

## PORTUGAL - PT

### Jurisdiction - General Information

Portugal has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since July 7, 1884. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since November 24, 1992. 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.

Portugal is a member of the European Patent Organization ([EPO](#)) and belongs to the “European patents with unitary effect” system, started on June 1, 2023, which provides a unitary effect for an European patent (EP) granted in 17 of the 27 European Union member countries (updated January 2024).

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

### Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Portugal has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette](#) (Boletim da Propriedade Industrial).

#### Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has English and Portuguese **interfaces**. It contains information about Portuguese patents and utility models; and PCT applications and European patents designating Portugal.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve information on **Fee Payment, Legal Status, and Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)**.

The Online Register can also be searched by **PCT Publication Number** and by **Applicant Name**.

It is possible to access the **Full Publications** through a link to Espacenet at the bottom of the bibliographic record.

The Online Gazette is published every working day in Portuguese and contains links to the complete patent application that includes the correspondent Portuguese search report with written opinion. The gazette is searchable by date and can be displayed in PDF format. The current coverage is from 2004 to present.

European patents designating Portugal can be searched in the Online Register or in the [European Patent Register](#).

### Additional Information

#### Particularities of patent protection in Portugal

Protection through **SPCs** and its extensions are available.

### Search tips

Search by **PCT Publication Number** can be done by selecting "Registration Number", then "Next" and "International Number" for, e.g., 2009143531 (publication WO/2009/143531).

An example of information on **Legal Status** can be found by "Registration Number" then "Next" and "National Patent", eg. for 108977 "LAPSE BY DUE FEES LAPSE-NOTIFIED" in 2021.

Even if a complete **Dossier/File Wrapper Information** cannot be retrieved, a list of events is available, some with reference to the publication on a particular Bulletin.