

EXTRANATIONAL PROTECTION

DURATION – INTERNATIONAL FILING (PCT) – EUROPEAN FILING – FILING IN A SINGLE FOREIGN COUNTRY

Duration

Duration is usually shorter than the twenty-year period in the case of patents granted for industrial invention, and is subjected to legislation in the individual countries. A likely period is 10 years from filing date.

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International filing (PCT)

An international application can be filed for utility models in countries that signed the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and that offer this form of protection. For those countries indicated in the PCT application that do not recognise the utility model, the application is the same as that for patenting an industrial invention.

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European filing

Priority for a utility model can be claimed in the European patent application as long as this is done within twelve months from date of filing in Italy. The European application however relates to a patent for an industrial invention.

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Filing in a single foreign country

An application to patent an Italian utility model can be extended to one or more single foreign countries within twelve months from date of filing in Italy to enable the model to benefit from legal protection in those countries.

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