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Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 9 December 2010 exempting applicants claiming the priority of a first filing made in Japan, the United Kingdom or the United States of America from filing a copy of the search results under Rule 141(1) EPC – utilisation scheme

The President of the European Patent Office, having regard to Rules 141(1) and (2) and 70b(1) and (2) of the European Patent Convention (EPC), has decided as follows:

Article 1

Exemption under Rule 141(2) EPC from filing a copy of the search results

The European Patent Office shall include in the file of a European patent application a copy of the search results referred to in Rule 141(1) EPC, thus exempting the applicant from filing said copy, where the priority of a first filing made in one of the following states is claimed:

- Japan
- United Kingdom
- United States of America

Article 2

Entry into force

This decision shall enter into force on 1 January 2011 and shall apply to European patent applications and international applications filed on or after that date.

Done at Munich, 9 December 2010

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President

¹ See [notice from the European Patent Office dated 28 July 2010 concerning amended Rule 141 EPC and new Rule 70b EPC - utilisation scheme](#), OJ EPO 2010, 410.

² See also [decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 5 October 2010 on the filing of copies of search results under Rule 141\(1\) EPC - utilisation scheme](#), OJ EPO 2010, 600.

³ See [notice from the European Patent Office dated 9 December 2010 concerning exemption under Rule 141\(2\) EPC from filing a copy of the search results - utilisation scheme](#), OJ EPO 1/2011.

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