



INFORMATION SEARCH SERVICES
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PATENT SEARCH SERVICES

PURPOSE

Why perform a patent search and how to make use of the results:

- For the first assessment of novelty for invention
- For assessing possible substantial characteristics of an invention making it sufficiently distinctive from other products
- As a basis for drafting a solid patent application (documents cited in a description defining state-of-the-art)
- For avoiding possible litigations concerning infringement of rights of third parties, in case that production or sale of a new product is planned in a particular country
- To find out the main competitors (if any) developing an identical or similar product
- To explore the results so far achieved by competitors (for decision making on suspension or acceleration of your business project)
- To explore in which countries there are no patent rights of third parties (no risk of infringement of rights)
- To define the main technical field relevant for the particular invention
- To collect evidence for filing an opposition or a request for revocation of other's patent
- As a source of inspiration for creating or improving you own invention

TYPES OF SEARCH SERVICES AND RELATED COSTS

1. Patent documents search based on the bibliographic data (document number, priority date and/or filing date and/or title/name of patent applicant/owner or inventor, including legal status information from the SIPO register and a bibliographic data printout for up to 20 patent documents - per one request
300,00 HRK / 39,82 EUR¹
 - 1.1 Searching for patent documents at regular intervals per same query (monitoring):
 - 1.1.1. 3 monthly searches 700,00 HRK / 92,91 EUR¹
 - 1.1.2. quarterly 900,00 HRK / 119,45 EUR¹
 - 1.1.3. half-year 500,00 HRK / 66,36 EUR¹
2. Patent documents search in the specific technical field based on a description of the invention and/or other relevant data (i.e. key words and/or classification symbol(s), including a bibliographic data printout for up to 20 patent documents - per one request
600,00 HRK / 79,63 EUR¹
 - 2.1 Searching for patent documents at regular intervals per same query (monitoring):
 - 2.1.1. 3 monthly searches 1.500,00 HRK / 199,08 EUR¹
 - 2.1.2. quarterly 1.800,00 HRK / 238,90 EUR¹
 - 2.1.3. half-year 900,00 HRK / 119,45 EUR¹
3. Patent documents search for assessing novelty for invention based on a description of the subject of invention and/or other relevant data (i.e. key words and/or classification symbols) -to be charged on the actual costs basis
4. Freedom-to-operate patent search based on a description of the subject of invention and/or other relevant data (i.e. keywords and/or classification symbols) - to be charged on the actual costs basis
5. Infringement patent search based on a description of the subject of invention and/or other relevant data (i.e. keywords and/or classification symbols) - to be charged on the actual costs basis
6. Patent documents search on a specially defined request - to be charged on the actual costs basis
7. A search in Supplementary protection certificate register (requests and granted) based on the bibliographic data (SPC number, basic patent number, product name, title/name of applicant/owner, filing date, date of

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grant), including legal status information from the SIPO register and a bibliographic data printout for up to 20 patent documents - per one request	300,00 HRK / 39,82 EUR ¹
8. A bibliographic data printout for additional patent documents over 20 included in standard fee, per page	5,00 HRK / 0,66 EUR ¹
9. A bibliographic data printout for a specific patent document – per document	50,00 HRK / 6,64 EUR ¹
10. A copy of patent documents/publications of the Office collection, per page	5,00 HRK / 0,66 EUR ¹
11. A CD-ROM containing retrieved documents – per request	100,00 HRK / 13,27 EUR ¹

(The above costs are VAT-free)

The costs indicated under point 1. will be increased by 50 % if an urgent search service within 3 working days is requested. The costs indicated under point 2. will be increased by 50 % if an urgent search service within 7 working days is requested. Costs are charged at the time of request. In the case of additional costs you will be informed.

SEARCH SERVICE CHARACTERISTICS

Our experts conduct patent documents searches on national and worldwide patents and patent applications available in SIPO's Registers and available international commercial and non-commercial databases. A search service is provided upon a written request, which may be clarified over the phone, and contains written data on client as well as one or more search criteria derived from the description of the invention and figures (if any), or defined by keywords, IPC codes or bibliographic data. Standard search fee includes a printout of bibliographic data for up to 20 patent documents found. For a printout of bibliographic data over this number, additional fees shall be paid as mentioned above.

Once the search is completed, a Search report is dispatched to the client. Report contains:

- The input data contained in patent search service request, and additional criteria specified by consulting the applicant
- A list of relevant documents shown by categories and relevance (with registration number of documents, title of the invention and the applicant's/inventor's name, and other data depending on the type of service requested)
- Search criteria including the searched documents of patent databases and key words, synonyms and classification symbols used for searching.

SEARCH REPORT DELIVERY

Search results are normally delivered within 30 working days; however this term may be extended in case of a larger number of filed requests. An urgent patent search service may be requested (paid extra as indicated above) and conducted in short-term with the report ready for delivery within 3 or 7 working days (depending on the type of search). The search report is delivered by e-mail, mail or may be handed over at the Receiving Office. Inland rates for regular mail deliveries are included in the search service costs; however air mail deliveries abroad and special postal services are paid according to the actual costs.

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