

BAHRAIN - BH

Jurisdiction - General Information

Bahrain has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since October 29, 1997. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since March 18, 2007. In addition, it is a party to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure and the Patent Law Treaty (PLT).

Bahrain is also a member of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf ([GCC](#)). Information about GCC patents having effect in Bahrain can be retrieved at [this link](#) (granted) or at this [new link](#) (powered by WIPO Publish). For more information about the GCC, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

More legal information about intellectual property-related laws and regulations of Bahrain can be found on [WIPO Lex](#).

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Bahrain has neither an **Online Register** nor an **Online Gazette**.

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Features and search functionalities

Not applicable

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Bahrain

An instrument of **Patent Term Extension** is available. More precisely, Article 14 of Law No. 14/2006 provides that the patent protection period shall be extended in two cases: as a compensation for the unreasonable delay in granting the Patent for reasons beyond the Patent owner's control; or, for pharmaceutical products, as a compensation to the Patent owner for unreasonable deductions in the actual protection period due to Marketing Approval procedures pertaining to the first commercial use of the product in the Kingdom.

The filing of patent applications in the GCC was suspended from January 6, 2021. The applications received from Bahrain have been resumed then from January 1, 2023. Patents filed before January 6, 2021, and granted, are valid in the territory of all the member countries, however, patents filed from January 1, 2023, have only a national effect.

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