

professional representatives registered as such with the EPO. They can indicate any address they wish as long as it is in an EPC contracting state.

R. 4.7 and 90
R. 152(11) EPC
OJ EPO 2013, 500,
535

If an association of professional representatives is appointed as agent using Box No. IV of the PCT request form, the name of the association must be indicated there. The number under which the association is so registered with the EPO may also be indicated.

If an association of professional representatives is appointed, each member of the association may perform procedural acts on behalf of the applicant, and correspondence from the EPO is addressed to the association rather than one particular member.

R. 90.1(d)(ii)
R. 90.6(b)
PCT AG I 11.004,
11.012

Further agents may be appointed at any time to represent the applicant either in the international phase in general or specifically before the EPO acting as International Searching Authority, Supplementary International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority. The appointment of a new agent for the international phase in general is treated as revocation of any earlier appointment of an agent, unless otherwise indicated in the power of attorney appointing the new agent. Furthermore, an agent appointed for the international phase in general, unless otherwise indicated in the document appointing them, may appoint sub-agents to represent the applicant.

1.3 Representation by a common agent, common representative or "deemed common representative"

R. 90.2
PCT AG I 11.003,
11.005-11.006

If there are two or more applicants, each of them may choose to appoint their own agent, or they may choose to appoint a common agent for the international phase or one of the applicants who is entitled to file the international application to act as their common representative. The latter may in turn appoint an agent.

Art. 27(7)
Art. 133(2) and
150(2) EPC

If the appointed common representative has neither a residence nor their principal place of business in an EPC contracting state, the EPO as receiving Office will require the appointment of an agent.

If a common agent or common representative is appointed using Box No. IV of the PCT request form, their name and address must be indicated there.

R. 19.1, 90.2
Art. 27(7)
Art. 133(2) and
150(2) EPC

If no common agent or common representative is appointed, the applicant first named in the request who is entitled to file the international application with the EPO as receiving Office is considered to be the common representative. If such "deemed common representative" has neither a residence nor their principal place of business in an EPC contracting state, the EPO as receiving Office will require the appointment of an agent.

If no common agent is appointed, any correspondence is sent to the (deemed) common representative or, if the latter has appointed an agent, to their agent, unless a different address is provided as the address for correspondence.