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Jurisdiction - General Information

Spain 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 16, 1989. 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 (PLT).

Spain is a member of the European Patent Organization (EPO).

It is also part of the regional IP information platform <u>LATIPAT</u>. For more information about LATIPAT, consult the <u>detailed jurisdiction file</u>.

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Spain has an Online Register and an Online Gazette (Boletín Oficial de la Propiedad Industrial).

Features and search functionalities

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PCT **National Phase Entry** data is available for Euro/PCT applications designating Spain via the <u>European</u> Patent Register.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Spain

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