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## FOREWORD



Dear Clients,

We are pleased to present our new price list. As Europe grows together, we can standardise **prices for searches in European** countries and reduce prices in many Eastern European countries. This applies to trademark as well as company searches.

With a range of **new packages**, we are able to meet current demands for a flexible, reasonably priced and prompt selection process. For example, you can now obtain a similarity search for 6 of 27 EU member countries of your choice at a fixed price. Optionally, you can add identical knock-out searches in the databases of the remaining EU countries. This package, and others, may be found in the section “Word Mark Special Packages”. Our trademark searches are further complemented by an expanded range of in-use searches, as well as connotation and distinctiveness checks (see Chapter 1.6).

In the area of **domains** we now search and monitor non-Latin terms, such as identical Cyrillic and Chinese terms. With “Web Guard” we have added a new service covering the unauthorised use of word marks on the internet.

Experience of recent years has shown that searches in some foreign countries can only be meaningfully evaluated in cooperation with local attorneys. We meet these requirements through our subsidiary company S.M.D. Benelux specialising in searches with legal opinion, the so-called **i-Search**. We have recently extended this line by the new version i-Search Easy. It allows you to even speedier select relevant information due to a graphical representation of the risk assessment of trademarks found. Additional information as well as a detailed overview of our services in this regard can be found in our i-Search brochures. Please contact us.

Our **Country Index** has become extremely popular as a result of its international network. The website provides information, free of charge, on trademark regulations and procedural aspects of trademark application and registration in approximately 150 countries worldwide. Our bi-weekly newsletter, which has a readership of 4,000 provides information on amendments in certain countries. It usually includes a “special” and has earned much acclaim. More information can be found on [www.country-index.com](http://www.country-index.com), “Country-Index”, on which the newsletter may also be subscribed.

Further, we have modernised our homepage and introduced the **S.M.D. Shop** on the internet. Most of our services can now be ordered online, favourites can be saved and purchase history viewed. Services which require specialized advice, such as monitoring and patent, utility model and design searches, remain available in the traditional way. The first 3 online orders are discounted at 10 per cent. We invite you to test this service at [www.smd-shop.com](http://www.smd-shop.com).

Please feel free to approach us directly with any questions or suggestions. We are grateful for your comments, and look forward to remaining your competent partner in the searching and monitoring of intellectual property rights.

With best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Utescher', written in a cursive style.

Jörg Utescher

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<b>approx.</b>	Approximately
<b>CTM</b>	Community Trademarks
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>IR</b>	International Registration
<b>i-Search</b>	International word mark availability search with legal opinion; product line of subsidiary S.M.D. Benelux
<b>–</b>	Not available
<b>IMS</b>	Office for International Medical Services and International Business Development
<b>#</b>	On request
<b>PCT</b>	Patent Cooperation Treaty
<b>L</b>	Results of similarity search can be provided as computer list with a discount of 20 per cent

The footnotes are numbered continuously per chapter.

All prices mentioned are given in Euro.

Transmission fees and VAT will be charged additionally.

**SEARCHING**



# 1 SEARCHING

## 1.1 WORD MARKS

**Identical search:** Preliminary search for identical or near-identical trademarks (e.g. i equals y, c equals k). For countries members of the EU or the Madrid System, CTMs and IRs valid in the respective country or countries will be included free of charge. **Processing time** for Western Europe, North America and most industrialised countries is 1 to 3, for most of the other countries worldwide approx. 5 working days.

**Availability Search:** Search for identical or similar trademarks. Word marks are analyzed as to visual, phonetic or conceptual similarity to your mark. The search report provides all information available on the identified marks. For countries members of the EU or the Madrid System, CTMs and IRs valid in the respective country or countries will be included free of charge. **Processing time** for Western Europe, North America and most industrialised countries is 5, for most of the other countries worldwide it is approx. 7 working days.

**Extended Search:** Word mark availability search (as above), plus search for company names and domain search. Identical or almost identical company names from the national registers are listed. Domains containing your search term are shown. The domain search is conducted among all Top- and further relevant Second-Level Domains of the selected countries (ccTLDs and SLDs) and all international Top-Level-Domains (gTLDs .org, .net, .com, .eu etc.). **Processing time** for Western Europe, North America and most industrialised countries is 7, for most of the other countries approx. 8 working days.

**i-Search:** An i-Search contains an availability search with legal opinion (LO). The legal opinion covers the aspects inherent registrability, linguistic remarks and availability for use and registration. **Processing time** for most countries worldwide is 10 working days.

**i-Search easy:** We provide other i-Search versions with different legal opinions. The i-Search Easy version for example allows you to evaluate relevant information even faster due to graphical representation of the risk assessment. Further information on i-Search can be obtained in the respective brochures. Please get in touch with us!

**Special Searches:** There are various packages of particular interest for a flexible, cost effective and speedy selection process for new trademarks. We also offer supplementary analyses such as knock out searches as well as different in-use inquiries. They can be looked up in the chapters “Word Mark Special Packages” and “In-Use, Connotation and Distinctiveness”.

## Notes

When searching countries members of the European Union or the Madrid System, Community Trademarks and/or International Registrations designating the respective country will always be included free of charge.

Please ask for discounts depending on the volume of your order.

Word mark searches for class 5 are further conducted among the International Nonproprietary Names (INN) against a surcharge of Euro 60.00. In the EU-packages they are included free of charge.

Express orders can be processed faster against a surcharge depending on urgency. Please ask for an offer.

Western Europe	Identical Search		Availability Search		Extended Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
Andorra	120.00	30.00	220.00	70.00	–	–	#	#
Austria <sup>L</sup>	60.00	20.00	220.00	50.00	350.00	50.00	450.00	100.00
Benelux	60.00	20.00	220.00	50.00	650.00	50.00	450.00	100.00
Cyprus	120.00	90.00	220.00	100.00	350.00	100.00	375.00	125.00
Denmark <sup>L</sup>	60.00	20.00	220.00	50.00	350.00	50.00	450.00	100.00
Finland <sup>L</sup>	60.00	20.00	220.00	50.00	350.00	50.00	450.00	100.00
France <sup>L</sup>	60.00	20.00	220.00	50.00	350.00	50.00	525.00	100.00
Germany <sup>L</sup>	60.00	5.00	220.00	35.00	350.00	35.00	450.00	100.00
Greece	120.00	30.00	220.00	50.00	350.00	50.00	375.00	100.00
Iceland	120.00	30.00	290.00	80.00	400.00	80.00	450.00	100.00
Ireland	60.00	20.00	220.00	50.00	350.00	50.00	400.00	100.00
Italy <sup>L</sup>	60.00	20.00	220.00	50.00	350.00	50.00	450.00	125.00
Liechtenstein	60.00	20.00	220.00	70.00	350.00	70.00	560.00	220.00
Malta	120.00	90.00	220.00	100.00	350.00	100.00	375.00	150.00
Monaco <sup>L</sup>	60.00	20.00	220.00	70.00	–	–	550.00	150.00
Norway <sup>L</sup>	60.00	20.00	220.00	50.00	350.00	50.00	450.00	100.00
Portugal	60.00	20.00	220.00	50.00	350.00	50.00	375.00	100.00
Spain <sup>L</sup>	60.00	20.00	220.00	50.00	350.00	50.00	450.00	125.00
Sweden <sup>L</sup>	60.00	20.00	220.00	50.00	350.00	50.00	450.00	100.00
Switzerland	60.00	5.00	220.00	35.00	350.00	35.00	510.00	100.00
United Kingdom <sup>1)</sup>	60.00	20.00	220.00	50.00	350.00	50.00	475.00	175.00
CTMs and IRs	60.00	5.00	100.00	20.00	–	–	–	–
CTM or IR	40.00	5.00	60.00	15.00	–	–	–	–

1) UK Common Law: Euro 290.00

Eastern Europe	Identical Search		Availability Search		Extended Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
Albania	260.00	70.00	310.00	90.00	410.00	90.00	390.00	100.00
Armenia	390.00	250.00	420.00	270.00	770.00	270.00	720.00	290.00
Azerbaijan	490.00	130.00	540.00	150.00	–	–	580.00	170.00
Belarus	360.00	90.00	380.00	110.00	740.00	110.00	450.00	150.00
Bosnia and Herzegovina	260.00	70.00	290.00	80.00	400.00	80.00	375.00	100.00
Bulgaria	140.00	30.00	250.00	70.00	400.00	70.00	375.00	100.00
Croatia	290.00	80.00	310.00	90.00	410.00	90.00	365.00	100.00
Czech Republic	140.00	30.00	250.00	70.00	400.00	70.00	375.00	100.00
Estonia	140.00	30.00	250.00	70.00	400.00	70.00	375.00	100.00
Georgia	310.00	90.00	340.00	110.00	#	#	680.00	180.00
Hungary	140.00	30.00	250.00	70.00	400.00	70.00	375.00	100.00
Kazakhstan	340.00	130.00	360.00	150.00	620.00	150.00	375.00	225.00
Kyrgyzstan	440.00	120.00	490.00	130.00	–	–	640.00	190.00
Latvia	140.00	30.00	250.00	70.00	400.00	70.00	375.00	100.00
Lithuania	140.00	30.00	250.00	70.00	400.00	70.00	375.00	100.00
Macedonia	310.00	80.00	340.00	90.00	530.00	90.00	375.00	100.00
Moldova	390.00	110.00	440.00	130.00	790.00	130.00	460.00	150.00
Montenegro	290.00	80.00	310.00	90.00	410.00	90.00	465.00	100.00
Poland	140.00	30.00	250.00	70.00	400.00	70.00	450.00	100.00
Romania	140.00	30.00	250.00	70.00	400.00	70.00	375.00	170.00
Russian Federation	390.00	110.00	490.00	130.00	690.00	130.00	590.00	170.00
Serbia	290.00	80.00	310.00	90.00	410.00	90.00	465.00	100.00
Slovak Republic	140.00	30.00	250.00	70.00	400.00	70.00	375.00	100.00
Slovenia	140.00	30.00	250.00	70.00	400.00	70.00	375.00	100.00
Tajikistan	540.00	180.00	590.00	190.00	–	–	720.00	230.00
Turkey	290.00	70.00	310.00	90.00	500.00	90.00	375.00	150.00
Turkmenistan	540.00	180.00	590.00	190.00	930.00	190.00	790.00	280.00
Ukraine	310.00	90.00	340.00	110.00	690.00	110.00	450.00	150.00
Uzbekistan	540.00	180.00	590.00	190.00	990.00	190.00	660.00	230.00

