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Jurisdiction - General Information

Kiribati has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since February 5, 2022. It is not a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

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

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Features and search functionalities

Not applicable

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Kiribati

The new Patent Act 2022 is currently recognized as one of the legislation in Kiribati, It was successfully passed and second read at the House of Parliament since December 2022.

Whilst in the transition period, overseas applications are still received and processed as the Intellectual Property Division is still working in accordance with the registration procedures of the Registration of United Kingdom Patents Ordinance (Cap 87) until the new Patent Act is fully enacted.

Therefore, if you apply for a national patent on the basis of a patent granted in the United Kingdom (GB), or a European patent (EP) validated in the United Kingdom, within 3 years from the date of issue, registration will normally be granted and the patent obtained will expire together with the GB or EP patent.

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