

**Decree No. 2001-836 of April 10, 2001,  
on the Amounts of Patent Royalties**

The President of the Republic,

On a proposal by the Minister of Industry,

Considering Law No. 82-66 of August 6, 1982, on Standardization and Quality, notably Articles 4 and 17 thereof,

Considering Law No. 2000-84 of August 24, 2000, on Patents,

Considering Decree No. 82-1314 of September 24, 1982, on the organization and operation of the National Institute of Standardization and Industrial Property, notably Article 11 thereof,

Considering Decree No. 98-2133 of November 2, 1998, on the amounts of the royalties payable for industrial property,

Considering the advice of the Minister of Finance,

Considering the advice of the Administrative Tribunal,

Decrees as follows:

**1.** The amounts of the royalties payable for patents and provided for in Articles 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 37, 38, 52, 54, 61, 62 and 63 of the aforesaid Law No. 2000-84 of August 24, 2000, shall be as specified in the table annexed to this Decree.

**2.** The royalties referred to in Article 1 of this Decree shall be collected according to the procedures provided for in Table D annexed to the aforesaid Decree No. 98-2133 of November 2, 1998.

**3.** All earlier provisions contrary to those of this Decree, notably Table A annexed to the aforesaid Decree No. 98-2133 of November 2, 1998, are repealed.

The amounts of the above fees shall be understood to be before value-added tax.

**4.** The Ministers of Finance and Industry shall be responsible, each in so far as he is concerned, with the implementation of this Decree, which shall be published in the Official Journal of the Tunisian Republic.

Tunis, April 10, 2001

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ANNEX

**Amounts of fees payable for patents**

<i>Type of operation</i>	<i>Amount in dinars</i>
Filing of the patent application and first annual fee	140

Claim of the priority of an earlier filing	30
Claim as from the eleventh	30
Amendment of a claim	24
Correction of clerical errors (of expression or transcription), per page	36
Resumption of substantive examination of the application	100
Withdrawal of a patent application	40
Extract from the National Register of Patents	16
Copy of a patent or patent application file	16
Annual fees to keep the patent or patent application in force:	
— from the 2nd to the 5th	50 per annum
— from the 6th to the 10th	130 per annum
— from the 11th to the 15th	265 per annum
— from the 16th to the 20th	500 per annum
Late payment of an annual fee within the period of grace, by month of lateness	1/12 of the annual fee payable
Renunciation of the patent	40
Appeal for reinstatement	100
— Recording of a seizure	40
— Recording of confirmation of a seizure	40
— Recording of lifting of a seizure	40
Recording of an assignment or transfer of a patent application or patent	200
— Recording of a license agreement	100
— Recording of an amendment to a license agreement	100
— Recording of the renewal of a license agreement	100
— Recording of any act effecting amendment of a registered patent application or patent	40

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*Note:* Translation by the International Bureau of WIPO.