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Jurisdiction - General Information

El Salvador has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since February 19, 1994. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since August 17, 2006. 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.

El Salvador 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 El Salvador can be found on <u>WIPO Lex</u>.

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

El Salvador has an Online Register. It does not have an Online Gazette.

Features and search functionalities

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

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

The Online Register can also be searched by Application number ("Expediente").

Another source of information about the status of the procedure ("Consulta de Trámites en Línea") is available at this <u>link</u>. The only search field usable is the "Presentacion" (Filing) number.

<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>.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in El Salvador

An instrument of **Patent Term Extension** is available. The normal patent protection term of 20 years can be extended in case of a delay in the patent registration process (if the grant takes more than 5 years from the filing date or 3 years from the examination request) or in the regulatory approval of a pharmaceutical product (more than 3 years from the application).

Search tips

An example of data reported as a **Legal Status** is 'ELABORACION DE CERTIFICADO' for 'Numero de presentacion' nr. 20110011276, that corresponds to Application nr. 2011003956. The text of the claims is available in the HTML record.