	2. CPL
	6. Verordnung über die Übersetzungen der Ansprüche europäischer Patentanmeldungen vom 18. Dezember 1978, geändert durch Verordnung vom 21. Oktober 1993	BGBl 1978 II 1469; 1993 II 1989		
	<i>[6. Regulation on the translations of the claims of European patent applications of 18 December 1978, amended by Regulation of 21 October 1993]</i>		-	Publ. Reg.
7. Verordnung über die Zahlung der Kosten des Deutschen Patent- und Markenamts und des Bundespatentgerichts (Patentkostenzahlungsverordnung) vom 20. Dezember 2001	BGBl 2001 I 3853			
<i>[7. Regulation on the payment of fees charged by the German Patent and Trademark Office and the Federal Patent Court of 20 December 2001]</i>		-	RFP	

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Germany	<p>8. Verordnung über die Anmeldung von Patenten (Patentanmeldeverordnung - PatAnmV) vom 29. Mai 1981, zuletzt geändert durch die Fünfte Verordnung zur Änderung der Patentanmeldeverordnung vom 1. Januar 2002</p> <p>[8. Regulation on the filing of patents (Patent Filing Regulation - PFR) of 29 May 1981, as last amended by the Fifth Regulation of 1 January 2002 amending the Patent Filing Regulation]</p> <p>9. Verordnung über die Übersetzung europäischer Patentschriften (ÜbersV) vom 2. Juni 1992</p> <p>[9. Regulation on the translation of European patent specifications (Transl. Reg.) of 2 June 1992]</p> <p>10. Gesetz über die Erstreckung von gewerblichen Schutzrechten (Erstreckungsgesetz - ErstrG) vom 23. April 1992, zuletzt geändert durch das Gesetz zur Bereinigung von Kostenregelungen auf dem Gebiet des geistigen Eigentums vom 13. Dezember 2001</p> <p>[10. Law on the Extension of Industrial Property Rights (Extension Law - ErstrG) of 23 April 1992, as last amended by the Law standardising cost regulations in the intellectual property field of 13 December 2001]</p>	<p>BGBl 1981 I 521; 1986 I 1738; 1990 I 856; 1993 I 426; 1994 I 3082; 1998 I 1827; 2002 I 32</p> <p>BGBl 1992 II 395</p> <p>BGBl 1992 I 938; 1994 II 1438; 1998 I 1827; 2001 I 3656; 2001 I 3676</p>	<p>IPLT DE 2-004 (English, French)</p> <p>-</p> <p>IPLT DE 1-006 (English, French)</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Transl. Reg.</p> <p>-</p>
Greece	<p>1. Νόμος 1733/1987 "Μεταφορά τεχνολογίας εφευρέσεις, τεχνολογική καινοτομία και σύσταση Επιτροπής Ατομικής Ενέργειας" όπως τροποποιήθηκε από το άρθρο 18 του νόμου 1739/1987, το Προεδρικό Διάταγμα 54/1992 και το άρθρο 9 του νόμου 2359/1995.</p> <p>[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 1739/1987 and Presidential Decree No. 54/1992 and by Article 9 of Law 2359/1995]</p> <p>2. Νόμος 4325/1963 περί εφευρέσεων αφορωσών την εθνικήν άμυναν της χώρας και τροποποιήσεως του Ν. 2527/1920 "περί διπλωμάτων ευρεσιτεχνίας.</p> <p>[2. Law No. 4325/1963 on inventions relating to national defence and amending Law No. 2527/1920 on patents]</p> <p>3. Νόμος 1607 της 30.06.1986 σχετικά με την κύρωση της σύμβασης του Μονάχου της 5ης Οκτωβρίου 1973 που αφορά τη χορήγηση ευρωπαϊκών διπλωμάτων ευρεσιτεχνίας.</p> <p>[3. Law No. 1607 of 30 June 1986 on the Ratification of the Munich Convention on the Grant of European Patents of 5 October 1973]</p> <p>4. Προεδρικό Διάταγμα αριθμ. 77 της 11.02.1988 σχετικά με τις διατάξεις εφαρμογής της σύμβασης για τη χορήγηση ευρωπαϊκών διπλωμάτων ευρεσιτεχνίας.</p> <p>[4. Presidential Decree No. 77 of 11 February 1988 on provisions for implementing the Convention on the Grant of European Patents]</p>	<p>ΦΕΚ 171 Α' 22.9.87 201 Α' 20.11.87 22 Α' 14.2.92 241Α' 21.11.95</p> <p>ΦΕΚ 156 Α' 27.9.63</p> <p>ΦΕΚ 85 Α' 30.6.86</p> <p>ΦΕΚ 33 Α' 25.2.88</p>	<p>Bl. f. PMZ 1988, 330 (German) IPLT GR 1-001 (English, French)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Bl. f. PMZ 1988, 338 (German)</p>	<p>Law No. 1733/87</p> <p>Law No. 4325/63</p> <p>Law No. 1607/86</p> <p>Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>

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Greece	<p>5. Υπουργική απόφαση αριθμ. 15928/ΕΦΑ/1253 σχετικά με την κατάθεση αίτησης για χορήγηση διπλώματος ευρεσιτεχνίας ή πιστοποιητικού υποδείγματος χρησιμότητας στον Ο.Β.Ι. και τήρηση βιβλίων. Τροποποιήθηκε με την Υπουργική Απόφαση αριθμ. 3111/ΕΦΑ/433</p> <p>[5. Ministerial Decision No. 15928/EFA/1253 on the filing of applications for patents or utility models with OBI and on keeping registers, as last amended by Ministerial Decision No. 3111/EFA/433]</p> <p>6. Απόφαση του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου του Οργανισμού Βιομηχανικής Ιδιοκτησίας της 14 Δεκεμβρίου 1987 σχετικά με τον Κανονισμό τελών του Ο.Β.Ι. (τροποποιήθηκε με απόφαση του Δ.Σ. της 02.10.2001)</p> <p>[6. Decision of the Administrative Council of the Industrial Property Organisation of 14 December 1987 on the Rules relating to Fees, amended by Decision of the Administrative Council of OBI of 2 October 2001]</p> <p>7. Προεδρικό Διάταγμα αριθμός 161 της 31ης Μαΐου 2002 σχετικά με την προσαρμογή του Προεδρικού Διατάγματος 259/1997 προς τις διατάξεις της Οδηγίας 98/71/ΕΚ του Ευρωπαϊκού Κοινοβουλίου και του Συμβουλίου της 13ης Οκτωβρίου 1998 για τη νομική προστασία σχεδίων και υποδειγμάτων</p> <p>[7. Presidential Decree No. 161 of 31 May 2002 bringing Presidential Decree No. 259/1997 into line with Council Directive 98/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 1998 on the legal protection of designs]</p> <p>8. Προεδρικό Διάταγμα αριθμός 321 της 24.09.2001 σχετικά με την Προσαρμογή στην Οδηγία 98/44/ΕΚ του Ευρωπαϊκού Κοινοβουλίου και του Συμβουλίου για την έννομη προστασία των βιοτεχνολογικών εφευρέσεων</p> <p>[8. Presidential Decree No. 321 of 24 September 2001 adopting Directive 98/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the legal protection of biotechnological inventions]</p>	<p>ΦΕΚ 778 Β' 31.12.87 309 Β' 27.3.98</p> <p>ΕΔΒΙ 1988 σελ. 46-48</p> <p>ΦΕΚ 149 Α' 26.06.02</p> <p>ΦΕΚ 218 Α' 1.10.01</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Min. Dec. No. 3111/EFA/433</p> <p>Dec. of 2.10.2001</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
Hungary	<p>Information not available at time of going to press.</p> <p>Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.</p>			
Ireland	<p>1. Patents Act 1992</p> <p>2. Patents Rules 1992</p> <p>3. Patents, Trade Marks, Copyright and Designs (Fees) Rules, 2001</p>	<p>No. 1 of 1992</p> <p>S.I. No. 179 of 1992</p> <p>S.I. No. 482 of 2001</p>	<p>LTPI IE 2-001 (French) BI.f.PMZ 1998, 99, 165 (German)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PR</p> <p>Fees Rules</p>

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Italy	1. Legge 26 maggio 1978, n. 260 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	Suppl. ord. alla G.U., n. 156 del 7-6-1978		
	<i>[1. Law No. 260 of 26 May 1978 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. Decreto del Presidente della Repubblica 8 gennaio 1979, n. 32 Applicazione della legge 26 maggio 1978, n. 260, concernente ratifica ed esecuzione di atti internazionali in materia di brevetti, modificato con D.P.R. 22 giugno 1979, n. 338 e legge 3 maggio 1985, n. 194	G.U., n. 41 del 10-2-1979; G.U., n. 117 del 20-5-1985		
	<i>[2. Decree of the President of the Republic No. 32 of 8 January 1979 Application of Law No. 260 of 26 May 1978 concerning the ratification and implementation of international patent acts; Decree amended by DPR No. 338 of 22 June 1979 and Law No. 194 of 3 May 1985]</i>		Bl.f.PMZ 1979, 163 (German)	DPR No. 32/1979
	3. Decreto 30 giugno 1982 Determinazione degli uffici competenti alla ricezione dei depositi delle domande di brevetto europeo e delle traduzioni dei brevetti europei	G.U., n. 181 del 3-7-1982		
	<i>[3. Decree of 30 June 1982 laying down the authorities competent to receive European patent applications and translations of European patents]</i>		-	Decr. of 30.6.82
	4. Decreto del Presidente della Repubblica 22 giugno 1979, n. 338 Revisione della legislazione nazionale in materia di brevetti, in applicazione della delega di cui alla legge 26 maggio 1978, n. 260	G.U., n. 215 del 7-8-1979		
	<i>[4. Decree of the President of the Republic No. 338 of 22 June 1979 Revision of national patent legislation pursuant to the authorisation provided for in Law No. 260 of 26 May 1978]</i>		Bl.f.PMZ 1980, 196 (German)	DPR No. 338
	5. Decreto del Presidente della Repubblica 26 ottobre 1972, n. 641 Disciplina delle tasse sulle concessioni governative, modificato con decreto 22 giugno 1979, n. 338, con decreto legge 13 gennaio 1988, n. 3 e con la legge 29 dicembre 1990, n. 405 (Art. 7)	Suppl. ord. alla G.U., n. 292 del 11-11-1972 n. 303 del 31-12-1990 G.U., n. 9 del 13-1-1988		
	<i>[5. Decree of the President of the Republic No. 641 of 26 October 1972 regulating the administrative fees, amended by Decree No. 338 of 22 June 1979, Order in Council No. 3 of 13 January 1988 and Law No. 405 (Art. 7) of 29 December 1990]</i>		Bl.f.PMZ 1976, 10 and 1983, 194 (German)	DPR No. 641
5a. Art. 10 del Decreto-legge 11 luglio 1992 n. 333, convertito alla Legge 8 agosto 1992 n. 359				
<i>[5a. Art. 10 of the Decree-law of 11 July 1992 No. 333, amended by Law of 8 August 1992 No. 359]</i>		-	-	
5b. Decreto ministeriale 20 agosto 1992 Approvazione della nuova tariffa delle tasse sulle concessioni governative	G.U., n. 196 del 21-8-1992			
<i>[5b. Ministerial Decree of 20 August 1992 Approval of the new administrative fees]</i>		-	Decr. of 20.8.92	

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Italy	6. Decreto del Presidente della Repubblica 30 giugno 1972, n. 540 Semplificazione dei procedimenti amministrativi in materia di brevetti per invenzioni industriali, modelli industriali e marchi di impresa, modificato da ultimo con D.P.R. 22 giugno 1979, n. 338	G.U., n. 249 del 27-9-1972		
	<i>[6. Decree of the President of the Republic No. 540 of 30 June 1972 Simplification of the administrative procedures relating to patents, utility models, industrial designs and trademarks as last amended by DPR No. 338 of 22 June 1979]</i>		Bl.f.PMZ 1976, 7 (German) IPLT IT 1-004 (English, French)	-
	7. Decreto ministeriale 22 febbraio 1973 Regolamento di esecuzione del D.P.R. 30 giugno 1972, n. 540, in materia di brevetti per invenzioni, modelli e marchi	G.U., n. 69 del 15-3-1973		
	<i>[7. Ministerial Decree of 22 February 1973 Implementing Regulations to DPR No. 540 of 30 June 1972 relating to patents, utility models, industrial designs and trademarks]</i>		IPLT IT 1-005 (English, French) Bl.f.PMZ 1984, 124 (German)	-
	8. Regio decreto 29 giugno 1939, n. 1127 Testo delle disposizioni legislative in materia di brevetti per invenzioni industriali, modificato con D.P.R. 22 giugno 1979, n. 338, modificato da ultimo con Decreto legislativo 19 marzo 1996, n. 198	G.U., n. 189 del 14-8-1939 Suppl. ord. alla G.U. n. 88 del 15-4-1996		
	<i>[8. Royal Decree No. 1127 of 29 June 1939 Patent Law, amended by DPR No. 338 of 22 June 1979, and last amended by Decreto Legislativo No. 198 of 19 March 1996]</i>		Bl.f.PMZ 1980, 196; 1997, 279; GRUR Int. 1999, 241 (German); IPLT IT 2-001 (English, French)	RD no. 1127
	9. Regio decreto 5 febbraio 1940, n. 244 Testo delle disposizioni regolamentari in materia di brevetti per invenzioni industriali, modificato da ultimo con D.P.R. 22 giugno 1979, n. 338	G.U., n. 94 del 20-4-1940		
	<i>[9. Royal Decree No. 244 of 5 February 1940 Patents Rules, as last amended by DPR No. 338 of 22 June 1979]</i>		Bl.f.PMZ 1942, 7 (German) IPLT IT 2-002 (English, French)	RD No. 244
	10. Regio decreto 25 agosto 1940, n. 1411 Testo delle disposizioni legislative in materia di brevetti per modelli industriali, modificato da ultimo con Decreto Legislativo 19 marzo 1996, n. 198	G.U., n. 247 del 21-10-1940		
	<i>[10. Royal Decree No. 1411 of 25 August 1940 Law on utility models, as last amended by Decreto Legislativo No. 198 of 19 March 1996]</i>		IPLT IT 1-007 (English, French)	-
	11. Regio decreto 31 ottobre 1941, n.1354 Testo delle disposizioni regolamentari in materia di brevetti per modelli industriali, modificato da ultimo con la legge 14 febbraio 1987, n. 60	G.U., n. 300 del 22-12-1941		
	<i>[11. Royal Decree No. 1354 of 31 October 1941 Rules on utility models, as last amended by Law No. 60 of 14 February 1987]</i>		IPLT IT 1-008 (English, French)	-
12. Legge 14 febbraio 1987, n. 60 Armonizzazione della normativa in materia di brevetti per modelli e disegni industriali con le disposizioni dell'accordo dell'Aja del 6 novembre 1925, e successive revisioni, ratificato con legge 24 ottobre 1980, n. 744	G.U., n. 53 del 5-3-1987			

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Italy	[12. Law No. 60 of 14 February 1987 <i>Harmonisation of the provisions governing utility models and industrial designs with those of the Hague Convention of 6 November 1925 and subsequent revisions, ratified by Law No. 744 of 24 October 1980</i>]		Bl.f.PMZ 1988, 301 (German) IPLT IT 1-006 (English, French)	Law No. 60
Liechtenstein	<p>1. Vertrag zwischen der Schweizerischen Eidgenossenschaft und dem Fürstentum Liechtenstein über den Schutz der Erfindungspatente vom 22. Dezember 1978 (Patentschutzvertrag)</p> <p>[1. <i>Treaty between the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on Patent Protection (Patent Treaty) of 22 December 1978</i>]</p> <p>2. Ausführungsvereinbarung zum schweizerisch-liechtensteinischen Patentschutzvertrag vom 10. Dezember 1979</p> <p>[2. <i>Implementing Agreement to the Treaty between Switzerland and Liechtenstein in respect of patents of 10 December 1979</i>]</p> <p>3. Gesetz vom 26. September 1979 zum Vertrag zwischen dem Fürstentum Liechtenstein und der Schweizerischen Eidgenossenschaft über den Schutz der Erfindungspatente</p> <p>[3. <i>Law of 26 September 1979 on the Treaty between the Principality of Liechtenstein, and the Swiss Confederation on Patent Protection</i>]</p> <p><i>For other legal provisions applicable to Liechtenstein, see Switzerland Nos. 1-4</i></p>	<p>LGBl. 1980 Nr. 31</p> <p>LGBl. 1980 Nr. 32</p> <p>LGBl. 1980 Nr. 33</p>	<p>OJ EPO 1980, 407 (English, French, German) IPLT LI-CH 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>OJ EPO 1980, 407 (English, French, German) IPLT LI-CH 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Treaty CH/LI of 22.12.78</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
Luxembourg	<p>1. Loi du 27 mai 1977 portant a) approbation de la Convention sur la délivrance de brevets européens, signée à Munich, le 5 octobre 1973; b) adaptation de la législation nationale en matière de brevets, telle que modifiée par la Loi du 20 juillet 1992 (voir 3.)</p> <p>[1. <i>Law of 27 May 1977, (a) approving the Convention on the Grant of European Patents signed at Munich on 5 October 1973 (b) amending the national legislation on patents as amended by Law of 20 July 1992 (see 3.)</i>]</p> <p>2. Règlement grand-ducal du 9 mai 1978 pris en exécution de la loi du 27 mai 1977 portant a) approbation de la Convention sur la délivrance de brevets européens, signée à Munich le 5 octobre 1973 b) adaptation de la législation nationale en matière de brevets</p> <p>[2. <i>Grand-Ducal Regulation of 9 May 1978 implementing the Law of 27 May 1977 (a) approving the Convention on the Grant of European Patents, signed at Munich on 5 October 1973 (b) amending the national legislation on patents</i>]</p> <p>3. Loi du 20 juillet 1992 portant modification du régime des brevets d'invention, telle que modifiée par la Loi du 24 mai 1998 et la Loi du 11 août 2001</p>	<p>Mémorial A 1977, 872</p> <p>Mémorial A 1978, 528</p> <p>Mémorial A-N° 49/1992, 1592; A-N° 45/1998, 685; A-N° 106/2001, 2175</p>	<p>Bl. f. PMZ 1978, 334 (German) IPLT LU 2-003 (English)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Law of 27.5.77</p> <p>Reg. of 9.5.78</p>

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Luxembourg	<p>[3. Law of 20 July 1992 amending the provisions relating to patents, as last amended by Law of 24 May 1998 and by Law of 11 August 2001]</p> <p>4. Règlement grand-ducal du 17 novembre 1997 concernant la procédure et les formalités administratives en matière de brevets d'invention</p> <p>[4. Grand-Ducal Patents Decree (implementing procedures) of 17 November 1997 on the procedure and administrative formalities relating to patents of invention]</p> <p>5. Règlement grand-ducal du 17 novembre 1997 portant fixation des taxes et rémunérations à percevoir en matière des brevets d'invention</p> <p>[5. Grand-Ducal Decree of 17 November 1997 on the fixing of fees and costs relating to patents of invention]</p> <p>6. Loi du 8 juillet 1967 concernant la divulgation et la mise en œuvre des inventions et des secrets de fabrique intéressant la défense du territoire ou la sûreté de l'Etat</p> <p>[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]</p> <p>7. Règlement grand-ducal du 18 septembre 1969 pris en exécution de l'article 4, alinéa final, de la loi du 8 juillet 1967 concernant la divulgation et la mise en œuvre des inventions et des secrets de fabrique intéressant la défense du territoire ou la sûreté de l'Etat</p> <p>[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]</p> <p>8. Règlement grand-ducal du 12 juin 1975 concernant le recouvrement des frais de publication au Mémorial, Recueil administratif et économique</p> <p>[8. Grand-Ducal Regulation of 12 June 1975 on the recovery of the cost of publications in the "Mémorial, Recueil administratif et économique"]</p>	<p>Mémorial A-N° 96/1997, 2946</p> <p>Mémorial A-N° 96/1997, 2956</p> <p>Mémorial A 1967, 796</p> <p>Mémorial A 1969, 1234</p> <p>Mémorial A 1975, 723</p>	<p>Bl.f. PMZ 1998, 292 (German) IPLT LU 2-005 (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>Decr.</p> <p>Fees Reg.</p> <p>Law of 8.7.67</p> <p>Reg. of 18.9.69</p> <p>Fees Reg. of 12.6.75</p>
Monaco	<p>1. Loi n° 606 du 20 juin 1955 sur les brevets d'invention modifiée par la loi n° 625 du 5 novembre 1956</p> <p>[1. Law No. 606 of 20 June 1955 on Patents of Invention, as amended by Law No. 625 of 5 November 1956]</p> <p>2. Ordonnance souveraine n° 1476 du 30 janvier 1957</p> <p>[2. Sovereign Ordinance No. 1476 of 30 January 1957]</p> <p>3. Ordonnance souveraine n° 13.449 du 12 mai 1998 portant majoration des droits applicables à l'occasion de l'accomplissement des formalités tendant à la protection de la propriété industrielle en matière de brevets d'invention, etc., et Ordonnance souveraine n° 15.116 du 23 novembre 2001</p> <p>[3. Sovereign Ordinance No. 13.449 of 12 May 1998 increasing the fees payable for the formalities governing the protection of industrial property for patents for invention, etc., and Sovereign Ordinance No. 15.116 of 23 November 2001]</p>	<p>J. M. du 27.6.55 et du 19.11.56</p> <p>J. M. du 4.2.57</p> <p>J. M. du 26.7.96 et du 7.12.01</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>SO No. 1476</p> <p>SO (Fees)</p>