North America	Identical Search		Availability Search		Extended Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
Canada	140.00	30.00	290.00	80.00	–	–	–	–
Canada Common Law	–	–	340.00	110.00	–	–	–	–
Canada Plus <sup>2)</sup>	–	–	450.00	130.00	670.00	130.00	1,100.00	300.00
USA Federal File	140.00	30.00	290.00	80.00	–	–	–	–
USA State Files	140.00	30.00	210.00	70.00	–	–	–	–
USA Common Law	–	–	340.00	110.00	–	–	–	–
USA-Plus <sup>3)</sup>	–	–	580.00	150.00	810.00	150.00	1,195.00	325.00

2) Canada Plus: Canada, Canada Common Law

3) USA Plus: USA Federal File, State Files and USA Common Law

Central and South America, Caribbean	Identical Search		Availability Search		Extended Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
Argentina <sup>4)</sup>	190.00	120.00	210.00	150.00	820.00	150.00	370.00	230.00
Bolivia	210.00	150.00	230.00	190.00	690.00	190.00	390.00	370.00
Brazil <sup>5)</sup>	340.00	240.00	490.00	310.00	710.00	310.00	520.00	390.00
Chile	210.00	150.00	230.00	190.00	690.00	190.00	430.00	360.00
Colombia	310.00	210.00	390.00	270.00	830.00	270.00	600.00	540.00
Costa Rica	210.00	150.00	260.00	210.00	580.00	210.00	440.00	370.00
Ecuador	210.00	150.00	230.00	190.00	690.00	190.00	480.00	330.00
El Salvador	140.00	90.00	190.00	130.00	520.00	130.00	480.00	420.00
Guatemala	210.00	170.00	230.00	190.00	560.00	190.00	440.00	420.00
Honduras	210.00	170.00	230.00	190.00	690.00	190.00	380.00	310.00
Mexico	140.00	30.00	290.00	80.00	670.00	80.00	620.00	560.00
Nicaragua	210.00	150.00	230.00	190.00	690.00	190.00	460.00	410.00
Panama	210.00	150.00	230.00	190.00	690.00	190.00	460.00	440.00
Paraguay	210.00	150.00	260.00	210.00	720.00	210.00	380.00	370.00
Peru	210.00	170.00	260.00	230.00	720.00	230.00	440.00	410.00
Uruguay	210.00	150.00	260.00	210.00	760.00	210.00	460.00	380.00
Venezuela	310.00	210.00	340.00	250.00	830.00	250.00	550.00	420.00

4) Company name search only for the city and federal state of Buenos Aires

5) Company name search only for federal states São Paulo, Minas Gerais, Rio Grande do Sul and Rio de Janeiro

Africa	Identical Search		Availability Search		Extended Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
Algeria	210.00	150.00	230.00	190.00	550.00	190.00	300.00	190.00
Egypt	210.00	150.00	230.00	190.00	–	–	300.00	280.00
Morocco	210.00	150.00	230.00	190.00	510.00	190.00	340.00	320.00
OAPI/AIPO	190.00	120.00	210.00	150.00	–	–	695.00	595.00
South Africa	210.00	60.00	340.00	110.00	610.00	110.00	400.00	200.00
Sudan	310.00	210.00	340.00	250.00	–	–	340.00	320.00
Tunisia	250.00	210.00	270.00	250.00	590.00	250.00	280.00	260.00

**OAPI/AIPO**

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo

Middle East	Identical Search		Availability Search		Extended Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
Bahrain	190.00	120.00	210.00	150.00	490.00	150.00	240.00	220.00
Gaza	310.00	210.00	340.00	250.00	750.00	250.00	400.00	380.00
Iran	210.00	150.00	260.00	210.00	–	–	#	#
Iraq	310.00	210.00	340.00	250.00	–	–	400.00	380.00
Israel	190.00	120.00	340.00	250.00	750.00	250.00	450.00	380.00
Jordan	190.00	120.00	210.00	150.00	450.00	150.00	260.00	240.00
Kuwait	190.00	120.00	210.00	150.00	–	–	220.00	220.00
Lebanon	190.00	120.00	210.00	150.00	540.00	150.00	340.00	320.00
Oman	140.00	90.00	190.00	130.00	–	–	220.00	200.00
Qatar	560.00	540.00	650.00	550.00	–	–	690.00	590.00
Saudi Arabia	560.00	540.00	690.00	590.00	1,090.00	590.00	840.00	820.00
Syrian Arab Republic	140.00	90.00	190.00	130.00	–	–	240.00	220.00
United Arab Emirates	310.00	210.00	340.00	250.00	–	–	400.00	380.00
West Bank	290.00	170.00	310.00	220.00	580.00	220.00	400.00	380.00
Yemen	210.00	210.00	220.00	210.00	–	–	240.00	220.00

Australasia	Identical Search		Availability Search		Extended Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
Australia	140.00	30.00	420.00	120.00	680.00	120.00	600.00	300.00
Australian Com. Law	–	–	420.00	120.00	–	–		
Bangladesh	210.00	150.00	260.00	210.00	–	–	#	#
China	210.00	200.00	230.00	180.00	–	–	350.00	250.00
Hong Kong	140.00	30.00	230.00	180.00	510.00	180.00	350.00	250.00
India	290.00	210.00	310.00	220.00	580.00	220.00	370.00	260.00
Indonesia	310.00	210.00	340.00	250.00	610.00	250.00	400.00	300.00
Japan	250.00	150.00	420.00	270.00	850.00	270.00	480.00	320.00
Malaysia	300.00	250.00	320.00	270.00	590.00	270.00	390.00	330.00
New Zealand	140.00	30.00	420.00	120.00	680.00	120.00	600.00	300.00
North Korea	560.00	340.00	690.00	540.00	1,240.00	540.00	#	#
Pakistan	210.00	150.00	260.00	210.00	540.00	210.00	390.00	260.00
Philippines	140.00	30.00	260.00	210.00	540.00	210.00	450.00	350.00
Singapore	140.00	30.00	290.00	260.00	570.00	260.00	390.00	330.00
South Korea	420.00	270.00	590.00	510.00	880.00	510.00	630.00	540.00
Taiwan	300.00	250.00	320.00	270.00	–	–	390.00	330.00
Thailand	300.00	280.00	320.00	290.00	640.00	290.00	390.00	330.00
Vietnam	310.00	210.00	330.00	250.00	–	–	350.00	300.00

Word Mark Search Packages	Identical Search		Availability Search		Extended Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
<b>EU 27 (27 countries)<sup>6)</sup></b>	1,950.00	630.00	4,800.00	1,200.00	7,700.00	1,200.00	8,600.00	2,700.00
<b>Western Europe (17 countries)<sup>6)</sup></b>	770.00	260.00	2,650.00	810.00	4,590.00	810.00	#	#
<b>German-speaking Countries</b>	145.00	25.00	550.00	120.00	840.00	120.00	#	#
<b>Scandinavia</b>	200.00	70.00	750.00	170.00	1,200.00	170.00	#	#
<b>Balkans</b>	1,690.00	410.00	1,840.00	490.00	2,590.00	490.00	#	#
<b>Baltic States</b>	360.00	70.00	640.00	180.00	980.00	180.00	#	#
<b>Eastern Europe</b>	1,380.00	310.00	2,330.00	650.00	3,700.00	650.00	#	#

6) Searches in class 5 incl. INNs

#### EU 27 (27 countries)

Austria, Benelux, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

#### Western Europe (17 countries)

Austria, Benelux, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

#### German-speaking Countries

Austria, Germany, Switzerland

#### Scandinavia

Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden

#### Balkans

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia

#### Baltic States

Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

#### Eastern Europe

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic

## Note

When searching countries members of the European Union or the Madrid System, Community Trademarks and/or International trademarks valid in the respective country are included free of charge.

The search packages can be designed individually at reduced prices. Also, you will receive special discounts when ordering searches for many classes. Please contact us directly!

Please look up further package prices on [www.i-search.biz](http://www.i-search.biz).

