Legal framework

Below is a list of legal texts concerning patent law:

**Swiss legislation**

Please note that an English translation is provided where available. Where a translation is not available, only the German version is listed below. In this instance, you can also also access the French and Italian versions by clicking through to the German version.

- Federal Act on Patents for Inventions (PatA)
- Patents Ordinance (PatV)
- Switzerland – Liechtenstein Patent Cooperation Agreement
- Federal Act on Patent Attorneys (PatAA)
- Federal Act on the Federal Patent Court (PatCA)

**European legislation**

- European Patent Convention (EPC)
- EU Regulation No 1257/2012 for the creation of unitary patent protection
- EU Regulation No 1260/2012 on applicable translation arrangements
- Agreement on a Unified Patent Court

**International legislation**

- Patent Cooperation Treaty
Patent Law Treaty of 1 June 2000
Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property as amended in Stockholm
Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement) Annex 1c
Strasbourg Agreement Concerning the International Patent Classification
WIPO Guide to the International Patent Classification
Regulations under the Budapest Treaty on the Recognition of the Deposit of Micro-organisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure