

Case study | Freedom to Operate

Enabling a pharmaceutical company to enter new markets with confidence

A pharmaceutical company approached the Clarivate™ expert patent search team to perform a freedom to operate (FTO) search covering several South American and Southeast Asian countries. The FTO search was generally related to a pharmaceutical formulation, and more specifically, to an active compound used to treat arthritis. The Clarivate team proposed a full-text search across these jurisdictions, with any relevant claim language cited in the search report deliverable.

Accurately evaluating FTO across several different markets

This search presented a unique challenge for the Clarivate team. For many of the jurisdictions in scope, the full text documents were only available in the local language and for many of the patent offices, full text publications were not accessible electronically. Furthermore,

many of the countries were not INPADOC jurisdictions (INPADOC is the European Patent Office's bibliographic database with over 90 million public records from 101 countries and patenting organizations.)

For those jurisdictions where full-text versions of the patents were not available through the many proprietary and commercially-available patent search platforms used by Clarivate search experts, the team leveraged on-the-ground resources to gather documents directly from the patent offices in scope.

The right insights to make an informed decision

Through this process, Clarivate was able to provide the client with full text copies of relevant patent publications not electronically available and relevant claim language (translated into English) to help them confidently evaluate their freedom to operate risk.

Industry:

Pharmaceutical

Challenge:

Evaluating freedom-to-operate for new markets

Clarivate Solution:

Expert Freedom to Operate Search

Identifies patents potentially relevant to specific technical features of a product in jurisdictions of interest to evaluate infringement risk.

Intelligence that powers innovation

Go to market faster. Protect and manage intellectual property. Free up your team to focus on strategic outcomes.

Clarivate provides the tools and services you need to make informed decisions with speed and precision.

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