

## Czech Republic (CZ) Coverage

### Patent Office Details

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On 01.01.1993, the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (CSFR) split into two separate nations: The Czech Republic and Slovakia.

### Kinds of Protection

Patents of Invention                      Granted for an unextendable term of 20 years from submission date

### Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty              01.01.1993

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 an invention that is new, involves an inventive step and has industrial application. Industrial production microorganisms, biological processes and products obtained with their help are also patentable.

Applications may be made, in Czech, by the inventor or the inventor's legal successor.

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Patent applications are published between 18 months after the filing or priority date of the application, although upon the request of the applicant, publication may be expedited. This request must be made within 12 months of the priority date.

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1. Preliminary examination - allows the patent office to verify that all formal application requirements are met and that the application does not contain contentious subject matter.
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Formal opposition procedures were abolished by the New Law. However third parties may file observations concerning the invention's patentability after the application is published.

### DWPI Coverage

Coverage commenced with the first applications published for the Czech Republic on 13 January 1993.

Kind	DWPI Start Dates
A3 Unexamined patent application	13 January 1993
B6 Patent specification	13 January 1993

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

## Numeration

### Kind Code – A3

Publication Numbers			
Original Data	Derwent Patent Search	Dialog	STN
<i>Before 2000</i>			
CZ Nnnn-YY	CZYYNNNNN	CZ YYNNNNN	CZYYNNNNN
CZ1356-95	CZ199501356	CZ 9501356	CZ9501356
<i>2000 onwards</i>			
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 Nnnn            1 to 4 digit serial number  
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Application Numbers			
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CZ 1356-95	1995CZ1356A	CZ 19951356	CZ1995-1356
<i>2000 onwards</i>			
CZ Nnnn-YYYY	YYYYCZNnnnA	CZ YYYYNnnn	CZYYYY-Nnn
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