

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) The Singapore patent must have a filing date on or after 17 Jan 2002.

How to Submit a Request for Re-Registration

- 1) Submit the Re-Registration Request Form to re-register a Singapore patent to the DIP².
- 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; and
 - d. power of attorney in Laos

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.

² A Laos patent application must be filed concurrently with the Request for Re-Registration, if the same patent application has not been filed at DIP before. Certified Laos translations of the abstract and specifications based on the Singapore granted patent has to be provided within 3 months from the filing date of the Laos patent application.

Fee Schedule for Filing a Patent Application in Laos

Type of Fees	Fee (Lao Kip)
Protection Fee for first four years	300.000
Publication of Application	400.000
Application Form	200.000
Formality Examination	100.000
Consultation	100.000
Total	1.100.000³

No fee is applicable for re-registration request 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.

The Patent Term will be 20 years calculated from the filing date of the Singapore application.

Request Forms for Submission to DIP

Patent Application Request Form	https://www.ipos.gov.sg/docs/default-source/protecting-your-ideas/patent/patent-application-request-form.docx
Patent Re-Registration Form	https://www.ipos.gov.sg/docs/default-source/protecting-your-ideas/patent/patent-re-registration-form.docx

For More Information

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

³ Some additional fee may be required:

- Document exceeding 50 pages in total: 20.000 Kip/page
- Drawing of invention exceeding 1 page: 50.000 Kip/page
- Claim invention exceeding 15 claim: 50.000 Kip/Claim