

Notice

concerning the conversion of a European patent application into national applications

The table contained in Official Journal 2/1979 p. 65 et seq. regarding the conversion formalities which have to be completed in relation to the national industrial property offices of the Contracting States is further extended and also corrected in respect of the Contracting State Sweden, as below:

CONVERSION OF A EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION

(Art. 136 (1) and Art. 137 (2) EPC)

Contracting State	Acts to be completed	Time limit	Representation by a national representative or election of domicile where the applicant or his representative before the EPO does not have his place of business or residence in the Contracting State
Italy Decree of 8 January 1979 No. 32 Art. 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Payment of the national application fee, outstanding renewal fees and publication fee. 2. Filing of a translation of the application* on official fee-stamped paper. 3. Notification of election of domicile. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After due notification from the Italian Patent Office which specifies a time limit of at least 2 months. 2. Idem 3. Idem 	The acts specified in the relevant column parallel herewith may be performed by the applicant or by his representative before the EPO provided that the latter notifies the Italian Central Authority for Patents, Designs and Trade Marks of an address in Italy for correspondence purposes.
Austria Patent Agreements — Introductory Law of 16 December 1978 Article 9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Payment of the national application fee. 2. Filing of a translation of the application* 3. Appointment of a national professional representative where the applicant does not have his place of business or domicile in Austria. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Three months after due notification from the Austrian Patent Office. 2. Idem 3. Idem 	The acts specified under 1 and 2 must be performed by a national professional representative.
Sweden Patents Decree 1978 Article 66	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Payment of the national application fee. 2. Filing of a translation of the application*. 3. Appointment of a national representative where the applicant does not have his place of business or residence in Sweden. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Three months after due notification from the Swedish Patent Office. 2. Idem 3. As soon as possible after the request for conversion has been filed. 	<p>The acts specified in the relevant column parallel herewith may be performed by the applicant or by his professional representative before the EPO.</p> <p>Any subsequent procedural step must be performed by a national representative.</p>

* The term "translation of the application" is taken to mean a translation of the original text of the European patent application and also, where appropriate, of the text as amended during proceedings before the European Patent Office, which the applicant wishes to serve as a basis for submission to the national procedure.