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Phillippines (PH) Coverage

Patent Office Details

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Taguig City 1634
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Kinds of Protection

Patents of Invention

Granted for a term of 20 years from submission date (17 years before 1 Jan 1998)

Utility Models

Protection for 7 years from date of filing

Industrial Designs and Models

May be registered

Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty
17.08.2001

Signatory of:
Paris Convention (Lisbon text)
Budapest Treaty
World Intellectual Property Organization

Filing for Patents

The Philippines Government passed into law on 06.06.1997 the “Act Prescribing the Intellectual Property Code and Establishing the Intellectual Property Office, Providing for its Powers and Functions and Other Purposes”. The new code took effect on 01.01.1998 and brought in the “first to file” rule to replace the “first to invent” situation.

In keeping with TRIPs, the term “patentable invention” is redefined to refer to any technical solution to a problem in any field of human activity which is new, involves an inventive step and is industrially applicable. Micro-organisms and non-biological and microbiological processes are also patentable.

Applications can be made, in English, by the inventor, his heirs or legal representatives.

Under the International Convention applications claiming priority must be filed within 12 months of earliest filing date in a Convention country. A certified copy of the basic application along with a verified translation must be provided within six months of the application being filed in the Philippines. Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.
The new code adopts the deferred examination procedure. A search report showing prior art must be provided by the applicant before a substantive examination of the application is carried out. Applications are examined as to novelty, inventiveness and utility. United States examination and allowance may be sufficient for Philippines examiners to dispense with examination, other than formal examination.

Applications are published in the official gazette 18 months after the filing or priority date. There is no provision for opposition.

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**DWPI Data elements online**

- Bibliographic data
- English value-add title and abstract
- Original title and abstract
- Claims
- Manual Codes

**Notes**

- Chemical (CPI) and Electrical (EPI)
- Title and abstract from 2010 onwards

**NUMERATION**

**Kind Codes – A, B, B1**

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**U** Denotes utility model  
**Nnn** 1 to 5 digit serial number  
**nnnnnn** 6 digit serial number