

Italy (IT) Coverage

Patent Office Details

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Kinds of Protection

Patents of Invention	Granted for a term of 20 years from submission date; patents of addition abolished from 21.08.1979
Supplementary Protection Certificates	Extensions of no longer than five years for pharmaceutical patents (since 19.11.1991) and plant protection patents (since 02.02.1997)
Utility Models	Granted for a term of 10 years from submission date

Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty	28.03.1985
European Patent Convention	01.12.1978
Signatory of:	Paris Convention (Stockholm wording) Budapest Treaty World Intellectual Property Organization International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

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DWPI Coverage

Kind

DWPI Start Dates

B	Patent of invention – second publication	30 January 1978
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DWPI Data elements online

Notes

✓ Bibliographic data	
✓ English value-add title and abstract	Abstracts are not available for Italian Basics
✓ Manual Codes	Chemical (CPI) and Electrical (EPI) from update 199519

Numeration

Kind Code – B

Publication Numbers				
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Application Numbers*				
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YYYY 4 digit year
 XX 2 characters representing the regional filing centre at which the application was filed
 Nnnn Up to 4 digit serial number
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