

PATENT ADMINISTRATORS – MOCK EXAMINATION

2nd February 2006

Reading Time: 2.00 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.

Writing Time: 2.15 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.

1. This is a three-hour Paper.
2. You should attempt all questions.
3. The number of marks allotted to each question is indicated on the paper.
4. Please write clearly, as it is difficult to award marks to illegible answers.
5. The Paper consists of 4 pages of questions plus Annex A of 1 page.
6. In addition, you are provided with:
 - A blank Patents Form PF 1/77
 - A blank Patents Form 7/77
 - A blank Patents Form 9A/ 77
 - A blank Patents Form 10/77
 - Forms & Fees - Patent Office Information sheet (7 pages)
 - A 2006 Calendar
 - A reproduction of the EPO notice indicating the dates in 2005 & 2006 on which the branch offices are closed
7. Additional blank forms PF 1/77, 7/77, 9A/77 & 10/77 are available from the invigilators
8. Please ensure your candidate number is written on each page of your answer and the forms PF 1/77, 7/77 and 9A/ 77. **Please do not write your name on the answer sheets**
9. At the end of the exam please ensure that your answer papers are placed in the envelope with **your candidate number on only** and sealed

1. Your attorney asks you to prepare the forms for a new UK patent application according to Annex

The client has also provided a copy of an English language specification entitled "Navigation system", which is to form the basis of the UK application. The description is 8 pages long, two pages of claims containing 11 claims, one page with an abstract and 4 sheets of drawings containing 12 figures.

Please select and complete those application Forms which can be filed without an official fee.

15 Marks

2. In respect of the new UK filing of Question 1, the Application is filed on 27 February 2006.

- (a) **What subsequent fee-bearing actions will be required to continue the Application?**
- (b) **What is the latest time, without extension, for filing the relevant forms? Explain your reasoning:-**
- (c) **Is a copy of the earlier German application required, and if so, by when? Explain your reasoning.**
- (d) **Is a translation of the earlier German application into English required, and if so, by when?**

10 Marks

3. You filed a new UK patent application on 4 Feb 2005. Today, 2 Feb 2006, you are filing two identical applications at the UK Patent Office, claiming priority from that application of last year - a UK national application and a PCT application. In respect of (a) the UK national application; and

- (a) **What priority documents will be required?**
- (b) **What is the procedure for supporting the claim to priority?**

5 Marks

4. **Give two reasons for requesting accelerated prosecution in order to obtain early grant of a UK patent application.**

2 Marks

5. A U.K. application is due to be accepted by 25th August 2007. A response to an official letter by the U.K. Patent Office was due on 24th January 2006. You have just discovered that no reply was filed.

What actions must be taken to ensure that the application does not lapse and by what date?

3 Marks

6. A UK patent application was filed on 9 January 2002, claiming a priority date of 6 February 2001. The application was granted on 8 September 2004.
- (a) **When is the first renewal fee due? Explain your reasoning.**
- If the fee has not been paid, and the client contacts you on 18 May 2006 indicating that they would like to renew the patent,
- (b) **what action can be taken, and by when?**
- (c) **What can be done if the client contacts you on 18 August 2006 instead?**
- 6 Marks*
7. **In a European Patent Office Application, what is meant by:**
- A1 publication
A2 publication
A3 publication
- (b) **Which of these is the starting point for the next stage in prosecution?**
- (c) **What further action is required and by when?**
- 4 Marks*
8. You received a first communication pursuant to Article 96(2) EPC (Examination Report) dated 20 October 2005.
- (a) **What is the last day on which a response could validly be filed before extension? Explain your reasoning.**
- (b) **Could the time limit have been extended and, if so, by how much?**
- (c) **What will be the last possible date on which the response could now be filed? Explain your reasoning.**
- 8 Marks*
9. You have received a notification that your application is deemed withdrawn because you have missed the date set by the European Patent Office for replying to substantive objections made by the examiner.
- What can you do to rescue the application and within what time limit?**
- 5 Marks*

