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List of abbreviations, keywords and other practical guidance

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## 1. UPC specific abbreviations

When using abbreviations, it can be useful to write the full name or term when it first appears in the text, and then in its abbreviated form. For example: Agreement on a Unified Patent Court (UPCA).

Agreement or UPCA	Agreement on a Unified Patent Court of 19 February 2013 (OJ C 175, 20.6.2013, p. 1) including any subsequent amendments Articles of the UPCA are to be cited in the following format: Art. 33(3)(a) UPCA
Art.	Article
Central Division or CD	Central division of the Court of First Instance pursuant to the Agreement
Code of Conduct (Judges) or Code of Conduct or CoC (Judges)	Code of Conduct of Judges of the Unified Patent Court of 24 April 2023 including any subsequent amendments
Code of Conduct (Representatives) or CoC (Representatives)	Code of Conduct for Representatives of 8 February 2023 including any subsequent amendments
CJEU	The Court of Justice of the European Union
Court or the UPC	The Unified Patent Court created by the Agreement
Court of Appeal or CoA	The Court of Appeal of the Unified Patent Court created by the Agreement
Court of First Instance or CFI	The Court of First Instance of the Unified Patent Court created by the Agreement
Contracting Member State or CMS	A Member State party to the Agreement
Data Protection Officer	The UPC Data Protection Officer designated by the Presidium
Deputy-Registrar	The Deputy-Registrar of the Court
Directive 98/5/EC	Directive 98/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 to facilitate practice of the profession of lawyer on a permanent basis in a Member State other than that in which the qualification was obtained (OJ L 77, 14.3.1998, p. 36) including any subsequent amendments
EMA	European Medicines Agency
EPC	Convention on the Grant of European Patents of 5 October 1973 (European Patent Convention) including any subsequent amendments

EPO	The European Patent Office
EP or European patent	A patent granted under the provisions of the EPC, which does not benefit from unitary effect by virtue of Regulation (EU) No 1257/2012
UP or European patent with unitary effect	A patent granted under the provisions of the EPC which benefits from unitary effect by virtue of Regulation (EU) No 1257/2012
EU-GDPR	Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation)
Financial Regulations or Fin. Reg.	The Financial Regulations of the Court as adopted by the Administrative Committee of 22 February 2022, including any subsequent amendments
Guidelines (value of proceedings) or Guidelines on fees and costs	Guidelines for the determination of the court fees and the ceiling of recoverable costs of 24 April 2023 including any subsequent amendments
The Hague Convention	Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters of 15 November 1965 including any subsequent amendments
CMS	The information technology system of the Court
judge	Depending on the context; the presiding judge, the judge-rapporteur, the single judge, the standing judge or the panel of judges
JR	judge rapporteur
Local Division or LD	Local division of the Court of First Instance pursuant to the Agreement
Lugano Convention	Convention on Jurisdiction and the Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters of 30 October 2007 (OJ L 147, 10.6.2009, p. 5) including any subsequent amendments
Member State or MS	A Member State of the European Union
patent	A European patent and/or a European patent with unitary effect
Presidium	The Presidium according to the Statute
PJ	presiding judge
R.	Rule
Regional Division or RD	Regional division of the Court of First Instance pursuant to the Agreement
Regulation (EU)	Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 of the European Parliament and of the

