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- 1) as the official working language of the Estonian Patent Office is Estonian, all documents must be presented in Estonian;
- 2) the Estonian Patent Office only communicates with a representative registered in the Estonian state register of patent attorneys, also when solving problems that may arise. For example, if the state fee is paid in smaller amount than the prescribed rate provides, and there is no patent attorney, the patent becomes invalid.

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