

Annuity payments

About annuity payments

Annuity fees (or taxes) need to be paid in order to keep patents and designs enforceable. Most patent offices around the world require these payments to be made at a certain date each year (for patents) or every fifth year (for designs). Keeping track of when, where and how these fees should be paid requires complex administration that is best performed by dedicated suppliers. Apart from the administrative burden there are financial advantages to gain by handling these payments in large volumes.

Ipendo Annuity Service through the Maintenance Module™

Ipendo provides an excellent platform for administrating payments of patent and design annuities. The Ipendo Platform™ incorporates the Maintenance Module™ – an easy to use tool for administering your Annuity payments – online and paperless! It is easily activated by contacting your Ipendo account manager who then draws up a plan for transferring this administration from your current sources.

How does it work

The transfer process starts with collecting information about your patents and designs. Lists are compiled over all future payments including calculation of due dates. When confronted with a full overview of upcoming payments a transfer date is agreed and from that date, Ipendo assumes responsibility for payment of the future fees on the agreed cases. The Maintenance Module™ includes a Case Data Validation Tool that monitors data quality to make sure that you have supplied enough data to execute payments and prevent loss of rights and that you may monitor that all cases are safely maintained at all times.

Notifications and standing instructions

The Maintenance Module™ allows you to set notification of upcoming payments at an interval of your choice so that you may organize internal reviews well in advance of the due date for giving instructions. For maximum convenience and security we always apply a standing instruction to pay all upcoming fees. Thereby we reduce the risk of fees being missed.

Did you know ...

90% of all Ipendo clients use Ipendo Annuity Services.

Most clients make substantial cost savings using our Annuity Service



compared to alternative solutions.

Case data errors that would likely have resulted in loss of rights are often identified during our data quality processes.

Ipendo provides an unrivalled overview and access to all relevant portfolio information in order to make informed business decisions in regards to patent annuity costs.

Need additional information or a quote on these services?

Please contact your account manager at Ipendo AB or send an e-mail to our Service organization at: mail@ipendo.com.