2020/1783 or Evidence Regulation	Council of 25 November 2020 on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters (taking of evidence) (recast), OJ L 405, 2.12.2020, p. 1 including any subsequent amendments
Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 or Brussels I bis	Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (OJ L 351, 20.12.2012, p. 1) including any subsequent amendments
Regulation (EU) No 1257/2012 or UP Regulation	Regulation (EU) No 1257/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2012 implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection (OJ L 361, 31.12.2012, p. 1) including any subsequent amendments
Regulation (EU) No 1260/2012 or Language UP Regulation	Regulation (EU) No 1260/2012 of the Council of 17 December 2012 implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection with regard to the applicable translation arrangements (OJ L 361, 31.12.2012, p. 89) including any subsequent amendments including any subsequent amendments
Regulation (EU) 2020/1784 or Service Regulation	Regulation (EU) 2020/1784 1783 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters (service of documents) (recast), OJ L 405, 2.12.2020; p. 40
Registrar	The Registrar of the Court
Registry	The Registry at the Court of Appeal
RegR	Rules governing the Registry of the Unified Patent Court
RoP	Rules of Procedure of the Unified Patent Court as adopted by decision of the Administrative Committee on 8 July 2022, including any subsequent amendments Rules of the RoP are to be cited in the following format: R. 14.1(c) RoP
Scale of ceilings	Scale of ceilings for recoverable costs of 24 April 2023 including any subsequent amendments
Service Regulations or Serv. Reg.	Regulations Governing the Conditions of Service of Judges, the Registrar and the Deputy-Registrar of the Unified Patent Court of 22 February 2022 including any subsequent amendments
UPCS or Statute	Statute of the Unified Patent Court (OJ C 175, 20.6.2013, p. 29) including any subsequent amendments Articles of the UPCS are to be cited in the following format: Art. 15(3)(a) UPCS
Sub-Registry	The branch of the Registry situated at a local or regional division or at the seat or one of the sections of the central division of the Court of First Instance

Table of Court Fees or Table	Table of Court Fees of 8 July 2023 including any subsequent amendments
SPC or Supplementary protection certificate	A supplementary protection certificate granted under Regulation (EC) No 469/2009 (1) or under Regulation (EC) No 1610/96
UPC	The Unified Patent Court

## 2. How to cite UPC case-law

UPC cases should be cited by using the ECLI reference code. The code is required by R. 67 of the RegR and is to be provided by the Deputy-Registrar for cases from the Court of First Instance, and by R. 73 of the RegR for the Court of Appeal, to be provided by the Registrar. The ECLI code can be found in the CMS system in the Overview folder.

Overview		Patents	Personal details	Judges	Documents	Activities Log	Orders	Procedural Data	Protective letters
Registry Number	ACT_525740/2023								
Proceeding Type	Application for provisional measures								
Documents	24								
Court Division	Düsseldorf local division - First Instance								
Language	German								
Value of the action	500,000.00 EUR								
Decision									
Decision									ECLI:EU:UP2023:526778 23/06/23
Outcome of the decision									Measures granted in part
an interim award of costs									yes

If no ECLI reference code has yet been provided, the order or decision should be cited by the UPC case number and the date of the order or decision.

UPC CFI 1/2023 (CD Paris), decision of 1 June 2023, ... [page],

UPC CFI 1/2023 (LD Paris), decision of 1 June 2023, ... [page],

UPC CFI 1/2023 (Nordic Baltic RD), decision of 1 June 2023, ... [page],

UPC CFI 1/2023 (CD Munich), order of 1 June 2023, ... [page],

UPC CFI 1/2023 (LD Munich), order of 1 June 2023, ... [page],

UPC CFI 1/2023 (Nordic Baltic RD), order of 1 June 2023, ... [page],

UPC CoA 1/2023, decision of 1 June 2023, ... [page],

UPC CoA 1/2023, order of 1 June 2023, ... [page].

### 3. How to cite CJEU case-law

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The method of citing the CJEU case-law is set out on the Curia website. The method differs somewhat depending on the language used.

Example: Judgment of 12 July 2005, Schempp, C-403/03, EU:C:2005:446, paragraph 19  
[CURIA - Method of citing the case-law - Court of Justice of the European Union \(europa.eu\)](#)

Example: Urteil vom 12. Juli 2005, Schempp, C-403/03, EU:C:2005:446, Rn. 19  
[CURIA - Zitierweise der Rechtsprechung - Gerichtshof der Europäischen Union \(europa.eu\)](#)

Example: Arrêt de 12 juillet 2005, Schempp, C-403/03, EU:C:2005:446, point 19  
[CURIA - Mode de citation de la jurisprudence - Cour de justice de l'Union européenne \(europa.eu\)](#)

Example: Dom af 12. juli 2005, Schempp, C-403/03, EU:C:2005:446, praemis 19  
[CURIA - Metoden for henvisning til retspraksis - Den Europæiske Unions Domstol \(europa.eu\)](#)

