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The 14th sanctions package of the EU against Russia, which was adopted on 24 June 2024 and entered into force the following day, results in restrictions on the acceptance of applications and requests in pending registration procedures filed by Russian nationals, natural persons resident in Russia and legal persons, entities or bodies established in Russia.

With effect from 25 June 2024, the German Patent and Trade Mark Office therefore ceases to accept

- new applications for registration/grant of patents, utility models, trade marks, designs, protected designations of origin and geographical indications pursuant to point (a) of Article 5s(1) of Regulation (EU) 833/2014

and

- requests and submissions in pending application and registration procedures pursuant to point (b) of Article 5s(1) of Regulation (EU) 833/2014

filed by

- Russian nationals or
- natural persons resident in Russia or
- legal persons, entities or bodies established in Russia.

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office does not accept any new applications for registration/grant of the IP rights referred to above even if they are filed by those being sanctioned together with non-Russian natural or legal persons, entities or bodies resident or established outside of Russia.

The sanctions do not apply to nationals of an EU member state, of a country member of the European Economic Area or of Switzerland; neither do they apply to natural persons having a temporary or permanent residence permit in any of these countries.

As from 25 June 2024, any natural person resident in Russia must therefore indicate in relation to requests/applications and submissions whether they

- are a national of a member state of the European Union, of a country member of the European Economic Area or of Switzerland

or

- have a temporary or permanent residence permit in a member state of the European Union, in a country member of the European Economic Area or in Switzerland.

As from 25 June 2024, any natural person resident outside of Russia must indicate in relation to requests/applications and submissions whether they are

- a Russian national

and

- additionally, a national of a member state of the European Union, of a country member of the European Economic Area or of Switzerland or have a temporary or permanent residence permit in a member state of the European Union, in a country member of the European Economic Area or in Switzerland.

The relevant information must be provided in writing on a form issued by the German Patent and Trade Mark Office or, after the e-filing systems have been adjusted, electronically. Proof of the information must be furnished upon request.

President of German Patent and Trade Mark Office
Eva Schewior

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Notice No. 2/24

of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 24 September 2024 concerning the publication of the patent and utility model documents, the Patent Gazette (*Patentblatt*), the Trade Mark Journal (*Markenblatt*) and the Design Gazette (*Designblatt*) on the official internet platform DPMAregister at the end of 2024 and in 2025

Last publication dates in 2024

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA) will publish the following on the official internet platform DPMAregister:

- patent and utility model documents and the Patent Gazette for the last time on 24 December 2024; and
- the Trade Mark Journal and the Design Gazette for the last time on 27 December 2024.

Publication dates in 2025

In 2025, the publications of the DPMA on the official internet platform DPMAregister will be made as follows:

- patent and utility model documents and the Patent Gazette every Thursday; and
- the Trade Mark Journal and the Design Gazette every Friday.

If a publication date coincides with a public holiday at the Munich office, the publication will be made on the previous day. If this day also coincides with a public holiday, the publication will be brought forward by another day.

Accordingly, the following publications will be brought forward in 2025:

Publication	Publication date = public holiday	Publication brought forward to
Trade Mark Journal, Design Gazette	18 April 2025	17 April 2025
Patent and utility model documents, Patent Gazette	1 May 2025	30 April 2025
Patent and utility model documents, Patent Gazette	29 May 2025	28 May 2025
Patent and utility model documents, Patent Gazette	19 June 2025	18 June 2025
Trade Mark Journal, Design Gazette	15 August 2025	14 August 2025
Trade Mark Journal, Design Gazette	3 October 2025	2 October 2025
Patent and utility model documents, Patent Gazette, Trade Mark Journal, Design Gazette	25/26 December 2025	24 December 2025

The President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office
Eva Schewior

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Notice No. 3/24**of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 24 October 2024 concerning the opening hours of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office from 24 December 2024 to 1 January 2025**

Opening hours of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office for the offices in Munich, Jena and Berlin - Information and Service Centre - from 24 December 2024 to 1 January 2025.

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office will be closed from 24 December 2024 to 1 January 2025. Cash payments will not be possible during that period. The search rooms will be closed. The enquiry units will be closed. Furthermore, the desk of the Document Receiving Service in the Munich office, Zweibrückenstraße, will be closed from Tuesday, 24 December 2024 to Monday, 1 January 2025. Please note that the Document Receiving Service cannot accept business documents during that period.

As an alternative, to ensure we receive business documents (especially applications) within the applicable time limits, you can hand them in at the reception desk of the Zweibrückenstraße office in Munich and use the night letterboxes of the offices in Jena and Berlin.

The DPMAdirekt services (Pro and Web) for online filing of IP applications as well as the DPMAreger service will be available during the closure period of the office.

