

ITALY - IT

Jurisdiction - General Information

Italy 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 March 28, 1985, 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).

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

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

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

Features and search functionalities

The online patent register has an **Italian interface**.

Through the patent register you can retrieve information on **Legal Status** and **Fee Payment**. The register covers national patents and utility models, and European patents validated in Italy. It is also possible to access the **Dossier/File Wrapper Information** and the **Full Publications** of a limited number of granted patents which have been filed after 1.7.2008, at this [link](#).

The patent register can also be searched by **Applicant/Inventor Name**.

Information about **Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)** is currently available downloading the corresponding bi-monthly bulletin at this [link](#) that covers the period from 2006 to 2015. It is also possible to search SPCs on the online patent register at this [link](#).

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

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Italy

Protection through **SPCs** is available.

Due to an agreement with Italy, the patents of San Marino can be enforced in Italian territory and vice-versa.

Search tips

A new patent application number format was adopted recently, but the databases still accept both the old and the new format.

An example of data reported as **Legal Status** is e.g. "titolata" (grant) given as "Stato finale" for application number TO2007U000142 (old format) or 202007901574746 (new format).

Information about granted European Patents (EP) designating Italy can be searched by inputting the application or publication number in the search box "numero di pubblicazione EPO" (e.g. "1153899") to know if the required translation into Italian language has been filed.

Access to the **Dossier/File Wrapper Information** can be made by searching by application number (old format like "BO2013A000436" or new format like "102013902181342") in the field "Numero Deposito", or by patent number ("0001419510" in the field "Numero Concessione"), then by selecting "Dettagli" then "Visualizza documenti fascicolo".

Full Publications can be downloaded, as separate files (e.g. abstract, description, claims, drawings).

To know if an **SPC** has been granted (in Italian "CPC" for pharma and "CPCF" for phytopharma), you must know the patent application or grant year and month and then download the correspondening bi-monthly bulletin.