Word Mark Search Packages	Identical Search		Availability Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
<b>North America</b>	340.00	80.00	780.00	210.00	#	#
<b>NAFTA</b>	450.00	110.00	990.00	290.00	2,700.00	1,000.00
<b>Central America</b>	1,200.00	820.00	1,490.00	1,060.00	2,200.00	1,800.00
<b>South America</b>	2,170.00	1,530.00	2,610.00	1,980.00	3,000.00	2,300.00
<b>MERCOSUR</b>	1,510.00	1,050.00	1,820.00	1,360.00	#	#
<b>Andean Pact</b>	850.00	610.00	1,000.00	790.00	#	#
<b>Middle East</b>	3,590.00	2,720.00	4,240.00	2,990.00	#	#
<b>Australia/New Zealand</b>	470.00	120.00	760.00	210.00	#	#
<b>Asia</b>	2,800.00	1,910.00	3,560.00	2,840.00	#	#

<p><b>North America</b> Canada, USA Federal and USA State Files</p> <p><b>NAFTA</b> Canada, Mexico, USA Federal and State Files, USA Common Law</p> <p><b>Central America</b> Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama</p> <p><b>South America</b> Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela</p>	<p><b>MERCOSUR</b> Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela</p> <p><b>Andean Pact</b> Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru</p> <p><b>Middle East</b> Bahrain, Gaza, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, West Bank, Yemen</p>	<p><b>Australia/New Zealand</b> Australia, New Zealand</p> <p><b>Asia</b> China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam</p>
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## Note

When searching countries part of the Madrid System International trademarks valid in the respective country are included free of charge.

## 1.2 WORD MARK SPECIAL PACKAGES

With these search packages we are able to meet current requirements of a flexible, cost effective and speedy selection process for new trade marks. They are of particular interest for large naming projects and assist you in selecting new trade marks efficiently by means of a step-by-step process. First of all, certain terms are excluded via a pre-search. Short-listed terms are then scrutinized in more detail. Thus, you obtain the highest possible certainty while saving time and money.

### EU Knock Out

These are exact identity searches in the EU countries (with the exception of Greece and Malta). The results are provided in list format. These searches provide cost-effective certainty as to whether a term is suitable for marketing in the European region.

### EU Knock Out Plus

These are exact identity searches in the EU countries (with the exception and Greece and Malta) as above. Approximately five variants are searched. Identical hits are listed in full format, all others in list format. In this way, a speedy and cost-effective overview of identical hits in the EU region is obtained.

### EU 6 of 27 Availability

You can select six of the 27 EU countries to be searched. At a fixed rate, an availability search is conducted in the six EU countries of your choice. The most relevant trade marks are carefully selected by our legal officers.

### EU 6 of 27 Availability plus Knock Out (EU 6 of 27 plus K.O.)

With this package you obtain a combination of the EU Knock Out search and the EU 6 of 27 Availability search. At fixed rates, a similarity search in six jurisdictions of the EU is provided. The most relevant trade marks are carefully selected by our legal officers. In addition, an exact identity search is conducted in all other EU countries.

Knock out	Processing Time	Up to 3 Classes	Add. Class
<b>EU Knock Out</b>	3 Working Days	850.00	85.00
<b>EU Knock Out Plus</b>	3 Working Days	1,620.00	200.00

Availability Search	Processing Time	First Class	Add. Class
<b>EU 6 of 27 Availability</b>	5 Working Days	1,100.00	250.00
<b>EU 6 of 27 plus K.O.</b>	5 Working Days	1,950.00	250.00

### Note

If conflicting marks are revealed by the searches, it is recommended to additionally conduct an in-use investigation (see “In-Use, Connotation and Distinctiveness”).

Please also take into consideration our EU Word Mark Availability search package on page 17.

## 1.3 DEVICE MARKS

### Device Mark Availability Search

We examine registered device marks as to visual similarity to your mark. The search report provides all information available on the trademarks cited. When searching countries members of the European Union or the Madrid System, Community Trademarks and/or International Registrations designating the respective country or countries will always be included free of charge.

Due to differences between national databases, layout and content of the search reports may vary from country to country. In some countries, device marks are not registrable or the local databases are not searchable for device marks. In such instances, we cannot provide device mark searches for the respective country or countries. Processing time for Western Europe, North America and most industrialised countries is 8, for most of the other countries worldwide approximately 10 to 14 days.

### i-Search Device Mark

The i-Search Device Mark search is a device mark availability search with legal opinion. The search report provides all information available on the trademarks cited. When searching countries members of the European Community or the Madrid System, Community Trademarks and/or International Registrations designating the respective country or countries will always be included free of charge.

The legal opinion covers the following aspects: inherent registrability, linguistic remarks and availability for use and registration. Processing time is 10 days usually. It may take longer in Central and South America and the Caribbean. In the Middle East, the processing time may extend to 30 days.

Further information on i-Search can be obtained from the respective brochures as well as from the i-Search price list. Please get in touch with us!

### Notes

Orders can be processed faster against a surcharge depending on urgency.

Searches or packages for countries not mentioned here may be provided on request.

Please ask for an offer.

Western Europe	Device Mark Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
Andorra	330.00	130.00	–	–
Austria	380.00	80.00	520.00	100.00
Benelux	430.00	170.00	550.00	250.00
Cyprus	330.00	150.00	350.00	160.00
Denmark	420.00	130.00	650.00	150.00
Finland	380.00	130.00	420.00	160.00
France	410.00	170.00	650.00	250.00
Germany	410.00	65.00	600.00	200.00
Greece	330.00	130.00	440.00	150.00
Iceland	330.00	130.00	430.00	130.00
Ireland	330.00	130.00	450.00	200.00
Italy	460.00	190.00	750.00	320.00
Malta	270.00	130.00	290.00	150.00
Norway	380.00	130.00	570.00	150.00
Portugal	330.00	150.00	380.00	170.00
Spain	330.00	190.00	440.00	210.00
Sweden	790.00	270.00	990.00	270.00
Switzerland	410.00	65.00	620.00	150.00
United Kingdom	380.00	150.00	510.00	250.00
CTMs and IRs	240.00	60.00	–	–
CTM or IR	140.00	60.00	–	–

Eastern Europe	Device Mark Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
Albania	330.00	130.00	540.00	130.00
Armenia	690.00	250.00	765.00	350.00
Azerbaijan	690.00	250.00	710.00	250.00
Belarus	450.00	150.00	480.00	150.00
Bosnia and Herzegovina	380.00	150.00	550.00	150.00
Bulgaria	390.00	100.00	430.00	110.00
Croatia	380.00	100.00	520.00	110.00
Czech Republic	380.00	100.00	540.00	140.00
Estonia	330.00	100.00	560.00	100.00
Georgia	670.00	250.00	690.00	250.00
Hungary	360.00	150.00	390.00	160.00
Kazakhstan	350.00	210.00	375.00	225.00
Kyrgyzstan	690.00	210.00	740.00	220.00
Latvia	380.00	100.00	480.00	110.00
Lithuania	430.00	100.00	470.00	110.00
Macedonia	430.00	100.00	550.00	110.00
Moldova	430.00	170.00	470.00	190.00
Montenegro	380.00	150.00	490.00	150.00
Poland	790.00	270.00	#	#
Romania	330.00	130.00	350.00	170.00
Russian Federation	690.00	250.00	740.00	250.00
Serbia	380.00	150.00	490.00	150.00
Slovak Republic	380.00	100.00	470.00	110.00
Slovenia	380.00	100.00	400.00	100.00
Tajikistan	750.00	250.00	770.00	250.00
Turkey	600.00	175.00	690.00	200.00
Turkmenistan	790.00	270.00	840.00	290.00
Ukraine	460.00	100.00	500.00	110.00
Uzbekistan	690.00	250.00	750.00	250.00

Central and South America, Caribbean	Device Mark Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
Argentina	440.00	310.00	600.00	500.00
Bolivia	490.00	330.00	800.00	740.00
Brazil	660.00	450.00	680.00	630.00
Chile	660.00	450.00	–	–
Colombia	440.00	310.00	–	–
Costa Rica	420.00	290.00	480.00	420.00
Dominican Republic	420.00	330.00	440.00	380.00
Ecuador	440.00	310.00	760.00	700.00
El Salvador	380.00	250.00	500.00	440.00
Guatemala	420.00	290.00	–	–
Honduras	420.00	290.00	460.00	300.00
Mexico	690.00	450.00	740.00	680.00
Nicaragua	420.00	290.00	540.00	480.00
Panama	420.00	290.00	540.00	480.00
Paraguay	440.00	310.00	680.00	620.00
Peru	420.00	290.00	660.00	600.00
Uruguay	590.00	340.00	660.00	600.00
Venezuela	430.00	270.00	840.00	780.00

## Note

The turnaround time for i-search may take longer than 10 days in this region.

North America	Device Mark Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
Canada	330.00	130.00	980.00	300.00
USA Federal file	490.00	330.00	900.00	500.00

Middle East	Device Mark Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
Bahrain	240.00	190.00	250.00	230.00
Gaza	290.00	230.00	420.00	400.00
Iran	380.00	250.00	–	–
Iraq	390.00	270.00	420.00	400.00
Israel	450.00	350.00	480.00	400.00
Jordan	270.00	230.00	280.00	260.00
Kuwait	240.00	190.00	240.00	240.00
Lebanon	290.00	230.00	–	–
Oman	220.00	190.00	240.00	220.00
Qatar	590.00	550.00	–	–
Saudi Arabia	750.00	690.00	860.00	840.00
Syrian Arab Republic	240.00	190.00	250.00	230.00
West Bank	380.00	250.00	420.00	400.00
Yemen	240.00	190.00	250.00	230.00

## Note

The turnaround time for i-search is 10–30 days in the Middle East.

