

a protest procedure, then under Chapter II the applicant will normally be invited (using Form 405) to pay additional preliminary examination fees if all the searched inventions are also to be examined under Chapter II. Inventions for which no search fees were paid cannot be pursued and will thus also not be objected to or commented on. See GL/PCT-EPO C-V.

See also ISPE Guidelines 10.71 to ISPE Guidelines 10.73.