

## SIERRA LEONE - SL

### Jurisdiction - General Information

Sierra Leone has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since June 17, 1997.

Sierra Leone is also a member of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization ([ARIPO](#)).

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

### Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Sierra Leone has neither an **Online Register** nor an **Online Gazette**.

For further enquiries, please contact the relevant authority as indicated in the [WIPO Directory](#).

### Features and search functionalities

ARIPO provides an [online information platform](#) for searching ARIPO and member states' national patents (which are currently being loaded) with an interface in English. For more information about ARIPO, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

There is currently a second patent database including patents of ARIPO and of ARIPO's members built on the WIPO Publish platform available at this [link](#), allowing a selection through a slider button between a search limited to the most frequently used fields and a broader one enlarged to a wide number of search fields, some of which however could be left empty.

### Additional Information

#### Particularities of patent protection in Sierra Leone

Applications for national patents based on a patent granted in the United Kingdom (GB) within 3 years from the date of issue will normally be granted and will expire together with the GB patent.

#### Search tips