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Priority document exchange (WIPO-DAS) as of 1.11.2018/1.4.2019

Notice from the European Patent Office dated 18 October 2018 concerning priority document exchange via the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS), OJ EPO 2018, A79; Notice from the European Patent Office dated 22 February 2019 concerning priority document exchange via the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) for European patent applications and for international applications filed with the EPO in its capacity as receiving Office, OJ EPO 2019, A27
Introduction (1/2)

- The WIPO Digital Access Service for priority documents (DAS) is an electronic system to securely exchange priority documents between participating intellectual property (IP) offices.

- DAS allows applicants:
  - to request the first office (Office of First Filing (OFF)) to make priority documents available to the system and
  - to authorise other offices (Office of Second Filing (OSF)) to retrieve those documents via the service by using an "access code" provided by the applicant
Introduction (2/2)

- A DAS access code is made up of 4 characters ranging between 0-9 and A-F without spaces, e.g.:
  - 0370
  - BB7A

- The EPO started to participate in WIPO DAS for EP and Euro-PCT applications entering the EP phase on 1.11.2018

- DAS was implemented for international applications filed with RO/EP as from 1.4.2019
The EPO as Office of first filing (OFF) – EP

Any new EP application (non-divisional) filed with the EPO as from 1.11.2018 will receive a DAS access code that is automatically generated and communicated to the applicant:

- either as a separate notification (DASCODE) added to the acknowledgment of receipt for the request for grant (for applications filed via OLF directly at the EPO or via CMS)
- or as a communication (EPO Form 1194) sent automatically by mail (for national office/WFF/paper filings or on request)
The EPO as OFF – PCT

Any new international application filed with the RO/EP as from 1.4.2019 will receive a DAS access code that will be automatically generated and communicated to the applicant:

- either as a separate notification (RODASCODE) added to the acknowledgment of receipt for the PCT request (for applications filed via OLF directly at the EPO or via CMS)

- or as a communication (EPO Form 1031) sent automatically by mail (for WFF or paper filings)
The EPO OFF – EP and PCT

- The DAS access code allows the applicant to authorise any participating OSF to retrieve a certified copy of the priority application via DAS (instead of needing to request a paper certified copy).

- This code is only valid if the requirements for according a date of filing are met.

- The DAS access code is made available exclusively to the applicant and will be included in the non-public part of the file of the application.
The EPO as OFF – EP and PCT

- EP: If the applicant requests the EPO to send (again) their access code to him, EPO Form 1194 is (re-) generated and automatically despatched again.

- PCT: If the applicant requests the EPO to send (again) their access code to him, EPO Form PCT/RO/132 is generated and automatically despatched.
The EPO as OFF – EP

DASCODE
(generated by OLF)
The EPO as OFF – EP

EPO Form 1194:
The EPO as OFF – PCT

RODASCODE
(generated by OLF)
The EPO as OFF – PCT

EPO Form 1031:

Notification of WIPO DAS access code

The European Patent Office has generated the following DAS access code in respect of the above-mentioned international application:

AC45

This code allows the applicant to authorise participating intellectual property offices to retrieve a copy of the priority document via DAS, WIPO’s Digital Access Service. The code is valid only if a date of filing has been accorded to the international application (see OJ EPO 2018/XX). For more information on DAS, see www.wipo.int/das/en.
The EPO as OFF – PCT

EPO Form PCT/RO/123:
The applicant can provide the access code(s) corresponding to the priority application(s) to allow the EPO to obtain the corresponding priority document(s) via DAS.

The DAS access code(s) can be indicated:
- in the request for grant of a European patent (EPO Form 1001, Section 25.1)
- by using the newly created EPO Form 1013
- with a free-text letter
The EPO as OSF – EP

EPO Form 1001, new section 25.1:

25.1 Das EPO wird ersucht, über den digitalen Zugangsservice (DAS) der WIPO unter Verwendung des angegebenen Zugangscodes eine beglaubigte Abschrift der folgenden früheren Anmeldung(en) (Prioritätsbeleg(e)) abzurufen.

The EPO is requested to obtain a certified copy of the following previous application(s) (priority document(s)) via the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) using the indicated access code(s).

