Administrative Revocation and Invalidation Mechanisms

Algeria

Article 53 of Ordinance No. 03-07 provides for the total or partial invalidation of one or more claims.

Article 53

The competent court shall, at the request of any interested party, rule on the invalidity, whether total or partial, of one or more claims of a patent:

- (1) if the subject matter of the patent does not meet the requirements set forth in Articles 3 to 8 above;
- (2) if the description of the invention does not meet the requirements of Article 22, paragraph 3, above or if the patent claims do not define the protection applied for; or
- (3) if the same invention has been the patented in Algeria following an earlier application or benefiting from an earlier priority.

Once the ruling on invalidity has become final, the earliest petitioner shall formally notify the competent authority, which shall then register and publish it.