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Legal landscape and access to legal information

WIPO Lex and the SEP Case Law Collection

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A role rooted in WIPO's mandate

Facilitating access to legislation, case law and legal developments across jurisdictions

HISTORICAL ROOTS

Paris and Berne Union publications

- *La Propriété industrielle* (from 1885) and *Le Droit d'Auteur* (from 1888) published national laws and court decisions
- Union countries communicate new laws and official texts to the International Bureau

FOUNDING MANDATE

WIPO Convention (1967)

- WIPO shall "assemble and disseminate information concerning the protection of intellectual property" (Art. 4(vi))

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

WIPO–WTO Agreement (1995)

- Laws in WIPO's collection and database accessible to WTO Members and their nationals
- Laws notified under TRIPS shared with WIPO for its collection
- Cooperation on legal-technical assistance and exchange of information

WIPO Lex: how WIPO carries out this mandate today, free and open to all

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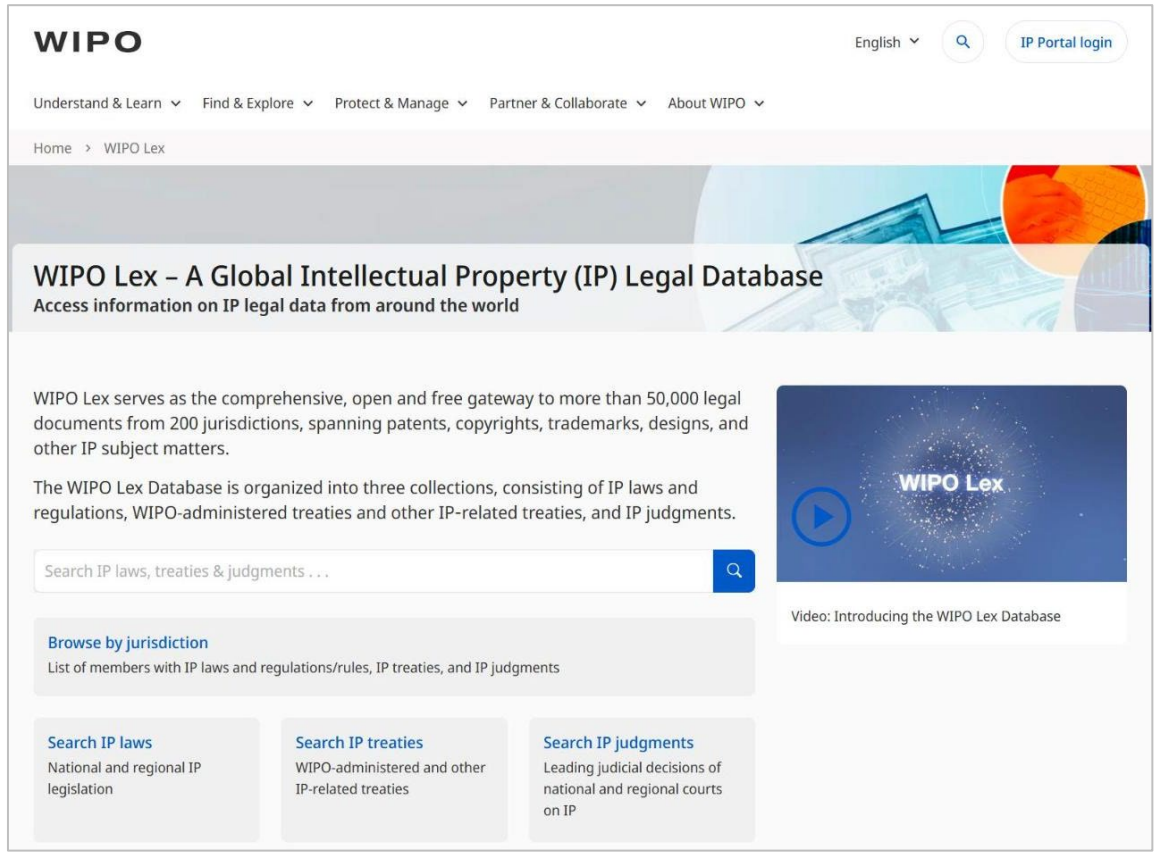
WIPO Lex at a glance



965,417

unique, engaged visitors in previous 12 months, from **200+ countries and territories**

19,091
laws

571
treaties

2,545
judgments

- Free and open, no registration
- Six UN languages, machine translation
- Focused content, presented consistently and intuitively
- Authoritative: maintained by WIPO

Sources: WIPO Lex home page, www.wipo.int/wipolex, and database (content, October 2026); WIPO Lex web analytics (unique, engaged visitors, September 2025 – September 2026).

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From a global database to specialized collections

What WIPO adds to every entry

- Links between laws, treaties and judgments
- Bibliographic details and keywords for search
- Official texts in the original language
- Machine translation and a six-language interface

Source: WIPO Lex, October 2026.

