

Validation rules of the 1st level checking before submission

Registry	Validation
General	
All interactive forms	Verify the signature of the XML file(s)
	Validate the uploaded XML against the IPD defined XML schema (so as to ensure its conformance to the defined data type and data length)
	Check mandatory fields
	Check if Customer ID exists and is equivalent to that of the login user
	Check if the Trade Mark Application No. / Trade Mark Registration No. / Patent Application No. / Patent No. / Design Application/Registration No. exists
	Check if the Trade Mark Application No. / Trade Mark Registration No. / Patent Application No. / Patent No. / Design Application/Registration No. is in force
	All address fields must be of 5 lines or less (i.e. no more than 4 carriage returns in a single address)
Form P9/10	Check if the Patent Application No. refers to more than one deemed standard patents (If yes, it is considered as an error.)
Renewal / Maintenance	
Form T8 and P9/10	Check if there are more than one Trademark Nos. / Patent Nos. / Patent Application Nos. specified. (If there are, it is considered as an error.)
	Check if name of applicant/proprietor/registered owner matches with the one in register.
Form T8	Check the system date against expiry date / actual registration date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If <i>Actual Registration Date</i> is not later than the <i>Expiry Date</i>, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The system date must not be more than 6 months before the expiry date, and - it must not be more than 6 months after the expiry date o Otherwise (i.e. <i>Actual Registration Date</i> is later than <i>Expiry Date</i>), the system date must be within 6 months after the <i>Actual Registration Date</i>
Form P9/10	Check the system date against expiry date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Must not be more than 3 months before the expiry date, and o Must not be more than 6 months after the expiry date

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	<p>For Maintenance,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The <i>Patent Application No.</i> must refer to a Patent Application. o There must not be any GR application (P5) filed before the Maintenance Due Date. However, if the GR application has been withdrawn, the validation will pass. o Maintenance Due Date stored in the ePATCOM must not be null o Statement in Support should be properly filled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specified Date must be within 1 month before the date of receipt - The checkboxes next to the declaration that the designated patent application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) has not been withdrawn or abandoned, and (b) has not been finally refused must have been ticked - For (c), one of the checkboxes next to the declaration that the designated patent application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has not been granted, or has been granted and with date of grant within 6 months before the date of receipt must have been ticked - Date of Grant, if filled, must be within 6 months before the date of receipt
	<p>For Renewal,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If it is a renewal of Standard Patent No., the <i>Patent No.</i> must refer to a Standard patent o If it is a renewal of Short-term Patent No., the <i>Patent No.</i> must refer to a Short-term patent o Renewal Due Date stored in the ePATCOM must not be null

Validation rules of the 2nd level checking for instant approval

Registry	Validation
General	
All interactive forms	Check if there is any relevant related process. (If yes, pass to IPD staff to handle)
Form T8	Check if the <i>Progress</i> of the Trademark Application, if any, is "Appeal". (If yes, pass to IPD staff to handle)
Form P9/10	Check if the electronic record is in the right language, i.e. same as the Language of Proceedings