

Submission of Information by Third Parties

Slovakia

Article 42(1) of the Patent Act¹ 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.

¹ Act No. 435/2001 Coll. on Patents, Supplementary Protection Certificates and Amendment of Some Acts (The Patent Act).