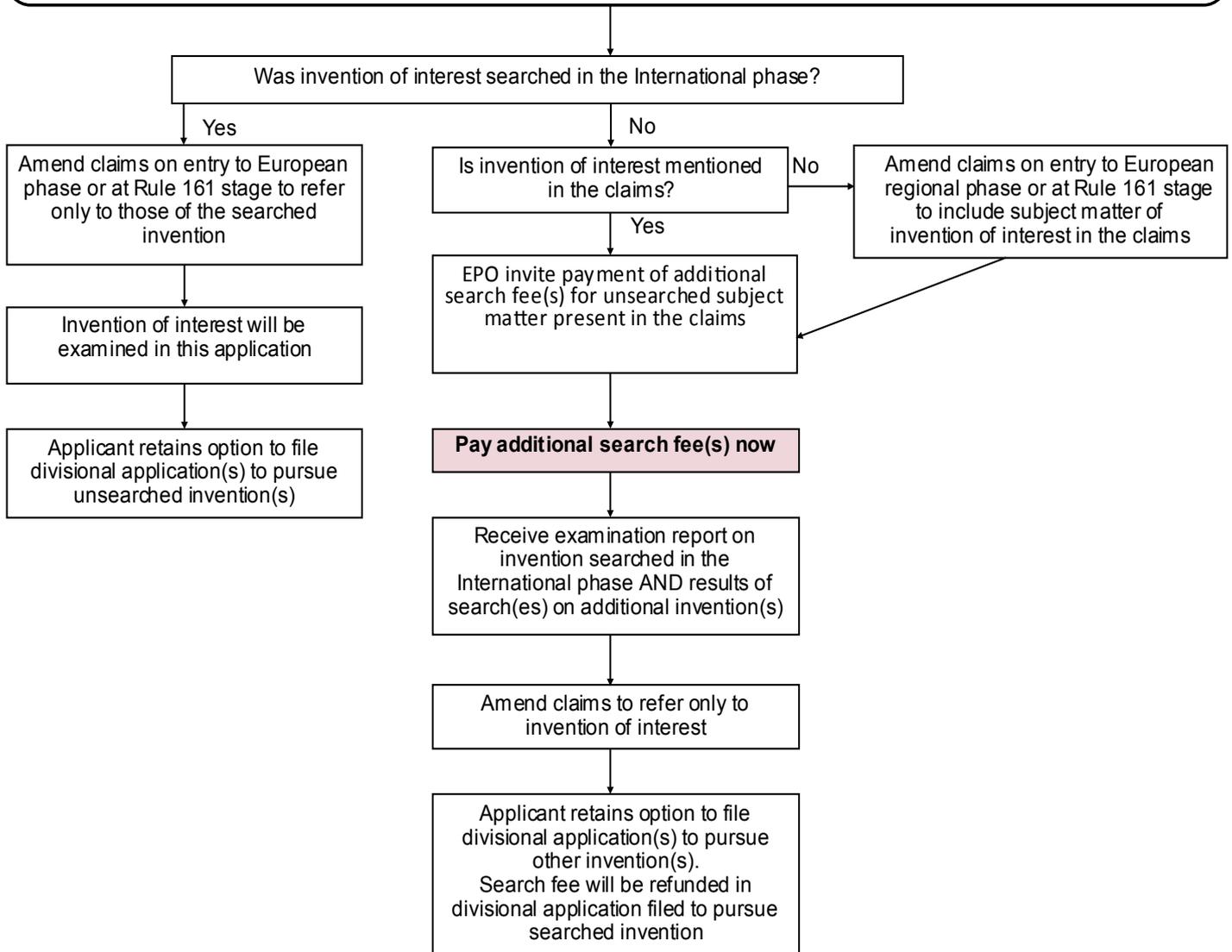


**European Regional Phase Patent Applications:
Early stage procedure where the EPO acted as the ISA**

For an International (PCT) application that enters the regional phase at the EPO, where the International search or SISA was carried out by the EPO Applicants have the opportunity to choose which of the inventions they wish to pursue in the European regional phase

- EPO International search report defined “inventions” (claim groups)
- Applicant has option to pay additional search fee(s) to have other invention(s) searched during the International phase
- Irrespective of whether the Applicant paid additional search fee(s) during the International phase, it is possible for the Applicant to pay one or more search fees in the European phase and to choose which invention they wish to pursue in the European regional phase



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