

Philippines (PH) Coverage

Patent Office Details

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Kinds of Protection

Patents of Invention	Granted for a term of 20 years from submission date (17 years before 1 Jan 1998)
Utility Models	Protection for 7 years from date of filing
Industrial Designs and Models	May be registered

Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty	17.08.2001
Signatory of:	Paris Convention (Lisbon text) Budapest Treaty World Intellectual Property Organization

Filing for Patents

The Philippines Government passed into law on 06.06.1997 the "Act Prescribing the Intellectual Property Code and Establishing the Intellectual Property Office, Providing for its Powers and Functions and Other Purposes". The new code took effect on 01.01.1998 and brought in the "first to file" rule to replace the "first to invent" situation.

In keeping with TRIPs, the term "patentable invention" is redefined to refer to any technical solution to a problem in any field of human activity which is new, involves an inventive step and is industrially applicable. Micro-organisms and non-biological and microbiological processes are also patentable.

Applications can be made, in English, by the inventor, his heirs or legal representatives.

Under the *International Convention* applications claiming priority must be filed within 12 months of earliest filing date in a Convention country. A certified copy of the basic application along with a verified translation must be provided within six months of the application being filed in the Philippines. Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.

The new code adopts the deferred examination procedure. A search report showing prior art must be provided by the applicant before a substantive examination of the application is carried out. Applications are examined as to novelty, inventiveness and utility. United States examination and allowance may be sufficient for Philippines examiners to dispense with examination, other than formal examination.

Applications are published in the official gazette 18 months after the filing or priority date. There is no provision for opposition.

DWPI Coverage

Kind	DWPI Start Dates
A Patent application	13 January 1992
B Granted patent (new law)	11 August 1999
B1 Granted patent	19 June 1993
Z Utility model	19 October 2009

DWPI Data elements online	Notes
✓ Bibliographic data	
✓ English value-add title and abstract	
✓ Original title and abstract	Title and abstract from 2010 onwards
✓ Claims	
✓ Manual Codes	Chemical (CPI) and Electrical (EPI)

NUMERATION

Kind Codes – A, B, B1

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
<i>Published up to 01.10.1999</i>				
PHnnnnn PH26004	PHnnnnn PH26004	PH nnnnn PH 26004	PHnnnnn PH26004	PHnnnnn PH26004
<i>Published 01.10.1999 onwards</i>				
PH1-YYYY-nnnnn PH1-2001-02613	PH1YYYYnnnnn PH1200102613	PH 1YYYYnnnnn PH 1200102613	PH1YYYYnnnnn PH1200102613	PH1YYYYnnnnn PH1200102613

1 Denotes patent
 YYYY 4 digit year
 Nnnnn 5 digit serial number

Application Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
Based on published serial number	PHYYYYNnnA PH20012613A	PH YYYYNnn PH 20012613	YYYYPH-nnnnnnn 2001PH-0002613	PHYYYY-Nnn PH2001-2613

YYYY 4 digit year
 Nnn 1 to 5 digit serial number
 Nnnnnnn 7 digit serial number

Kind Code – Z

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
PH2-YYYY-nnnnn	PH2YYYYnnnnn	PH 2YYYYnnnnn	PH2YYYYnnnnn	PH2YYYYnnnnn
PH2-2009-00069	PH2200900069	PH 2200900069	PH2200900069	PH2200900069

2 Denotes utility model
 YYYY 4 digit year
 nnnnn 5 digit serial number

Application Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
Based on published serial number	PHYYYYNnnU PH2009193U	PH YYYYNnn PH 2009193	PHYYYY-Unnnnnn PH2009-U000193	PHYYYY-NnnU PH2009-193U

YYYY 4 digit year
 U Denotes utility model
 Nnn 1 to 5 digit serial number
 nnnnnn 6 digit serial number