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PATENTS IN URUGUAY

REQUIREMENTS

- Full details of the applicant (name and address).
- Full details of the inventor (name and address).
- Title of patent.
- Copy of the description, claims and an abstract of the patent.
- Copy of the drawings.
- Details of priority (date, number and country)
- In the event of priority filing, an official copy of the patent application from which priority is claimed.
- Assignment of the inventor's rights by the inventor to the applicant.
- Statement declaring whether the invention has been made available to the public prior to the filing date
- Power of attorney. (No legalisation required)

PROCEDURE

After filing the patent application is subjected to a preliminary examination following which, the application will be published in the Official Gazette. 18 months after the filing date the applicant needs to request formal examination of the application and pay the corresponding examination fee.

Once the fee has been paid the patent will be examined on its ability to be registered by the Patent Office.

If the application receives no objections from the Patent Office, the average time scale from application to granting of the patent is approximately two to three years.

OBSERVATIONS

- The patent is valid for 20 years from the date of filing.
- The annuity fees are required to be paid from the second year after the date of filing once the patent has been granted.