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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of  
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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER  
ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: ACT NO. 435/2001 COLL. ON PATENTS, SUPPLEMENTARY PROTECTION  
CERTIFICATES AND ON ALTERATIONS OF AND ADDITIONS TO CERTAIN LAWS,  
AS AMENDED (THE PATENT ACT)

<b>Notifying Member</b>	<b>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</b>
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	Act No. 435/2001 Coll. on patents, supplementary protection certificates and on alterations of and additions to certain laws, as amended (The Patent Act)
<b>Subject matter</b>	Patents (including plant variety protection)
<b>Nature of notification</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
<b>Link to legal text*</b>	<a href="https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/SVK/24_01619_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/SVK/24_01619_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	<a href="#">IP/N/1/SVK/P/5</a>

**Brief description of the notified legal text**

Amendment: 402/2002 Coll. of Laws of the Slovak Rep.  
Amendment: 84/2007 Coll. of Laws of the Slovak Rep.  
Amendment: 517/2007 Coll. of Laws of the Slovak Rep.  
Amendment: 495/2008 Coll. of Laws of the Slovak Rep.  
Amendment: 125/2016 Coll. of Laws of the Slovak Rep.  
Amendment: 242/2017 Coll. of Laws of the Slovak Rep. (in force from 1 January 2018)  
Amendment: 242/2017 Coll. of Laws of the Slovak Rep. (in force from 1 January 2019)  
Amendment: 291/2018 Coll. of Laws of the Slovak Rep.

The Slovak law on patents contains provisions of substantive patent law, provisions of procedural law applicable before the national Industrial Property Office, provisions dealing with enforcement of patent rights and a complex part dealing with the implementation of the European Patent Convention.

The Patent Act is fully in line with the international obligations of the Slovak Republic and with the relevant EU legislation (Directive 98/44/EC; Directive 2004/48/EC; and Directive 2004/27/EC).

The Slovak law on patents has been amended various times since 2001.

Some of the amendments were based on the transposition of relevant EU Directives or connected with the accession of the Slovak Republic to the EU. Subsequent amendments focused on updates coming from the application of the procedural provision in the praxis, on strengthening the provisions dealing with employee regimes and on strengthening the enforcement of the rights.	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English
<b>Entry into force</b>	14 January 2019
<b>Other date</b>	

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	18 January 2024
<b>Other information</b>	See also: <a href="#">IP/N/1/EEC/E/4</a> <i>(Directive 2004/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the enforcement of intellectual property rights)</i>  <a href="#">IP/N/1/EU/U/4</a> <i>(Directive 2004/27/EC of 31 March 2004 amending Directive 2001/83/EC on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use)</i>  and  <a href="#">IP/N/1/EEC/P/4</a> <i>(Directive 98/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 1998 on the legal protection of biotechnological inventions)</i>
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