

Leaflet Patents in the Russian Federation

Duration

The patent has a duration of 20 years from the date of filing, provided that the annual fees are paid in time.

Compulsory use

The use of the patented invention is not required for the patent to be maintained and enforced. If, however, a patented invention is not used or is used insufficiently in the Russian Federation without justified and legitimate reasons during four years from grant, any person who desires to use the invention and is able to use it, but who did not succeed in concluding a license agreement with the patentee may apply to the Court for the grant of a non-exclusive compulsory license.

Marking

Patent marking is not mandatory. However, marking may have implications for the amount of compensation in case of past infringement. Marking will make it easier to prove in Court that a patent has been infringed intentionally and that damages are to be reimbursed. The recommended precaution note is «Protected by RU patent No__» in Russian.