

CHINA - CN

Jurisdiction - General Information

China has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention since March 19, 1985. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since January 1, 1994. 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.

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

China has an [Online Register](#) with a multi lingual search interface including English, and an [Online Gazette \(in Chinese\)](#).

Features and search functionalities

A free registration is required to access the Online Register. Through the online register you can retrieve basic information on the **Legal Status**, and access the **Full Publications**.

The Online Register can also be searched by **PCT Application/Publication Number**, by **Applicant/Inventor Name**, and by **Priority Data**.

The Online Gazette may be browsed since 10.09.1985. Since June 2017, CNIPA publishes its gazettes for laid-open publications, granted patents, utility models and designs twice a week, on Tuesday and Friday.

On the Online Gazette you can find information about the **PCT National Phase Entry**, **Fee Payment** and **Legal Status**.

Detailed information in English language how to search the gazette provided by the European Patent Office at this [link](#).

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in China

A **Patent Term Extension** for invention related to new drugs can be obtained for a maximum of five years, and the total effective patent term shall not exceed 14 years after marketing authorization.

Search tips

Legal Status is reported, e.g. "rejection of an application for a patent" for Application no. CN200810171012.