

general inventive concept, the applicant will normally be invited to pay additional search fees. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees in response to the invitation, the international search will normally be restricted to those parts that relate to the invention, or so linked group of inventions, first mentioned in the claims. If additional fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit, those parts that relate to the inventions covered thereby are also searched. See also GL/PCT-EPO B-VII.

2.13 Technological background

Section B-III, 3.13, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies GL/ISPE 15.30 *mutatis mutandis*.