

MONACO

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FEATURES	STATUS	CHANGES IN LAWS SINCE 1990
Types of protection for inventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patents	N.A
Term of protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 years• Extension of patent term is not possible.	No
Subject matters excluded from patentability or not considered to be inventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The following subject matters are excluded from patentability:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pharmaceutical products (procedures to obtain pharmaceuticals are however patentable)- Types of financial management plans• The following subject matters are not considered to be inventions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Scientific theories/mathematical methods- Aesthetic creations- Mental acts- Presentation of information- Computer programs- Business methods- Isolated parts of human beings- Animals- Plants- Plant and animal varieties- Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences- Traditional knowledge- Diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical methods for the treatment of humans and animals- Inventions contrary to morality and public order	No
Filing language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is not possible to file in languages other than official languages.	No

Certain requirements relating to filing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inventor rarely waives his right to be mentioned in the patent. 	No
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not possible to file provisional applications. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most frequent route used by foreign applicants to file patent applications is the PCT procedure (Patent Cooperation Treaty). 	
Link between different inventions in the same application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicable law requires that claims in a patent application relate to a single invention only. 	No
Publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information related to the application is published or open for public access when the patent is granted. 	No
Classification system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The patent classification system used is the International Patent Classification (IPC) system. 	N.A
Search and examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicable law does not establish a substantive search and examination system. 	N.A
Specific legal provision regarding ownership of patents derived from public (government) research funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	No
Exceptions to exclusive rights conferred by patents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are exceptions to the exclusive rights conferred by a patent as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compulsory licenses 	No
Options to challenge a patent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The only option to challenge a patent is the court procedure. 	No