Example: Sentenza del 12 luglio 2005, Schempp, C-403/03, EU:C:2005:446, punto 19  
[CURIA - Modo di citazione della giurisprudenza - Corte di giustizia dell'Unione europea \(europa.eu\)](#)

Example: Arrest van 12 juli 2005, Schempp, C-403/03, EU:C:2005:446, punt 19  
[CURIA - Citeerwijze voor de rechtspraak - Hof van Justitie van de Europese Unie \(europa.eu\)](#)

Example: Acórdão de 12 de julho de 2005, Schempp, C-403/03, EU:C:2005:446, n.º 19  
[CURIA - Modo de citação da jurisprudência - Tribunal de Justiça da União Europeia \(europa.eu\)](#)

Example: Sodbaz dne 12. júlija 2005, Schempp, C-403/03, EU:C:2005:446, točka 19  
[CURIA - Pravidlo citácie judikatúry - Súdny dvor Európskej únie \(europa.eu\)](#)

Example: Tuomio 12.7.2005, Schempp, C-403/03, EU:C:2005:446, 19 kohta  
[CURIA - Tapa viitata oikeuskäytäntöön - Euroopan unionin tuomioistuim \(europa.eu\)](#)

Example: Dom av den 12 juli 2005, Schempp, C-403/03, EU:C:2005:446, punkt 19  
[CURIA - Metod för hänvisning till rättspraxis - Europeiska unionens domstol \(europa.eu\)](#)



## 4. How to cite the Official Journal of the EPO and the case-law of the EPO's Boards of Appeals

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The Official Journal of the EPO is cited as OJ, followed by the year of publication and page number for publication prior to 2014 (eg OJ 2000, 322) and as OJ, followed by the year of publication and article for publication as of 2014 (eg OJ 2015, A102).

For the case-law of the EPO Boards of Appeals, normally only the case number is cited. If a decision of a board of appeal has been published in the OJ, the OJ reference can be cited as well when appropriate.

See also page XIV in

[Case law of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office 10th edition \(epo.org\)](#)

## 5. How to cite ECtHR case-law

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The mode of citation of the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights is set out in an explanatory note.

Example: *Malhous v. the Czech Republic* (dec.) [GC], no. 33071/96, ECHR 2000-XII

[Note explaining the mode of citation of the case-law of the new Court, the old Court and the Commission \(coe.int\)](#)

[Note expliquant la manière de citer la jurisprudence de la nouvelle Cour, de l'ancienne Cour et de la Commission \(coe.int\)](#)

Exact ways to cite leading case-law can be found here

[Case-law references of judgments, advisory opinions and key case decisions \(coe.int\)](#)

[Références aux arrêts, aux avis consultatifs et aux décisions rendues dans les affaires phares \(coe.int\)](#)

## 6. How to cite national case-law

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If possible, use the European Case Law Identifier (ECLI) when citing national case-law. However, ECLI is not used in all EU Member States. Useful links on how to cite national case-law is available through the following link:

[European e-Justice Portal - European Case Law Identifier \(ECLI\) \(europa.eu\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/lex/ecli/)

If ECLI is not available, use the citation standard commonly used in the Member State in question.

## 7. How to cite books, commentaries and articles

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When citing books, commentaries and articles, the format could be: name of the author/title of the book, commentary or law review/edition and year of the publication/ page or paragraph (book/law review) or number of the Art. or Rule and of the paragraph (commentary).

Examples:

- Book: Jacob, IP And Other Things (2015), 147.
- Commentary: Tilmann/Plassmann/Tochtermann, Unified Patent Protection in Europe (2018) Art. 75 UPCA, para 2.
- Article of a law review: Heinze, GRUR Patent 2023, 47, 49.

## 8. Information about the EU Interinstitutional Style Guide

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The UPC is an international court common to the Contracting EU Member States. According to Article 24 a) and e) UPCA, the Court shall base its decisions on i.a. Union law and national law. To this end, it can be helpful to be aware of relevant aspects of the EU Interinstitutional Style Guide, even though the UPC is not an EU institution and there is no obligation to use the styles.

