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Argentina approves accession to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)



After years of debate and anticipation within the Intellectual Property community, Argentina has taken an important step by **approving its accession to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)**, with a reservation concerning Chapter II, opening a new chapter for the **international protection of inventions** and the development of its Intellectual Property system.

What does this change mean?

The PCT allows applicants to file a **single international application** to initiate the process of seeking **patent protection in more than 150 countries**, simplifying procedures, optimizing costs, and providing additional time to decide in which markets protection should be sought.

One fundamental point should be emphasized: **the PCT does not imply the existence of a worldwide patent.** The grant of an international patent application remains subject to the decision of each national Patent Office, and Argentina's National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) retains the authority to determine patentability in this country in accordance with its national legislation.

Now, once approved, the law must be promulgated by the Argentinian Executive Branch and subsequently be published in the Official Gazette before it can enter into force, in accordance with the applicable legal procedures. We will share further details soon.

Considering patent protection in Argentina?

Our team can help you develop the right IP strategy to protect and maximize the value of your innovations. Please, do not hesitate to contact us.

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