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Monaco	<p>4. Ordonnance souveraine n° 10.427 du 9 janvier 1992 concernant le brevet européen</p> <p>[4. <i>Sovereign Ordinance No. 10.427 of 9 January 1992 concerning European patents</i>]</p> <p>5. Arrêté ministériel n° 93-553 du 21 octobre 1993 concernant les modalités de délivrance du brevet européen</p> <p>[5. <i>Ministerial Decree No. 93-553 of 21 October 1993 concerning arrangements for the grant of European patents</i>]</p> <p>6. Ordonnance souveraine n° 13.827 du 15 décembre 1998 relative à l'introduction de l'euro</p> <p>[6. <i>Sovereign Ordinance No. 13.827 of 15 December 1998 concerning the introduction of the euro</i>]</p> <p>7. Ordonnance souveraine n° 15.116 du 23 novembre 2001 portant adaptation en euros des montants exprimés en francs dans certaines ordonnances souveraines prises pour l'application des traités internationaux</p> <p>[7. <i>Sovereign Ordinance No. 15.116 of 23 November 2001 converting to euros amounts denominated in francs in Sovereign Ordinances implementing international treaties</i>]</p>	<p>J. M. du 17.1.92</p> <p>J. M. du 22.10.93</p> <p>J.M. du 18.12.98</p> <p>J.M. du 7.12.01</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>SO No. 10.427</p> <p>MD</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
Netherlands	<p>1. Rijksoctrooiwet 1995 van 15 december 1994</p> <p>[1. <i>Patents Act of the Kingdom 1995 of 15 December 1994</i>]</p> <p>2. Uitvoeringsbesluit Rijksoctrooiwet 1995 van 20 februari 1995</p> <p>[2. <i>Patent Rules of 20 February 1995</i>]</p>	<p>Stb. 1995, 51, 52</p> <p>Stb. 1995, 108 1999, 411</p>	<p>GRUR Int. 1996, 22 and Bl. f. PMZ 1996, 230 (German) IPLT NL 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PR</p>
Portugal	<p>1. Código da Propriedade Industrial Decreto-Lei n° 16/95 de 24 de Janeiro de 1995</p> <p>[1. <i>Industrial Property Code Decree Law No. 16/95 of 24 January 1995</i>]</p> <p>2. Despacho n° 67/95 de 16 de Maio de 1995, relativo a aspectos formais dos pedidos</p> <p>[2. <i>Dispatch No. 67/95 of 16 May 1995 relating to formal requirements of applications</i>]</p> <p>3. Portaria n° 418/98 de 21 de Julho, relativa a taxas</p> <p>[3. <i>Order No. 418/98 of 21 July 1998 regarding fees</i>]</p>	<p>Diário I Série-A N° 20/1995, 411</p> <p>Diário II N° 113/1995, 5283</p> <p>Diário I Série-B N° 166/1998, 3492</p>	<p>IPLT PT 1-001 (English, French) GRUR Int. 1997, 698 (German)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>-</p> <p>Fees order</p>

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Portugal	<p>4. Decreto-Lei n° 15/95 de 24 de Janeiro de 1995, relativo ao enquadramento legal da actuação dos agentes oficiais da propriedade industrial e dos procuradores autorizados, alterado pelo Decreto-Lei N° 54/2001, de 15 de Fevereiro de 2001 e pelo Decreto-Lei N° 206/2002, de 16 de Outubro de 2002</p> <p>[4. Decree Law No. 15/95 of 24 January 1995, as amended by Decree Law No. 54/2001 of 15 February 2001 and Decree Law No. 206/2002 of 16 October 2002 regarding official representatives]</p>	<p>Diário I Série-A N° 20/1995, 408 N° 39/2001, 845 N° 239/2002, 6774</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 1995, 295 (German)</p>	<p>Decr. Law</p>
Romania	<p>Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.</p>			
Slovakia	<p>1. Oznámenie Ministerstva zahraničných vecí Slovenskej republiky č.376/2002 Z.z. o podpísaní Dohovoru o udeľovaní európskych patentov (Európskeho patentového dohovoru) a o uzavretí Revízie znenia textu Dohovoru o udeľovaní európskych patentov (Európskeho patentového dohovoru),</p> <p>[1. Notification of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic No. 376/2002 Coll. on the introduction of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention), Act revising the Convention on the Grant of European Patents of 29 November 2000, Annex]</p> <p>2. Zákon č. 435/2001 Z.z. o patentoch, dodatkových ochranných osvedčeniach a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov (patentový zákon) v znení zákona č. 402/2002 Z.z. ktorým sa mení a doplňa zákon č. 435/2001 Z.z. o patentoch, dodatkových ochranných osvedčeniach a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov (patentový zákon)</p> <p>[2. Law No. 435/2001 Coll. on patents, supplementary protection certificates and on amendment of other Acts (Patent Act), as amended by Law No. 402/2002 Coll.]</p> <p>3. Zákon č. 478/1992 Zb o úžitkových vzoroch v znení neskorších predpisov</p> <p>[3. Law No. 478/1992 Coll. on utility models, as amended]</p> <p>4. Zákon NR SR č. 145/1995 Z.z. o správnych poplatkoch v znení neskorších predpisov</p> <p>[4. Law NR SR No. 145/1995 Coll. on administration fees, as amended]</p> <p>5. Vyhláška Úradu priemyselného vlastníctva Slovenskej republiky č. 223/2002 Z.z., ktorou sa vykonáva zákon č. 435/2001 Z.z. o patentoch, dodatkových ochranných osvedčeniach a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov (patentový zákon)</p> <p>[5. Regulation of the Industrial Property Office No. 223/2002 Coll. implementing Law No. 435/2001 Coll. on patents, supplementary protection certificates and on amendment of other Acts, as amended (Patent Act)]</p>	<p>Zbierka zákonov č. 376/2002 Z.z. 30.6.2002</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov č. 435/2001 Z.z. 4.10.2001 Zbierka zákonov č. 402/2002 Z.z. 26.6.2002</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov č. 478/1992 Zb. 24.9.1992</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov NR SR č. 145/1995 Z.z. 17.7.1995</p> <p>Zbierka zákonov č. 223/2002 Z.z. 30.4.2002</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Bl. f. PMZ 2002, 442 (German)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>PA</p> <p>UM</p> <p>Fees Law</p> <p>RPA</p>

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Slovenia	<p>1. Zakon o industrijski lastnini</p> <p><i>[1. Industrial Property Act]</i></p> <p>2. Uredba o pristojbinah za pridobitev in vzdrževanje pravic industrijske lastnine</p> <p><i>[2. Decree on the fees for the acquisition and maintenance of industrial property rights]</i></p> <p>3. Pravilnik o vsebini patentne prijave in postopku z deljenimi patenti</p> <p><i>[3. Rules on the content of a patent application and the procedure for divided patents]</i></p> <p>4. Pravilnik o registrih prijav in pravic industrijske lastnine ter potrdilu o prednostni pravici</p> <p><i>[4. Rules on registering applications and industrial property rights and priority certificates]</i></p>	<p>Uradni list RS, št. 45/2001</p> <p>Uradni list RS, št. 110/2001</p> <p>Uradni list RS, št. 102/2001</p> <p>Uradni list SFRJ št. 102/2001</p>	<p>GRUR Int. 2002, 712 (German) WIPO website at http://clea.wipo.int (English, French) Slovenian Intellectual Property Office website at www.uil-sipo.si (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>IPA</p> <p>Fees Decr.</p> <p>Pat. Rules</p> <p>Reg.Rules</p>
Spain	<p>1. Ley 11/1986, de 20 marzo, de Patentes, modificado por Real Decreto-Ley 8/1998 de 31 de julio de 1998</p> <p><i>[1. Patent Law 11/1986 of 20 March 1986, as last amended by Royal Decree-Law 8/1998 of 31 July 1998]</i></p> <p>2. Real Decreto 2424/1986, de 10 de octubre, relativo a la aplicación del Convenio sobre la concesión de patentes europeas, hecho en Munich el 5 de octubre de 1973</p> <p><i>[2. Royal Decree 2424/1986 of 10 October 1986 on the Application of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents done at Munich on 5 October 1973]</i></p> <p>3. Real Decreto 2245/1986, de 10 de octubre, por el que se aprueba el Reglamento para la ejecución de la Ley 11/1986, de 20 de marzo, de Patentes, modificado por Real Decreto 151/1996 de 2 de febrero 1996</p> <p><i>[3. Royal Decree 2245/1986 of 10 October 1986 approving the Regulation on the implementation of Patent Law 11/1986 of 20 March 1986, as amended by Royal Decree 151/1996 of 2 February 1996]</i></p>	<p>BOE núm. 73/86, 11188; 194/98, 27858</p> <p>BOE núm. 283/86, 39247</p> <p>BOE núm. 261/86, 36431; 33/96, 4143; 35/96, 4676</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 1987, 21, 61; 1999, 126; 2000, 174 (German) IPLT ES 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1987, 177 (German)</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1987, 165 (German)</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>RD 2424</p> <p>RD 2245</p>

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Spain	<p>4. Ley 20/1987, de 7 octubre, sobre tasas que deben satisfacer los solicitantes y concesionarios de patentes europeas por determinadas actividades a realizar en el Registro de la Propiedad Industrial</p> <p><i>[4. Law 20/1987 of 7 October 1987 governing fees payable by European patent applicants and proprietors for specific acts to be undertaken in the Registry of Industrial Property (Registro de la Propiedad Industrial)]</i></p> <p>5. Ley 46/1998, de 17 de diciembre sobre la introducción del euro</p> <p><i>[5. Law 46/1998 of 17 December 1998 on the introduction of the euro]</i></p> <p>6. Real Decreto-Ley 8/1998, de 31 de julio, de medidas urgentes en materia de propiedad industrial</p> <p><i>[6. Royal Decree-Law 8/1998 of 31 July 1998 on urgent measures relating to industrial property]</i></p> <p>7. Real Decreto 812/2000, de 19 de mayo, por el que se establece la aplicación del procedimiento de concesión con examen previo para la solicitudes de patentes del sector de alimentación</p> <p><i>[7. Royal Decree 812/2000 of 19 May 2000 implementing the procedure for grant, subject to preliminary examination, of patent applications in the foodstuffs sector]</i></p> <p>8. Real Decreto 996/2001, de 10 de septiembre, por el que se establece la aplicación con carácter general del procedimiento de concesión de patentes nacionales con examen previo</p> <p><i>[8. Royal Decree 996/2001 of 10 September 2001 implementing the general procedure for grant of national patents, subject to preliminary examination]</i></p>	<p>BOE núm. 241/87, 30150; 312/88, 36470; 315/96, 38974; 313/02, 46008</p> <p>BOE núm. 302/98, 42460</p> <p>BOE núm. 194/98, 27858</p> <p>BOE núm. 137/00, 20273</p> <p>BOE núm. 218/01, 34130</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 1999, 126 (German)</p> <p>Bl.f.PMZ 2001, 46 (German)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Fees Law</p> <p>-</p> <p>Law 8/98</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
Sweden	<p>1. Patentlag SFS 1967:837, ändrad enligt lagen 1978:419, omtryckt genom lag SFS 1983:433, därefter ändrad genom lag SFS 2000:1158</p> <p><i>[1. Patents Act SFS 1967:837, amended by Act SFS 1978:419, reprinted SFS 1983:433 and last amended by Act SFS 2000:1158]</i></p>	<p>SFS 1983: 433 1987: 1330 1991: 296 1993: 1406 1994: 234, 1511 1996: 847, 889 1998: 1456 2000: 1158</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 1985, 174; 1995, 141, 142; 1996, 47; (German) IPLT SE 2-001 (English, French)</p>	<p>PA</p>

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Sweden	<p>2. Patentkungörelsen SFS 1967:838, ändrad genom förordning SFS 1978:151, omtryckt genom förordning SFS 1983:435, därefter ändrad SFS 2001:774</p> <p><i>[2. Decree on patent formalities SFS 1967:838, amended by Decree SFS 1978:151, reprinted SFS 1983:435 and last amended by Decree SFS 2001:774]</i></p> <p>3. Lagen om försvarsuppfinningar SFS 1971:1078, omtryckt genom lag SFS 1978:157, därefter ändrad genom lag SFS 1997:916</p> <p><i>[3. Defence Inventions Act SFS 1971:1078, reprinted SFS 1978:157 and last amended SFS 1997:916]</i></p> <p>4. Patentbestämmelser PRVFS 1981:1, omtryckt genom PRVFS 1986:4 P:17; PRVFS 1992:1 P:23; 1993:5 P:27; 1997:3 P:34</p> <p><i>[4. Patent Office Regulations PRVFS 1981:1, reprinted PRVFS 1986:4 P:17; PRVFS 1992:1 P:23; 1993:5 P:27; 1997:3]</i></p>	<p>SFS 1983: 435 1984: 938 1986: 1221 1988: 987 1989: 503 1991: 1331 1993: 197 1993: 1312 1995: 269 1996: 225 1997: 42 1999: 139 2000: 1160 2001: 128 2001: 774</p> <p>SFS 1978: 157; 1980: 211; 1986: 1161 1993: 1407 1997: 916</p> <p>PRVFS 1981:1 1986:4 P:17 1992:1 P:23 1993:5 P:27 1997:3 P:34</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 1979, 169; 1985, 281; 1989, 346 (German) IPLT SE 2-002 (English, French)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PD</p> <p>-</p> <p>POR</p>
Switzerland/ Liechtenstein	<p>1. Bundesgesetz betreffend die Erfindungspatente vom 25. Juni 1954, Stand am 25. Juni 2002</p> <p><i>[1. Federal Law on Patents for Inventions of 25 June 1954, as at 25 June 2002]</i></p> <p>2. Verordnung über die Erfindungspatente vom 19. Oktober 1977 (Patentverordnung), Stand am 28. Mai 2002</p> <p><i>[2. Ordinance on Patents for Inventions of 19 October 1977 (Patent Ordinance), as at 28 May 2002]</i></p> <p>3. Gebührenordnung des Eidgenössischen Instituts für Geistiges Eigentum vom 28. April 1997 (IGE-GebO), Stand am 28. Mai 2002</p> <p><i>[3. Regulation on the Fees of the Federal Intellectual Property Institute of 28 April 1997 (Fees Regulation), as at 28 May 2002]</i></p> <p>4. Bundesgesetz über das Verwaltungsverfahren vom 20. Dezember 1968</p> <p><i>[4. Federal Law on administrative procedure of 20 December 1968]</i></p>	<p>SR 232.14</p> <p>SR 232.141</p> <p>SR 232.148</p> <p>SR 172.021</p>	<p>IPLT CH 2-001 (English)</p> <p>IPLT CH 2-002 (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PO</p> <p>Fees Reg.</p> <p>-</p>

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Switzerland/ Liechtenstein	<p>5. Vertrag zwischen der Schweizerischen Eidgenossenschaft und dem Fürstentum Liechtenstein über den Schutz der Erfindungspatente vom 22. Dezember 1978 (Patentschutzvertrag)</p> <p>[5. <i>Treaty between the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on Patent Protection (Patent Treaty) of 22 December 1978</i>]</p> <p>6. Ausführungsvereinbarung zum schweizerisch-liechtensteini-schen Patentschutzvertrag vom 10. Dezember 1979</p> <p>[6. <i>Implementing Agreement to the Treaty between Switzerland and Liechtenstein in respect of Patents of 10 December 1979</i>]</p>	<p>SR 0.232.149.514</p> <p>SR 0.232.149.514.1</p>	<p>OJ EPO 1980, 407 (English, French, German) IPLT LI-CH 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>OJ EPO 1980, 412 (English, French, German) IPLT LI-CH 2-001 (English, French)</p>	<p>Treaty CH/LI of 22.12.78</p> <p>-</p>
Turkey	<p>1. Patent haklarının korunması hakkında bakanlar kurulunca 26 Nisan 1995 tarihinde kararlaştırılan 551 sayılı kanun hükmünde kararname</p> <p>[1. <i>Decree Law No. 551 on the protection of patents of 26 April 1995</i>]</p> <p>2. 551 sayılı KHK'nin uygulama şeklini gösterir yönetmelik 1995, en son 6.12.1998 tarihinde değiştirilmiştir</p> <p>[2. <i>Implementing Regulations 1995 to DL No. 551, as last amended on 6 December 1998</i>]</p> <p>3. Avrupa Patentlerinin verilmesi ile ilgili Avrupa Patent Sözleşmesinin Türkiye'de uygulama şeklini gösterir yönetmelik 9.1.2001</p> <p>[3. <i>Regulations implementing the Convention on the Grant of European Patents in Turkey dated 9 January 2001</i>]</p> <p>4. 2002 yılı Patent ve Faydalı Model ücret listesi</p> <p>[4. <i>List of fees in respect of patents and utility models, 2002</i>]</p>	<p>TC Resmi Gazete No: 22326 27.6.1995</p> <p>TC Resmi Gazete No: 22454 5.11.1995</p> <p>TC Resmi Gazete No: 24282 9.1.2001</p> <p>TC Resmi Gazete No: 24629 3.1.2002</p>	<p>IPLT TR 2-001 (English, French)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>DL No. 551</p> <p>IR</p> <p>RegEPC</p> <p>Fees 2002</p>
United Kingdom	<p>1. Patents Act 1977 (as amended)</p> <p>2. The Patents Rules 1995 The Patents (Amendment) Rules 1999 The Patents (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1999 The Patents (Amendment) Rules 2001 The Patents (Amendment) Rules 2002</p> <p>3. The Patents (Fees) Rules 1998 The Patent (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 1999</p>	<p>1977 c.37 1986 c.39 1988 c.48</p> <p>S.I. 1995/2093; 1999/1092; 1999/3197; 2001/1412; 2002/529</p> <p>S.I. 1998/1778; 1999/1093</p>	<p>Bl.f.PMZ 1979, 200; 1986, 334; 1991, 260 (German) LTPI UK 2-001 (French)</p> <p>LTPI UK 2-002 (French)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PR</p> <p>PFR</p>

