

Submission of Information by Third Parties

Poland

The Polish Industrial Property Law allows third party observations under Article 44(1), which stipulates that as from the date of publication of the particulars of the patent application third parties may inspect the application specification. Until a decision on the grant of a patent is taken, such parties may submit to the Patent Office any observations as to the existence of grounds that may prevent the grant of a patent. Persons, who have submitted observations, do not become a party of the patent application procedure. However, the patent applicant is informed of any observations submitted. In the course of substantive examination of the patent application the PPO takes the submitted observations into consideration.