Africa	Device Mark Search	
	First Class	Add. Class
Algeria	370.00	230.00
Egypt	–	–
Morocco	390.00	270.00
OAPI/AIPO	690.00	450.00
South Africa	440.00	210.00
Sudan	330.00	230.00
Tunisia	380.00	250.00

Australasia	Device Mark Search		i-Search	
	First Class	Add. Class	First Class	Add. Class
Australia	540.00	240.00	890.00	280.00
Bangladesh	440.00	310.00	–	–
China	440.00	300.00	450.00	350.00
Hong Kong	380.00	310.00	450.00	350.00
India	380.00	240.00	390.00	260.00
Indonesia	440.00	300.00	590.00	300.00
Japan	490.00	310.00	550.00	400.00
Malaysia	380.00	250.00	450.00	300.00
New Zealand	490.00	230.00	890.00	280.00
Pakistan	420.00	290.00	500.00	350.00
Philippines	440.00	310.00	540.00	540.00
Singapore	380.00	250.00	400.00	330.00
South Korea	750.00	650.00	790.00	670.00
Taiwan	390.00	270.00	550.00	500.00
Thailand	300.00	290.00	320.00	300.00
Vietnam	390.00	270.00	490.00	300.00

Device Mark Search Packages	Device Mark Availability Search	
	First Class	Add. Class
EU 27 (27 countries)	8,500.00	2,990.00
Western Europe (17 countries)	5,530.00	1,960.00
German-speaking Countries	960.00	190.00
Scandinavia	1,580.00	590.00
Balkans	2,350.00	790.00
Baltic States	1,030.00	270.00
Eastern Europe	4,070.00	1,260.00

Device Mark Search Packages	Device Mark Availability Search	
	First Class	Add. Class
<b>North America</b>	740.00	420.00
<b>NAFTA</b>	1,360.00	820.00
<b>Central America</b>	2,850.00	1,930.00
<b>South America</b>	4,500.00	3,000.00
<b>MERCOSUR</b>	3,300.00	2,200.00
<b>Andean Pact</b>	1,610.00	1,120.00
<b>Middle East</b>	4,470.00	3,600.00
<b>Australia/New Zealand</b>	930.00	420.00

**EU 27 (27 countries)**

Austria, Benelux, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

**Western Europe (17 countries)**

Austria, Benelux, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

**German-speaking Countries**

Austria, Germany, Switzerland

**Scandinavia**

Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden

**Balkans**

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia

**Baltic States**

Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

**Eastern Europe**

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic

**North America**

Canada, USA Federal File

**NAFTA**

Canada, Mexico, USA Federal File

**Central America**

Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama

**South America**

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

**MERCOSUR**

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela

**Andean Pact**

Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru

**Middle East**

Bahrain, Gaza, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, West Bank, Yemen

**Note**

When searching countries members of the European Union or the Madrid System, Community Trademarks and /or International Registrations designating the respective country or countries will always be included free of charge.

## 1.4 TRADEMARK OWNERS

The search report provides all published word and device marks of a certain owner in a given country. Available trademark information is delivered as well. The price includes 15 trademark excerpts. Each further excerpt is Euro 3.00 if not stated differently. For countries members of the European Union or the Madrid System, Community Trademarks and/or International Registrations designating the respective country can be included against a surcharge. **Processing time** for Western Europe, North America and most industrialised countries is 5 working days. In most of the other countries worldwide, these searches take 7 to 12 working days. Prices for express orders are provided on request.

Western Europe	Trademark Owner Search
Andorra	210.00
Austria	140.00
Benelux	140.00
Cyprus	240.00
Denmark	140.00
Finland	140.00
France	140.00
Germany	100.00
Greece <sup>1)</sup>	290.00
Iceland	210.00
Ireland	140.00
Italy	140.00
Liechtenstein	140.00
Malta <sup>2)</sup>	290.00
Monaco	140.00
Norway	140.00
Portugal	140.00
Spain	140.00
Sweden	140.00
Switzerland	105.00
United Kingdom	140.00
CTMs and IRs	200.00
CTM or IR	100.00

1) Additional excerpts for free

2) Euro 6.00 per additional excerpt

Eastern Europe	Trademark Owner Search
Albania	440.00
Armenia	590.00
Belarus	490.00
Bosnia and Herzegovina	290.00
Bulgaria (only as list)	290.00
Croatia	340.00
Czech Republic	240.00
Estonia	210.00
Hungary	210.00
Kyrgyzstan	540.00
Latvia	240.00
Lithuania	290.00
Macedonia	290.00
Moldova	440.00
Montenegro	290.00
Poland	290.00
Romania	240.00
Russian Federation	440.00
Serbia	290.00
Slovak Republic	240.00
Slovenia	290.00
Tajikistan	540.00
Turkey	340.00
Turkmenistan	440.00
Ukraine	440.00
Uzbekistan	540.00

Central and South America, Caribbean	Trademark Owner Search
Argentina	210.00
Bolivia	210.00
Brazil	290.00
Chile	240.00
Colombia	390.00
Costa Rica	290.00
Dominican Republic	310.00
Ecuador	390.00
El Salvador	340.00
Guatemala	340.00
Honduras	340.00
Jamaica	490.00
Mexico	340.00
Nicaragua	340.00
Panama	390.00
Paraguay	440.00
Peru	290.00
Uruguay	290.00
Venezuela	340.00

North America	Trademark Owner Search
Canada	190.00
USA Federal File	190.00
USA State Files	190.00

Australasia	Trademark Owner Search
Australia	210.00
Bangladesh	240.00
China <sup>3)</sup>	240.00
Hong Kong	290.00
India	290.00
Indonesia	290.00
Japan	340.00
Malaysia	290.00
New Zealand	210.00
Pakistan	390.00
Philippines	240.00
Singapore	390.00
South Korea	390.00
Taiwan <sup>4)</sup>	340.00
Thailand <sup>3)</sup>	340.00
Vietnam <sup>4)</sup>	440.00

3) 15 trademark excerpts are included. Each additional excerpt costs Euro 15.00

4) 15 trademark excerpts are included. Each additional excerpt costs Euro 10.00

Middle East	Trademark Owner Search
Gaza	290.00
Iraq	290.00
Israel	510.00
Jordan	210.00
Lebanon	240.00
Saudi Arabia	490.00
West Bank	390.00

Africa	Trademark Owner Search
Morocco	290.00
OAPI/AIPO	390.00
South Africa	240.00
Sudan	190.00
Tunisia	340.00

## 1.5 TRADEMARK EXCERPTS/TRADEMARK STATUS INFORMATION

**Trademark excerpts** are taken from our own or foreign databases and contain all basic trademark information such as register number, application or registration date, trademark text, trademark owner, classes, goods and services etc. but for the most part do not include figurative elements.

Country	Processing Time	Price/Excerpt
<b>Germany</b>	2 Working Days	4.00
<b>Community Trademarks</b>	2 Working Days	4.00
<b>International Trademarks</b>	2 Working Days	4.00
<b>Switzerland</b>	2 Working Days	4.00
<b>Standard</b>	2 Working Days	8.00

The **standard price** is valid for the following countries:

<p><b>Western Europe</b> Austria, Benelux, Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Spain, United Kingdom</p> <p><b>Eastern Europe</b> Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia</p> <p><b>North America</b> Canada, USA Federal File, USA State Files</p>	<p><b>South America</b> Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico</p> <p><b>Africa</b> Morocco</p> <p><b>Middle East</b> Israel</p> <p><b>Australasia</b> Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Phillipines, Singapore, South Korea</p>
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For countries not mentioned in the table above please contact us directly.

In addition to the status of a trademark (e.g. non-published, registered etc.), the **Trademark Status Information** includes optional details such as trademark text, trademark owner, classes etc. As prices vary significantly depending on the country and the existing trademark data, please contact us directly. You will receive an individual offer.

## 1.6 IN-USE, CONNOTATION AND DISTINCTIVENESS

Additionally, we provide supplementary analyses such as different in-use inquiries as well as connotation or distinctiveness checks, suitable for law firms as well as companies' in-house trademark departments.

**In-use** investigations examine whether a particular trademark is actually used. They are conducted via the internet as well as through numerous databases. In the pharmaceutical area, we offer special in-use searches conducted in the IMS file only (see Pharma In-Use Searches).

**These are the different types of in-use searches we offer:**

**In-Use search:** The database search is complemented by an extensive internet search and telephone inquiries with the relevant retailers or wholesalers as well as trademark owners.

**CTM In-Use Check:** Examines whether a Community Trademark is used. It includes searches in databases for relevant countries to be named. Additional internet searches are conducted using country-specific settings. Telephone inquiries for those countries are also included.

**In-Use Knock-Out:** The owner of the respective trademark is identified and directly contacted instead of conducting an extensive market investigation.

**Pharmaceutical In-Use:** Special in-use search for pharmaceutical trademarks. This search contains a database search in the IMS database which is not a trademark database, but rather a file containing pharmaceutical trademarks and trade names in use in over 70 countries worldwide. In the IMS file, it is possible to conduct similarity searches as well as identity searches.

**Further supplementary investigations are:**

**Connotation Check:** Linguistic analysis as to pronounceability, connotations and associations for the countries of the European Union, conducted by local attorneys.

**Distinctiveness Check:** Analysis as to inherent registrability within the member countries of the European Union, conducted by local attorneys.

