REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA - MD

Jurisdiction - General Information

The Republic of Moldova has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since December 25, 1991. 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).

Under a validation agreement with the European Patent Organization, it has been possible to validate a European Patent in the Republic of Moldova since November 1, 2015. Further information about granted European Patents that can be validated in the Republic of Moldova can be found in the European Patent Register.

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

The Republic of Moldova has an Online Register and an Online Gazette.

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has an **English, Moldovan** and **Russian interface**. It covers national applications and patents, utility models, short-term patents, and European Patents validated in the Republic of Moldova.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve information on PCT National Phase Entry, Fee Payment, Legal Status, Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs), and access the Full Publications.

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

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Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in the Republic of Moldova

Protection through **SPCs** is available.

The Republic of Moldova was party to the Eurasian Patent Convention from February 16, 1996, until April 26, 2012. Since April 27, 2012, an agreement is in force between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) on the legal protection of inventions on the

territory of the Republic of Moldova, after the denunciation by the Republic of Moldova of the Eurasian Patent Convention.

EAPO patents can be searched by using the English search interface of the <u>EAPATIS system</u> (by logging in as a guest), or using the <u>Russian search interface</u>. For more information about EAPO, consult the <u>detailed jurisdiction file</u>.

A request for validation of a European Patent in the Republic of Moldova may be made for any international application filed on or after November 1, 2015.

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To search by **PCT Application Number** select the field (86) International application and use the search mode "Containing" for, eg., PCT/EP2016/065349.

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