

Dear Ms. Miyamoto,  
Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you very much for sending us Circular 8261.

Further to your request, we are pleased to provide the following information regarding Germany:

1. Exceptions and limitations to patent rights

Regarding Germany, the compilation about exceptions and limitations to patent rights on your webpage (<http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/exceptions/>) is still up-to-date.

2. Quality of patents / work sharing programmes

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA) is currently involved in 6 Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot projects, namely with the Canadian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, US and UK Offices. The PPH is a tool created for the applicant by seeking to enhance the quality of work products and accelerate the process of examination of patent applications. In short, the PPH enables an application whose claims have been determined to be patentable by an office enrolled as partner office on a bilateral basis to undergo an accelerated examination at the DPMA with a simple procedure according to a request from the applicant (Sec. 1 of the guidelines, see link below). By utilising the work products of his partner patent examiner whilst working at his own discretion the German patent examiner will be able to possibly both enhance his quality of work and broaden the scope of his research.

For the guidelines and further information please see <http://www.dpma.de/english/patent/procedures/pph/index.html>.

In addition the DPMA is enrolled in data exchange programmes with various countries.

3. Confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent advisors

All information contained in SCP/14/2, SCP/16/4 Rev., SCP/17/5 und SCP/18/6 regarding the legal situation in Germany is still up-to-date.

4. Transfer of technology

The DPMA seeks to engage itself in the transfer of technology with certain national offices. It is currently in the process of evaluating whether its national data base could be made available for restricted use within a development context. However, there are various legal implications which need to be analyzed first. Therefore, no specific examples can be provided as of now.

5. Certain aspects of national law

Regarding the compilation of certain aspects of national law ([http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/annex\\_ii.html](http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/annex_ii.html)), we suggest few minor changes concerning the legal situation in Germany. Please find attached two PDF files in change mode ("Prior Art" in attachment 1, "Novelty" in attachment 2).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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**CERTAIN ASPECTS OF NATIONAL/REGIONAL PATENT LAWS\***

**(2) Novelty**

Country	Novelty
Albania	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by means of written or oral description, use or any other way before filing date (priority date), and contents of subsequently published Albanian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Algeria	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure, use or other means before the filing date (priority date).
Andorra	The invention does not form part of the prior art. The prior art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of subsequently published Andorran patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Argentina	The invention is not included in the state of the art. The state of the art consists of all technical knowledge made public by oral or written description, exploitation or other means of dissemination or communication before the filing date (priority date).
Armenia	The invention does not form part of the prior art. The prior art consists of all information available before the filing date (priority date), and contents of subsequently published or granted Armenian applications for inventions and utility models with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Australia	The invention is novel when compared with the prior art. The prior art consists of information from documents or acts publicly available before the filing date (priority date), whether in Australia or elsewhere and information contained in a subsequently published Australian patent application (including all international applications) with an earlier filing date (priority date), if the information was also contained in the application at its filing date.
Austria	The invention does not form part of the prior art. The prior art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or other means before the filing date (priority date), and contents of certain Austrian, European and international patent applications and Austrian utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Azerbaijan	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art comprises any information made available to the public before the filing date (priority date), and contents of Azerbaijan patents and applications for inventions and utility models with an earlier filing date (priority date) published in official bulletin.
Bahrain	The invention does not form part of the state of the prior art. The prior art consists of everything disclosed to the public in or outside the Kingdom of Bahrain by means of written or oral disclosure, use, or any other way by which the subject matter of the invention is realized prior to the filing date (priority date).
Barbados	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of everything disclosed to the public in a tangible form, by oral description or other means before the filing date (priority date).
Belarus	The invention does not form part of the prior art. The prior art consists of information made available to the public before the filing date (priority date), and contents of Belarus patents and applications for inventions and utility models with an earlier filing date (priority date).

\* Information is gathered from the primary legislation (for example, a patent law of an intellectual property code). The secondary legislation, such as Regulations under the primary legislation, has not been consulted.

