

Dear Sir/Madam,

In reply to document C.8625 from 16.01.2017 Latvia can answer only the 1st question of the questionnaire on quality of patents:

Q1.: How does your office understand the term “quality of patents”?

Latvian Patent Office understands this term as a patent which has been granted according to rules and procedures of particular country.

Since our office does not perform search and examination of novelty and inventive step we cannot answer other questions.

However we recently have concluded agreement with the European Patent Office on performing searches for our national patent applications on demand from applicant. This service will start in 2017.