

## Grace Period

\*The following provision will come into force from April 1 2012.

1. Disclosure not to be taken into consideration in determining novelty and inventive step if it occurred within six months before the filing date:

- (a) against the will of the person having the right to obtain a patent;
- (b) as a result of an act of the person having the right to obtain a patent (excluding those which have fallen under any of the items of said paragraph (b) through the publication in the bulletin pertaining to inventions, utility models, designs or trademarks) .

2. The applicant shall submit:

- (a) a written statement to that effect with the application;
- (b) proof, within 30 days of the filing date, that the disclosure was in respect of the invention (in the case of 1.(b) above).