

TUNISIA - TN

Jurisdiction - General Information

Tunisia 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 December 10, 2001. 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.

Under a validation agreement with the European Patent Organization, it has been possible to validate a European Patent in Tunisia since December 1, 2017. Further information about the validation of European Patents in Tunisia can be obtained at this [link](#).

Tunisia is also part of the regional IP information platform [ARABPAT](#).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

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

Features and search functionalities

The online patent register has a **French interface**.

Through the online patent register you can retrieve basic **Legal Status** information.

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

Bibliographic data and patents **Full Publications** can be obtained through the ARABPAT platform. For more information about ARABPAT, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

Further information about granted European Patents validated in Tunisia can be found in the [European Patent Register](#).

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Tunisia

The monthly official journal "Muwassafat" deals with IP matters but apparently does not qualify as an Online Gazette. It requires a registration.

Search tips

An example of **Full Publications** available on ARABPAT is, e.g., TNSN00257.

An example of **Legal Status** (grant) can be inferred, e.g. for application SN07288, from the "Numero d'enregistrement: 20001" and the "Date de l'enregistrement: 20/05/2009"

Search by **PCT Application/Publication Number** is not possible, but the database provides PCT application numbers, e.g. for "Numero Depot" TN2009/0509.