

Mexico (MX) Coverage

Patent Office Details

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Regional Offices:

Western Regional Office (ORO)
Boulevard Puerta de Hierro No. 5200 piso 1
Fraccionamiento Puerta de Hierro
Zapopan Jalisco, C.P. 45110

Northern Regional Office (ORN)
Av. Fundidora No. 501, 1er piso, local 66
Edificio Cintermex, Col. Obrera,
Monterrey, Nuevo León C.P. 64010

Southeastern Regional Office (ORS)
Calle 33 No. 501-A, Depto. 3
Col. Gonzalo Guerrero, Merida
Yucatan C.P. 97118

Bajio Regional Office (ORB),
Av. Paseo del Moral, No. 106, 3er piso
Col. Jardines del Moral
Leon Guanajuato, C.P. 37160

Central Regional Office (ORC)
Via Atlixcayotl No. 5208,
Col. Unidad territorial Atlixcayotl,
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Kinds of Protection

Patents of Invention	Granted for an unextendable term of 20 years from the submission date.
Extension	Extension of 3 years possible for pharmaceutical or pharminochemical patents. The patentee must grant a licence allowing exploitation to a legal entity, a majority of whose capital is owned by Mexican nationals.
Utility Models	Granted for an unextendable term of 10 years from the submission date
Industrial Design	Granted for an unextendable term of 15 years from the submission date

Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty	01.01.1995
Signatory of:	Paris Convention (Stockholm wording) Budapest Treaty World Intellectual Property Organisation International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

Filing for Patents

Patents are granted for inventions that are new, are the result of inventive activity and have industrial application. New uses for existing inventions can be protected as long as they are not obvious to one skilled in the art. Also specifically patentable are all types of microorganisms, and biotechnological processes for obtaining, for example, pharмоchemicals, medicines, herbicides and fungicides.

Applications may be made, in Spanish, by the inventor, assignee or representatives. Where several inventors have created the same invention independently of each other, the patent right is granted to the person who was first to file the application or to claim priority.

Priority will be recognised providing the application is filed in Mexico within the period provided by the applicable treaty, or within 12 months of filing in the country of origin.

The majority of patent applications are national filings but there is a small percentage of regional patent applications file with the four regional offices in Jalisco (JL), Nuevo Leon (NL), Yucatan (YU) and Guanajuato (GT).

Once the application is filed, IMPI will undertake a formal examination which may require the applicant to clarify portions of the application and to correct omissions. Once the application is published, a substantive examination is undertaken. This will determine whether the requirements of patentability have been met.

A patent application is published as soon as possible after 18 months from the filing or priority date. Once granted, the patent is published in the Official Gazette. There is no provision for opposition.

DWPI Coverage

Kind	DWPI Start Dates	
A	Granted (Old Law)	6 January 1997
A1	Application (18 months)	1 January 1997
A2	Application (published earlier than 18 months)	1 January 1997
A4	Regional filing – JL (Jalisco)	1 March 2002
A5	Regional filing – NL (Nuevo Leon)	1 July 2002
A6	Regional filing – YU (Yucatan)	1 January 2003
A7	Regional filing – GT (Guanajuato)	1 February 2003
B	Granted Patent (New Law)	3 January 1997

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

Numeration

Kind Codes – A, B

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
MXnnnnnn	MXnnnnnn	MX nnnnnn	MXnnnnnn	MXnnnnnn
MX201772	MX201772	MX 201772	MX201772	MX201772

nnnnnn 6 digit serial number

Some applications go straight to grant without publication of the unexamined application. These are assigned a 6-character serial as in the “B” series but are “A” type publications, for example MX198034 A.

Kind Codes – A1, A2

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
PA/a/YYYY/nnnnnn	MXYYYYnnnnnn	MX YYYYnnnnnn	MXYYYYnnnnnn	MXYYYYnnnnnn
PA/a/2010/011402	MX2010011402	MX 2010011402	MX2010011402	MX2010011402

PA designates patent application

YYYY 4 digit year

nnnnnn 6 digit serial number

Application Numbers				
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PA/a/1993/006671	MX201011402A	MX 201011402	2010MX-0011402	MX2010-11402

PA designates patent application

YYYY 4 digit year

Nnn 1 to 6 digit serial number

nnnnnnn 7 digit serial number

Kind Codes – A4, A5, A6, A7 (Regional offices)

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
XX/a/YYYY/nnnnnn	MXYYYYXXnnnnnn	MXYYYYXXnnnnnn	MXYYYYnnnnnn	MXYYYYXXNNNNN
YU/a/2006/00002	MX2006YU000002	MX 2006YU000002	MX2006YU000002	MX2006YU000002

XX Regional patent office code (JL, NL, YU, GT)
 YYYY 4 digits year
 NNNNN 5 digit serial number
 nnnnnn 6 digit serial number

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XX/a/YYYY/nnnnnn	MXYYYYXXNnnA	MX YYYYXXNnn	YYYYMX-XXnnnnn	MXYYYY-XXNnn
NL/a/2006/00042	MX2006NL42A	MX 2006NL42	2006MX-NL00042	2006MX-NL42

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 YYYY 4 digits year
 Nnn 1 to 5 digit serial number
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