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Patent Requirements

International Arrangements:

- Paris Union (from 16 April 1984)
- WIPO (from 15 February 1974)
- PCT (from 16 April 1984)
- ARIPO (from 25 April 1984)

Types of Patents Available:

- Patents of Invention
- National Phase PCT application
- ARIPO application
- ARIPO Regional Phase PCT application

Novelty Requirements:

Absolute novelty is required. However, novelty will not be destroyed if not earlier than six months before the filing date, the inventor or his successor discloses the invention by exhibiting it at an official or an officially recognised international exhibition.

Filing Requirements:

National Phase PCT Application

- Power of Attorney (signed under Corporate Seal or before a Notary Public) (can be late filed, no set deadline)
- Specification, claims and abstract in English (required on the day of filing)
- Abstract in Arabic (required on the day of filing)
- Formal drawings, if applicable (required on the day of filing)
- Certificate of Incorporation (legalised) (can be late filed, no set deadline)
- Copy of Published International Application (required on the day of filing)
- Copy of International Search Report (can be late filed, no set deadline)
- Copy of International Preliminary Report on Patentability (can be late filed, no set deadline)

Patents of Invention (Non-PCT)

- Power of Attorney (signed under Corporate Seal or before a Notary Public) (can be late filed, no set deadline)
- Specification, claims and abstract in English (required on the day of filing)
- Title and abstract in Arabic (required on the day of filing)
- Formal drawings, if applicable (required on the day of filing)
- Certificate of Incorporation (legalised) (can be late filed, no set deadline)
- Priority document with verified English translation (can be late filed within three months)

ARIPO application in which Sudan is designated:

Please see ARIPO

ARIPO Regional Phase PCT application:

Please see ARIPO

Grant:

The term of a patent is twenty years from the filing date.

Renewal:

Renewal fees fall due annually commencing on the first anniversary of the filing date.

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