

**WIPO Note C. 8893:**

*“In addition, in order to maintain the information collected through the activities of the SCP up-to-date, Member States and Regional Patent Offices are invited to submit updated information on:*

*(i) certain aspects of the applicable national or regional patent law, available at:*

*[http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/annex\\_ii.html](http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/annex_ii.html);*

*(ii) national and regional laws on opposition systems and other administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms, available at:*

*[http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/revocation\\_mechanisms/](http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/revocation_mechanisms/);*

*(...)”*

**Ad (ii)**

**Update to SCP Working Document SCP 18/4 ANNEX I: STATISTICS**

[...]

**GERMANY**

- 16,368 newly granted patents were published in 2018 (or, 77,781 during the 5-year period 2014-2018).
- 377 oppositions concerning 338 patents were filed in 2018 (or, 2053 oppositions concerning 1789 patents during 2014-2018).
- Opposition proceedings conducted in 2018 were concluded as follows (total: 446 in 2018, or 2353 during 5-yr period):
  - 26 cases by the abandonment of the patent by the patent owner (181 from 2014-18);
  - 45 cases by the abandonment of the patent by non-payment of the annual fee (230 from 2014-18);
  - 130 cases by the revocation of the patent by the DPMA (724 from 2014-18);
  - 245 cases by the decision of the DPMA to maintain the patents in full or in part (1218 from 2014-18).
- In 2018, patent owners lodged an appeal against the revocation of their patents by the DPMA in 46 cases (305 from 2014-18).
- In 94 cases, an appeal was lodged against the decisions of the DPMA to maintain the patents in full or in part (519 during 5-yr period).