

9.1.3 Languages of the documents citedGL/ISPE 15.69, 15.72

Section B-X, 9.1.3, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

9.2 Categories of documents (X, Y, P, A, D, etc.)

PCT AI 505, 507
GL/ISPE 16.65

Section B-X, 9.2, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

9.2.1 Particularly relevant documentsGL/ISPE 16.66-16.68

Section B-X, 9.2.1, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

9.2.2 Documents defining the state of the art and not prejudicing novelty or inventive stepGL/ISPE 16.69

Section B-X, 9.2.2, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

9.2.3 Documents which refer to a non-written disclosureGL/ISPE 16.70

Section B-X, 9.2.3, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

9.2.4 Use of "P" documents in the search report

Rule 33.1(c)
GL/ISPE 11.07

Although "P" documents are normally not used for the further examination they should be indicated in the search report since they might become pertinent at a later national stage. The EPO as ISA also cites non-patent literature P-X documents in the search report. If the priority document is not available to the examiner at the time of the search, it will be assumed that the priority is valid for the purpose of establishing the search report and written opinion. For the relevant dates for conducting the search, see GL/PCT-EPO B-VI, 3.

GL/ISPE 16.71

Furthermore, section B-X, 9.2.4, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

9.2.5 Documents relating to the theory or principle underlying the inventionGL/ISPE 16.72

Section B-X, 9.2.5, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

9.2.6 Potentially conflicting patent documentsGL/ISPE 16.73

Section B-X, 9.2.6, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

9.2.7 Documents cited in the application

See GL/ISPE 16.74.

9.2.8 Documents cited for other reasons

GL/ISPE 16.75
GL/ISPE 11.10

Section B-X, 9.2.8, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.