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Jurisdiction - General Information

Ethiopia is neither a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property nor to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Ethiopia has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette, which apparently comprises utility models, industrial designs and trademarks only](#).

For further enquiries, please contact the relevant authority as indicated in the [WIPO Directory](#).

Features and search functionalities

The Online Gazette is published every two months in Amharic and English. The coverage is 2021 to present.

The Online Register has been made with the platform WIPO Publish, allowing a selection through a slider button between a search limited to the most frequently used fields and a broader one enlarged to a wide number of search fields, some of which however could be left empty.

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

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Ethiopia

A patent remain in force for 15 years from the date of filing, but this can be extended by an additional period of 5 years provided the patent is properly worked in Ethiopia, and all renewal fees have been paid to date.

A "Patent of introduction", that may extend up to ten years, may be issued in Ethiopia to an invention which has been patented abroad and not yet expired, following a declaration by the interested party for which he takes full responsibility.

Search tips

Basic information about the Legal Status are reported, eg. "Registered" for patent nr. 2021000223 (filing nr. I/2021/000323).