



Notices of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office 2025

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Notice No. 1/25**of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 14 April 2025 concerning the cessation of the filing option for EU designs at the German Patent and Trade Mark Office as from 1 May 2025**

Article 35 of Regulation (EC) 6/2002 is amended by point 31 of Article 1 of Regulation (EU) 2024/2822 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024.

From 1 May 2025, in accordance with Article 35(1) of Regulation (EC) 6/2002 in its amended version, an application for registration of an EU design (previously: Community design) can only be filed with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO).

As a consequence, the filing of applications for registration of EU designs at the German Patent and Trade Mark Office will no longer be possible from 1 May 2025. This means that the scope of application of section 62 of the Design Act ceases to apply.

The Notice No. 1/2003 of the President, which refers to the receipt and forwarding by the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of Community design applications, will be repealed as of 1 May 2025.

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

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Notice No. 2/2025

of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 26 August 2025 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 2025 and in 2026

Last publication dates in 2025

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 2025 und on 31 December 2025 as a brought forward publication date; and
- the Trade Mark Journal and the Design Gazette for the last time on 27 December 2025.

Publication dates in 2026

In 2026, 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 2026:

Publication	Publication date = public holiday	Publication brought forward to
Patent and utility model documents, Patent Gazette	1 January 2026	31 December 2025
Trade Mark Journal, Design Gazette	3 April 2026	2 April 2026
Trade Mark Journal, Design Gazette	1 May 2026	30 April 2026
Patent and utility model documents, Patent Gazette	14 May 2026	13 May 2026
Patent and utility model documents, Patent Gazette	4 June 2026	3 June 2026
Trade Mark Journal, Design Gazette	25/26 December 2026	24 December 2026
Trade Mark Journal, Design Gazette	1 January 2027	31 December 2026

The President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office

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Notice No. 3/2025

of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 25 September 2025 concerning the retention periods for documents of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office

The increasing use of electronic document processing has made necessary a revision of the provisions governing the retention and disposal of documents of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (excerpts below).

Patents and utility models

The following shall be destroyed:

- 1. Files relating to legally valid patents and/or national files concerning European patents, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
- 2. Files relating to patent applications that did not result in a grant, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
- 3. Data records relating to European patent applications that did not result in a grant, including publications of German translations of patent claims relating to European patent applications, 20 years from the end of the year of the European filing date;
- 4. Files of granted supplementary protection certificates, 57 years from the end of the year of the filing date of the basic patent;
- 5. Files of applications concerning supplementary protection certificates that did not result in a grant, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
- 6. Files of patents and utility models, as well as applications for which a microorganism was deposited ("M" files), 30 years from the end of the year of the filing date;
- 7.1. Files relating to international applications or data records of international applications including copies of the application filed with the receiving Office (PCT A files),
 - a) which have not entered the national phase, 20 years from the end of the year of the international filing date,
 - b) which have entered the national phase; 20 years from the end of the year of the international filing date or from the end of the record retention period for the PCT B file (see section 2) – whichever expires later;
- 7.2. PCT B files
 - a) national files relating to patent applications that arose from international applications after entry into the procedure before the DPMA (national phase)

and that did not result in a grant; 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised,

- b) files relating to granted patents from international applications, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised,
 - c) national files relating to utility model applications that arose from international applications and did not result in a registration, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised,
 - d) files relating to registered utility models from international applications, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
- 8. Transactions relating to requests for information on the state of the art pursuant to section 29 (3) of the Patent Act (Patentgesetz), 10 years from the end of the year in which the request was made;
 - 9. Files relating to granted secret patents (office 99), provided that the patent period within the meaning of section 16 of the Patent Act has expired at the time of the revocation of the confidentiality order, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
 - 10. Files of secret patent applications (office 99) that did not result in a grant before the confidentiality order was revoked and/or files of secret patent applications that pursuant to section 40 (5) of the Patent Act are considered to be withdrawn before the confidentiality order was revoked, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
 - 11. Files of registered utility models, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
 - 12. Files of utility model applications that did not result in a grant, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
 - 13. Files relating to registered secret utility models (office 99), provided that the term of protection pursuant to section 23 (1) of the Utility Model Act (Gebrauchsmustergesetz) has expired at the time of the revocation of the confidentiality order, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
 - 14. Files of secret utility model applications (office 99), that did not result in a grant before the confidentiality order was revoked and/or files of secret utility model applications that pursuant to section 6 (1) sentence 2 of the Utility Model Act are considered to be withdrawn before the confidentiality order was revoked, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
 - 15. Files of registered topographies, 30 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;

- 16. Files of topography applications that did not result in a grant, 40 years from the end of the year in which the application was filed;
- 17. Files relating to legal aid proceedings conducted outside the corresponding IP files, 5 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised.

