**Understanding Patent Eligibility and Ineligibility in Myanmar: What Inventions Qualify for Protection?**

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**1. Eligibility for Patent Protection in Myanmar**

Patent Definition:

* Protection for inventions related to solving technical problems.
* Includes minor inventions (new product forms, structures, or parts).

Three Essential Requirements:

**(i) Novelty**:

* Invention must not exist before application date.
* Not previously known or publicly disclosed worldwide.

**(ii) Inventive Step**:

Invention must not be obvious to experts in the field.

**(iii) Industrial Applicability**:

Invention must be producible or usable in an industrial enterprise.

**Ineligibility for Patent Protection in Myanmar**

Eight Subject Matters Not Eligible:

**(i)** Discoveries, Scientific Theories, Mathematical Calculations.

**(ii)** Systems, Rules, Methods for Business, Psychology, Games.

**(iii)** Pure Computer Programs without Technical Application.

**(iv)** Biological Production Processes for Plants/Animals.

**(v)** Plants, Organisms, DNA from Nature (except man-made).

**(vi)** Surgical, Treatment Methods for Humans/Animals.

**(vii)** Inventions Related to Known Objects, Chemical Products.

**(viii)** Inventions Detrimental to Morale, Health, Environment.

**Timeline for Special Inventions:**

* Pharmaceutical products/processes ineligible until 01 Jan 2033.
* According to WTO TRIPS Council policy.

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