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Jurisdiction - General Information

Bulgaria has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since June 13, 1921. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since May 21, 1984. 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.

Bulgaria is also a member of the European Patent Organization ([EPO](#)) and belongs to the “European patents with unitary effect” system, started on June 1, 2023, which provides a unitary effect for an European patent (EP) granted in 17 of the 27 European Union member countries (updated January 2024).

More legal information about intellectual property-related laws and regulations of Bulgaria can be found on [WIPO Lex](#).

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Bulgaria has an [Online Register](#) for patents, another for validated EP patents accessible at this [link](#), one for **utility models** available at this [link](#), and one on **Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)** accessible at the following [link](#). Bulgaria also has an [Online Gazette](#).

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has a **Bulgarian** and an **English interface**.

Through the Online Register you can search patents, utility models and SPC registers and retrieve information about the **Fee Payment** and **Legal Status**.

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European patents designating Bulgaria (when there is a publication in the Official Gazette for the filed Bulgarian translation) can be searched in the National Register of the European patents or in the [European Patent Register](#).

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Bulgaria

Search tips

A search can be made among patents, utility models, SPCs and European Patents by selecting the respective register icon.

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