

Finland (FI) Coverage

Patent Office Details

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Kinds of Protection

Patents of Invention	Granted for a term of 20 years from submission date; patents of addition were abolished in 1980
Supplementary Protection Certificates	Extensions of up to five years for pharmaceuticals or plant protection substances patents only

Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty	01.10.1980
European Patent Convention	01.03.1996
Signatory of:	Paris Convention (Stockholm wording) Budapest Treaty World Intellectual Property Organization International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

Filing for Patents

Patents are granted for inventions that have industrial application, and which differ from what known before the filing date and which are new was compared to what was known before the filing date. Also microbiological processes and their products can also be patented.

Applications may be made, in Finnish, by the inventor or his legal successor (an individual, a firm or a corporation).

Under the *International Convention* applications claiming priority must be filed within 12 months of the earliest filing in a Convention country. Priority may be claimed within three months of the filing date. A certified copy of the priority documents must be filed within 16 months of the priority date. Under the PCT, international applications designating Finland must be filed in the Finnish Patent Office within 31 months (30 months for utility models) of the international filing or priority date. Under the *European Patent Convention*, a European patent will come into effect in Finland providing a translation of the text is filed at the Finnish Patent Office within three months of the date of official publication of intended grant.

Applications are examined as to form, utility, inventive step and novelty. Applications passing the examination procedure are accepted for publication. Notification of grant will appear in the patent register.

Provisional publication is available and will occur 18 months after the application is filed. Applicants are able to request earlier publication.

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DWPI Coverage

Kind		DWPI Start Dates
A	Unexamined application	30 September 1974
B	Examined patent application (Old Law)	11 February 1985
B1	Granted Patent (New Law)	15 July 1997

DWPI Data elements online	Notes
✓ Bibliographic data	
✓ English value-add title and abstract	
✓ Manual Codes	Chemical (CPI) and Electrical (EPI) from update 199519

Numeration

Kind Code – A

Publication Number				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
<i>Published up to 2000</i>				
FIYYnnnn	FIYYNNNNN	FI YYNNNNN	FIYYNNNNN	FIYYNNNNN
FI1990011	FI9900011	FI 9900011	FI9900011	FI9900011
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Application Numbers*				
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