

SIERRA LEONE - SL

Jurisdiction - General Information

Sierra Leone has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since June 17, 1997.

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

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Sierra Leone 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

[ARIPO](#) provides an online information platform for searching ARIPO and member states' national patents (which are currently being loaded) with an interface in English. For more information about ARIPO, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Sierra Leone

Applications for national patents based on a patent granted in the United Kingdom (GB) within 3 years from the date of issue will normally be granted and will expire together with the GB patent.

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