Il est demandé à l’OEPI de se procurer une copie certifiée conforme de la (des) demande(s) antérieure(s) suivante(s) (document(s) de priorité) au moyen du Service d’accès numérique de l’OMPI (DAS), à l’aide du (des) code(s) d’accès ci-après :

Zugangscode / Access code / Code d’accès :

01

02

03

04

Weitere Aktenzeichen früherer Anmeldungen und entsprechende Zugangscodes auf Zusatzblatt. / Additional file no. of previous applications and related access codes on additional sheet. / Autres n° de dépôt de demandes antérieures et codes d’accès correspondants sur feuille supplémentaire.
The EPO as OSF – EP

EPO Form 1013:
PRIODOC exchange via TDA-PDX

- The electronic exchange of priority documents with the IP5 offices will continue to apply (when the applicant did not provide a WIPO-DAS access code)
- Applicable to applications claiming priority from:
  - EP or PCT/EP applications
  - JPA/JPU, KRA/KRU, CNA/CNU, USA/USP applications
- EPO Form 1195 is automatically sent when a copy of the priority document has been included in the file as a result of this electronic exchange
The EPO as OSF – PCT

- International applications claiming priority from an earlier application filed with the EPO

- The applicant may request the EPO to prepare and transmit the priority document(s) to the International Bureau by marking the applicable check box on the PCT request form (PCT/RO/101, Box No. VI)

- The fee for preparing the priority document will no longer be due if an applicant marks the check box and indicates the correct DAS access code on the PCT request form (PCT/RO/101, Box No. VI)
The EPO as OSF – PCT

▪ International applications claiming foreign priority from a participating office

▪ An applicant filing an international application claiming of a previous application filed with a depositing office may request the International Bureau to obtain via DAS a priority document identified on the PCT request form (PCT/RO/101)

▪ For this purpose, the applicant must select the applicable check box on the PCT request form (PCT/RO/101, Box No. VI) and indicate the DAS access code(s) corresponding to the previous application(s)
Electronic filing of priority documents

Decision of the President of the EPO dated 9 May 2018 concerning the electronic filing of documents OJ EPO 2018, A45, subsequently amended by the Decision of the President of the EPO dated 15 November 2018 – OJ EPO 2018, A93 and A94)
Electronic filing of priority documents

- Electronic filing of priority via OLF and CMS as attachment to forms 1001, 1200, 1038, PCT-SFD

- Document needs to be digitally signed by the issuing authority and the signature must be accepted by the EPO

- Currently few patent authorities issue digital priority documents (e.g. US and Brazil)

▶ Electronic priority documents cannot be filed via Web-form filing or as paper copy via mail or fax!
Fee changes as of 1.4.2019

Amended Art. 2 RFees

As of 1.4.2019

For European patent applications and international applications entering the European phase (fee codes 001 and 020)

- Online filings: 120 EUR
- Other filings: 250 EUR

Fee for grant (fee code 007) 925 EUR

► The amended amounts apply to payments as of 1 April 2019!
Streamlining of administrative fees and expenses

- Consolidation of administrative fees and expenses
- Reduction of the number of fee codes (from 13 to 6)
- No change to the remaining fee amounts
- Some administrative fees paid very rarely are
  - deactivated (e.g. surcharge for file inspection by furnishing paper copies)
  - merged with other fees (e.g. certified copies of the European patent certificate/of other documents/priority document)
Streamlining of administrative fees and expenses – fees merged (1/2)

029: Certified copy of

- a European patent application of an international application and a certificate stating the date of filing (as before)
- the European patent certificate with specification (formerly fee code 025)
- or other documents (formerly fee code 080)

➤ Fee codes 025 and 080 no longer to be used!
Streamlining of administrative fees and expenses – fees merged (2/2)

023:

- Registering (as before)
- or cancellation of entry in respect of licences and other rights the European patent certificate with specification (formerly fee code 024)

► Fee codes 025 and 080 no longer to be used!
Streamlining of administrative fees and expenses – fees abolished

Fees abolished but services remain (free of charge):

