

25—01.4 P**Designated Time Limit: Opposition to Grant of Patent**

For an opposition to grant of patent, a time limit designated by a chief administrative judge, the designated time limit, based on the provisions of laws and ministerial ordinances is determined as the standard designated time limit shown below.

The same applies to a retrial for a final and binding decision of an opposition to grant of patent.

1. Standard Designated Time Limit

(1) A time limit for filing a written opinion of a patentee against a notice of reasons for revocation (including an advance notice of decision) (the Patent Act Article 120-5(1)) shall be 60 days for a domestic resident and 90 days for an overseas resident.

(2) A time limit for filing a written opinion of a patent opponent against a request for correction of a patentee (the Patent Act Article 120-5(5)) shall be 30 days for a domestic resident and 50 days for an overseas resident.

(3) A time limit for filing a written opinion of a patentee against a notice of reasons for refusal of correction (the Patent Act Article 120-5(6)) shall be 30 days for a domestic resident and 50 days for an overseas resident.

(4) A time limit for those who perform the procedure or their agent reside a remote area or an area with transportation difficulty (→ 25-01 Attached table) shall be added 15 days to the above each time limit (1)~(3) for a domestic resident.

(5) A time limit for filing a written reply against an inquiry (the Patent Act Article 134(4)) shall be about 15 days for a domestic resident and about 25 days for an overseas resident.

(6) A time limit for expressing an opinion of a party concerned, etc. against a request for intervention, a time limit for responding to an order of amendment in case of violation of formality requirement, a time limit for filing a written explanation against a notice of reasons for dismissal, and a designated time limit for succession of procedures are referred to (→ 25-01.2 1. (3) B~D).

2. Extension by request or by ex officio of the time limit which has been already designated (→ 25-04)

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