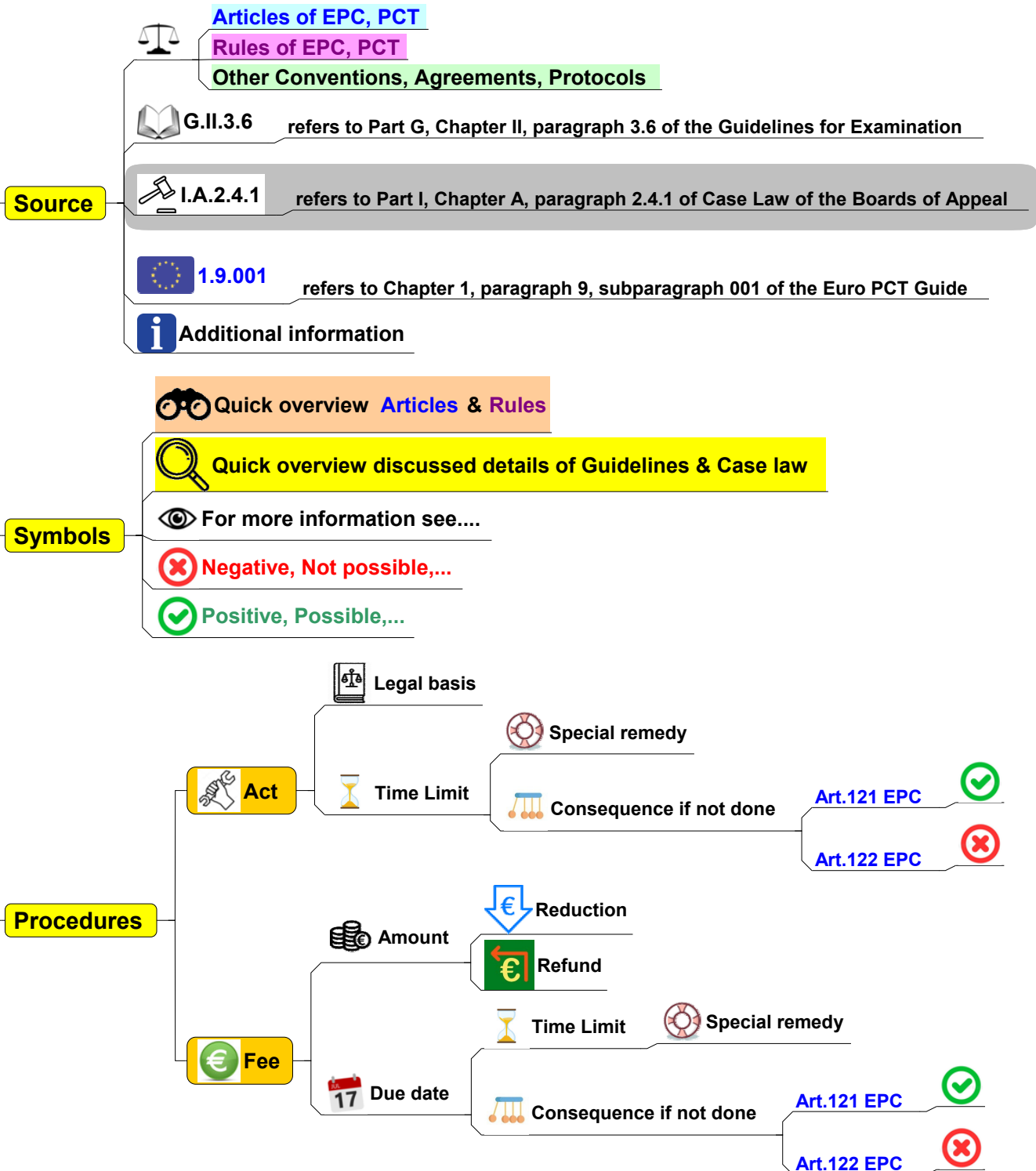


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## LEGEND



# Time Limit Calculator

Start date: month M, year Y	Time Limit within X months											
Year becomes ↓	Calculate M + X =											
Y	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Y+1	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Y+2	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Y+3	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
Month becomes →	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC

## EPC Time limits

<b>Art.119 EPC</b>	<b>R.126(2)</b>	10 day rule ( <b>applicable until 31.10.2023 !!!</b> )
<b>Art.120 EPC</b>	<b>R.131(3)</b>	Years
	<b>R.131(4)</b>	Months
	<b>R.131(5)</b>	Weeks
	<b>R.131(2)</b>	Days
	<b>R.134(1)</b>	Holidays (EPO closed)
	<b>R.134(2)</b>	General mail dislocation
	<b>R.134(3)</b>	Nat. Office <b>R.134(1)&amp;(2)</b>
	<b>R.134(5)</b>	Local mail dislocation
	<b>R.132</b>	Extension of period on request (From start of ORIGINAL period)
	<b>R.133</b>	Late receipt documents
<b>R.142</b>	Death or Legal incapacity => interruption	

## PCT Time limits

<b>Art.47(1) PCT</b>	<b>R.80.6 PCT</b>	7 day rule (add days from end of time limit expiry)
	<b>R.80.1 PCT</b>	Years
	<b>R.80.2PCT</b>	Months
	<b>R.80.3 PCT</b>	Days
	<b>R.80.4 PCT</b>	Local dates
	<b>R.80.5 PCT</b>	Holidays
	<b>R.80.7 PCT</b>	End of working day
	<b>R.82.1 PCT</b>	Delay/Loss in Mail, Late receipt documents FROM applicant ( 5 day rule)

## Abbreviations

<b>AAD</b>	Arrangements for the Automatic Debiting procedure	<b>ESR</b>	European Search Report
<b>ADA</b>	Arrangements for Deposit Accounts	<b>Exam Div</b>	Examination Division
<b>Art.</b>	Article	<b>IA</b>	International Application (PCT)
<b>BoA</b>	Board of Appeal	<b>IPEA</b>	International Preliminary Examination Authority (PCT)
<b>CGK</b>	Common General Knowledge	<b>IPER</b>	International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT)
<b>CPA</b>	Closest Prior Art	<b>IPRP</b>	International Preliminary Report on Patentability (PCT)
<b>CS</b>	Contracting State(s)	<b>ISA</b>	International Search Authority (PCT)
<b>DO</b>	Designated Office (PCT)	<b>OJ</b>	Official Journal
<b>EBoA</b>	Enlarged Board of Appeal	<b>Oppo Div</b>	Opposition Division
<b>ECHR</b>	European Convention on Human Rights	<b>PC</b>	Paris Convention
<b>EO</b>	Elected Office (PCT)	<b>PCT</b>	Patent Cooperation Treaty
<b>EP</b>	European Patent	<b>PoP&amp;I</b>	Protocol on Privileges & Immunities
<b>EPA</b>	European Patent Application	<b>R.</b>	Rule
<b>EPC</b>	European Patent Convention	<b>RO</b>	Receiving Office (PCT)
<b>EPO</b>	European Patent Office	<b>SISA</b>	International Search Agency (PCT)
<b>EPOrg</b>	European Patent Organisation	<b>UPR</b>	Regulations for Unitary Patent Protection