

Patent System of Moldova (Republic of)

Country	Prior Art
Moldova (Republic of)	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.

	Novelty
Moldova (Republic of)	An invention shall be considered to be new if it does not form part of the state of the art.

	Inventive Step (Obviousness)
Moldova (Republic of)	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.

	Grace Period
Moldova (Republic of)	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) an evident abuse in relation to the applicant or his legal predecessor; 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 about such exhibition has correspondingly been made available to public.

	Sufficiency of Disclosure
Moldova (Republic of)	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
Moldova (Republic of)	<p>(1) Patents shall not be granted within the meaning of this Law in respect of:</p> <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;</p> <p>b) plant or animal varieties;</p> <p>c) essentially biological processes for the production of plants or animals; this provision shall not apply to microbiological processes or the products thereof;</p> <p>d) inventions concerning the human body, at the various stages of its formation and development, and the simple discovery of one of its elements, including the sequence or partial sequence of a gene.</p>