## Supplementary searches for all industries

All industries	Standard per trademark	Urgent per trademark
	7 working days	3 working days
<b>In-Use Knock Out (Europe 1, per country)</b>		260.00
<b>In-Use Search (Europe 1, per country)</b>	500.00	650.00
<b>In-Use Search (Europe 2, per country)</b>	600.00	780.00
<b>CTM In-Use Check</b>	900.00	1,170.00
<b>Connotation Check (27 countries)</b>	2,300.00	2,990.00
<b>Distinctiveness Check (27 countries)</b>	2,500.00	3,250.00
<b>Conn. + Distinctiven. Check (27 countries)</b>	4,300.00	5,590.00

### Notes

When combined with search packages a discount of 20 percent will apply to these specials. Prices for other countries will be given on request. Please contact us for any packages or countries not mentioned here.

#### Europe 1

Austria, Benelux, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

#### Europe 2

Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russian Fed., Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine

#### 27 Countries

Austria, Benelux, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

## Supplementary searches for the pharmaceutical industry

Pharma In-Use, Similarity Search	Standard per trademark	Urgent per trademark
	5 working days	3 working days
Single country	140.00	182.00
Each add. country	35.00	45.00
EU, except CY, MT	300.00	390.00
NAFTA – package price	150.00	195.00
Worldwide – package price	550.00	715.00

Pharma In-Use, Identical Search	Standard per trademark	Urgent per trademark
	5 working days	3 working days
Single country	60.00	78.00
Worldwide – package price	150.00	195.00

### Notes

The price for Pharma In-Use contains 10 excerpts with complete information. Each further excerpt is Euro 3.00. If you need any packages not mentioned here, please do not hesitate to contact us.

#### NAFTA

Canada, Mexico, USA

#### Worldwide

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Central America (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama), Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, French Guinea, Germany,

Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela

## 1.7 COMPANY NAMES

We search for identical and near-identical company names which may collide with your company name or trademark. The searches are conducted in official commercial registers where they exist and are searchable. Moreover, we search in different other databases, directories, and further in non-official registers. Due to different sources used, content and presentation of the results may vary from country to country.

**Processing time** for single Western and Eastern European countries as well as North America is 3 to 5 working days, while express orders take 1 or 2 days. Standard processing times for Central and South America as well as for Africa, Middle East and Australasia are 8 to 10 working days. Processing times of search packages may differ. Please ask for more detailed information.

### Notes

Supplementary information on companies in the relevant countries can be provided on request.

In some countries, due to the local jurisdictions and laws, we recommend to also search the official family name register against a surcharge. Please ask for more information.

Since registered trademarks can collide with a new company name as well, we recommend a complementary trademark search. Please also note our extended trademark searches containing word mark search, company name search and domain search (see chapter “Searching – Word Marks”).

Western Europe	Company Name Search	
	Standard	Express
Austria	150.00	195.00
Belgium	150.00	195.00
Cyprus	150.00	195.00
Denmark	150.00	195.00
Finland	150.00	195.00
France	150.00	195.00
Germany	150.00	195.00
Greece	150.00	195.00
Iceland	150.00	195.00
Ireland	150.00	195.00
Italy	150.00	195.00
Liechtenstein	150.00	195.00
Luxembourg	150.00	195.00
Malta	150.00	195.00
Netherlands	150.00	195.00
Norway	150.00	195.00
Portugal	150.00	195.00
Spain	150.00	195.00
Sweden	150.00	195.00
Switzerland	150.00	195.00
United Kingdom <sup>1)</sup>	150.00	195.00

1) Including Jersey and Northern Ireland

Eastern Europe	Company Name Search	
	Standard	Express
Albania	150.00	#
Armenia	440.00	#
Belarus	440.00	#
Bosnia and Herzegovina	150.00	195.00
Bulgaria	250.00	#
Croatia	150.00	195.00
Czech Republic	150.00	195.00
Estonia	150.00	195.00
Hungary	150.00	195.00
Latvia	150.00	195.00
Lithuania	150.00	195.00
Macedonia	250.00	#
Moldova	440.00	#
Montenegro	150.00	195.00
Poland	150.00	195.00
Romania	150.00	195.00
Russian Federation	290.00	#
Serbia	150.00	195.00
Slovak Republic	150.00	195.00
Slovenia	150.00	195.00
Turkey	250.00	#
Turkmenistan	440.00	#
Ukraine	440.00	#
Uzbekistan	540.00	#

North America	Company Name Search
	Standard
Canada	290.00
USA	320.00

Central and South America, Caribbean	Company Name Search
	Standard
Argentina <sup>2)</sup>	700.00
Bolivia	540.00
Brazil <sup>3)</sup>	300.00
Chile	540.00
Colombia	540.00
Costa Rica	390.00
Dominican Republic	590.00
Ecuador	540.00
El Salvador	390.00
Guatemala	390.00
Honduras	540.00
Jamaica	340.00
Mexico	450.00
Nicaragua	540.00
Panama	540.00
Paraguay	540.00
Peru	540.00
Uruguay	590.00
Venezuela	590.00

2) Only for the city and federal State of Buenos Aires

3) Only for the federal states São Paulo, Minas Gerais, Rio Grande do Sul and Rio de Janeiro

Middle East	Company Name Search
	Standard
Bahrain	340.00
Gaza	490.00
Israel	490.00
Jordan	290.00
Lebanon	390.00
Saudi Arabia	540.00
West Bank	340.00

Australasia	Company Name Search
	Standard
Australia	340.00
Hong Kong	340.00
India	340.00
Indonesia	340.00
Japan	520.00
Malaysia	340.00
New Zealand	340.00
North Korea	690.00
Pakistan	340.00
Philippines	340.00
Singapore	340.00
South Korea <sup>4)</sup>	390.00
Thailand	390.00

4) Seoul only

Africa	Company Name Search
	Standard
Algeria	390.00
Morocco	340.00
South Africa	340.00
Tunisia	390.00

Search Packages	Processing Time	Fee
EU 27 (27 countries)	8–10 working days	2,900.00
Western Europe (17 countries)	8–10 working days	2,040.00
German-speaking Countries	3–5 working days	360.00
Eastern Europe	8–10 working days	1,400.00
North America	3–5 working days	550.00
NAFTA	8–10 working days	950.00
Central America	8–10 working days	2,910.00
South America	8–10 working days	4,880.00
Asia (without China, Taiwan, Vietnam)	8–10 working days	3,000.00

**EU 27 (27 countries)**

Austria, Benelux, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom (with Jersey)

**Western Europe (17 countries)**

Austria, Benelux, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom (with Jersey)

**German-speaking Countries**

Austria, Germany, Switzerland

**Eastern Europe**

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic

**North America**

Canada, USA

**NAFTA**

Canada, Mexico, USA

**Central America**

Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama

**South America**

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

**Asia (without China, Taiwan, Vietnam)**

Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapur, South Korea (Seoul only), Thailand

## 1.8 DOMAINS

Due to the rapidly increasing importance of the internet, a domain name is nowadays almost as important as a protected company name or a registered trademark. Many enterprises include references to their internet sites in their advertisements. Therefore, you should also make use of our domain name searches to avoid unpleasant surprises!

### Identical Domain Name Search

We look for domains identical to the search term for the countries of interest. This applies to all Top- and further relevant Second-Level Domains of the selected countries (ccTLDs and SLDs) and all international Top-Level-Domains (gTLDs .org, .net, .com, .eu etc). The search report is provided via e-mail, including links to who-is information and to the cited domains. Upon request, we also search for identical Cyrillic, Chinese and other Non-Latin domains at no additional costs.

**Processing time:** 3 working days

### Domain Constituent Search (Prefix/Suffix/Infix)

The domain search lists existing domains with the search term as constituent at the beginning, at the end or in the middle of the domain. It applies to all Top- and further relevant Second Level Domains of the selected countries (ccTLDs and SLDs) and all international Top-Level Domains (gTLDs .org, .net, .com, .eu etc.). The search report is provided via e-mail, including links to who-is information and to the cited domains. The search term should consist of a minimum of five characters. Please contact us for an individual offer in case of shorter terms. **Processing time:** 5 working days

### Similar Domain Name Search

This search will find closely similar domain names, such as mistyped or similarly spelled names or phonetically similar names. It applies to all Top- and further relevant Second-Level Domains of the selected countries (ccTLDs and SLDs) and all international Top-Level Domains (gTLDs .org, .net, .com, .eu etc.). The search report is provided via e-mail, including links to who-is information and to the cited domains. The search term should consist of a minimum of five characters. Please contact us for an individual offer in case of shorter terms. **Processing time:** 5 working days

## Notes

The reports contain links to the domains found. In this way you can easily access who-is information. If you prefer who-is information to be provided as a list, a surcharge of 50 percent will apply for a maximum of 50 who-is.

Reports are usually provided via e-mail. For printed reports, a surcharge for Euro 18.00 per order will apply. Processing time is 24 hours for Identical Domain Name Search: 50 percent surcharge. Processing time 2 days for Domain Constituent Search: 50 percent surcharge.

Identical Domain Name Search	Fee
Europe, America, Asia, etc.	36.00 each
Worldwide	156.00

Domain Constituent Search (Prefix/Suffix/Infix)	Fee
Europe	72.00
America, Africa	96.00 each
Asia, Australia	108.00 each
Worldwide	468.00

Similar Domain Name Search	Fee
Europe	288.00
America, Africa	384.00 each
Asia, Australia	432.00 each
Worldwide	1,920.00

## 1.9 INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

The **Search by Owner** provides all designs of a respective owner in the countries ordered. The **processing time** for this service is 3 working days per name for CTM designs, International Designs and designs in Germany and 7 to 12 working days for all other countries.

