

(1) Prior Art

Country	Prior Art
Republic of Korea	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="636 323 2009 416">1. Inventions publicly known, worked, described in a publication or made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines before the filing date (priority date).<li data-bbox="636 435 2009 584">2. Contents of subsequently laid open or published Republic of Korea patent or utility model applications with an earlier filing date(priority date). <u>Inventions described in certain Korean patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</u>

(2) Novelty

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Republic of Korea	<p>The invention was not publicly known or has not been publicly worked, described in a publication or made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines before the filing date (priority date). The contents of subsequently laid open or published Republic of Korea patent or utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) shall be also taken into consideration for the determination of novelty. <u>The invention described in certain Korean patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) shall be also taken into consideration for the determination of novelty.</u></p>

(3) Inventive Step (Obviousness)

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Republic of Korea	The invention could <u>would</u> easily have been made by a person having ordinary skill in the art on the basis of the prior art. The prior art consists of inventions publicly known, worked, described in a publication or made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines before the filing date (priority date).

(4) Grace Period

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Republic of Korea	<p>1. Disclosure not to be taken into account in determining novelty and inventive step if it occurred within six months before the filing date</p> <p>(a) by the applicant or his successor in title <u>the person with the right to obtain a patent</u> (excluding the disclosure made by a national or foreign Office according to legislations or international treaties);</p> <p>(b) contrary to the intention of the applicant or his successor in title <u>the person with the right to obtain a patent</u>.</p> <p>2. In the case of 1(a) above, the applicant shall submit a written statement to that effect with the application and, within 30 days of the filing date, a document proving the relevant facts.</p>

(5) Sufficiency of Disclosure

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Republic of Korea	<p>The description shall state the purpose, construction, and effect of the invention in such a manner that it may easily be carried out by a person having ordinary skill in the art. <u>The description shall describe the invention clearly and in detail so that a person with ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains may easily work the invention.</u></p>

(6) Exclusions from Patentable Subject Matter

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Republic of Korea	<p>1. Inventions contrary to public order or morality or damaging to public health.</p> <p>2. Inventions detrimental to public health. <u>Inventions liable to contravene public order or morality or to injure public health.</u></p>

(7) Exceptions and Limitations of the Rights

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Republic of Korea	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use for non-industrial and non-commercial purposes.2. Use for purposes of research or experiment.3. Certain uses concerning vessels, aircraft or vehicles passing through national territory.4. Articles existing in the Republic of Korea at the filing date (priority date).5. Manufacture <u>Preparation</u> of medicines <u>by mixing two or more medicines</u> in accordance with national law, and medicines so manufactured <u>prepared</u>.6. Non-exclusive license for continued prior use by a person who, in good faith at the filing date(priority date), was commercially working the invention in the Republic of Korea, or had made preparations for that purpose.7. Exploitation by, or authorized by, the Government for national defense or other emergency, subject to remuneration.8. Non-exclusive licenses in the public interest.