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New Patent Law in Korea

Since July 1, 1997 the pre-grant opposition system was changed to a post-grant opposition system.

After publication of a patent in the Patent Registration Gazette, any person may file an opposition against the registration within 3 months.

The maximum lifetime for patents is 25 years and for utility models 15 years.

As the Korean Patent Office maintained the kind codes, we also do so.

The publication number format has however changed, it is now 6 digits long (structure nnnnnn) instead of the former 7 digits (structure yynnnnn)

Examples

KR 119012 B1 Granted Patent

KR 107606 Y1 Granted Utility Model

The new document types are expected to appear in week 1998/47 in the INPADOC for the first time.

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