

## **Chart of deadlines**

In general, the following deadlines apply, subject to exceptions (Art. 7 guidelines on proceedings before the Federal Patent Court):

	ordinary proceedings (op)	summary proceedings (sp)	Extension	
			op	sp
advance payment / security obligation	2 weeks	1 week	1 week	1 week
statement of defense / answer to counterclaim	6 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	1 (2) week(s)
answer to counterclaim and reply	6 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	1 (2) week(s)
reply / rejoinder	4 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	1 (2) week(s)
rejoinder and reply to counterclaim	4 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	1 (2) week(s)
rejoinder to counterclaim (including comments on new factual allegations in rejoinder)	4 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	1 week
comments on new factual allegations in the rejoinder	2 weeks	1 week	1 week	1 week
comments on submission with new factual allegations	2 weeks	1 week	1 week	1 week
comments on technical judge's opinion	4 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	1 week
comments on procedural motions	2 weeks	1 week	1 week	1 week
comments on request of security obligation	2 weeks	1 week	1 week	1 week
comments on cost issues	1 week	1 week	1 week	1 week
unconditional right to reply	10 days	1 week	–	
Deadline for filing the action after preliminary measures have been ordered (art. 263 CPC)	30 days		2 weeks	