



Argentina's Increase in Trademark and Patent Fees: A Structural Shift in IP Costs

Argentina has introduced a major reform of its intellectual property (IP) fee system, significantly increasing the cost of trademarks and patents while also transforming how those costs are calculated in the future. The reform, implemented through Resolution No. 75/2026 by the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI), represents a turning point in the country's approach to IP administration and brings about a fee increase for IP matters from April 1, 2026.

This Resolution has paved the way for a comprehensive increase in official fees, a new inflation-linked pricing system, and structural changes affecting all IP rights, including trademarks and patents. The reform broadly applies to:

- Trademark applications and renewals
- Patent filings and examinations
- Maintenance fees (annuities)
- Opposition and administrative procedures
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Introduction of the UMAPI System:

Apart from the fee increase, the Resolution has also created a new system, UMAPI (Unidad de Medida Arancelaria de la Propiedad Industrial) which is a standardized fee unit that takes effect from May 1, 2026. This means beginning May 1, 2026, all IP fees will be expressed in UMAPIs rather than fixed currency values.

How It Works:

- The value of UMAPI is adjusted monthly based on inflation (CPI)
- The updated value is published regularly by INPI
- Fees automatically change every month

This replaces the previous system of occasional large increases with a continuous adjustment mechanism.

The fresh increase in trademark and patent fees in Argentina is more than a simple price adjustment; it represents a fundamental transformation of the IP system by combining a one-time doubling of fees and a monthly inflation-indexed pricing model. With this, Argentina has shifted toward a dynamic, continuously evolving fee structure. While this enhances financial stability for the IP office, it also introduces new financial and strategic challenges for businesses seeking protection in the country.

In this new environment, careful timing, ongoing monitoring, and flexible budgeting have become essential components of any IP strategy in Argentina. We at Axiom Mark IP, are monitoring these developments in Argentina closely in order to assist our clients with best of our IP services, as always.