

SAUDI ARABIA – SA

Jurisdiction - General Information

Saudi Arabia has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since March 11, 2004. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since August 3, 2013. In addition, it is also 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.

Saudi Arabia is also a member of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC). Information about GCC patents having effect in Saudi Arabia can be retrieved at [this link](#) (granted) or this [new link](#) (powered by WIPO Publish). For more information about the GCC, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

Saudi Arabia is also part of the regional IP information platform [ARABPAT](#). For more information about ARABPAT, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

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

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has an **Arabic interface**.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve basic information on **Legal Status** and access **Full Publications** in some cases.

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

A new database including granted patents and established with the WIPO Publish platform at the time this sheet was written was in a beta version, available at this [link](#), allowing a selection through a filter by several data or a search in a number of text or alphanumeric fields predetermined by default that can be extended according to the user's choice.

The Online Gazette is published in Arabic, online there are available only the most recent numbers. Dates are reported in Hijri calendar.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Saudi Arabia

Dates are reported and searchable in Hijri and Gregorian calendars.

According to the decision held by the 41st GCC Supreme Council meeting to amend the existing GCC Patent Law, no new filings were accepted by the GCC Patent Office for GCC patent applications after January, 6, 2021. Patents filed before this date and granted are valid in the territory of all the member countries.

While other member countries have resumed then the possibility to use the GCC Patent Office as IP authority, Saudi Arabia hasn't done it yet, therefore it is not possible for the time being to file a patent application at the GCC Patent Office with effect in Saudi Arabia.

Search tips

Searching by PCT Application number is possible if the PCT is the priority document, by searching for the priority number without the country code in the fifth box from the top ("رقم الاسبقية"), e.g., (JP) "2012-176201" for WO 2014/024842.

To search by **Priority Data** use the fifth box from the top ("رقم الاسبقية") "Priority number", e.g. (US) "191.995/13" for Saudi Arabia publication no. 112330480.