- **Extracts from European Patent Register** (formerly fee code 026)
- Charge for furnishing **paper copies** or an electronic storage medium for **file inspection** (R. 145(2) EPC) and additional charges (formerly fee code 027)
- Issue of **receipts per fax** (formerly fee code 031)
- Additional **charge for sending copies by fax**, per page (in Europe and outside Europe) (formerly fee code 059)
Streamlining of administrative fees and expenses – other changes

- **Both fee and service deactivated:**
  Copies of EPO documents, per page (self service or by EPO staff at the EPO)

- **Unchanged administrative fee:**
  Communication of information contained in the file of a European patent application (Fee code 030).
Extension of validation functionality (1/2)

Since 1 July 2017:

A validation functionality has been added to Online Fee Payment for debit orders included in batch payments:

- debit orders for renewal fees are automatically rejected for "definitely closed" EP applications or granted patents
- debit orders for fees for transfers of rights are automatically rejected for "definitely closed" EP applications
Extension of validation functionality (2/2)

Since 1 April 2019 extended to the following scenarios:

- Individual payments of renewal fees for granted patents or "definitely closed" EP applications
- Individual and batch payments of renewal fees made before the earliest valid payment date (R. 51(1) EPC)
- Double payment of fees, except those listed in new Annex A.3 to the ADA*
- Individual payments of fees for transfers of right in "definitely closed" EP applications

* A comprehensive list can be found in Annex A.3 of the ADA!
Validation functionality – excluded fees

- Double payments made on the same day
- Double payments relating to a debit order with a deferred payment date
- Fees that can be paid various times during the proceedings (e.g. opposition fee, search fee, claims fee, etc*).

* A comprehensive list can be found in Annex A.3 of the ADA!
Amended point 5.2 (shortfall) (1/2)

Order of priority:

- automatic debit orders
- any other debit orders

➤ Booked in ascending order of application number (PCT before EP, for EuroPCT the is EP number is decisive)!
Amended point 5.2 (shortfall) (2/2)

As from 1 April 2019:

If the funds on the deposit account are not sufficient on the date of receipt of a debit order to cover all fees indicated for an application:

- the fees are booked in ascending order of fee codes
- as long as funds allow

► Once a debit order cannot be executed in full, no other debit order is booked until the account is replenished!
Amended point 5.2 (Example) (1/2)

Deposit account with a balance of 950 EUR, debit order filed on 12.6.2019 with the following fees:

- **001** filing fee \hspace{1cm} 120 EUR
- **002** search fee \hspace{1cm} 1 300 EUR
- **005** designation fee \hspace{1cm} 585 EUR
- **006** examination fee \hspace{1cm} 1 635 EUR

► Only the filing fee is debited even though the remaining funds (830 EUR) would cover the designation fee
Amended point 5.2 (Example) (2/2)

After debiting the filing fee (remaining balance = 830 EUR), a debit order is filed on 14.6.2019 with the following fees:

- 010 opposition fee 785 EUR

▶ This subsequently filed debit order is not processed even if there are sufficient funds as long as the previous pending debit order has not been processed!
Ex-officio closure or deactivation of deposit accounts – new point 4.3 ADA (1/2)

An account with a **zero balance** and **no recorded transactions** in the last **4 years** will be **closed**

- The possibility of reopening remains (see ADA point 2.5)

- The EPO will notify the account holder in both cases one month before deactivation or closure!
Ex-officio closure or deactivation of deposit accounts – new point 4.3 ADA (2/2)

An account with a **positive balance** and **no recorded transactions** in the last **4 years** will be **deactivated** and marked with XXX before the deposit account holder name in OFP

- it can be closed upon request, the balance will be refunded (see ADA point 2.2)
- if a new debit order is given, it is reactivated ex-officio

► The EPO will notify the account holder in both cases one month before deactivation or closure!
New refund policy
as of 1.4.2019/1.10.2019

Notice from the European Patent Office dated 27 February 2019 concerning the fee refund procedures, OJ EPO 2019, A26
Review and streamlining of the fee refund policy (1/7)

- Previous practice: refund recipient/method

- **Recipient**: Party concerned or party's representative, if authorised to receive payments

- No refunds to a third party

- **Method**: Crediting the deposit account of the refund recipient; otherwise by cheque
Review and streamlining of the fee refund policy (2/7)

