ACT ON AMENDMENTS TO THE PATENT ACT*******

Article 1

In the Patent Act (»Official Gazette«, No. 173/03, 54/05, 87/05, 76/07, 30/09, 128/10, 49/11 and 76/13), in Article 15 paragraphs (2) and (3) shall be amended to read:

»(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

After the words: »by the Act« in Article 16, the words: »and the filing of an appeal« shall be deleted.

Article 3

In Article 57 paragraph (6), point 9 shall be deleted.

Article 4

In Article 57a paragraph (4), point 4 shall be deleted.

Former point 5 shall become point 4.

Article 5

The heading of Title XI: »Appeal«, subheadings and headings above Articles and Articles 88 to 94 shall be deleted.

Article 6

After the words: »the Office« in Article 95m paragraph (3), the commas and the words: »or the Board of Appeal, respectively,« shall be deleted.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 7

The Minister responsible for supervision of the work of the State Intellectual Property Office shall harmonise the Patent Regulations (»Official Gazette«, No. 117/07, 3/11, 66/11, 145/12, 85/13 and 43/17) with the provisions of this Act within 30 days from the day of the entry into force of this Act.

Article 8

(1) Administrative procedures instituted by the provisions of the Patent Act (»Official Gazette«, No. 173/03, 54/05, 87/05, 76/07, 30/09, 128/10, 49/11 and 76/13) 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 9

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