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Art. 1 (1) (Former text of art. 1, amended – SG № 117/ 2002, amended – SG № 35/ 2007) The following fees shall be collected for patents for inventions:

1. Filing of applications – **50 bgn.**
2. Patent claims - for each claim after the 10th – **20 bgn.**
3. Claims of priority - for each priority – **20 bgn.**
4. Formal requirements examination – **50 bgn.**
5. Preliminary examinations and checks of application admissibility - for one invention – **160 bgn.**
6. Preliminary examinations and checks of application admissibility - for a group of inventions:
 - a) for a group of two inventions – **200 bgn;**
 - b) for each subsequent invention of the group – **80 bgn.**
7. Search and examinations of applications - for one invention – **200 bgn.**
8. Search and examinations of applications - for a group of inventions:
 - a) for a group of two inventions – **300 bgn;**
 - b) for each subsequent invention of the group – **80 bgn.**
9. Publication of applications – **80 bgn.**
10. Consideration of requests for accelerated publication of applications – **30 bgn.**
11. Making changes in description, claims, drawings or abstract on the applicant's initiative – **40 bgn.**
12. International correspondence on Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) applications – **80 bgn.**
13. Grant of patents – **80 bgn.**
14. Publication of patent descriptions, claims and drawings:
 - a) up to 10 pages – **100 bgn;**
 - b) for each page after the 10th – **12 bgn.**
15. Publications of granted patents (independent claims included):
 - a) up to 5 independent claims – **50 bgn;**
 - b) for each subsequent independent claim after the 5th – **6 bgn.**
16. Maintenance of patents:
 - a) for the first 3 years after filing – **50 bgn per year;**
 - b) for the 4th year – **50 bgn;**
 - c) for the 5th year – **150 bgn;**
 - d) for the 6th year – **200 bgn;**
 - e) for the 7th year – **250 bgn;**
 - f) for the 8th year – **300 bgn;**
 - g) for the 9th year – **400 bgn;**
 - h) for the 10th year – **500 bgn;**
 - i) for the 11th year – **600 bgn;**
 - j) for the 12th year – **700 bgn;**
 - k) for the 13th year – **800 bgn;**

- l) for the 14th year – **900 bgn**;
- m) for the 15th year – **1000 bgn**;
- n) for the 16th year – **1100 bgn**;
- o) for the 17th year – **1200 bgn**;
- p) for the 18th year – **1300 bgn**;
- q) for the 19th year – **1500 bgn**;
- r) for the 20th year – **1700 bgn**;
- s) for patents granted under § 5 of the Transitional and Final Provisions of the Law on Patents and Utility Model Registration:
 - for the 21st year – **2000 bgn**;
 - for the 22nd year – **2500 bgn**;
 - for the 23rd year and for each subsequent year – **3000 bgn**.
- 17. Patent renewals – **500 bgn**.
- 18. Consideration of appeals against:
 - a) decisions for refusal of a grant of patents:
 - for one invention – **200 bgn**;
 - for a group of two inventions – **300 bgn**;
 - for each subsequent invention of the group – **80 bgn**;
 - b) decisions for termination of proceedings in patent applications – **100 bgn**.
- 19. Consideration of requests for invalidation of granted patents:
 - a) partial invalidation – **300 bgn**;
 - b) full invalidation – **500 bgn**.
- 20. Consideration of requests for grant or termination of compulsory licenses – **200 bgn**.
- 21. Reissue of patents – **50 bgn**.
- 22. Publication of description, claims or drawings of patents:
 - a) up to 10 pages – **100 bgn**;
 - b) for each page after the 10th – **12 bgn**.
- 23. Publication of granted patents (independent claims included):
 - a) up to 5 independent claims – **50 bgn**;
 - b) for each subsequent independent claim after the 5th – **6 bgn**.

(2) (*New – SG № 117/ 2002*) The following fees shall be collected for European patent applications and European patents in accordance with the European Patent Convention (EPC):

- 1. (*amended – SG № 35/ 2007*) Publication of mentions of Bulgarian translations of European patent application claims – **50 bgn**.
- 2. (*amended – SG № 35/ 2007*) Publication of mentions of corrected Bulgarian translations of European patent application claims – **50 bgn**.
- 3. Correspondence on European patent applications under the EPC – **80 bgn**.
- 4. (*amended – SG № 35/ 2007*) Publication of mentions of Bulgarian translations of granted European patents – **50 bgn**.
- 5. Publication of Bulgarian translations of descriptions, claims or drawings of granted European patents:
 - a) up to 10 pages – **80 bgn**;
 - b) for each page after the 10th – **10 bgn**.
- 6. (*amended – SG № 35/ 2007*) Publication of mentions of corrected Bulgarian translations of European patents – **50 bgn**.
- 7. Publication of corrected Bulgarian translations of descriptions, claims or drawings of European patents:
 - a) up to 10 pages – **80 bgn**;

