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ENFORCEMENT DECREE OF THE UTILITY MODEL ACT

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Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of this Decree is to provide for matters delegated by the Utility Model Act and those necessary for its enforcement.

Article 2 (Scope of Telecommunication Lines)

"Telecommunication lines specified in Presidential Decree" in Article 4 (1) 2 of the Utility Model Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") means the telecommunication lines operated by any of the following persons:

1. The Government or local government, foreign central or local government, or international organization;
2. A national or public school under Article 3 of the Higher Education Act or foreign national or public college or university;
3. A national or public research institute in the Republic

of Korea or a foreign country;

4. A corporation established for the purpose of carrying out business related to patent information, which is designated and publicly announced by the Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

Article 3 (Methods to Describe Scope of Claims for Utility Model Registration)

- (1) In describing the claims falling within the purview of scope of claims for utility model registration (hereinafter referred to as "claims") as provided for in Article 8 (8) of the Act, there shall be the description of an independent claim concerning the article (hereinafter referred to as "independent claim"), and a dependent claim (hereinafter referred to as "dependent claim") may be added to make the independent claim more specific with restrictive or additional description to the independent claim. In such cases, another dependent claim may be added to make such dependent claim more specific with restrictive or additional description, if necessary. *<Amended by Presidential Decree No. 20128, Jun. 28, 2007>*
- (2) The claims shall be divided into an appropriate number of claims according to the nature of devices.
- (3) A dependent claim shall cite one or more independent or another dependent claims, and shall indicate the

number of the cited claim.

- (4) A claim citing two or more claims shall show the number of cited claims alternatively.
- (5) The claim cited in a claim as one of two or more claims may not cite again two or more other claims. The same shall apply where a claim cited in a claim as one of two or more claims cites another claim to cite two or more claims again consequently.
- (6) A cited claim shall be mentioned ahead of another claim citing the claim.
- (7) Each claim shall be described in a new line, and a serial number in an Arabic numeral shall be assigned to each claim in the describing order.

Article 4 (Requirements for Each Utility Model Registration for Each Group of Devices)

Each group of devices under the proviso to Article 9 (1) of the Act shall meet the following requirements for the application for utility model registration:

1. There shall be technical correlation between the devices claimed;
2. Each device claimed shall have an identical or equivalent technical feature. In such cases, the technical feature of the devices, as a whole, shall be the more improved one than that of prior art.

Article 5 (Applications Eligible for Accelerated Examination)

"Patent applications specified by Presidential Decree" in subparagraph 2 of Article 61 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 15 of the Act means utility model registration falling under any of the following subparagraphs and prescribed by the Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office: <Amended by Presidential Decree No. 20128, Jun. 28, 2007; Presidential Decree No. 21054, Sep. 30, 2008>

1. Utility model registration for defense industry;
2. Utility model registration useful for the prevention of pollution;
3. Utility model registration directly related to the promotion of export;
4. Utility model registration related to the functions of the State or local governments (including the utility model registration filed for by an organization established within a national or public school and exclusively dedicated to the technology transfer and the promotion of commercialization thereof under Article 11 (1) of the Act on the Technology Transfer and Commercialization Promotion Act among the utility model registration related to the functions of national and public schools as defined in the Higher Education Act);
5. Utility model registration filed for by an enterprise acknowledged as a venture business under Article 25 of

the Act on Special Measures for the Promotion of Venture Businesses;

6. Utility model registration filed for by an enterprise selected as one of technology-innovative small and medium enterprises under Article 15 of the Act on Promotion of Technical Renovation of Small and Medium Enterprises;
7. Utility model registration related to a product from the State's project for the development of new technology or quality certification;
8. Utility model registration that serves as a ground for priority claims under a treaty (limited to those for which the procedures for a patent application or utility model registration filed for are under way at a foreign patent office according to priority claims based on such utility model registration);
9. Utility model registration under which the applicant of the utility model registration is currently working, or is at the stage of preparation for working, the device for which utility model registration was filed for;
10. Utility model registration directly related to electronic transactions;
11. Utility model registration filed for simultaneously with a request for examination and for which a request for accelerated examination is filed within two months thereafter;

12. Utility model registration for which a person who intends to file an application for accelerated examination retained a specialized institution under Article 58 (1) of the Patent Act, which shall apply mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 15 of the Act, to conduct a survey on prior art with respect to the utility model for which utility model registration is pending, and requested the specialized institution to notify the Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office of the results of the survey.

