The Unitary Patent

What patent searchers need to know
Legal basis

- EU Regulation No. 1257/2012, Art.9, p.1(b), a Register for the Unitary Patent should be included within the European Patent Register.

- Unitary patent protection Implementing Rules 15 and 16, clarify the entries to be provided in the Register for Unitary Patent Protection.
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