- b) for each page after the 10th – **10 bgn.**
- 8. Maintenance of patents:
 - a) (*amended – SG № 35/ 2007*) for the 3rd year – **50 bgn;**
 - b) for the 4th year – **50 bgn;**
 - c) (*amended – SG № 35/ 2007*) for the 5th year – **150 bgn;**
 - d) (*amended – SG № 35/ 2007*) for the 6th year – **200 bgn;**
 - e) (*amended – SG № 35/ 2007*) for the 7th year – **250 bgn;**
 - f) for the 8th year – **300 bgn;**
 - g) for the 9th year – **400 bgn;**
 - h) for the 10th year – **500 bgn;**
 - i) for the 11th year – **600 bgn;**
 - j) for the 12th year – **700 bgn;**
 - k) for the 13th year – **800 bgn;**
 - l) for the 14th year – **900 bgn;**
 - m) for the 15th year – **1000 bgn;**
 - n) for the 16th year – **1100 bgn;**
 - o) for the 17th year – **1200 bgn;**
 - p) for the 18th year – **1300 bgn;**
 - q) for the 19th year – **1500 bgn;**
 - r) for the 20th year – **1700 bgn.**

(3) (*New – State Gazette № 35/ 2007*) The following fees shall be collected for utility models:

- 1. Filing of applications – **50 bgn.**
- 2. Formal examinations – **200 bgn.**
- 3. Claims of priority - for each priority – **20 bgn.**
- 4. Search at applicant's or other person's request – **200 bgn.**
- 5. Examinations of a utility models at the applicant's or other person's request – **200 bgn.**
- 6. Registration of utility models – **100 bgn.**
- 7. Grant of registration certificates – **50 bgn.**
- 8. Publication of patent description, drawings, claims or abstract:
 - a) up to 10 pages – **100 bgn;**
 - b) for each page after the 10th – **12 bgn.**
- 9. Publication in the Official Bulletin of mentions of registered utility models (independent claims included):
 - a) up to 5 independent claims – **50 bgn;**
 - b) for each independent claim after the 5th – **6 bgn.**
- 10. Extension of registration terms:
 - a) for the 5th to the 7th year – **300 bgn;**
 - b) for the 8th to the 10th year – **400 bgn.**
- 11. Consideration of appeals against:
 - a) decisions for refusal of utility model registrations – **150 bgn;**
 - b) decisions for suspension of proceedings in registrations of a utility models – **100 bgn.**
- 12. Consideration of requests for cancellation of utility model registrations:
 - a) partial cancellation – **300 bgn;**
 - b) full cancellation – **500 bgn.**

(4) (*New SG № 117/ 2002, former paragraph 3, amended - SG № 35/ 2007*) Fees for filing, examination and appeals against examination decisions on patent applications, as well as the filling fee for a utility model applications, shall be paid at 50 %, provided that the applicants are the

inventors themselves, micro or small enterprises under the Law on the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, state or public schools, state higher educational establishments or academic research organizations financed by the state budget.

(5) (*New – SG № 35/ 2007*) For supplementary protection certificates fees shall be collected as follows:

1. (*amended – SG № 31/ 2011*) For submission and consideration of applications:
 - a) for issuing of certificates – **500 bgn**;
 - b) for extension of duration of certificates on medicinal products for pediatric use – **400 bgn**.
2. Publications in the Official Bulletin of:
 - a) notices for filing applications – **50 bgn**;
 - b) (repealed – SG № 31/ 2011);
 - c) notices of impending entry into force of certificates – **50 bgn**;
 - d) notices of expiration of certificates – **50 bgn**.
3. (*amended – SG № 31/ 2011*) For issuing of certificates for further protection:
 - a) of medicines – **50 bgn**;
 - b) of medicinal products for pediatric use – **50 bgn**.
4. Publication of certificates – **50 bgn**.
5. For maintaining certificates:
 - a) for the 1st year – **2000 bgn**;
 - b) for the 2nd year – **2500 bgn**;
 - c) for the 3rd year – **3000 bgn**;
 - d) for the 4th year – **3500 bgn**;
 - e) for the 5th year – **4000 bgn**;
 - f) (*new - SG № 31/ 2011*) for a started 6th year on medicinal products for pediatric use – **2500 bgn**.
6. Publication of renewal of certificates – **50 bgn**.
7. Consideration of appeals against:
 - a) decisions for refusal of issuing of certificates – **100 bgn**;
 - b) decisions for suspension of proceedings – **100 bgn**.
8. Consideration of applications for cancellation of certificates – **150 bgn**.

