



PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021

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Instructions

IPOS is conducting a public consultation on the Intellectual Property ("IP") (Amendment) Bill 2021 and corresponding amendments to the respective IP subsidiary legislation.

The public consultation paper could be accessed at
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Format of Paper

This public consultation paper is organised into five sections:

- (a) Section I: Patents
- (b) Section II: Trade Marks
- (c) Section III: Registered Designs
- (d) Section IV: Plant Varieties Protection

(e) Section V: Amendments which are common to more than one IP (hereafter referred to as "Cross-IP Amendments")

Submission of Comments

In your submission, please indicate your name, email address, the organisation you represent (if applicable) and your designation in the organisation (if applicable).

We welcome your comments on any or all of the questions.

Closing Date of Submission

The public consultation period is from 15 July 2021 (Thursday) to 5 August 2021 (Thursday).

IPOS reserves the right not to consider any submissions received after 5 August 2021.

General Note

Please note that toggling between Yes/No will result in your responses being deleted. Should you need to change your selection, please ensure that you have saved your responses.

1. SECTION I: PATENTS

I am answering questions in relation to Section I: Patents

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2. SECTION II: TRADE MARKS

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3. SECTION III: REGISTERED DESIGNS

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4. SECTION IV: PLANT VARIETIES PROTECTION

I am answering questions in relation to Section IV: Plant Varieties Protection

NO

YES

5. SECTION V: CROSS-IP AMENDMENTS

I am answering questions in relation to Section V: Cross-IP Amendments

NO

YES

SECTION I: PATENTS

6. A: Introducing express provisions in respect of submission of sequence listing (optional)

(a) Is there any ambiguity or lack of clarity in how a proposed change or provision is framed, whether in terms of scope of application, definition of other technical aspects of the provision? If so, how may these be addressed?

(b) Do any of the proposed changes result in consequences which may impact existing provisions which have not been adequately catered for? If so, what are these consequences and how may they be addressed?

7. B: Removing the obligation to furnish prescribed documents in certain prescribed circumstances during the patent prosecution process (optional)

(a) Is there any ambiguity or lack of clarity in how a proposed change or provision is framed, whether in terms of scope of application, definition or other technical aspects of the provision? If so, how may these be addressed?

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provisions which have not been adequately catered for? If so, what are these consequences and how may they be addressed?

8. C: Clarifying existing provisions (optional)

(a) Is there any ambiguity or lack of clarity in how a proposed change or provision is framed, whether in terms of scope of application, definition or other technical aspects of the provision? If so, how may these be addressed?

(b) Do any of the proposed changes result in consequences which may impact existing provisions which have not been adequately catered for? If so, what are these consequences and how may they be addressed?

9. D: Inviting amendment to an application in lieu of a written opinion (optional)

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The period for the response to the notice is set to two months in the proposed amendment.

However, as mentioned in the August 2020 public consultation comment, we don't think the two-month period is long enough. For non-English speaking foreign applicants, it may take some time to prepare the translation, so a period of about 3 months would be needed.

10. E: Refining the examination review process (optional)

(a) Is there any ambiguity or lack of clarity in how a proposed change or provision is framed, whether in terms of scope of application, definition or other technical aspects of the provision? If so, how may these be addressed?

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11. F: Removing the form and accompanying fee for publication of international patent application in English (optional)

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12. G: Providing express power for Registrar to make documents for published patent applications available to the public (optional)

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Please tell us about yourself

Thank you for your time and feedback. Please let us have your name, e-mail address, name of your organisation (if applicable) and your designation (if applicable) below. We may contact you for follow-up questions where necessary.

13. Name

14. Email Address

15. Organisation (optional)

16. Designation in your organisation (optional)

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