

## Leaflet OAPI Patents

### Territory

The patent extends to the following member states:

Benin, Burkina-Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo.

### Duration

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

### Compulsory use

A patented invention should be sufficiently worked in one of the member states within 3 years from grant or within 4 years from filing, so as to satisfy the needs of the domestic market. Importation is not regarded as working. If there is no such working, any person may apply for a compulsory license.

### Marking

Marking is not compulsory, but recommended, such as "Brevet OAPI No. ...".