Article 6 (Decision on Accelerated Examination)

- (1) A person who requests the accelerated examination under Article 61 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 15 of the Act shall submit a written application for accelerated examination prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy to the Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office. *<Amended by Presidential Decree No. 20729, Feb. 29, 2008; Presidential Decree No. 24439, Mar. 23, 2013>*
- (2) Upon receiving the application for accelerated examination under paragraph (1), the Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office shall decide whether to allow the accelerated examination.
- (3) Necessary matters concerning the decision on accelerated examination under paragraph (2) shall be determined by

the Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

Article 6-2 (Periods of Delay Attributable to Applicants)

(1) "The period of delay attributable to an applicant" in Article 22-2 (3) of the Act means any of the following periods: *<Amended by Presidential Decree No. 24439, Mar. 23, 2013>*

1. Any of the following periods with regard to the procedure for utility model registration pending the Korean Intellectual Property Office or the Korean Intellectual Property Tribunal;

(a) When the Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office or a presiding trial examiner issues an order to appoint an agent to initiate the procedure related to utility model registration or to replace an agent pursuant to Article 10 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 3 of the Act: the period from the date such order is issued to the date an agent is appointed or replaced;

(b) When the period of request for trial or period for procedure related to utility model registration is extended upon request of an applicant pursuant to Article 15 (1) or (2) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 3 of the Act: the extended period (when the period for procedure related to registration of a utility model is reduced

upon request of an applicant pursuant to Article 15 (2) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 3 of the Act once the period has been extended, the reduced period shall be excluded herefrom);

- (c) When a date for initiating the procedure related to utility model registration has been determined but changed to a later date upon request of an applicant pursuant to Article 15 (3) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 3 of the Act: the period from the day following the determined date to the changed date;
- (d) When a party subsequently completes the procedure related to utility model registration after any ground imputable to the party has ceased to exist pursuant to the main sentence of Article 17 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 3 of the Act: the period from date such ground has ceased to exist to the date the procedure is subsequently completed;
- (e) When the procedure related to utility model registration is interrupted or suspended pursuant to Article 20, 23 (2), 78 (1) or 164 (1) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 3, 15 or 33 of the Act: the period during which the procedure related to utility model registration is

interrupted or suspended;

- (f) When the Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office orders an applicant to report the result of consultation within a specified period as prescribed in Article 7 (6) of the Act: the specified period (when the period is reduced upon request of an applicant pursuant to Article 15 (2) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 3 of the Act, the reduced period shall be excluded herefrom);
- (g) When a description is supplemented to contain the scope of a claim for utility model registration by the date provided for in Article 8 (5) 2 of the Act pursuant to the latter part other than each subparagraph of Article 8 (5) of the Act: the period from the date an applicant is notified of the purport of a request for initiating an examination of utility model registration to the date the applicant supplements the description;
- (h) When the Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the President of the Korean Intellectual Property Tribunal or a presiding trial examiner orders the procedure related to utility model registration to be supplemented within a specified period pursuant to Article 46, 141 (1) or 203 (2) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant

to Article 11, 33 or 41 of the Act: the specified period (when the period is reduced upon request of an applicant pursuant to Article 15 (2) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 3 of the Act, the reduced period shall be excluded herefrom);

- (i) When an application claiming a priority right based on an earlier filed application that serves as a basis for claiming the priority right pursuant to Article 55 (1) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 11 of the Act is withdrawn or deemed withdrawn pursuant to Article 56 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 11 of the Act: the period from the date the application claiming a priority right to the earlier filed application was filed to the date such application is withdrawn or deemed withdrawn;
- (j) When an examiner (referring to a trial examiner if applied mutatis mutandis to trial on utility model pursuant to Article 33 of the Act and Article 170 of the Patent Act; hereafter the same shall apply in this item) notifies an applicant for utility model registration of grounds for rejection and provides the applicant an opportunity to submit his/her statement of opinion within a specified period pursuant to the main sentence of Article 14 (1) of the Act

