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- **Validation State Laos (as from 1 April 2025)**
- **New types of automatic debiting (as from 1 April 2025)**
- **MyEPO Roadmap**
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As from 1 April 2025

Validation of European patents in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (LA) with effect from 1 April 2025 (OJ EPO 2025, A22); Validation of European patents in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (OJ EPO 2025, A23); Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 19 February 2025 fixing the amount of the fee for validating European patent applications and patents in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (OJ EPO 2025, A24)

The agreement entered into force on **1 April 2025**

- Validation can be requested for European patent applications and international applications filed as from that date
- Validation fee Laos: 180 EUR (fee code 425)
- Surcharge for late payment: 90 EUR (fee code 455)
- The same time limits as for “extension” apply to “validation”

As from 1 April 2025

Notice from the European Patent Office dated 12 February 2025 concerning improvements to the automatic debiting procedure (OJ EPO 2025, A18)

Before April 2025

- EP: all EP fees
- PCT: all PCT fees
- UP: all UP fees

As from April 2025

- EP: all EP fees
- **EPNIRF:** **EP excluding renewal fees**
- **EPIRF:** **EP renewal fees only**
- PCT: all PCT fees
- UP: all UP fees

Request before April 2025 via:

- PCT: CFP/ OLF 2.0 / OLF
- UP: CFP/ OLF 2.0 / OLF
- EP: CFP/ OLF 2.0 / OLF

Request as from April 2025 via:

- PCT: CFP/ OLF 2.0 / OLF
- UP: CFP/ OLF 2.0 / OLF
- EP: CFP/ OLF 2.0 / OLF
- EPNIRF: CFP/OLF2.0
- EPIRF: CFP

Revocations can be submitted via CFP only (no change)

Why add new types?

- Enable different persons to share the responsibility of automatically paying the renewal and procedural fees for a single application (user wish)
- To ensure convenience, accuracy, and timeliness in payments during the European Patent grant procedure
- Increase efficiency and flexibility for applicants in line with the Strategic Plan 2028

What happens to existing EP automatic debit orders after 01 April 2025?

- Existing EP automatic debit orders remain effective for all EP fees and must be actively revoked if a different automatic debit type should be requested
- No overlapping possible (e.g. existing automatic debit order EP, and EPIRF requested => EPIRF rejected by the system)

Manage automatic debit orders

- Overview of all applications covered by automatic debiting
- Revoke automatic debit orders

Request new automatic debit orders

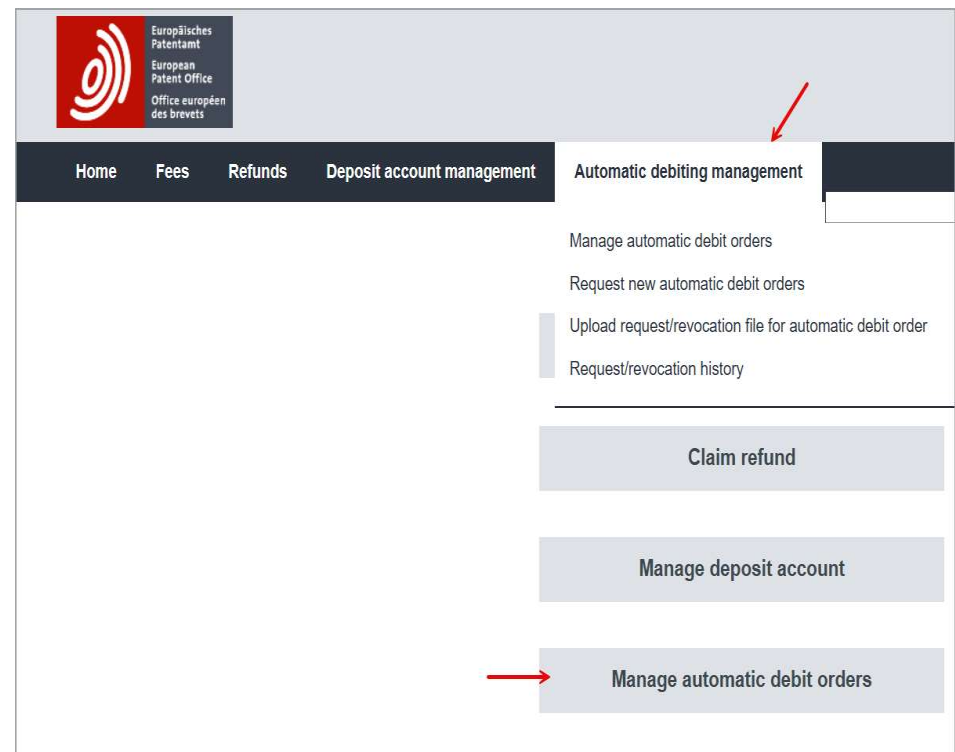
- Submit single requests

Upload request/revocation file

- Submit batch of requests/revocations

Request/revocation history

- Check the status of your submission



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Manage automatic debiting procedure:

The automatic debiting type is displayed and can be filtered

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Deposit account
28003289 Finance Test

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Applications and European patents with unitary effect in automatic debiting procedure

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Application No:
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Application No.	Automatic debiting procedure type	Reference	Revocation
167686815	EPNIRF: All EP fees excluding renewal fees	Test abbrev.	Revocation
17720141	EPIRF: EP renewal fees	Test abbrev.	Revocation
197863947	EP: All EP fees	test	Revocation

Application No.	Automatic debiting procedure type	Reference	Revocation
212070536	EPNIRF: All EP fees excluding renewal fees	test 9 all without l	Revocation
222099277	EPIRF: EP renewal fees	PDF confirm test	Revocation

Single automatic debit order request in CFP: Select automatic debiting procedure type

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Request automatic debit order

Select the automatic debiting procedure type:

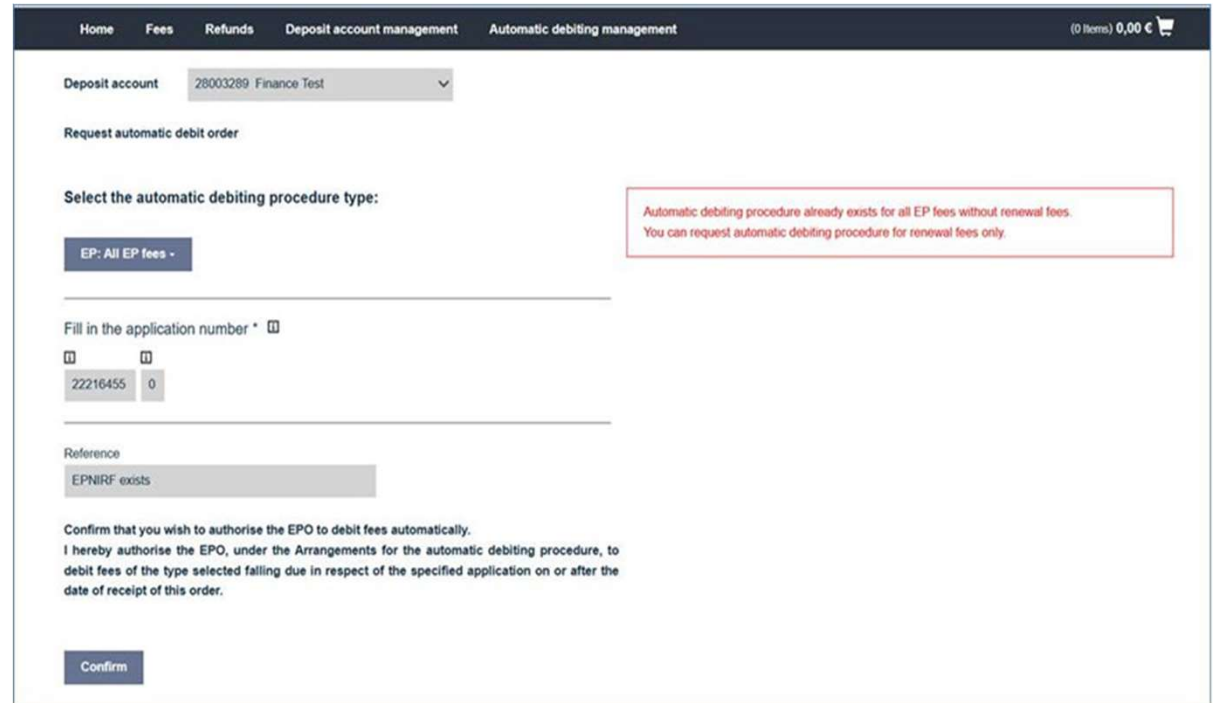
Procedures ▼

- EP: All EP fees
- EPIRF: EP renewal fees
- EPNIRF: All EP fees excluding renewal fees
- UP: All UP fees
- PCT: All PCT fees

Single automatic debit order request in CFP:


- Request validated online
- Invalid requests are blocked and the reason provided

Example: Request for an automatic debit order for all EP fees, but an automatic debit order excluding renewal fees is already in place



The screenshot shows the EPO's online interface for requesting an automatic debit order. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Fees, Refunds, Deposit account management, and Automatic debiting management. The user is logged in as '28003289 Finance Test' with a balance of '0,00 €'. The main section is titled 'Request automatic debit order'. It prompts the user to 'Select the automatic debiting procedure type:' and shows a dropdown menu with 'EP: All EP fees -'. A red-bordered box contains a warning: 'Automatic debiting procedure already exists for all EP fees without renewal fees. You can request automatic debiting procedure for renewal fees only.' Below this, the user is asked to 'Fill in the application number *' with input fields for '22216455' and '0'. A 'Reference' field shows 'EPNIRF exists'. A confirmation message states: 'Confirm that you wish to authorise the EPO to debit fees automatically. I hereby authorise the EPO, under the Arrangements for the automatic debiting procedure, to debit fees of the type selected falling due in respect of the specified application on or after the date of receipt of this order.' A 'Confirm' button is at the bottom.

Request / revocation confirmation is stored be found in history: The automatic debiting procedure type is displayed



Central Fee Payment - automatic debit order


Thank you for your automatic debit order submitted to the EPO on 21.02.2025 at 14:45 hrs (CET).

The automatic debit order will be effective as from 21.02.2025 .

Deposit Account:	28(
Deposit Account Holder:	Ma
Requested by:	
Automatic debiting procedure type:	EPNIRF: All EP fees excluding renewal fees
Application No.:	197581655
Your reference:	Test request EPNIRF
Effective from:	21.02.2025

It has been recorded in the Central Fee Payment service that, under the Arrangements for the automatic debiting procedure, fees of the type selected falling due in relation to the application(s) shown above are to be debited automatically from deposit account No.28(held with the European Patent Office.

The EPO will debit that deposit account in respect of all fees of the selected type for which automatic debiting is allowed as they arise in respect of the proceedings specified in the automatic debit order in question, and treat them as paid in time, provided they fall due on or after the date of receipt of the order and that the deposit account concerned contains sufficient funds.



Central Fee Payment - revocation of automatic debit order

Thank you for your instruction to revoke the automatic debit order submitted to the EPO on 21.02.2025 at 14:49 hrs (CET).

The revocation will be effective as from 21.02.2025 .

Deposit Account:	28003289
Deposit Account Holder:	Finance Test
Requested by:	
Automatic debiting procedure type:	EPIRF: EP renewal fees
Application No.:	207629973
Your reference:	Test request EPIRF
Effective from:	21.02.2025

Automatic debit request / revocation history

- New: users can also see rejected automatic debit requests submitted via OLF2.0
- It is highly recommended to check the history for accepted and rejected requests and revocations
- Error messages provide the reason for the rejection of failed requests

CSV PDF						
Submission date	Automatic debiting procedure type	Application No.	Type	Status	Download PDF	Reason for rejection
26.02.2025	EPIRF: EP renewal fees	167070143	Request	Success		
26.02.2025	EPIRF: EP renewal fees	177093697	Request	Success		
26.02.2025	EPNIRF: All EP fees excluding renewal fees	181724212	Request	Fail		Automatic debiting procedure already exists for all EP fees.
26.02.2025	EP: All EP fees	181973710	Request	Fail		Automatic debiting procedure already exists for renewal fees only. You can request automatic debiting procedure for all EP fees without renewal fees.
26.02.2025	EPIRF: EP renewal fees	187039973	Request	Success		
26.02.2025	EPNIRF: All EP fees excluding renewal fees	197581655	Request	Fail		Automatic debiting procedure already exists for all EP fees without renewal fees. You can request automatic debiting procedure for renewal fees only.
26.02.2025	EPNIRF: All EP fees excluding renewal fees	207059742	Request	Success		
26.02.2025	EPNIRF: All EP fees excluding renewal fees	207078076	Request	Success		
26.02.2025	EPIRF: EP renewal fees	241596808	Request	Fail		Automatic debiting procedure already exists for renewal fees only. You can request automatic debiting procedure for all EP fees without renewal fees.
26.02.2025	EP: All EP fees	241651918	Request	Fail		Automatic debiting procedure already exists for all EP fees without renewal fees. You can request automatic debiting procedure for renewal fees only.

Automatic debit request / revocation history

- Revocations can only fail if submitted via batch revocation
- Check if the correct automatic debit type was entered in the csv file

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Submission date	Automatic debiting procedure type	Application No.	Type	Status	Download PDF	Reason for rejection
27.02.2025	EPIRF: EP renewal fees	222142457	Revocation	Fail		This automatic debit order does not exist for this application. Please check.
27.02.2025	EPNIRF: All EP fees excluding renewal fees	251503249	Revocation	Fail		This automatic debit order does not exist for this application. Please check.
27.02.2025	EP: All EP fees	251503447	Revocation	Fail		This automatic debit order does not exist for this application. Please check.
27.02.2025	EPIRF: EP renewal fees	251503454	Revocation	Fail		This automatic debit order does not exist for this application. Please check.
27.02.2025	EPIRF: EP renewal fees	251503470	Revocation	Fail		This automatic debit order does not exist for this application. Please check.

