

Dear Madam or Sir,

I apologize for our belated reaction to the circular C.8653.

The Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic would like to make following amendments to the information mentioned in the C.8653 as follows:

**- national/regional laws on opposition systems and other administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms:**

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[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/scp/en/revocation\\_mechanisms/administrative\\_revocation/pdf/admin\\_revocation\\_slovakia.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/scp/en/revocation_mechanisms/administrative_revocation/pdf/admin_revocation_slovakia.pdf) - please, change the information in the 1st paragraph as shown in bold:

*"Slovakia provides for an administrative revocation. According to Article 46(1) of the Slovak Patent Act, the patent office shall revoke a patent on one of the grounds upon request by a third party or ex officio: (i) the substantive patentability criteria have not been met; (ii) the invention has not been fully disclosed and described so that it could be carried out by a person skilled in the art; (iii) the claims of the patent or a divisional application go beyond the original patent application; (iv) the scope of protection was expanded after the grant of the patent; (v) the owner is not entitled to a patent; or (vi) requirements for the grant of a patent pursuant to **the law applicable at the time of granting of the patent** have not been met."*

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[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/scp/en/revocation\\_mechanisms/third\\_party/pdf/thirdparty\\_slovakia.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/scp/en/revocation_mechanisms/third_party/pdf/thirdparty_slovakia.pdf) - please, change the whole text as shown in bold:

*"Article 42(1) of the Patent Act provides that any person may file **observations** on patentability of the subject-matter of an application with the Office after publication of the application. If the **observations** are filed, the Office shall take them into consideration during substantive examination of the application.*

*According to Article 42(2) of the Patent Act, persons who have filed **observations** pursuant to paragraph 1 shall not become parties to the application proceedings. However, an applicant shall be notified about **observations** and shall have the right to respond to them."*

Thank you very much.

Best regards

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