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Jurisdiction - General Information

Albania has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since October 4, 1995. 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 and the Patent Law Treaty (PLT).

Albania is a member of the European Patent Organization (EPO).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

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

Features and search functionalities

The online patent register has an **English** and **Albanian interface**.

Through the patent register you can retrieve information on **Legal Status**.

The patent register can also be searched by **PCT Publication Number** and by **Applicant Name**.

The online gazette is published monthly in Albanian, with the index also available in English. It is searchable by number and downloadable in PDF format. The current coverage is from 2005 to present.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Albania

On March 25, 2017, the new law no. 17/2017 "On amendments and additions to the Law 9947, dated 7.7.2008 on Industrial Property", published in the Official Gazette no. 43 dated March 9, 2017, entered into force. According to article 1 of the law, the name of the institution "Directorate General of Patents and Trademarks" (GDPT) was replaced by the name "General Directorate of Industrial Property" (DPPI). In implementing the new legal changes, DPPI announced that all the applicants wishing to register industrial property rights should refer to the provisions of this new law, starting from the date of its entry into force (March 25, 2017).

Protection through **Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)** is available.

Search tips

To access the [Online Register](#) from the homepage of the Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office (PTO), select "Patents", then "General information", and finally "Search for Patents".

To access the [Online Gazette](#) from the homepage of the Albanian PTO, select "Publications", then "Bulletin on patent for inventions and utility models" to access the most recent editions (since n.2/2013) or "Official Industrial Property Bulletin Archive" to search the archive since n.7/2005.

PCT Publication Number search is possible by serial publication number, e.g. "064940" (without the code WO+year). When the code 'WO+year' is entered, e.g. "WO2013", a list of all the PCT applications published in that year and directly designating Albania are displayed.

Fee Payment information is not available but in the case of non-payment the lapse is reported. An example of data reported as a **Legal Status** is "Lapsed for non-payment of annuities".

Full Publications are not available but granted claims are included in the online gazette ("Bulletin on patent for inventions and utility models").

European Patents designating Albania can be searched in the online patent register by "International Publication Number", e.g. "EP2296466". The [European Patent Register](#) is also accessible online.