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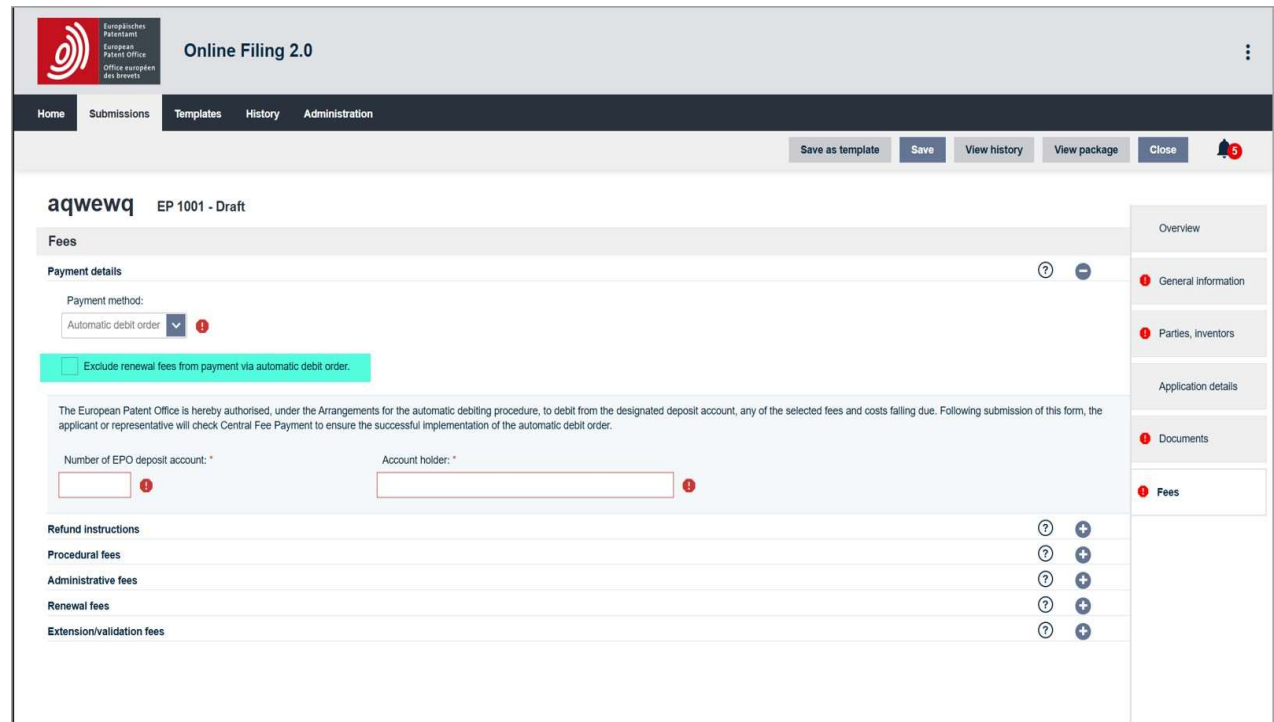
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- All applications with automatic debiting listed
- Revocation of automatic debit orders
- Submit single and batch requests/revocations
- Shows the status of your (automatic) debit orders
- All types of automatic debit orders covered
- Warning if there are active automatic debit orders covering the same type of fee

Use CFP to check status of automatic debit orders submitted in OLF 2.0!

Automatic debit request F1001

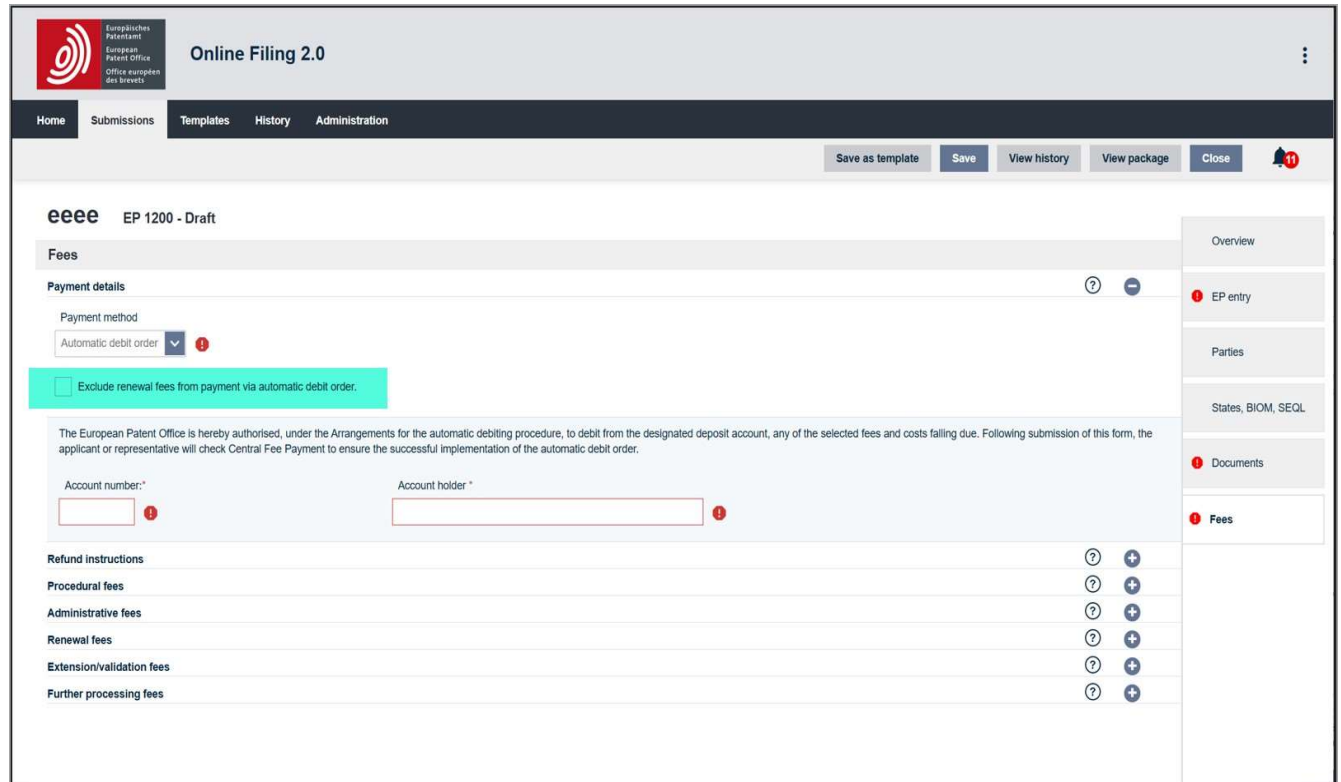
- New: Tick box “Exclude renewal fees from payment via automatic debit order”
- If the tick box is not used the automatic debit will cover all EP fees
- Amended text



The screenshot shows the EPO Online Filing 2.0 interface for the F1001 form. The header includes the EPO logo and the text "Online Filing 2.0". The navigation bar contains links for Home, Submissions, Templates, History, and Administration. The main content area is titled "aqwewq EP 1001 - Draft". It features a "Fees" section with a "Payment details" subsection. The "Payment method" is set to "Automatic debit order". A new tick box, "Exclude renewal fees from payment via automatic debit order", is highlighted in green. Below this, a text box explains the automatic debiting procedure. The form also includes fields for "Number of EPO deposit account" and "Account holder". A "Refund instructions" section lists various fees: Procedural fees, Administrative fees, Renewal fees, and Extension/validation fees. A right-hand sidebar provides an "Overview" of the form sections: General information, Parties, inventors, Application details, Documents, and Fees.

Automatic debit request F1200

- New: Tick box “Exclude renewal fees from payment via automatic debit order”
- If the tick box is not used, the automatic debiting will cover all fees
- Amended text



