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Introduction to Patents – Useful Concepts for Inventors

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Brief Abstract

Patents are a type of intellectual property (IP) that protect technological inventions, such as new drugs or medical devices, for a limited period of time within a limited territory. Even though the idea of patenting a technological creation may look simple, there are underlying rules that set the common ground on which inventors can deposit their inventions. This lecture aims to present the main concepts concerning patent law and patent procedure, covering important aspects, such as patent requirements (novelty, inventive step, and industrial application), the main IP offices worldwide, the matters that are not patentable, and the lifecycle of a patent. These concepts are useful as an introduction to the world of IP and become handy to scientists and inventors, when dealing with the usually crucial moment to move forward with an innovative idea.

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