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Jurisdiction - General Information

Botswana has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since April 15, 1998. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since October 30, 2003. Botswana is also a member of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Botswana has neither an **Online Register** nor an **Online Gazette**.

For further enquiries, please contact the relevant authority as indicated in the [WIPO Directory](#).

Features and search functionalities

[ARIPO](#) provides an information platform for searching ARIPO and member states' national patents (which are currently being loaded) with an interface in English. For more information about ARIPO, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Botswana

The Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) of Botswana conducts a formalities examination of patent applications and then transmits them to ARIPO which provides a substantive examination. If the application complies with the legal requirements, a certificate of registration is issued by CIPA and the patent is published in the official journal of Botswana.

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