

Denmark: Act 412 (31/5/2000) amending the Patent Act (consolidated Patent Act 926 22/9 2000).

Act 412, 31/5 2000 amended the Danish Patent Act (consolidated Patent Act 926 22/9 2000). Based on the Act, the ministerial regulations on patents (Reg.374 19/6/1998) were amended (reg.1086 11/12/2000) by supplementing paragraph 3 with the following provision (unofficial translation):

If an invention concerns or makes use of biological material of vegetable or animal origin, the patent application shall include information on the geographical origin of the material, if known. If the applicant does not know the geographic origin of the material, this shall be indicated in the application. Lack of information on the geographical origin of the material or on the ignorance hereon does not affect the assessment of the patent application or the validity of the rights resulting from the granted patent.