10. You received a Notification of Acceptance dated 16 August 2005 from the European Patent Office under Rule 51(4) EPC. The Specification was in English and the Application designates all states
- (a) **What actions are required in response to the Notification?**
 - (b) **What was the date by which these actions must be taken? Explain your reasoning.**
 - (c) **Can the time limit be extended and, if so, by how much?**
- 6 Marks*
11. **What are the deadlines for filing an appeal from a decision of the EPO Examiner?**
- 2 Marks*
12. Your client wishes to file a divisional Application from her European Patent Application.
- (a) **Where must the divisional Application be filed?**
 - (b) **By when must the divisional application be filed?**
- 4 Marks*
13. You are handling two European Patent Applications as follows:-
- (A) A European Patent Application with a filing date of 18th February 2005, claiming priority from a U.K. patent application filed on 20th February 2004. The European application was published with the search by the EPO on 23rd August 2005.
 - (B) A European Patent Application based on a PCT application filed on 16th April 2004 and claiming priority from a U.K. patent application filed on 17th August 2003. The PCT application was published with the international search on 24th February 2005.
- In respect of each Application, what is the normal due date for the payment of the designation fees? Explain your reasoning.**
- 2 Marks*
14. **Give three possible outcomes following an opposition procedure in the European Patent Office.**
- 3 Marks*
15. In accordance with Article 122 of the European Patent Convention, many mistakes can be rectified by a procedure called restitutio in integrum if "all due care" has been exercised by the applicant and/or his agent. When attempting to recover the loss of a right because of a mistake by the agent, it is normally essential to be able to show that

there is a system in place that would, under normal circumstances, ensure that such a mistake could not occur.

Write down three requirements of staff, or the system they operate, which if in place would help to support a successful application for restitutio.

3 Marks

16. **What are the minimum requirements contained in a PCT application in order to be given a filing date?**

5 Marks

17. A PCT application has been sent to a Receiving Office which is not competent to receive the Application.

What will happen? What is the filing date?

3 Marks

18. A search report and written opinion on patentability was issued on 21 July 2005 by the Searching Authority on a PCT application.
The Application has a priority date of 22 January 2004.

(a) **What are the time periods for determining when the Demand must be filed?**

(b) **Calculate each date. Explain your reasoning.**

5 Marks

19. Your client has filed a PCT Application on 26 January 2005 claiming priority of 27 January 2004.

(a) **What is the last date for entering the European Regional Phase? Explain your reasoning.**

(b) **When is the first renewal fee on the EPC application due and when must it be paid? Explain your reasoning.**

7 Marks

20. A PCT Application has been filed without being signed.

(a) **Can the Application receive a filing date?**

(b) **What is the procedure?**

(c) **What date will be allocated - original filing at Receiving Office or date of signature?**

2 Marks

ANNEX 1

Otto Automann
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Munich
Germany

1 February 2006

Herr M. R. Draft
Draftitt & File Patent Agents
123 New Street
London
W1 2PC

Dear Herr Draft,

Re: **Ref: OA/93**
New UK patent application, based on DE 102005012345.6

Please proceed to file a UK patent application, claiming priority from my earlier German application (DE 102005012345.6) which was filed on 3 March 2005. I am the only inventor, and my home address is given above. I tried contacting you on + 44 (0)171 100 1000 but you were out of the office.

As with the German application, the new UK application should be filed in the name of my company, OA Automotive GmbH, of which I am an employee. The address of the company is: Autostrasse 10, D-80522, Munich, Germany.

Since I am waiting for a cheque from an investor, which I expect to receive in a few days' time, please file the UK application before the deadline, but delay the payment of any official fees, if possible.

Yours faithfully,

Otto Automann



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(Rule 16)

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Request for grant of a patent

(An explanatory leaflet on how to fill in this form is available from the Patent Office)

The Patent Office

Cardiff Road
Newport
South Wales
NP10 8QQ

Application number GB

1. Your reference:
(optional)

2. Full name, address and postcode of the applicant
or of each applicant (*underline all surnames*):

Patents ADP number (*if you know it*):

If the applicant is a corporate body, give the
country/state of its incorporation:

3. Title of the invention:

4. Name of your agent (*if you have one*):

"Address for service" in the United Kingdom
to which all correspondence should be sent
(including the postcode)

Patents ADP number (*if you know it*):

	Country	Application number (if you know it)	Date of filing (day / month / year)
5. Priority declaration: Are you claiming priority from one or more earlier-filed patent applications? If so, please give details of the application(s):			
6. Divisionals etc: Is this application a divisional application, or being made following resolution of an entitlement dispute about an earlier application? If so, please give the application number and filing date of the earlier application:		Number of earlier UK application	Date of filing (day / month / year)
7. Inventorship: (Inventors must be individuals not companies)		(Please tick the appropriate boxes)	
Are all the applicants named above also inventors?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, are there any other inventors?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Are you paying the application fee with this form?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

