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	ARGENTINA		GUATEMALA
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	CUBA		PERU
	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		URUGUAY
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	Argentina	Bolivia	Brazil	Chile	Colombia
What can be protected?		Inventions: solutions for technical problems			
Where to register?	INPI	SENAPI	INPI	INAPI	SIC
How to register?	Online/ Mail/ In person	Online/ In person	Online/ In person	Online/ In person	Online/ In person
Requirements		Novelty: an invention that has not been published or disclosed to the public at global level. Inventive step: the invention does not clearly derive from the current state-of-the-art for a person skilled in the art. Industrial applicability: can be made or used in any kind of industry			
Need for local representation*	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a lawyer	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a lawyer	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a lawyer	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a lawyer	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a lawyer
PCT membership	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grace period	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year
Duration	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date
Costs of national registration**	Filing: 59€ + 2€ per additional claim past the first 10 Examination: 98€ + 4€ per additional claim past the first 10	Filing: 95€ Examination: 118€	Filing: 28€ Examination: 93€ up to 10 claims, 16€ to 78€ per additional claims	Filing: 59€ Publication: 23€ Examination: 592€ Registration: 176€	Filing: 21€ + 11€ per claim past the first 10 Examination: 310€
Length of registration procedure***	5-7 years, but can last up to 10 years for pharmaceutical or biotechnological innovations.	5-7 years	Over 5 years	Over 2 years	1-2 years

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What can be protected?		Inventions: solutions for technical problems			
Where to register?	<u>RPI</u>	<u>OCPI</u>	<u>ONAPI</u>	<u>SENADI</u>	<u>CNR</u>
How to register?	<u>In person</u>	<u>In person</u>	<u>In person</u>	<u>Online/ In person</u>	<u>In person</u>
Requirements		Novelty: an invention that has not been published or disclosed to the public at global level. Inventive step: the invention does not clearly derive from the current state-of-the-art for a person skilled in the art. Industrial applicability: can be made or used in any kind of industry			
Need for local representation*	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a lawyer	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a lawyer	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a lawyer	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a lawyer	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a lawyer
PCT membership	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grace period	1 year	6 months	1 year	1 year	1 year
Duration	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date
Costs of national registration**	Filing: 407€ Examination: 428€ Registration: 407€	Filing: 367€ + 64€ per claim past the first one Registration: 160€	Filing: 163€ Examination: 196€ Publication application: 50€ Publication of registration: 66€	Filing: 404€ + 45€ per additional claim past the first 10 Examination: 487€ Registration: 166€	Filing: 47€ Examination: 245€ + VAT + 8€ per additional claim past the first one
Length of registration procedure***	5 years	4-5 years	3-4 years	5-7 years	5 years

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	Guatemala	Honduras	Mexico	Nicaragua	Panama
What can be protected?		Inventions: solutions for technical problems			
Where to register?	RPI	DIGEPIH	IMPI	RPI	DIGERPI
How to register?	Online (for submitting and obtaining a provisional filing date) and in person	In person	Online	In person	In person
Requirements		Novelty: an invention that has not been published or disclosed to the public at global level. Inventive step: the invention does not clearly derive from the current state-of-the-art for a person skilled in the art. Industrial applicability: can be made or used in any kind of industry			
Need for local representation*	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a registered lawyer	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a registered lawyer	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a registered lawyer	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a registered lawyer	Yes, applicants must be represented by a local lawyer
PCT membership	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grace period	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year
Duration	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date
Costs of national registration**	Filing: 262€ Examination: 314€ Registration: 68€	Filing: 24€ Examination: 51€	Filing: 187€ + 3€ per additional page past the first 30 Registration: 128€	Filing: 163€ Examination: 245€ Registration: 17€	Filing: 95€ Publication: 6€ Examination: 202€
Length of registration procedure***	3-4 years	3 years	2-5 years	3 years	5 years

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	Paraguay	Peru	Uruguay	Venezuela
What can be protected?		Inventions: solutions for technical problems		
Where to register?	<u>DINAPI</u>	<u>INDECOPI</u>	<u>MIEMI</u>	<u>SAPI</u>
How to register?	<u>In person</u>	<u>In person / Online</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In person</u>
Requirements	Novelty: an invention that has not been published or disclosed to the public at global level. Inventive step: the invention does not clearly derive from the current state-of-the-art for a person skilled in the art. Industrial applicability: can be made or used in any kind of industry			
Need for local representation*	Yes, applicants must be represented by a lawyer registered with DINAPI	Yes, for foreign-based applicants -does not need to be a registered lawyer	Yes, for foreign-based applicants - does not need to be a registered lawyer	Yes, applicants must be represented by a lawyer registered with SAPI
PCT membership	No	Yes	No	No
Grace Period	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year
Duration	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date	20 years from the filing date	5 or 10 years from the date of granting (upon request)
Costs of national registration**	Filing: 71€ Publication: 11€ Examination fee: 71€	Filing: 163€ + 6€ per additional claim past 10 Examination: 124€ Registration: 57€	Filing: 208€ + 12€ per additional claim past 10 Publication: 125€ Examination: 125€ + 21€ per additional claim past 10	221€
Length of Registration Procedure***	6-7 years	Up to 5 years	Over 7 years	7 years

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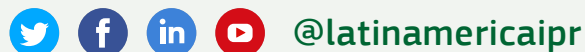
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