

Administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms

Bulgaria

As regards post-grant administrative mechanisms, Articles 55 to 59 of the Act on Patents and Registration of Utility Models provide for requests for declaration of patent invalidity and deletion of utility model registrations before the Patent Office. These requests are examined by specialized dispute panels, in proceedings involving the interested parties, and the panel may declare the patent wholly or partly invalid or delete the utility model registration wholly or partly. Decisions are subject to judicial review before the Administrative Court – Sofia City.