

- g) The estimate of the value of the remuneration of technicians must be based on per diem rates relevant to each technician's expertise and an assessment of the period necessary for the rendering of technical assistance and the completion of the training program. The maintenance expenses of foreign technicians in Brazil must be paid in Cruzados Novos. These payments can only be made at the rate the services are rendered, not as a lump sum.
- h) Period of Validity: up to 15 years for invention and model patents and up to 10 years for industrial design patents.
- i) The licensee is the owner of improvements he may introduce into the product or process. The licensor is obliged to supply immediately to the licensee details of improvements made by the licensor during the license period.
- j) The agreement may not prohibit the full use of the data transferred after the patent expires.

Conclusion

As can be appreciated from the foregoing Brazilian regulations legislation concerning the transfer of technology are complex. Firms contemplating a bilateral agreement involving registration with INPI and the payment of remittances would be well advised to consult a local lawyer.