Art. 2 (1) (*Amended & suppl. – SG № 117/ 2002, amended - SG № 35/ 2007, corrected – SG № 42/ 2007, amended & suppl. - SG № 31/ 2011*) The following fees shall be collected for industrial designs:

1. Filing applications – **50 bgn**;
2. Priority claims – for each priority – **20 bgn**;
3. Examination of applications:
 - a) for one design – **80 bgn**;
 - b) for each subsequent design – **40 bgn**;
 - c) for a set or a composition – **120 bgn**.
4. Registration of designs – **200 bgn**.
5. Issuing of certificates of registered designs – **60 bgn**.
6. Publications in the Official Bulletin of each representation of registered designs – **40 bgn**.
7. Pending publications:
 - a) for one design – **60 bgn**;
 - b) for each subsequent design – **30 bgn**;
 - c) for a set or composition – **100 bgn**.
8. Renewal of registrations:

- a) for the 1st renewal – **300 bgn**;
 - b) for the 2nd renewal – **400 bgn**;
 - c) for the 3rd renewal – **500 bgn**;
 - d) up to 6 months after the deadline for payment - additional **100 bgn + 50%** of the relevant fee.
9. Consideration of appeals against decisions for:
- a) termination of the proceedings – **100 bgn**;
 - b) refusal of registrations:
 - for one design – **200 bgn**;
 - for each subsequent design – **80 bgn**;
 - for a set or a composition – **250 bgn**.
10. Consideration of applications for cancellation of registrations:
- a) for one design – **400 bgn**;
 - b) for each subsequent design – **100 bgn**;
 - c) for a set or composition – **500 bgn**.

(2) (*Suppl. - SG № 35/2007*) The following fees shall be collected for filing of applications for international registrations of industrial designs or for Community Designs:

- 1. One design – **60 bgn**;
- 2. Each subsequent design – **10 bgn**;
- 3. A set – **60 bgn**;
- 4. A composition – **60 bgn**.

Art. 3 (*Deleted - SG № 117/ 2002*)

Art. 4 (1) (*Amended and suppl. - SG № 91/ 2005, in force from 15.11.2005, amended – SG № 35/2007, amended and suppl. - № 31/2011*) The following fees shall be collected for marks:
Fees in bgn

Trademarks, service marks and co-branding marks/ Collective and certification marks

1. Filing of applications and examination:		
a) up to three classes	150	350
b) for each subsequent class	40	100
2. Priority claims - for each priority	20	20
3. Publication of applications	40	40
4. Filing of Oppositions	400	800
5. Registration	300	600
6. Issue of registration certificates	60	60
7. Publication of registered marks	40	40
8. Renewal of registrations and publication:		
a) until expiration of the registration term of validity:		
- up to three classes	300	600
- for each subsequent class	60	120
b) up to 6 months after expiration of the registration term of validity:		
- up to three classes	450	900
- for each subsequent class	90	180
9. Consideration of appeals against decisions for:		

a) termination of proceedings	120	120
b) refusal of registrations	180	180
c) decisions of the Board of Appeal	180	180
10. Consideration of applications for:		
a) invalidation of registrations	400	400
b) cancellation of registrations	350	350
c) cancellation of registrations when proven bad faith	100	100
11. Entry of restrictions in the list of goods of registered marks and/or services and issue of certificates and publication	50	50

(2) (*Amended and suppl. - SG № 91/2005, in force from 15.11.2005, amended - SG № 35/2007, amended - SG № 31/2011*) The following fees shall be collected for geographical indications:

1. Filing and examination:
 - a) for registration of geographical indications – **200 bgn**;
 - b) for entry of subsequent users of geographical indications – **200 bgn**.
2. Registration and entry of a first user – **40 bgn**;
3. Entry of a subsequent user – **40 bgn**;
4. Issuing of certificates – **60 bgn**;
5. Publication – **40 bgn**;
6. Consideration of appeals against decisions for:
 - a) termination of proceedings – **120 bgn**;
 - b) refusal of registrations – **180 bgn**;
 - c) refusal of entering a user – **180 bgn**.
7. Request for cancellation of registration pursuant to art. 57, para. 1, item 2 of the Law of Trade Marks and Geographical Indications – **200 bgn**.
8. Request for cancellation of registrations based on court decisions – **20 bgn**.
9. Request for cancellation of a registered users based on court decisions – **20 bgn**.

