

Law to Amend the Right of Representation
by Attorneys-at-Law before the Higher Regional Courts
of 23 July 2002

The Bundestag [Federal Parliament] has passed the following Law:

Articles 1 and 2 ...

Article 3

Amendment of the Patent Law

Section 143 of the Patent Law in the version published on 16 December 1980 (Federal Law Gazette 1981 I p. 1), last amended by Article 4 paragraph 1 of the Law of 19 July 2002 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 2681), shall be amended as follows:

- 1 Subsections (3) and (4) shall be repealed.
2. The previous subsection (5) shall become subsection (3).

Article 4

Amendment of the Utility Model Law

Section 27 of the Utility Model Law in the version published on 28 August 1986 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 1455), last amended by Article 4 paragraph 2 of the Law of 19 July 2002 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 2681), shall be amended as follows:

1. Subsections (3) and (4) shall be repealed.
2. The previous subsection (5) shall become subsection (3).

Article 5

Amendment of the Trade Mark Law

Section 140 of the Trade Mark Law of 25 October 1994 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 3082, 1995 I p. 156, 1996 I p. 682), last amended by Article 4 paragraph 3 of the Law of 19 July 2002 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 2681), shall be amended as follows:

1. Subsections (3) and (4) shall be repealed.
2. The previous subsection (5) shall become subsection (3).

Article 6

Amendment of the Law Against Unfair Competition

Section 27 (3) and (4) of the Law Against Unfair Competition in the revised version published in the Federal Law Gazette Part III, No. 43-1, last amended by Article 15 of the Law of 13 December 2001 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 3656), shall be repealed.

Article 7

Amendment of the Copyright Law

Section 105 (4) and (5) of the Copyright Law of 9 September 1965 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 1273), last amended by Article 1 of the Law of 22 March 2002 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 1155), shall be repealed.

Article 8

Amendment of the Designs Law

Section 15 of the Designs Law in the revised version published in the Federal Law Gazette Part III, No. 442-1, last amended by Article 4 paragraph 6 of the Law of 19 July 2002 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 2681), shall be amended as follows:

1. Subsections (3) and (4) shall be repealed.
2. The previous subsection (5) shall become subsection (3).

Article 9

Amendment of the Plant Variety Protection Law

Section 38 of the Plant Variety Protection Law in the version published on 19 December 1997 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 3164), last amended by Article 20 of the Law of 13 December 2001 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 3656), shall be amended as follows:

1. Subsection (3) shall be repealed.
2. The previous subsection (4) shall become subsection (3).
3. The previous subsection (5) shall become subsection (4). In this subsection, the figure "4" shall be replaced by the figure "3".

Article 10

Amendment of the Law Against Restrictions on Competition

Section 93, second sentence, of the Law Against Restrictions on Competition in the version published on 26 August 1998 (Federal Law Gazette I p.2546), last amended by Article 7 of the Law of 10 November 2001 (Federal Law Gazette I p.2992), shall be repealed.

Articles 11 to 33 ...

Article 34

Entry into Force

Except as provided in the second and third sentences, this Law shall enter into force on the day following its promulgation. Article 1 paragraph 2 shall enter into force on the first day of the calendar month following promulgation. Article 25 paragraph 2 shall enter into force on 1 July 2005.

The constitutional rights of the Federal Council have been heeded.

The above Law is hereby executed. It is to be promulgated in the Federal Law Gazette.

Berlin, 23 July 2002

The Federal President
Johannes Rau

The Federal Chancellor
Gerhard Schröder

The Federal Minister of Justice
Daeubler-Gmelin
