

## MOROCCO – MA

### Jurisdiction - General Information

Morocco has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since July 30, 1917. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since October 8, 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 since July 20, 2011.

Morocco is also part of the regional IP information platform [ARABPAT](#). Consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#) for more information about ARABPAT.

Under a validation agreement with the European Patent Organization, it has been possible to validate a European Patent in Morocco since March 1, 2015. Further information about the validation of European Patents in Morocco can be obtained at this [link](#).

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

### Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

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

#### Features and search functionalities

The online patent register is updated on a daily basis and has a **French interface** which can be searched by national and/or **PCT Application Number**.

Through the patent register one can also retrieve information on **Legal Status**, **Fee Payment** (renewable fee), **National Phase Entry** and validated European Patent.

The **Online Gazette** (publication server) has a French interface and allows searching by application/publication number and publication date (month, year). It is also possible to retrieve the **Full Publications** in PDF or image format. It provides a link to Espacenet.

### Additional Information

#### Particularities of patent protection in Morocco

Protection through **SPCs** is available since 2015.

The term of 20 years can be extended if the patent is granted four years after the filing date and the requirements are described in article 17 of the relevant decree which can be found at this [link](#). A request for validation of a European patent in Morocco may be made for any European or international application filed on or after March 1, 2015.

### Search tips

To retrieve the application number, it is suggested to use the search interface of the Arabpat platform at this [link](#) , or Patentscope or Espacenet platforms where it is possible to search by **Applicant/Inventor Name, PCT Application/Publication Number** and **Priority Data**.

A help about how to do a search on MA Online Gazette available in this [link](#). An example of the format supported on the publication server is MA39534 for "Numéro de publication".

The search in the online patent register can be made by national application number (without country code MA) which includes a five-digit serial number. An example of a basic **Legal Status** is "Demande de brevet publiée" for application 39544.