## International Patent Protection Filing Strategy

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Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys

Time (months)	1 1 1 1	
0	File UK "priority founding" patent application	
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12	File PCT International Application to cover 139 countries & regions	File national applications in non-PCT
	International search report	countries e.g. Taiwan, Argentina
16-17	At the 30 / 31 month deadline the "national phase" or "regional phase" must be entered by filing in individual countries and / or regions.	₹ <b>7</b>
	Examples are:	•
30	USA Japan	Taiwanese patent
31	Australia Europe*	Argentine patent
48	USA patent Australia patent V	
96+	Japanese patent UK patent	French patent German patent

\*A European patent application can become a national patent in up to 38 countries.

This timeline is for guidance only, and the actual deadlines will vary from case to case.