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Jurisdiction - General Information

France 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 February 25, 1978, 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).

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

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

France has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette](#).

Features and search functionalities

The online patent register has an **English** and **French interface**. It contains data on French patents or utility certificate applications published since 1902, European patent applications, and PCT applications.

Through the patent register you can retrieve information on **Legal Status, Fee Payment, Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)**, and access **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** (only by Priority date).

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European patents designating France can be searched in the patent register or in the [European Patent Register](#).

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in France

Protection through **SPCs** is available.

Search tips

An example of information on **Legal Status** is "lapsed" on 2011-11-30 for "Publication number" FR2958432.

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