

C. 1. The above-mentioned periods of priority shall be twelve months for patents and utility models, and six months for industrial designs or models and trade marks.

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

3. If the last day of the period is a *dies non* or a day when the Office is not open to receive the deposit of applications in the country where protection is claimed, the period shall be extended until the first following working day.

D. 1. 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.

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

3. The countries of the Union 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 without payment of fee. 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.

4. No other formalities may be required for the declaration of priority at the time of depositing the application. Each of the countries of the Union 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.

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

E. 1. Where an application for the registration of an industrial design or model is deposited in a country in virtue of a right of priority based on a previous deposit of an application for registration of a utility model, the period of priority shall only be that fixed for industrial designs or models.

2. Further, it is permissible to deposit in a country an application for the registration of a utility model in virtue of a right of priority based on the deposit of a patent application and *vice versa*.

F. No country of the Union may refuse an application for a patent on the ground that it contains multiple priority claims, provided that the application relates to one invention only within the meaning of the law of that country.

G. If examination reveals that an application for a patent contains more than one invention, the applicant may divide the application into the requisite number of divisional applications, and preserve as the date of each divisional application the date of the initial application and, if necessary, the benefit of the right of priority.

H. Priority may not be refused on the ground that certain elements of the invention for which priority is claimed do not appear in the claims formulated in the application in the country of origin, provided that the application documents as a whole disclose such elements in a precise manner.