

## GERMANY - DE

### Jurisdiction - General Information

Germany has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention since May 1, 1903. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since June 19, 1970. 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).

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

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### Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Germany has an [Online Register](#) (DPMAregister) and an [Online Gazette](#) (Patentblatt).

#### Features and search functionalities

The online patent register (DPMAregister) and the online gazette have an **English** and **German interface**.

Through the online patent register you can retrieve information on **Legal Status, National Phase Entry, Fee Payment, Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)**, and access the **Dossier/File Wrapper Information** and the **Full Publications**.

The online patent register can also be searched by **PCT Application/Publication Number**, by **Applicant/Inventor Name, Legal Status, National Phase Entry** and by **Priority Data**.

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### Additional Information

#### Particularities of patent protection in Germany

Protection through **SPCs** is available.

#### Search tips

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(EP) path; PCT/DE2011/000295 is an example of a PCT obtained via national path; PCT/JP2009/004061 is an example of a PCT obtained via national path that lapsed after the entry.

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