

## World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) - WO

### Jurisdiction - General Information

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is the global forum for intellectual property (IP) services, policy, information and cooperation. It is one of the specialized agencies of the United Nations (UN). It was created in 1967 "to encourage creative activity, to promote the protection of intellectual property throughout the world" and currently has 193 member states.

WIPO currently administers 26 international treaties including the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

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### Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

WIPO has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette](#).

#### Features and search functionalities

The online patent register (PATENTSCOPE) has an **Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish interface**.

Through the patent register you can retrieve information on **Fee Payment, PCT National Phase Entry, Legal Status**, and access the **Dossier/File Wrapper Information** and the **Full Publications**.

The patent register can also be searched by **PCT Application/Publication Number**, by **Applicant/Inventor Name**, and by **Priority Data**.

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### Additional Information

#### Particularities of patent protection given by WIPO

The PCT is an international treaty with more than 150 Contracting States. The PCT makes it possible to seek patent protection for an invention simultaneously in a large number of countries by filing a single "international" patent application instead of filing several separate national or regional patent applications. The granting of patents remains under the control of the national or regional patent Offices in what is called the "national phase".

**Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)** can be obtained in certain jurisdictions after the grant. Referral is made to national/regional member regulations.

## Search tips

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To see the **PCT National Phase Entry** open the tab "National Phase".

To access the **Dossier/File Wrapper Information**, open the tab "Documents". It is also possible to retrieve information about **Fee Payment** under the same tab, e.g. "(RO/102) Notification Concerning Payment of Prescribed Fees" for the publication WO2013080146.

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