(3) (*Suppl. – SG № 117/2002, amended - SG № 35/2007, suppl. - SG No. 31/2011*) The following fees shall be collected for filing of applications for international registration of marks and appellations of origin:

1. Request for international registration of marks:
 - a) up to three classes – **150 bgn**;
 - b) for each subsequent class – **60 bgn**.
2. Request for territorial extension of marks – **80 bgn**.
3. Request for substitution of national registrations by international ones – **80 bgn**.
4. Request for international registration of appellations of origin – **80 bgn**.
5. Request for entry of assignment of rights, license agreement, changes in the holder's name and/or address – **50 bgn**.
6. Forwarding of CTM applications – **60 bgn**.

Art. 5 (*Amended - SG № 35/2007*) The following fees shall be collected for new plant varieties and animal breeds:

1. Filing of applications – **40 bgn**.
2. Priority claims – **20 bgn**.

3. Publication of mentions of applications – **20 bgn.**
4. Issue and publication of certificates – **95 bgn.**
5. Publication of mentions of each representation in issued certificates – **12 bgn.**
6. Maintenance of the term of validity of certificates:
 - a) annual fees for each of the first 4 years after issue – **20 bgn;**
 - b) from the 5th to the 10th year the fee shall grow compared to the previous one by **40 bgn;**
 - c) from the 11th year the fee shall grow compared to the previous one by **60 bgn.**
7. Consideration of:
 - a) appeals against decisions for termination of proceedings in certificate grant applications – **100 bgn;**
 - b) appeals against decisions for refusal of certificate grants – **160 bgn;**
 - c) requests against declaring of invalidation of issued certificates – **200 bgn;**
 - d) appeals against refusal of renewal of certificates – **200 bgn.**

Art. 6 The following fees shall be collected for topography of integrated circuits:

1. Filling of applications – **40 bgn;**
2. Registration – **300 bgn;**
3. Publication of registrations – **40 bgn;**
4. Issue of registration certificates – **40 bgn;**
5. Request for access to application files – **20 bgn.**

Art. 7 (*Suppl. - SG № 91/2005, in force from 15.11.2005, amended - SG № 35/2007, amended and suppl. - SG № 31/2011*) The following fees shall be collected for requests and actions concerning industrial property objects:

1. Extension of terms for reply at the applicant's request:
 - a) for the 1st extension – **30 bgn;**
 - b) for the 2nd extension (for inventions, new plant varieties and animal breeds) – **80 bgn.**
2. Extension of periods for concluding agreements by filed oppositions:
 - a) for the 1st extension – **30 bgn;**
 - b) for the 2nd extension – **80 bgn.**
3. Correction of technical mistakes made by the applicants in:
 - a) the applications or the requests – **30 bgn;**
 - b) the register or the title of protection – **80 bgn.**
4. Request for entry and publication of changes in the name and/or address of the applicants or the owners – **80 bgn.**
5. Request for entry and publication of assignment of rights – **80 bgn.**
6. Request for entry and publication of mentions of the entry of license agreements – **80 bgn.**
7. Other changes in the legal status and publication of mentions thereof – **20 bgn.**
8. Issue of duplicates of titles of protection – **40 bgn.**
9. Inquiries in and extracts from the state registers – **10 bgn.**
10. Supply of information on industrial property (applied for or registered) – **10 bgn.**
11. Recording, issue of certificates and publication of imposed security measures or incorporation into the bankrupt's estate – **20 bgn.**
12. Recording, issue of certificates and publication of established registered pledges – **80 bgn.**

FINAL PROVISIONS

OF DECREE № 235/ 7 NOVEMBER 2005 ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE TARIFF OF THE FEES COLLECTED BY THE PATENT OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA,

APPROVED BY DECREE № 242 OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF 1999 (PUBL. - STATE GAZETTE № 91/ 2005, IN FORCE FROM 15.11.2005)

§ 3. The Decree shall come into effect on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

OF DECREE № 87/ 17 APRIL 2007 ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE TARIFF OF THE FEES COLLECTED BY THE PATENT OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, APPROVED BY DECREE № 242 OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF 1999 (PUBL. - STATE GAZETTE № 35/ 2007)

§ 6. The annual fees for keeping in force of utility model patents granted under the Patent Law shall remain unchanged.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

OF DECREE № 93/ 8 APRIL 2011 ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE TARIFF OF THE FEES COLLECTED BY THE PATENT OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, APPROVED BY DECREE № 242 OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF 1999 (PUBL. - STATE GAZETTE № 31/ 2011)

§ 5. (1) For filed applications and requests, for which the due fees have been paid before entering into force of the Decree, no additional fees shall be collected and no fees shall be refunded.

(2) For filed applications and requests, for which the due fees have not been paid before entering into force of the Decree, fees shall be collected in the amounts, determined in the Decree.