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Lithuania	<p>3. Lietuvos Respublikos valstybinio patentų biuro 95 07 25 įsakymas dėl Europos patento galiojimo išplėtimo Nr 22</p> <p><i>[3. Order of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania of 25 July 1995 on the extension of European patents]</i></p> <p>4. Europos patentų galiojimo išplėtimo taisyklės ER/01/95</p> <p><i>[4. Regulation on the extension of European patents of 25 July 1995]</i></p> <p>5. Lietuvos Respublikos Vyriausybės ir Europos Patentų Organizacijos Susitarimas dėl 1994 sausio 25 d. Bendravimo susitarimo 3(3) straipsnio įgyvendinimo</p> <p><i>[5. Agreement implementing Article 3(3) of the Co-operation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the European Patent Organisation of 25 January 1994]</i></p> <p>6. Mokesčių už pramonines nuosavybes objektų registravimą įstatymas Nr. IX-352</p> <p><i>[6. Law on fees for the registration of industrial property objects of 5 June 2001 No. IX-352]</i></p> <p>7. Lietuvos Respublikos Vyriausybės 2002 m. liepos 26 d. nutarimas Nr. 1218 dėl Lietuvos Respublikos patentų registro įsteigimo ir Lietuvos Respublikos patentų registro nuostatų patvirtinimo</p> <p><i>[7. Decree on the Government of the Republic of Lithuania No. 1218 of 26 July 2002 on establishment of the Register of patents of the Republic of Lithuania]</i></p> <p>8. Valstybinio patentų biuro direktoriaus 2001 m. gruodžio 27 d. įsakymas Nr. 118 Dėl papildomos apsaugos liudijimų išdavimo</p> <p><i>[8. Order of the Director of the State Patent Bureau No. 118 of 27 December 2001 on the grant of supplementary protection certificates]</i></p>	<p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 62/1995</p> <p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 62/1995, Nr. 108/1998</p> <p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 23/1994</p> <p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 52/2001, Nr. 110/2001</p> <p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 75/2002</p> <p>"Valstybės žinios" Nr. 9/2002</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Ext.Reg.</p> <p>-</p> <p>Fees Law</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
Romania State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (OSIM) 5, Ion Ghica Street district 3, B.P. 52 70018 BUCURESTI Tel. (+ 40 21) 315 90 66, 315 19 66, 312 57 40 Fax (+ 40 21) 312 38 19 www.osim.ro office@osim.ro	<p>1. Legea privind brevetele de inventie Nr. 64/1991 modificata si completata prin Legea 203/2002 din 19.04.2002</p> <p><i>[1. Patent Law No. 64/1991, as amended and completed by Law No. 203/2002 of 19 April 2002]</i></p> <p>2. H.G. de aprobare a Regulamentului de aplicare a legii brevetelor de inventie</p> <p><i>[2. Government Decision for the approval of the Regulations for implementing the Patent Law]</i></p>	<p>Monitorul Oficial Nr. 212/1991, Nr. 340/2002</p> <p>Monitorul Oficial</p>	<p>IPLT RO 2-001 (English, French) GRUR Int. 1992, 196 (German)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>Reg.</p>

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<p>Romania</p> <p>(The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)</p>	<p>3. Legea Nr. 383/2002 din 13 iunie 2002 pentru aprobarea Ordonantei Guvernului nr. 41/1998 privind taxele în domeniul protecției proprietății industriale și regimul de utilizare a acestora</p> <p>[3. <i>Law No. 383/2002 of 13 June 2002 for approval of the Government Ordinance No. 41/1998 on the industrial property fees and the use thereof</i>]</p> <p>4. Ordonanța Nr. 32/1996 din 15 august 1996 pentru ratificarea Acordului de cooperare dintre Guvernul României și Organizația Europeană de Brevete privind cooperarea în domeniul brevetelor</p> <p>[4. <i>Ordinance No. 32/1996 of 15 August 1996 for ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Romania and the European Patent Organisation on cooperation in the field of patents</i>]</p> <p>5. Legea nr. 32/1997 privind implementarea ordinanței de extindere</p> <p>[5. <i>Law on the Implementation of the extension ordinance No. 32/97</i>]</p>	<p>Monitorul Oficial Nr. 43/1998, Nr. 471/2002</p> <p>Monitorul Oficial Nr. 195/1996</p>	<p>-</p> <p>OJ EPO 1996, 601 (English, French, German)</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Fees Law</p> <p>GO</p> <p>Ext. Law</p>
<p>Slovenia</p> <p>Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) Kotnikova 6 p.p.206 1000 LJUBLJANA Tel. (+386 1) 478 31 00 Fax (+ 386 1) 478 31 11 www.uil-sipo.si</p> <p>(The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)</p>	<p>1. Zakon o industrijski lastnini</p> <p>[1. <i>Industrial Property Act; entry into force</i>]</p> <p>2. Uredba o pristojbinah za pridobitev in vzdrževanje pravic industrijske lastnine</p> <p>[2. <i>Decree on the fees for the acquisition and maintenance of industrial property rights</i>]</p> <p>3. Pravilnik o vsebini patentne prijave in postopku z deljenimi patenti</p> <p>[3. <i>Rules on the content of a patent application and the procedure for divided patents</i>]</p> <p>4. Pravilnik o registriranih prijavi in pravic industrijske lastnine ter potrdilu o prednostni pravici</p> <p>[4. <i>Rules on registering applications and industrial property rights and priority certificates</i>]</p> <p>5. Uredba o razširitvi evropskih patentov na Republiko Slovenijo</p> <p>[5. <i>Decree on the extension of European patents to the Republic of Slovenia</i>]</p>	<p>Uradni list RS, št. 45/2001</p> <p>Uradni list RS, št. 110/2001</p> <p>Uradni list RS, št. 102/2001</p> <p>Uradni list SFRJ št. 102/2001</p> <p>Uradni list RS, št. 15/2002</p>	<p>GRUR Int. 2002, 712 (German) WIPO website at http://clea.wipo.int (English, French) Slovenian Intellectual Property Office website at www.uil-sipo.si (English)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>OJ EPO 1994, 75 (English, French, German)</p>	<p>IPA</p> <p>Fees Decr.</p> <p>Pat. Rules</p> <p>Reg. Rules</p> <p>Ext. Decr.</p>

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<p>The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</p> <p>Industrial Property Protection Office Ilindenska b.b. 1000 SKOPJE Tel. (+ 389 2) 11 63 79, 13 71 89 Fax (+ 389 2) 11 60 41 mail@ippo.gov.mk www.ippo.gov.mk</p>	<p>1. Закон за индустриска сопственост</p> <p>[1. <i>Industrial Property Act of 15 July 1993</i>]</p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 42/93</p>	<p>"Glasnik" No. 1, p. 66-79 (English)</p>	<p>PA</p>
	<p>2. Закон за административни такси</p> <p>[2. <i>Act on administrative fees of 26 March 1993, as last amended on 10 February 1998</i>]</p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 17/93, No. 20/96, No. 7/98</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Fees Law</p>
	<p>3. Правилник за признавање на патент</p> <p>[3. <i>Patent Regulations of 10 March 1994, as last amended on 16 September 1997</i>]</p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 15/94, No. 46/97</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Reg.</p>
	<p>4. Договор за соработка на полето на патентите (Договор за соработка)</p> <p>[4. <i>Agreement on co-operation in the field of patents (Co-operation Agreement) on the extension of European patents of 30 September 1997</i>]</p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 49/97</p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 49/97 (English) OJ EPO 1997, 538 (English, French, German)</p>	<p>Ext. Reg.</p>
	<p>5. Закон за индустриска сопственост, ќе се применува од 1 јули 2003</p> <p>[5. <i>Law on industrial property of 30 June 2002, applicable as from 1 July 2003</i>]</p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na Republika Makedonija No. 47/2002</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>PL 2003</p>
	<p>6. Закон за општа управна постапка</p> <p>[6. <i>Law on General Administrative Procedure</i>]</p>	<p>Sluzben vesnik na SFRJ No. 47/86</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Law on GAP</p>

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

II.

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

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

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

Attention is drawn to the fact that a translation in respect of every application which is not in English,

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

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

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

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

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Estonia Central industrial property office Patendiamet Toompuiestee 7 15041 TALLINN Tel. (+ 372) 627 79 00 Fax (+ 372) 645 13 42 www.epa.ee	Yes § 3(1) IA	-	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC § 4 IA	Estonian	Filing the applications by facsimile or other electronic media is not allowed. § 3(3) REP
Finland Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus P.O. Box 1140 Arkadiankatu 6 A 00100 HELSINKI Tel. (+ 358 9) 693 95 00 Fax (+ 358 9) 69 39 53 28 www.prh.fi patrek@prh.fi	Yes § 70f PA	Inventions of importance to the defence of the country if the applicant has a residence or principal place of business in Finland. § 70f PA § 1 Defence Inventions	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC	Finnish or Swedish	Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*
France Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) 26bis, rue de St. Pétersbourg 75800 PARIS CEDEX 08 Tel. (+ 33 1) 53 04 53 04 Fax (+ 33 1) 53 04 52 65 www.inpi.fr	Yes Art. L. 614-2. Law No. 92-597	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. Law No. 92-597	All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC	French	Applications as in column 1 may be filed at the EPO, with INPI in Paris or at its branch offices in Bordeaux, Grenoble, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nancy, Nantes, Nice-Sophia Antipolis, Rennes, Strasbourg and Toulouse. Applications as in column 2 may not be freely disseminated or utilised without the authorisation of the Minister responsible. Such authorisation is automatically deemed to have been given 4 months after the filing date or 4 months after the priority date. Applications may also be filed by facsimile.* Art. L. 614-3. to 5. Law No. 92-597

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<p>Germany</p> <p>Deutsches Patent- und Markenam 80297 MÜNCHEN Tel. (+ 49 89) 2195-0 Fax (+ 49 89) 2195-2221 www.dpma.de</p> <p>Deutsches Patent- und Markenam Dienststelle Jena 07738 JENA Tel. (+ 49 3641) 40 54 Fax (+ 49 3641) 40 56 90</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. II § 4(1) LIPC</p>	<p>Applications which may contain a State secret</p> <p>Art. II § 4(2) LIPC</p>	<p>All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC</p>	<p>German</p>	<p>Applications as in column 1 may be filed at the EPO, with the German Patent and Trademark Office and its patent information centres in the following towns: Bremen, Chemnitz, Dortmund, Dresden, Halle, Hamburg, Ilmenau, Kaiserslautern, Nürnberg, Saarbrücken and Stuttgart.</p> <p>BGBI. 1999 I 648, 2193 BGBI. 2000 I 1416 BGBI. 2001 I 341; Bl.f.PMZ 1999, 169, 325 Bl.f.PMZ 2000, 353 Bl.f.PMZ 2001, 114</p> <p>In the case of applications as in column 2, the applicant must indicate in an annex that the application may, in the view of the applicant, contain a State secret.</p> <p>Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*</p>
<p>Greece</p> <p>Organismos Biomichanikis Idioktissias (OBI) (Industrial Property Organisation (OBI)) 5, Pandanassis st. Paradissos Amaroussiou 15125 ATHENS Tel. (+ 30 210) 618 35 08, 618 35 48 Fax (+ 30 210) 681 92 31 www.obl.gr</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 3 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>A European appli- cation must be filed with OBI if the applicant is a Greek citizen and the priority of an earlier Greek appli- cation is not claimed.</p> <p>Art. 23(1) Law No. 1733/87 Art. 3(2) Pres. Decr. No.77/88</p>	<p>Greek English French German (see also column 5)</p> <p>Art. 4(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p>	<p>Greek</p>	<p>The European application must be filed either in Greek or in one of the languages mentioned in Art. 14(1) EPC, ie English, French, German. Art. 4(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p> <p>European applications not filed in Greek must be accompanied by a Greek translation. Art. 4(2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p> <p>European patent applications filed by persons not having their residence or principal place of business in Greece must indicate an address for service in Greece (a national representative to accept correspondence). Art. 19(3) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88</p> <p>Applications under column 2 may not be freely disseminated or utilised without the authori- sation of the Minister responsi- ble, which may be regarded as granted 30 days after filing if no provisional order that it be kept secret has been issued, or 125 days after filing if no final secrecy order has been issued. Law No. 4325/1963 gives further details.</p> <p>Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*</p> <p>Art. 4 Min. Dec. No. 3111/EFA/433</p>

* See decision of the President of the EPO and notice from the EPO: OJ EPO 1992, 299 and 306.

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<p>Italy</p> <p>Ufficio Italiano Brevetti e Marchi Ministero delle Attività Produttive Via Molise 19 00187 ROMA Tel. (+ 39 06) 47 05 30 43 Fax (+ 39 06) 47 05 30 32, 47 05 30 35 sala.pubblico @minindustria.it</p>	<p>Yes, if priority of an application filed in Italy over 90 days previously is claimed and such application has not been made subject to the official secrets regulations or if the applicant has requested and obtained authorisation from the "Ministero delle Attività Produttive" for filing abroad</p> <p>Art. 1(1), (2) DPR No. 32/1979</p>	<p>European first applications filed by applicants having a residence or their principal place of business in Italy</p> <p>Art. 1(2) DPR No. 32/1979</p>	<p>All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC (see also column 5)</p>	<p>Italian</p>	<p>European patent applications may be filed by post (registered mail with advice of delivery) directly with the Italian Patent and Trademark Office (Ufficio Italiano Brevetti e Marchi) or handed in to the Chamber of Commerce (Camera di Commercio), Via Capitan Bavastro n. 115, Rome.</p> <p>European patent applications which are not filed in Italian must be accompanied by a translation of the description and claims and, where appropriate, by a copy of the drawings. This requirement is waived if priority of an application filed in Italy over 90 days previously is claimed and such application has not been made subject to the official secrets regulations, or if the applicant is not resident in Italy (see column 2).</p> <p>Art. 1(2), (3) DPR No. 32/1979 Art. 1 Decr. of 30.6.82 Circular No. 136 of 20.2.79</p>
<p>Liechtenstein</p>	<p>see Switzerland</p>				
<p>Luxembourg</p> <p>Ministère de l'Economie Service de la Propriété Intellectuelle 2914 LUXEM- BOURG Tel. (+ 35 2) 478 41 10, 478 41 55 Fax (+ 35 2) 22 26 60 www.etat.lu/eco/</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 7 Law of 27.5.77</p>	<p>Applications relating to inventions of relevance to national security</p> <p>Art. 8 Law of 27.5.77 Law of 8.7.67 Reg. of 18.9.69</p>	<p>All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC</p>	<p>French German (The Luxembourg language may only be used in the national procedure.)</p>	<p>Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*</p>
<p>Monaco</p> <p>Direction de l'Expansion Economique Division de la Propriété Intellectuelle 9 Rue du Gabian 98000 MONACO Tel. (+ 37 7) 93 15 84 90 Fax (+ 37 7) 92 05 75 20 mcpi@gouv.mc</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 1 SO No. 10.427</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC</p> <p>Art. 1 MD</p>	<p>French</p>	<p>Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*</p> <p>Art. 1 MD</p>

* See decision of the President of the EPO and notice from the EPO: OJ EPO 1992, 299 and 306.

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
<p>United Kingdom</p> <p>The Patent Office Concept House Cardiff Road NEWPORT South Wales NP10 8QQ Tel. (+ 44 1633) 81 40 00 Fax (+ 44 1633) 81 44 44 www.patent.gov.uk</p> <p>or</p> <p>The Patent Office London Branch Office Harmsworth House 13-15 Bouverie Street LONDON EC4Y 8DP</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Sect. 23(1), (2) PA</p>	<p>Applications filed or caused to be filed by persons resident in the United Kingdom, unless:</p> <p>(a) an application has been filed at the UK Patent Office 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 Patent Office has not prohibited the publication of the invention under Section 22 PA or any such prohibition has been revoked, or</p> <p>(b) written authority to file the application outside the United Kingdom has been obtained from the comptroller of the UK Patent Office</p> <p>Sect. 23(1) PA (see also column 5)</p>	<p>All the languages pursuant to Art. 14(1) and (2) EPC</p>	<p>English</p>	<p>Applications may also be filed by facsimile.*</p> <p>Copies of all forms referred to in the following tables can be obtained from the Newport address given in the left-hand column.</p> <p>re column 2:</p> <p>The restrictions do not apply to an invention for which an application was first filed in a country outside the United Kingdom by persons resident abroad.</p> <p>Sect. 23(2) PA</p>

* See decision of the President of the EPO and notice from the EPO: OJ EPO 1992, 299 and 306.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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?
Finland	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) § 70n PA	Damages; compensation reasonable in the circumstances §§ 58, 70n PA	Yes § 70n PA	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, and notice of the fact is published in "Patenttilehti" (Finnish Patent Bulletin) § 70n PA
France	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. L. 614-9. Law No. 92-597	Damages; possibly seizure of the articles infringing the patent application; the court hearing the infringement action stays proceedings until the patent is granted. Art. L. 614-9. Law No. 92-597	Yes Art. L. 614-9. Law. No. 92-597	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Art. L. 614-9. Law No. 92-597 Art. R. 614-9 and R. 614-11 Decr.
Germany	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. II § 1(1) LIPC	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. II § 1(1) LIPC	Yes Art. II § 1(2) LIPC	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Art. II § 1(2) LIPC
Greece	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. 23(2) Law No. 1733/87 Art. 10 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	Damages; possibly seizure of the articles infringing the patent application; the court hearing the infringement action can stay decisions until the patent is granted. Art. 17(3) Law No. 1733/87	Yes Art. 23(3) Law No. 1733/87 Art. 10 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7 Art. 10 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88
Hungary	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.			
Ireland	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Sect. 44, 56, 120 PA	Damages; action may only be brought after grant of the patent Sect. 56 PA	Yes Sect. 120(6) PA	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Sect. 56(1), 120(6) PA

Contracting State	1 Provisional protection under Art. 67 EPC	2 Rights conferred	3 Translation of the claims necessary pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC?	4 When does the right referred to in column 1 arise if a translation pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC is necessary?
Italy	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. 3 DPR No. 32/1979	Damages; possibly description and seizure of the articles infringing the patent application and anything used in the making thereof Art. 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86 RD no. 1127	Yes Art. 3 DPR No. 32/1979	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Art. 3 DPR No. 32/1979
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland			
Luxembourg	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 3(1) Law of 27.5.77	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 3(2) Law of 27.5.77	Yes Art. 4(1) Law of 27.5.77	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Art. 92(1) PL
Monaco	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. 2 SO No. 10.427	Damages and possibly fine; possibly seizure of the articles infringing the patent application Art. 44, 45, 48, 50 PA	Yes Art. 2(2) SO No. 10.427	When the translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer. (The translation is to be sent only to the alleged infringer and not to the MC Patent Office.) Art. 2(2) SO No. 10.427
Netherlands	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 72(1), (2) PA	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 72(1), (2) PA	Yes Art. 72 (3) PA	30 days after notification of the applicant's rights (writ) has been served on the user; this writ must be accompanied by the Dutch translation of the claims or else indicate that the translation has been entered in the patent register. Art. 72(3) PA
Portugal	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Art. 74(1), 62(6), (7), (8) PA	Seizure Art. 274(1) PA Preliminary injunction Art. 45 PA The court hearing the infringement action stays proceedings until the patent is granted. Art. 62(8) PA	Yes Art. 74(1) PA	When the translation of the claims and a copy of the drawings is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Art. 74(1), (2), 62(6), (7) PA
Romania	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.			

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(2) EPC) § 60 PA	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances § 32 PA	Yes § 60 PA	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public, and notice to this effect is published in the Official Journal § 60(3) PA
Slovenia	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 26(2), 122(4) IPA	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances; action may only be brought after grant of a patent Art. 122(4) IPA	Yes Art. 26(2) IPA	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer Art. 26(2) IPA
Spain	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 59 PL Art. 5 RD 2424	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 59 PL	Yes Art. 5 RD 2424	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7 Art. 5 RD 2424
Sweden	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) § 88(2) PA	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances §§ 58, 87, 88(2) PA	Yes § 88(1) PA	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, and notice of the fact is published in the Swedish Patent Bulletin § 88(2) PA
Switzerland/ Liechtenstein	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) Art. 111 PA	Damages; action may only be brought after grant of the patent Art. 111(2), 73(3) PA	Yes Art. 112 PA	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Art. 112 PA
Turkey	Yes (Art. 67(2) EPC) R. 8 RegEPC	Damages; possibly seizure of the articles infringing the patent application Art. 137 DL No. 551	Yes R. 9 RegEPC	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user R. 8 RegEPC
United Kingdom	Yes (Art. 67(1) EPC) Sect. 78(1), (2), (3)(d), 69 PA	Damages; court proceedings may only be brought after grant of the patent Sect. 69 PA (see also Sect. 62 PA regarding innocent infringers)	Yes Sect. 78(7), (8) PA R. 80 and Schedule 4:3 PR	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public in accordance with table III.B, column 7, or communicated to the user Sect. 78(7) PA

Extension State	1 Provisional protection	2 Rights conferred	3 Translation of the claims necessary?	4 When does the right referred to in column 1 arise if a translation is necessary?
Albania	Yes Art. 4(1) Ext. Reg.	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances Art. 27 PL	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer in Albania Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.
Latvia	Yes § 18(7) LPL	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances § 18(7), 31(7), (8) LPL	Yes § 18(7) LPL	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer § 18(7) LPL
Lithuania	Yes Art. 53(2) PL	Damages; action may only be brought after grant of the patent Art. 41(1) PL	Yes Art. 11(2) PL	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer Art. 53(2) PL
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)	Yes Art. 34 PL Art. IV.2 GO	Damages; action may only be brought after grant of the patent. Art. 58(4) PL	Yes Art. IV.2 GO	When the translation of the claims is made available to the public by OSIM (see table III.B, column 7) Art. 34 PL
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Decr.	Compensation reasonable in the circumstances; action may only be brought after grant of a patent Art. 122(4) IPA	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Decr.	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer Art. 4(2) Ext. Decr.
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.	Damages in accordance with the general rules for compensation of damage Art. 94, 95, 96 PA (Art. 201, 202, 203, 204, PL 2003)	Yes Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.	From the date on which a translation of the claims is notified to the alleged infringer Art. 4(2) Ext. Reg.

