

SWITZERLAND - CH

Jurisdiction - General Information

Switzerland has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention since July 7, 1884. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since January 24, 1978. 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).

Switzerland is a member of the European Patent Organization ([EPO](#)).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Switzerland has an [Online Register](#) ("Swissreg") unified with Liechtenstein. It no longer has an **Online Gazette**. Switzerland had an [Online Gazette](#) (unified with Liechtenstein) published monthly and searchable by number, covering 1996 to 2008. Since July 1, 2008 the data is published in the patent register only.

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has an **English, French, German, and Italian interface**. It offers several search options: register, publication, advanced and standard search, plus a search amongst SPCs.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve information on **Fee Payment, Legal Status** and **Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)**.

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

Full Publications are available in some cases, while in other cases documents are viewable in full through a link to Espacenet.

European patents designating Liechtenstein and Switzerland can be searched in the patent register or in the [European Patent Register](#).

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Switzerland

According to the treaty between Switzerland and Liechtenstein on Patent Protection (Patent Treaty) of December 22, 1978, Switzerland and Liechtenstein form a unified territory of protection for the purposes of patent law. Hence, a national patent applies to the united territory of Switzerland and Liechtenstein, and a European patent or a PCT application cannot designate separately one of the two.

Protection through **SPCs** is available.

Search tips

To search by **PCT Application/Publication Number**, use the format PCT/CH2003/000448.

Legal Status is reported, e.g. "Cancellation due to non-payment of a renewal fee" for EP02015699.

To view **SPCs**, select the search option "SPC", e.g., C00674513/01 for basic patent EP674513.