Administrative Revocation and Invalidation Mechanisms

Zimbabwe

Section 45 of the Zimbabwe Patents Act (Chapter 26:03) provides that an application for revocation may be made to the High court or the Tribunal by any interested person including the State, upon any one or more grounds on which the grant of a patent might be opposed. A patent can be revoked:

(a) because it was obtained fraudulently; or

(b) because the patent was fraudulently obtained and surrendered; or

(c) because the grant of a patent was refused under the provisions of Section 17 of the Zimbabwe Patents Act.