Filing of a request for conversion under Art. 135 with the European Patent Office

legal basis
Arts. 135 - 137, 162(4); R. 103 EPC

data in PRS for
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field meaning

Date of issue of the European Patent Bulletin in which the notice is published.

Date on which the request for conversion has been filed.

code meaning
According to Article 135 EPC, the applicant or proprietor of a European patent may file a request for conversion into a national patent application in the following circumstances:

(a) when the European patent application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to Arts. 77(5) EPC (applications not reaching the EPO before the end of the 14th of filing) or 162(4) EPC (European application cannot be further processed)

(b) in such other cases as are provided for by the national law in which the European patent application is refused or withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, or the European patent is revoked under the EPC

The request for conversion shall be filed within 3 months after the European patent application has been withdrawn or after notification that the application is deemed to be withdrawn or refused or revoked. If filed within this period the European patent application is equivalent to a regular national filing, in the designated contracting states, including the priority claimed.

The filing of a request for conversion into a national patent application is advertised in the European Patent Bulletin and appears in INPADOC under this code.

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