

## **TARIFF**

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**Art. 1(1) (Former text of Art.1, amended – SG No 117/2002, amended – SG No 35/27 April 2007) The following fees shall be collected for patents for inventions:**

#### ***Fees in leva***

1. Filing of applications - **50**
2. Patent claims- for each claim after the 10<sup>th</sup> - **20**
3. Claim of priority - for each priority - **20**
4. Formal requirements examination - **50**
5. Preliminary examination and check of application admissibility - for one invention - **160**
6. Preliminary examination and check of application admissibility for a group of inventions:
  - a) a group of two inventions - **200**
  - b) each subsequent invention of the group - **80**
7. Search and examination of application for one invention -**200**
8. Search and examination of application for a group of inventions
  - a) group of two inventions - **300**
  - b) each subsequent invention of the group - **80**
9. Publication of an application - **80**
10. Consideration of a request for accelerated publication of an application - **30**
11. Making changes in the description, claims, drawings and abstract on the applicant's initiative - **40**
12. International correspondence on a Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) application - **80**
13. Grant of a patent - **80**
14. Publication of patent description, claims and drawings:
  - a) up to 10 pages - **100**
  - b) each page after the 10<sup>th</sup> - **12**
15. Publication of a mention of the grant of a patent, independent claims included
  - a) up to 5 independent claims - **50**
  - b) each subsequent independent claim after the 5<sup>th</sup> - **6**
16. Maintenance of a patent for:
  - a) each of the first 3 years after filing - **50**
  - b) 4th year - **50**
  - c) 5th year - **150**
  - d) 6th year - **200**
  - e) 7th year - **250**
  - f) 8th year - **300**
  - g) 9th year - **400**
  - h) 10th year - **500**
  - i) 11th year - **600**
  - j) 12th year - **700**
  - k) 13th year - **800**
  - l) 14th year - **900**
  - m) 15th year - **1000**
  - n) 16th year - **1100**

- o) 17th year - **1200**
  - p) 18th year - **1300**
  - q) 19th year - **1500**
  - r) 20th year - **1700**
  - s) patents granted under § 5 of the Transitional and Final Provisions of the Law on Patents and Utility Model Registration:
    - a) the 21st year - **2000**
    - b) 22nd year - **2500**
    - c) 23rd year and each subsequent year - **3000**
  - 17. Patent renewal - **500**
  - 18. Consideration of an appeal against:
    - a) a decision to refuse grant of a patent for:
      - one invention - **200**
      - a group of two inventions - **300**
      - each subsequent invention of the group - **80**
    - b) a decision to terminate proceedings in the patent application - **100**
  - 19. Consideration of a request for invalidation of a granted patent:
    - a) partial invalidation - **300**
    - b) full invalidation - **500**
  - 20. Consideration of a request for grant or termination of a compulsory license - **200**
  - 21. Reissue of a patent - **50**
  - 22. Publication of the description, claims and drawings of the patent:
    - a) up to 10 pages - **100**
    - b) each page after the 10<sup>th</sup> - **12**
  - 23. Publication of a mention of the grant of a patent, independent claims included:
    - a) up to 5 independent claims - **50**
    - b) each subsequent independent claim over the 5<sup>th</sup> - **6**
- (2) (New – SG No 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 No 35/2007*) Publication of a mention of a Bulgarian translation of European patent application claims - **50**
  - 2. (*Amended – SG No 35/2007*) Publication of a mention of a corrected Bulgarian translation of European patent application claims - **50**
  - 3. Correspondence on a European patent application under the EPC - **80**
  - 4. (*Amended – SG No 35/2007*) Publication of a mention of a Bulgarian translation of a granted European patent - **50**
  - 5. Publication of a Bulgarian translation of the description, claims and drawings of a granted European patent:
    - a) up to 10 pages - **80**
    - b) each page after the 10<sup>th</sup> - **10**
  - 6. (*Amended – SG No 35/2007*) Publication of a mention of a corrected Bulgarian translation of a European patent - **50**
  - 7. Publication of a corrected Bulgarian translation of the description, claims and drawings of a European patent:
    - a) up to 10 pages - **80**
    - b) each page after the 10<sup>th</sup> - **10**
  - 8. Maintenance of a patent for:
    - a) (*Amended – SG No 35/2007*) 3rd year - **50**
    - b) 4th year - **50**

