

## Article 141

*Renewal fees for European patents*

(1) Renewal fees in respect of a European patent may only be imposed for the years which follow that referred to in Article 86, paragraph 4.

(2) Any renewal fees falling due within two months after the publication of the mention of the grant of the European patent shall be deemed to have been validly paid if they are paid within that period. Any additional fee provided for under national law shall not be charged.

## PART IX

## SPECIAL AGREEMENTS

## Article 142

*Unitary patents*

(1) Any group of Contracting States, which has provided by a special agreement that a European patent granted for those States has a unitary character throughout their territories, may provide that a European patent may only be granted jointly in respect of all those States.

(2) Where any group of Contracting States has availed itself of the authorisation given in paragraph 1, the provisions of this Part shall apply.

## Article 143

*Special departments of the European Patent Office*

(1) The group of Contracting States may give additional tasks to the European Patent Office.

(2) Special departments common to the Contracting States in the group may be set up within the European Patent Office in order to carry out the additional tasks. The President of the European Patent Office shall direct such special departments; Article 10, paragraphs 2 and 3, shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

## Artikel 141

*Årsafgifter for europæiske patenter*

1) Årsafgifter for et europæisk patent kan kun opkræves for de år, der følger efter det i artikel 86, stk. 4, omhandlede år.

2) Forfalder årsafgifter inden to måneder fra offentliggørelsen af meddelelsen om udstedelse af det europæiske patent, anses gyldig betaling af disse årsafgifter at have fundet sted, hvis den er sket inden for den nævnte frist. En i den nationale lovgivning fastsat tillægsafgift opkræves ikke.

## NIENDE AFDELING

## SÆRLIGE OVERENSKOMSTER

## Artikel 142

*Enhedspatenter*

1) En gruppe kontraherende stater, der ved særlig overenskomst har bestemt, at de for disse stater meddelte europæiske patenter har enheds karakter overalt på deres territorium, kan bestemme, at europæiske patenter kun kan meddeles samlet for alle de pågældende stater.

2) Har en gruppe kontraherende stater gjort brug af den i stk. 1 nævnte mulighed, finder bestemmelserne i denne afdeling anvendelse.

## Artikel 143

*Særlige organer inden for Den europæiske Patentmyndighed*

1) Gruppen af kontraherende stater kan give Den europæiske Patentmyndighed yderligere opgaver.

2) Til udførelse af disse yderligere opgaver kan der inden for Den europæiske Patentmyndighed oprettes særlige organer, der er fælles for de kontraherende stater i gruppen. Ledelsen af disse særlige organer påhviler præsidenten for Den europæiske Patentmyndighed; artikel 10, stk. 2 og 3, finder tilsvarende anvendelse.