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Jurisdiction - General Information

Brazil 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 April 9, 1978, and is also a party to the Patent Law Treaty (PLT).

Brazil is also part of the regional IP information platform <u>LATIPAT</u> and a member of the "SISTEMA DE COOPERACIÓN SOBRE ASPECTOS DE INFORMACIÓN OPERACIONAL Y DE PROPIEDAD INDUSTRIAL" (<u>PROSUR</u>).

More legal information about intellectual property-related laws and regulations of Brazil can be found on WIPO Lex.

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Brazil has an **Online Register** and an **Online Gazette**.

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has a **Portuguese interface**.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve information on PCT National Phase Entry, Fee Payment, Legal Status, and access the Dossier/File Wrapper Information and the Full Publications.

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<u>LATIPAT</u> provides some bibliographic data and information about the **Legal Status** of Latin American patents. For more information about LATIPAT, consult the <u>detailed jurisdiction file</u>.

PROSUR offers a search engine for patents at this <u>link</u> which, however, does not appear to be operational at the moment.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Brazil

Article 40 of the Brazilian patent law 9,279/96 provides a term of validity of 20 years from filing but also a minimum period of protection of 10 years from grant.

Search tips

The search interface of the Online Register can be accessed without registration by clicking on the yellow highlighted word "Continuar...", then selecting " Patente", and finally "Pesquisa Avancada" to access more search fields.

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Legal Status Events are reported as codes, e.g. for PI 9909239-5, "16.1" in column "Despacho" indicates the grant and "24.8" the lapse of the patent.

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