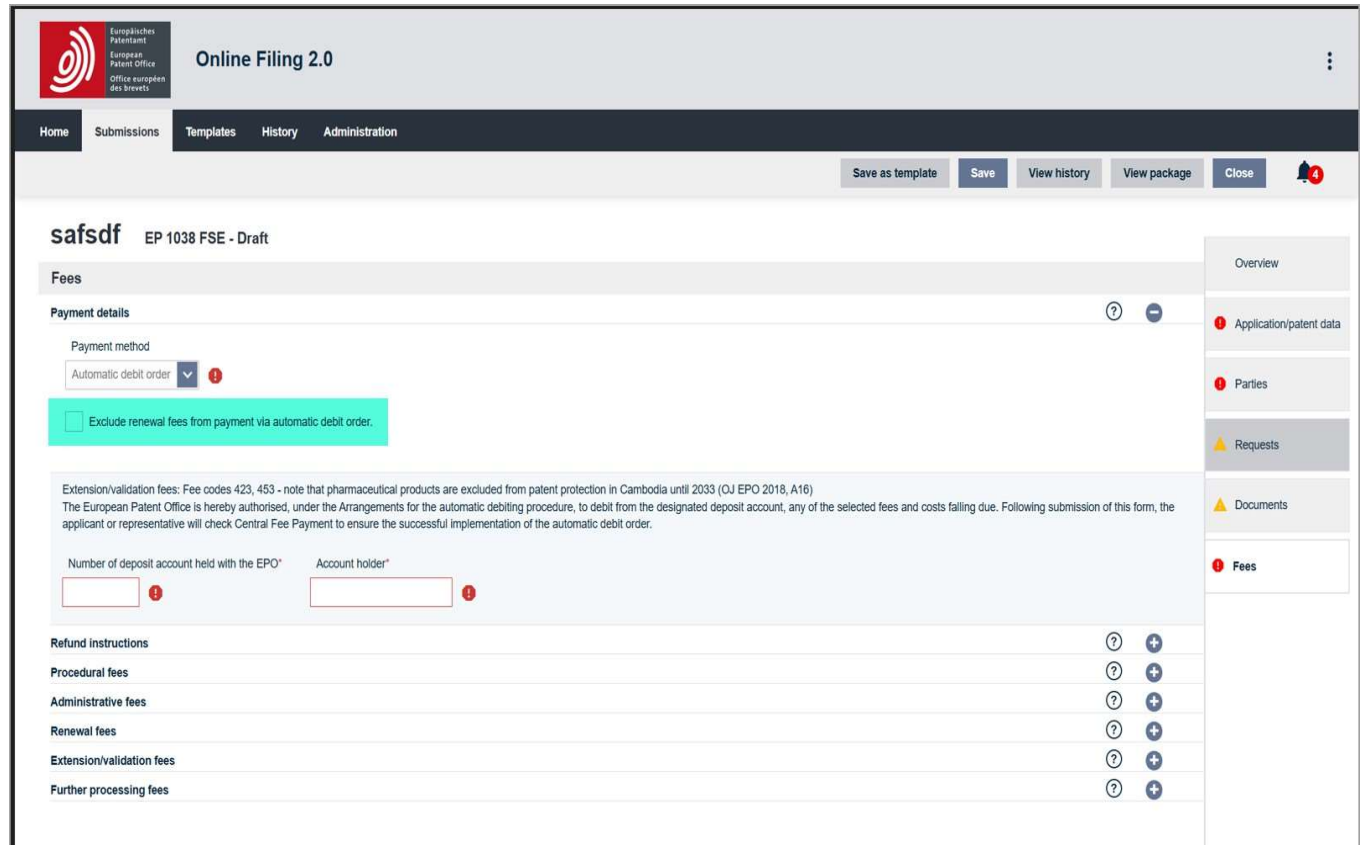
The screenshot shows the EPO Online Filing 2.0 interface for the F1200 form. The header includes the EPO logo and the text "Online Filing 2.0". The navigation bar has links for Home, Submissions, Templates, History, and Administration. The main content area is titled "F1200 - Draft" and contains the following sections:

- Fees**: A section with a "Payment details" subsection. The "Payment method" is set to "Automatic debit order". A new tick box "Exclude renewal fees from payment via automatic debit order." is highlighted in green.
- Account information**: Fields for "Account number" and "Account holder" are present, both with red error icons.
- Refund instructions**: A table with columns for "Refund instructions", "Procedural fees", "Administrative fees", "Renewal fees", "Extension/validation fees", and "Further processing fees". Each row has a question mark icon and a plus sign icon.

The right sidebar contains a list of links: Overview, EP entry, Parties, States, BIOM, SEQL, Documents, and Fees.

Automatic debit request F1038

- New: Tick box “Exclude renewal fees from payment via automatic debit order”
- If not ticked, used the automatic debit will cover all EP fees
- Amended text



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Fees

Payment details

Payment method

Automatic debit order

☐ Exclude renewal fees from payment via automatic debit order.

Extension/validation fees: Fee codes 423, 453 - note that pharmaceutical products are excluded from patent protection in Cambodia until 2033 (QJ EPO 2018, A16)
The European Patent Office is hereby authorised, under the Arrangements for the automatic debiting procedure, to debit from the designated deposit account, any of the selected fees and costs falling due. Following submission of this form, the applicant or representative will check Central Fee Payment to ensure the successful implementation of the automatic debit order.

Number of deposit account held with the EPO* Account holder*

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Overview

- Application/patent data
- Parties
- Requests
- Documents
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- Smartcards that have not expired can be used for filings with National Offices, if the NO so allows
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 - Online filing (version 5.15 and higher)
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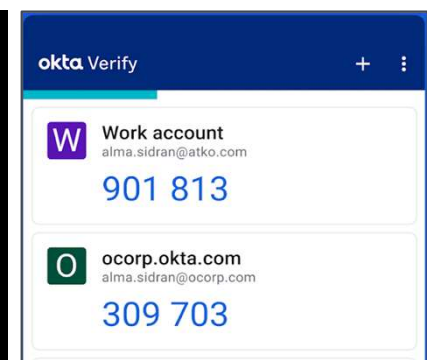
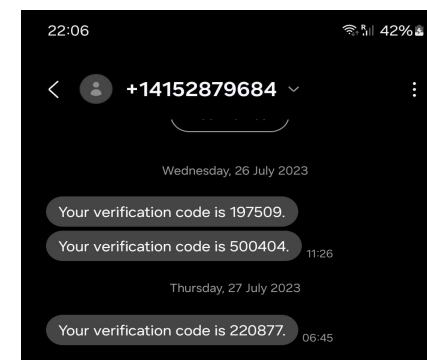
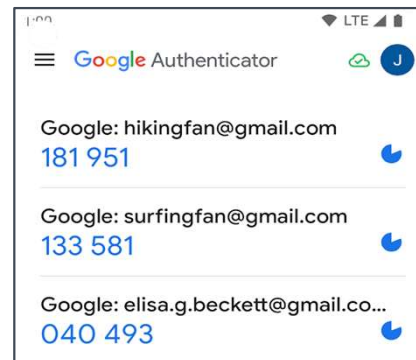
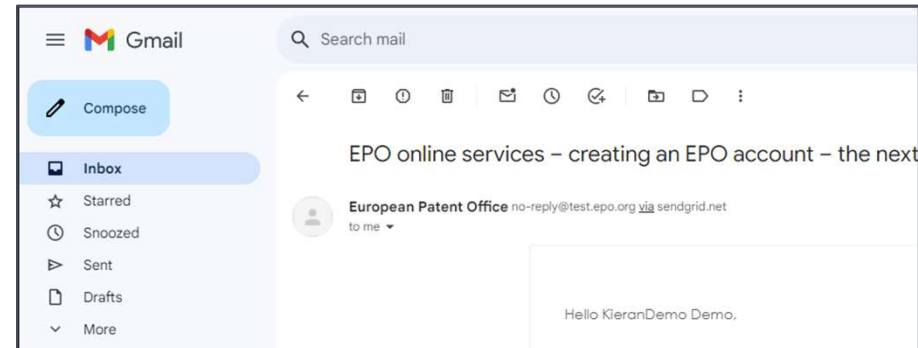
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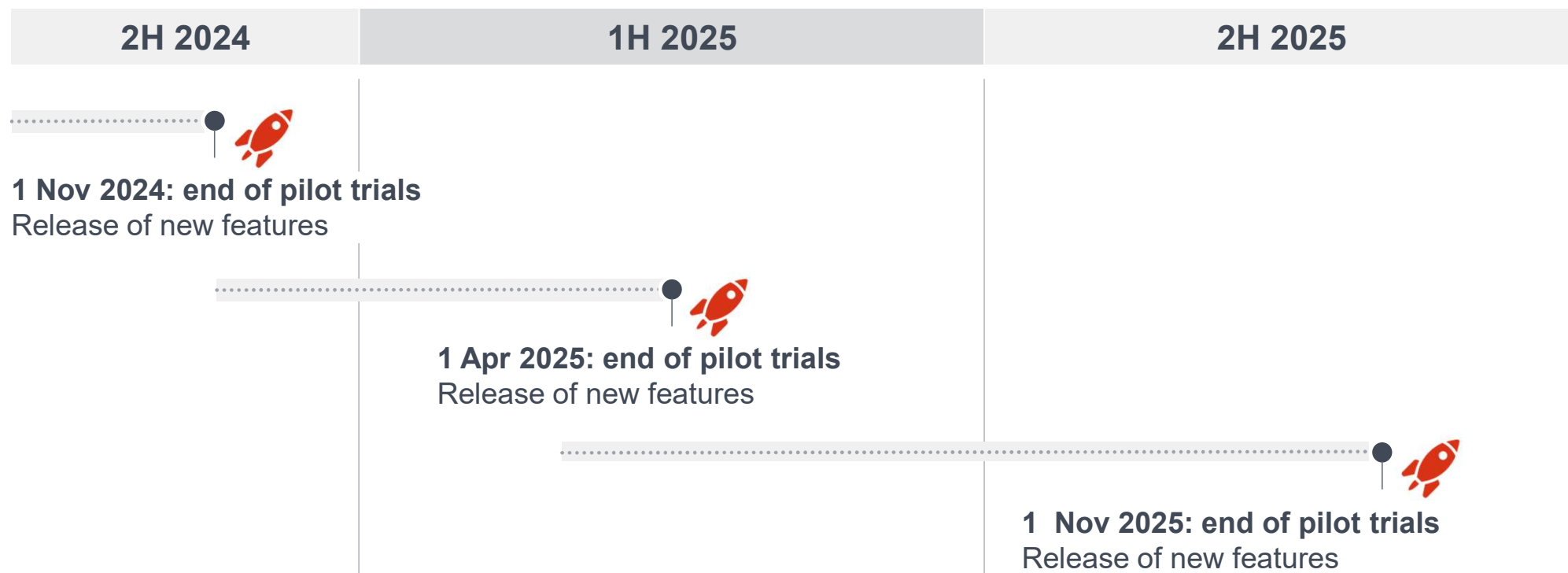
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- Legacy Administration, Mailbox, MyFiles have been decommissioned **1 July 2024**
- Fax filing has been decommissioned as from **1 July 2024**
- Web-form filing has been decommissioned as from **1 January 2025**
- All smartcards expired **1 January 2025** (EPO tools and forms)

