



ALGERIA COUNTRY INFORMATION



PATENTS

USEFUL INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS

SEARCHES



Official and non-official searches are available.

Search by applicant name, title, PCT number, keywords such as ‘pharmaceutical products’.

FILING REQUIREMENTS



Arabic translation of all documents is required for PCT applications.

Arabic and French translation of all documents is required for non-PCT applications.

31 month deadline for PCT national phase filings.

The original documents are required.

At the time of filing:

- Applicant(s) and inventor(s) details in English and Arabic.
- Title of Invention and Abstract in English and Arabic.
- Specification, claims and drawings in English.
- Specification, claims and drawings in Arabic for PCT applications.

Within 2 months from the filing date:

- Specification, claims and drawings in Arabic and French for non-PCT applications.
- Power of Attorney simply signed.
- Deed of Assignment, notarised (this is not required for PCT applications where the applicant is identical to the applicant listed in the PCT application).

Within 3 months from the filing date:

- Certified copy of the Priority Document in English with its sworn French translation (this is not required for PCT applications).

PRIORITY CLAIM(S)



Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.

12 month Paris Convention priority period.

TYPE OF EXAMINATION



Formal examination.

Substantive examination (based on the International Preliminary Examination Report and Written Opinion for PCT applications).

PUBLICATION



Patents are published in the official gazette after grant.

OPPOSITIONS



There is no provision for filing opposition, but third parties can file an invalidation action.

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REQUIREMENTS

PROTECTION
TERM

Patents expire 20 years from the international filing date for PCT applications and from the national filing date for non-PCT filings provided all annuities are paid.

CHANGE OF
NAME
AND/OR
ADDRESS

Changes of name and/or address may be recorded against pending applications and registrations.

The original documents are required.

Power of Attorney simply signed.

Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Commercial Extract or change of name extract/document, legalised to the embassy of Algeria.

No supporting document for a change of address is required.

ASSIGNMENTS



Assignments may only be recorded against pending applications and registrations.

The original documents are required.

Power of Attorney of the assignee simply signed.

Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Algeria with its sworn French translation.

ANNUITIES



Annuities must be paid every year on the anniversary of the filing date (or the international filing date if the application is a PCT-national phase application).

There is a 6-month grace period for late payment of annuities (penalty fees apply).



DESIGNS

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REQUIREMENTS

SEARCHES



Non-official searches are possible.

Official searches are not possible.

Limited to published designs.

FILING REQUIREMENTS



The original documents are required.

At the time of filing:

- Figures in French.
- Description of figures in French.
- Description of design in French.
- Applicant(s) and designer(s) details in French.

Within 2 months of filing:

- Power of Attorney simply signed.

Within 3 months of filing:

- Certified copy of Priority Document with sworn French translation, if priority is claimed.

MULTIPLE DESIGN FILING SYSTEM



Yes - up to 100 homogeneous designs.

PRIORITY CLAIM(S)



Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.

6 month Paris Convention priority period.

EXAMINATION



Formal examination only.

PUBLICATION



Designs are published in the official gazette after grant

OPPOSITIONS



No provision.

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PROTECTION
TERM


Design protection is valid for 10 years from the date of filing, divided into two terms, the first year and the succeeding nine years.

Applicants must request the nine-year extension either on filing or within the first year; otherwise the registration will expire (6 months renewal grace period).

A declaration of use is required for renewal.

CHANGE OF
NAME
AND/OR
ADDRESS


Changes of name and/or address may be recorded against pending applications and registrations.

The original documents are required.

Power of Attorney simply signed.

Change of name (and address) declaration OR commercial extract showing change, legalised to the embassy of Algeria with its sworn French translation.

ASSIGNMENTS



Assignments may be recorded against pending applications and registrations.

The original documents are required.

Power of Attorney simply signed.

Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Algeria with its sworn French translation.

ANNUITIES



There are no annuity payments.



TRADE MARKS

USEFUL INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS

SEARCHES



Word mark searches are available.

Device mark searches are available and done by the logo itself.

FILING REQUIREMENTS



Applicant's details (name, address and jurisdiction of incorporation).

Trade mark name and image.

Classes of interest and goods and services description.

A simply signed Power of Attorney.

Late filing of this document is possible.

PRIORITY CLAIM(S)



Six month Paris Convention priority period.

Priority must be claimed at the time of filing the trademark registration application.

A certified copy of the Priority Document is required.

Late filing of this document is possible.

CLASSIFICATION



Nice Classification (11th Edition).

Vienna Classification is internally used by the trade mark office to classify figurative marks.

EXAMINATION



Formal, absolute and relative grounds.

Refused marks must be appealed to the Trade Marks Committee.

A simply signed Power of Attorney must be submitted upon filing the appeal.

OPPOSITIONS



Filing oppositions is not possible in Algeria. Publication is done after registration of the mark, and it is only possible to file cancellation actions when there is an objection.

PROTECTION TERM



10 years calculated from the filing dates of the trade mark registration application.

Registrations can be renewed every 10 years in perpetuity.

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Marks may become vulnerable to cancellation after 3 years of non-use.

CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS



Changes of name and/or address may be recorded against pending and registered trade marks.

- A simply signed Power of Attorney.
- A legalised change of name and/or address document.
- A simple copy of the trade mark registration or latest renewal certificate.
- Late filing of the supporting documents is not possible.

ASSIGNMENTS



Assignments may be recorded against trade mark applications and registrations.

- Simply signed Powers of Attorney from the assignor and assignee.
- A simple copy of the trade mark registration or latest renewal certificate.
- A legalised Deed of Assignment.
- Late filing of the supporting documents is not possible.

RENEWALS



Trade mark registrations are due for renewal within a 10-year period calculated from the filing date of the application.

There is a 6-month grace period for late renewals with additional fees.

- A simply signed Power of Attorney.
- A simple copy of the trade mark registration or latest renewal certificate.
- A simply signed declaration of use.
- Late filing of the supporting documents is possible.



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