

HONDURAS - HN

Jurisdiction - General Information

Honduras has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since February 4, 1994. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since June 20, 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.

Honduras is also part of the regional IP information platform [LATIPAT](#).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Honduras does not have an **Online Register**. It has an [Online Gazette](#) (Publicaciones Patentes).

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

Features and search functionalities

The Online Gazette is usually published every week or two weeks in Spanish in the form of two lists: patent application cover pages (Avisos de Publicación) and notices of grant (Resoluciones). The publications from the current calendar year are generally available online.

[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](#).

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Honduras

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

A prior art search can be requested to the Dirección General de Propiedad Intelectual de Honduras, the form (Búsqueda de Antecedentes de Patentes) is available at this [link](#).

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