

SERBIA: Intellectual Property

Serbia member of the European Patent Organisation

Serbia became member of the European Patent Organisation (EPO) on 1 October 2010. As a result, the procedure of filing patent applications will become simpler and less expensive.

Serbian applicants will no longer have to go through the examination procedure in each EPO country separately but may file only one application with the Serbian Intellectual Property Bureau or EPO. Furthermore, applicants from Serbia will no longer have to hire representatives from the EPO when making filings before EPO.

Since the Cooperation and Extension Agreement between Serbia and EPO terminated with the entry into force of the EPC with respect to Serbia, extension system is no longer applicable, except with respect to European and international applications filed prior to 1 October 2010 and European patents granted in respect of such applications. The change in the regime of protection (EPC instead of national regime) is more formal than substantial, given that the Serbian national regime is essentially in line with the convention regime.

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