New practice: refund method

- In case of refund to a deposit account: to any account indicated by the party or its representative

- In case of refund via the new refund claim service: to any bank account/deposit account indicated* (cheque abolished)

► Refunds cannot be effected to a credit card!
New practice: refund method

- Crediting the deposit account:
  - provide (updated) refund instructions in an electronically processable format
    - for EP using F1001E, F1200E, F1038E
    - for PCT using PCT/RO/101, PCT-SFD or PCT-DEMAND
New practice: refund method

Refund by bank transfer: indication of bank data via the new refund claim service on the EPO's website

► As of 1.10.2019 refund instructions are only accepted in electronically processable format (XML)!
Review and streamlining of the fee refund policy (5/7)

New practice: claim service

If no refund instructions to credit a deposit account on file, party invited to claim the refund by accessing the refund claim service two separate communications are sent:

1. Refund advice informing about a pending refund

2. Communication containing a refund code (PIN) to identify the refund and allow entering bank or deposit account data
Refund via the claim refund service

(www.epo.org/fee-payment-service/en/refund)

Upon registration and log in, a specific refund can be identified and claimed entering

- Application (patent) number provided in EPO Form 2907
- Refund code (PIN) provided in a second communication
- Bank account details or deposit account details
Review and streamlining of the fee refund policy (7/7)

- Link between both communications is the party's reference on file and/or the filing date of the application

- It is also possible to indicate a deposit account held with the EPO for this very refund

  - Permanent refund instructions to a deposit account are to be filed separately (online only)!

- Practice: refund recipient/method
Change of representative/agent or transfer of rights (1/2)

- **EP applications**: New refund instructions filed with a request will be applied when the request has been processed by the EPO.

- **PCT applications**: Refund instructions may be filed with the EPO as RO or WIPO. Change of agent or transfer of rights will be applied once the EPO is informed by WIPO.

► Users are advised to check/update refund instructions in case of change of representative or transfer of rights!
Change of representative/agent or transfer of rights (2/2)

- If no new refund instructions, the EPO will check the validity of refund instructions on file

- Ex-officio deletion of refund instructions to:
  - a deposit account of an applicant or representative who has withdrawn from proceedings
  - a deposit account held by a third party
Further streamlining of the fee refund procedures

- **New courtesy letter** for invalid (non electronic) refund instructions
  - EPO Form 1017 (EP)
  - EPO Form 1017P (PCT/RO)
  - EPO Form 1017 (PCT/Ch.II)

- Same content for all procedures
Communication – refund of fees

- EPO Form 2907, version for:
  - refund to DEPA
  - same content for all procedures
- EPO Form F2907P for PCTII
New Fee refund policy – 1st communication (1/2)

- EPO Form 2907, version for:
  - refund to non-DEPA
  - same content for all procedures
- EPO Form F2907P for PCTII
New Fee refund policy – 2nd communication (2/2)

- Communication generated and
- Excluded from File Inspection
- Same content for all procedures
New Fee refund policy – claim refunds (1/10)

Same account with email and password for credit card payment and claiming refunds.
New Fee refund policy – claim refunds (2/10)

3 steps to claiming a refund:
New Fee refund policy – claim refunds (3/10)

- Procedure EP or PCT
- Application number
- refund code from 2nd communication
New Fee refund policy – claim refunds (4/10)

- Select **Refund to deposit account held with the EPO** if the fees are to be credited to an existing deposit account.

- Select **Refund to a bank account** if the fees are to be refunded by bank transfer.

► **Refunds cannot be credited to a credit card!**
New Fee refund policy – claim refunds (5/10)

Example: Refund to deposit account held with the EPO
New Fee refund policy – claim refunds (6/10)

- Example: Refund to bank account (SEPA area)
- Optional: Save account details
New Fee refund policy – claim refunds (7/10)

- Example: Refund to bank account (outside SEPA area)
- Optional: Save account details
New Fee refund policy – claim refunds (8/10)

- Immediately displayed on screen
New Fee refund policy – claim refunds (9/10)

- Viewing refund history

- The **Refund history** page provides an overview of the refund claims that have been successfully submitted.

