

application shall be considered withdrawn and the receiving Office shall so declare.

(2) If the international application refers to drawings which, in fact, are not included in that application, the receiving Office shall notify the applicant accordingly and he may furnish them within the prescribed time limit and, if he does, the international filing date shall be the date on which the drawings are received by the receiving Office. Otherwise, any reference to the said drawings shall be considered non-existent.

(3) (a) If the receiving Office finds that, within the prescribed time limits, the fees prescribed under Article 3(4) (iv) have not been paid, or no fee prescribed under Article 4(2) has been paid in respect of any of the designated States, the international application shall be considered withdrawn and the receiving Office shall so declare.

(b) If the receiving Office finds that the fee prescribed under Article 4(2) has been paid in respect of one or more (but less than all) designated States within the prescribed time limit, the designation of those States in respect of which it has not been paid within the prescribed time limit shall be considered withdrawn and the receiving Office shall so declare.

(4) If, after having accorded an international filing date to the international application, the receiving Office finds, within the prescribed time limit, that any of the requirements listed in items (i) to (iii) of Article 11(1) was not complied with at that date, the said application shall be considered withdrawn and the receiving Office shall so declare.

#### Article 15

##### *The International Search*

(1) Each international application shall be the subject of international search.

(2) The objective of the international search is to discover relevant prior art.

(3) International search shall be made on the basis of the claims, with due regard to the description and the drawings (if any).

satte frist. I mangel af berigtigelse anses ansøgningen for tilbagetaget, og den modtagende myndighed afgiver erklæring herom.

2) Hvis en international ansøgning henviser til tegninger, som ikke forefindes i ansøgningen, giver den modtagende myndighed ansøgeren meddelelse herom. Ansøgeren kan da fremsende tegningerne inden for den fastsatte frist, og i så tilfælde er den internationale indleveringsdag den dag, på hvilken tegningerne modtages af den modtagende myndighed. I modsat fald bortses fra enhver henvisning til de pågældende tegninger.

3) a) Hvis den modtagende myndighed konstaterer, at de i artikel 3, stk. 4, iv), foreskrevne afgifter ikke er betalt inden for de fastsatte frister eller at ingen afgift i henhold til artikel 4, stk. 2, er betalt for nogen af de designerede stater, anses den internationale ansøgning for tilbagetaget, og den modtagende myndighed afgiver erklæring herom.

b) Hvis den modtagende myndighed konstaterer, at afgift i henhold til artikel 4, stk. 2, er betalt for en eller flere (men ikke alle) designerede stater inden for den fastsatte frist, anses designeringen af de stater, for hvilke afgiften ikke er betalt inden for den fastsatte frist, for tilbagetaget, og den modtagende myndighed afgiver erklæring herom.

4) Hvis den modtagende myndighed, efter at have fastsat en international indleveringsdag for en international ansøgning, inden for den fastsatte frist konstaterer, at nogen af de i artikel 11, stk. 1, i)-iii), nævnte krav ikke var opfyldt på indleveringsdagen, anses ansøgningen for tilbagetaget, og den modtagende myndighed afgiver erklæring herom.

#### Artikel 15

##### *Den internationale nyhedsundersøgelse*

1) Alle internationale ansøgninger gøres til genstand for international nyhedsundersøgelse.

2) Formålet med den internationale nyhedsundersøgelse er at finde frem til relevant kendt teknik.

3) International nyhedsundersøgelse udføres på grundlag af kravene, med behørig hensyntagen til beskrivelsen og tegningerne (hvis sådanne findes).