- OLF (formerly known as “Epoline”) is planned to be decommissioned as from **1 January 2026**



NEW FEATURES RELEASED IN 2024

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- New technical interfaces (API)
- Company administrators can manage company members
- Representative area permissions for IP support professionals
- Entry in the list of representatives
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- Enhanced receipt information
- Enhanced EP application detail screen
- Portfolio access rights (sign/send)
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- Entry in the list of representatives¹
- Manage composition of an association
- Enhanced receipt information
- All submissions can be saved as draft
- Enhanced EP application detail screen
- More technical interfaces (APIs)
- Enhanced portfolio access rights (sign/send)
- **Electronic priority documents**
- **Download citations (including multi-media)**
- **Third-party observations**

¹ Entry/re-entry feature released early on 1 June 2024

NEW FEATURES RELEASED IN 2025 – Q1

- Searchable Database of Professional Representatives
- Third Party Observations possible online
- Legal Interactive Platform open to the public
- Improved overview of all proceedings
- Download citations
- Deposit account administration

NEW FEATURES PLANNED FOR 2025 – Q2

- Self-service address management
- Increase self-service and electronic actions in MyEPO
- Full Release in Production of new features
- Enhancement to the Shared Area and integration with Back Office processes
- Manage General Authorisations
- Electronic priority documents
- New “starting page” for users
- Enable Initial and Subsequent DocX

NEW FEATURES PLANNED FOR 2025 – Q3 AND Q4

- B2B: Improve APIs and increase of use to support transition from eOLF to OLF 2.0
- End-to-End DocX filing (OLF 2.0 and MyEPO Portfolio)
- Colour filings: End-to-end processing of application and other documents in colour
- Announcement of the decommissioning of eOLF


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- Unitary patent information and opposition panel
- Reset draft actions to “not started” and option to delete user-initiated actions

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Date of entry on the list of representatives before the EPO	22.03.2024	
Name	Representative, Robin Demo	
Nationality	United Kingdom	
Preferred language	English	
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the "problem solution approach" please

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"common matter" refer to in the EPC?

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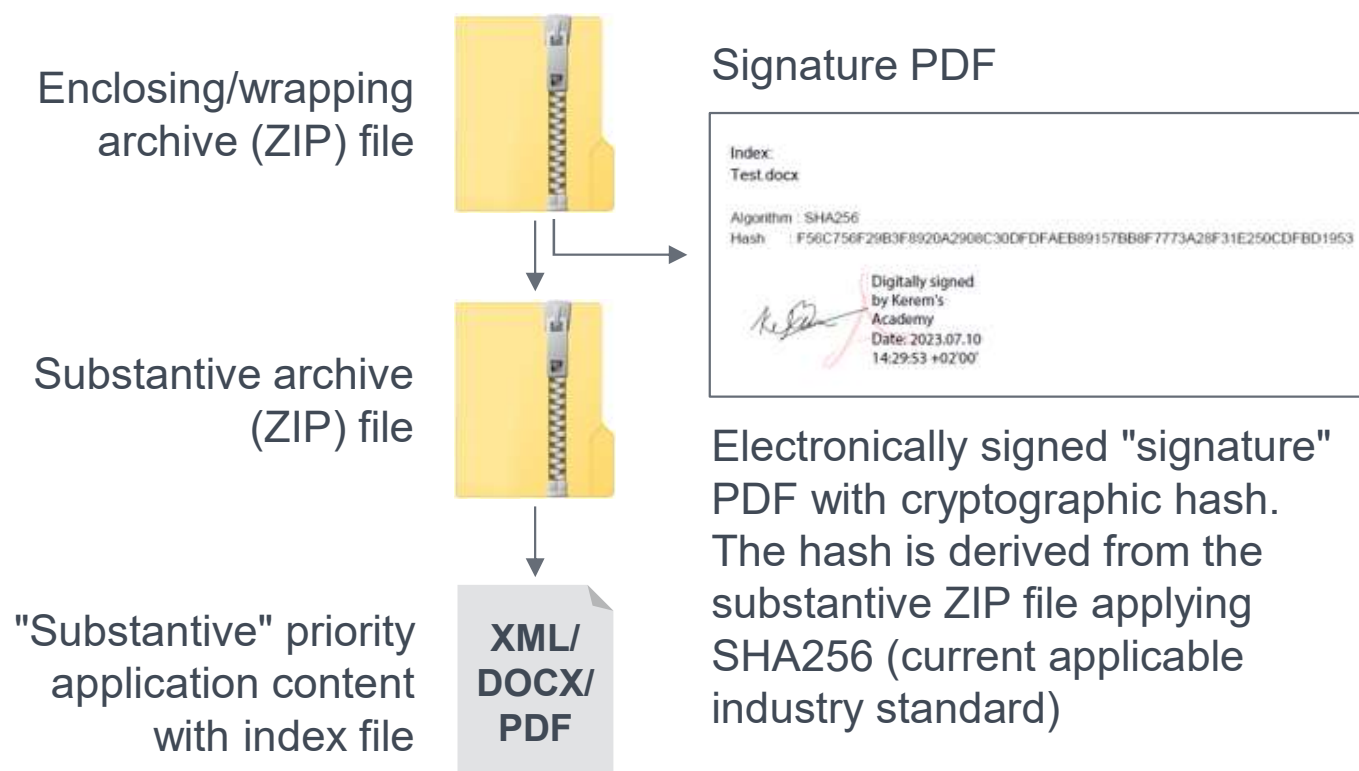
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- Publication of Decision of the President and Official Journal Notice in January 2025 (OJ EPO 2025, A3)
- Publication of the technical specification so electronic priority documents can be validated by offices of second filing
- Start of pilot phase following publication in the Official Journal in February 2025
- Priority documents issued electronically via Mailbox
- Full release for all users following successful completion of the pilot (week 15 tbc)
- Paper priority documents remain available on request

