

## BELGIUM - BE

### Jurisdiction - General Information

Belgium has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since July 7, 1884. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since December 14, 1981, but it can be designated only through a European Patent. 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).

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

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

### Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Belgium has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette](#) ('Belgian Bulletin of Patents').

#### Features and search functionalities

The online patent register (eRegister) has a **Dutch, English, French, and German interface**. Information can be found about Belgian patents, European patents (EURO-PCT included) designating Belgium, and Belgian **Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)** for medicines and phytopharmaceutical products.

Through the online patent register you can retrieve information on **Legal Status, Fee Payment, SPCs**, and access the **Dossier/File Wrapper Information** and the **Full Publications**.

The patent register can also be searched by **Applicant/Inventor Name** and by **Priority Data**.

### Additional Information

#### Particularities of patent protection in Belgium

Protection through **SPCs** is available.

In the framework of the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property, the national intellectual property offices of Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg have developed a common IT system, the Benelux Patent Platform (BPP), to modernize and support all patent related business processes for the three national offices.

While the three national offices are adopting a shared IT system and have made an effort to harmonize their business processes and legal procedures to a large extent, they continue to conduct their work at a national level for patent protection.

## Search tips

The patent register of Belgium can be searched by a large number of usual items including names, numbers and dates but also by particular ones like marketing authorization number, last annual fee payment date, pledge data, etc.

An example of data reported as a **Legal Status** is e.g. "lapsed" for patent 1014166.

To access the **Dossier/File Wrapper** Information, select search for "Document", e.g. for patent no. 1022285. It is also possible to access the **Full Publications** through a link to Espacenet available for each patent.

Granted European Patents designating Belgium can be searched online in the patent register by publication number, e.g. "3059479". The European Patent Register is otherwise also accessible at this [link](#).