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Belgium	The invention does not form part of the prior art. The prior art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and contents of certain subsequently published Belgian, European and international patent applications and Belgian utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Belize	The invention does not form part of the prior art. The prior art consists of anything disclosed to the public by a written or oral description, use or other means before the filing date (priority date).
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	The invention is not included in the prior art. The prior art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, commercialization or any other means before the filing date (priority date) and the contents of Bolivian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are subsequently published or made available for public inspection.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or other means before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of certain Bosnia and Herzegovina, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public on or after that date.
Brazil	The invention is not part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or by any other means before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of certain subsequently published Brazilian and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Bulgaria	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of subsequently published Bulgarian, European and international patent applications designating Bulgaria with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Canada	The subject matter of the invention had not been disclosed: (a) to the public, more than one year before the filing date by the applicant or by a person who obtained knowledge from the applicant; (b) to the public, before the filing date (priority date) by a person not mentioned in (a); (c) in a Canadian patent application with an earlier filing date (priority date) filed by a person other than the applicant.
Chile	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything disclosed or made available to the public by publication in tangible form, sale or marketing or use, or in any other manner, before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Chilean patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public on or after that date.
China	The invention does not form part of the prior art. The prior art is defined as technology known to the public before the filing date (priority date) in China or abroad. The contents of subsequently published Chinese patent application documents or patent documents with an earlier filing date (priority date) shall be also taken into consideration for the determination of novelty.
Colombia	The invention is not included in the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, marketing or other means before the filing date (priority date) and the contents of Colombian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are subsequently published or made available for public inspection.
Costa Rica	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything disclosed or made available to the public anywhere in the world and by any means before the filing date (priority date) and contents of previous non-published patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) in so far as said contents remain included in the previous patent application upon publishing.

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Croatia	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Croatian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public on or after that date.
Cyprus	The invention does not form part of the prior art. The prior art consists of everything made available to the public in a written or other graphic form, or by oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of subsequently published Cyprus patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Czech Republic	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of certain Czech, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public on or after that date.
Denmark	The invention is new in relation to the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of certain Danish, European and international patent applications and Danish utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Dominica	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The prior art consists of everything disclosed to the public by oral or written description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).
Dominican Republic	The invention does not previously exist in the prior art. The prior art consists of everything disclosed or made accessible to the public by means of publication in tangible form, oral disclosure, marketing, use or any other means before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of published ONAPI applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Ecuador	The invention is not included in the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, marketing or other means before the filing date (priority date) and the contents of Ecuador patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are subsequently published or made available for public inspection.
Egypt	The invention has not previously been disclosed, used or claimed in prior art. The prior art consists of anything publicly described or used before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Egyptian and foreign patents granted, and applications filed, before the filing date (priority date).
El Salvador	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of everything disclosed or made available to the public by publication in tangible form, oral disclosure, sale or marketing, use or any other means before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of subsequently published El Salvador patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Estonia	The invention is not anticipated by the prior art. The prior art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Estonian patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Finland	The invention is new in relation to what was known before the filing date (priority date), i.e., everything made available to the public in writing, in lectures, by public use or otherwise before the filing date (priority date). The contents of certain Finnish, European and international patent applications, and Finnish utility model applications, with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are made available to the public shall be also taken into consideration for the determination of novelty.

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France	The invention does not form part of the prior art. The prior art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of French patent applications and European and international patent applications designating France with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Georgia	The invention does not relate to the existing state of the art. The state of the art consists of data made available to the public from a written or verbal description, public use or other source before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Georgian patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Germany	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of anything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of certain German, European and international patent with an earlier filing date published on or after that date.
Ghana	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other non-written means before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Ghana patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are made available to the public.
Greece	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of anything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure or any other way before the filing date (priority date).
Guatemala	The invention does not exist in the prior art. The prior art consists of anything disclosed or made available to the public anywhere in the world and by any means before the filing date (priority date) and contents of previous patent applications filed with the Registry with an earlier filing date (priority date) provided that the patent applications were published.
Honduras	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of everything disclosed or made available to the public anywhere in the world by publication in tangible form, oral disclosure, sale or commercialization, use or any other means before the filing date (priority date) in Honduras, and the contents of a patent application pending before the Industrial Property Registry, the filing date of which is prior to the date of the application being examined and that has been published.
Hungary	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written description, oral communication, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Hungarian patent and utility model applications, and certain European and international applications, with an earlier filing date (priority date), published in the course of the patent granting procedure after the filing date (priority date).
Iceland	The invention is new in relation to what was known before the filing date (priority date), i.e., everything made available to the public in writing, in lectures, by public use or otherwise before the filing date (priority date). The contents of certain Icelandic, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are made available to the public shall be also taken into consideration for the determination of novelty.
India	The invention is not anticipated by the publication in any document or used or known in India or elsewhere in the world before the filing date (priority date), i.e., the subject matter has not fallen in public domain or that it does not form part of the state of the art, and the invention has not been claimed in any claim of any other complete specification claiming earlier priority date and published on or after priority date of the application.
Indonesia	The invention is not the same as any previous technological disclosure. The previous technological disclosure consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of earlier Indonesian patent applications published on or after that date.

