

Luxembourg (LU) Coverage

Patent Office Details

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Kinds of Protection

Patents of Invention	Granted for a term of 20 years from submission date
Supplementary Protection Certificates	Extensions of up to five years for patents for pharmaceuticals and plant protection products

Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty	30.04.1978
European Patent Convention	07.10.1977
Signatory of:	Paris Convention (Stockholm wording) Budapest Treaty World Intellectual Property Organization

Filing for Patents

As of 13.11.1978, chemical, pharmaceutical and food products became patentable in addition to their processes of manufacture.

Applications may be filed in English, French, German or Luxembourgish, by the inventor or his assignee. If the application is not in French or German, a translation of the claims into one of those languages must be filed within one month. If the assignee applies, assignment is required.

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DWPI Coverage

Kind		DWPI Start Dates
A	Unexamined granted patent	11 September 1984
B1	Unexamined granted patent	8 September 2015

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

Numeration

All documents – A, B1

Publication Numbers			
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Application Numbers*			
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LU91473	LU91473A	LU 200891473	LU2008-91473

YYYY 4 digits representing the year of application

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

Application numbers and patent numbers are the same and comprise a continuous series of numbers. From 1 April 2021, applications filed online are assigned a separate series of application/publication numbers starting at LU500001.