

Euro-PCT entry - R.159(1) EPC				
Action	Legal basis	Time limit	Does it have to be done?	Notes
Filing translation	R.159(1)(a) EPC	31 months of priority date	Only if the international application was not published in EN/DE/FR.	If IA published in EN/DE/FR, language of proceedings cannot be changed in EP phase. - G4/08
Specifying the documents	R.159(1)(b) EPC	31 months of priority date	Yes, always, but no consequence if missed (R.160(1) EPC).	No FP necessary for this act.
Payment of filing fee	R.159(1)(c) EPC	31 months of priority date	Yes, always.	Can include additional page fee (GL A-III 13.2). Language-based fee reduction (R.7a(1) EPC) not possible.
Payment of designation fee	R.159(1)(d) EPC	The later of: 31 months of priority date OR 6 months from publication of ISR under R.39(1) EPC	Only if the time limit under R.39(1) EPC expired earlier (which is usually the case).	
Payment of extension and/or validation fees	GL A-III 12.2	The later of: 31 months of priority date OR 6 months from publication of ISR under R.39(1) EPC	No, only if applicant wants protection in those states.	Special remedy: can be paid within 2 months of expiry with a 50% surcharge. FP only possible together with the designation fee if that is also missed.
Payment of search fee	R.159(1)(e) EPC	31 months of priority date	Only if EPO was not (S)ISA, because only then is a supplementary European search drawn up. - Art.153(7) EPC	If there is a supplementary European search, R.161(2) and R.70(2) applies.
Request examination & payment of examination fee	R.159(1)(f) EPC	The later of: 31 months of priority date OR 6 months from publication of ISR under R.70(1) EPC	Only if the time limit under R.70(1) EPC expired earlier (which is usually the case).	If FP is requested, both the flat fee (for the request) and the 50% of the examination fee must be paid.
Renewal fee for the 3rd year	R.159(1)(g) EPC	The later of: 31 months of priority date OR due date according to R.51(1) EPC	Only if the due date under R.51(1) EPC was earlier. (If priority is claimed, the 3rd renewal fee can usually be paid after entry.)	FP not possible. The 6-month time limit under R.51(2) EPC can be used as remedy.
Filing certificate of exhibition	R.159(1)(h) EPC	31 months of priority date	Only if Art.55(1)(b) EPC is used.	