

## Leaflet Patents in Switzerland and the principality of Liechtenstein

### Territory

The patent covers the territories of Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

### Duration

The patent has a duration of 20 years from the filing date, provided that the annual fees are paid in time.

### Compulsory use

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