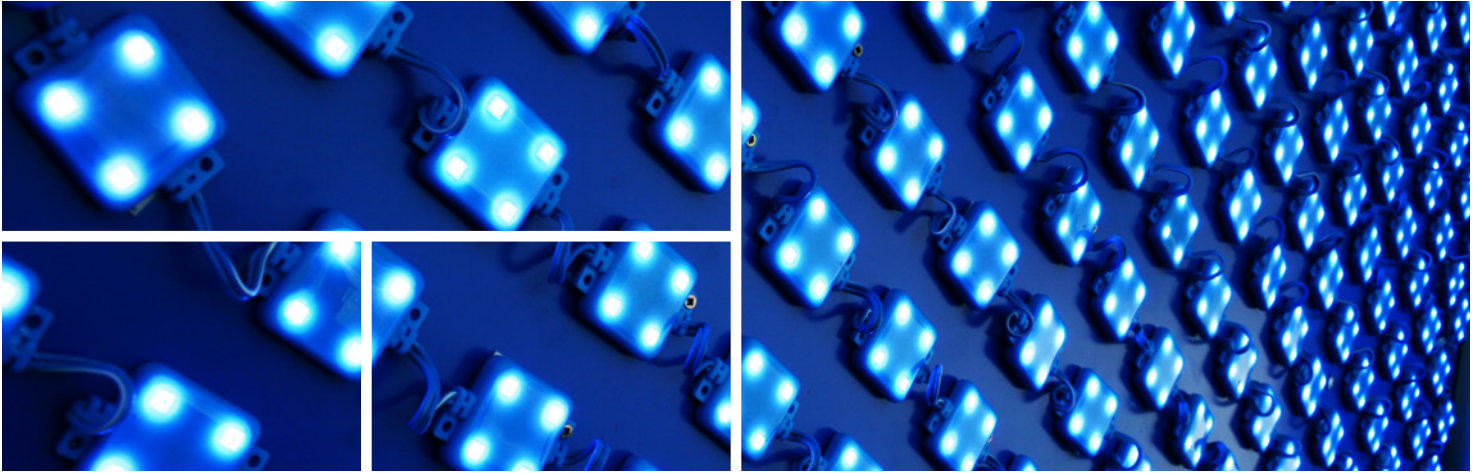


Guide to the Overseas Registration of Patents, Trade Marks and Designs



UK national patents, European (UK) patents, UK registered designs and UK registered trade marks may be registered in a number of overseas territories to extend protection to them. This guide outlines the territories in which such registration is available, and the requirements for extending protection to those territories.

UK and European (UK) Patents

Automatic Protection

UK national patents and European (UK) patents automatically extend protection to:

British Indian Ocean Territory
Isle of Man
Swaziland

Protection Requiring Registration

Registration of UK national patents is available in the territories listed below. In the territories marked with an asterisk (*), European patents designating the UK can also be registered. Unless otherwise stated, registration must be applied for within three years of the date of grant of the UK national patent or European (UK) patent.

The maximum period of protection is 20 years, and the overseas registration will remain in force only as long as the UK or European (UK) patent on which it is based is in force. If the basic UK or European (UK) patent expires or lapses for any reason, the overseas registration will automatically cease.

Anguilla*	Montserrat
Bermuda*	Nauru
Cayman Islands* ¹	Saint Helena
Falkland Islands*	Saint Lucia
Fiji*	Samoa* ²
Gambia*	Seychelles
Gibraltar*	Sierra Leone
Grenada*	Solomon Islands*
Guernsey* ¹	Tanzania - Zanzibar
Guyana	Turks & Caicos Islands* ³
Jersey*	Tuvalu*
Kiribati*	Virgin Islands*

- ¹ Registration may be applied for any time after the date of grant, and during the life of, the UK/European (UK) patent.
- ² Registration must be applied for within two years of the date of grant of the UK/European (UK) patent.
- ³ Registration must be applied for within five years of the date of grant of the UK/European (UK) patent.

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UK Registered Designs

Registration of UK registered designs is available in the territories listed below. Unless otherwise stated, UK registered design rights automatically extend to these territories. In other territories, action must be taken to register the UK design registration there.

Anguilla	Malta ⁶
Bermuda	Montserrat
Brit. Indian Ocean Terr.	Saint Helena
Cayman Islands ⁴	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Falkland Islands	Saint Lucia
Fiji	Saint Vincent
Gambia	Seychelles
Gibraltar*	Sierra Leone
Grenada	Solomon Islands
Guernsey ⁴	Swaziland
Guyana	Tanzania - Tanganyika
Isle of Man	Tanzania - Zanzibar
Jersey ⁵	Tuvalu ⁷
Kiribati	Virgin Islands

⁴ Registration may be applied for any time after the date of registration, and during the life of, the UK registered design.

⁵ Registration must be applied for within three years of the date of registration, and during the life of, the UK registered design.

⁶ Registration must be applied for within four months of filing the registered design.

⁷ Registration may be applied for.

UK Registered Trade Marks

UK registered trade marks can be registered in the territories listed below. Unless otherwise stated, registration may be applied for any time after the date of registration of, and during the life of, the UK registered trade mark. There is a lack of clarity regarding which territories allow the registration of International Trade Marks.

Anguilla	Isle of Man ⁸
Bahamas	Jersey
Bermuda	Kiribati
Brit. Indian Ocean Terr. ⁸	Montserrat
Cayman Islands	Saint Helena
Falkland Islands ⁸	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Fiji	Saint Lucia
Gambia ⁹	Samoa ¹¹
Gibraltar	Sierra Leone
Grenada ¹⁰	Solomon Islands
Guernsey	Tuvalu ⁷
Guyana	

⁸ UK registered trade marks automatically extend to this territory.

⁹ Registration must be applied for within four months of filing the registered trade mark.

¹⁰ International registrations covering the UK cannot be registered.

¹¹ Registration must be applied for within 12 months of filing the registered trade mark.

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