

GUIDELINE TO RE-REGISTER A SINGAPORE PATENT IN LAOS

Background

The Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) of Lao People's Democratic Republic (Laos), and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS), have established cooperation to allow patents granted in Singapore to be re-registered in Laos.

The information below provides the procedure to lodge a request to re-register a Singapore patent in Laos.

Eligibility Requirements

- 1) The Singapore patent must be in force at the time of lodgement of re-registration request.
- 2) The Singapore patent must meet the Laotian requirements for patentability¹.
- 3) No fee is required for the re-registration request in Laos.

How to Submit a Request

- 1) Submit the request form to re-register a Singapore patent to the DIP.
- 2) The request form must be accompanied by the following documents:
 - a. a certified copy of the Certificate of Grant for the Singapore patent;
 - b. a certified copy of the final specifications of the Singapore patent;
 - c. a copy of the abstract of the Singapore patent;
 - d. certified Laos translations of the abstract and final specifications of the Singapore patent within 6 months of the lodgement date; and
 - e. power of attorney in Laos

Renewals

The applicant shall pay renewal fees in accordance with Lao's renewal fee structure, based on the filing date of the Laos patent. Renewal fees shall be payable starting from the next renewal period.

For more information

If you need information on the re-registration process in Laos, you may contact Mr Solasin Sengsilavong at s.solasin@gmail.com.

¹ For more information, you may refer to the Laotian patent legislation, also available on the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) website at the following link: https://www.wipo.int/directory/en/details.jsp?country_code=LA.

Patent application may be refused under Laotian legislation for the following reasons:

- Inventions related to the protection of culture, traditions, human, animal, or plant life or health, as well as those which results in an adverse impact to the environment; or

- Inventions contrary to public order or national cultural morality.

Pharmaceutical patents will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.