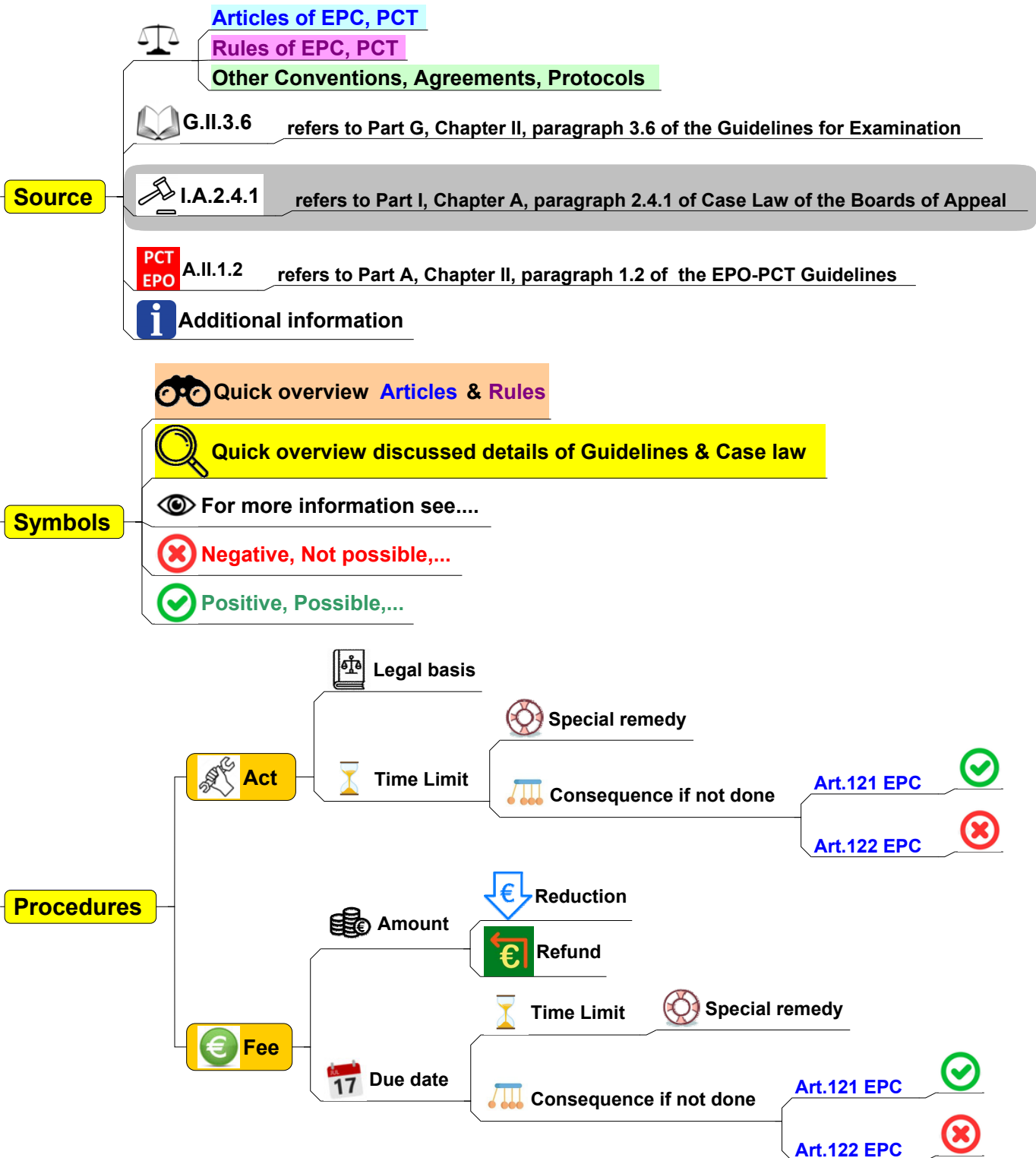


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Time Limit Calculator

Start date: month M, year Y	Time Limit within X months											
Year becomes ↓	Calculate M + X =											
Y	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Y+1	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Y+2	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Y+3	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
Month becomes →	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC

EPC Time limits

Art.120 EPC	R.131(3)	Years
	R.131(4)	Months
	R.131(5)	Weeks
	R.131(2)	Days
	R.134(1)	Holidays (EPO closed)
	R.134(2)	General mail dislocation
	R.134(3)	Nat. Office R.134(1)&(2)
	R.134(5)	Local mail dislocation
	R.132	Extension of period on request (From start of ORIGINAL period)
	R.133	Late receipt documents
	R.142	Death or Legal incapacity => interruption

PCT Time limits

Art.47(1) PCT	R.80.6 PCT	7 day rule (add days from end of time limit expiry)
	R.80.1 PCT	Years
	R.80.2PCT	Months
	R.80.3 PCT	Days
	R.80.4 PCT	Local dates
	R.80.5 PCT	Holidays
	R.80.7 PCT	End of working day
	R.82.1 PCT	Delay/Loss in Mail, Late receipt documents FROM applicant (5 day rule)

Abbreviations

AAD	Arrangements for the Automatic Debiting procedure	IB	International Bureau of WIPO
ADA	Arrangements for Deposit Accounts	IPEA	International Preliminary Examination Authority (PCT)
Art.	Article (of the EPC or the PCT)	IPER	International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT)
BoA	Board of Appeal	IPRP	International Preliminary Report on Patentability (PCT)
BDS	Business Distribution Scheme	ISA	International Search Authority (PCT)
CGK	Common General Knowledge	ISPE	ISPE Guidelines PCT
CPA	Closest Prior Art	ISR	ISR International Search Report
CS	Contracting State(s)	OJ	Official Journal
DAS	Digital Access Service	Oppo Div	Opposition Division
DO	Designated Office (PCT)	PACE	Programme for accelerated prosecution of EPAs
EBoA	Enlarged Board of Appeal	PC	Paris Convention
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights	PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
EO	Elected Office (PCT)	PoP&I	Protocol on Privileges & Immunities
EP	European Patent	PPH	Patent Prosecution Highway
EPA	European Patent Application	R.	Rule(s) of Implementing Regulations (to EPC or PCT)
EPC	European Patent Convention	Rfees	EPC Rules relating to Fees
EPO	European Patent Office	RO	Receiving Office (PCT)
EPOrg	European Patent Organisation	SIS	Supplementary International Search
ESR	European Search Report	SISA	Supplementary International Search Agency (PCT)
Exam Div	Examination Division	UPR	Regulations for Unitary Patent Protection
IA	International Application (PCT)	WO-ISA	Written Opinion of the ISA