

Leaflet Patents in Egypt

Duration

A patent is valid for 20 years starting from the date of filing the application.

Compulsory use

Working of patents is compulsory in Egypt. In the event that the owner of a patent does not satisfy the working requirements within 3 years as of the date of the grant, or within 4 years from the filing date, which of the two periods is longer, or if working ceases for 1 year without an acceptable reason, then the patent will be subject to compulsory licensing under the provisions of the law. If within 2 years as of the grant of the compulsory license the licensee does not exploit the patented invention, any interested party may apply to the Patent Office demanding the cancellation of the patent for non-working.

Working requirements can be satisfied by importation or nominal working.

Marking

Marking of products protected by a patent is not compulsory in Egypt.