Some examples of what can be found in the EU Interinstitutional Style Guide:

References to OJ in abbreviated form, see the EU Interinstitutional Style Guide, [part 1, at 3.1](#)

References to an act, see the EU Interinstitutional Style Guide, [part 1, at 3.2](#)

Countries; official names and abbreviations, see the EU Interinstitutional Style Guide, [part 3, at 7.1](#)

Languages, see the EU Interinstitutional Style Guide, [part 3, at 7.2](#)

Currencies, see the EU Interinstitutional Style Guide, [part 3, at 7.3](#)

Abbreviations and symbols in common use, see the EU Interinstitutional Style Guide, [part 3, Annex A3](#)

Bibliographic references see the EU Interinstitutional Style Guide, [part 2](#), at 5.9.4

[Interinstitutional style guide - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

[Interinstitutionelle Regeln für Veröffentlichungen - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

[Code de rédaction interinstitutionnel - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

[Vejlledning i udformning af EU-publikationer - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

[Manuale interistituzionale di convenzioni redazionali - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

[Interinstitutionele schrijfwijzer - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

[Código de redação interinstitucional - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

[Medziinštitucionálna príručka úpravy dokumentov - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

[Toimielinten yhteiset tekstinlaadinnan ohjeet - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

[Interinstitutionella publikationshandboken - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

## 9. Keywords to accompany UPC orders and decisions

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accelerated proceedings

added subject-matter

amendments of patent

appeal

application for provisional measures

attorney-client privilege

auxiliary request

bifurcation

burden of proof

claim construction

communication of information

competence

- of the Court

- of divisions

confidentiality

corrective measures

costs

counterclaim (for revocation or for infringement)

court fees

cross-appeal

damages

decision by default

discretionary review, request for

embodiments

equivalents

evidence

- written
- duty to produce
- cooperation between courts
- order to produce
- order to preserve

examination of formal requirements

exceptions to patentability

exhaustion of rights conferred

experiments

experts

- court experts
- experts of the parties

extent of protection

FRAND or fair reasonable and non-discriminatory

freezing of assets

industrial application

information

- order for

infringement

- direct use
- indirect use

insolvency

inspection of premises

interim award of costs

interim conference

international jurisdiction

intervention

inventive step

jurisdiction

language of proceedings

lay open books

leave to appeal

legal aid

legitimate interest

licences

- compensation

limitations of the effect

limitation periods

manifest inadmissibility

measures ordered without hearing the other party (ex parte)

novelty

opt-out

- application to opt out
- correction of opt-out
- withdrawal of an opt-out

oral hearing

oral testimony

panel

- composition of

party

patentability of

- plants
- animals
- computer implemented inventions
- artificial intelligence

Permanent injunction

person skilled in the art

plurality of parties

preliminary objection

preliminary references to the CJEU

priority

prior art

prior use

procedural appeal

proceedings

- written procedure
- interim procedure
- oral procedure
- procedure for the award of damages
- procedure for cost decisions

proprietor

protective letter

provisional and protective measures

provisional injunction

public access to the register

re-establishment of rights

referral back

rehearing

representative

request for extension

revocation

- of an order to preserve evidence
- of a patent
- of provisional measures

rights conferred

right to be heard

security

self-incrimination

SEP or standard essential patent

service of documents

settlement

skilled person

stay of proceedings

sufficiency of disclosure

sufficient degree of certainty

summary proceedings  
supplementary protection certificate  
suspensive effect  
technical features  
technically qualified judge  
    - allocation of  
territorial scope of decisions  
transfer of patent or patent application  
transitional regime  
translation  
unitary effect  
validity of patent  
value of action  
value of the proceeding  
witnesses  
    - summoning of  
    - hearing of  
    - duties of  
    - expenses  
written procedure

## 10. The glossary of the EPO, links

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The glossary of the EPO can be used for reference.

[EPO - Glossar](#)

[EPO - Glossary](#)

[EPO - Glossaire](#)

## 11. EPO Alphabetical keyword index, links

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The EPO Alphabetical keyword index can be used for reference.

[Alphabetisches Sachregister \(epo.org\)](#)

[Alphabetical Keyword Index \(epo.org\)](#)

[Index alphabétique \(epo.org\)](#)

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For the Presidium

Signed Klaus Grabinski

The Chairman