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**- Patent Act Article 67-3 (Restoration of Patent Application)**

 ... If it is recognized that a patent application has been withdrawn or a decision to refuse a patent has become final and conclusive because of the patent applicant’s failure to comply with any of the following time limits due to a cause not imputable to the patent applicant, the patent applicant may request the examination or re-examination of the patent application within two months from the date when such cause ceases to exist ...