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Competent designated (or elected) Office if Slovakia is designated (or elected):	National protection: Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Slovakia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent) European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Slovakia concerning international-type search:	Article 41(a) of Patent Law No. 435/2001 Coll. and Article 23 of Decree No 223/2002 Coll.; Article 38(a) of Utility Model Law No. 517/2007 Coll. and Article 20(b) of Decree No. 1/2008 Coll.

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Provisional protection after international publication:

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- (1) the international application has been published in one of the EPO official languages; and
- (2) the translation of the claims into the Slovak language has been made available to the public.

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**Information of interest if Slovakia is designated (or elected)**

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May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

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**For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2**

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