

Egypt

Submission on Section D, “Grace Period Mechanisms and (Non-Prejudicial) Pre-Filing Disclosures,”

We would like to confirm that Egyptian patent legislation does not provide for a general grace period mechanism under which disclosures made by the inventor or applicant prior to the filing date may be disregarded when assessing novelty.

However, for the sake of completeness, we would like to note that Egyptian law contains specific provisions relating to the display of inventions at official or officially recognized exhibitions. These provisions do not constitute a grace period mechanism in the conventional sense. Rather, the protection afforded in such cases is subject to specific legal requirements and procedures established under the applicable legislation.

In particular, the relevant provisions require **the filing of a patent application** and compliance with the prescribed procedures in order to benefit from the protection associated with the exhibition of the invention. Therefore, the exhibition-related provisions do not operate as a general exception allowing disclosures made prior to filing to be disregarded for novelty purposes.

Accordingly, while Egyptian legislation contains provisions concerning inventions displayed at official exhibitions, these provisions should be distinguished from grace period mechanisms or broader non-prejudicial disclosure systems that exempt pre-filing disclosures from affecting patentability.

We trust that this clarification is helpful and remain at your disposal should any further information be required.