

ACT
ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT ON THE
PROTECTION OF TOPOGRAPHIES OF
SEMICONDUCTOR PRODUCTS****

Article 1

In the Act on the Protection of Topographies of Semiconductor Products (»Official Gazette«, No. 173/03, 76/07, 30/09 and 49/11), Article 6 shall be amended to read:

»(1) The State Intellectual Property Office (hereinafter: the Office) shall carry out the administrative proceedings for registration of a topography and declaration of the decision on the registration of a topography null and void, and perform other administrative and professional tasks concerning the protection of the topographies of semiconductor products.

(2) The decisions issued by the Office cannot be appealed, but an administrative dispute can be instituted before the Administrative Court in Zagreb.

(3) The procedure referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article is urgent.«.

Article 2

In Article 12, paragraph (2) shall be deleted.

Article 3

After the word: »contracts« in Article 23, the comma and the words: »the appeal, the appeal proceedings, the Boards of Appeal,« shall be deleted.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 4

The Minister responsible for supervision of the work of the State Intellectual Property Office shall harmonise the Regulations on the Protection of Topographies of Semiconductor Products (»Official Gazette«, No. 72/04, 117/07 and 43/17) with the provisions of this Act within 30 days from the day of the entry into force of this Act.

Article 5

(1) Administrative procedures instituted by the provisions of the Act on the Protection of Topographies of Semiconductor Products (»Official Gazette«, No. 173/03, 76/07, 30/09 and 49/11) where the State Intellectual Property Office as the first instance authority issued the decision until the day of the entry into force of this Act shall be completed in accordance with the provisions of that Act and the regulations issued pursuant to that Act.

(2) Boards of Appeal in the field of industrial property rights established and appointed on the basis of the Patents Act (»Official Gazette«, No. 173/03, 54/05, 87/05, 76/07, 30/09, 128/10, 49/11 and 76/13) shall continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of that Act and the regulations issued pursuant to that Act until all the administrative procedures referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article are completed by reaching final decisions, after which they shall cease to operate.

(3) If, because of dismissal of the president or members of the Boards of Appeal referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article, it is not possible to determine the Board of Appeal to decide on an appeal, the procedure of electing or appointing the president or necessary number of members of the Boards of Appeal can exceptionally be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Patents Act (»Official Gazette«, No. 173/03, 54/05, 87/05, 76/07, 30/09, 128/10, 49/11 and 76/13), for the needs of resolving the case referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article.

Article 6

This Act shall enter into force on the eighth day following the day of its publication in the »Official Gazette«.