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9. Accompanying documents: not counting duplicates, please enter the number of pages of each item accompanying this form:

Continuation sheets of this form:

Description:

Claim(s):

Abstract:

Drawing(s):

If you are not filing a description, please give details of the previous application you are going to rely upon:

Country

Application number

Date of filing
(day / month / year)

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10. If you are also filing any of the following, state how many against each item.

Priority documents:

Statement of inventorship and right to grant of a patent (Patents Form 7/77):

Request for search (Patents Form 9A/77):

Request for substantive examination (Patents Form 10/77):

Any other documents:
(please specify)

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11. I/We request the grant of a patent on the basis of this application.

Signature(s):

Date:

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12. Name, e-mail address, telephone, fax and/or mobile number, if any, of a contact point for the applicant:

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Statement of inventorship and of right to grant of a patent

The Patent Office

Cardiff Road
Newport
South Wales
NP10 8QQ

1. Your reference

2. Patent application number
(if you know it)

3. Full name of the or of each applicant

4. Title of the invention

5. State how the applicant(s) derived the right
from the inventor(s) to be granted a patent

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(see note (c))

7. I/We believe that the person(s) named over the page *(and on any extra copies of this form)* is/are the inventor(s) of the invention which the above patent application relates to.

Signature

Date

8. Name and daytime telephone number of
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Enter the full names, addresses and postcodes of the inventors in the boxes and underline the surnames

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Have you signed the form?

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Request for search

(See the notes on the back of this form)

The Patent Office

Cardiff Road
Newport
South Wales
NP10 8QQ

1. Your reference:

2. Patent application number:

(If you know it)

3. Full name of the applicant
or of each applicant:

4. Is this request for:

a) A search under Section 17(1) for an international application which has been searched in the international phase? *(See note f)*

b) A search under Section 17(1) for any other application?

c) A supplementary search under Section 17(8)?

d) A search of a further invention under Section 17(6)?

(Answer this question by writing (a), (b), (c) or (d))
If your answer is (d), identify the invention to be searched by referring to the claims *(See note (c)).*

5. Do you want extra copies of any documents cited in the search report? *(see note (d))*

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- e) *Before your application is searched you must pay an application fee. If you have not already paid this fee you can do so when filing this form. The application fee is in addition to the fee required with this form. For details of the fees and ways to pay them, please contact the Patent Office.*
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Request for a substantive examination

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The Patent Office

Cardiff Road
Newport
South Wales
NP10 8QQ

1. Your reference

2. Patent application number
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3. Full name of the or of each applicant

4. *(see note (c))*

I/We request substantive examination of this application.

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Holidays and Observances

1 Jan New Year's Day	17 Apr Easter Monday	31 Oct Halloween
2 Jan New Year's Day Holiday	1 May Early May Bank Holiday	5 Nov Guy Fawkes Day
14 Apr Good Friday	29 May Spring Bank Holiday	25 Dec Christmas Day
16 Apr Easter Sunday	28 Aug Summer Bank Holiday	26 Dec Boxing Day

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Mitteilungen des Europäischen Patentamts

Mitteilung des Präsidenten des Europäischen Patentamts vom 2. Juli 2004 über die Tage, an denen die Annahmestellen des EPA im Jahr 2005 geschlossen sind

1. Nach Regel 85 (1) EPÜ erstrecken sich Fristen, die an einem Tag ablaufen, an dem zumindest **eine** Annahmestelle des EPA zur Entgegennahme von Schriftstücken nicht geöffnet ist (geschlossene Tage), auf den nächstfolgenden Tag, an dem **alle** Annahmestellen zur Entgegennahme von Schriftstücken geöffnet sind und an dem gewöhnliche Postsendungen zugestellt werden.

2. Die Annahmestellen des EPA in München, Den Haag und Berlin sind an allen Samstagen und Sonntagen zur Entgegennahme von Schriftstücken nicht geöffnet. Die weiteren geschlossenen Tage des Jahres 2005 werden in der nachfolgenden Übersicht bekanntgegeben.

