

Confidentiality of Communication between Clients and their Patent Advisors

Estonia

National aspects

Article 6 (2) and (3) of the Estonian Patent Attorneys Act of 2001 provides guarantees of the professional activities of patent attorneys as follows:

(2) Information disclosed to a patent attorney shall be confidential. Patent attorneys and the employees of a company of patent attorneys shall not be heard as witnesses with regard to information which became known to them in the provision of legal services nor shall explanations be requested from them with regard to such information.

(3) Data media received in the course of provision of legal services shall not be confiscated from patent attorneys or the employees of a company of patent attorneys, or from a company of patent attorneys.

Cross-border aspects

No national patent law dealing with cross-border aspects of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent attorneys.