

Opposition systems

Republic of Korea

Korea has provided a mechanism for challenging issued patents through a trial for patent invalidation system. To complement the system, Korea has run 'the post-grant opposition system', in effective from March 2017. The revised system is aimed at reviewing a patent registered in the early stage; guaranteeing the stability of patent rights by rejecting erroneous patents from the beginning; and expanding opportunities for the public to be involved in patent examination.

Related rule: Article 132 of the Patent Act of Korea.