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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: ACT NO. 517/2007 COLL. ON UTILITY MODELS AND ON
ALTERATIONS OF AND ADDITIONS TO CERTAIN LAWS, AS AMENDED

Notifying Member	SLOVAK REPUBLIC
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Act No. 517/2007 Coll. on utility models and on alterations of and additions to certain laws, as amended
Subject matter	Patents (including plant variety protection)
Nature of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/SVK/24_01621_00_e.pdf
Notification status	<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)
Previous notification(s) referred to	IP/N/1/SVK/I/7
Brief description of the notified legal text	
<p>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. Amendment: 55/2023 Coll. of Laws of the Slovak Rep.</p> <p>Utility model is a traditional national IP title connected with technical inventions. Unlike patents, utility models can be obtained in faster procedure, however without novelty and inventor step being examined <i>ex officio</i> before registration. The registration procedure allows for opposition before registration and for invalidity proceedings after registration.</p> <p>The Slovak law on utility models has been amended various times since 2007. These 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.</p>	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English

Entry into force	1 April 2023
Other date	

Notification details

Submission date of notification	18 January 2024
Other information	<p>See also: IP/N/1/EEC/E/4 <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></p> <p>IP/N/1/EU/U/4 <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></p> <p>and</p> <p>IP/N/1/EEC/P/4 <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></p>
Agency or authority responsible	<p>Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic Švermova 43 974 04 Banská Bystrica</p> <p>Email: infocentrum@indprop.gov.sk</p>

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