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# Patents For 138 Inventions Granted In Armenia Last Year

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YEREVAN, JANUARY 17, NOYAN TAPAN. At the January 17 sitting, the Armenian government approved the bill on useful models of inventions and industrial models. The head of the Intellectual Property Agency of the RA Ministry of Trade and Economic Development Armen Azizian told reporters after the sitting that the bill aims to improve the legislative field on intellectual property and bring it into line with European standards.

The bill envisages simplifying the procedure of granting patents for inventions and useful models of inventions. It was stated that the RA Law on Patents does not correspond to international standards as it stipulates a complicated procedure of granting patents. Under this law, two patents are granted: at first a preliminary patent for up to 10 years is given to the inventor, after which a second patent is granted for a 20-year period. The bill envisages granting one patent for 20 years by a simple procedure.

A. Azizian added that at present the agency has to publish the patent within 1-2 months after the submission of the bid on patent for the purpose of general familiarization. According to the bill, the person submitting the bid may keep the essence of his/her invention secret up to 18 months.

Last year the agency granted patents for 138 inventions, only 3 of which have been put in use. Most of patents are related to medicine, energy, mining industry.

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