Information from the European Patent Office

Notice from the President of the European Patent Office dated 2 July 2004 concerning the days on which EPO filing offices are closed in 2005

1. Under Rule 85(1) EPC time limits expiring on a day on which at least **one** of the filing offices of the EPO is not open for receipt of documents (closing days) are extended until the first day thereafter on which **all** the filing offices are open for receipt of documents and on which ordinary mail is delivered.

2. The EPO's filing offices in Munich, The Hague and Berlin will be closed for the receipt of documents on every Saturday and Sunday. The other closing days in 2005 are listed below.

Communications de l'Office européen des brevets

Communiqué du Président de l'Office européen des brevets, en date du 2 juillet 2004, relatif aux jours de fermeture des bureaux de réception de l'OEB en 2005

1. Conformément à la règle 85(1) CBE, les délais qui expirent un jour où **l'un** au moins des bureaux de réception de l'OEB n'est pas ouvert pour recevoir le dépôt des pièces (jours de fermeture) sont prorogés jusqu'au premier jour suivant où **tous** les bureaux de réception sont ouverts pour recevoir ce dépôt et où le courrier normal est distribué.

2. Les bureaux de réception de l'OEB à Munich, à La Haye et à Berlin ne seront ouverts ni le samedi, ni le dimanche pour recevoir le dépôt des pièces. Les autres jours de fermeture au cours de l'année 2005 sont énumérés dans la liste ci-après.

Tage / Days / Jours		München Munich	Den Haag The Hague La Haye	Berlin
Heilige Drei Könige – Epiphany – Epiphanie	06.01.2005	x		
Karfreitag – Good Friday – Vendredi Saint	25.03.2005	x	x	x
Ostermontag – Easter Monday – Lundi de Pâques	28.03.2005	x	x	x
Christi Himmelfahrt – Ascension Day – Ascension	05.05.2005	x	x	x
Tag der Befreiung – Liberation Day – Journée de la Libération			x	
Pfingstmontag – Whit Monday – Lundi de Pentecôte	16.05.2005	x	x	x
Fronleichnam – Corpus Christi – Fête-Dieu	26.05.2005	x		
Mariä Himmelfahrt – Assumption Day – Assomption	15.08.2005	x		
Tag der deutschen Einheit – Day of German Unity – Fête Nationale	03.10.2005	x		x
Allerheiligen – All Saints' Day – Toussaint	01.11.2005	x		
2. Weihnachtstag – Boxing Day – Lendemain de Noël	26.12.2005	x	x	x

Übersicht über die Tage, an denen die Annahmestellen des EPA und die nationalen Patentbehörden im Jahr 2006 geschlossen sind

1. Gemäß Regel 85 (1) EPÜ erstrecken sich Fristen, die an einem Tag ablaufen, an dem zumindest eine Annahmestelle des EPA zur Entgegennahme von Schriftstücken nicht geöffnet ist, auf den nächstfolgenden Tag, an dem alle Annahmestellen zur Entgegennahme von Schriftstücken geöffnet sind (vgl. auch Mitteilung des Präsidenten des EPA vom 16. Juni 2005, ABI. EPA 2005, 477).
2. Die Vorschriften der Regel 85 (1) EPÜ sind gemäß Regel 85 (3) EPÜ auch auf im EPÜ vorgesehene Fristen anzuwenden, innerhalb deren Handlungen bei den Zentralbehörden für den gewerblichen Rechtsschutz oder bei anderen zuständigen Behörden eines Vertragsstaats vorgenommen werden.
3. Die nachfolgende Übersicht enthält die Tage, an denen das EPA und die Zentralbehörden für den gewerblichen Rechtsschutz oder die anderen zuständigen Behörden nicht zur Entgegennahme von Schriftstücken, die europäische Patentanmeldungen betreffen, geöffnet sind. Die Niederlande sind in dieser Übersicht nicht aufgeführt, da europäische Anmeldungen und Schriftstücke hierzu unmittelbar bei der Annahmestelle des EPA in Den Haag einzureichen sind.
4. Es ist zu erwarten, dass die zuständigen nationalen Behörden im Laufe des Jahres 2006 noch weitere Tage festsetzen werden, an denen die Patentbehörden der Vertragsstaaten geschlossen sind. Es wird deshalb empfohlen, auf entsprechende Hinweise in den einschlägigen nationalen Veröffentlichungen zu achten.

