

## DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA - KP

### Jurisdiction - General Information

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since June 10, 1980. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since July 8, 1980. 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).

More legal information about intellectual property-related laws and regulations of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea can be found on [WIPO Lex](#).

### Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has neither an **Online Register** nor an **Online Gazette**.

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

### Features and search functionalities

Not applicable

### Additional Information

#### Particularities of patent protection in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The term of a patent protection shall be 15 years from the date of issuance of the priority. The term of a patent protection may be extended by 5 years upon request by the patent owner. Utility models are granted for 10 years from the filing date.

Inventor's certificate or patent shall not be granted – inter alia - to an invention referred to the objects conflicting with the lofty custom of the Korean Nation and the socialist way of life.

Besides patents, the national law provides a protection for "invention rights", as "scientific and technological achievements that are new and progressive in comparison with already known technologies and have high technical and economic effect."

#### Search tips

On the online database provided by the Grand People's Study House available [here](#) it is possible to retrieve basic data of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Official Journal of Invention. A list of these journals can be obtained by using its Korean name "조선민주주의인민공화국 발명공보" in the search field, but the record of each number only consists of the image of the cover page and a short summary of the contents.