

COSTA RICA - CR

Jurisdiction - General Information

Costa Rica has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since October 31, 1995. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since August 3, 1999. 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.

Costa Rica is also part of the regional IP information platform [LATIPAT](#).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Costa Rica does not have an **Online Register**. It has an [Online Gazette](#).

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

Features and search functionalities

The Online Gazette ("Gaceta digital") includes bibliographic data and **Legal Status** of some patents.

The Online Gazette is a general official journal, which includes publications of several sectors of the public administration. Patent applications are published for three days in the Gazette and open for opposition of third parties for a three months period.

[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](#).

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Costa Rica

An instrument of **Patent Term Extension** is available. The normal patent term of 20 years can be extended to compensate for a delay in the patent registration process (if the grant takes more than 5 years from the filing date or 3 years from the examination request) or for a delay in the regulatory approval of a pharmaceutical product (more than 3 years from the application).

Search tips

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