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

Contracting State	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Austria	<p>Yes; attorney at law, patent attorney or notary authorised to represent parties on a professional basis in Austria.</p> <p>§ 24 ILPT § 21(4) PA</p>	<p>(a) EUR 116 plus EUR 25 for the 6th and each subsequent page of the translation (see also column 10)</p> <p>(b) The translation is not published until the fee has been paid.</p> <p>§§ 4(2), 22 ILPT § 166(10) PA</p>	<p>German</p> <p>§ 4(2) ILPT</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>1</p>
Belgium	<p>Yes, in the case of natural or legal persons having neither a residence nor their actual place of business in a member state of the European Union.</p> <p>Natural or legal persons obliged or wishing to be represented in patent matters before the OPRI by a third party must use a professional representative (authorised to act before the OPRI or, in a member state of the European Union, a legal practitioner).</p> <p>Natural or legal persons having their residence or an actual place of business in a member state of the European Union may be represented in patent matters before the OPRI by an employee, who need not be a professional representative but must be authorised. In patent matters, a professional representative may only act before the OPRI through one of his employees if that employee is himself a professional representative.</p> <p>Art. 55, 57, 58, 60 PA</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>French, Dutch or German (with regard to German see however OJ EPO 1999, 320)</p> <p>Art. 3(3) Law of 8.7.77</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Art. 4(1) RD of 27.2.81</p>

Contracting State	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Bulgaria	<p>Yes</p> <p>Applicants with no permanent address or principal place of business in the Republic of Bulgaria are required to act in proceedings before the BG Patent Office through local industrial property representatives.</p> <p>Art. 3(2) PL</p>	<p>(a) publication fee: BGN 40</p> <p>(b) No mention of the translation is published in the Official Bulletin until the fee for publication has been paid.</p> <p>Art. 72b(2) PL</p>	Bulgarian	No	<p>3</p> <p>Art. 72b(2) PL</p>
Cyprus	<p>Yes</p> <p>Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Cyprus must appoint a professional representative resident in Cyprus.</p> <p>Sect. 79(2) PL</p>	<p>(a) CYP 50</p> <p>(b) Mention of the filing of the translation is not published until the fee has been paid.</p> <p>R. 53(1) PFR</p>	Greek	Yes Form P.18	<p>2</p> <p>R. 53 PFR</p>
Czech Republic	<p>Yes</p> <p>Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business on the territory of the Czech Republic must be represented by a patent attorney or a legal practitioner.</p> <p>§ 70 PA</p>	<p>(a) Yes. The amount has not yet been fixed.</p> <p>(b) The translation is not published until the fee has been paid</p> <p>§ 35a(4) PA and special regulations that have not yet been adopted.</p>	Czech	No	<p>1</p> <p>§ 35a(4) PA</p>

6 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rule 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	7 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	8 Correction of translation permitted?	9 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	10 Special features
Yes	<p>Making available of the translation of the claims by the BG Patent Office (inspection in the Patent Library)</p> <p>Mention of the translation in the Official Bulletin</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. 72b(2) PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 72d(3) PL</p>	<p>Fee for publication of the mention of the correction in the Official Bulletin: BGN 40</p> <p>Art. 72d(3) PL</p>	<p>The translation of the claims must be accompanied by a translation of the bibliographic data of the European patent application (name and address of the applicant, title of the invention, the EP application and publication numbers, number and date of European Patent Bulletin).</p> <p>Art. 72b(2) PL</p> <p>Corrections concerning the claims of a European patent application must be made available to the public by the BG Patent Office at the same time as the mention in the Bulletin is published, and have effect with respect to third parties as of the publication date of the mention.</p> <p>Art. 72d(3)(4) PL</p>
Yes	<p>Mention in the Official Gazette</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>R. 53(3) PFR</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Form P.5</p> <p>Sect. 67 PL</p> <p>R. 6(2) PFR</p>	<p>CYP 50</p> <p>R. 6(2)(b) PFR</p>	<p>Proof of payment of the fee must be submitted with the translation.</p> <p>R. 53(1) PFR</p> <p>The EP application and publication number, the name and address of the applicant and the title of the invention must be submitted with the translation. Where a priority is claimed the relevant particulars must be stated.</p> <p>R. 53(2) PFR</p> <p>The filing of the translation is recorded in the Record Book, vol. B Part B.</p> <p>R. 53(4) PFR</p>
Yes	<p>Mention in the "Věstník Úřadu průmyslového vlastnictví" (Bulletin of the CZ Industrial Property Office)</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>§ 35a(4) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 35a(6) PA</p>	<p>Yes. The amount has not yet been fixed.</p> <p>§ 35a(6) PA and special regulations that have not yet been adopted.</p>	<p>The translation must contain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the name and address of the applicant, - the EP application and publication number - the title of the invention in Czech.

Contracting State	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Denmark	No; but if the translation does not comply with the requirements in § 83 PA, the Danish Patent Office may require the deficiencies to be corrected by a representative residing in Denmark. § 12 PA § 116 PO	No	Danish § 83(1) PA	No (but recommended)	1
Estonia	No, but it is recommended (see also column 10). § 19 REP	(a) EEK 500 (b) date on which translation is filed § 6 IA § 144 (1) FA	Estonian § 6 IA	No (see also column 10)	2 § 20(4) REP

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

Contracting State	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Finland	No	No	Finnish If the applicant's own language is Swedish the translation may be filed in Swedish. The translation must be certified by the applicant or his representative. § 70n PA § 41a POR	No	1
France	No, but it is recommended that an address for service in France be given. The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.	(a) EUR 35 (b) date on which translation is filed (see also column 10) Art. R. 614-11 and R. 618 Decr. Fees Ord. of 24.12.01	French Art. L. 614-9. Law No. 92-597	No	1 INPI Notice in PIBD 1995 IV 128

6 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rule 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	7 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	8 Correction of translation permitted?	9 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	10 Special features
Yes	<p>Published in the form of printed patent documents</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Mention in "Patentilehti" (Finnish Patent Bulletin)</p> <p>Entry in a separate diary, open to the public</p> <p>§ 70n PA §§ 52t, 52x PD</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 70q PA</p>	No	<p>The EP application number and the name and address of the applicant must accompany the translation. Otherwise the translation is deemed not to have been filed.</p> <p>§ 52v PD</p>
Yes (see also column 10)	<p>Notice of the filing of the translation appears in the Official Bulletin (BOPI)</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. R. 614-9 Decr.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. L. 614-10. Law No. 92-597</p>	<p>EUR 35</p> <p>Art. R. 614-12 and R. 614-18 Decr. Fees Ord. of 24.12.01</p>	<p>A request for publication and proof of payment of the requisite fee must be submitted with the translation.</p> <p>Art. R. 614-11 Decr.</p> <p>The translation may be filed with INPI in Paris or the branch offices in Bordeaux, Grenoble, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nancy, Nantes, Nice-Sophia Antipolis, Rennes, Strasbourg or Toulouse</p> <p>The following information must be given in the upper third part of the first page of the translation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European publication number - European application number - number and date of the European Patent Bulletin in which the application was published - application date - the title of the invention - the applicant's name - the IPC - any priority data, if applicable. <p>For further formal requirements see the INPI notice in PIBD 1995 IV 128 and 1997 IV 37.</p>

Contracting State	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Germany	No	(a) EUR 60 (b) Within three months from receipt of the request for publication Art. II § 2(1) LIPC § 6(1) LPF No. 313800 Fees Schedule LPF	German Art. II § 1(2) LIPC	Yes EPA/DPA 110 (see also column 10) § 1 Publ. Reg.	2 § 2 Publ. Reg.
Greece	Yes Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Greece must appoint a representative for service (any natural person or any attorney) resident in Greece. Art. 19(3) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	(a) EUR 231 (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. Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January. Art. 9(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 Dec. of 2.10.2001	Greek The translation must be certified by a Greek legal practitioner or by an authority empowered to do so (ie the Translation Dept. of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 3 Voukourestiou Street, Athens or any Greek Consulate abroad). Art. 23(5) Law No. 1733/87 Art. 9(2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	No	2 Art. 9(1) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88
Hungary	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.				

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

Contracting State	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Ireland	No, but recommended (see also column 10) R. 92, 93(1) PR	(a) EUR 35 (b) date on which translation is filed R. 84 and Schedule I Fees Rules	English (see also column 10) Sect. 120(6) PA	No	1
Italy	No, but an address for service in Italy must be given.	A fee is payable in respect of one of the copies of the form pursuant to column 4 (EUR 10.33 payable by fee stamps, stamped paper (marca da bollo or carta bollata) or international postal money order (see also column 10)); if acknowledgement of receipt is required a fourth form must be submitted in respect of which an additional fee (EUR 10.33) is payable as indicated above.	Italian Art. 3 DPR No. 32/1979	Yes – in triplicate (if acknowledgement of receipt is required: in quadruplicate; see column 2)	1
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland				
Luxembourg	No Art. 93 PL	(a) EUR 14 (b) Date on which translation is filed Art. 2(3) Reg. of 9.5.78	French or German Art. 92(2) PL	No	1 Art. 2 Reg. of 9.5.78
Monaco	No	No	French	No	1 (see column 10)

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Yes R. 15 PR	Inspection at the Patents Office Copies available Sect. 2, 100(3), 120(6) PA R. 65 and Schedule I Fees Rules	Yes Sect. 121(3) PA R. 85 PR	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 and Schedule I Fees Rules	Where there are proceedings before the IPO, applicants with neither residence nor place of business in Ireland must be represented by an authorised patent agent and must give an address for service in Ireland which may be that of a patent agent. R. 92, 93(1) PR 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.
Yes	Inspection in reading room Copies available	Yes Art. 5(4) DPR No. 32/1979	Yes Fee for correction (up to 4 pages) EUR 10.33 payable by fee stamps or international postal money order; for every four pages or fraction of four pages: EUR 10.33 as above	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 IT Patent Office in Rome (cf. also OJ EPO 1982, 428). International postal money orders are to be made payable to the IT Patent Office in Rome, indicating in Italian the reason for payment.
Yes	Entry in the patent register Inspection in reading room Copies available Art. 2(4) Reg. of 9.5.78	Yes Art. 4(2) Law of 27.5.77	Yes EUR 14 Art. 2(5) Reg. of 9.5.78	The name and address of the applicant and the number and date of publication of the EP application must be submitted with the translation. Art. 2(1) Reg. of 9.5.78
N/A	N/A	Yes Art. 3(2) SO No. 10.427	No	The translation is to be notified only to the alleged infringer (not to the MC Patent Office).

Contracting State	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Netherlands	No The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.	No	Dutch Art. 72(3) PA	No	2 Art. 15(1) PR
Portugal	Yes (see also column 10) Art. 10(2) PA Art. 1, 2 Decr. Law	(a) EUR 3.99 (presentation fee) EUR 46.39 (filing fee, if the European patent application has not been filed with INPI) EUR 40.90 (publication fee) (b) Mention of the filing of the translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Fees Order Art. 78(2) PA	Portuguese Art. 74(1) PA	Yes INPI presentation form PAT/MOD-6	2
Romania	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.				
Slovakia	Yes, attorney at law, patent attorney authorised to practise before the SK Patent Office § 79(1) PA	(a) SKK 2 000 up to 10 pages plus SKK 200 for each subsequent page* (b) The translation is not published until the fee has been paid.	Slovak § 60(2) PA	No	1
Slovenia	No	(a) No (b) N/A	Slovenian Art. 26(2) IPA	N/A	N/A

* Legislative process not yet finalised.

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No national formal requirements are laid down for translations.	Entry in the patent register Mention in "De Industriële Eigendom" Art. 72(5), 20(1) PA	No provisions laid down	No	-
Yes	Mention in the Industrial Property Bulletin Inspection in reading room Copies available Art. 74(2), (3) PA	Yes Art. 81(1) PA	EUR 3.99 (presentation fee) Fees Order	Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Portugal must have the translation prepared by a professional representative before INPI. Art. 77 PA
Yes § 12 RPA	Mention in the Official Journal Internet Inspection in the reading room	Yes § 62(3), (4) PA	Yes § 62(3) PA	The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has been duly provided. § 60(2) PA § 26 RPA
Yes	N/A	Yes Art. 28(2) IPA	No	The translation of the claims is to be notified by the applicant to the alleged infringer. Art. 26(2), 28(2) IPA

Contracting State	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Spain	No, if applicant resides in Spain or in a country of the European Union. Requirements in column 10 must be observed. Art. 155 PL Art. 3 Law 8/1998	(a) EUR 91.98 (EUR 86.01 for translations on magnetic data carrier) (b) The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Note: the fees may be revised at the beginning of each year. Art. 6 RD 2424 Fees Law	Spanish (see column 10) Art. 5 RD 2424	Yes	3
Sweden	No The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.	(a) SEK 200 (b) Mention of the filing of the translation is not published until the fee has been paid. § 88(1) PA § 45 PD	Swedish The translation must be certified by the person who made the translation and who is responsible for it. § 88(1) PA § 39 POR	No	2
Switzerland/ Liechtenstein	No, if supplied in accordance with the regulations; the authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation. Art. 13 PA	No	German or French or Italian Art. 112 PA Art. 4(1) PO	No	1 Art. 112 PA
Turkey	Yes; applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Turkey must appoint an authorised professional representative. R. 9 RegEPC	(a) TRL 242 000 000 (b) Date on which translation is filed with the TPI Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January. Fees 2002	Turkish	No	3

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

Extension State	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due	3 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	4 Must a form be used?	5 No. of copies to be filed
Albania	N/A	N/A	Albanian	N/A	N/A
Latvia	N/A	N/A	Latvian § 18(7) LPL	N/A	N/A
Lithuania	N/A	N/A	Lithuanian Art. 54(2) PL	N/A	N/A
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)	Yes Art. 41 PL	(a) EUR 69 (b) date on which translation is filed Annex 1.5c Fees Law Art. IV.2 GO	Romanian	Yes	3
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	No	No	Slovenian	N/A	N/A
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	N/A	N/A	Macedonian	N/A	N/A

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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer.
N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer. § 18(7) LPL
N/A	N/A	Yes Art. 54(3), 55(3)PL	N/A	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer. Art. 53(2) PL
Yes	Inspection in reading room Copies available Mention in the official bulletin (BOPI)	Yes	EUR 35 Annex 1.6b Fees Law Art. VI.2 GO	The translation must be signed by the authorised professional representative. R. 9(3) Reg.
Yes	N/A	Yes	No	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer. Art. 4(2) Ext. Decr.
Art. 7, 8, 9 Pat. Rules		Art. 6(3) Ext. Decr.		Art. 4(2) Ext. Decr.
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The translation is to be notified to the alleged infringer.

Filing of translations of the patent specification under Article 65 EPC

IV.

1. Legal basis

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

2. Legal position in the contracting states

Of the 27 contracting states (status: 1 March 2003), at least 23, namely Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom, have enacted provisions under Article 65(1) and (2), EPC. Except for Slovenia, which requires the translation of the claims only, all the above-mentioned states require a translation of the complete patent specification. At the time of going to press, no information was available on the legal situation in Hungary and Romania; it is recommended that the relevant information - to be published in the OJ EPO as soon as possible - be consulted. All these states have prescribed, in accordance with Article 65(3) EPC, that in the event of failure to observe the relevant national provisions, the European patent will be deemed to be void **ab initio**. The circumstances in which such a loss of rights occurs are determined by the national law of the contracting states concerned. In most contracting states the **time limit** for filing the translation is **non-extendable**. However, extension is provided for in the Czech Republic, Estonia, Slovakia, Turkey and the United Kingdom, subject to the payment of a surcharge. In the contracting states Austria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland/Liechtenstein and the United Kingdom, re-establishment of rights in the event of failure to observe the time limit for filing the translation (see column 2) is possible subject to the requirements of the national law of the state concerned. In Switzerland/Liechtenstein it is also possible to request further processing under Article 46a PA.

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

In all contracting states translations of the patent specification, provided the remaining national requirements are met, are deemed to have been duly filed even if the address for service required is indicated, or a national representative appointed, only after the date of filing (or within any time limit set by the national patent authorities).

3. Different sets of claims

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

4. Effect of the European patent as a national patent

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

See Table VI regarding payment of national renewal fees.