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When certain conditions are met:


- If the requester is linked to the application (i.e. the application belongs to their portfolio)
- The company they are associated to have activated their Mailbox

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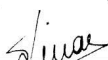
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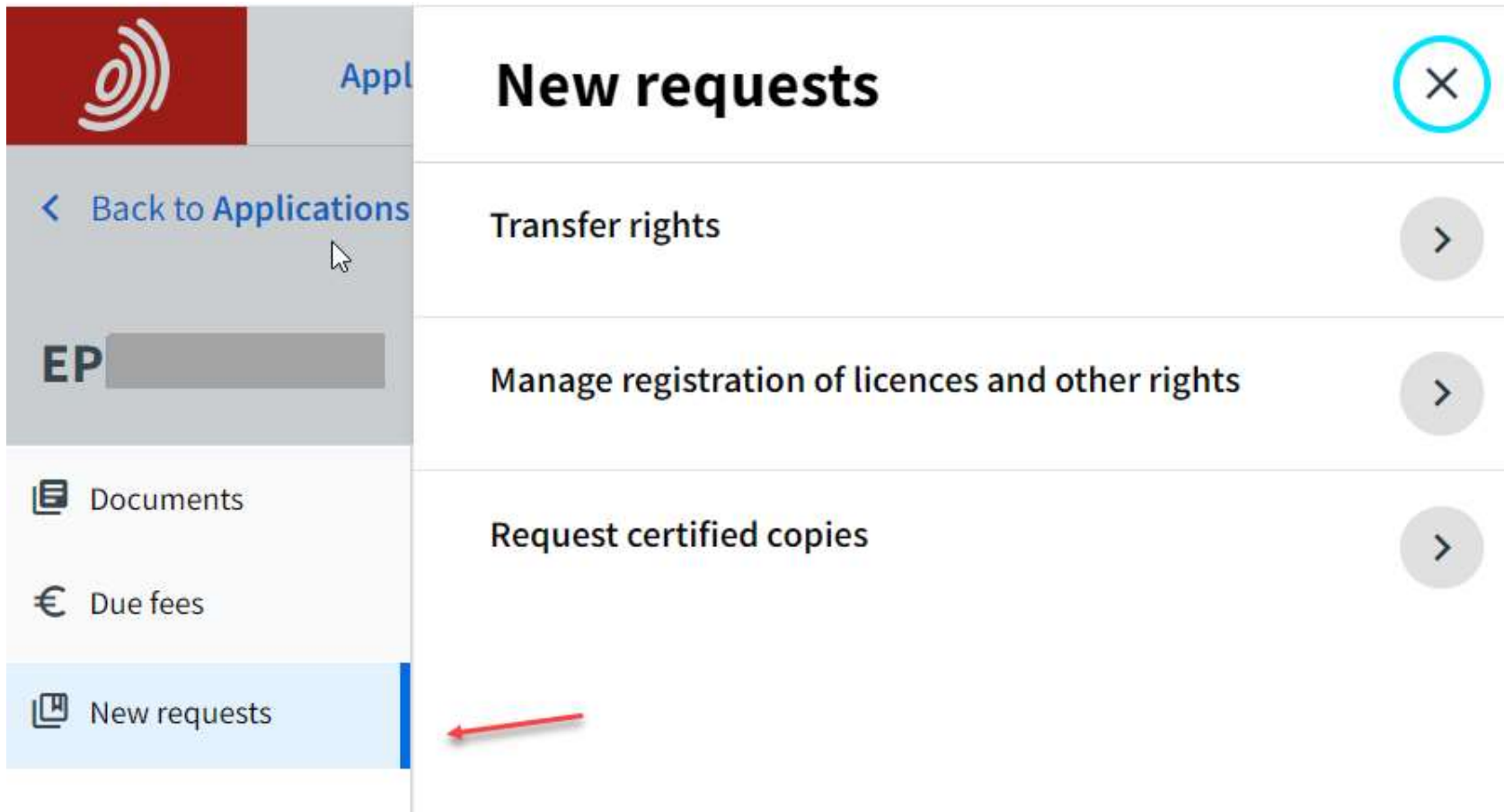
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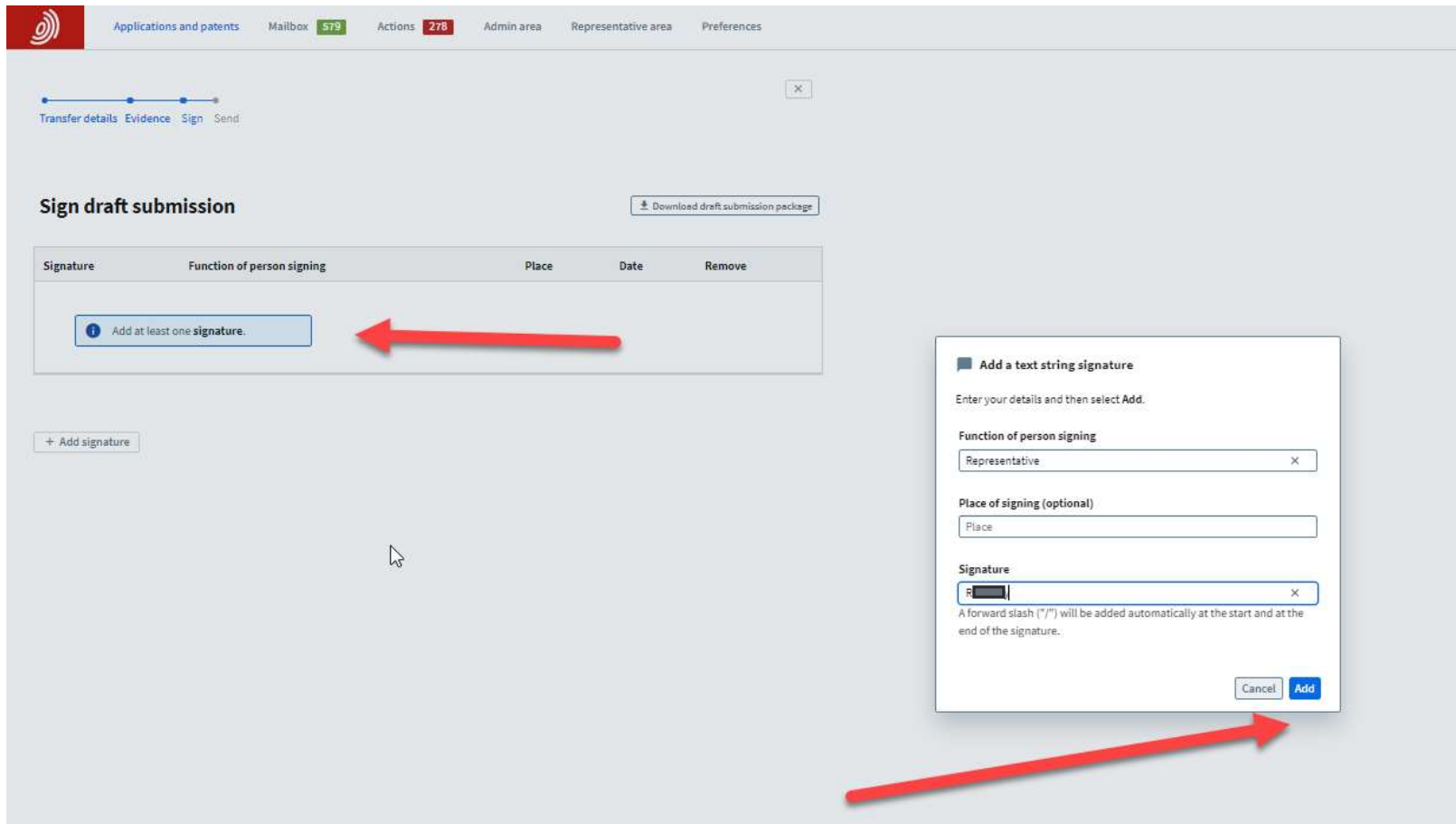
