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Revision of the KIPO Rules Regarding Requirements on Inventor Information

Effective from November 1, 2024, the Enforcement Rules of the Korean Patent Act and Utility Model Act have been partially amended regarding inventor information. The main revisions are as follows:

1. Inventor Information Requirements

(1) **Nationality and Country of Residence on an Application Form:**

When providing inventor information on an application form, the inventor's nationality and country of residence must be indicated (No supporting documents are required to prove nationalities).

(2) **Nationality and Country of Residence on an Amendment Form:**

When amending (or correcting) inventor information, the amendment form must include fields for the inventor's nationality and address (country of residence).

2. Improvement of the Inventor Correction System

(1) **Correction Period Restrictions** – It is not allowed to add or correct inventors between allowance and registration, except for simple typographical errors that do not affect the identity of the inventor.

(2) **Supporting Documents Required** – To add or correct inventors after filing but before registration, applicants must submit verification documents signed by the applicant and the inventor(s) being added or corrected.

* [Before allowance] All inventors being added or corrected must submit verification documents.

[After registration] Verification documents signed by all inventors before and after the change must be submitted (the same as the existing regulations and practices).

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Referring to the forgoing, please provide the inventors' nationalities when entrusting us with filing of a patent application in Korea. Please also ensure that the country of residence is indicated as the country of the inventor's address.



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