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Jurisdiction - General Information

Libya has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since September 28, 1976. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since September 15, 2005.

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Libya has neither an **Online Register** nor an **Online Gazette**.

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Features and search functionalities

Not applicable

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Libya

A patent is valid for fifteen years starting from the date of filing the application subject to payment of the prescribed annual fees. After the fifteen-year period, a patent can be renewed for further five years provided that the patent is of special importance or if the patentee has not been sufficiently rewarded for his invention.

Patents for chemical inventions related to foodstuff, drugs or pharmaceutical formulas cannot be granted unless these products are made through special methods or chemical processes. In such cases, the patent shall be granted for the method of production rather than for the products themselves and can be valid for a reduced period of ten years.

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