

2.2 Reproducibility of drawings

R. 11.2(a)
PCT AG I 5.132

Drawings must be so presented as to admit of direct reproduction by photography, electrostatic processes, photo offset and microfilming, in any number of copies.

2.3 Figure accompanying the abstract

R. 3.3(a)(iii)
PCT AG I 5.163,
5.170 and 5.171
GL/RO 151

Where the international application contains drawings, the applicant must indicate, in the check list on the request form (Form PCT/RO/101), the number of the figure in the drawings which they suggest be published with the abstract.

The figure published with the abstract must be the one which best characterises the claimed invention and must be chosen from the drawings accompanying the international application. Generally, only one figure should be indicated. The abstract may exceptionally be illustrated by more than one figure where necessary information cannot be otherwise conveyed. A figure containing significant amounts of text should be avoided.

3. Requirements regarding the paper used

R. 11.2(b), 11.2(c),
11.3, 11.5 and 11.12
PCT AG I 5.133

If the international application is filed on paper, drawings must be on sheets of A4 paper (29.7 cm x 21 cm), which must be flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny and durable. The sheets must be free from creases and cracks; they must not be folded. Only one side of each sheet may be used.

Under Rule 11.12, each sheet must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting and interlineations. Non-compliance with this rule may be authorised if the authenticity of the content is not in question and the requirements for good reproduction are not in jeopardy.

4. Presentation of the sheets of drawings

4.1 Usable surface area of sheets

R. 11.6(c)
PCT AG I 5.133

On sheets containing drawings, the surface usable must not exceed 26.2 cm x 17.0 cm. The sheets must not contain frames around the usable or used surface. The minimum margins are as follows: top: 2.5 cm; left side: 2.5 cm; right side: 1.5 cm; bottom: 1 cm.

4.2 Numbering of sheets of drawings

R. 11.7
AI 207(b)
PCT AG I 5.012,
5.140 and 5.141

All the sheets of the international application must be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals. All sheets of drawings must be numbered in the centre of either the top or the bottom of the sheet but not in the margin, in numbers larger than those used as reference signs.

Sheets of drawings must be numbered as a separate series commencing with the first; the number of each sheet must consist of two Arabic numerals separated by an oblique stroke, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example: 1/3, 2/3, 3/3).