

Country	Prior Art
The Republic of Moldova	<p>1. Everything made available to the public by means of a written or oral description, by use, or in any other way, before the date of filing of the patent application or of the acknowledged priority.</p> <p>2. The state of the art shall be held to comprise everything made available to the public by means of a written or oral description, by use, or in any other way, before the date of filing of the patent application or of the acknowledged priority.</p>
	Novelty
	An invention shall be considered to be new if it does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art shall be held to comprise everything made available to the public by means of a written or oral description, by use, or in any other way, before the date of filing of the patent application or of the acknowledged priority.
	Inventive Step (Obviousness)
	<p>An invention shall be considered as involving an inventive step if, having regard to the state of the art, it is not obvious to a person skilled in the art. The state of the art shall be held to comprise everything made available to the public by means of a written or oral description, by use, or in any other way, before the date of filing of the patent application or of the acknowledged priority.</p> <p>For inventions to be protected by the short-term patent: an invention shall be considered as involving an inventive step if, having regard to the state of the art, it gives a technical or practical advantage.</p>
	Grace Period
	<p>A disclosure of the invention shall not be taken into consideration if it occurred no earlier than 6 months preceding the filing date of the patent application and if it was due to, or in consequence of:</p> <p>a) an evident abuse in relation to the applicant or his legal predecessor;</p> <p>b) the fact that the applicant or his legal predecessor has displayed the invention at an international exhibition. An exhibition shall be considered as international if it is officially organized, if producers of more states participate therein and if the information</p>
	Sufficiency of Disclosure
	The patent application shall disclose the invention in a manner sufficiently clear and complete for it to be carried out by a person skilled in the art.
	Exclusions from Patentable Subject Matter
	<p>a) inventions the publication or exploitation of which would be contrary to “<i>ordre public</i>” or morality, including those harmful for human, animal or plant life or health, and which are likely to cause serious prejudice to the environment, provided that such exclusion is not made merely because the exploitation is prohibited by a clause; particularly:</p> <p>a) processes for cloning human beings;</p> <p>b) processes for modifying the germ line genetic identity of human beings;</p> <p>c) uses of human embryos for industrial or commercial purposes;</p> <p>d) processes for modifying the genetic identity of animals which are likely to cause them suffering without any substantial medical benefit to man or animal, and also animals resulting from such processes.</p> <p>b) plant or animal varieties;</p>

	c) essentially biological processes for the production of plants or animals; this provision shall not apply to microbiological processes or the products thereof;
	Exceptions and Limitations of the Rights
	a) acts done privately and on a non-commercial scale; b) acts done for experimental purposes relating to the subject-matter of the patented invention; c) extemporaneous preparation for individual cases, in a pharmacy, of a medicine in accordance with a medical prescription or acts concerning the medicine so prepared; d) use of the subject-matter of a patented invention on board of any foreign vessel of a State party to the international conventions in the field of inventions to which the Republic of Moldova is also party which temporarily or accidentally enters the waters of the Republic of Moldova, provided that the invention is used exclusively for the needs of the vessel; e) use of the subject-matter of the patented invention in the construction or operation of foreign aircraft or land vehicle or other means of transport of a State party to the international conventions in the field of inventions to which the Republic of Moldova is also party, or in the manufacture of spare parts for such vehicles when such means of transport temporarily or accidentally enter the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

Update of national law was making in concordance with Law of the Republic of Moldova on the Protection of Inventions No. 50-XVI which came into force on 04.10.2008, and protection became possible by both patent for invention (PI) and short-term patent for invention (STPI). At the same time, it was stopped the filing of applications for the issue of patents under the responsibility of the applicant and filing of patent applications for the registration of utility models.