

(١) Prior Art

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Saudi Arabia	Patent law, Article (٤٤)(a) Prior art means all that is disclosed to the public anywhere by means of written or oral disclosure, by use or by any other way through which knowledge of the invention is realized. This has to be prior to the filing date of the patent application or the priority application.

(٢) Novelty

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Saudi Arabia	Patent law, Article (٤٤)(a) An invention is new if it is not anticipated by prior art. In this respect, prior art means all that is disclosed to the public anywhere by means of written or oral disclosure, by use or by any other way through which knowledge of the invention is realized. This has to be prior to the filing date of the patent application or the priority application.

(٣) Inventive Step (Obviousness)

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Saudi Arabia	Patent law, Article (٤٤)(a)(b) An invention is deemed to involve an inventive step if, with regard to prior art related to the patent application, it is not obvious to a person with ordinary skills in the art. prior art means all that is disclosed to the public anywhere by means of written or oral disclosure, by use or by any other way through which knowledge of the invention is realized. This has to be prior to the filing date of the patent application or the priority application.

(٤) Grace Period

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Saudi Arabia	<p>(١) Cases of disclosure of inventions and industrial designs which are not considered as part of the previous state of technology shall be as follows:</p> <p>(a) If the disclosure occurred in the last six months preceding the date of filing the application or the date of the priority claim due to arbitrary acts against the applicant or his predecessor.</p> <p>(b) If the disclosure occurred as a result of displaying it in an officially recognized international exhibition in one of the countries of the Paris Union during the year preceding the filing of the application for the patent.</p> <p>Regulation of Patent Law, Article (٣٠)</p> <p>(١) Cases of disclosure of inventions and industrial designs which are not considered as part of the previous state of technology shall be as follows:</p> <p>(a) If the disclosure occurred in the last six months preceding the date of filing the application or the date of the priority claim due to arbitrary acts against the applicant or his predecessor.</p> <p>(b) If the disclosure occurred as a result of displaying it in an officially recognized international exhibition in one of the countries of the Paris Union during the year preceding the filing of the application for the patent.</p>

(٥) Sufficiency of Disclosure

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(٧) Exclusions from Patentable Subject Matter

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Saudi Arabia	<p>Patent law, Article (٤٥) In the application of provisions of this Law, the following shall not be regarded as inventions:</p> <p>(a) Discoveries, scientific theories and mathematical methods.</p> <p>(b) Schemes, rules and methods of conducting commercial activities, exercising pure mental activities or playing a game.</p> <p>(c) Plants, animals and processes – which are mostly biological – used for the production of plants or animals, with the exception of micro-organisms, non-biological and microbiology processes.</p> <p>(d) Methods of surgical or therapeutic treatment of human or animal body and methods of diagnosis applied to human or animal bodies, with the exception of products used in any of these methods.</p> <p>(٧) Exceptions and Limitations of the Rights</p> <p>Regulation of Patent Law, Article (٤٧) The following acts shall not be deemed infringement of a patent:</p> <p>١. The use of the means subject of the patent aboard ships of other countries of the Paris Union, whether in the body of the ship or its machines or equipments or in any part of it when such a ship temporarily or accidentally enters the Kingdom's territorial waters, provided that the use of all these means is limited to the needs of the ship.</p> <p>٢. The use of equipments subject of the patent in the manufacture or operation of air or land vehicles or their spare parts belonging to another country of the Paris Union, when such vehicles enter the Kingdom temporarily or accidentally.</p> <p>Patent law, Article (٤٧)(b) the protection document's right shall not preclude others from exploiting his invention in non-commercial activities relating to scientific research.</p> <p>Patent law, Article (٧٠) If a person, in good faith, manufactures a product, utilizes an industrial process, before the date of filing the patent application, or the priority application relating to that product or the process, , such a party shall be entitled – despite the issuance of the protection document – to continue to perform these acts without expanding them. This right shall not be assigned or transferred to others except with all parts of the firm or one of them including goodwill.</p>

(٧) Exceptions and Limitations of the Rights

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Saudi Arabia	<p>Patent law, Article (٤)(a) The protection document shall not be granted if its commercial exploitation violates the Shari'ah.</p> <p>(b) The protection document shall not be granted if its commercial exploitation is harmful to life, to human, animal or plant health, or is substantially harmful to the environment.</p> <p>Patent law, Article (٤٥) In the application of provisions of this Law, the following shall not be regarded as inventions.</p> <p>(a) Discoveries, scientific theories and mathematical methods.</p> <p>Schemes, rules and methods of conducting commercial activities, exercising pure mental activities or playing a game.</p> <p>(c) Plants, animals and processes – which are mostly</p>

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Regulation of Patent Law, Article (٤٩) Procedures for national security related applications shall be as follows (١) Each government employee, military or civilian, who achieved a subject matter of protection related to national security within the scope of his duties, undertakes to assign it and all resulting benefits to the competent authority in the government upon its approval.(٢) Also, any person, other than the above mentioned, who achieved a subject matter of protection related to national security, undertakes to assign it and all resulting benefits to the competent authority in the government upon its approval. This authority shall pay the person a fair compensation. (١٠) Initiation of an action for infringement in connection with these protection documents may not be permitted.(١٢) The President of the City may order that an application be dealt with as if licensed to the competent authority in the government if he finds that it is in relation to national security and has not been assigned to the competent authority in the government.