

Nevertheless, no condition as to the possession of a domicile or establishment in the country where protection is claimed may be required of persons entitled to the benefits of the Union for the enjoyment of any industrial property rights.

The provisions of the laws of each of the contracting countries relative to judicial and administrative procedure and competence, and to the choice of domicile or the authorization of an agent which may be required by the laws of industrial property, are expressly reserved.

ARTICLE 3

Persons within the jurisdiction of countries not forming part of the Union, who are domiciled or who have real and effective industrial or commercial establishments in the territory of one of the countries of the Union, are assimilated to persons within the jurisdiction of the contracting countries.

ARTICLE 4

(a) Any person who has duly deposited an application for a patent, or for the registration of a utility model, industrial design or model or trade mark in one of the contracting countries, or his legal representative or assignee, shall enjoy, for the purposes of deposit in the other countries, and reserving the rights of third parties, a right of priority during the periods hereinafter stated.

(b) Consequently, a subsequent deposit in any of the other countries of the Union before the expiration of these periods shall not be invalidated through any acts accomplished in the interval, either, for instance, by another deposit, by publication or exploitation of the invention, by the putting on sale of copies of the design or model, or by use of the mark.

(c) The above-mentioned periods of priority shall be twelve months for patents and utility models, and six months for industrial designs and models and trade marks.

These periods start from the date of deposit of the first application in a country of the Union; the day of deposit is not included in the period.

If the last day of the period is a *dies non* in the country where protection is claimed, the period shall be extended until the first following working day.

(d) Any person desiring to take advantage of the priority of a previous deposit shall be bound to make a declaration giving particulars as to the date of such deposit and the country in which it was made. Each country will determine for itself the latest time at which such declaration must be made.

These particulars shall be mentioned in the publications issued by the competent authority, in particular on the patents and the specifications relating thereto.

The contracting countries may require any person making a declaration of priority to produce a copy of the application (with the specification, drawings, etc.) previously deposited. The copy, certified as correct by the authority by whom the application was received, shall not require any legal authentication, and may in any case be deposited at any time within three months from the deposit of the subsequent application. They may require it to be accompanied by a certificate from the proper authority showing the date of the deposit, and also by a translation.

No other formalities may be required for the declaration of priority at the time of depositing the application. Each of the contracting countries shall decide for itself what consequences shall follow the omission of the formalities prescribed by the present article, but such consequences shall in no case be more serious than the loss of the right of priority.

Subsequently, further proof in support of the declaration may be required.