5. Explanatory notes concerning the table

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

Contracting State	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 Period for filing the translation	3 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?	4 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	5 Must a form be used?	6 No. of copies to be filed
Austria	Yes; attorney at law, patent attorney or notary authorised to represent parties on a professional basis in Austria. § 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 116 plus EUR 25 for the 6th and each subsequent page of the translation and EUR 25 for the 3rd and each subsequent page of any drawings (b) within period pursuant to column 2 §§ 5(1), 22 ILPT § 166(10) PA	German § 5(1) ILPT	No	1
Belgium	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. 5(1) Law of 8.7.77 (see also column 11)	No	French, Dutch or German (with regard to German see however OJ EPO 1999, 320) Art. 5(1) Law of 8.7.77	No	1 Art. 6(3) RD of 27.2.81
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	3 months after the date on which the mention of grant is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 72c(1) PL	(a) BGN 40 (b) within period pursuant to column 2 Art. 72c(1) PL	Bulgarian Art. 72c(1) PL	No	3 Art. 72c(1) PL

7 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rules 32 and 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	8 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	9 Correction of translation permitted?	10 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	11 Special features
Yes § 9 POR	Translation and any corrections published in the form of a printed patent document Mention of the published printed patent document and of any corrections in the Patent Bulletin §§ 5(1), 6(3), (4) ILPT	Yes § 6(2) ILPT	Yes, cf. column 3(a) §§ 6(2), 22 ILPT § 166(10) PA	The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has duly been provided. § 22(3) ILPT § 169 PA § 4(4) RPT The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter.
Yes Art. 6(2) RD of 27.2.81	Display in reading room Copies available Art. 5(3) Law of 8.7.77 Art. 5 RD of 27.2.81	Yes (errors of transcription) Art. 7 RD of 27.2.81	No	The translation must contain the name of the patent proprietor, the EP publication number and a translation of the title of the invention. The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification. The quality of the copy must permit direct reproduction in accordance with Rule 35(3) EPC. If the translation is filed before the mention of the grant or the decision regarding opposition is published in the European Patent Bulletin (see column 2), the date and issue No. of the Bulletin containing such publication must be indicated. If the mention of the grant or the decision regarding opposition is postponed or cancelled, the OPRI must at once be informed accordingly; it must also be informed as soon as possible of the date and issue No. of the European Bulletin containing the new publication.
Yes	Publication of the mention 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 Art. 72c(4) and 72i PL	Yes Art. 72d(3) PL	Fee for publication of the mention of the correction of the translation and for re-publishing the translation itself	The translation of the European patent must comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the title of the invention - the description - drawings, if any - the patent claims Art. 72c(2) PL The translation must be accompanied by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - data identifying the proprietor of the patent, - the number of the European patent application, - the publication number of the European patent, - the number and date of the European Patent Bulletin in which the mention of the grant of the patent was published Art. 72c(3) PL

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Cyprus	<p>No</p> <p>The proprietor or his authorised professional representative before the EPO or his authorised professional representative resident in Cyprus may file the translation required by law.</p> <p>Sect. 73(2) PL</p>	<p>3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin</p> <p>R. 54(1) PFR</p>	<p>(a) CYP 50 (b) within period pursuant to column 2; mention of the filing of the translation is published only when the fee has been paid.</p> <p>R. 54(1) PFR</p>	Greek	<p>Yes</p> <p>Form P.17 R. 54 PFR</p>	<p>2</p> <p>R. 54(1) PFR</p>
Czech Republic	<p>Yes</p> <p>Applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business on the territory of the Czech Republic must be represented by a patent attorney or a legal practitioner.</p> <p>§ 70 PA</p>	<p>3 months after the date on which the mention of grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin</p> <p>Extension of the time limit is possible (see column 11).</p> <p>§§ 35c(2), 35f(3) PA</p>	<p>(a) Yes. The amount has not yet been fixed. (b) within period pursuant to column 2</p> <p>§§ 35c(2), 35f(3) PA</p> <p>and special regulations that have not yet been adopted.</p>	Czech	No	1

Contracting State	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 Period for filing the translation	3 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?	4 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	5 Must a form be used?	6 No. of copies to be filed
Denmark	No, but if the translation does not comply with the requirements in § 77 PA, the DKPTO may require the deficiencies to be corrected by a representative residing in Denmark. §§ 12, 66 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 § 77 PA § 112 PO	(a) DKK 1 100* plus DKK 80* for each page of the translation (including any drawings) in excess of 35 (b) within period pursuant to column 2 * Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January. § 77(1) PA § 112 PO § 1(7) Fees Order	Danish § 77(1) PA	No (but recommended)	1
Estonia	No, but it is recommended (see also column 11). § 15 IA § 26 REP	3 months after the date on which the mention of grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Extension of the time limit is possible (see column 11). § 7(1) and (2) IA § 13(2) IA	(a) EEK 700 (b) within period pursuant to column 2 § 7(1) IA § 144 (2)(1) FA	Estonian §§ 7(1), 13(2) IA	No (see also column 11)	2 (1) (two copies on paper or one copy on diskette or CD-R; PDF format) §§ 7(1), 13(2) IA § 27(4) REP

7 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rules 32 and 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	8 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	9 Correction of translation permitted?	10 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	11 Special features
Yes	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in "Dansk Patenttidende" (Danish Patent Gazette)</p> <p>Internet</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Published in the form of printed patent documents</p> <p>Printed copies available</p> <p>§ 77(2), (3) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 86(1) PA</p>	<p>Yes, cf. column 3(a)</p> <p>§ 86(1) PA § 3(5) Fees Order</p>	<p>The number of the European patent and the name and address of the patent proprietor must accompany the translation.</p> <p>§ 112(3) PO</p> <p>The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter.</p> <p>§ 112(2) PO</p> <p>Otherwise the translation is deemed not to have been filed.</p>
Yes	<p>Mention in "Eesti Patendileht" (Official Gazette)</p> <p>Inspection at the Estonian Patent Office and Patent Library</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>§ 30 REP</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 9(1) IA</p>	<p>EEK 700</p> <p>§ 144(2)(1) FA</p>	<p>A request for publication and proof of payment of the fee must be submitted with the translation.</p> <p>The following information must be given in the request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European patent number; - European application date; - the title of the invention; - the applicant's name and address; - the representative's name and address for service, if applicable. <p>The Office accepts as representative only a common representative resident in Estonia, where applicable, or an Estonian patent attorney whose name is entered in the State Register of Patent Attorneys as specialising in the legal protection of inventions and layout designs of integrated circuits.</p> <p>If the translation does not comply with the requirements, an Estonian patent attorney must be appointed to submit the corrections.</p> <p>The time limit of 3 months for filing the translation may be extended by two months, upon payment of a surcharge (EEK 500).</p> <p>§ 7(1) IA § 144(2)(2) FA § 26 REP</p>

Contracting State	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 Period for filing the translation	3 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?	4 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	5 Must a form be used?	6 No. of copies to be filed
Finland	No	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin § 70h PA § 52u PD	(a) EUR 85 plus EUR 10 for each page of the translation in excess of four (b) within period pursuant to column 2 § 70h PA § 52u PD Fees Dec.	Finnish If the patentee's own language is Swedish, the translation may be filed in Swedish. The translation must be certified by the patentee or his representative. § 70h PA § 41a POR	No	1
France	No, but it is recommended that an internal address for service be given. The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin (see also column 11) Art. R. 614-8 Decr.	(a) EUR 35 (b) date on which translation is filed Art. R. 614-11 and R. 614-18 Decr. Fees Ord. of 24.12.01	French Art. L. 614-7. Law No. 92-597	No (see however, column 11) INPI Notice in PIBD 1995 IV 128	1 see column 5

7 Are documents which meet the formal requirements pursuant to Rules 32 and 35(3)-(14) EPC accepted?	8 Manner and form in which the translation is made available to the public	9 Correction of translation permitted?	10 Is provision made for a special fee for correction?	11 Special features
Yes	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation and of any corrections in "Patenttilehti" (Finnish Patent Bulletin)</p> <p>Published in the form of printed patent documents</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Entry in the patent register</p> <p>§§ 70h, 70q PA §§ 38a, 52x, 52y PD</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 70q PA</p>	<p>Yes, cf. column 3(a)</p> <p>§ 70q PA</p>	<p>The number of the European patent and the name and address of the patent proprietor must accompany the translation.</p> <p>§§ 52u, 52y PD</p> <p>The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification, even where there is no textual matter.</p> <p>The translation can also be sent on-line.</p>
Yes see column 5	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in the Official Bulletin (BOPI)</p> <p>Display in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. R. 614-9 Decr.</p>	<p>Yes; the applicant must indicate the issue number and date of the BOPI in which the mention of the first filing of the translation appeared.</p> <p>Art. L. 614-9. Law No. 92-597 PIBD 1981 I 36</p>	<p>Yes, cf. column 3(a)</p> <p>Art. R. 614-12 and R. 614-8 Decr. Fees Order of 24.12.01</p>	<p>Proof of payment of the requisite fee must be submitted with the translation (Art. R. 614-8 and R. 614-11 Decr.), which may be filed either with INPI in Paris or with the branch offices in Bordeaux, Grenoble, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nancy, Nantes, Nice-Sophia Antipolis, Rennes, Strasbourg and Toulouse.</p> <p>The following information must be given in the top quarter of the first page:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European publication number - application number - number and date of the European Patent Bulletin in which the grant was mentioned. <p>The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter.</p> <p>For further recommended formal requirements, see also the INPI Notice in PIBD 1995 IV 128 and 1997 IV 37.</p> <p>Failure to file the translation in due time is mentioned in the Official Bulletin (BOPI).</p> <p>Art. R. 614-10 Decr.</p> <p>If the translation is filed before the mention of the grant or the decision regarding opposition is published in the European Patent Bulletin (cf. column 2), the date of such publication must be indicated.</p>

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

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Hungary	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.					
Ireland	No; see III.B, columns 1 and 10 R. 92, 93(1) PR	6 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin (see also column 11) Sect. 119(6), (7) PA R. 83 PR	(a) EUR 35 (b) within period pursuant to column 2 R. 83(2) and Schedule I Fees Rules	English (see also III.B, column 10) Sect. 119(6) PA	No	1
Italy	No, but an internal address for service 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. 4(4) DPR No. 32/1979	(a) and (b) A fee is payable in respect of one of the copies of the form pursuant to column 5 (EUR 10.33 payable by fee stamps, stamped paper ("marca da bollo" or "carta bollata") or international postal money order, see also column 11); if acknowledgement of receipt is required a fourth form must be submitted in respect of which an additional fee (EUR 10.33) is payable, as indicated above.	Italian The proprietor of the patent or his representative must give a declaration on the last page of the translation that the translation is in complete agreement with the original. Art. 4(4) DPR No. 32/1979	Yes - in triplicate (if acknowledgement of receipt is required: in quadruplicate; see column 3)	1
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland					

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Netherlands	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 (see also column 11) Art. 52(1), (6) PA Art. 23(1) PR	(a) EUR 25 (b) within period pursuant to column 2 Art. 6(6), 23(3) PR	Dutch The translation must be certified by a Dutch patent attorney (see also column 11). Art. 52(1) PA	No	2 Art. 11, 12, 23(4) PR
Portugal	Yes Art. 10(2) PA Art. 1, 2 Decr. Law	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. 76(1) PA	(a) EUR 3.99 (presentation fee) EUR 40.90 (publication fee) EUR 46.39 (filing fee; this fee applies only if the European patent application has not been filed with INPI or if no translation of the claims has been filed with INPI for the purpose of provisional protection) (b) within period pursuant to column 2; mention of the filing of the translation is published only when the fee has been paid. Art 76(2), 78(2) PA Fees Order	Portuguese Art. 75 PA	Yes INPI presentation form PAT/MOD-6	2
Romania	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.					

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Yes	<p>Entry in the patent register</p> <p>Mention of the filing of the translation in "De Industriële Eigendom"</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. 19(4), 52(3), (8) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The corrected translation must be certified by a Dutch patent attorney.</p> <p>Art. 52(7) PA</p>	<p>Yes, cf. column 3(a)</p> <p>Art. 52(7) PA Art. 6(6) PR</p>	<p>The publication number of the European patent must be indicated on each sheet of the translation. The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter. The certification referred to in columns 4 and 9 should be in the form of a signed declaration by the patent attorney to the effect that to the best of his knowledge the translation is complete and faithful.</p> <p>Art. 23(4), (5) PR</p> <p>If the translation is filed before the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin, the date of such publication must be indicated.</p> <p>NIPO sends to each European patent (NL) proprietor or his representative a list of important data. Proprietors who have not appointed a patent attorney also receive an "Information note for proprietors of European patents granted for the Netherlands".</p>
Yes	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in the Industrial Property Bulletin</p> <p>Entry in the patent register</p> <p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. 78(1), 79(2) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 81(1) PA</p>	<p>EUR 3.99 (presentation fee)</p> <p>Fees Order</p>	<p>Patent proprietors with neither residence nor principal place of business in Portugal must have the translation prepared by a professional representative before INPI.</p> <p>The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings, even where there is no textual matter.</p> <p>Art. 77, 76(3) PA</p>

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Slovakia	Yes § 79(1) PA	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to limit or maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin; additional 3 months if no translation is submitted provided surcharge is paid §§ 63(2), (3), 65(1) PA	(a) SKK 2 000 up to 10 pages, plus for each subsequent page SKK 200; SKK 5 000 up to 10 pages, plus for each subsequent page SKK 200 in additional period* (b) within period pursuant to column 2	Slovak	No	1
Slovenia	Translations of claims may be filed and fees may be paid direct by the proprietor of the European patent, provided an address for correspondence on Slovenian territory is given. An authorised professional representative, residing in Slovenia, is mandatory for other requests or acts before SIPO. Art. 129 IPA	The translation of the claims must be filed with SIPO within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the European patent or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 27(2) IPA	(a) Publication fee (SIT 3 000) Art. 1(1.4.1.) Fees Decr. (b) Within the period pursuant to column 2 See also column 11 Art. 27(2) IPA	Slovenian Art. 27(2) IPA	No (but recommended)	2 Art. 2(3) Pat.Rules

* Legislative process not yet finalised.

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Spain	No, if proprietor resides in Spain or in a country of the European Union. Requirements in column 11 must be observed Art. 155 PL Art. 3 Law 8/98	3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin Art. 8 RD 2424	(a) EUR 245.24 plus EUR 9.85 for each page of the translation in excess of 22 (EUR 207.66 plus EUR 7.87 for translations on magnetic data carrier) (b) Translation is not published until the fee has been paid. Note: the fees may be revised at the beginning of each year. Art. 9 RD 2424 Fees Law	Spanish (see column 11) Art. 7 RD 2424	Yes	3
Sweden	No § 71 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 § 60(1) PD	(a) SEK 1 100 plus SEK 155 for each complete or incomplete page of the translation (including any drawings) in excess of eight (b) within period pursuant to column 2 § 82(1) PA §§ 45, 64 PD	Swedish The translation must be certified by the person who made the translation and who is responsible for it. § 82(1) PA § 39 POR	No	2
Switzerland/ Liechtenstein	No, if supplied in accordance with the regulations The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation. Art. 13 PA	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. 113(2) PA	No	German or French or Italian (see also column 11) Art. 113(1) PA Art. 4(1) PO	No	1 Art. 113(1) PA

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Yes	<p>Translation and any corrections published in the form of a printed patent document</p> <p>Mention of the filing of the translation in "Boletín Oficial de la Propiedad Industrial"</p> <p>Entry in the Patent Register</p> <p>Art. 37 PL Art. 9, 10, 12 RD 2424</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 12 RD 2424</p>	<p>Yes, cf. column 3(a)</p> <p>Art. 12 RD 2424 Fees Law</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter.</p> <p>Art. 8 RD 2424</p>
Yes	<p>Mention of the filing of the translation in "Svensk Patenttidning" (Swedish Patent Bulletin)</p> <p>Publication of a printed patent document (and of any corrections to the translation)</p> <p>§ 82(2), (3) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 91(1) PA § 63 PD</p>	<p>Yes, cf. column 3(a)</p> <p>§ 91(1) PA §§ 45, 64 PD</p>	<p>The number of the European patent, the title of the invention and the name and address of the patent proprietor must accompany the translation.</p> <p>§ 60(2) PD</p> <p>The translation must be accompanied by a copy of the drawings in the EP specification even where there is no textual matter.</p>
Yes	<p>Display in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Art. 116(4) PO</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 114 PA Art. 116(5) PO</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The application number of the European patent application or the publication number of the European patent must be indicated when the translation is filed. Textual matter in drawings must also be translated.</p> <p>If as a result of opposition proceedings the EP is maintained in an amended form, then the new translation may be wholly or partly replaced by a declaration of the extent to which the earlier translation applies also to the amended patent specification.</p> <p>Art. 116(1), (2) PO</p>

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Turkey	Yes; applicants with neither residence nor principal place of business in Turkey must appoint an authorised professional representative. R. 12 RegEPC	(i) 3 months after the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin (ii) Extension of 3 months by paying a surcharge R. 12 RegEPC	(a)(i) TRL 363 000 000 (ii) TRL 122 000 000 (b)(i) within period pursuant to column 2(i) (ii) before the end of the period specified in column 2(ii) Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January. Fees 2002	Turkish	No	3
United Kingdom	No The authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation (see also column 11). R. 30 PR	(i) 3 months from the date on which the mention of the grant or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin (ii) extendible by one month under R. 110(3) or (iii) possibly longer upon request under R. 110(4) and, if request is allowed, R. 110(6) R. 80, 110(3), 110(4), 110(6) and Schedule 4:2 PR	(a)(i) No (ii) GBP 135 (with Form 52/77) (iii) GBP 135 (with Form 52/77) followed by a further GBP 135 (with Form 53/77) if the request is granted. (b)(i) N/A (ii) on filing of Form 52/77 before the end of the month specified in column 2(ii) (iii) on filing of Form 52/77, whether or not the period specified in column 2(i) (including any extension obtained under R. 110(3)) has expired; and again upon filing Form 53/77 if the request is granted. R. 80 and Schedule 4:2 PR Schedule to PFR	English (see column 11) Sect. 77(6) PA	Yes column 2(i) Form 54/77 in duplicate column 2(ii) Form 52/77 column 2(iii) Form 52/77 generally accompanied by a statutory declaration or affidavit verifying the grounds for the request; followed by the filing (if the request is granted) of Form 53/77. R. 80, 110(3), 110(4), 110(6) and Schedule 4:1 PR	2 R. 80 and Schedule 4:1 PR

Extension State	1 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	2 Period for filing the translation	3 (a) Special fee payable? (b) If so, when due?	4 Language(s) in which the translation must be filed	5 Must a form be used?	6 No. of copies to be filed
Albania	Yes	The translation of the claims must be filed with the AL Patent and Trademark Office within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the EP or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 5(2), (3) Ext. Reg.	(a) Yes (b) within period pursuant to column 2 Art. 5(2) Ext. Reg.	Albanian	No, but recommended	2
Latvia	Yes § 29(2) LPL	The translation of the claims must be filed with the LV Patent Office within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the EP or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin. § 19(2) LPL	(a) LVL 25 (b) within period pursuant to column 2 § 19(2) LPL Fees Reg.	Latvian	No	1
Lithuania	Yes Art. 10(2) PL	The translation of the claims must be filed with the LT State Patent Bureau within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the EP or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. 54(2) PL	(a) LTL 160 LTL 40 for every claim above ten. The translation is not published until the fee has been paid. (b) within period pursuant to column 2 Fees Law Art. 54(2) PL	Lithuanian	No R. 9 Ext. Reg.	2 R. 8 Ext. Reg.
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)	Yes, authorized professional representative residing in Romania. The translation must be signed by the representative. R. 9(3) Reg.	The translation of the patent specification must be filed with OSIM within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the EP or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin. Art. V.2 GO	(a) EUR 115 (b) date on which translation is filed with OSIM Annex 1.12 Fees Law Art. V.2 GO	Romanian	Yes	4

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Yes	<p>Translation and any corrections published in the form of a printed patent document</p> <p>Mention in Patent Bulletin</p> <p>Entry in Patent Register</p> <p>Art. 5(3) Ext. Reg.</p>	Yes	Yes	Full translation is required only for legal proceedings.
Yes	<p>Translation and any corrections published in the Official Bulletin</p> <p>Inspection at the LV Patent Office</p> <p>Entry in Patent Register</p> <p>§ 19(4) LPL</p>	Yes	Yes, cf. column 3(a)	<p>The translation of the claims must be accompanied by a copy of the EP specification.</p> <p>Full translation is required only for legal proceedings.</p> <p>§ 7(5) LPL</p>
Yes	<p>Translation and any corrections published in the Official Bulletin</p> <p>Inspection at the Technical Library</p> <p>R. 9 Ext. Reg.</p>	Yes	Yes, cf. column 3(a)	Full translation is required only for legal proceedings.
Yes	<p>Published in the form of a printed patent document</p> <p>Mention in BOPI</p> <p>Entry in patent register</p> <p>Art. V.2, 4 GO</p>	Yes	<p>EUR 58 plus EUR 6 for each page of the translation in excess of 10</p> <p>Annex 1.13 Fees Law Art. IV.3 GO</p>	<p>Two copies of drawings in the EP specification must be supplied with the translation; the copies must be signed by the authorised professional representative.</p> <p>R. 9(3) Reg.</p>

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<p>Slovenia</p> <p>(The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)</p>	<p>Translations of claims may be filed and fees may be paid direct by the proprietor of the European patent, provided an address for correspondence on Slovenian territory is given.</p> <p>An authorised professional representative, residing in Slovenia, is mandatory for other requests or acts before SIPO.</p> <p>Art. 129 IPA</p>	<p>The translation of the claims must be filed with SIPO within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the European patent or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin.</p> <p>Art. 5(2) Ext. Decr.</p>	<p>(a) publication fee (SIT 3 000)</p> <p>Art. 1 (1.4.1) Fees Decr.</p> <p>(b) within the period pursuant to column 2 See also column 11</p> <p>Art. 5(2) Ext. Decr.</p>	Slovenian	No (but recommended)	2
<p>The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</p>	<p>Yes, authorised agent who is either a domestic legal person or a citizen of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.</p> <p>Art. 10, 120 PA (Art. 16, 227 PL 2003)</p>	<p>The translation of the claims must be filed with IPPO within 3 months of the date on which the mention of the grant of the EP or the decision to maintain the patent as amended is published in the European Patent Bulletin.</p> <p>Art. 5(2), (3) Ext. Reg.</p>	<p>(a) Publication fee MKD 1 050</p> <p>(b) Within the period pursuant to column 2</p>	Macedonian	No	3

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Yes	<p>Translation and any corrections published in the form of a printed patent document and on CD-Rom</p> <p>Mention in official bulletin (BIL)</p> <p>Inspection of files</p> <p>Inspection in library</p>	Yes	Yes, publication fee See column 3(a)	<p>The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has been duly provided.</p> <p>Two copies of drawings in the EP specification must be supplied together with the translation of any text matter.</p> <p>Art. 5 Ext. Decr.</p> <p>Correction of translation has legal effect from the date of publication by SIPO.</p>
Art. 8, 9 Pat. Rules	Art. 5(3) Ext. Decr.	Art. 6(3) Ext. Decr.	Art. 5 Ext. Decr.	Art. 6(3) Ext. Decr.
Yes	<p>Inspection in reading room</p> <p>Copies available</p> <p>Mention in the Official Gazette ("Glasnik")</p>	Yes	Yes, see column 3(a)	<p>The publication fee is deemed to have been paid only when proof of payment has been duly provided.</p>
	Art. 5(3) Ext. Reg.	Art. 5(3) Ext. Reg.		Art. 5(5) Ext. Reg.

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

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

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

Any contracting state which adopts a provision of this kind

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

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

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

Contracting State	1 Authentic text of a European patent application or European patent	2 Has provision pursuant to Art. 70(4)(b) been made?
Austria	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 6(1) ILPT	Yes § 6(6) ILPT
Belgium	No provisions pursuant to Art. 70(3) EPC. Authentic text is that in the language of the proceedings.	N/A
Bulgaria	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 72d(1) PL	Yes Art. 72d(5) PL
Cyprus	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Sect. 67(1) PL	Yes Sect. 67(3) PL
Czech Republic	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings § 35d(1) PA	Yes § 35d(3) PA
Denmark	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 85(1) PA	Yes § 86(3) PA
Estonia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings § 8 IA	Yes § 9(3) IA
Finland	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 70p PA	Yes § 70q PA
France	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. L. 614-10. Law No. 92-597	Yes Art. L. 614-10. Law No. 92-597
Germany	No provisions pursuant to Art. 70(3) EPC. Authentic text is that in the language of the proceedings.	No, but see Art. II § 3(5) LIPC
Greece	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings Art. 14(2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	Yes Art. 16 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88
Hungary	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.	
Ireland	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Sect. 121 PA	Yes Sect. 121(4) PA

Contracting State	1 Authentic text of a European patent application or European patent	2 Has provision pursuant to Art. 70(4)(b) been made?
Italy	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 5(2) DPR No. 32/1979	Yes Art. 5(5) DPR No. 32/1979
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland	
Luxembourg¹	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
Monaco¹	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	No provisions pursuant to Art. 70(3) EPC. Authentic text is that in the language of the proceedings.	N/A
Portugal	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 80 PA	Yes Art. 81(2) PA
Romania	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.	
Slovakia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 62(2) PA	Yes § 62(5) PA
Slovenia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 28(1) IPA	Yes Art. 28(3) IPA
Spain	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Art. 11 RD 2424	Yes Art. 12 RD 2424
Sweden	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 90 PA	Yes § 91(3) PA
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Turkey	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings R. 15 RegEPC	Yes R. 17 RegEPC

¹ Contracting state requires only a translation of the claims pursuant to Art. 67(3) EPC.

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United Kingdom	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. Sect. 80(2) PA	Yes Sec. 80(4) PA

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Latvia	Translation, if protection conferred is narrower than in the language of the proceedings. § 20(1), (2) LPL	Yes §§ 19(3), 33(2), (3) LPL
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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 shall in this case not be published until the renewal fee has been paid. Further information on the calculation of the patent years for which "national" renewal fees are to be paid is published in Official Journal 6/1984, p. 272 f.

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

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

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

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<p>(a) Yes, but not mandatory</p> <p>(b) approximately 1 month after due date in the event of non- or insufficient payment, but requests for payment are not sent abroad</p> <p>("Österreichisches Patentblatt" No. 1/1982, p. 28)</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) 2 months after removal of obstacle; not later than 12 months after expiry of non-observed time limit</p> <p>§ 24 ILPT §§ 129 et seq. PA</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) Yes</p> <p>(c) Yes</p> <p>§§ 8(6), 24 ILPT § 21(4) PA</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in Patent Bulletin</p> <p>§§ 46, 79, 80 PA</p>
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<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) within 6 months of publication of the lapse of the patent</p> <p>Art. 46 PL</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) N/A</p> <p>(c) Yes</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in BOPI</p>

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<p>(a) Yes; reminders are sent to the representative or address for correspondence which should be on Slovenian territory</p> <p>(b) approx. 1 month after due date</p>	<p>(a) Yes; at the time of filing a request for restitutio in integrum the omitted act should be completed and fee (SIT 10 000 - Art. 1(5) Fees Decr.) paid, otherwise the request is deemed to be withdrawn.</p> <p>(b) within 3 months of the removal of the cause of non-compliance with the time limit or of date party becomes aware of non-compliance with the time limit, if this date is later; request is only admissible within 1 year of the expiry of the time limit.</p> <p>Art. 68 IPA</p>	<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) No, if the address for correspondence is on Slovenian territory, otherwise yes.</p> <p>(c) Yes</p> <p>Ext. Decr.</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in Official Bulletin (BIL)</p> <p>Decision on lapse of a patent due to non-payment of fees</p> <p>Art. 40(2) IPA</p>
<p>(a) No</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) not later than 3 months from expiry of the non-observed time limit</p> <p>Art. 105 Law on GAP</p>	<p>(a) Yes</p> <p>(b) N/A</p> <p>(c) Yes</p> <p>Art. 10 PA (Art. 16 PL 2003)</p>	<p>Entry in Register of Patents</p> <p>Publication in Official Gazette</p> <p>Art. 39 Reg.</p>

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

VII.

1. Basis for conversion

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

- (a) where the application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to Article 77(5) (delay by national authorities in forwarding the European application) or Article 162(4) (European patent application cannot be processed as a result of the procedure being restricted to certain areas of technology)¹;
- (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 (Article 135(2) EPC).

3. Submission of the request for conversion

- (a) Unless the European patent application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to Article 77(5) EPC, the request for conversion must be filed with the European Patent Office. It is not deemed to be filed until the conversion fee of EUR 50 has been paid to the Office (Article 136(1) EPC).
- (b) If the applicant has been notified that the European patent application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to Article 77(5) EPC, the request must be filed with the central industrial property office with which the application was filed (Article 136(2) EPC).

4. Transmission of the request

- (a) The requests for conversion which must be filed with the European Patent Office (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 136(1) 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 (ie equivalence of the European patent application to a regular national filing in the contracting states designated) lapses if the request for conversion is not transmitted within twenty months after the date of filing or date of priority (Article 136(2) EPC).

5. Explanatory notes concerning the table

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

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

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

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

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

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Austria	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC § 9(1) ILPT	(a) Payment of the filing fee (EUR 50; if applicable, EUR 50 for each priority claimed) Additional document fees are payable for the request for conversion and any annexes on completion of the procedure. Document fee for the request as such: EUR 13 (b) Filing, in duplicate, of a German translation §§ 9(2), 24 ILPT §§ 94(2), 166(1) PA	2 months after a request by the Austrian Patent Office (may be extended on request) § 9(2) ILPT	All procedural steps connected with the conversion must be taken by an attorney at law, patent attorney or notary authorised to represent parties on a professional basis in Austria, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Austria. If the procedural step referred to in column 2 (b) is taken by a representative, then it is valid only if he supplies an authorisation within the time limit set by the Austrian Patent Office or refers to a granted authorisation. § 24 ILPT § 21(3), (4) PA	In the case indicated in column 1, the EP application may also be converted into an application for a utility model. § 9(1) ILPT As regards the legal device known as "derivation" ("Abzweigung") of an application for a utility model from an EP application, see § 15a, 21 GMG
Belgium	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Art. 8 Law of 8.7.77	(a) Payment of: (aa) national filing fee (EUR 50) (ab) stamp duty - for the duplicate of: - - the filing certificate (EUR 5) - - the description (EUR 5) - - the claims (EUR 5) - - each sheet of the drawings (EUR 5) - for the patent certificate (EUR 5) (b) Filing, in triplicate, of a translation including the abstract and, as the case may be, drawings (see also column 5); (c) Payment of any renewal fees due Art. 8 Law of 8.7.77 Art. 10 RD of 27.2.81 DR of 26.6.47 (see also table VIII, column 3)	3 months after receipt by OPRI of the request for conversion Art. 8 Law of 8.7.77	see table III.B, column 1 Art. 55, 57, 58, 60 PA	The translation referred to in column 2(b) must be filed in one of the national languages prescribed in the Royal Decree of 18.7.66 on the co-ordination of laws concerning the use of languages for administrative purposes (cf. OJ EPO 1999, 320). Where a translation is not required: filing in duplicate, in accordance with the provisions applying to Belgian patents, of a copy of the EP application including the abstract, and, as the case may be, of the drawings accompanying the description and, if any, the abstract. Art. 10(2) RD of 27.2.81

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Bulgaria	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC for failure to supply a translation of the application in the language of the proceedings 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
Cyprus	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time Sect. 70(1) PL	(a) Payment of the filing fee CYP 50 (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(5) 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. § 70 PA	In the case indicated in column 1, the European patent application may also be converted into a national application for a utility model § 35b(4) PA § 10a of Law No. 478/1992 Coll., on utility models, as amended by Law No. 116/2000 Coll.

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Denmark	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC § 88 PA	(a) Payment of the filing fee (DKK 3 000 + DKK 300 for the 11th and each subsequent claim) (b) Filing, in duplicate of a Danish translation Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January. § 88 PA § 110(2) PO § 1(1) Fees Order	Within 3 months of the DKPTO's notifying the applicant of receipt of the request for conversion § 110 PO	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant or his representative before the EPO. 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 Denmark. § 12 PA	In the case indicated in column 1, the EP application may also be converted into a national application for a utility model. § 26 Utility Models Act
Estonia	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC § 11(1) IA	(a) Filing of an Estonian translation accompanied by a request for conversion (b) Payment of national filing fee (EEK 3 500 + EEK 200 for the 11th and each subsequent claim for patent application) § 11(5), (6) IA §§ 137(2), 144(4) FA §§ 31 to 34 REP	Within three months of notification by the Estonian Patent Office of receipt of documents § 11(5) and (6) IA	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 must be taken by the applicant itself or authorised Estonian patent attorney whose name is entered in the State Register of Patent Attorneys as specialising in the legal protection of inventions and layout designs of integrated circuits. All subsequent procedural steps must be taken by an authorised Estonian patent attorney if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Estonia. § 15 IA § 20(3) PA § 31(1) REP	In the cases indicated in column 1 and in all cases referred to in Art. 135(1)(b) the European patent application may also be converted into a national application for a utility model, subject to payment of the national filing fee (EEK 1 600), except where under Estonian law the invention may not be protected as a utility model. § 11(1) to (3) IA § 144(4) FA The following information must be given in the request for conversion: - European application or patent number; - European application date; - the title of the invention; - the applicant's or patentee's name and address; - kind of protection (patent and/or utility model); - the representative's name and address for service, if applicable. § 31(3) REP The 3-month period for filing the translation may, at the request of the applicant, be extended by two months. § 11(5) IA

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Finland	<p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC</p> <p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time</p> <p>§ 70s PA</p>	<p>(a) Payment of the filing fee (EUR 250 + EUR 25 for the 11th and each subsequent claim)</p> <p>(b) Filing in triplicate of a Finnish translation (see also column 5)</p> <p>§§ 8, 70s PA</p>	<p>3 months after notification of the request by the FI Patent Office</p> <p>§ 70s PA § 52s PD</p>	<p>The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant or his representative before the EPO.</p> <p>All subsequent procedural steps must be taken by an authorised national representative, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Finland.</p> <p>§ 12 PA</p>	<p>In the cases indicated in column 1, the EP application may be converted into a national application for a utility model.</p> <p>§ 8a Utility Models Act</p> <p>The description and claims shall be written in Finnish or Swedish in compliance with the language laws in force. If the claims are written in only one of the two national languages, the patent authority shall have them translated into the other national language and the applicant shall pay the prescribed translation fee (EUR 40 for each page). Where the applicant is a foreigner the description shall be written in Finnish and the claims in Finnish and Swedish.</p> <p>§ 8 PA</p>
France	<p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC</p> <p>Art. L. 614-6. Law No. 92-597</p>	<p>(a) Payment of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - national filing fee (EUR 35 + EUR 15 for the 11th and each subsequent claim); - priority fee (EUR 15) - the fee for a search report (EUR 320), unless the applicant has requested deferral of the report; <p>(b) Filing, in triplicate, of a French translation</p> <p>Art. R. 614-5 and R. 614-17 Decr. Ord. of 19.9.79 and Fees Ord. of 24.12.01</p>	<p>2 months after publication in BOPI of a notice regarding the conversion.</p> <p>Where patent applications may not be published: 2 months from the receipt by INPI of the request for conversion except the fee for a search report which is due within six months from the end of the prohibition measures.</p> <p>Art. R. 614-5, R. 612-31, para 2 Decr.</p>	<p>Not required for procedural steps in column 2; an authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation.</p> <p>All subsequent procedural steps must be taken by an authorised national representative, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in France.</p> <p>Art. R. 612-2 Decr.</p>	<p>The request for conversion may be filed either with the Patent Office (INPI) in Paris or with the branch offices in Bordeaux, Grenoble, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nancy, Nantes, Nice-Sophia Antipolis, Rennes, Strasbourg or Toulouse.</p> <p>Subject to national security legislation, INPI publishes in BOPI a notice regarding the conversion within one month of receiving the request for conversion.</p> <p>INPI charges a fee of EUR 25 + EUR 0.75 per page and copy for producing copies of the EP application and transmitting them to the designated States; cf. Art. R. 614-15 Decr. re payment of renewal fees.</p> <p>Art. R. 614-5, R. 614-19 Decr.</p> <p>Fees Ord. of 24.12.01</p> <p>Regarding provisions applicable to utility certificates see Art. L. 611-2. Law No. 92-597</p>

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Germany	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Art. II § 9(1) LIPC	(a) Payment of national filing fee (EUR 60) (b) Filing, in duplicate, of a German translation of the patent application (c) Filing of the designation of the inventor, if not indicated in the European application Art. II § 9(1), (2) LIPC § 37 PA	(a) 3 months from filing of the request for conversion (b) 3 months after notification of a request by the DPMA Art. II § 9(2) LIPC	Not required for procedural steps referred to in column 2; an authorised professional representative before the EPO is not required to file a new authorisation. All subsequent procedural steps must be taken by an authorised national representative, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Germany. § 25 PA	As regards the legal device known as "derivation" ("Abzweigung") of an application for a utility model from an EP application, see OJ EPO 1987, 175.
Greece	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time Art. 23(10)(f) Law No. 1733/87 Art. 20 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	(a) Payment of the filing fee (EUR 73), (b) Filing, in duplicate, of a Greek translation of the patent application Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January. Art. 21(1), (2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 Dec. of 2.10.2001	(a) Proof of payment must be submitted together with the request for conversion within 3 months of the date on which the EPO has notified the applicant that the application is deemed to be withdrawn. (b) 4 months after receipt by OBI of the request for conversion Art. 21(1), (2) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 must be taken by the applicant or by a Greek legal practitioner. Art. 19 Pres. Decr. No. 77/88	The request for conversion is entered in the Records Book, Volume A "National applications". Art. 21(3) Pres. Decr. No. 77/88 In the cases indicated in column 1 the EP 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	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.				

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Ireland	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Sect. 122(1) PA R. 86 PR	(a) Request for conversion (b) Payment of the conversion fee (EUR 30) and of the filing fee (EUR 125) (c) Filing, in duplicate, of an English translation of the patent application and any amendments previously made (d) Designation of the inventor or indication of the applicant's right to be granted the patent Sect. 17(2), 122(2) PA R. 86(1) and Schedule I Fees Rules	2 months from receipt by the Controller of the request for conversion or, where the EP application was not filed at the IPO, within 2 months of date of notification by the Controller to the applicant of receipt of a request from the Central Industrial Property Office of another Contracting State where the EP application was filed Sect. 122 PA R. 86 PR	Yes, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Ireland R. 93(1) PR	-
Italy	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time (cf. column 5) Art. 6 DPR No. 32/1979	(a) Request for conversion on stamped paper (EUR 10.33) (b) Payment of - the national filing fee (EUR 41.32); - the renewal fees for the 1st to 3rd years (EUR 69.72); - the publication fee EUR 51.65 to EUR 619.75 according to size) (c) Filing of an Italian translation of the abstract, the description, the claims and of the priority document, if any Art. 7(2) DPR No. 32/1979	(b) and (c): In response to a request by the IT Patent Office giving at least 2 months for compliance Art. 7(2) DPR No. 32/1979	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 IT Patent Office 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. Art. 6(3), DPR No. 32/1979 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. 6(2) DPR No. 32/1979 Art. 8 Law No. 60
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland				

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Luxembourg	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Art. 11 Law of 27.5.77	(a) Payment of the filing fee (EUR 14) - 3rd renewal fee (EUR 29) and of further renewal fees due on the date of receipt of the request for conversion - the publication fee (EUR 4.34) (b) Filing, in triplicate, of a German or French translation Art. 13 Law of 27.5.77 Fees Reg.	3 months from a request by the Luxembourg Patent Office Art. 13 Law of 27.5.77	The procedural steps referred to in column 2(b) must be taken by a representative entitled to practise in Luxembourg, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business on the territory of the European Union.	-
Monaco	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Art. 6 SO No. 10.427	(a) Payment of national filing fee (EUR 22) - priority fee (EUR 16 for the second and any additional priority) (b) Filing of a French translation SO (Fees)	3 months after receipt by the applicant of the communication for conversion. An additional time limit of 1 month from date of notification by the MC Patent Office will be granted subject to a 20% surcharge on the amounts due. Art. 3 MD	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant or his representative before the EPO. Appointment of a national representative for subsequent procedural acts is not required.	-
Netherlands	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Art. 47 PA	(a) Payment of the national filing fee (EUR 90) (b) Filing, in duplicate, of a Dutch translation Art. 48(2) PA	3 months after receipt of the request for conversion Art. 48(2) PA	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant or his national patent attorney. 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 Netherlands.	A certification of the translation must be filed if required by NIPO. Art. 48(2) PA

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Portugal	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings pursuant to Art. 14(2) EPC was not filed in time. Art. 82(1), (2) PA	(a) Payment of - the presentation fee (EUR 3.99), - the filing fee, including the publication fee (EUR 87.29) (INPI form DSP 1) (b) Filing of a Portuguese translation Art. 82(3), (4), (5) PA Fees Order	2 months after receipt by INPI of the request for conversion Art. 82(4) PA	The procedural steps referred to in column 2 must be taken by an authorised representative in Portugal if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Portugal. Art. 82(5) PA	The EP application may also be converted into an application for a utility model. The same applies to EP applications refused by the EPO, withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn. Art. 83 PA
Romania	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.				
Slovakia	European patent application is withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, refused, or the European patent is revoked. § 61(1), (3) PA	Payment of the filing fee, translation, fee for conversion SKK 600* § 61(2) PA	3 months § 61(2) PA	Yes § 79(1) PA	European patent application may also be converted into an application for a utility model. § 61(5) PA
Slovenia	Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time Art. 30(1) IPA	(a) Payment of the prescribed fee (SIT 20 000) Art. 1.4.2 Fees Decr. (b) Filing of a Slovenian translation of the European patent application Art. 30(2) IPA	2 months following the date of transmission of the request for conversion to the Patent Office Art. 137(2) EPC	Yes Art. 129 IPA	N/A

* Legislative process not yet finalised.