The President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office
Eva Schewior

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Notice No. 4/24**of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 22 November 2024 concerning the termination of the option to file via eOLF, electronic filing program of the European Patent Office, pursuant to section 3 (4) of the Ordinance on Electronic Legal Transactions with the DPMA as of 1 January 2025**

The European Patent Office (EPO) will decommission its electronic filing program eOLF – formerly ePoline – in the foreseeable future. Regardless of their date of issue, all signature cards of the EPO (smart cards) will expire no later than 31 December 2024, because the EPO smart card login support will end for eOLF. As a consequence, from 1 January 2025, it will no longer be possible to use eOLF to file electronic patent applications with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA). This applies to national German patent applications and PCT applications with the DPMA as receiving Office.

In the Announcement of 22 November 2024 in the "Announcements section" on the Publications page of its website, the DPMA announced that, from 1 January 2025, this filing option will no longer be available within the meaning of section 3 (4) sentence 2 of the Ordinance on Electronic Legal Transactions with the DPMA (*Verordnung über den elektronischen Rechtsverkehr beim Deutschen Patent- und Markenamt*).

The filing program DPMAdirektPro will continue to be available for the filing of German patent applications and PCT applications with the DPMA as receiving Office. For more information on this, please visit the DPMA website.

To file PCT applications with the DPMA as receiving Office, you can also use the ePCT software via the IP Portal of the World Intellectual Property Organization. Information on this is available on the WIPO website.

For a complete overview of the current options to electronically file IP applications, please visit "E-filing of IP applications".

The President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office
Eva Schewior

Notice No. 5/24

of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 25 November 2024 regarding the participation of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office in the service WIPO DAS as Depositing Office

From 25 November 2024 on, the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA) will participate in the Digital Access Service of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO DAS) as "Depositing Office". WIPO DAS is a digital exchange service for priority documents. Initially, the participation will involve the IP rights "patent" and "utility model" and cover priority documents for national applications as well as PCT applications in cases where the DPMA is the Office of first filing. The service is planned to be extended to the IP rights "trade mark" and "design" at a later date.

As of 25 November 2024, applicants have a choice when applying for priority documents for patent or utility model applications: they can either apply for a priority document in paper form (subject to the payment of a fee, as before) or they can ask the DPMA to make the priority document available electronically in WIPO DAS (free of charge). The request for providing an electronic priority document and making it available in WIPO DAS has to be made via "Form A 9164".

The DPMA then notifies the applicant of the provision of the priority document in the WIPO DAS system and sends them a confidential access code. With this access code, the applicant can request other Offices of second filing (that participate in WIPO DAS as "Accessing Offices") worldwide to retrieve the priority document.

More information about WIPO DAS, in particular the form A 9164 as well as other forms and leaflets is provided on the DPMA website from 25 November 2024 on. For further information, please visit the website of WIPO.

The DPMA intends to participate in WIPO DAS as "Accessing Office" as well. The preparations for this are currently underway. The DPMA will issue a separate notification about this participation.

The President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office
Eva Schewior

Notice No. 6/24**of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 12 December 2024 concerning the amount of the provision costs or the supply of machine-readable data (weekly publications on patents and utility models, trade marks and designs in the form of data packages via DPMAconnectPlus) in 2025**

Within the scope of fulfilling its statutory duties in connection with the different types of IP rights, the German Patent and Trade Mark Office produces machine-readable data which can be supplied to third parties for setting up, development and updating their own IP databases and other information systems and services. This requires the conclusion of a contract and the payment of the provision costs. These costs are determined on an annual basis and communicated to the public.

The costs for the provision of weekly publications on patents and utility models, trademarks and designs in the form of data packages remain unchanged from 2024 at Euro 8 per data type and delivery date for 2025.

The President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office
Eva Schewior

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Notice No. 7/24**of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 12 December 2024 concerning the opening hours of the Munich office of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office on 4 March 2025 (Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras)**

On 4 March 2025 (Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras), the Munich office of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office will be closed all day. However, you can contact Customer Care and Services by phone as usual for general enquiries about IP rights (+49 89/2195-1000) and for questions regarding the DPMA databases (+49 89/2195-3435) during service hours from 8:00 to 16:00.

The enquiry unit and the search room will be closed to visitors on this day.

On 4 March 2025 (Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras), to ensure we receive business documents (especially applications) within the applicable time limits, you can hand them in at the reception desk of the Zweibrückenstraße office in Munich.

The DPMAdirektPro and DPMAdirektWeb services for electronic applications and the DPMAregister will be available throughout the day.

The one-day closure will not affect the offices in Jena and in Berlin - Information and Service Centre. Furthermore, in the cases permitted by law, IP applications can also be filed with legal effect at the patent information centres.

The President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office
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