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Why a global collection of SEP case law?

SEP law is largely case law driven

With little SEP-specific legislation, judgments show how FRAND commitments are interpreted and applied

Disputes are global, rulings national

Parallel proceedings, global FRAND rate-setting and anti-suit injunctions make other courts' reasoning relevant

Decisions are hard to find and compare

Rulings are spread across courts, languages and formats, and more courts are seeing SEP cases

Part of WIPO's work on SEPs: a neutral, free and global source of SEP legal information, alongside SEP data in PATENTSCOPE

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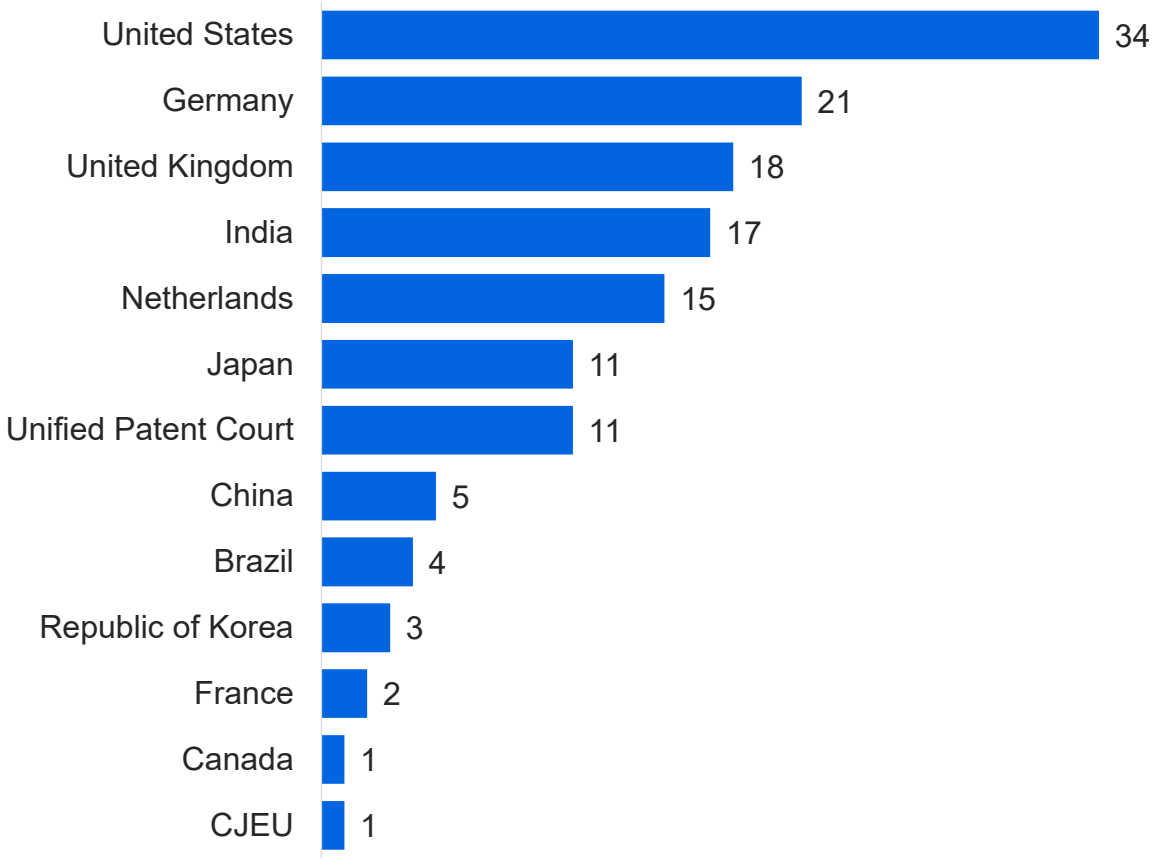
The SEP Case Law Collection at a glance

Decisions by jurisdiction



143
judgments and decisions

13
jurisdictions

45
courts and authorities

3
policy and guidance texts

Curated, not exhaustive
A selection of noteworthy SEP decisions, not a complete database of all SEP cases

Source: WIPO Lex SEP Case Law Collection, as of October 2026.

