

COLOMBIA – CO

Jurisdiction - General Information

Colombia has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention since September 3, 1996. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since February 28, 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.

Colombia is also part of the Andean Community of Intellectual Property ([CAN](#)), of the regional IP information platform [LATIPAT](#) and a member of the "SISTEMA DE COOPERACIÓN SOBRE ASPECTOS DE INFORMACIÓN OPERACIONAL Y DE PROPIEDAD INDUSTRIAL" ([PROSUR](#)).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Colombia has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette](#) ("Gaceta").

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has an **English** and **Spanish interface**.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve information on PCT **National Phase Entry**, **Fee Payment**, **Legal Status**, and access the **Dossier/File Wrapper Information** and the **Full Publications**.

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

[LATIPAT](#) provides some bibliographic data and information about the **Legal Status** of Latin American patents. For more information about LATIPAT, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

The Online Gazette is published once every ten days. It has a Spanish and English interface searchable by number, date or patent data. The results are displayed in HTML format or can be downloaded as a spreadsheet. The current coverage is from 2006 to present.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Colombia

An instrument of **Patent Term Extension** is available. Decree 1873 of 2014 provides that a patent term adjustment can be obtained in cases where an "unreasonable delay" exists when a decision to grant a patent takes longer than five years from the filing date of the application, or three years from the date of filing a request for examination.

According to the Andean Community Decision 486 the members of the CAN avail of particular reciprocal rules to protect the IP in their territories.

Search tips

To access the Online Register click on "Search" under the item "Patents" and then select the "Advanced Search" interface.

PCT Application/Publication Number can be searched using the following format e.g., application number PCT/MX2011/000132.

An example of **PCT National Phase Entry** is "30 May 2013" for publication number WO2012/060678.

Legal Status is reported for example as "Denied" for "Application number" 00052828.

To access the **Dossier/File Wrapper Information** or the **Full Publications**, select the tab "Documents" of the bibliographic record.