

CROATIA - HR

Jurisdiction - General Information

Croatia has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since October 8, 1991. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since July 1, 1998. 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).

Croatia is a member of the European Patent Organization (EPO).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Croatia has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette](#).

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has a **Croatian** and **English interface**.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve information on **Fee Payment**, **Legal Status**, and access the **Full Publications**, which are normally splitted into two parts: first page and description, claims and drawings. For European Patents validated in Croatia, the first page and the claims of the national publication are available.

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

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

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Croatia

Protection through **Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)** is available.

Search tips

An example of information on **Legal Status** is, e.g. Registration Number P20161044 "Patent lapsed due to non-payment of renewal fees".

The Applicant and Inventor fields must be searched with the operator = (equal) by using the complete exact name as reported in the register, eg. "Abbott Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.", otherwise use the "LIKE" operator with part of the name between asterisks, eg. *Abbott Cardio*.

To search by **PCT Application/Publication Number**, click on "Example" to view the several search parameters.