Trade Marks (including international registration)

The following shall be destroyed:

- 1. Files of registered trade marks, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
- 2. Files of trade mark applications that did not result in a grant, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
- 3. Files relating to internationally registered trade marks with a German basic mark (DE, DT and DD) [national/international], 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
- 4. Files of applications relating to international registrations owing to German basic marks that have not been internationally registered [national/international], 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
- 5. Files of internationally registered trade marks without a German part of IP rights that have been transferred to a German proprietor [national/international], 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
- 6. Files of internationally registered trade marks with foreign basic marks that have been refused protection [national/international], 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
- 7. Files of internationally registered trade marks with foreign basic marks that have been granted full or partial protection [national/international], 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
- 8. Files created for the purpose of assigning misdirected items to an international registration case for which the DPMA has no jurisdiction (international registration files with items for disposal), 1 year from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
- 9. Files relating to geographical indications and designations of origin, 20 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised.

Designs

The following shall be destroyed:

- 1. General files relating to transitional legal issues relating to DD property rights, 30 years with last registration;

- 2. Register of design (Geschmacksmuster) entries, alphabetical index of names for published designs (Geschmacksmuster), annual calendar for the end of protection periods, unsealing and/or for applications received before 1 July 1988, 50 years from last registration;
- 3. Files of registered designs, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised;
- 4. Files of design applications that did not result in a registration, 10 years with the end of the year in which the file was - 5. Representations of the design (in accordance with section 26 of the Design Ordinance (Verordnung zur Ausführung des Designgesetzes), lasting;
- 6. Files relating to design invalidity proceedings, 30 years from the end of the year in which the file was closed;
- 7. Files relating to legal aid proceedings without IP rights application, 10 years from the end of the year in which the file was finalised.

Notice No. 2/01 of 22 February 2001 is hereby repealed.

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

Notice No. 4/2025

of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 21 October 2025 concerning the opening hours of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office from 24 December 2025 to 1 January 2026

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 2025 to 1 January 2026.

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office will be closed from 24 December 2025 to 1 January 2026.

The search rooms and the enquiry units will be closed.

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 DPMAreister service will be available during the closure period of the office.

The President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office
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Notice No. 5/2025**of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 27 October 2025 concerning the change of the prices of the Blatt für Patent-, Muster- und Zeichenwesen**

To cover increased production costs, it is necessary to raise the prices for the Blatt für Patent-, Muster- und Zeichenwesen (BIPMZ). The annual subscription price will therefore be 130 euros from 1 January 2026, including online access (inclusive of value-added tax, exclusive of shipping costs). The price for a single gazette amounts to 12.30 euros (inclusive of value-added tax, exclusive of shipping costs).

The President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office
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Notice No. 6/2025**of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 10 December 2025 concerning the amount of the provision costs for 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 2026**

Within the scope of fulfilling its statutory duties in connection with the different types of IP procedures, the German Patent and Trade Mark Office produces machine-readable data which can be supplied to third parties for setting up, developing and maintaining 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 and published on an annual basis.

In 2026, the costs for the provision of weekly publications on patents and utility models, trade marks and designs in the form of data packages remain unchanged compared to the previous year and amount to 8 euros per data type and delivery date.

The President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office
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Notice No. 7/2025**of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 18 December 2025 concerning the opening hours of the Munich office of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office on 17 February 2026 (Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras)**

On 17 February 2026 (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.

On 17 February 2026 (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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Notice No. 8/25

of the President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 19 December 2025 concerning the 13th edition of the international Nice Classification (in force as from 1 January 2026) and concerning the publication of the list of classes and the alphabetical lists of goods and services in the Federal Gazette

On 1 January 2026, the 13th edition of the "International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification)" (NCL 13-2026) will enter into force.

Since 2023, annual new versions of the 12th edition of the Nice Classification which provide for a number of new entries and deletions have been published. The new 13th edition also includes changes of classes. The new edition contains amendments concerning

- the alphabetical lists of goods and services;
- the lists of classes;
- the class headings and the explanatory notes.

The 13th edition of the lists of classes and the alphabetical lists of goods and services based on the Nice Classification will be published in the Federal Gazette (www.bundesanzeiger.de). Pursuant to section 19 of the Trade Mark Ordinance (Markenverordnung), it will be applied to the procedures at the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA) from 1 January 2026. The version of the lists of classes and the alphabetical lists of goods and services published in the Federal Gazette (Bundesanzeiger) is also available on the website of the DPMA.

The DPMA will implement the amendments resulting from the 13th edition of the Nice Classification as follows:

- Trade mark applications received by the DPMA on or after 1 January 2026 will be classified in accordance with the 13th edition of the Nice Classification. These applications must indicate the goods and services in the order provided by the lists of classes applicable from 1 January 2026 (section 20 (4) of the Trade Mark Ordinance).
- The class fees will be determined according to the lists of classes applicable at the date on which the DPMA receives the application.
- A reclassification based on a new edition of the Nice Classification will be made neither in pending application procedures nor with respect to the renewal of the duration of protection of trade marks, not even upon request (see Important Notice of 14 December 2018 on the Trade Mark Law Modernisation Act [Markenrechtsmodernisierungsgesetz]).

An overview of the key structural amendments (changes of classes) to the 13th edition is available [here](#) (in German).

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