[Provided, That when an examiner decides to grant utility model registration pursuant to Article 66 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 15 of the Act after he/she has notified an applicant of grounds for rejection even though the applicant fails to supplement the relevant description or drawings based on such notification (including cases where a decision to grant utility model registration is made pursuant to Article 33 of the Act and Article 170 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 66 of the same Act), such cases shall be excluded herefrom]: the specified period (when a period for submitting a statement of opinion is reduced upon request of an applicant pursuant to Article 15 (2) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 3 of the Act, the reduced period shall be excluded herefrom);

- (k) When a decision on preferential examination under Article 6 with regard to preferential examinations prescribed in Article 61 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 15 of the Act is delayed due to reasons attributable to an applicant: the delayed period;
- (l) When an applicant pays registration fees pursuant to Article 16 (1) of the Act after having been served a

certified copy of the decision to grant utility model registration pursuant to Article 67 (2) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 15 of the Act (including cases where the late payment of patent fees are made pursuant to Article 81 (1) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 20 of the Act, patent fees are covered pursuant to Article 81-2 (2) of the same Act, or patent fees are paid and covered pursuant to Article 81-3 (1) of the same Act), or an applicant is exempt from registration fees after submitting documents specified by Ordinance of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy pursuant to Article 83 (3) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 20 of the Act: the period from the date he/she is served on a certified copy to the date the establishment of a utility model right is registered as prescribed in Article 21 of the Act;

- (m) When an applicant makes a request for reexamination pursuant to the main sentence of Article 67-2 (1) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 15 of the Act: the period from the date the applicant has been served a certified copy of the decision to reject utility model registration pursuant to Article 67 (2) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article

15 of the Act to the date the applicant makes a request for reexamination;

- (n) When a request for exclusion or evasion made pursuant to Article 149 or 150 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33 of the Act is rejected based on a decision made pursuant to Article 152 (1) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33 of the Act: the period during which trial proceedings are suspended pursuant to the main sentence of Article 153 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33 of the Act;
- (o) When the examination or preservation of evidence requested by an applicant pursuant to Article 157 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33 of the Act is deemed unnecessary: the period from the date such request is made to the date the examination or preservation of evidence is deemed unnecessary;
- (p) When an examination is reopened upon request of an applicant after the applicant has been notified of the closure of the examination pursuant to Article 162 (4) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33 of the Act: the period from the date an examination is reopened to the date notice on the closure of the examination is

given pursuant to Article 162 (3) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33 of the Act;

- (q) When a request for re-trial prescribed in Article 178 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33 of the Act is filed after an applicant becomes aware of grounds for re-trial: the period from the date an applicant becomes aware of grounds for re-trial to the date he/she requests for re-trial;
- (r) When a presiding trial examiner determines an additional period as prescribed in Article 186 (5) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33 of the Act: the additional period;
- (s) When the service of documents or service of documents by public notice pursuant to Article 218 or 219 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 44 of the Act is delayed due to reasons attributable to an applicant (referring to cases, etc. where the service of documents is delayed due to a failure to report the Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office on the purport of change when a person to be served on has changed his/her place of service pursuant to Article 18 (10) of the Enforcement Decree of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 9): the

period during which such service is delayed;

2. Any of the following periods with regard to litigation proceedings about trial decisions, decisions or rulings pursuant to Article 186 (1) or (8) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33 of the Act:
 - (a) When litigation proceedings are suspended pursuant to Article 78 (2) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 15 of the Act or Article 164 (2) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33 of the Act: the period during which the litigation proceedings are suspended;
 - (b) When a motion for excluding or evading judges (including technical examiners as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33 of the Act and Article 188-2 (1) of the Patent Act and junior administrative officers, etc. of a court as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 50 of the Civil Procedure Act) pursuant to Articles 41 through 43 of the Civil Procedure Act is rejected based upon a ruling rendered pursuant to Article 45 or 46 of the Civil Procedure Act: the period from the date a motion for exclusion or evasion is filed to the date a decision to dismiss such motion is made, or the period during which litigation proceedings are

suspended pursuant to the main sentence of Article 48 of the Civil Procedure Act;

