

Revision note

A vertical line in the right-hand margin of a page indicates text amended or newly introduced on account of publications in the Official Journal of the EPO and on the EPO website as from November 2016.

The following important amendments have been made since November 2016:

- Reorganisation of the EPO (Art.15)
- Independence of members of the boards (Art.23; R.12a-d)
- Patentability of plant- and animal related inventions (R.27(b) and 28)
- Expert option (R.32 and 33)
- Payment by credit card (Rfees5(2):4)
- Enlarged Board of Appeal decision G1/15 on partial priority (Art.88(2):1)
- New referral G1/16 to the Enlarged Board of Appeal on undisclosed disclaimers (Art.123(2):2.4.4)
- Revised refund of examination fee (RFees11)
- Amendments in the November 2017 edition of the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO