

## PRIOR AUTOMATIC CONTROLS FOR PATENT AND UTILITY MODEL ANNUITY PAYMENTS

In order to optimise the payment processes for patent and utility model annuities, the SPTO has an automatic system in place for detecting specific cases that would lead to incidents and applications for the refund of undue income. The following verifications are currently carried out:

	Date of implementation of the verification.
The annuity of the indicated file has already been paid.	01 June 2016.
The indicated file cannot be found in the SPTO database.	01 June 2016.
The proposed payment date is before the annuity's accrual date (only for annuities that accrue after 1 April 2017).	01 April 2017.

When any of the above cases are detected, the IT system will not allow the payment to be processed and will inform the user of the reason.

The previous controls are carried out for the following methods of payment:

- Files.
- AEAT gateway.
- Collaborating bank's (Caixabank) gateway.

The previous controls are not carried out for the Generation of in-person payment documents for payments in cash at the branches of the collaborating bank. In this way, when the payer considers that the information contained in the SPTO database is incorrect and therefore payment must be made, they can clarify this with the SPTO and also pay in cash at the branches of the bank collaborating with the SPTO.

Below are examples of the messages which will appear when erroneous payment attempts are detected by the payment gateways:







Anualidad Incorrecta	•
Expediente P201299999: Inexistente. Si tiene dudas o precisa aclaraciones, diríjase a: informacion@oepm.es	
Salir	

In the case that payments are made per file, correct payments will be accepted and incorrect payments will not. The response given by the system with the errors associated with the file will contain information such as the following:

Relacion de errores detectados en el fichero 333 del nif B
Estos pagos no seran cargados en su cuenta.
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Expediente P-00000201430334: anualidad 03 ya pagada. Anualidad esperada 4.
Expediente P-00000201201262: anualidad 04 ya pagada. Anualidad esperada 5.
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Expediente P-00000200501038: anualidad 11 ya pagada. Anualidad esperada 13.

If you have any questions about this, please contact <u>SoporteFuncional@oepm.es</u>

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