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Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020. 3

4 Validation of European patent possible.

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