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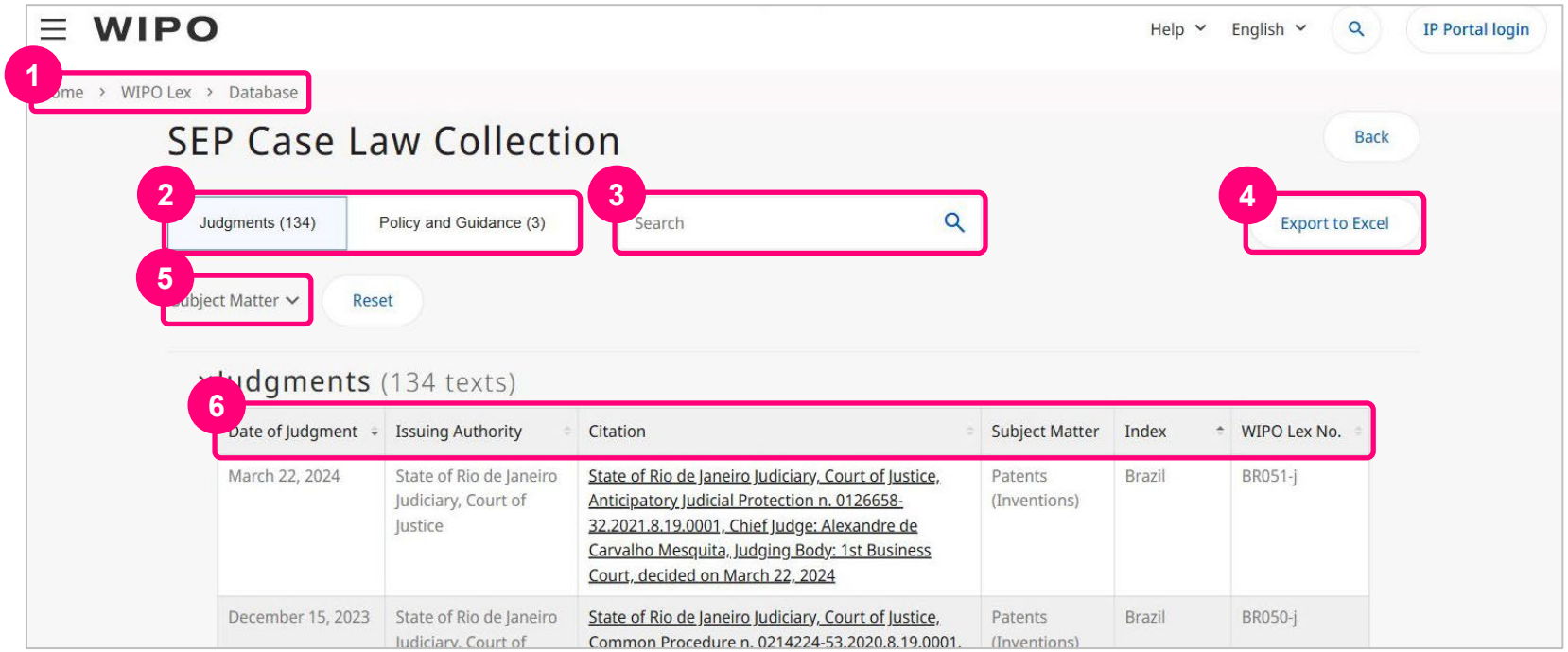
Navigating the SEP Case Law Collection



1. **Part of WIPO Lex**
   Same tools and links as the whole database
2. **Two components**
   Judgments (134) and Policy and Guidance (3)
3. **Search**
   Within the collection
4. **Export to Excel**
   The full list, for your own analysis
5. **Filter**
   By subject matter
6. **Sortable list**
   By date, court, citation, jurisdiction or WIPO Lex number

Page shown: www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/collections/profile/sep_caselaw (October 2026).

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Inside an entry: Unwired Planet v Huawei

Unwired Planet v Huawei [2020] UKSC 37

1	**Issuing authority**	Supreme Court (UKSC), United Kingdom
	Level / procedure	Final instance · Judicial (civil)
	Date of judgment	26 August 2020
2	**Keywords**	Standard Essential Patent (SEP); FRAND; Hold-out; Hold-up; Injunction pending global FRAND license; Jurisdiction; Forum conveniens; Huawei v. ZTE interpretation; Interpretation of non-discriminatory prong of FRAND
3	**Relevant legislation**	Senior Courts Act 1981; Civil Procedure Rules 1998 (linked WIPO Lex entries)
4	**Available materials**	Judgment in English (PDF, HTML); consolidation of previous instances

1 **Structured data**
Court, level, procedure and date for every decision

2 **SEP/FRAND keywords**
Issue-specific keywords bring comparable decisions together across jurisdictions

3 **Linked legislation**
Direct links to the laws applied, in WIPO Lex

4 **Full text**
Judgment and previous instances; machine translation of HTML texts

Source: WIPO Lex, entry GB045-j, www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/judgments/details/1521

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Where the collection is heading

Regular updates

New decisions and related information added progressively

Broader coverage

More jurisdictions, including those newer to SEP litigation

Policy and guidance

More guidelines and policy texts alongside the case law

Better search and access

Enhanced search, AI-assisted functionalities, wider machine translation

Suggest relevant decisions for possible inclusion: **wipolex@wipo.int**

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Carrying the discussion forward

Two questions for the workshop

1. What legal information, data or perspectives on SEPs are practitioners missing?

2. Which gaps in access, coverage or functionality could WIPO help to fill?

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