- Under **Refunds → Refund history** the voucher number, date and total amount for each refund are listed.

- Details of a particular refund can be accessed by clicking on the voucher number.
New Fee refund policy – claim refunds (10/10)

► The list can be sorted by date, voucher number, application number or reference number!
Start of International Preliminary Examination as of 1.7.2019

Amended Rule 69,1(a) PCT Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 22 May 2019 amending Annex A.2 to the ADA – Information from the EPO concerning the automatic debiting procedure, OJ EPO 2019, A46
IPE started
- 3 months from date of transmittal of ISR or
- 22 months from priority date (whichever expires later)

and

After receipt of
- the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401)
- the fees
- the ISR and the WO-ISA
- possible amendments under Art. 19 PCT and/or Art. 34 PCT with the letter explaining the amendments
- any statement or arguments
Start of IPE (Rule 69 PCT until 1.7.2019)

- After receipt of
  - the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401)
  - the fees
  - the ISR and the WO-ISA
  - possible amendments under Art. 19 PCT and/or Art. 34 PCT with the letter explaining the amendments
  - any statement or arguments
Start of IPE (Rule 69 PCT until 1.7.2019)

Unless the applicant requests postponement until the end of the time limit under R. 54bis1(a) PCT:

- 3 months from date of transmittal of ISR or
- 22 months from priority date (whichever expires later)

▶ Applies to all demands filed as of 1.7.2019!
Exemption under Rule 141(2) EPC from filing a copy of the search results CH as of 1.8.2019

Decision of the President and Notice from the European Patent Office dated 4 June 2019, OJ EPO 2019, A55, A56
Exemptions from filing prior search results

EPO includes a copy of the search results into the file where the priority of a first filing made in one of the following states is claimed:

- Austria
- Denmark
- Japan
- Korea
- Spain
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- Switzerland (as of 1.8.2019)
Revised arrangements for deposit accounts (ADA) and their annexes as of 1.10.2019

Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 22 May 2019 amending Annex A.1 to the ADA – Arrangements for the automatic debiting procedure (AAD) and Annex A.2 to the ADA – Information from the EPO concerning the automatic debiting procedure; Supplementary publication 4, OJ EPO 2019, Arrangements for deposit accounts and their annexes (valid as from 1 October 2019)
Revised arrangements for deposit accounts (ADA) (1/2)

- Clarification that the annotation field of online forms (e.g. F1038E) used for a debit order is invalid (point 5.1.3 ADA)
- EPO Form 9004 no longer sent by fax; sent via Email or post (point 5.2.2 ADA)
- Automatic debiting of the additional search fee(s) in case of non-unity is postponed to 10 days after the decisive payment date (point 3 AAD, I.2 and II.4)
Revised arrangements for deposit accounts (ADA) (2/2)

- The decisive payment date for automatic debiting of the international preliminary examination and handling fees has been changed from the last day of the applicable period to the date of receipt of the Chapter II demand (included in Point 5.1(c) AAD, fifth sub-section and Annex A.2, Re Point 3 AAD, II.8)
Planned fee changes as 1.11.2019
Advance payment of renewal fees

- As of 1.11.2019, the practice to accept renewal fee payment more than 6 months (3rd renewal fee) or more than 3 months (all other renewal fees) before they fall due will cease. The guidelines will be adapted accordingly.

- Attempted payments via OFP will be blocked by the validation functionality.

- Payments made by any other means of payment will be refunded.
Amended Rule 126(1) EPC as 1.11.2019

Notice from the European Patent Office dated 16 June 2019 concerning implementation of amended Rule 126(1) EPC, OJ EPO 2019, A57
Discontinuation of advices of delivery (1/3)

Amended Rule 126 EPC:

- (1) **All** notifications by postal services shall be by registered letter
- (2) – (4) remain unchanged
Discontinuation of advices of delivery (2/3)

- As of **1.11.2019** all notifications from the EPO, the BoA and the EBoA will be by registered letter only
  - summonses to oral proceedings,
  - decisions incurring a period for appeal or a petition for review,
  - certain notifications from the BoA or EBoA (decisions, summonses, losses of rights etc.)
  - acknowledgement of receipt form (EPO Form 2936 or EPO Form 3936) will still be enclosed

