II.6(1) **Opposition**

**legal basis**
Art. 99,100, R. 55 EPC

**data in PRS for**

**field meaning**

| yymmdd | Date of issue of the European Patent Bulletin in which the notice is published. |
| yymmdd' | Date on which the opposition has been filed. |
| "opp. name" | Name of the person or institution who has filed the opposition. |

**code meaning**
Any person may give notice to the EPO of opposition within 9 months from the publication of the mention of the grant of the European patent (see code EP P B1). The opposition applies to the European patent in all contracting states in which the patent has effect.

The grounds for opposition can be:

(a) subject-matter of the European patent is not patentable within the terms of Arts. 52-57 EPC
(b) the European patent does not disclose the invention in a manner sufficiently clear and complete for it to be carried out by a person skilled in the art
(c) the subject-matter of the European patent extends beyond the content of the application as filed

The notice of opposition is advertised in the bulletin including the following data:

- opposition serial number (two digit)/date of filing opposition
- date on which the grant was published (INID code 44)
- name and address of the grantee (proprietor of the right) (INID code 73)
- name and address of its representative (INID code 74)
- designated contracting states under regional patent conventions (INID code 84)

Any third party who proves that proceedings for infringement of the same patent have been instituted against him, may after the opposition period has been expired, intervene in the opposition proceedings, if he gives notice of intervention within 3 months of the date on which the infringement proceedings were instituted (Art. 105 EPC).

**see related codes**