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Introduction and acknowledgement

This document comprises an update to the “Pre-Exam Book - Cases/Exams” (“P-book”, edition July 2022, EQE 2023) in view of:

- Publications in OJ EPO after the Book was printed (OJ July 2022; OJ Suppl 3/2022 of 10.08.2022);
- Publications in PCT Newsletter after the Book was printed (PCT NL June 2022 & July-Aug 2022);
- Updates and corrections to the questions and answers;
- Notices on the EQE website

We thank all who provided any comments and all candidates who participated in our legal training courses, as well as those that gave feedback on our material via email, for useful feedback. Any further comments are highly appreciated – pleased send them to training@deltapatents.com.

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August 2022

EQE 2023 preparation courses

DeltaPatents organizes further training sessions for candidates preparing for Pre-Exam 2023 and for the Main Exam 2023 in the period from May 2022 until February 2023. Also, our Correction Papers programme for the EQE Main Exam papers will start after the summer and be active until late January.

Please check our website for course details, further announcements and enrolment:

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<http://www.deltapatents.com/eqe-main-exam-paper-d.html>

<http://www.deltapatents.com/registration--cancellation.html>

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Other EQE 2023 material: model solutions, reference books

Model Solutions / P-Book

DeltaPatents provides **updated exam papers and model solutions** for (most) of the Pre-Exam papers since 2014 in the book "[Pre-Exam book – Cases/Exams](#)" ("P-Book")

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Reference books

The DeltaPatents [webshop](#) also provides:

- "Basic Legal Questions for Pre-Exam and Paper D" by DeltaPatents ("L-Book")
- "References to the European Patent Convention" by Jelle Hoekstra
- "The Cross-Referenced Patent Cooperation Treaty" by Cees Mulder, and
- "Topic-Related Index to the EPC and PCT" by Cees Mulder and Roel van Woudenberg.



Updates to legal provisions and material

- New accession to the EPC:
 - EPO News: “Montenegro (ME) accedes to the EPC with effect of 1/10/2022”

- New editions of: “European Patent Guide – How to get a European patent”
 - The latest edition is the 22nd edition, updated to 1 May 2022, published 24 Aug 2022.
 - Available online in the EPO's three official languages in both HTML and PDF format.
 - <https://www.epo.org/applying/european/Guide-for-applicants.html>

- New edition of “National Law relating to the EPC”
 - <http://www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/national-law-epc.html>
 - The latest edition is March 2022 (21th edition), published on 29 June 2022 [OJ 2022, A66]. The pdf version reflects the status of March 2022. The HTML version is routinely updated whenever the EPO learns of any changes at national level.

- New edition of “Case Law of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office” (Case law Book) [10th edition, July 2019; published on 11 Aug 2022]

- New version of ADA/AAD:

ADA/AAD2019 will be **superseded by ADA/AAD2022 per 10 September 2022** – OJ Suppl 3/2022 (published on 10 Aug 2022):

 - Main changes are new provisions:
 - To implement a process of direct clearing of debit orders;
 - To introduce a safety net for replenishments of deposit accounts;
 - To reflect the full deployment of Central Fee Payment (and the abolishment of Online Fee Payment; OJ 2022, A__ : “Notice from the European Patent Office dated 19 July 2022 concerning Central Fee Payment”) and the changes this will entail for managing automatic debit orders.
 - The need to make these amendments has also been taken as an opportunity to rearrange and split up a number of existing ADA provisions to improve readability, without, however, substantially changing their content.
 - The ADA provisions have been split, rearranged and renumbered extensively.
 - Note that also Online Fee Payment was abolished per 10 Sep 2022, and was replaced by Central Fee Payment as of that date – OJ 2022, A_ (Notice dated 19 July 2022).

Section 3 – Legal cases

HJ14-04, H14-05

- Replace “Online Fee Payment” by “Central Fee Payment”

Section 4 – Answers to the cases

HJ14-04, H14-05

- The references to ADA/AAD2019 need to be updated for ADA/AAD2022 = OJ Suppl 3/2022: this new version of the ADA/AAD entered into force on 10 Sep 2022 and will be the relevant version for EQE2023
- H14-04, answer to statement 1: ADA2019 5.1.2 → ADA2022, 7.1.2; ADA2019 5.4.1 → ADA2022 10.1
- H14-04, answer to statement 2: ADA2019 5.2.2-5.2.3 → ADA2022 7.4.1 & 7.4.3
- H14-04, answer to statement 3: ADA2019 5.4.2 → ADA2022 7.5.2
- H14-04, answer to statement 4: ADA2019 5.4.1 → ADA2022 10.2
- H14-04, comments: update cf. answers to statements
- H14-05, answer to statement 1: AAD2019 4.1 → AAD2022 4.1; AAD2019 5 → AAD2022 5
- H14-05, answer to statement 2: AAD2019 7 → AAD2022 7.2
- H14-05, answer to statement 3: AAD2019 5.2(a) → AAD2022 5.2(a)
- H14-05, answer to statement 4: AAD2019 5.2(a) → AAD2022 5.2(a); AAD2019 7 → AAD2022 7.2
- H14-05, comments: update cf. answers to statements

Section 5 – pre-exam papers

(No updates).

Section 6 – answers and model solutions to the pre-exam papers

(No updates).