- c) (*Amended – SG No 35/2007*) 5th year - **150**
- d) (*Amended – SG No 35/2007*) 6th year - **200**
- e) (*Amended – SG No 35/2007*) 7th year - **250**
- f) 8th year - **300**
- g) 9th year - **400**
- h) 10th year - **500**
- i) 11th year - **600**
- j) 12th year - **700**
- k) 13th year - **800**
- l) 14th year - **900**
- m) 15th year - **1000**
- n) 16th year - **1100**
- o) 17th year - **1200**
- p) 18th year - **1300**
- q) 19th year - **1500**
- r) 20th year - **1700**

**(3) (*New – State Gazette, No 35/27 April 2007*) The following fees shall be collected for utility models:**

***Fees in leva***

1. Filing of applications - **50**
2. Formal examination - **200**
3. Claim of priority - for each priority - **20**
4. Search at applicant's or other person's request - **200**
5. Examination of a utility model at the applicant's or other person's request - **200**
6. Registration of a utility model - **100**
7. Grant of a registration certificate - **50**
8. Publication of patent description, drawings, claims and abstract:
  - a) up to 10 pages - **100**
  - b) each page after the 10<sup>th</sup> - **12**
9. Publication in the Official Bulletin of a mention of a registered utility model, independent claims included:
  - a) up to 5 independent claims - **50**
  - b) each independent claim following the 5<sup>th</sup> - **6**
10. Extension of the registration term for
  - a) 5th -7th year - **300**
  - b) 8th -10th year - **400**
11. Consideration of appeals against:
  - a) a decision to refuse utility model registration - **150**
  - b) a decision to suspend proceedings in the registration of a utility model - **100**
12. Consideration of a request for cancellation of a utility model registration:
  - a) partial cancellation - **300**
  - b) full cancellation - **500**

**(4) (*New SG No. 117/2002, former paragraph 3 – amended SG No 35/ 2007*) Fees for filing, examination and appeals against examination decisions on patent applications, as well as the filing fee for a utility model application, 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 – State Gazette No 35/ 2007) The following fees shall be collected for supplementary protection certificates:**

***Fees in leva***

1. Consideration of an application - **500**
2. Publication in the Official Bulletin of:
  - a) mention of filing of an application - **50**
  - b) mention of the decision taken on the application - **50**
  - c) mention of the forthcoming entry in force of the certificate - **50**
  - d) mention of expiry of the term of validity of the certificate - **50**
3. Grant of supplementary protection certificate - **50**
4. Publication of mention of the certificate grant - **50**
5. Maintenance of the certificate:
  - a) first year - **2000**
  - b) second year - **2500**
  - c) third year - **3000**
  - d) fourth year - **3500**
  - e) fifth year - **4000**
6. Publication of a notification of renewal of the certificate - **50**
7. Consideration of appeals against:
  - a) a decision to refuse grant of a certificate - **100**
  - b) a decision to terminate proceedings - **100**
8. Consideration of a request for certificate cancellation - **150**

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

***Fees in leva***

1. Filing of an application - **50**
2. Priority claim - each priority - **20**
3. Examination of an application:
  - a) one design - **150**
  - b) each subsequent design - **80**
  - c) a set or a composition - **240**
4. Registration of a design - **200**
5. Issue of a registered design certificate - **60**
6. Publication in the Official Bulletin of:
  - a) an application - for each representation - **40**
  - b) a registered design - for each representation - **40**
7. Renewal of registration:
  - a) first renewal - **300**
  - b) second renewal - **400**
  - c) third renewal - **500**
  - d) up to six months upon expiration of the term of payment, extra 100 plus 50% of the corresponding fee.
8. Consideration of appeals against decisions to:
  - a) terminate application proceedings - **100**
  - b) refuse registration:
    - one design - **200**
    - each subsequent design - **80**
    - a set or composition - **250**
9. Consideration of registration cancellation requests for
  - a) one design - **400**