>EPO Forms 2936 and 3936 still need to be signed and returned to the EPO (preferably electronically)!
Discontinuation of advices of delivery (3/3)

- Notices and communications with no time limit, or which do not require notification will continued to be sent by ordinary mail (R. 125(1) EPC)

- 10-day-rule (presumption of delivery) remains unaffected

- The possibility to prove a later actual date of delivery remains applicable

- The EPO will include these communications (with the exception of communications of BoA and EBoA) in the electronic notification (mailbox)!
Filing of (bulk) requests (intended publication of best practice)
Current practice and issues (1/2)

- The EPO receives an increasing number of bulk requests
- Such requests often have formal deficiencies, are incomplete, unclear or contain contradictory statements
- This causes delays, extra costs and in some cases a long period of uncertainty
Current practice and issues (2/2)

In the upcoming publication the EPO will give recommendations for

- making clear and unambiguous requests
- submitting bulk requests
- requests concerning the International phase
Measures intended by the EPO

- Publication of a notice in the Official Journal providing guidance
- Introduction of non-mandatory forms:
  - EPO Form 1018: Withdrawal of application
  - EPO Form 5050: Transfer of rights
  - EPO Form 5051: Change in the particulars (name/address of the applicant/proprietor)
  - EPO Form 5055: Evidence for a transfer of rights
  - EPO Form 5060: Change of representative or appointment where no representative was appointed
  - EPO Form 5061: Change in the particulars (name/address of the representative)
General recommendations for requests (1/2)

- Requests should preferably be filed online (F1038 in OLF, CMS)
- Choose the correct document type
- Check correctness of application numbers
- Check pendency status of applications concerned
- Ensure signature of authorised persons on the request letter
- File lists only once (not the whole list for every application concerned)
General recommendations for requests (2/2)

- Unambiguous wording should be avoided

► Specific provisions might apply for certain types of requests (e.g. PACE, revocation of automatic debiting, debit orders and refund instructions)!
Bulk requests (1/3)

- The use of the new forms is recommended
  - a checkbox has been included for this purpose

- The request should preferably be filed online (F1038 in OLF, CMS) for the first application ("leading application") as indicated on the form

- All further application numbers should be listed on (a) separate sheet(s)

► The final responsibility for the correctness of the request and the list of applications/patents lies with the party!
Bulk requests (2/3)

- The EPO will include the request in each file indicated on the list.
- A written confirmation will be sent for each application concerned.
  - The applicant can express in the request their wish to receive the confirmation only in the leading application.
  - The confirmation will in this case still be uploaded into the electronic file of all applications on the list.
Bulk requests (3/3)

- To facilitate processing, additionally an email with the attached list of applications (excel file) should be sent to support@epo.org.

  The subject of the email should indicate the number of the leading application and read e.g. "Bulk request filed in application EPxxxxxxxx"!
Bulk requests transfer of rights – fee payment

- In OLF or CMS the debit order must be filed for each application individually.

- Batch payments can be made using the functionality in Online Fee Payment.

- If in OLF or CMS the complete amount for all applications is filed in one application, the EPO will refund the fees for all but this application!
Requests concerning International applications (1/2)

- Requests under Rule 92bis PCT should be filed with the International Bureau of WIPO (IB) before expiry of 30 months from the priority date

- A request filed in the international phase concerning the European phase can be filed with the EPO
Requests concerning International applications (2/2)

- Before a valid entry into the European phase, the EPO will only process requests for
  - change of address (applicant or representative)
  - change of representative

- The EPO will process these requests only if they are not deficient and if evaluation of evidence is not required!
Filing of appeals (best practice)
Form for filing a notice of appeal – not mandatory

- New **EPO Form 3002** (Notice of appeal):
  - For paper of fax filings
  - As PDF attachment via OLF and CMS

- Form indicates information to be provided to meet minimum requirements for the content of the notice for appeal (Rule 99(1) EPC)

- Appeal fee to be paid separately, using accepted payment methods

  - (i.e. fee section of electronic form 1038, Online Fee Payment, bank transfer or credit card payment)
Thank you for your attention!