

Validation of European Patents in the Republic of Moldova

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Key elements of the validation system

Validation for the Republic of Moldova is deemed requested for any European or international application filed with the European Patent Office (EPO) on or after 1 November 2015.

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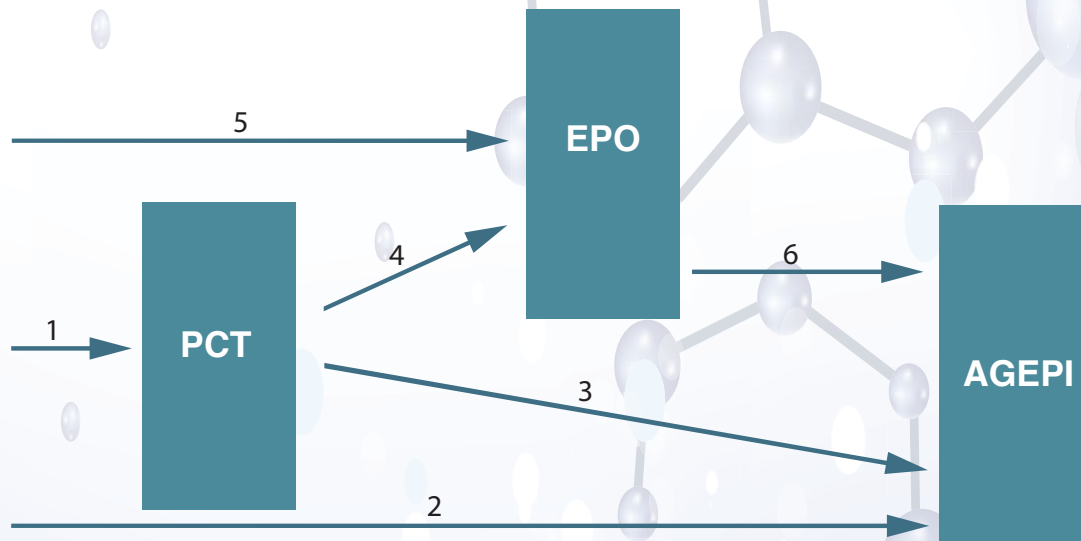
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Applicable law

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