

Chapter III Special Provisions on Conversion of Application Concerning International Applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

1. Handling of special provisions on conversion of application concerning international applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

An international application for which the international filing date has been recognized under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and which includes Japan in its designated States is deemed to be a patent application or an application for utility model registration filed on the international filing date.

Such application can only be converted into an application for design registration only after the applicant has submitted a document containing such information as the name and address of the applicant, the name and address of the inventor (creator) and the international filing date and has paid the prescribed fees where the original application is an international patent application (international application for utility model registration) filed in Japanese language, or only after the applicant has submitted the abovementioned document and the Japanese translations of the description and the scope of claims and has paid the prescribed fees where the original application is an international patent application (international application for utility model registration) filed in a foreign language.