

those mentioned in paragraph 1, it shall communicate this to the opponent and shall invite him to remedy the deficiencies noted within such period as it may specify. If the notice of opposition is not corrected in good time, the Opposition Division shall reject it as inadmissible.

(3) Any decision to reject a notice of opposition as inadmissible shall be communicated to the proprietor of the patent, together with a copy of the notice.

### Rule 57

#### *Preparation of the examination of the opposition*

(1) If the opposition is admissible, the Opposition Division shall communicate the opposition to the proprietor of the patent and shall invite him to file his observations and to file amendments, where appropriate, to the description, claims and drawings within a period to be fixed by the Opposition Division.

(2) If several notices of opposition have been filed, the Opposition Division shall communicate them to the other opponents at the same time as the communication provided for under paragraph 1.

(3) The observations and any amendments filed by the proprietor of the patent shall be communicated to the other parties concerned who shall be invited by the Opposition Division, if it considers it expedient, to reply within a period to be fixed by the Opposition Division.

(4) In the case of a notice of intervention in opposition proceedings the Opposition Division may dispense with the application of paragraphs 1 to 3.

### Rule 58

#### *Examination of opposition*

(1) All communications issued pursuant to Article 101, paragraph 2, and all replies thereto shall be communicated to all parties.

(2) In any communication to the proprietor of the European patent pursuant to Ar-

stk. 1 angivne, giver den indsigeren meddelelse herom og opfordrer ham til inden for en af afdelingen fastsat frist at afhjælpe de påpegede mangler. Berigtiges indsigelsen ikke rettidigt, afviser indsigelsesafdelingen den.

3) Enhver afgørelse, hvorved en indsigelse afvises, meddeles patenthaveren ledsaget af en genpart af indsigelsesskrivelsen.

### Regel 57

#### *Forberedelse af behandlingen af indsigelsen*

1) Hvis indsigelsen kan antages, giver indsigelsesafdelingen patenthaveren meddelelse om indsigelsen og opfordrer ham til inden for en af afdelingen fastsat frist at udtale sig og i givet fald at indsende ændringer til beskrivelsen, kravene og tegningerne.

2) Er der fremsat flere indsigelser, giver indsigelsesafdelingen de øvrige indsigere meddelelse herom samtidig med, at den af-giver den i stk. 1 nævnte meddelelse.

3) Indsigelsesafdelingen gør de øvrige parter bekendt med patenthaverens udtalelser og de eventuelle ændringer, som han har indsendt; såfremt afdelingen anser det for hensigtsmæssigt, opfordrer den disse parter til at svare inden for en af afdelingen fastsat frist.

4) Drejer det sig om en indtrædelse i indsigelsessagen, kan indsigelsesafdelingen se bort fra anvendelsen af bestemmelserne i stk. 1-3.

### Regel 58

#### *Behandling af indsigelsen*

1) Alle meddelelser, der udsendes i henhold til artikel 101, stk. 2, og alle svar herpå fremsendes til alle parter.

2) I enhver meddelelse til patenthaveren i henhold til artikel 101, stk. 2, skal denne i