

Submission from Republic of Korea

Trademark opposition procedures

Korea have the Pre-registration opposition system. If the examiner finds no ground for rejection of a trademark application, or he considers that the rejection has been overcome by the applicant's response (argument and/or amendment), he shall render a decision to publish the trademark application. Once a trademark application is published in the official gazette or on the web site of the KIPO, any person may file an opposition within 30 days from the publication date. The thirty-day period cannot be extended. A notice of opposition containing a brief statement on the grounds for opposition must be submitted within the thirty-day period. Then, the opponent may amend, add or supplement the grounds for opposition within 30 days after the expiration of the thirty-day period.

Under new Trademark Act, which is revised in Dec, 2006, the period of opposition will be extended to 2 months from July 1st, 2007