In accordance with the decision adopted by the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP) at its Twentieth Session, the National Patent Administration of the Republic of Argentina wishes to provide, at the stipulated time and in the proper form, the information requested concerning "Exceptions and Limitations to Patent Rights" in as far as that topic fall within its competence.

With regard to "Transfer of Technology", the National Director of the Department of Technology Transfer of the National Industrial Property Institute stated that "By Law No. 22.426 to govern the Transfer of Technology and its Regulations, together with the Law on Income Tax (Law No. 20.628, text consolidated by Decree 649/97 and subsequent amendments), the Argentinian State makes provision for tax incentives in the form of reductions in the income tax rate for those international transactions carried out with a view to assigning or licensing industrial property rights, among other concepts which involve the transfer of technology, including the grant of patent licenses.

The activities of this Office are limited to the registration of contracts the main or ancillary aim of which is the transfer of technology or marks, from natural or legal, public or private persons domiciled abroad, to similar subjects of law domiciled in the country, provided the transaction is for consideration and the services provided apply directly to the productive activity of the recipient, with effect in Argentina.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any further information in this regard."

Yours sincerely,



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