# **BRUNEI DARUSSALAM - BN**

## **Jurisdiction - General Information**

Brunei Darussalam has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since February 17, 2012. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since July 24, 2012. 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.

Brunei Darussalam is also part of the regional IP information platform <u>ASEAN Intellectual Property (IP)</u> <u>Register</u>.

More legal information about intellectual property-related laws and regulations of Brunei Darussalam can be found on <u>WIPO Lex</u>.

## **Online Patent Register and Online Gazette**

Brunei Darussalam has an Online Register. It has also an Online Gazette (Patent Journal).

#### **Features and search functionalities**

The Online Register has an English, Arabic, French and Japanese interface.

The Online Register has been made with the platform WIPO Publish, 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.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve basic information on the Legal Status.

The Online Register can also be searched by **PCT Application/Publication Number**, by **Applicant/Inventor Name**, and by **Priority Data**.

The Online Gazette referring to patents is apparently published irregularly, the last one available dates back to February 2021. The online collection starts from 2017.

On ASEAN Intellectual Property (IP) Register it is possible to search for patents of Brunei Darussalam on an English interface by **PCT Application/Publication Number**, **Applicant/Inventor Name**, and **Priority Data**, and to retrieve information on **Legal Status** and PCT **National Phase Entry**. For more information about ASEAN Intellectual Property (IP) Register, consult the <u>detailed jurisdiction file</u>.

### **Additional Information**

#### Particularities of patent protection in Brunei Darussalam

A **Patent Term Extension** for pharmaceutical products can be obtained in case of delay in the procedure or where the need for marketing approval has curtailed the opportunity to exploit a patented invention.

#### **Search tips**

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Detailed data of a patent can be displayed from a list of results by clicking on the icon on the top-left that shows the wording "View details" when passing the mouse over it.

**Legal Status** information is searchable, eg. for the publication no. "BN N/2017/0068" is "Abandoned". The search must be done by using the format "N/2017/0068" as Publication or Filing number, or the format "BNN20170068" as Registration number.

**PCT Application/Publication Number** search is possible by serial number, e.g. respectively "WO/2019/125929" or "PCT/US2018/065605".

Priority data can be searched by priority number, eg. "US62/608,644".