

ABSTRACT

In 2004 Poland became a member both of the European Patent Organization and the European Union.

Due to the dynamic development of the legislation on industrial property in the field of biotechnolgy, the works on harmonizing the Polish law with the respective EU regulations have been carried out in the Polish patent system.

Due to the implementation of the EC Biotechnology Directive and the European Patent Convention, Polish examiners have changed their attitude towards many inventions in biotech field – transgenic organisms, antibodies and others. However, due to the independently made decisions, there are still differences in approach in examining patent applications.

The approach of the Polish Patent Office in proceeding of biotechnology inventions is shown.

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