

## Leaflet European Patent in Sweden

### Territory

The Swedish part of the European patent covers the territory of the Kingdom of Sweden.

### National patent number

No national patent number is assigned to the Swedish part of the European patent.

### Duration

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

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