The **Design Search** provides – in the countries ordered – all designs which are identical or similar to the transmitted sample (picture). **Processing times** are 8 working days for CTM designs and international Designs as well as for designs in Germany and 10 to 20 working days for all other countries.

Do not hesitate to contact us for more details.

### Note

The column “w/Search” shows the price per excerpt which will be added to the search fee for each design identified by the search. The searches for German, Community and International Designs include 10 design excerpts per database. The column “Separate” indicates the price per excerpt when ordered separately.

Only identical designs are searchable in the Benelux countries. In Italy, design searches are possible only for classes and titles.

German designs can be searched from July 1st, 1998 (application date) and International Designs from July 1st, 1979 (application date). Please note our cost saving Design Search Packages.

Community Designs/International Designs	Search by Owner	Design Search	Design Excerpt	
	per Name	per Subclass	w/Search	Separate
<b>Community Designs</b>	150.00	380.00 <sup>1)</sup>	5.00	30.00
<b>Community Designs, small classes<sup>2)</sup></b>	–	270.00	5.00	30.00
<b>International Designs</b>	150.00	380.00 <sup>1)</sup>	5.00	30.00
<b>International Designs, small classes<sup>2)</sup></b>	–	270.00	5.00	30.00

1) For further subclasses we charge Euro 350.00 each

2) Locarno Classes 01, 04, 15–18, 22, 24, 27–31

Western Europe	Search by Owner	Design Search	Design Excerpt	
	per Name	per Subclass	w/Search	Separate
Austria	200.00	825.00	8.00	40.00
Benelux Countries <sup>3)</sup>	350.00	500.00	8.00	40.00
Cyprus	350.00	550.00	8.00	250.00
Denmark	450.00	550.00	8.00	40.00
Finland	200.00	390.00	8.00	40.00
France 25 years	350.00	1,380.00	8.00	50.00
France 50 years	350.00	2,300.00	8.00	50.00
Germany	150.00	380.00 <sup>4)</sup>	5.00	30.00
Germany, small classes <sup>5)</sup>	–	270.00	5.00	30.00
Greece	300.00	450.00	8.00	80.00
Iceland	180.00	350.00	8.00	40.00
Ireland	550.00	550.00	8.00	180.00
Italy <sup>6)</sup>	350.00	750.00	60.00	100.00
Malta	450.00	650.00	8.00	80.00
Norway	300.00	450.00	8.00	60.00
Portugal (Designs)	300.00	550.00	8.00	150.00
Portugal (Models)	300.00	550.00	8.00	150.00
Spain	300.00	850.00	10.00	60.00
Sweden	250.00	450.00	8.00	60.00
Switzerland (Since 1987)	250.00	6,500.00	5.00	60.00
United Kingdom	250.00	600.00	8.00	40.00

3) Only identical designs

4) Further subclasses: Euro 350.00

5) Locarno Classes 01, 04, 15–18, 22, 24, 27–31

6) Design search possible only for classes and titles

Eastern Europe	Search by Owner	Design Search	Design Excerpt	
	per Name	per Subclass	w/Search	Separate
Albania	450.00	550.00	8.00	100.00
Armenia	700.00	800.00	8.00	80.00
Azerbaijan	700.00	800.00	8.00	80.00
Belarus	700.00	800.00	8.00	80.00
Bosnia and Herzegovina	450.00	600.00	8.00	100.00
Bulgaria	450.00	600.00	8.00	80.00
Croatia	450.00	600.00	8.00	80.00
Czech Republic	450.00	600.00	8.00	100.00
Estonia	250.00	350.00	10.00	80.00
Georgia	700.00	800.00	8.00	80.00
Hungary	550.00	650.00	8.00	80.00
Kazakhstan	700.00	800.00	8.00	80.00
Kyrgyzstan	700.00	800.00	8.00	80.00
Latvia	650.00	750.00	8.00	80.00
Lithuania	350.00	550.00	8.00	80.00
Macedonia	450.00	600.00	8.00	80.00
Moldova	700.00	800.00	8.00	80.00
Montenegro	550.00	650.00	8.00	100.00
Poland	750.00	850.00	8.00	80.00
Romania	850.00	950.00	8.00	80.00
Russian Federation	550.00	650.00	8.00	100.00
Montenegro	550.00	650.00	8.00	100.00
Serbia	550.00	650.00	8.00	100.00
Slovenia	450.00	550.00	8.00	80.00
Tajikistan	700.00	800.00	8.00	80.00
Turkey	300.00	650.00	10.00	150.00
Turkmenistan	700.00	800.00	8.00	80.00
Ukraine	700.00	800.00	8.00	80.00
Uzbekistan	700.00	800.00	8.00	80.00

North America	Search by Owner	Design Search	Design Excerpt	
	per Name	per Subclass	w/Search	Separate
Canada	350.00	550.00	8.00	100.00
USA	200.00	680.00	8.00	30.00

Australasia	Search by Owner	Design Search	Design Excerpt	
	per Name	per Subclass	w/Search	Separate
Australia	250.00	550.00	5.00	30.00
China	450.00	750.00	8.00	#

Design Search Packages	Search by Owner	Design Search
	per Name	per Subclass
EU 27 (27 countries)	8,680.00	13,780.00
Protection Area Germany <sup>7)</sup>	350.00	950.00 <sup>8)</sup>
Protection Area Germany, small classes <sup>7), 9)</sup>	–	650.00

7) Standard processing time, search by owner 3 working days, design search 8 working days

8) For further subclasses we charge Euro 900.00

9) Locarno Classes 01, 04, 15–18, 22, 24, 27–31

#### EU 27 (27 countries)

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta,

Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenian Republic, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom (with Jersey), Community Designs, International Designs

#### Protection Area Germany

Germany, Community Designs, International Designs

## Note

Further packages on request. The charges for the design excerpts are the same as indicated for the individual countries.

## 1.10 PATENTS AND UTILITY MODELS

### A. Search for Applicants and Inventors

Search for the documents of an applicant and/or an inventor. **Processing time:** 3 working days.

### B. Search for Patent Families with Legal Status for each Family Member

To search for the members of a patent family, the patent or application number of one family member must be known. Following details will be provided for each family member: country, type of document, number, priority date, legal status (as far as available) and in case of a priority document additionally: applicant, inventor, title, IPC. **Turnaround time:** 3 working days.

### C. Search for Legal Status Information

You will learn whether an application has matured into a patent, whether a patent is still valid, whether an objection has been raised or whether a patent has changed its owner. **Processing time:** 3 working days.

### D. Search for Subject Areas according to the International Patent Classification (IPC)

You state the IPC Class with group and subgroup and will then receive a compilation of the documents concerning this subject area. **Processing time:** 5 working days.

### E. Search for Objects

You supply us with the description of the object or the method you are looking for (if possible with a draft and a combination of search terms) and will then receive all relevant documents. As time and effort vary considerably from case to case, please get in touch with us for a customized offer.

Patent and Utility Model Searches	Fee
<b>Search for Applicant/Inventor</b>	
One Applicant/Inventor name	250.00
<b>Search for Objects</b>	
One Object/Procedure	#
<b>Family Search with Legal Status for each Member</b>	
One patent or application number	150.00
Each additional patent or application number	100.00
<b>Search for Legal Status</b>	
One patent or application number	80.00
Each additional patent or application number	60.00

### Supply of Patent Documents

Copies of Patent Documents	Fee
<b>DE, EP from 1978, US from 1991, PCT from 1990</b>	14.00
<b>Price per page</b>	0.30

If documents are supplied in combination with a search, the basic charge will be waived.

**Delivery time** is normally 2 working days. Additional documents on request.

**WATCHING**



## 2 WATCHING

### 2.1 TRADEMARKS

Unfair competition and trademark piracy are well-aimed to block you from market entry, or at least to complicate it. Therefore, have your international trademark rights watched by our experts in order to protect yourself from unpleasant surprises and to defend the value of your trademarks worldwide. We offer worldwide watching services regarding word marks as well as device marks. You will be informed of identical and similar trademark publications.

Watching is performed in our own databases and by partner companies. We provide various watching products covering almost every country in the world. Prices for countries not mentioned are given on request.

**Standard trademark watching** comprises watching for identical and similar word or device marks in the relevant files. We always undertake a sound pre-selection of trademarks to be reported. For the reported trademarks, complete information is provided electronically. The price for excerpts of German Trademarks, International Registrations (IR) and Community Trademarks (CTM) is Euro 18.00 per year for every trademark. Trademark excerpts of any other country are free.

#### Note

On request, we also monitor identical Cyrillic, Chinese and other Non-Latin domains at no additional costs.

Standard Trademark Watching	Annual Fee	
	Up to 3 Classes	Each Add. Class
Worldwide	274.00	81.00
Europe	229.00	65.00
EU 27 (27 countries)	200.00	65.00
Single Country	60.00	20.00

Prices valid for one word or device mark

**Worldwide**

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, ARIPO, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benelux, Bermuda, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bonaire, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde Islands, Cayman Islands, Chile, Colombia, Community Trademark, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Curacao, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Falkland Islands, Fiji Islands, Finland, France, Gambia, Gaza, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Gibraltar, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guernsey, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, International register, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jersey, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia,

Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Macao, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Montserrat, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, OAPI, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saba, Samoa, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tangier, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Turkmenistan, Turks and Caicos Islands, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States

of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, West Bank, WHO, Yemen, Zambia, Zanzibar, Zimbabwe

**Europe**

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benelux, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Macedonia, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan

**EU 27 (27 countries)**

Austria, Benelux, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

## 2.2 COMPETITORS

Competitor watching covers all newly published trademark registrations of one certain company in individual countries of your choice. Watching notes are sent monthly.

