

EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION (EPO)

As reported during the SCP meeting in November, the EPO has taken swift action to remedy this situation. The Administrative Council has adopted a new Rule 85(5) EPC dealing with the matter, with retroactive effect to 11 September 2001.

The Notice of the President on this issue, dated 19 October 2001, is located at:

http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/president/e/2001_10_22_e.htm

The Decision of the Administrative Council, including the text of new Rule 85(5) EPC, can be consulted at:

http://www.european-patent-office.org/epo/ca/e/ca_001_33.htm