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Jurisdiction - General Information

Namibia has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since January 1, 2004.

Namibia is also a member of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Namibia has neither an **Online Register** nor an **Online Gazette**.

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

Features and search functionalities

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Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Namibia

The 14 years protection can be extended by presenting a petition to the court. In deciding on the extension, the court will consider the circumstances of the case and in particular the nature of the invention and the profits made by the patentee. If the court is of the opinion that the patentee has been inadequately remunerated by his/her patent, it can grant a first extension period of 7 years and in exceptional circumstances of up to 14 years for a total of 28 years.

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