

Nutreco is an international animal nutrition and fish feed company, with revenues totalling EUR 4,021 million in 2007. With its specific knowledge of animal nutrition and fish feed, Nutreco is able to create added value for its customers in about 80 countries around the world.

Nutreco's business groups, each comprising several business units, have over 100 production and processing plants in 24 countries and about 9,000 employees. Nutreco has eight leading research centres to support its customers and its own animal nutrition and fish feed activities.

The department of **Quality Affairs** within Nutreco provides services in order to minimise risks and maintain Nutreco's leading role in quality, feed and food safety and product innovation. Support is given towards Nutreco companies and Nutreco R&D on different fields: Quality Management, Issue Management, Grants, Legislation, Registration and Intellectual Property Management.

To strengthen its Quality Affairs team, Nutreco is currently looking for a

Patent Information Specialist

The job

It is the Patent Information Specialist's role to select and evaluate information in such a way that eventually the business can take decisions for the benefit of Intellectual Property Management. You will facilitate the day-to-day activities involved in patent procurement, be responsible for organization of technical documents and publications, and be a gatekeeper for document exchange in certain third party relationships.

You will:

- Search and analyse patent and open literature in complex areas of science, and provide reports or spreadsheets on prior art, patent references, patentability and infringement
- Collaborate with scientists to collect and organize invention disclosures, details and data for patent applications.
- Interpret requests for patent information; design strategies for the retrieval, analysis, evaluation and reporting of information from a variety of information sources.
- Provide current awareness reports on specific projects or competitive products.
- Assist in the development of patent filing, claim construction, infringement and invalidity strategies.
- Withdraw reliable information out of different databases and study it quickly and in-depth

Who are we looking for?

To be considered as a candidate you must

- have at least a Bachelor's degree in Biotechnology or Life Sciences with a broad knowledge in Biochemistry, (animal) physiology and an academic attitude;
- understand and interpret the technical and legal nature be able to explain it to others in plain language;
- be proficient in searching scientific, patent and technical databases, learning the search strategies of the various systems;
- be fluent in English, other (European) language is an asset;
- have some years of experience in a similar position or demonstrable knowledge in patent information.

Your essential skills include accuracy, numeracy and attention to detail, technical online skills and persistency.

How to apply?

For further information on this vacancy, please contact Mrs Marjan Beerthuis, Patents & Grants Manager, telephone +31 485 589 841. You can send your written application to Mrs Elvira Bennenbroek-Hurkmans (Human Resources Officer), Nutreco Nederland B.V., P.O. Box 220, 5830 AE Boxmeer, The Netherlands or via e-mail to recruitment@nutreco.com.