- (c) When a court or presiding judge issues an order for supplementation within a specified period pursuant to Article 59 or 254 (1) of the Civil Procedure Act: the specified period;
- (d) When a special representative is appointed as prescribed in Article 62 of the Civil Procedure Act: the period from the application date of appointment to the appointment date of the special representative;
- (e) When the reopening of a pleading prescribed in Article 142 of the Civil Procedure Act is attributed to an applicant: the period from the date an order to reopen a pleading is issued to the date the pleading is re-closed;
- (f) When a court prohibits an applicant or his/her agent from testifying and determines a new date for continuing pleadings pursuant to Article 144 (1) of the Civil Procedure Act: the period from the date giving testimony is prohibited to the new date;
- (g) When a court requires a lawyer to be appointed pursuant to Article 144 (2) of the Civil Procedure Act: the period from the date an order to appoint a lawyer is issued to the date a lawyer is appointed;
- (h) When the date designated by a presiding judge is changed to a late date on substantial grounds, such

as an applicant' request, etc. pursuant to Article 165 (1) of the Civil Procedure Act: the period from the date following the designated date to the changed date;

- (i) When a court extends a statutory period or period determined by the court upon request of an applicant or determines an additional period with regard to the invariable period pursuant to Article 172 of the Civil Procedure Act: the extended period or additional period;
- (j) When a party subsequently complete procedural acts after any ground imputable to the party has ceased to exist pursuant to Article 173 of the Civil Procedure Act: the period from the date such ground has ceased to exist to the date the procedural acts are subsequently completed;
- (k) When the service of documents or service of documents by public notice pursuant to Articles 178, 186 through 188 or 194 of the Civil Procedure Act is delayed due to reasons attributable to an applicant: the period during which such service is delayed;
- (l) When litigation proceedings are interrupted or suspended pursuant to Articles 233 through 237, 239, 240 or 246 of the Civil Procedure Act: the period during which the litigation proceedings are interrupted or suspended;

- (m) When an presiding judge determines a new date for pleading since an applicant fails to appear on the date for pleading or appears but fails to plead pursuant to Article 268 (1) of the Civil Procedure Act: the period from the date following the date for pleading to the new date for pleading;
 - (n) When evidence applied for examination pursuant to Article 289 of the Civil Procedure Act is deemed unnecessary: the period from the date an application is filed to the date the evidence is deemed unnecessary;
 - (o) When a party files a petition for re-trial pursuant to Article 451 of the Civil Procedure Act after it becomes aware of the grounds for re-trial: the period from the date the party becomes aware of the grounds for re-trial to the date the party filed a petition for re-trial;
3. Any of the following periods with regard to administrative appeals or administrative litigation proceedings in relation to objections to a disposition pursuant to Article 224-2 (2) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 44 of the Act;
- (a) When a motion for exclusion or evasion filed under Article 10 of the Administrative Appeals Act is rejected or dismissed by a ruling rendered under

Article 12 of the Enforcement Decree of the same Act: the period during which appeals procedure is suspended pursuant to Article 13 of the same Enforcement Decree;

- (b) When an administrative appeal is filed after a natural disaster, war, internal turmoil, or other force majeure has ceased to exist pursuant to Article 27 (2) of the Administrative Appeals Act: the period from the date the relevant ground has ceased to exist to the date an administrative appeal is filed;
- (c) When the Central Administrative Appeals Commission (hereafter referred to as the "Commission" in this Article) requests for supplementation within a specified period pursuant to the main sentence of Article 32 (1) of the Administrative Appeals Act: the specified period;
- (d) When the Commission determines a period for submitting supplementary documents pursuant to Article 33 (2) of the Administrative Appeals Act: the period from the date the period for submission thereof is determined to the date the supplementary documents are submitted;
- (e) When a date for trial designated by the Commission is changed to a later date upon request of an applicant pursuant to Article 38 of the Administrative Appeals Act: the period from the date following the

