

BAHAMAS (BS)



I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Capital: Nassau
Population: 307,000

Patents:

- Industrial Property Act 1965 No: 85, commenced June 1967.
- Industrial Property (Amendment) Act 1975 No. 18, commenced September 1976.

Trade Marks:

- The Trade Marks Act Nos. 6 of 1906, 57 of 1959, G.N. 172 of 1964, 46 of 1964 and further amendments.

Industrial Designs:

As above, under Patents.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- The Copyright Act of 1997.

Related Rights:

Information not available.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Information not available.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Information not available.

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since January 1977.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since July 1973.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since July 1973.

b. WTO: Observer.

c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: UCC.

- Member of UCC since September 1976.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Economic Development	Tel.:	(1.242)	322.33.16/7/8
Rodney E. Bain Building			322.80.38
P.O.Box N-532			325.12.51
Nassau			322.78.41
<i>Title of Head:</i> Minister of State, Ministry of Economic Development	Fax:	(1.242)	322.55.53

Also has competence:

Attorney General and Minister of Justice	Tel.:	(1.242)	322.11.12
<i>Title of Head:</i> Attorney General	Fax:	(1.242)	325.20.16

Industrial Property Office:

Registrar General's Department
 Ministry of Economic Development
 As above, under Supervisory Ministry.
Title of Head: Registrar General

2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

As above, under Supervisory Ministry for Industrial Property.

Copyright Office:

As above, under Industrial Property Office.

Collective Management Societies:

Information not available.

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

Information not available.

Copyright Tribunal

Information not available.

Other

Information not available.

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Information not available.

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2002:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents			
	non-residents			
Grants to:	residents			
	non-residents			

Information not available.