List of holidays observed by EPO filing offices and the national patent authorities in 2006

1. Under Rule 85(1) EPC, time limits expiring on a day on which at least one of the filing offices of the EPO is not open for receipt of documents are extended until the first day thereafter on which all the filing offices are open for receipt of documents (see also the Notice from the President of the EPO dated 16 June 2005, OJ EPO 2005, 477).
2. Under Rule 85(3) EPC, the provisions of Rule 85(1) EPC apply also to time limits provided for in the EPC within which transactions are carried out with the central industrial property office or other competent authority of the contracting state.
3. The following table indicates the days on which the EPO and the central industrial property offices or the other competent authorities are not open for receipt of documents relating to European patent applications. The Netherlands are not included in this table since European patent applications and related documents have to be filed directly with the receiving Office of the EPO at The Hague.
4. It is expected that the competent national authorities will fix, during 2006, further days on which the patent authorities of the contracting states are closed. Attention should therefore be paid to corresponding notices in the relevant national publications.

Liste des jours de fermeture des bureaux de réception de l'OEB et des services nationaux de la propriété industrielle en 2006

1. Conformément à la règle 85(1) CBE, les délais qui expirent un jour où l'un au moins des bureaux de réception de l'OEB n'est pas ouvert pour recevoir le dépôt des pièces sont prorogés jusqu'au premier jour suivant où tous les bureaux de réception sont ouverts pour recevoir ce dépôt (cf. également la communication du Président de l'OEB en date du 16 juin 2005, JO OEB 2005, 477).
2. Conformément à la règle 85(3) CBE, les dispositions de la règle 85(1) CBE s'appliquent aussi aux délais prévus par la CBE lorsqu'il s'agit d'actes à accomplir auprès du service central de la propriété industrielle ou des autres services compétents d'un Etat contractant.
3. La liste suivante énumère les jours où l'OEB et les services centraux de la propriété industrielle ou les autres services compétents ne sont pas ouverts pour recevoir le dépôt de pièces afférentes à des demandes de brevet européen. Les Pays-Bas ne sont pas inclus dans cette liste étant donné que les demandes européennes et les pièces afférentes à de telles demandes doivent être déposées directement auprès de la section de dépôt de l'OEB à La Haye.
4. Il est probable que les services nationaux compétents fixeront en 2006 d'autres jours encore où les services nationaux de la propriété industrielle des Etats contractants ne seront pas ouverts. Il est en conséquence recommandé de tenir compte des indications données en ce sens dans les publications nationales spécialisées.

¹ Für das Technische Informationszentrum Berlin des Deutschen Patent- und Markenamts gelten nur die mit * gekennzeichneten, für die Dienststelle Jena die mit + gekennzeichneten Feiertage.

² Annahmestelle in München geschlossen.

³ Annahmestellen in Berlin und München geschlossen.

⁴ Annahmestelle in Den Haag geschlossen.

⁵ Annahmestellen in München und Den Haag geschlossen.

⁶ Samstag.

⁷ Sonntag.

⁸ Das britische Patentamt ist mit Ausnahme des 15. April 2006 an Samstagen für die Entgegennahme europäischer Patentanmeldungen, für die keine Priorität beansprucht wird, bis 13.00 Uhr geöffnet.

⁹ Nur in Rom.

¹⁰ Nur in Madrid.

¹¹ Das spanische Patent- und Markenamt ist an Samstagen bis 14.00 Uhr geöffnet.

¹² Gilt nur für die Zweigstelle Straßburg.

¹ In the case of the Technisches Informationszentrum Berlin of the German Patent and Trademark Office, only the days marked * and for the Jena Annex only the days marked + apply.

² Filing office in Munich closed.

³ Filing offices in Berlin and Munich closed.

⁴ Filing office at The Hague closed.

⁵ Filing offices in Munich and The Hague closed.

⁶ Saturday.

⁷ Sunday.

⁸ The United Kingdom Patent Office is open until 13.00 hrs on Saturdays for the receipt of European patent applications for which no priority is claimed, except on 15 April 2006.

⁹ Only in Rome.

¹⁰ Only in Madrid.

¹¹ The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office is open until 14.00 hrs on Saturdays.

¹² Applies to the branch office in Strasbourg only.

