

These *Guidelines* implement the powers of the President of the Polish Patent Office specified in Art . 269 paragraph. 3-6 of the Act of June 30, 2000, ***Industrial Property Law*** (hereinafter: *Pwp* ).

*The guidelines* have been developed based on the extensive knowledge and many years of experience of experts employed by the Office. The prepared material takes into account the applicable legal status, as well as the national and European *acquis* in this field. Pursuant to the provisions of the *IPL* Act, the College of Experts of the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland gave a positive opinion on the general guidelines of the President of the Office by way of a resolution. They were published in the 16th issue of "Wiadomości Urząd Patentowego" on October 19, 2020 .

## **Objective**

The modern knowledge-based economy requires a coherent system of jurisprudence in the field **of industrial property** . Therefore, the aim of the *Guidelines* is to ensure a uniform interpretation of legal provisions in the field of application of statutory provisions by experts adjudicating on **inventions** , **utility models** and **trademarks** . This is extremely important for ensuring the security of economic transactions and protection of innovative solutions.

## **Scope of application**

*The guidelines* constitute interpretative directives which the experts of the Office are obliged to take into account when adjudicating in pending cases. *The guidelines* are binding only on experts, are not a source of universally binding law and cannot be used as a legal basis for a decision or order issued by the Office. The general guidelines of the President of the Office play an interpretative role - as indicated in the literature on the subject - they constitute a kind of instructions on how to apply the law and are primarily used to standardize the practice of the Patent Office.

These *Guidelines* will be successively updated and extended to include new issues in order to eliminate any emerging interpretative discrepancies and to ensure the unification of jurisprudence based on own experience as well as international best practices.

By providing you with this document, I hope that it will provide significant support not only for the Office's experts, but also for all those **who submit industrial property** objects for protection.