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Ireland	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of earlier Irish patent applications published on or after that date.
Israel	The invention was not published in the prior art. The prior art consists of anything made available to the public before the filing date (priority date) by a written, visual, audible or any other description, use, exploitation or exhibition.
Italy	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made filing date (priority date), and the contents of certain Italian, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public on or after that date.
Japan	The invention was not publicly known or has not been publicly worked, published, or made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines before the filing date (priority date). The contents of certain Japanese patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) shall be also taken into consideration for the determination of novelty.
Jordan	The invention is novel with regard to the prior art. The prior art consists of everything disclosed to the public by a written or oral description, use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).
Kenya	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other non-written means before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Kenyan and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public.
Kyrgyz Republic	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of any information generally available to the public before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Kyrgyz patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Latvia	The invention is not comprised in the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure or use before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of published Latvian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Liechtenstein	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure, use or any other means before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Swiss patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date). (in accordance with the agreements with Switzerland and the European Economic Area (EEA))
Lithuania	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything published or publicly used before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Lithuanian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Luxembourg	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of certain Luxembourg, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Malaysia	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of everything made available to the public by a written publication, oral disclosure, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of subsequently granted Malaysian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Malta	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public in a written or other graphic form, oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of certain subsequently published Malta, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).

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Mauritius	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of everything disclosed to the public by publication in tangible form, oral disclosure, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).
Mexico	The invention is new where it is not in the state of the art.
Moldova (Republic of)	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by means of a written or oral description, by use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).
Mongolia	The invention is not anticipated by a product or process of the same design. The prior art consists of any prior product or process.
Morocco	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art comprises everything accessible to the public by means of a written or oral description, use or any other means before the filing date of a patent application in Morocco or of a patent application filed abroad and with a valid priority claim.
Mozambique	The invention has no precedent in the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by verbal description, use or any other way before the filing date (priority date).
Netherlands	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of previously filed Netherlands patent applications entered on the patent register on or after the filing date (priority date), and of certain European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
New Zealand	The invention has not been previously been published or used in the prior art. The prior art consists of the contents of granted patents published before the filing date (priority date) and dated within 50 years before the filing date, other documents published before the filing date (priority date) (other than foreign patent applications filed more than 50 years before the filing date and abridgments and extracts of such applications), and any use in New Zealand before the filing date (priority date).
Nicaragua	The invention is not anticipated by the current state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything disclosed or made accessible to the public in any form before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of subsequently published Nicaraguan patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Nigeria	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art comprises everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).
Norway	The invention is new in relation to what was known before the filing date (priority date), i.e., everything made available to the public in writing, in lectures, by use or otherwise before the filing date (priority date). The contents of certain Norwegian, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public shall be also taken into consideration for the determination of novelty.
Oman	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of everything disclosed to the public, anywhere in the world, by publication in tangible form or by oral disclosure, by use or in any other way, prior to the filing date (priority date).
Pakistan	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art comprises everything disclosed to the public anywhere in the world, by publication in tangible form or oral disclosure, by use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of complete specifications and priority documents filed in Pakistan published in the official Gazette, on the acceptance of patent applications. The state of the art also comprises traditionally developed or existing knowledge available or in possession of a local or indigenous community.
Panama	The invention is not anticipated by the prior art. The prior art consists of everything disclosed or made accessible to the public by tangible publication, oral disclosure, sale or marketing, use or any other means before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of subsequently published Panama patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).



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Papua New Guinea	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of everything disclosed to the public by tangible publication, oral disclosure, use or any other way before the filing date (priority date).
Peru	The invention is not included in the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, marketing or other means before the filing date (priority date) and the contents of Peru patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are subsequently published or made available for public inspection.
Philippines	The invention does not form part of a prior art. The prior art consists of everything made available to the public before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Philippines patent, utility model and industrial design applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Poland	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, displaying or disclosure in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of subsequently published Polish patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Portugal	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available, inside or outside the country, to the public by description, use or other means before the filing date (priority date) and the contents of non published patent and utility model requests of a previous date than that of the patent application with effect in Portugal.
Republic of Korea	The invention was not publicly known or has not been publicly worked, described in a publication or made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines before the filing date (priority date). The invention described in certain Korean patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) shall be also taken into consideration for the determination of novelty.
Romania	The invention does not form part of the prior art. The prior art consists of all knowledge made available to the public by means of a written or oral description, by use or any other means, before the filing date (priority date) and the contents of patent applications filed with OSIM, international applications that have been entered in the national phase in Romania and certain European patent application designating Romania, as filed, with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public on or after that date.
Russian Federation	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of any information made available to the public before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of published Russian Federation national patent and utility model applications and grants, international and of Eurasian applications with an earlier filing date (priority date), and published information thereon.
Saint Lucia	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Serbia	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Serbia and Montenegro patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Singapore	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Slovak Republic	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by any means of disclosure before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of certain Slovak, European and international patent applications and Slovak utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.

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Slovenia	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public by means of an oral or written description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Slovenian, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
South Africa	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of South African and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are or become open to public inspection, and inventions used secretly on a commercial scale in South Africa before the filing date (priority date).
Spain	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made available to the public in Spain or abroad by means of a written or oral description, by use, or by any other way, before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Spanish patent or utility model applications or international (PCT) or European applications designating Spain with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are subsequently published.
Sri Lanka	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of everything made accessible to the public by a written publication to the public anywhere in the world, or in Sri Lanka by oral disclosure, use or in any other way, before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of subsequently granted Sri Lankan patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Sweden	The invention is new in relation to what was known before the filing date (priority date). The prior art consists of everything made accessible to the public before the filing date (priority date) in writing, in lectures, use or otherwise, and the contents of certain Swedish, international and European patent applications an earlier filing date (priority date) subsequently made available to the public.
Switzerland	The invention is not included in the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or any other means before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of subsequently granted Swiss patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Syrian Arab Republic	The invention has not previously been disclosed, used or claimed in prior art. The prior art consists of anything publicly described or used before the filing date (priority date) and the contents of Syrian and foreign patents granted, and application filed, before the filing date (priority date).
Thailand	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of inventions widely known or used in Thailand before the filing date (priority date); printed publications and other documents publicly disclosed before the filing date (priority date); Thai and foreign patents and petty patents granted before the filing date (priority date); the contents of Thai and foreign patent and petty patent applications published before the filing date (priority date); and the contents of foreign patent and petty patent applications filed than 18 months before the filing date (priority date) but not granted.
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of certain Macedonian, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Trinidad and Tobago	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).
Tunisia	The invention not included in the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Tunisian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Turkey	The invention is not part of/comprised in the state of the art. The state of the art consists of information /data pertaining to the subject matter of the invention accessible to the public by written or oral disclosure, use or in any other way before the filing date, and the contents of Turkish patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date published on or after that date.

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Ukraine	<p>Invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made accessible to the public before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of certain Ukraine and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.</p>
United Kingdom	<p>The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of UK patent applications, including European patents (UK) and international applications designating the UK which have entered the national or regional phase, with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.</p>
United States of America	<p>A person shall be entitled to a patent unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the invention was known or used by others in US, or patented or described in a printed publication in US or a foreign country, before the invention by the applicant;</li> <li>(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in US or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in US, more than one year before the filing date;</li> <li>(c) he has abandoned the invention;</li> <li>(d) the invention was patented, or was the subject of an inventor's certificate filed by applicant or his legal representatives or assignees in a foreign country more than 12 months prior to the filing date;</li> <li>(e) the invention was described in a published US patent application by another or in a patent filed by another before the invention by the applicant (for the PCT international applications, only if they designate US and are published in English language);</li> <li>(f) during the course of interference, another inventor establishes that, before the invention date, he/she invented the invention and not abandoned, suppressed or concealed the invention; or another inventor made the invention in US before the invention date and he/she had not abandoned, suppressed or concealed the invention.</li> </ul>
Uruguay	<p>The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of anything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or any other method of dissemination or information before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of subsequently published Uruguay patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</p>
Uzbekistan	<p>The invention is not known from the prior art. The prior art consists of any information generally accessible before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of withdrawn Uzbekistan patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</p>
Zambia	<p>The invention must not be anticipated by the prior art at the effective date of the patent application. The prior art consists of everything made accessible to the public by way or written or oral disclosure before the relevant filing or effective date of a patent application including regional and international applications designating Zambia. The invention is new if on or before the effective date of patent application is not:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. known or used anywhere;</li> <li>2. worked anywhere other than by way of reasonable technical trial or experiment by the applicant or any person or persons from or through whom such applicant has derived his right or title;</li> <li>3. described in a patent specification available to public inspection and bearing a date less than fifty years prior to such effective date;</li> <li>4. described in writing in any publication of which there was a copy anywhere at the effective date of the application, or in a publication printed and published less than fifty years prior to such date; and</li> <li>5. claimed in any complete specification for a patent which was lodged in, though not available to public inspection at the effective date of the application, which may be granted in respect of the said invention.</li> </ol>

Regional Offices	Novelty
African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	The invention has not been anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of anything made available to the public before the filing date (priority date).
African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of everything made available to the public by means of written disclosure, use or exhibition before the filing date (priority date).
Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. The prior art consists of any information made available in the world before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Eurasian patent applications and international applications entered into the regional phase with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
European Patent Organisation (EPO)	The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of anything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of European patent applications (and of PCT applications designating EP subject to the payment of the filing fee, and, where required, the filing of the translation of the international application as originally filed) with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)	The invention is not anticipated by prior art. Prior art consists of everything disclosed to the public anywhere by means of written or oral disclosure, by use, or by any other way by which the invention is realized before the filing date (priority date).

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**(1) Prior Art**

Country	Prior Art
Albania	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by means of written or oral description, use or any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of subsequently published Albanian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Algeria Andorra	<p>Everything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure, use or other means before the filing date (priority date).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of subsequently published Andorra patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Argentina	<p>All technical knowledge made public by oral or written description, exploitation or other means of dissemination or communication before the filing date (priority date).</p>
Armenia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All information available before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of subsequently published or granted Armenian applications for inventions and utility models with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information from documents made publicly available or information made publicly available through doing an act before the filing date (priority date), whether in Australia or elsewhere.</li> <li>2. For deciding whether an invention is novel, information contained in a subsequently published Australian patent application (including all international applications) with an earlier filing date (priority date), if the information was also contained in the application at its filing date.</li> </ol>
Austria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or other means before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of certain Austrian, European and international patent applications and Austrian utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Azerbaijan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any information made available to the public before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Azerbaijan patents and applications for inventions and utility models with an earlier filing date (priority date) published in official bulletin.</li> </ol>
Bahrain	<p>Everything disclosed to the public in or outside the Kingdom of Bahrain by means of written or oral disclosure, use, or any other way by which the subject matter of the invention is realized prior to the filing date (priority date).</p>
Barbados	<p>Everything disclosed to the public in a tangible form by oral description or other means before the filing date (priority date).</p>
Belarus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information made available to the public before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Belarus patents and applications for inventions and utility models with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>

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Belgium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of certain subsequently published Belgian, European and international patent applications and Belgian utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Belize	<p>Anything disclosed to the public by a written or oral description, use or other means before the filing date (priority date).</p>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, commercialization or any other means before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Bolivian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are subsequently published or made available for public inspection.</li> </ol>
Bosnia and Herzegovina	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or other means before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of certain Bosnia and Herzegovina, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public on or after that date.</li> </ol>
Brazil	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or by any other means before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of subsequently published Brazilian and certain international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Bulgaria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of subsequently published Bulgarian, European and international patent applications designating Bulgaria with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Canada	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything available to the public before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Canadian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Chile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything disclosed or made available to the public by publication in tangible form, sale or marketing or use, or in any other manner, before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Chilean patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public on or after that date.</li> </ol>
China	<p>Technology known to the public before the filing date (priority date) in China or abroad.</p>
Colombia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, marketing or other means before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Colombian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are subsequently published or made available for public inspection.</li> </ol>
Costa Rica	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything disclosed or made available to the public anywhere in the world and by any means before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of non-published patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) but only if said contents remain included in the previous patent application upon publishing.</li> </ol>

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Croatia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Croatian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public on or after that date.</li> </ol>
Cyprus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public in a written or other graphic form, or by oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of subsequently published Cyprus applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Czech Republic	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of certain Czech, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public on or after that date.</li> </ol>
Denmark	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of certain Danish, European and international patent applications and Danish utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.</li> </ol>
Dominica Dominican Republic	<p>Everything disclosed to the public by oral or written description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything disclosed or made accessible to the public by means of publication in tangible form, oral disclosure, marketing, use or any other means before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of published ONAPI applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Ecuador	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, marketing or other means before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Ecuador patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are subsequently published or made available for public inspection.</li> </ol>
Egypt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anything publicly described or used before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Egyptian and foreign patents granted, and applications filed, before the filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
El Salvador	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything disclosed or made available to the public by publication in tangible form, oral disclosure, sale or marketing, use or any other means before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of subsequently published El Salvador patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Estonia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Estonian patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Finland	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public in writing, in lectures, by public use or otherwise before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of certain Finnish, European and international patent applications, and Finnish utility model applications, with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are made available to the public.</li> </ol>
France	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of French patent applications and European and international patent applications designating France with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.</li> </ol>

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Georgia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Data made available to the public from a written or verbal description, public use or other source before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Georgian patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Germany	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of certain German, European and international patent with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.</li> </ol>
Ghana	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other non-written means before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Ghana patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are made available to the public.</li> </ol>
Greece	<p>Anything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure or any other way before the filing date (priority date).</p>
Guatemala	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anything disclosed or made available to the public anywhere in the world and by any means before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of previous patent applications filed with the Registry with an earlier filing date (priority date) provided that the patent applications were published.</li> </ol>
Honduras	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything disclosed or made available to the public anywhere in the world, by means of publication in tangible form, oral disclosure, sale or commercialization, use or any other means before the patent application filing date (priority date) in Honduras.</li> <li>2. The contents of a patent application pending before the Industrial Property Registry, the filing date of which is prior to the date of the application being examined and that has been published.</li> </ol>
Hungary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written description, oral communication, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Hungarian patent and utility model applications, and certain European and international applications, with an earlier filing date (priority date), published in the course of the patent granting procedure after the filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Iceland	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public in writing, in lectures, by public use or otherwise before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of certain Icelandic, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are made available to the public.</li> </ol>
India Indonesia	<p>Publication in any document or used in India or elsewhere in the world before the filing date (priority date).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of earlier Indonesian patent applications published on or after filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Ireland	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of earlier Irish patent applications published on or after filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Israel	<p>Anything made available to the public before the filing date (priority date) by a written, visual, audible or any other description, use, exploitation or exhibition.</p>
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Japan	1. Anything which, before the filing date (priority date), was publicly known or worked, published, or made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines.
Jordan	2. Contents of certain Japanese patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Kenya	Everything disclosed to the public by a written or oral description, use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).
	1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other non-written means before the filing date (priority date).
	2. Contents of Kenyan and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public.
Kyrgyz Republic	1. Any information generally available to the public before the filing date (priority date).
	2. Contents of Kyrgyz patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Latvia	1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure or use before the filing date (priority date).
	2. Contents of published Latvian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Liechtenstein	1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure, use or any other means before the filing date (priority date).
	2. Contents of Swiss patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
	(in accordance with the agreements with Switzerland and the European Economic Area (EEA))
Lithuania	1. Everything published or publicly used before the filing date (priority date).
	2. Contents of Lithuanian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Luxembourg	1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral disclosure, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).
	2. Contents of certain Luxembourg, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Malaysia	1. Everything made available to the public by a written publication, oral disclosure, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).
	2. Contents of subsequently granted Malaysian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Malta	1. Everything made available to the public in a written or other graphic form, oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).
	2. Contents of certain subsequently published Malta, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Mauritius	Everything disclosed to the public by publication in tangible form, oral disclosure, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).
Mexico	1. The body of technical knowledge that has been made public by oral or written description, by exploitation or by any other means of dissemination or information both within the country and abroad;
	2. In order to determine whether the invention is new, all patent applications filed in Mexico prior to the filing date (or of recognized priority where applicable) and still being processed will be included in the state of the art, even though the publication referred to in article 52 occurs at a later date.
Moldova (Republic of)	Everything made available to the public by means of a written or oral description, by use, or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).

	Any prior product or process. Everything made accessible to the public by means of a written or oral description, use or any other means before the filing date of a patent application in Morocco or of a patent application filed abroad and with a valid priority claim. Everything made available to the public by verbal description, use or any other way before the filing date (priority date).
Country	Prior Art
Mongolia Morocco	1. Everything made available to the public by written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of previously filed Netherlands patent applications entered on the patent register on or after the filing date (priority date), and of certain European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
New Zealand	1. Contents of granted patents published before the filing date (priority date) and dated within 50 years before the filing date. 2. Other documents published before the filing date (priority date), other than foreign patent applications filed more than 50 years before the filing date and abridgments and extracts of such applications. 3. Any use in New Zealand before the filing date (priority date).
Nicaragua	1. Everything disclosed or made accessible to the public in any form before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of subsequently published Nicaraguan patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Nigeria Norway	Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date). 1. Everything made available to the public in writing, in lectures, by use or otherwise before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of certain Norwegian, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Oman	Everything disclosed to the public anywhere in the world, by publication in tangible form or by oral disclosure, by use or in any other way, prior to the filing date (priority date).
Pakistan	1. Everything disclosed to the public anywhere in the world, by publication in tangible form or oral disclosure, by use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of complete specifications and priority documents filed in Pakistan published in the official Gazette, on the acceptance of patent applications. 3. Traditionally developed or existing knowledge available or in possession of a local or indigenous community.
Panama	1. Everything disclosed or made accessible to the public by tangible publication, oral disclosure, sale or marketing, use or any other means before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of subsequently published Panama patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Papua New Guinea Peru	Everything disclosed to the public by tangible publication, oral disclosure, use or any other way before the filing date (priority date). 1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, marketing or other means before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of Peru patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are subsequently published or made available for public inspection.
Philippines	1. Everything made available to the public before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of Philippines patent, utility model and industrial design applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).
Poland	1. Everything made available to the public by a written or oral description, use, displaying or disclosure in any other way before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of subsequently published Polish patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).

Portugal

1. Everything made available, inside or outside the country, to the public by description, use or other means before the filing date (priority date).
2. Contents of non published patent and utility model requests of a previous date than that of the patent application with effect in Portugal.

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Republic of Korea	1. Inventions publicly known, worked, described in a publication or made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines before the filing date (priority date).
Romania	1. All knowledge that has been made available to the public by means of a written or oral description, by use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of patent applications filed with OSIM and international applications that have been entered in the national phase in Romania or certain European patent application designating Romania, as filed, with an earlier filing date (priority date) made available to the public on or after that date.
Russian Federation	1. Any information made available to the public before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of published Russian Federation patent and utility model applications and grants, international and of Eurasian applications with an earlier filing date (priority date), and published information thereon.
Saint Lucia	1. Everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).
Serbia	1. Contents of patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date. 2. Everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).
Singapore	1. Everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of Serbia and Montenegro patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Slovak Republic	1. Everything made available to the public by any means of disclosure before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of certain Slovak, European and international patent applications and Stovak utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
Slovenia	1. Everything made available to the public by means of an oral or written description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of Slovenian, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.
South Africa	1. Everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of South African and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are or become open to public inspection. 3. Inventions used secretly on a commercial scale in South Africa before the filing date (priority date).
Spain	1. Everything made available to the public in Spain or abroad by means of a written or oral description, by use, or by any other way, before the filing date (priority date). 2. Contents of Spanish patent or utility model applications or international (PCT) or European applications designating Spain with an earlier filing date (priority date) which are subsequently published.
Sri Lanka	1. Everything made accessible to the public by a written publication to the public anywhere in the world, or in Sri Lanka by oral disclosure, use or in any other way, before the filing date (priority date).

2. Contents of subsequently granted Sri Lankan patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).

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Sweden	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made accessible to the public before the filing date (priority date) in writing, in lectures, use or otherwise.</li> <li>2. Contents of certain Swedish, European and international patent applications an earlier filing date (priority date) subsequently made available to the public.</li> </ol>
Switzerland	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or any other means before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of subsequently granted Swiss patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Syrian Arab Republic	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anything publicly described or used before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Syrian and foreign patents granted, and applications filed, before the filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Thailand	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inventions widely known or used in Thailand before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Printed publications and other documents publicly disclosed before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>3. Thai and foreign patents and petty patents granted before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>4. Contents of Thai and foreign patent and petty patent applications published before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>5. Contents of foreign patent applications and petty patent applications filed more than 18 months before the filing date but not granted.</li> </ol>
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of certain Macedonian, European and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date).</li> </ol>
Trinidad and Tobago	<p>Everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</p>
Tunisia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of Tunisian patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.</li> </ol>
Turkey	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information/data pertaining to the subject matter of the invention made accessible to the public by written or oral disclosure, use or in any other way before the filing date.</li> <li>2. Contents of Turkish patent and utility model applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.</li> </ol>
Ukraine	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everything made accessible to the public before the filing date (priority date).</li> <li>2. Contents of certain Ukraine and international patent applications with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.</li> </ol>
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