- designated date for trial to the changed date for trial;
- (f) When the provisions of the Civil Procedure Act prescribing service shall be as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 57 of the Administrative Appeals Act: the period provided in subparagraph 2 (k);
 - (g) When the provisions of the Civil Procedure Act shall be as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 8 (2) of the Administrative Litigation Act: the period provided in the items of subparagraph 2;
4. Other periods specified by Ordinance of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy and delayed due to reasons attributable to an applicant with regard to the procedure for utility model registration pending the Korean Intellectual Property Office or the Korean Intellectual Property Tribunal, litigation proceedings about trial decisions, decisions or rulings prescribed in Article 186 (1) or (8) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33 of the Act, or administrative appeals or administrative litigation proceedings in relation to objections to a disposition pursuant to Article 224-2 (2) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 44 of the Act.

Any of the following periods with regard to the procedure for utility model registration pending in

the Korean Intellectual Property Office or the Korean Intellectual Property Tribunal;

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if there exists an objectively acceptable reason not attributable to an applicant among the reasons delaying the registration of the establishment of a utility model right pursuant to Article 22-2 (1) of the Act, the period corresponding thereto shall be excluded from the period provided in paragraph (1).

[This Article Newly Inserted by Presidential Decree No. 23342, Dec. 2, 2011]

Article 7 (Utility Model Gazettes)

(1) The Utility Model Gazettes under Article 42 of the Act shall be divided into the Utility Model Gazette for publication of registration and the Utility Model Gazette for disclosure.

(2) The Utility Model Gazette for publication of registration shall contain the following: *<Amended by Presidential Decree No. 21568, Jun. 26, 2009>*

1. The name and address of the owner of the utility model right (in cases of a juristic person, its title and location of business place);
2. The application number, classification code and date of application;
3. The name and address of the inventor;
4. The registration number and establishment date of

utility model;

5. The publication date of registration;

6. Matters concerning priority claims;

7. Matters concerning converted applications or divisional applications;

8. Description, drawings, and abstract attached to the application for utility model registration;

9. The serial number and date of disclosure of application;

10. Matters concerning amendment ex officio under Article 66-2 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 15 of the Act;

11. Contents corrected under Article 133-2, 136, or 137 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33 of the Act;

12. Other matters considered as necessary by the Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

(3) The Utility Model Gazette for disclosure shall contain the following: Provided, That matters considered likely to cause disturbance to the public order or morals or a harm to public health shall not be contained herein:

1. The name and address of the applicant (in cases of a juristic person, its title and location of business place);

2. The application number, classification code and date of application;

3. The name and address of the inventor;
4. Matters concerning priority claims;
5. Matters concerning converted applications or divisional applications;
6. Description, drawings, and abstract attached to the application for utility model registration;
7. The serial number and date of disclosure of application;
8. The fact that a request for examination of application has been filed in accordance with Article 60 (2) of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 15 of the Act: Provided, That the disclosure number, classification code, and application number of the application shall be published in the Utility Model Gazette for disclosure which will be issued later along with the fact that the request for examination of application has been filed, if the fact that the request for examination of application had been filed was not published at the time of the laying open of the application;
9. The purport that anyone may furnish the Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office with the information that the relevant device is not eligible for utility model registration along with evidentiary documents in accordance with Article 63-2 of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant

to Article 15 of the Act;

10. Other matters related to the disclosure of application for utility model registration.

Article 7-2 (Handling of Personally Identifiable Information)

The Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office or the President of the Intellectual Property Tribunal may handle materials in which a resident registration number or alien registration number is included pursuant to subparagraph 1 or 4 of Article 19 of the Enforcement Decree of the Personal Information Protection Act, where inevitable to carry out the following:

1. Issuance of the identification number under Article 28-2 of the Patent Act as applied *mutatis mutandis* pursuant to Article 3 of the Act;
2. Application for the utility model registration under Article 8 of the Act;
3. Taking and preserving evidence under Article 157 of the Patent Act as applied *mutatis mutandis* pursuant to Article 33 of the Act;
4. Submission, etc. of documents under Article 222 of the Patent Act as applied *mutatis mutandis* pursuant to Article 44 of the Act;
5. Other affairs regarding the request, reporting, or submission of the application, examination, trial, or registration under the Act and the Enforcement Decree thereof.

