

Leaflet European Patent in the Republic of Croatia

National patent number

The Croatian part of the European patent will be assigned a national patent number.

Duration

Provided that the annual national renewal fees are paid, the patent has a duration of 20 years from the European filing date.

Compulsory use

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Marking

There are no provisions regarding marking.

EU member countries

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