

Romania (RO) 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 are limited to the patent term of the original invention but it is not less than 10 years
Utility Models	Protection for a term of 6 years; possible to extend to 8 years and a further, final extension to 10 years is also possible (under legislation implemented in 2007)
Industrial Designs and Models	Can be registered

Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty	23.07.1979
Signatory of:	Paris Convention (Stockholm wording) Budapest Treaty World Intellectual Property Organization

Filing for Patents

Inventions that are new and have industrial application are patentable. New inventions of plants, hybrids and new animal breeds are patentable if they are distinct.

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Any opposition will be considered within three months.

DWPI Coverage

Kind		DWPI Start Dates
A	Examined granted patent (1974 Law)	25 March 1975
A0	OPI (before 18 months from application/priority; before 6 months from nat.phase)	30 November 2009
A1	Unexamined application publ. after 18 months with search report	30 November 2009
A2	Unexamined patent application publ. after 18 months without search report	30 November 2009
A3	Search report published subsequent to A2	30 September 2010
A4	Application published before 3 months of date info in application is declassified	30 November 2009
A8	Modified first page of patent application	30 June 2010
A9	Modified complete specification	N/A
B	Granted patent according to 1991 Law	30 June 1993
B1	Granted patent according to 1991 Law	25 September 1992
B2	Modified granted patent after revocation	28 February 2012
B8	Modified first page of granted patent	30 July 2010
B9	Modified complete specification	30 June 2010

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

Numeration

Kind Codes – A, A0, A1, A2, A3, A4, A8, A9, B, B1, B2, B8, B9

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
ROnnnnnn	ROnnnnnn	RO nnnnnn	ROnnnnnn	ROnnnnnn
RO125057	RO125057	RO 125057	RO125057	RO125057

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Application Numbers*				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
<i>Published up to 11 October 1991</i>				
ROYYYnnnnnn	ROYYYnnnnnnA	RO YYYnnnnnn	YYYYRO-NNNNNNN	ROYYY-nnnnnn
RO1989143326	RO1989143326A	RO 1989143326	1989RO-0143326	RO1989-143326
<i>Published from 11 October 1991 onwards</i>				
ROYYYNnnn	ROYYYNnnn	RO YYYNnnn	YYYYRO-NNNNNNN	ROYYY-Nnnn
RO2009203	RO2009203A	RO 2009203	2009RO-0000203	RO2009-203

YYYY 4 digits representing the year of application

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NNNNNNN 7 digit serial number

**Full coverage of application numbers commenced from DWPI update 199216*