b) each subsequent design - **100**

c) a set or a composition - **500**

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

***Fees in leva***

1. One design - **60**

2. Each subsequent design - **10**

3. A set - **60**

4. A composition - **60**

**Art. 3 (Deleted - SG No 117/ 2002)**

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

***Fees in leva***

**Trademarks, service marks and jointly owned marks/Collective and certification marks**

1. Filing of application and examination:

a) up to three classes – **200/400**

b) each subsequent class – **60/120**

2. Priority claim - for each priority – **20/20**

3. Publication of application – **40/40**

4. Accelerated examination – **200/200**

5. Registration: **300/600**

6. Issue of registration certificate – **60/60**

7. Publication – **40/40**

8. Renewal of registration and publication:

a) till expiration of the registration term of validity:

- up to three classes - **300/600**

- for each subsequent class - **60/120**

b) up to six months upon 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 to:

a) terminate proceedings - **120/120**

b) refuse registration - **180/180**

10. Consideration of requests for:

a) invalidation of registration – **300/300**

b) cancellation of registration – **250/250**

11. Entry of restrictions in the list of goods and/or services and issue of certificate and publication - **50/50**

12. Consideration of a request for determination of a mark as well-known or as a mark with reputation on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria – **600/600**

13. Relegation of a Community mark application – **60/60**

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

***Fees in leva***

1. Filing of application and examination - **200**

2. Registration - **40**

3. User entry - **200**

4. Issue of certificate - **60**

5. Publication - **40**

6. Consideration of appeal against decision to:
  - a) terminate proceedings - **120**
  - b) refuse registration - **180**
  - c) refuse user entry - **180**
7. Request for invalidation of registration on the grounds of Art. 57 (1)(ii) of the Law on Marks and Geographical Indications - **200**
8. Request for invalidation of registration on the basis of a judicial decision - **20**
9. Request for user entry revocation on the basis of a judicial decision - **20**

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

***Fees in leva***

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

**Art. 5 (Amended SG No 35/27 April 2007) The following fees shall be collected for new plant varieties and animal breeds:**

***Fees in leva***

1. Filing of application - **40**
2. Priority claim - **20**
3. Publication of a mention of an application - **20**
4. Issue and publication of a certificate - **95**
5. Publication of a mention of each representation in an issued certificate - **12**
6. Maintenance of the term of validity of a certificate:
  - a) annual fees for each of the first four years following issue - **20**
  - b) for the 5th to the 10th year the fee shall grow compared to the previous one by - **40**
  - c) for the 11th and the subsequent years the fee shall grow compared to the previous one by **60**
7. Consideration of:
  - a) an appeal against a decision to terminate proceedings in a certificate grant application - **100**
  - b) appeal against a decision to refuse certificate grant - **160**
  - c) request against invalidation of an issued certificate - **200**
  - d) appeal against a refusal to renew a certificate - **200**

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

***Fees in leva***

1. Filling of application - **40**
2. Registration - **300**
3. Publication of the registration - **40**
4. Issue of a registration certificate - **40**
5. Request for access to the application file - **20**

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

***Fees in leva***

1. Extension of term for reply at the applicant's request:
  - a) first extension - **30**
  - b) second extension (for inventions, new plant varieties and animal breeds) - **80**
2. Correction of technical mistakes made by the applicant in:
  - a) the application or the request - **30**
  - b) the register or the title of protection - **80**
3. Request for entry and publication of changes in the name and/or address of the applicant, the owner respectively - **80**
4. Request for entry and publication of assignment of rights - **80**
5. Request for entry and publication of a mention of the entry of a license agreement - **80**
6. Other changes in the legal status and publication of a mention thereof - **20**
7. Issue of a duplicate of a title of protection - **40**
8. Inquiries in and extracts from the state registers - **10**
9. Supply of information on industrial property applied for or registered - **10**
10. Recording, issue of a certificate and publication of imposed security measures or incorporation into the bankrupts estate - **20**
11. Recording, issue of a certificate and publication of an established registered pledge - **80**

**FINAL PROVISIONS**

**OF DECREE № 235 / 7 NOVEMBER 2005 ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE TARIFF OF 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 NO 91 / 2005, IN FORCE SINCE 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 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 NO. 35 / 2007)**

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