

Good news!

### NEW PATENT LAW IN SPAIN



On 1 April the new request the search; Spanish Patent law 4) utility models will No. 24/2015 of 24 have to be new July 2015 is coming worldwide while up into force. This new until now they only law replaces the old needed to be new at Patent Law issued a national level. The in 1986. The main two main conse- changes of the new quences of these patent law are the changes are: a) it is following: 1) a subs- no longer possible to tantial examination have a patent gran- will have to be re- ted without novelty requested by appli- being checked; b) cants; 2) opposi- requesting a patent tions against a new in Spain will be mo- patent can be filed re expensive becau- within 6 months of se the fees for exa- the grant of the pa- mination will have to tent; 3) a search be paid, while with report will have to the old law, appli- be requested at the cants would choose time of filing – up whether or not until now there was to apply for exami- a 15 months term to nation.

The South American corner

### PERU

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Intellectual Property is also getting in line with new technologies. In fact, in many countries, patents or trademarks registration certificates are now issued in a digital format. For example, in South America in countries like Brazil, Argentina or Chile registration certificates are already issued in a digital format. In Peru by Decree No. 1309 of 30 December 2016 it has been decided that registration certificates will be issued from now on in a digital format. This is good news and we hope that other countries of the area, such as Bolivia or Paraguay will join the rest of the digital world.