Competitor Watching	Prices per Trademark Owner	
	Annual Fee	Fee per Trademark to be Reported
Germany or CTM or IR	84.00	3.00
Germany and CTMs and IRs	188.00	3.00
Worldwide (including 50 copies)	690.00	4.00

## 2.3 COMPANY NAMES

Company name watching detects new officially registered company names identical to your search term. In case there is no official register in the respective country, we also search non-official registers. The searches are conducted in our own databases or those of our partners, in business directories, commercial CD-ROMs, official and non-official registers. For this reason, the content and presentation of information on company names may vary from country to country.

Initially, a company name search in the respective countries is conducted in order to give an overview of already existing companies. Then you will receive quarterly watch notes on newly registered companies via e-mail. Several variations on the search term are used to find identical and closely similar company names.

### Note

Prices for countries not mentioned are given on request.

Company Name Watching	Annual Fee per Company
EU 27 (27 countries)	5,444.00
EU 15 (15 EU countries of your choice, except Bulgaria)	2,720.00
EU 5 (5 EU countries of your choice, except Bulgaria)	950.00
German-speaking Countries	640.00
EU country except Bulgaria and Germany	215.00
Australia	215.00
Belarus	1,150.00
Bulgaria	500.00
Canada	600.00
Croatia	215.00
Germany	26.00
India	215.00
Liechtenstein	215.00
Norway	215.00
Mexico	215.00
Russian Federation	780.00
Singapore	215.00

Company Name Watching	Annual Fee per Company
South Africa	215.00
Turkey	700.00
Ukraine	980.00
USA	540.00

## 2.4 DOMAINS

The flood of new domain name registrations is not ceasing. Your company or product name may be abusively registered in over 240 countries worldwide. The information, goods and services offered under your name by third parties may cause economic damage and loss of prestige for your enterprise!

### Identical Domain Name Watching

We look for domains identical to the search term for the countries of interest. This applies to all Top- and further relevant Second-Level Domains of the selected countries (ccTLDs and SLDs) and all international Top-Level-Domains (gTLDs .org, .net, .com, .eu etc). The watch report is provided via e-mail, including links to who-is information and to the cited domains. Upon request, we also watch identical Cyrillic, Chinese and other Non-Latin domains at no additional costs.

### Domain Constituent Watching (Prefix/Suffix/Infix)

This service detects domains containing your search term. It applies to all Top- and further relevant Second Level Domains of the selected countries (ccTLDs and SLDs) and all international Top-Level Domains (gTLDs .org, .net, .com, .eu etc.). The search report is provided via e-mail, including links to who-is information and to the cited domains. The search term should consist of a minimum of five characters. In the case of shorter names, please contact us for an individual offer.

### Similar Domain Name Watching

This service detects closely similar domain names, such as mistyped or similarly spelled names or phonetically similar names. It applies to all Top- and further relevant Second-Level Domains of the selected countries (ccTLDs and SLDs) and all international Top-Level Domains (gTLDs .org, .net, .com, .eu etc.). The search report is provided via e-mail, including links to who-is information and to the cited domains. The search term should consist of a minimum of five characters. In the case of shorter names, please contact us for an individual offer.

### Web Guard

This service detects websites that contain a certain trademark or company name, even in relation to certain goods or services. The report is provided via e-Mail. As this service is customized to your individual requirements, prices are provided on request.

Identical Domain Name Watching	Annual Fee
Europe, America, Asia, etc.	36.00 each
Worldwide	156.00

Domain Constituent Watching	Annual Fee
Europe	72.00
America, Africa	96.00 each
Asia, Australia	108.00 each
Worldwide	468.00

Similar Domain Name Watching	Annual Fee
Europe	288.00
America, Africa	384.00 each
Asia, Australia	432.00 each
Worldwide	1,920.00

### Note

The reports contain links to the domains found. So you can easily access who-is information. If you prefer who-is information to be provided as a list, a surcharge of 50 percent will apply for a maximum amount of 50.

Reports are usually provided via e-mail. For printed reports, a surcharge for Euro 18.00 per year will apply.

## 2.5 PATENTS AND UTILITY MODELS

We conduct watching in the data files of German patent publications, German utility model publications, European patent applications and granted patents, as well as PCT applications. In addition we are able to watch US patents and Japanese unexamined patent applications.

All watching is conducted after receipt of new publications (normally once a week). It is possible to watch all new files of an applicant/inventor or of an IPC Class profile. We will assist you in making up class profiles from patent classes relevant to you. You will obtain the front page of the documents found as notifications once, twice a week or monthly.

Type	Fee
<b>Watching of applicant/inventor or IPC Class profile</b>	
Watching of DE, EP and PCT documents per year	600.00
Additional US documents per year	360.00
Additional Japanese unexamined applications per year	360.00
Document charge per front page announced	0.60
<b>Legal Status Monitoring</b>	
Setup	100.00
Monitoring a patent per year	90.00

Type	Fee
<b>Copies of patent documents</b>	
DE, EP from 1978, US from 1991, PCT from 1990 (basic price)	14.00
Price per page	0.30

If documents are supplied in combination with watching, the basic charge will be waived. Delivery time for patent documents is normally of 2 working days. Additional documents on request.

## 2.6 INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

You will receive our prices for watching industrial designs upon request.

**GENERAL  
INFORMATION**



## 3.1 INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES

under the Nice Agreement Ninth Edition

### 3.1.1 Goods

1. Chemicals used in industry, science and photography, as well as in agriculture, horticulture and forestry; unprocessed artificial resins, unprocessed plastics; manures; fire extinguishing compositions; tempering and soldering preparations; chemical substances for preserving foodstuffs; tanning substances; adhesives used in industry
2. Paints, varnishes, lacquers; preservatives against rust and against deterioration of wood; colorants; mordants; raw natural resins; metals in foil and powder form for painters, decorators, printers and artists
3. Bleaching preparations and other substances for laundry use; cleaning, polishing, scouring and abrasive preparations; soaps; perfumery, essential oils, cosmetics, hair lotions; dentifrices
4. Industrial oils and greases; lubricants; dust absorbing, wetting and binding compositions; fuels (including motor spirit) and illuminants; candles and wicks for lighting
5. Pharmaceutical and veterinary preparations; sanitary preparations for medical purposes; dietetic substances adapted for medical use, food for babies; plasters, materials for dressings; material for stopping teeth, dental wax; disinfectants; preparations for destroying vermin; fungicides, herbicides
6. Common metals and their alloys; metal building materials; transportable buildings of metal; materials of metal for railway tracks; non-electric cables and wires of common metal; ironmongery, small items of metal hardware; pipes and tubes of metal; safes; goods of common metal not included in other classes; ores
7. Machines and machine tools; motors and engines (except for land vehicles); machine coupling and transmission components (except for land vehicles); agricultural implements other than hand-operated; incubators for eggs.
8. Hand tools and implements (hand-operated); cutlery; side arms; razors
9. Scientific, nautical, surveying, photographic, cinematographic, optical, weighing, measuring, signalling, checking (supervision), life-saving and teaching apparatus and instruments; apparatus and instruments for conducting, switching, transforming, accumulating, regulating or controlling electricity; apparatus for recording, transmission or reproduction of sound or images; magnetic data carriers, recording discs; automatic vending machines and mechanisms for coin-operated apparatus; cash registers, calculating machines, data processing equipment and computers; fire-extinguishing apparatus
10. Surgical, medical, dental and veterinary apparatus and instruments, artificial limbs, eyes and teeth; orthopedic articles; suture materials
11. Apparatus for lighting, heating, steam generating, cooking, refrigerating, drying, ventilating, water supply and sanitary purposes

12. Vehicles; apparatus for locomotion by land, air or water
13. Firearms; ammunition and projectiles; explosives; fireworks
14. Precious metals and their alloys and goods in precious metals or coated therewith (not included in other classes); jewellery, precious stones; horological and chronometric instruments
15. Musical instruments
16. Paper, cardboard and goods made from these materials, not included in other classes; printed matter; bookbinding material; photographs; stationery; adhesives for stationery or household purposes; artists' materials; paint brushes; typewriters and office requisites (except furniture); instructional and teaching material (except apparatus); plastic materials for packaging (not included in other classes); printers' type; printing blocks
17. Rubber, gutta-percha, gum, asbestos, mica and goods made from these materials and not included in other classes; plastics in extruded form for use in manufacture; packing, stopping and insulating materials; flexible pipes, not of metal
18. Leather and imitations of leather, and goods made of these materials and not included in other classes; animal skins, hides; trunks and travelling bags; umbrellas, parasols and walking sticks; whips, harness and saddlery
19. Building materials (non-metallic); non-metallic rigid pipes for building; asphalt, pitch and bitumen; non-metallic transportable buildings; monuments, not of metal
20. Furniture, mirrors, picture frames; goods (not included in other classes) of wood, cork, reed, cane, wicker, horn, bone, ivory, whalebone, shell, amber, mother-of-pearl, meerschaum and substitutes for all these materials, or of plastics.
21. Household or kitchen utensils and containers; combs and sponges; brushes (except paint brushes); brush-making materials; articles for cleaning purposes; steelwool; unworked or semi-worked glass (except glass used in building); glassware, porcelain and earthenware not included in other classes
22. Ropes, string, nets, tents, awnings, tarpaulins, sails, sacks and bags (not included in other classes); padding and stuffing materials (except of rubber or plastics); raw fibrous textile materials
23. Yarns and threads, for textile use
24. Textiles and textile goods, not included in other classes; bed and table covers
25. Clothing, footwear, headgear
26. Lace and embroidery, ribbons and braid; buttons, hooks and eyes, pins and needles; artificial flowers
27. Carpets, rugs, mats and matting, linoleum and other materials for covering existing floors; wall hangings (non-textile)
28. Games and playthings; gymnastic and sporting articles not included in other classes; decorations for Christmas trees
29. Meat, fish, poultry and game; meat extracts; preserved, frozen, dried and cooked fruits and vegetables; jellies, jams, compotes; eggs, milk and milk products; edible oils and fats
30. Coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar, rice, tapioca, sago, artificial coffee; flour and preparations made from cereals, bread, pastry and confectionery, ices; honey, treacle; yeast, baking-powder; salt, mustard; vinegar, sauces (condiments); spices; ice

