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Article 115 Where an international application contains two or more inventions or utility models, the applicant may, after fulfilling the formalities for the entry of the National Phase in China, file a division of application in accordance with Paragraph 1 of Article 42 of these Rules.

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The written request, specification, patent claim, appended drawings and abstract shall be numbered separately in Arabic numerals and arranged in numerical order. The script of application documents shall run horizontally. Only one side of each sheet shall be used.

Article 122 The administrative department for patent under the State Council shall formulate the guidelines for patent examination in accordance with the Patent Law and these Rules.

Article 123 These Rules shall come into force on July 1, 2001. The Detailed Rules for the Implementation of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China which was revised on December 12, 1992 upon approval of the State Council and promulgated by the Patent Office of China on December 21, 1992 shall be nullified at the same time.