

TRANSLATION OF THE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION

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Announcement

To: The community of Applicants, Patent Attorneys and Lawyers
By: Asa Kling, Registrar of Patents, Designs and Trademarks

Re: Examination Guidelines in the matter of Section 3 of the Patents Law, 1967 **(hereinafter: "the Law")**

1. Herein is published, for public commentary thereupon, Appendix B of The Patent Office's Examination Guidelines, in which the implementation of Section 3 of the Law is discussed.
2. These Examination Guidelines were formulated following discussions with the community in the form of a round table meeting on the topic of software related inventions, subsequent to which tens of position papers were submitted from academics, the community of Applicants and practitioners in the field. The position papers were considered by the Patent Office during formulation of the current examination guidelines.
3. As in any other revision of the Patent Office's Examination Guidelines, and due to the complex nature and importance of the matter, the public is hereby invited to submit any commentary within 30 days from the date of this notification.
4. The Commissioner's notices dated 30.12.10 and 07.02.2011 in the matter of software related inventions, are hereby cancelled.

Sincerely,

Asa Kling,
Registrar of Patents