

CYPRUS JOINS THE PCT & EPC

The Republic of Cyprus will become a member state of the Patent Co-operation Treaty and of the European Patent Convention on 1 April 1998.

Cyprus can be designated in new European applications with an effective filing date of 1 April, or later.

Cyprus can also be designated in PCT applications filed on 1 April, or later, but can only be designated as part of a regional European designation. In other words, in order to get patent protection in Cyprus through the PCT system, it is necessary to take the route through the European Patent Office.

Pending PCT applications designating the European Patent Office cannot be extended to cover Cyprus.

For further information please ask your usual contact in the firm.

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