

JAMAICA – JM

Jurisdiction - General Information

Jamaica has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since December 24, 1999 and to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since November 10, 2021.

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Jamaica 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 Jamaica

The Patents and Designs Act of 2020 introduced relevant changes in the national IP system in compliance of the TRIPS agreement and in preparation to sign the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

Patents can be granted in all fields of technology provided they are new, involve an inventive step and are capable of industrial application. The patent term protection now is 20 years from the filing date, where before it was of 14 years from grant (extendable once for 7 more years) and the newly introduced utility models provides a protection for 10 years from the filing date. The requirement of novelty, that was limited to the territory of Jamaica before, it is now extended to the whole world.

Other major changes from the old system include the provision of a twelve month grace period for disclosures of inventions which are made by the inventor or by a third party in breach of confidence.

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