

MOROCCO – MA

Jurisdiction - General Information

Morocco has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since July 30, 1917. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since October 8, 1999. 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 since July 20, 2011.

Morocco is also part of the regional IP information platform [ARABPAT](#). Consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#) for more information about ARABPAT.

Under a validation agreement with the European Patent Organization, it has been possible to validate a European Patent in Morocco since March 1, 2015. Further information about granted European Patents that can be validated in Morocco can be found in the [European Patent Register](#).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

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

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has a **French interface**.

Through the Online Register one can also retrieve information on PCT **National Phase Entry, Fee Payment** (renewable fee), **Legal Status, Full Publications** and European Patents validated in Morocco.

The Online Register can also be searched by national, European Patent or **PCT Application Number**.

The Online Gazette (publication server) has a French interface and allows searching by application/publication number and publication date (month, year). It is also possible to retrieve the **Full Publications** in PDF or image format. It provides a link to Espacenet.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Morocco

Protection through **SPCs** is available since 2015.

The term of 20 years can be extended if the patent is granted more than four years after the filing date and the requirements are described in article 17 of the relevant decree which can be found at this [link](#).

Search tips

To retrieve the application number, it is suggested to use the search interface of the ARABPAT platform at this [link](#), or Patentscope or Espacenet platforms where it is possible to search by **Applicant/Inventor Name, PCT Application/Publication Number** and **Priority Data**.

A help in French about how to do a search on the online gazette is available at this [link](#). An example of the format supported on the publication server is MA 62910 for "Numéro de publication".

The search in the Online Register can be made by national application number (without country code MA) which includes a five-digit serial number. An example of a basic **Legal Status** is "Demande rejetée" for application 39543.

The search by **PCT Application Number** can be made using the format, eg., "PCT/FR2015/051370"