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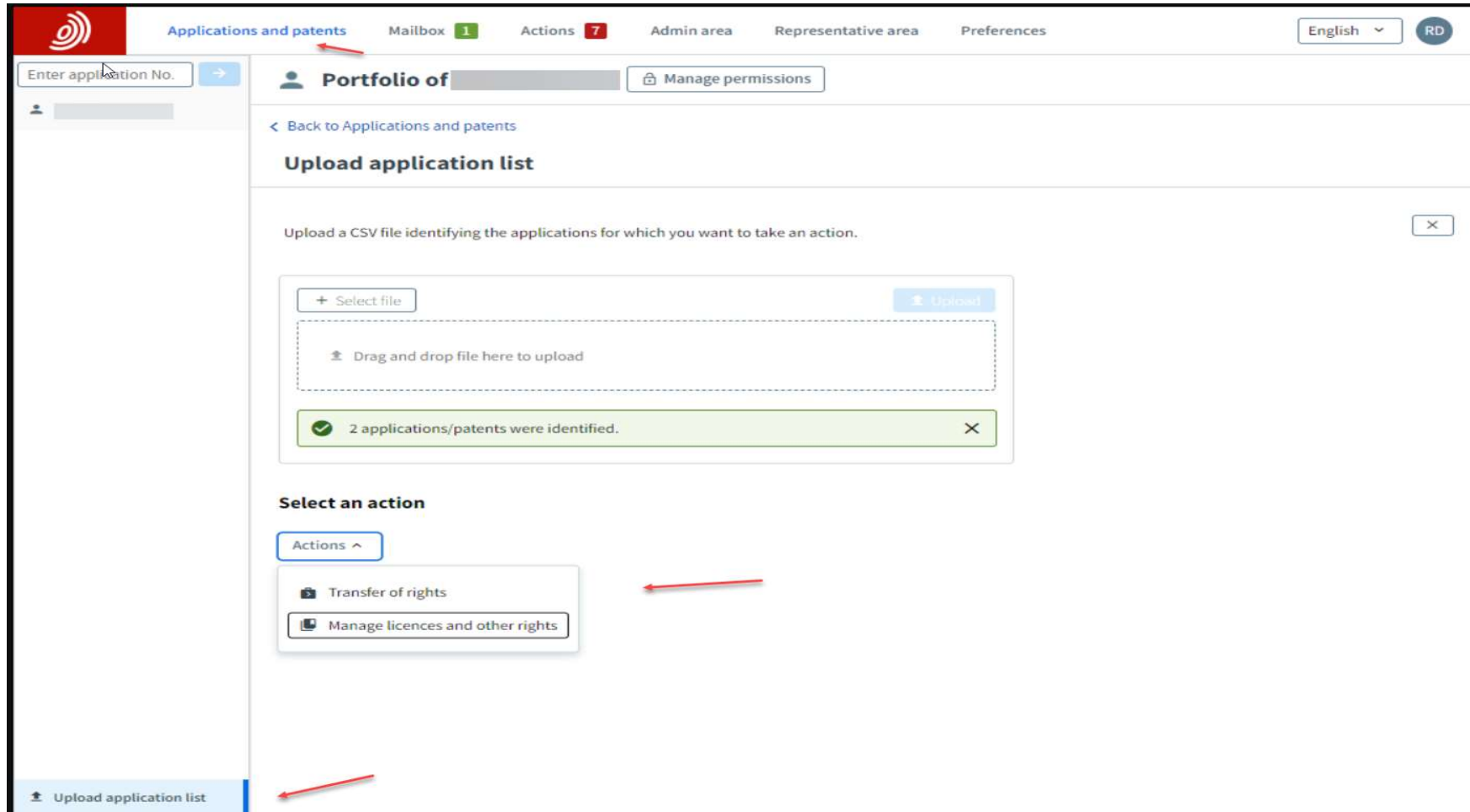
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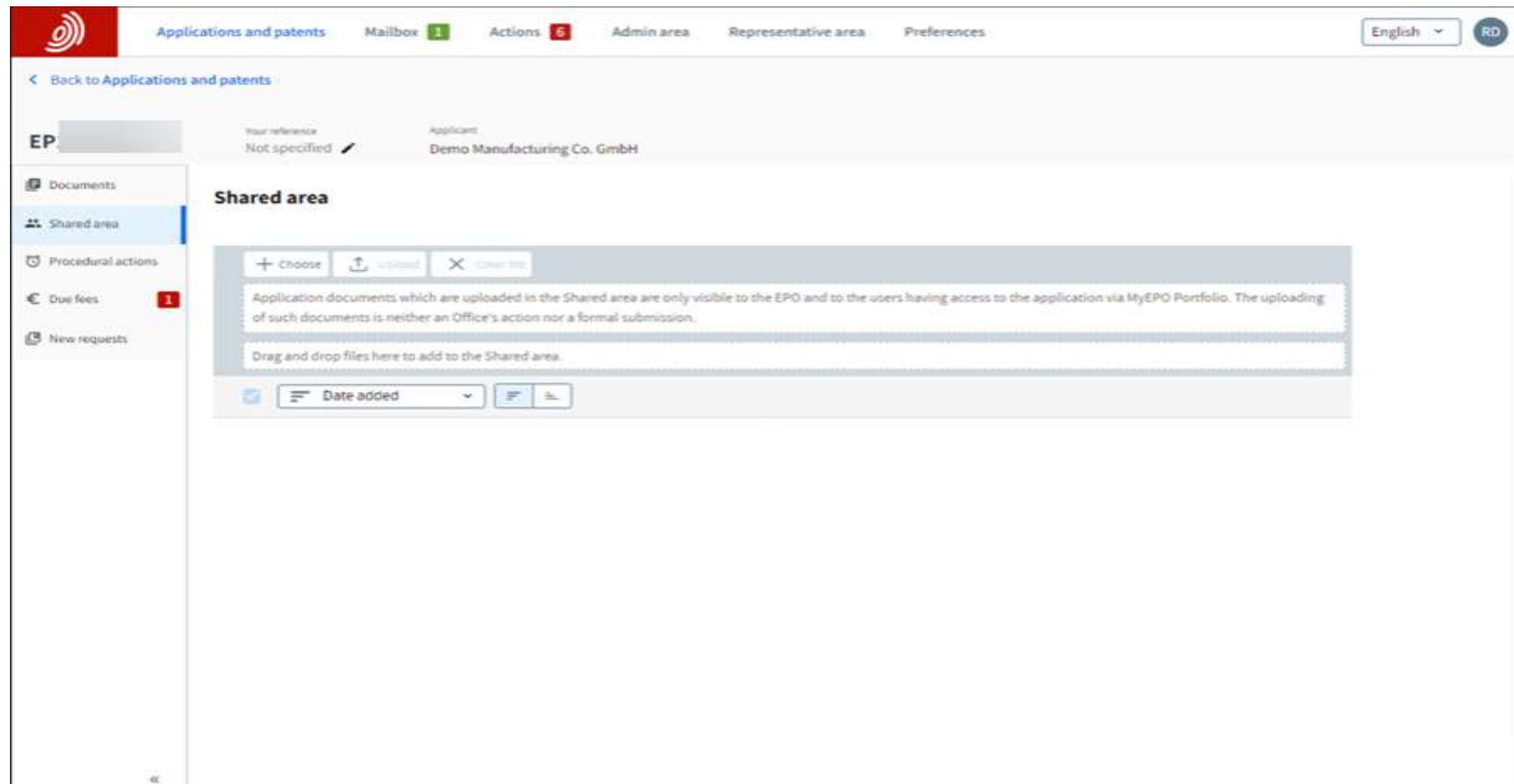
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a data collection engine (102) configured to receive failure data for the plurality of parts in which the failure data indicates individual instances of failure of at least two of the multiple quantity of the part, each of the at least two of the multiple quantity being located at a respective distinct location in the manufactured product;

