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Practice regarding anonymization of decisions

According to art. 3(1) [Rules on Information for the Federal Patent Court](#) (SR 173.413.4) the Court publishes its final decisions on the Internet ten days after they have been notified to the parties. According to art. 3(3) Rules on Information the decisions are published non-anonymized unless the protection of public or private interests warrants anonymization. In the case of private interests the decision is anonymized if a request for anonymization by a party appears justified.

According to current practice, judgments in ordinary proceedings are not anonymized prior to publication, but final decisions in summary proceedings are anonymized.

As of 1st June 2018, the Federal Patent Court will publish all final decisions in full, non-anonymized, also in summary proceedings, unless anonymization is warranted by a public interest or requested by a party and deemed justified for the protection of private interests. Decisions granting or denying legal aid are always anonymized if published.