

Uzbekistan

The Law on inventions, utility models and industrial designs does not contain any specific provisions related to the restoration of rights of applicants in case of acts of terrorism or other events beyond their control.

However, where certain acts have not been performed within the applicable time limits, restoration of rights is possible as set out below:

- the time limit to claim a priority under the Paris Convention may be extended by a maximum of two months from the expiry of the priority period

- subject to payment of a fee, restoration of rights in accordance with PCT Rule 49.6 may apply where the applicant failed perform certain acts within the applicable time limit

- re-establishment of the time limit for reply during formal or substantive examination, may be allowed provided the applicant files a request within 12 months from the day on which the missed time limit expired, indicates the reasons for the unavoidable missing of the time limit and pays the patent fee

- subject to the payment of a surcharge, an extension of three months may be allowed from the expiry of the applicable time limit for submission of documents confirming the payment of the registration fee, publication fee, fee for grant of the patent or maintenance fee for the first three years

- subject to the payment of a surcharge, an extension of six months may be allowed for the payment of the fee for maintaining the patent in force

The State Patent Office will endeavor to accommodate applicants or their representatives who were unable to comply with certain procedural requirements due to acts of terrorism.

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