

COLOMBIA – CO

Jurisdiction - General Information

Colombia has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention since September 3, 1996. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since February 28, 2001. 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.

Colombia is also part of the regional IP information platform [LATIPAT](#) and a member of the "SISTEMA DE COOPERACIÓN SOBRE ASPECTOS DE INFORMACIÓN OPERACIONAL Y DE PROPIEDAD INDUSTRIAL" ([PROSUR](#)).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Colombia has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette](#) ("Gaceta").

Features and search functionalities

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

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

The patent register can also be searched by **PCT Application/Publication Number**, by **Applicant/Inventor Name**, and by **Priority Data**.

[LATIPAT](#) provides some bibliographic data and information about the **Legal Status** of Latin American patents. For more information about LATIPAT, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

Patents of PROSUR members including Colombia can be searched by using the [Spanish search interface](#).

The online gazette is published once every ten days. It has a Spanish and English interface searchable by number or patent data. The results are displayed in HTML format. The current coverage is from 2006 to present.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Colombia

An instrument of **Patent Term Extension** is available. Decree 1873 of 2014 provides that a patent term adjustment can be obtained in cases where an "unreasonable delay" exists when a decision to grant a patent takes longer than five years from the filing date of the application, or three years from the date of filing a request for examination.

Search tips

PCT Application/Publication Number can be searched using the following format e.g., application number PCT/MX2011/000132.

An example of PCT **National Phase Entry** is "01 Jun 2013" for publication number WO2012/060678.

Legal Status is reported for example as "Negada" for "Numero Expediente" 00052828.

To access the **Dossier/File Wrapper Information** or the **Full Publications**, select the tab "Documentos" of the bibliographic record.