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Spain	<p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC</p> <p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time (see also column 5)</p> <p>Art. 13 RD 2424</p>	<p>(a) Payment of filing fee (EUR 81.42)</p> <p>- fee for each foreign priority (EUR 18.85)</p> <p>- any renewal fees due</p> <p>(b) Filing, in triplicate, of a Spanish translation</p> <p>Note: the fees may be revised at the beginning of each year.</p> <p>Art. 14 RD 2424</p>	<p>2 months after receipt by OEPM of the request for conversion</p> <p>Art. 14 RD 2424</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Art. 14 RD 2424 Art. 3 Law 8/1998</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Art. 15 RD 2424</p>
Sweden	<p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC</p> <p>§ 93(1) PA</p>	<p>(a) Payment of filing fee (SEK 1 000 filing fee + SEK 3 000 search fee + SEK 150 for the 11th and each subsequent claim)</p> <p>(b) Filing, in duplicate, of a Swedish translation</p> <p>§ 93(1) PA § 66(2) PD</p>	<p>3 months after acknowledgement by the SE Patent Office of receipt of the request for conversion</p> <p>§ 66(2) PD</p>	<p>The procedural steps referred to in column 2 may be taken by the applicant or his representative before the EPO.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>§ 12 PA</p>	

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Switzerland/ Liechtenstein	<p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC</p> <p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 90(3) EPC because the translation in the language of the proceedings was not filed in time (for applications filed in Italian)</p> <p>Withdrawal or refusal of the application or revocation of the patent for Switzerland/Liechtenstein where the EPO finds that it does not meet the requirements of Art. 54(3) and (4) EPC.</p> <p>Art. 121 PA</p>	<p>(a) Payment of national filing fee (CHF 200 + CHF 50 for the 11th and each subsequent claim)</p> <p>(b) Filing of a translation in one of Switzerland's official languages</p> <p>(c) Payment of renewal fees already due</p> <p>Art. 123 PA Art. 118, 17a(1)(a), 49, 18 PO Fees Reg. (Annex III)</p>	<p>(a) and (b) time limit set by the IPI (c) 6 months from a request by the IPI (surcharge payable from 4th month)</p> <p>Art. 118 PO</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>All subsequent procedural steps must be taken by an authorised national representative, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Switzerland.</p> <p>Art. 13 PA Art. 118 PO</p>	<p>If the applicant has his residence or principal place of business abroad, he is first required to appoint a Swiss representative in the time limit set by the IPI. The representative is then requested to take all subsequent procedural steps.</p> <p>Text in the drawings may, if admissible, be translated during the national procedure. A translation of the request and search report is not required.</p>
Turkey	<p>Deemed withdrawal pursuant to Art. 77(5) EPC</p> <p>R. 19 RegEPC</p>	<p>(a) Payment of national filing fee (TRL 38 000 000)</p> <p>The filing fee is increased according to the number of priorities, see List of Fees.</p> <p>Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January.</p> <p>(b) Filing in triplicate of a Turkish translation</p> <p>R. 20 RegEPC Fees 2002</p>	<p>3 months after receipt by TPI of the request for conversion</p> <p>R. 20 RegEPC</p>	<p>The procedural steps referred to in column 2 must be taken by a professional representative before the TPI, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business in Turkey</p> <p>R. 20 RegEPC</p>	<p>In the case indicated in column 1 the EP application may be converted into a national application for a utility model.</p> <p>R. 19 RegEPC</p>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contracting State	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Austria	RPT	Österreichisches Patentamt 1014 WIEN Giro account No. 5.160.000	(a) payment to the Giro account (b) transfer to the Giro account § 4 RPT	3(a) date of inpayment at an Austrian post office or the Austrian "Postsparkasse" 3(b) date on which credited to the Patent Office Giro account indicated in column 2 § 4 RPT
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	(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, re representation before the OPRI Art. 4, 5, 8 RD (Fees)	3(a) date of payment at OPRI 3(b) and (c) date marked by postal date stamp on payment form or money order (in the case of money orders sent direct to the postal giro office, the relevant date is as indicated in "3(d)") 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 Upravljenie Account No. 3000170907 Code 66196611 BIN 7302010001	(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
Cyprus	PL PFR	N/A	Fees must be paid in CYP: (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	Bank details of the CZ Industrial Property Office: Czech National Bank, Příkopy 28, PRAHA 1 SWIFT: CNBA CZPP Account numbers: (a) Renewal fees for European patents: 35-21526001/0710 (b) Other fees: 3711-21526001/0710	(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 the postal money order is handed in at a post office 3(c) date of receipt of the cheque at the CZ Industrial Property Office, provided the cheque is met 3(d) date on which amount is written off from the fee payer account

Contracting State	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Denmark	PA Fees Order	Patent- og Varemærkestyrelsen Danske Bank 2-12, Holmens Kanal 1092 COPENHAGEN K S.W.I.F.T.: DABADKKK IBAN : 8230003329110001 Account No. 3129 3329 110001	(a) cash payment (b) postal money order (c) cheque drawn on a Danish bank and made payable to the DKPTO in Danish currency (d) (cabled) transfer to a Danish bank in favour of the bank account indicated in column 2 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 on which the money order is handed in at a Danish post office 3(c) date of receipt of the cheque at the DKPTO 3(d) date on which credited to the bank account indicated in column 2
Estonia	PA FA RFI	Patendiamet (Estonian Patent Office) Eesti Ühispank AS, TALLINN Account No. 10052032122004	Payment or transfer to the Estonian Patent Office's bank account	Date of receipt at the Estonian Patent Office of a document certifying the payment § 41(2) PA
Finland	PA Fees Dec.	Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus Nordea Bank Finland Plc Aleksis Kiven katu 3-5, 00020 NORDEA SWIFT (BIC) code: NDEAFIHH IBAN: FI9716603000104227 Account No.: 166030-104227	(a) cash payment (b) postal money order (c) cheque drawn on a Finnish bank and made payable to the FI Patent Office in euros (d) (cabled) transfer to a Finnish bank in favour of the giro account indicated in column 2	3(a) date of receipt of payment at the FI Patent Office 3(b) date on which the money order is handed in at a Finnish Post Office 3(c) date of receipt of the cheque at the FI Patent Office 3(d) date on which credited to the giro account indicated in column 2
France	Fees Ord. of 24.12.01	Payments to be made to "Au nom de l'Agent comptable de l'Institut national de la propriété industrielle" 26bis, rue de St Pétersbourg 75800 PARIS CEDEX 08 CCP PARIS* Account no. 0906017G020 établissement 30041 guichet 00001 Clé 04	(a) cash payment (b) postal cheque (c) bank cheque (d) postal money order (mandat-lettre) (e) postal money order (mandat-carte) (f) transfer to Giro account Note: As quickest payment method INPI recommends that payments be made as indicated under (b) to (e). Art. 5 Fees Ord. of 24.12.01	3(a) date of payment, at INPI 3(b) – (d) if forwarded by post: date of posting (postmark); if delivered by hand: date of receipt at INPI 3(e) date on which postal money order is issued (as stamped by post office) 3(f) date on which credited to the Giro account indicated in column 2 Art. 5 Fees Ord. of 24.12.01

* "(compte de chèques postaux)" (Giro account)

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Germany	LPF RFP	Deutsche Bundesbank Filiale München (Bbk München) Account No. 700 010 54 (BLZ 700 000 00)	(a) cash payment at the cash office of the DPMA in Munich (b) transfer to an account held by the DPMA cash office (c) cash deposit into an account held by the DPMA cash office (d) remittance of a debit order (Form V 1244) for a special account with Dresdner Bank AG Munich (e) issuing a direct debit authorisation (Form A 9507) for a domestic account § 1 RFP	3(a) date of inpayment 3(b) date on which payment is credited to the account held by the DPMA cash office 3(c) date of inpayment 3(d) and (e) date of receipt at DPMA cash office in Munich or at the Federal Patent Court, in the case of fees falling due at a future date the date on which the fee falls due. § 3 RFP
Greece	Dec. of 2.10.2001	OBI Organismos Biomichanikis Idioktissias Alpha Credit Bank (Amaroussio Branch No. 146) 64 Kifissias Avenue 15125 ATHENS Account No. 146002310002160	(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 2.10.2001	3(a) date of receipt of the payment at the OBI's cash office 3(b) and (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 2.10.2001
Hungary	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.			
Ireland	PA PR	N/A	Fees must be paid in EUR. (a) cash payment up to EUR 250 paid at IPO (b) bank draft or cheque, including Eurocheque (up to EUR 1 015), drawn on an Irish bank, payable to the Controller of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks. (c) postal order or Post Office money order	3(a) date of payment at IPO 3(b) and (c) date of receipt at IPO

Contracting State	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Italy	Decision of 20.8.92	<p>(a) renewal fees for European patents:</p> <p>c/c n. 81016008* Ufficio delle Entrate Roma 2 (Brevetti) (Imposte sui brevetti europei) ABI 07601 CAB 03200</p> <p>(b) other fees (except validation fee, cf. Table IV, column 3):</p> <p>c/c n. 00668004* Ufficio delle Entrate Roma 2 (Brevetti) ABI 07601 CAB 03200</p>	Payment at any Italian post office using the prescribed form (Ch. 8quater). The payment voucher (Section 4) has to be presented to the IT Patent Office (UIBM, Ufficio G5). The purpose of the payment has to be stated on the reverse of Sections 1 and 4. In the case of payments from abroad, the IT Patent Office also accepts international post giro transfers provided a supplement of EUR 0.52 is included to cover postal giro charges.	<p>Date of inpayment at an Italian post office (date stamp)</p> <p>The date stamped by the post office also applies if payment is made through a bank; in this case the bank should be instructed to send the payment voucher to the IT Patent Office (UIBM, Ufficio G5).</p>
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland			
Luxembourg	PL (Art. 89.2) Fees Reg.	<p>Administration de l'Enregistrement et des Domaines, Bureau des successions et de la taxe d'abonnement</p> <p>Bureau des chèques postaux LUXEMBOURG Account No. 24373-26</p> <p>Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat Luxembourg (BCEE) Account No. 1002/4423-5</p>	<p>(a) cash payment (b) postal money order (c) bank or post office transfer or payment</p>	<p>3(a) date on which payment is handed over to the competent payments officer</p> <p>3(b) date of receipt of the postal money order by the competent payments officer, only if sum is paid on presentation</p> <p>3(c) date on which amount is credited to one of the accounts indicated in column 2</p>
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	<p>(a) cash payment (b) bank cheque or postal cheque (c) bank transfer</p>	<p>3(a) date of receipt of the payment at the MC Patent Office</p> <p>3(b) date of receipt at the MC Patent Office; the date marked by postal date stamp will be considered as proof</p> <p>3(c) date on which the amount is credited to the account</p> <p>Art. 40 SO No. 1476</p>
Netherlands	PA PR	<p>Netherlands Industrial Property Office, RIJSWIJK</p> <p>(a) renewal fees for European patents: Rabobank Account No.1923.24.160</p> <p>(b) other fees: Rabobank Account No.1923.24.179</p>	<p>(a) cash payment (b) transfer or payment to the bank account (c) cheque made out in EUR (d) debit from a deposit account with NIPO</p>	<p>3(a) and 3(c) date of receipt of the payment or cheque at NIPO</p> <p>3(b) date on which credited to one of the accounts indicated in column 2</p> <p>3(d) date of receipt of debit order</p>

* "conto corrente postale" (Giro account)

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Portugal	Art. 85, 278, 279 PA Fees Ord.	N/A	Fees must be paid in EUR. (a) cash payment (b) cheque (c) postal order Art. 279(1) PA Persons not having either a residence or their principal place of business in Portugal must make payments via a professional representative in Portugal.	3(a) date of receipt of payment at INPI 3(b) and 3(c) date of post stamp
Romania	Information not available at time of going to press. Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.			
Slovakia	PA	Information not available at time of going to press	(a) cheque by post (b) bank transfer § 7 Fees Law	Date on which it is credited to the account indicated in column 2
Slovenia	Art. 9, 109, 110 IPA Fees Decr.	Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for public payments Account No: 01100-1000307004	(a) Postal money order (b) Payment or transfer to account Although transfer to the account from abroad is possible, it is recommended that payments be made in Slovenia. (c) Payment in cash at SIPO Art. 2 Fees Decr.	The date on which the required amount is actually entered in the account indicated in column 2 or date of payment in cash at SIPO Art. 2 Fees Decr.
Spain	Fees Law	Oficina Española de Patentes y Marcas La Caixa, Paseo de la Castellana, 52, 28046 MADRID Account No. ES 66 2100 4770 15 0200015684	(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 Postgiro 15684-4 Bankgiro 5050-0248	(a) cash payment (b) postal money order (c) cheque drawn on a Swedish bank and made payable to the SE Patent Office in Swedish currency (d) (cabled) transfer to a Swedish bank in favour of the Giro accounts indicated in column 2	3(a) date of receipt of payment at SE Patent Office 3(b) date on which the postal money order is handed in at a Swedish post office 3(c) date of receipt of cheque at the SE Patent Office 3(d) date on which credited to one of the accounts indicated column 2

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Switzerland/ Liechtenstein	Fees Reg.	Eidgenössisches Institut für Geistiges Eigentum Postscheckkonto Bern Account No. 30-4000-1	(a) debit from a current account with the IPI (b) payment or transfer to Giro account (c) postal money order (d) delivery or remittance of cheques drawn on a banking institution in Switzerland and made out to the IPI (e) cash payment Art. 4 Fees Reg.	3(a) to (d) date on which credited to an account of the IPI 3(d) payment by cheque is valid only if the cheque is paid on presentation by the bank on which it is drawn. 3(e) date of receipt of payment at the IPI If a payment is credited after the date indicated by the IPI, an earlier date is considered as receipt of payment if evidence is supplied by the stamp of the Swiss Post Office on the payment voucher, the giro voucher, the postal money order or by an equivalent document of a Swiss Post Office. 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 2002	Türkiye İs Bankasi/Ankara Kizilay Subesi Account No. 4214-1099999 and TC Ziraat Bankasi/Ankara Necatibey Subesi Account No. 30426/132208	Bank transfer	Date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2. The bank should be instructed to send the payment voucher to the TPI.
United Kingdom	PA PR	Bank of England Drawing Office Threadneedle Street LONDON EC2R 8AH (Patent Office Account No. 25011006*; Sort Code 10 00 00; Swift Code BKENGB2L)	(a) cheque drawn in sterling on a UK clearing bank (b) bank transfer (c) debit to a client deposit account held by the UK Patent Office (d) cash payment in person at the UK Patent Office (e) money order The documents relating to the payment of fees should be supported by a Fees Sheet (Form FS/1) or equivalent form listing individual fees. A reference (eg patent or deposit account number) should be quoted to link payment with any forms sent separately.	3(a) and 3(e) date of receipt at the UK Patent Office 3(b) date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2 3(c) date of receipt of documents at the UK Patent Office if sufficient funds are present in the deposit account - otherwise the date on which the deposit account is replenished. 3(d) date of payment at the UK Patent Office

* Bank transfers only.

Extension State	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
Albania	Fees Decr.	Account of Ministry of Higher Education and Science Account No.: 317/4302 Banka e Kursimeve no.2 Drejtoria e Patentave dhe Markave TIRANA	(a) bank transfer (b) cash payment	3(a) date on which credited to the bank account indicated in column 2 3(b) date of receipt of payment at the AL Patent and Trademark Office
Latvia	LPL Fees Reg.	Valsts kase Reg. Nr. 90000050138 Konta Nr. 000361101 Sub.konta Nr. 10601909193 Latvijas Banka, kods LACBLV2X	transfer order	date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2
Lithuania	Art. 58 PL Fees Law	Bank "Hansa-LTB" Bank Code 10002458204 Account No. 73000	bank transfer	date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)	PL Reg. Fees Law	OSIM Account No. 2511.1-774.8/EUR Banca Comerciala Romana Sucursala Doamnei Strada Doamnei, nr. 14-16 Sector 3 BUCURESTI	(a) cash payment (b) cheque (c) bank transfer	3(a) date of payment at OSIM 3(b) date of receipt at OSIM 3(c) date on which credited to the OSIM account
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 Account No: 01100-1000307004	(a) postal money order (b) payment or transfer to account Although transfer to the account from abroad is possible, it is recommended that payments be made in Slovenia. (c) Payment in cash at SIPO	The date on which the required amount is credited to the account indicated in column 2 or date of payment in cash at SIPO

Extension State	1 National provisions	2 Accounts	3 Methods of payment	4 Date considered as the effective payment date
<p>The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</p>	<p>Fees Law</p>	<p>- Renewal fees: money order or bank transfer to budget account No. 1 000 000 000 63095; suspense account No. 840-033-03161; revenue code: 722313; manner: 2</p> <p>- Publication fee: money order or bank transfer to IPPO's Account No. 1100200213-787-13; revenue code: 724139-11; manner: 1; IPPO's tax number: 4030994253825</p> <p>depositor at National Bank</p>	<p>(a) bank transfer (b) postal money order</p>	<p>3(a) date on which credited to the account indicated in column 2 3(b) date of payment at MK post office</p>

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

IX.

1. Up to grant of the European patent, **transfers, licences and other rights** in respect of European patent applications are registered centrally in the Register of European Patents in accordance with Rules 20 to 22 EPC.
2. After grant of the European patent, a transfer is registered in the Register of European Patents only during the opposition period or during opposition proceedings, in accordance with Rule 61 in conjunction with Rule 20 EPC. Column 6 of the following table indicates whether and under what conditions the contracting states recognise the registration of such transfers in the Register of European Patents for the purposes of the national procedure.
3. This table also sets out the national regulations and requirements concerning the registration of transfers, licences (excluding compulsory licences) and other rights after grant of the European patent or after the final conclusion of opposition proceedings in the individual national patent registers of the designated contracting states. All details concerning the applicable provisions and the nature of the supporting documents to be filed are based on the information supplied to the EPO by the patent authorities of the contracting states.

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Austria	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written application or request by court for entry in the patent register; submission of original or duly certified copy of the instrument concerned (eg deed of transfer, certificate of inheritance, distraint order). If it is not a public instrument, certified signature of the proprietor of the right.</p> <p>§§ 33, 43(5)-(7) PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Application and documents as under 1.</p> <p>§§ 34, 35, 36, 45 PA</p>	<p>Yes; attorney at law, patent attorney or notary authorised to represent parties on a professional basis in Austria</p> <p>§ 21 (4) PA</p>	No
Belgium	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>- Notification to OPRI accompanied by either a certified copy of the instrument of assignment or of the official document recording the transfer of rights, or a certified extract from such instrument or document</p> <p>- proof that the fee has been paid</p> <p>Art. 44 PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Notification to OPRI accompanied by either a certified copy of the licence agreement or a certified extract from such document sufficient to prove that a licence has been granted.</p> <p>Art. 34, 45 PA</p> <p>3. Adjoining rights, pledging</p> <p>as under 1.</p> <p>Art. 46 PA</p>	<p>see table III.B, column 1</p> <p>see table III.B, column 1</p> <p>see table III.B, column 1</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Yes, for contractual licences</p> <p>No</p>

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Bulgaria	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written request accompanied by a copy of the instrument of assignment or of the official document recording the transfer of rights (eg deed of transfer, certificate of inheritance, court decision); proof that the fee has been paid.</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Written request accompanied by a copy of the licence agreement or an extract thereof, sufficient to prove that a licence has been granted, signed by all parties; proof that the fee has been paid.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Applicants with no permanent address or principal place of business in Bulgaria are required to act in proceedings before the BG Patent Office through local industrial property representatives.</p> <p>Art. 3(2) PL</p>	<p>No</p>
Cyprus	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Agreement assigning the ownership, signed by all parties, containing the EP number, date of filing, title of the invention, names, addresses and nationalities of the parties concerned.</p> <p>R. 5(2) PFR</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>R. 58(1) PFR</p>	<p>Form P.3</p> <p>R. 5(1) PFR</p>
Czech Republic	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Copy of the relevant document</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Two copies of the relevant document (licence agreement) indicating patent number, licensee and the scope of granted rights</p> <p>§ 17 DP</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 70 PA</p>	<p>No</p>

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Denmark	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Deeds of transfer signed by the patent proprietor. A declaration of consent by the transferee is not required.</p> <p>§ 44 PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licence agreement</p> <p>§ 44 PA</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>
Estonia	<p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (eg sale, merger)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution) request for transfer signed by transferee, to which is attached a document legally establishing the transfer</p> <p>§ 16(2) IA § 45 PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Request for registration of rights (licence, pledge, etc.) signed by interested party, to which is attached an original or certified copy of the agreement or an extract from the relevant parts of the agreement (See also column 7)</p> <p>§ 17 IA § 46 PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 15 IA</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
<p>No, but see column 7</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Recording on request of transfer of rights or grant of licences</p> <p>§ 44 PA § 54 PO</p> <p>Legal proceedings may be brought against a registered patent proprietor.</p> <p>§ 44(4) PA</p> <p>Restrictions on the grant of additional licences, if any, may be entered on request.</p> <p>§ 54(1) PO</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A transfer recorded in the EPO European Patent Register is recognised by the DKPTO. Only where the DKPTO has not yet been informed of a transfer under R. 61 EPC is a copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) required.</p>	<p>Documents not drafted in Danish must be accompanied by a translation.</p>
<p>EEK 600, unless transfer of rights took place before filing of translation of the European patent specification</p> <p>§ 144(3) FA</p>	<p>Transfer of rights, registration of a licence or a pledge</p> <p>§§ 45 to 47 PA § 17(7) IA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required.</p>	<p>A document certifying payment of the fee must be enclosed.</p> <p>§ 41(2) PA</p> <p>Request for transfer of rights, registration of a licence or a pledge may also be signed by the authorised Estonian patent attorney if a power of attorney contains permission to that effect.</p>

