

## IRELAND - IE

### Jurisdiction - General Information

Ireland has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since December 4, 1925. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since August 1, 1992, but it can be designated only through a European Patent. 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).

Ireland is a member of the European Patent Organization ([EPO](#)).

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

### Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

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

#### Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has an **English interface**. It contains information about Irish patents, short-term patents, and European patents.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve information on **Fee Payment**, **Legal Status**, and **Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)**. The patent register can only be searched by application/publication number.

There is also a [patent database](#) which allows an advanced search mode by **PCT Publication Number**, by **Applicant/Inventor Name**, and by **Priority Data** (Priority Date or Number, but without country code). Through the patent database, it is also possible to access the **Full Publications** as PDF files, while European Patents designating Ireland can be downloaded through a link to Espacenet.

**SPCs** can be searched in a separate database available at this [link](#).

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European patents designating Ireland can be searched in the patent register or in the [European Patent Register](#).

### Additional Information

#### Particularities of patent protection in Ireland

Protection through **SPCs** is available.

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