¹ Pour le Technisches Informationszentrum de Berlin de l'Office allemand des brevets et des marques, seuls sont fériés les jours marqués d'un * et pour l'agence de Jena les jours marqués d'un +.

² Bureau de réception de Munich fermé.

³ Bureaux de réception de Berlin et de Munich fermés.

⁴ Bureau de réception de La Haye fermé.

⁵ Bureaux de réception de Munich et de La Haye fermés.

⁶ Samedi.

⁷ Dimanche.

⁸ A l'exception du 15 avril 2006, l'Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni sera ouvert tous les samedis jusqu'à 13 heures pour recevoir des dépôts de demandes de brevet européen ne revendiquant pas de droit de priorité.

⁹ Seulement à Rome.

¹⁰ Seulement à Madrid.

¹¹ L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques sera ouvert les samedis jusqu'à 14 heures.

¹² S'applique seulement au centre régional à Strasbourg.

Tage/Days/Jours	EP	AT	BE	BG	CH/LI	CY	CZ	DE ¹	DK	EE	ES
Neujahr/New Year/Nouvel An 1.1. ⁷	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x**	x	x	x
Heilige Drei Könige/Epiphany/Epiphanie 6.1.	x ²	x				x		x			x
Karfreitag/Good Friday/Vendredi Saint 14.4.	x				x	21.4.		x**	x	x	x
Osternmontag/Easter Monday/Lundi de Pâques 17.4.	x	x	x		x	24.4.	x	x**	x		
Maifeiertag/May Day/Fête du travail 1.5.	x	x	x	x		x	x	x**		x	x
Christi Himmelfahrt/Ascension Day/Ascension 25.5.	x	x	x		x			x**	x		
Pfingstmontag/Whit Monday/Lundi de Pentecôte 5.6.	x	x	x		x	12.6.		x**	x		
Fronleichnam/Corpus Christi/Fête-Dieu 15.6.	x ²	x						x			
Mariä Himmelfahrt/Assumption Day/Assomption 15.8.	x ²	x	x			x		x			x
Allerheiligen/All Saints Day/Toussaint 1.11.	x ²	x	x					x			x
Allerseelen/All Souls Day/Jour des Morts 2.11.			x								
Mariä Empfängnis/Feast of the Conception/Immaculée Conception 8.12.		x									x
Heiliger Abend/Christmas Eve/Veille de Noël 24.12. ⁷	x	x		x	x	x	x	x**	x	x	
1. Weihnachtstag/Christmas Day/Jour de Noël 25.12.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x**	x	x	x
2. Weihnachtstag/Boxing Day/Lendemain de Noël 26.12.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x**	x	x	
Silvester/New Year's Eve/Saint Sylvestre 31.12. ⁷	x	x	x					x**	x		
Nationalfeiertag/ National commemoration day/ Fête nationale		26.10.	21.7.	3.3. 22.9.	1.8.	1.4. ⁶ 1.10. ⁷	28.10. ⁶	3.10. ^{**}	5.6.		12.10.
Samstage/Saturdays/Samedis	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x**	x	x	''
Sonntage/Sundays/Dimanches	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x**	x	x	x
Sonstige Tage/Other days/ Autres jours	5.5. ⁴ 3.10. ³		11.11. ⁸ 15.11. 27.12. 28.12. 29.12. 30.12. ⁶	6.5. ⁶ 24.5. 6.9.	2.1.	6.3. 25.3. ⁶ 28.10. ⁶	8.5. 5.7. 6.7. 28.9. 17.11.	31.10. ⁷	13.4 12.5.	24.2 23.6. 24.6. ⁶ 20.8. ⁷	20.3 13.4. 2.5. ¹⁰ 15.5. ¹⁰ 9.11. ¹⁰ 6.12.