a modeling engine (104) configured to generate a superimposed failure model (SFM) for the part based at least partially on the failure data, including the modeling engine (104) being configured to determine a lifetime distribution of the part, at least partially on application of a lifetime distribution model to the SFM;

a maintenance engine (106) coupled to the modeling engine (104) configured to perform a maintenance activity for the part, including the maintenance engine (106) being configured to determine a maintenance interval for the part according to the lifetime distribution of the part.

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a data collection engine (102) configured to receive failure data for the plurality of parts in which the failure data indicates individual instances of failure of at least two of the multiple quantity of the part, each of the at least two of the multiple quantity being located at a respective distinct location in the manufactured product;

a modeling engine (104) configured to generate a superimposed failure model (SFM) for the part based at least partially on the failure data, including the modeling engine (104) being configured to determine a lifetime distribution of the part, at least partially on application of a lifetime distribution model to the SFM;

a maintenance engine (106) coupled to the modeling engine (104) configured to perform a maintenance activity for the part, including the maintenance engine (106) being configured to determine a maintenance interval for the part according to the lifetime distribution of the part.

2. The system (100) of claim 1, wherein the modeling engine (104) being configured to generate the SFM includes being configured to:

identify an observed failure time for each of the individual instances of failure of the at least two of the multiple quantity of the part; and

generate the SFM according to the following:

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wherein t represents a given time, n represents the multiple quantity of the part, i represents an index for a sequence of observed failure times, x represents a given variable lifetime, S represents a survival function, T_i represents an observed time interval between at least two observed failure times, and $F(x)$ represents a distribution function of the part that indicates a probability that a lifetime of the part is

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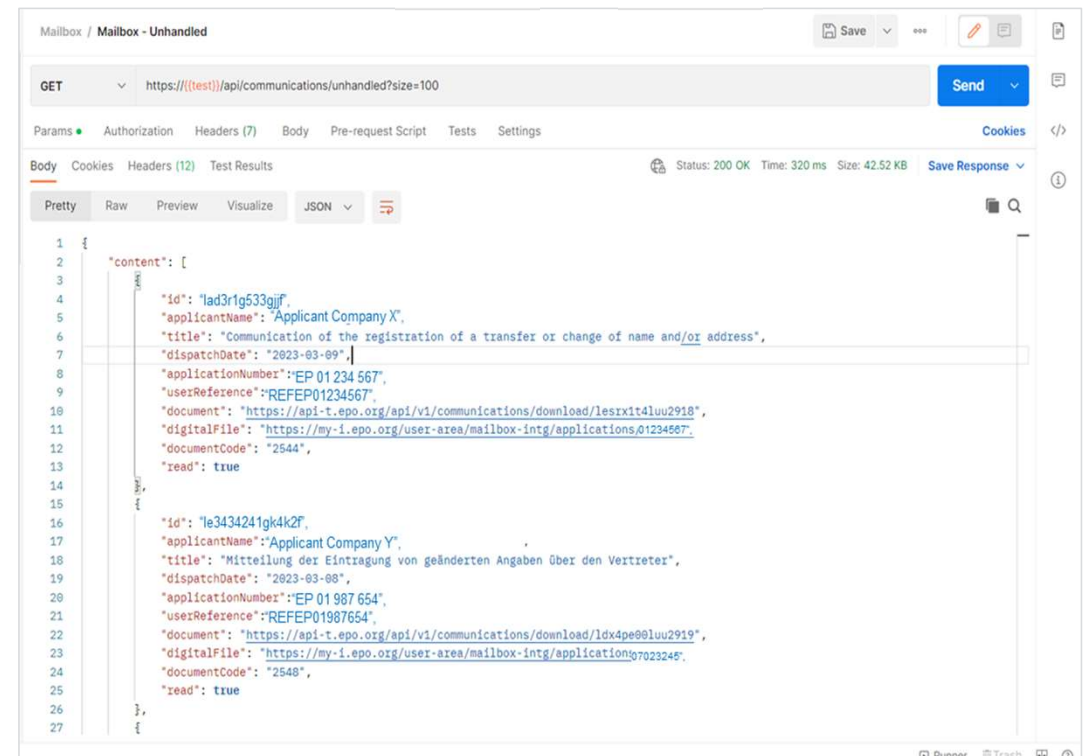
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- The EPO has changed its practice concerning the examination of the entitlement to sign on behalf of the legal person in support of requests under Rules 22 and 85 and Rules 23 and 24 EPC
- Where a person is entitled to sign by virtue of their position within the legal person, this position needs to be expressly indicated. However, the entitlement will no longer be checked by the EPO

Filing of the request

- Request to be signed by authorised person, filing:
 - On paper (fee due)
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Signing and filing of authorisations

as from 1 November 2024

Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 8 July 2024 on the signing and filing of authorisations (OJ EPO 2024, A75)

Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 8 July 2024 on the signing and filing of authorisations in proceedings under the Rules relating to Unitary Patent Protection (OJ EPO 2024, A76)

Notice from the European Patent Office dated 8 July 2024 concerning the signing and filing of authorisations (OJ EPO 2024, A77)

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Obligation to file an authorisation for European representatives and legal practitioners:

- At the EPO's invitation, or
- In case of a change of representative involving representatives not being members of the same association and without the explicit withdrawal of the previous representative from representation

Information if there is a change of representative and if the previous representative has not explicitly withdrawn from representation:

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Acceptance of electronic signatures on authorisations

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- Handwritten signatures
- Facsimile signatures and text-string signatures within the meaning of Article 12(2) and (3) of the decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 3 May 2023 concerning the electronic filing of documents.
- Documents bearing a facsimile signature or a text-string signature may be filed either on paper or electronically using the EPO's electronic filing services

Acceptance of further electronic signatures on authorisations

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Authenticity of the signature

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- In case of any doubts over its authenticity, the EPO will require clarification and may request further evidence

Entitlement to sign


- The position of the person entitled to sign within the legal person must be indicated
- The entitlement is no longer checked by the EPO

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