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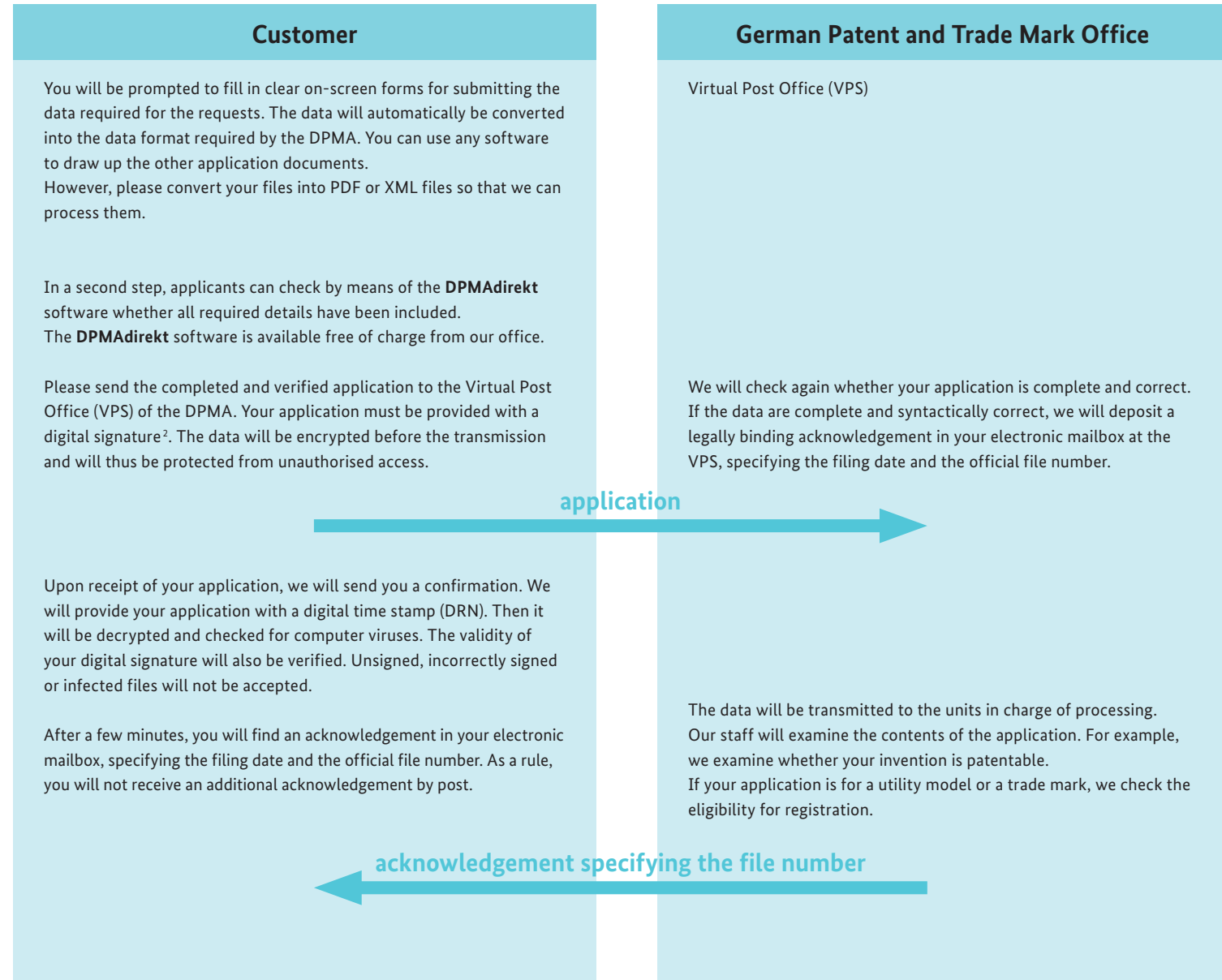
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- oppositions in patent procedures
- appeals in patent and trade mark procedures
- applications for determination or declaration of invalidity in design procedures
- SEPA mandate use

Of course, you can still file your applications on paper.

DPMAdirekt – application process



¹ only for patent applications for procedural reasons

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