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§ 1.25

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§ 1.22 Fees payable in advance.

(a) Patent and trademark fees and charges payable to the Patent and Trademark Office are required to be paid in advance, that is, at the time of requesting any action by the Office for which a fee or charge is payable with the exception that under § 1.53 applications for patent may be assigned a filing date without payment of the basic filing fee.

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[65 FR 33455, May 24, 2000]

§ 1.24 [Reserved]

§ 1.25 Deposit accounts.

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