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Neujahr/New Year/Nouvel An 1.1. ⁷	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Heilige Drei Könige/Epiphany/ Epiphanie 6.1.	x ²	x			x				x		
Karfreitag/Good Friday/ Vendredi Saint 14.4.	x	x	x ¹²	x	21.4.		x	x			
Ostermontag/Easter Monday/ Lundi de Pâques 17.4.	x	x	x	x	24.4.	x	x	x	x	x	x
Maifeiertag/May Day/ Fête du travail 1.5.	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x
Christi Himmelfahrt/ Ascension Day/Ascension 25.5.	x	x	x					x			x
Pfingstmontag/Whit Monday/ Lundi de Pentecôte 5.6.	x		x		12.6.	x		x			x
Fronleichnam/Corpus Christi/ Fête-Dieu 15.6.	x ²										
Mariä Himmelfahrt/Assumption Day/Assomption 15.8.	x ²		x		x				x	x	x
Allerheiligen/All Saints Day/ Toussaint 1.11.	x ²		x			x			x	x	x
Allerseelen/All Souls Day/ Jour des Morts 2.11.											x
Mariä Empfängnis/Feast of the Conception/Immaculée Conception 8.12.									x		
Heiliger Abend/Christmas Eve/ Veille de Noël 24.12. ⁷	x	x				x	x				
1. Weihnachtstag/Christmas Day/ Jour de Noël 25.12.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2. Weihnachtstag/Boxing Day/ Lendemain de Noël 26.12.	x	x	x ¹²	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Silvester/New Year's Eve/ Saint Sylvestre 31.12. ⁷	x						x ⁷				
Nationalfeiertag/ National commemoration day/ Fête nationale		6.12.	14.7.		25.3. ⁶ 28.10. ⁵	15.3. 20.8. ⁷ 23.10.	17.3.	17.6. ⁶	25.4. 2.6.	16.2. 11.3. ⁵	23.6.
Samstage/Saturdays/Samedis	x	x	x	⁸	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sonntage/Sundays/Dimanches	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sonstige Tage/Other days/ Autres jours	5.5. ⁴ 3.10. ³	23.6.	8.5. 26.5. 14.8.	2.1. 1.5. 29.5. 28.8.	6.3.		2.1. 1.5. 5.6. 7.8. 30.10 27.12.	13.4. 20.4. 7.8.	29.6. ⁹	24.6. ⁶ 6.7.	27.2. 4.9.

Tage/Days/Jours	EP	LV	MC	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK	TR
Neujahr/New Year/Nouvel An 1.1. ⁷	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Heilige Drei Könige/Epiphany/ Epiphanie 6.1.	x ²						x		x	
Karfreitag/Good Friday/ Vendredi Saint 14.4.	x	x			x		x		x	
Ostermontag/Easter Monday/ Lundi de Pâques 17.4.	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	
Maifeiertag/May Day/ Fête du travail 1.5.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Christi Himmelfahrt/ Ascension Day/Ascension 25.5.	x		x				x			
Pfingstmontag/Whit Monday/ Lundi de Pentecôte 5.6.	x		x							
Fronleichnam/Corpus Christi/ Fête-Dieu 15.6.	x ²		x	x	x					
Mariä Himmelfahrt/Assumption Day/Assomption 15.8.	x ²		x	x	x			x		
Allerheiligen/All Saints Day/ Toussaint 1.11.	x ²		x	x	x			x	x	
Allerseelen/All Souls Day/ Jour des Morts 2.11.										
Mariä Empfängnis/Feast of the Conception/Immaculée Conception 8.12.			x		x					
Heiliger Abend/Christmas Eve/ Veille de Noël 24.12. ⁷	x						x		x	
1. Weihnachtstag/Christmas Day/ Jour de Noël 25.12.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
2. Weihnachtstag/Boxing Day/ Lendemain de Noël 26.12.	x	x		x		x	x		x	
Silvester/New Year's Eve/ Saint Sylvestre 31.12. ⁷	x	x					x			
Nationalfeiertag/ National commemoration day/ Fête nationale		4.5. 18.11.	19.11. ⁷	11.11. ⁶	10.6. ⁶	1.12.	6.6.	27.4. 25.6. ⁷ 26.12.		23.4. ⁷ 19.5. 30.8. 29.10. ⁷
Samstage/Saturdays/Samedis	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sonntage/Sundays/Dimanches	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sonstige Tage/Other days/ Autres jours	5.5. ⁴ 3.10. ³	23.6. 24.6.	2.1. 27.1. 26.5. 14.8. 20.11.	3.5.	25.4. 13.6. 5.10. 1.12.	2.1. 24.4.	23.6.	2.1. 8.2. 2.5. 31.10.	8.5. 5.7. 29.8. 1.9. 15.9. 17.11.	10.1. 11.1. 12.1. 13.1. 23.10. 24.10. 25.10.