[This Article Newly Inserted by Presidential Decree No. 23488, Jan. 6, 2012]

Article 8 (Imposition of Fines for Negligence)

The guidelines for the imposition of fines for negligence under Article 52 (1) of the Act shall be as provided in attached Table. *<Amended by Presidential Decree No. 23342, Dec. 2, 2011>*

[This Article Wholly Amended by Presidential Decree No. 21054, Sep. 30, 2008]

Article 9 (Application Mutatis Mutandis of the Enforcement Decree of the Patent Act)

(1) Articles 2 through 4, 8-2, 8-3, 11 through 16, and 18 of the Enforcement Decree of the Patent Act shall apply mutatis mutandis to the applications, requests, and other procedures for utility model registration. *<Amended by Presidential Decree No. 20128, Jun. 28, 2007>*

(2) Article 8 of the Enforcement Decree of the Patent Act shall apply mutatis mutandis to the qualifications of an examiner, an administrative patent judge, a presiding administrative patent judge, and the President of the Intellectual Property Tribunal with respect to the examination and trial on utility model registration.

ADDENDA

(1) (Enforcement Date) This Decree shall enter into force on October 1, 2006: Provided, That the amended provisions of

Article 8 (2) and (3) 2 of the Enforcement Decree of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 9 (2) of this Act shall enter into force on July 1, 2007.

(2) (Applicability concerning Objects of Accelerated Examination) The amended provisions of Article 5 shall apply to the application for accelerated examination submitted on or after this Decree enters into force.

(3) (Transitional Measures concerning Issuance of Utility Model Gazette) The Utility Model Gazette for the application for utility model registration filed under the previous provisions as at the time the amended provisions of Article 7 enter into force shall be issued in accordance with the previous provisions.

(4) (Transitional Measures concerning Qualifications of Administrative Judges, etc.) A person qualified as an administrative judge or a presiding administrative patent judge under the previous provisions as at the time the amended provisions of Article 8 (2) and (3) of the Enforcement Decree of the Patent Act as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 9 (2) of this Act enter into force shall be deemed one qualified as an administrative judge or a presiding administrative patent judge under this Decree.

ADDENDUM <Presidential Decree No. 20128, Jun. 28, 2007>

This Decree shall enter into force on July 1, 2007.

ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 20137, Jun. 29, 2007>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

Articles 2 and 5 Omitted.

ADDENDA<Presidential Decree No. 20729, Feb. 29, 2008>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

Articles 2 and 3 Omitted.

ADDENDA<Presidential Decree No. 21054, Sep. 30, 2008>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on October 1, 2008.

Article 2 (Applicability to Cases Eligible for Accelerated Examination)

The amended provisions of Article 5 shall apply to the applications for accelerated examination filed on or after the date this Decree enters into force.

ADDENDUM <Presidential Decree No. 21568, Jun. 26,

2009>

This Decree shall enter into force on July 1, 2009.

ADDENDA<Presidential Decree No. 23342, Dec, 2, 2011>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date "Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America" takes effect in the Republic of Korea: Provided, That the amended provisions of Article 8 and attached Table shall enter into force on January 1, 2012.

Article 2 (Applicability to Periods of Delay Attributable to Applicants)

The amended provisions of Article 6-2 shall apply to an application filed for utility model registration on or after this Decree enters into force.

Article 3 (Transitional Measures concerning Fines for Negligence)

(1) The imposition of fines for negligence on any violation committed before this Decree enters into force shall be governed by the former provisions, notwithstanding the amended provisions of attached Table.

(2) The disposition of imposing fines for negligence on any violation committed before this Decree enters into force shall be excluded from the number of violations prescribed in the amended provisions of attached Table.

ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 23488, Jan. 6, 2012>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

Article 2 Omitted.

ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 24439, Mar. 23, 2013>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

Articles 2 through 3 Omitted.