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Finland	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>sale: dated deed of transfer (original or certified copy) signed by the proprietor</p> <p>merger: extract from the commercial register</p> <p>§ 44 PA § 42 PD</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Original or certified copy of the licence agreement signed by both the proprietor and the licensee.</p> <p>§ 44 PA § 42 PD</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>
France	<p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (eg sale, merger, transfer of title)</p> <p>sale: original of the instrument of private agreement or a copy of the authentic instrument (see column 7). Registration may relate only to an extract from the instrument, in which case, failing the signature of the parties on the extract, the applicant sends it to INPI, which returns it to him, at his request, after verification of its conformity. Proof of payment of the prescribed fees must be provided.</p> <p>Art. R. 613-55 Decr.</p> <p>merger: original of the merger agreement</p> <p>Art. R. 613-56 Decr.</p> <p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>death (in the case of transfer on death or by unilateral action): a document evidencing the transfer of title.</p> <p>insolvency: the transfer of the patent is only registered in the event of liquidation of the insolvent's estate on presentation of the document legally establishing the transfer.</p> <p>Art. R. 613-56 Decr</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>For assignment or the grant of a right of exploitation, the constitution or assignment of a lien, see under 1.</p> <p>Art. R. 613-55 Decr.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Yes, in 4 copies</p> <p>Yes, in 4 copies</p> <p>Yes, in 4 copies</p>

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
EUR 40	<p>Transfer of rights, licences, seizure for debt</p> <p>Registration of transfers and licences has declaratory effect.</p> <p>§ 44 PA § 42 PD</p> <p>Registration of seizure for debt has legal effect.</p> <p>§ 54 PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Entry in the register is automatic on payment of the fee (EUR 40) and submission of a copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544).</p>	<p>Documents are accepted in English, French, German, Danish or Norwegian or they may be submitted with a translation into one of these languages, unless special circumstances require a translation into Finnish. Documents in other languages require a translation into Finnish.</p>
<p>EUR 26 up to a maximum amount of EUR 260 where a request for registration concerns several rights</p> <p>Fees Ord. of 24.12.01</p> <p>EUR 26 up to a maximum amount of EUR 260 where a request for registration concerns several rights</p> <p>Fees Ord. of 24.12.01</p>	<p>Transfers of rights, as well as licences, sub-licences, mortgages, seizure; transfers pursuant to final judgments (such as action for recovery of property).</p> <p>Entry in the register has declaratory effect. However, the act only has effect vis-à-vis third parties from the time of registration.</p> <p>Art. L. 613-9. Law No. 92-597</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Entry in the European Patent Register of acts transmitting or amending the rights deriving from a European patent application or a European patent gives such acts effect with regard to third parties.</p> <p>Art. L. 614-11. Law No. 92-597</p>	<p>The original of the instrument of private agreement may be returned to the applicant if a copy thereof is attached to the application.</p> <p>If the act is not drawn up in French, a full translation must be attached (a sworn translation is not compulsory).</p>

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Germany	<p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (eg sale, merger)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sale: evidence in the form of procedural declarations <p>Request for transfer signed by the registered proprietor or his representative and by the successor in title or his representative</p> <p>or</p> <p>request for transfer signed by the successor in title or his representative, to which is attached a declaration signed by the registered proprietor or his representative to the effect that he agrees to the registration of the successor in title (authorisation of transfer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - other documents showing that the transaction has taken place (eg an agreement signed by the registered proprietor and the successor in title) - consolidation (merger of companies): extract from the register for the principal place of business of the new proprietor of the right <p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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) <p>§ 15 in conjunction with § 30(3) PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exclusive licence: <p>written request from licensee with certified authorisation by the patent proprietor or request from the patent proprietor with declaration of consent by the licensee</p> <p>§ 30(4) PA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Licence of right: <p>declaration in writing by the patent proprietor</p> <p>§ 23(1) PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>§ 25 PA</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>§ 25 PA</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>

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

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Greece	<p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (eg sale, merger)</p> <p>sale: Contract of sale</p> <p>merger: Agreement or decision of the competent body of a legal entity.</p> <p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Death of an owner: Certificate of hereditary succession</p> <p>Company in liquidation: Court decision or decision of the competent body of a legal entity. (see also column 7)</p> <p>Art. 12 Law No. 1733/87</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licence agreement</p> <p>Art. 12 Law No. 1733/87</p>	<p>No, unless the applicant is not in a position to file necessary documents.</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>
Hungary	<p>Information not available at time of going to press.</p> <p>Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.</p>		
Ireland	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Certified copy of the relevant document</p> <p>Sect. 85 PA R. 58 PR</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Certified copy of the relevant document</p> <p>Sect. 85 PA R. 58 PR</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
EUR 61.97	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	The application for transfer must be filed on stamped paper, currently costing EUR 10.33. It may also be filed on ordinary
EUR 61.97		Art. 12 DPR No. 32/1979 (as modified by Art. 3.3 of Law 302/93)	
EUR 7 per patent	<p>Identity of assignee and date of his declaration</p> <p>Entry in the register has legal effect, except in the case of death.</p> <p>Identity of the mortgagee; mortgage term</p> <p>Licence: exclusive or non-exclusive; sub-licence</p> <p>Art. 23 Decr.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required.</p>	<p>Publication in the "Mémorial"</p> <p>Documents are also accepted in English and German.</p> <p>Art. 2 Decr.</p>
EUR 7 per patent mortgaged			

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Monaco	<p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (eg sale, merger, transfer of title)</p> <p>sale and merger: The application (form) is drawn up on unstamped paper in two copies which must contain all the necessary details concerning the transfer in question.</p> <p>Production of a certified copy of the instrument of transfer. This copy must be registered with the Principality's "Direction des Services Fiscaux".</p> <p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, bankruptcy, legal means of execution)</p> <p>death and bankruptcy: certified copy of the instrument of transfer</p> <p>transfer by succession: notarised document or abstract of the inventory</p> <p>Art. 18 PL Art. 37 SO No. 1476</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Filing of a certified copy of the licence or lien</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>
Netherlands	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>either the original or a copy of the document containing the declaration of transfer by the proprietor and declaration of acceptance by the assignee</p> <p>Art. 64, 65 PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Original or a copy of the licence agreement, or an accepted testamentary disposition</p> <p>Art. 56 PA</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
EUR 65.84 transfer fee EUR 3.99 presentation fee	Transfers of rights as well as contractual licences Entry in the register has legal effect and takes effect vis-à-vis third parties. Art. 31(1), (2), 79(3) PA	Yes A copy certified by the EPO (EPO Form 2544) must be produced. Art. 79(3) PA	Assignments are published in the Industrial Property Bulletin. Documents not drafted in Portuguese must be accompanied by a translation. Art. 31(5), 287(1) PA
SKK 800 per application § 2 Fees Law SKK 500 per application for a licence SKK 200 per application for a legal pledge § 2 Fees Law	Assignment and transfer of patent, other rights in rem, licences, entries relating to disputes and other entries § 26 RPA	Yes	Documents not submitted in the Slovak language must be accompanied by translations if so requested by the SK Patent Office.
SIT 7 000	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. Rul.

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Spain	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Original or certified copy of the public document, as well as a copy indicating that the taxes have been paid, or exemption from or non-liability to such taxes and, if appropriate, the entry in the relevant register (see also column 7).</p> <p>Art. 79(5) PL Art. 56, 57, 58 RD 2245</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Patent applications and patents may be the subject of licences and adjoining rights. For registration, see under 1. They may also be used as security for personal loans; such use must be notified to the OEPM.</p> <p>Art. 74 PL</p>	<p>No, if proprietor resides in a country of the EU.</p> <p>Art. 155, 156 PL Art. 3 Law 8/1998</p> <p>No, if proprietor resides in a country of the EU.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Art. 57(1), RD 2245</p> <p>Yes</p>
Sweden	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution):</p> <p>Dated deed of transfer (original or certified copy) signed by the proprietor, together with a power of attorney for a national representative if the assignee has no residence or principal place of business in Sweden</p> <p>An assignee having his residence or principal place of business in Sweden who has not appointed a representative, has to file a declaration of acceptance (original or certified copy).</p> <p>§ 44 PA § 44 PD</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>§ 44 PA § 44 PD</p> <p>3. Adjoining rights, pledging</p> <p>§ 94 PA § 44 PD</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
<p>EUR 11.41 for each entry</p> <p>Art. 57(2) RD 2245</p> <p>EUR 11.41 for each entry</p> <p>Note: the fees may be revised at the beginning of each year.</p>	<p>Establishment and transfer of rights if these acts take place in accordance with the provisions of RD 2245: transfers, licences, etc.</p> <p>Art. 49(1)n, 56(2) RD 2245</p> <p>Any transfer, licence or other act, whether voluntary or compulsory, only has effect vis-à-vis third parties of good faith when it has been recorded in the patent register.</p> <p>Art. 79(2) PL</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A transfer recorded in the EPO European Patent Register is recognised by OEPM.</p> <p>Art. 10 RD 2424</p>	<p>A document drafted abroad must bear the "apostille" laid down in the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961.</p> <p>Documents not drafted in Spanish must be accompanied by a translation.</p> <p>Art. 56 RD 2245</p> <p>See Art. 74(1) PL with regard to adjoining rights.</p>
<p>SEK 300</p> <p>SEK 300</p> <p>SEK 300</p>	<p>Transfer of rights, licences, pledging</p> <p>Registration of transfers and licences has a declaratory effect.</p> <p>§ 44 PA § 44 PD</p> <p>Registration of pledging has legal effect.</p> <p>§ 95 PA</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A certified copy of the EPO certificate (EPO Form 2544) is required.</p>	<p>Documents are also accepted in English, French or German.</p>

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
<p>CHF 100 plus CHF 50 for each patent if the same changes are requested simultaneously</p> <p>Art. 105(5) PO Fees Reg. (Annex III)</p> <p>No fees if the changes are based on an enforceable judgment or an order by an authority responsible for distraint measures</p> <p>Art. 105(6) PO</p>	<p>Transfer of rights, licences, sub-licences, real rights</p> <p>Declaratory effect</p> <p>However, entry in the register has an influence on the legal position of third parties.</p> <p>Art. 33(3), 33(4), 36(3) PA Art. 105 PO</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Entry in the register is made on payment of the fee (CHF 100). A transfer recorded in the EPO European Patent Register is recognised by the IPI.</p> <p>Only one fee is payable where applications under column 1 are filed simultaneously.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>(i) merger: TRL 106 000 000 transfer of title: TRL 57 000 000 assignment: TRL 145 000 000</p> <p>(ii) succession: TRL 145 000 000</p> <p>Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January.</p> <p>Fees 2002</p> <p>TRL 145 000 000</p> <p>Note: all fees are revised annually on 1 January.</p> <p>Fees 2002</p>	<p>Entry in the register has legal effect and takes effect vis-à-vis third parties.</p> <p>Art. 92 DL No. 551</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>All documents not drafted in Turkish must be accompanied by a translation.</p>

Contracting State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
<p>United Kingdom</p>	<p>A form 21/77 (see column 3) signed by (or on behalf of) the granter of rights is sufficient to establish transfer on sale, granting of security and licences. In the absence of the signature of the granter (or his representative) or for any event other than those previously mentioned, the following documents should be provided.</p> <p>1. Transfer of rights</p> <p>(i) by transaction (eg sale, merger)</p> <p>Sale: the assignment document, a deed of transfer or a sale and purchase agreement, signed by (or on behalf of) all parties to the transaction (Sect. 30(6) PA). For transactions done in Scotland only the signature of the granter (or his representative) is required (Sect. 31(6) PA). Where a patent is held in co-ownership, the co-owner(s) must give written consent to the disposal of the partner's (partners') interest in the patent.</p> <p>Merger: certificate of reincorporation or certified copies of the commercial register supported (where appropriate) by minutes or agreement documents identifying the patents concerned.</p> <p>(ii) by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Death of an Owner: probate or letters of administration, supported by the will where appropriate (see also column 7)</p> <p>Company in liquidation: official evidence of winding up of company. Disposition by sale, as above at (i), the documents to be signed on behalf of the company by the person appointed to deal with its affairs.</p> <p>Statutory instrument: copy of relevant statutory instrument and effective date.</p> <p>Sect. 32, 33 PA</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licences may be entered in the EP (UK) register of patents, and require documentation sufficient to establish:</p> <p>(a) the date of the agreement (ie when it was signed by or on behalf of the licensor) (b) the parties (including addresses) (c) the patent concerned.</p> <p>Security agreements (eg mortgages, etc.) may also be entered in the EP (UK) register of patents. The basic requirements are the same as under 1.</p>	<p>No, but there is a requirement for the proprietor to furnish to the comptroller an address for service in the United Kingdom if the proprietor is concerned in any proceedings under the Patents Rules 1995.</p> <p>R. 30 PR</p> <p>re 1(ii): Probate or letters of administration of EP (UK) patents must be made by a personal representative in the UK</p>	<p>Yes, Form 21/77, one form only irrespective of the number of patents transferred</p> <p>Yes, Form 21/77</p>

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

Extension State	1 Which supporting documents must be filed?	2 Must a national professional representative be appointed?	3 Must a form be used?
Albania	<p>1. Transfer of rights (eg sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Written request by the patent proprietor Original or duly certified copy of the official document recording the transfer of rights</p> <p>Art. 32 PL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>as under 1.</p> <p>Art. 35(2) PL</p>	Yes	No
Latvia	<p>1. Transfer of rights (eg sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Deeds of transfer signed by the patent proprietor</p> <p>§§ 36(2), 38(1) LPL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licence agreement</p> <p>A licence contract takes effect after it has been registered with the LV Patent Office.</p> <p>§§ 36(2), 38(1), 38(5) LPL</p>	Yes	No, the use of the form is optional.
Lithuania	<p>1. Transfer of rights (eg sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Contract assigning a patent application or patent</p> <p>Art. 31 PL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licence agreement</p> <p>Art. 34 PL</p>	Yes Art. 10(2) PL	No
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)	<p>1. Transfer of rights by transaction (eg sale, merger, transfer of title) or by operation of law (eg succession, insolvency, compulsory execution)</p> <p>Application for registration of transfer accompanied by the transfer act (contract) or a certified copy and proof that the fee has been paid.</p> <p>Art. 47 PL</p> <p>2. Licences and other rights</p> <p>Licence agreement</p> <p>Art. 47 PL</p>	Yes	No

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
ALL 5 000	<p>Transfer of rights and licences</p> <p>Entries in the Register have legal effect.</p> <p>Art. 32(2) PL</p>	No	Documents not drafted in Albanian must be accompanied by a translation.
LVL 20 per patent	Entries in the register have legal effect.	<p>Yes</p> <p>A transfer recorded in the EPO European Patent Register is recognised.</p>	Documents are accepted in Latvian, English, French, German or Russian.
<p>LTL 400</p> <p>LTL 240</p> <p>Fees Law</p>	<p>Transfer of rights and licences</p> <p>Entries in the Register have legal effect.</p>	No	<p>Assignments are published in the Official Bulletin.</p> <p>Documents are accepted in Lithuanian, English, French, German or Russian.</p>
<p>EUR 115</p> <p>Annex 1.25 Fees Law</p>	<p>Transfer of rights and licences</p> <p>Entry in the Register has declaratory effect.</p> <p>Art. 48 PL</p>	No	Documents are accepted in Romanian, English, French and German.

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

4 Special fee payable?	5 Entries and data recorded in the register	6 Is a transfer registered by the EPO under Rule 61 EPC recognised?	7 Special features
<p>SIT 7 000 per patent</p> <p>Art. 1 (6.1) Fees Decr.</p> <p>SIT 7 000 per patent</p> <p>Art. 1 (6.1) Fees Decr.</p>	<p>Any change concerning a patent or owner of a right may be entered in the register, such as transfer of rights, licence, change of name or address, etc.</p> <p>On request, transfer of rights or licence may, but need not, be entered in the register.</p> <p>Art. 107(1) IPA</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Supporting documents, when needed, are accepted in Slovenian, English, French and German. In case of doubt, SIPO may ask for a translation.</p> <p>Art. 108 IPA Art. 11, 12 Pat. Rules</p>
<p>MKD 500</p>	<p>Transfer of rights and licences</p> <p>Entries in the Register have legal effect.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Documents must be accompanied by a translation in Macedonian.</p> <p>Assignments are published in the Official Gazette.</p>

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

Reservations pursuant to Article 167(2) EPC (column 1 in earlier editions) are no longer shown, the last of these having expired on 7 October 1992 (Article 167(3) EPC).

Austria

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

Greece and Spain

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

Important note

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Italy	<p>No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent/utility model ceases to have effect from the date on which</p> <p>(a) + (b) as Belgium</p> <p>(c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b)</p> <p>Art. 8 DPR No. 32/1979</p>	Territory of the Italian Republic
Liechtenstein	see Switzerland	
Luxembourg	<p>No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which</p> <p>(a) + (b) as Belgium</p> <p>(c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b)</p> <p>Art. 94 PL</p>	Territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Monaco	<p>No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which</p> <p>(a) + (b) as Belgium</p> <p>(c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b)</p> <p>Art. 9 SO 10.427</p>	Territory of the Principality of Monaco
Netherlands	<p>No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which</p> <p>(a) + (b) as Belgium</p> <p>(c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b)</p> <p>Art. 77 PA</p>	<p>Territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe</p> <p>Art. 49(1), 53(4), 55, 57(2), 73(1), 74 PA</p>
Portugal	<p>No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent/utility model ceases to have effect from the date on which</p> <p>(a) + (b) as Belgium</p> <p>(c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b)</p> <p>Art. 84 PA</p>	Territory of Portugal
Romania	<p>Information not available at time of going to press.</p> <p>Please consult the relevant information published in the EPO Official Journal.</p>	

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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 Belgium § 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 Belgium 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) as Belgium (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b) Art. 16 RD 2424	Territory of the Kingdom of Spain
Sweden	Simultaneous protection by national patents is not excluded.	Territory of the Kingdom of Sweden
Switzerland/ Liechtenstein	No; to the extent that it protects the same invention, the national patent ceases to have effect from the date on which (a) + (b) as Belgium 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 Belgium 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 Belgium (c) the national patent is granted if such date falls after that provided for in (a) or (b) Sect. 73 PA	Territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of the Isle of Man* Sect. 131, 132 PA

* For information on the registrability of European patents (UK) in overseas states or territories, see the information in OJ EPO 1997, 433 and 429-432.

Extension State	1 Simultaneous protection allowed? Art. 139(3) and 140 EPC	2 Territorial field of application
Albania	<p>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</p> <p>(a) the period for filing the notice of opposition to the European patent expires without such notice being filed, or</p> <p>(b) the opposition proceedings are finally closed, the European patent having been maintained.</p> <p>Art. 8 Ext. Reg.</p>	Territory of the Republic of Albania
Latvia	<p>No; as Albania</p> <p>§ 19(7) LPL</p>	Territory of the Republic of Latvia
Lithuania	<p>No; as Albania</p> <p>Art. 57 PL</p>	Territory of the Republic of Lithuania
Romania (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 March 2003.)	<p>No; as Albania</p> <p>Art. VIII GO</p>	Territory of Romania
Slovenia (The extension system continues to apply to European and international patent applications filed before 1 December 2002.)	<p>No; as Albania</p> <p>Art. 8 Ext. Decr.</p>	Territory of the Republic of Slovenia
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	<p>No; as Albania</p> <p>Art. 8 Ext. Reg.</p>	Territory of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia