

Administrative Revocation and Invalidation Mechanisms

Belgium

Belgian national law does not provide for a revocation or invalidation system, outside of the regular national court system. A patent holder may however voluntarily renounce or revoke his granted national patent wholly or in part. A request thereto is to be directed to the Belgian Intellectual Property Service, in name of the Minister of Economy.¹ While a renouncement is applied *ex nunc*, a revocation has an effect *ex tunc*.

¹ See respectively articles XI.54 and XI.55 of the Belgian Code of Economic Law.