31. Agricultural, horticultural and forestry products and grains not included in other classes; live animals; fresh fruits and vegetables; seeds, natural plants and flowers; foodstuffs for animals, malt
32. Beers; mineral and aerated waters and other non-alcoholic drinks; fruit drinks and fruit juices; syrups and other preparations for making beverages
33. Alcoholic beverages (except beers)
34. Tobacco; smokers' articles; matches

### 3.1.2 Services

35. Advertising; business management; business administration; office functions
36. Insurance; financial affairs; monetary affairs; real estate affairs
37. Building construction; repair; installation services
38. Telecommunications
39. Transport; packaging and storage of goods; travel arrangement
40. Treatment of materials
41. Education; providing of training; entertainment; sporting and cultural activities
42. Scientific and technological services and research and design relating thereto; industrial analysis and research services; design and development of computer hardware and software
43. Services for providing food and drink; temporary accommodation
44. Medical services; veterinary services; hygienic and beauty care for human beings or animals; agriculture, horticulture and forestry services
45. Legal services; security services for the protection of property and individuals; personal and social services rendered by others to meet the need of individuals

## 3.2 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. General scope of application

These General Business Terms and Conditions are valid for all services rendered by Schutz Marken Dienst GmbH and SMD Benelux B.V. (hereinafter: SMD). Conflicting general business terms and conditions of and interpretations by the client can only take effect by written agreement.

### 2. Placing an order

Orders may be placed orally, in writing by fax or e-mail, or by order forms completed through the SMD shop [www.smd-shop.com](http://www.smd-shop.com). Any transmission errors or discrepancies shall be for the client's account. Orders are valid only if confirmed by SMD or performed. Orders placed by completing online order forms have to be confirmed manually by SMD and are not considered confirmed on the basis of automatically generated e-mails sent to the client. Such orders may be cancelled by the client within one hour from the placing the order, after which time SMD reserves the right to proceed with the order at the client's cost as specified in the automatically generated email.

### 3. Contracting parties

SMD contracts exclusively and directly with the client even if the order was submitted under a third party's name. The duty of the client to settle the invoiced amount will not be affected by the fact that the invoice is made out to a third party.

### 4. Turnaround time

Turnaround time for each service is determined by the latest price list or the confirmation of the order. In the event of force majeure, labour dispute, or any disruption of business activity for which SMD is not responsible, the turnaround time can be extended. National public holidays or changed business hours of Patent and Trademark Offices may result in extended turnaround times. In such instances SMD will inform the client promptly.

In the event of a delay in carrying out the services, the liability of SMD will be limited to the difference in price between the chosen and actual turnaround time. Otherwise, SMD accepts no liability whatsoever.

### 5. Services and Prices

SMD reserves the right to amend, extend, limit or terminate all its services or parts thereof, or to assign all parts or any part of the duties and rights contained in these conditions to one or several parties, or to transfer them to third parties in any other manner. Prices and turnaround times listed, whether in print or by electronic means, may be changed by SMD at any time. In such instances, the latest prices and turnaround times shall apply. Unless expressly provided for otherwise, all prices are quoted in Euro excluding value added tax and transfer costs (e.g. postage).

## 6. Payment

Invoices are issued on completion of an order and sent by ordinary mail or by e-mail as PDF documents. Invoices are payable within 14 days of issue, unless provided for otherwise. Invoices for clients abroad either include a nominal fee for bank transfer cost or are net and have to be settled free of all deductions. SMD reserves the right to suspend all services requested by the client in the event of payment delays.

## 7. Description of services

**7.1** As a research institution, SMD conducts searches solely according to the specification of its clients, which assume responsibility for the evaluation of SMD's search reports and the information contained therein. SMD does not warrant in any way that the services offered and the information supplied are suitable for the specified purposes intended by the client.

**7.2** SMD further does not guarantee the completeness and accuracy of third party databases used, which include databases of various Patent, Trade Mark and Copyright Offices, their publications, or various other sources of third parties, over which SMD has no control.

**7.3** SMD does not assume any responsibility for any damages arising from the further processing of the information supplied to the client.

## 8. Liability

**8.1** SMD assumes liability for intent, gross negligence, and for guarantees provided. In the event of minor negligence SMD only assumes liability for damage caused by material breach of duty which may result in the contract not being fulfilled, or for breach of duty, the performance of which can be remedied.

**8.2** The limitation of liability according to par. 8.1 also extends to claims for damages arising due to fault on the conclusion of a contract and can therefore be accompanied by the renunciation of claims already arisen.

**8.3** The limitation of liability according to par. 8.1 also extends to damages caused by a legal representative or agent of SMD.

**8.4** The liability for minor damage is further limited to damage foreseeable in contract. This is also the case in the event of gross negligence of an agent (thus not a legal representative or senior employee) of the contractor.

**8.5** In cases foreseen in par. 8.4 SMD's liability shall be limited to damage to property in an amount which shall under no circumstances exceed an amount of more than five times the net price of any one transaction.

**8.6** In cases foreseen in par 8.4 SMD shall not be liable for consequential damages, such as, in particular, loss of profit or business disruption.

**8.7** Paras. 8.1–8.6 do not provide for a reversal of the burden of proof to the detriment of SMD.

**8.8.** Except in the event of liability according to the Product Liability Act (Produkthaftungsgesetz), loss of life, injury to body or mind, defects arising as a result of assumption of quality guarantees or in the event of maliciously concealed errors, the above limitations shall be valid for all damages claims irrespective of their legal justification.

**8.9** The above limitations of liability extend to employees and representatives of SMD.

## **9. Transfer of rights**

The client is not entitled, without the permission of SMD, to transfer any or all rights arising out of his agreement with SMD to third parties. Counterclaims can only be instituted and payments be retained in instances where claims against SMD are undisputed and the subject of final judicial decision.

## **10. Intellectual property**

All services are rendered only for the client's own use, alternatively for the use of the client's customer.

In the event that the client acts for a third party, it is entitled to transmit the data once and to this client only. Duplication, circulation, and reproduction for commercial purposes are prohibited. In particular, the client is bound not to use the information obtained from SMD in relation to services competing with those of SMD. In the event that the client is an intermediary, it is bound to impose these obligations on third parties. The client undertakes to indemnify SMD against any liability resulting from the client's failure to observe these obligations.

## **11. Data protection and confidentiality**

Pursuant to par. 33 I of the Federal Law for Data Protection (Bundesdatenschutzgesetz), SMD confirms that all client data will be stored electronically and processed within the limitations of the contractual terms entered into with the client. All enquiries, search orders and customer profiles are treated confidentially.

## **12. Termination of watching services**

Watching services for trademarks protected in Germany can be terminated at the end of each quarter upon 2 weeks notice. Termination of International watching services shall be notified at the latest by October 15th of any year. Termination shall be in writing. In the absence of written termination, the services will be automatically prolonged for another year.

## **13. Special Services**

These General Business Terms And Conditions incorporate individual Terms and Conditions applicable to special services of SMD, such as CEDELEX or smdNET.

Services rendered in cooperation with partners of SMD, in particular legal opinions of SMD's partners rendered through i-Search, shall be subject to the General Business Terms and Conditions of such partners.

**14. Place of performance and jurisdiction**

Place of performance for services rendered by Schutz Marken Dienst GmbH is Ahrensburg. The laws of Germany shall be the exclusive legal basis for the relationship with the client. The legal venue for all suits arising from this agreement between Schutz Marken Dienst GmbH and general merchants as well as persons who have changed their residence or usual place of abode out of the jurisdiction of the Code of Civil Procedure, shall be Hamburg.

The place of performance for services rendered by SMD Benelux B.V. is Amersfoort. The laws of The Netherlands shall be the exclusive legal basis for the relationship with the client. The legal venue for all suits arising from this agreement between SMD Benelux B.V. and general merchants as well as persons who have changed their residence or usual place of abode out of the jurisdiction of the Dutch Civil Code (Burgerlijk Wetboek) shall be Utrecht.

**15. Enforceability**

Each provision of these Terms and Conditions shall be separable from the other terms and conditions. Should any provision be found invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of these Terms and Conditions shall nonetheless remain binding and continue to apply.

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