

Leaflet Patents in Morocco

Duration

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

Compulsory use

On expiry of a period of 3 years from the grant of a patent or 4 years from the filing date of an application any public or private legal person may be granted a compulsory license under the patent provided that, at the time of the request and failing legitimate reasons, neither the owner of the patent nor its successor in title:

- has begun to work or has made real and effective preparations for working the invention that is the subject matter of the patent in the territory of the Kingdom of Morocco;
- has marketed the product that is the subject matter of the patent in a quantity sufficient to satisfy the needs of the Moroccan market;

or if working or marketing of the patent in the Kingdom of Morocco has been abandoned for more than 3 years.

Marking

It is not compulsory to mark your patent under the Moroccan Law. However, the court could take into consideration the marked patent to determine the amount of compensation in case of past infringement.

License

A license must be recorded at the Patent Office to be enforceable.