

## COSTA RICA - CR

### Jurisdiction - General Information

Costa Rica has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since October 31, 1995. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since August 3, 1999. 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.

Costa Rica is also part of the regional IP information platform [LATIPAT](#) and a member of the "SISTEMA DE COOPERACIÓN SOBRE ASPECTOS DE INFORMACIÓN OPERACIONAL Y DE PROPIEDAD INDUSTRIAL" ([PROSUR](#)).

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

### Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Costa Rica has an [Online Register](#). It has also an [Online Gazette](#) (Gaceta digital) that, however, cannot be accessed from outside the territory of Costa Rica.

### Features and search functionalities

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

The Online Register has been made with the platform WIPO Publish, allowing a selection through a filter by application type (PCT, national patents and utility models) and several other data or a search in a number of text or alphanumeric fields predetermined by default that can be extended according to the user's choice.

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

The Online Register can also be searched by **Applicant/Inventor Name** and by **Priority Data**.

[LATIPAT](#) provides some bibliographic data and information about the **Legal Status** of Latin American patents. For more information about LATIPAT, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

Abstract and drawings are made available in the patent record. A list of procedural events is reported under the tab "Event".

### Additional Information

#### Particularities of patent protection in Costa Rica

An instrument of **Patent Term Extension** is available. The normal patent term of 20 years can be extended to compensate for 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 for a delay in the regulatory approval of a pharmaceutical product (more than 3 years from the application).

### Search tips

The patent register can be searched by **PCT Application or Publication Number**, e.g. respectively "PCT/EP2016/059731" or "WO/2016/177658" and by **Applicant/Inventor Name**.

An example of data reported as a basic **Legal Status** is, e.g. "Desistida" (Abandoned) for Application no. CR 2017-000509.