

CYPRUS (CY)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Capital: Nicosia
Population: 761,000



Patents:

- The Patents Law, No. 16(1)/98, April 1998, as last amended by Law No. 21 (1)/99, March 1999.
- The Patents Regulations: P.I. No. 46/99, March 1999.
- Amendment Law No. 153(1)/2000, and amendment Regulations: P.I. No. 320/2000, November 2000.
- Patents (Amendment) Bill under consideration.

Trade Marks:

- The Trade Marks Law, Cap. 268, January 1951, as amended by laws No. 63/1962, September 1962, No. 69/1971, December 1971, and No. 206/1990, November 1990.
- The Trade Marks Regulations, October 1951 (subsidiary legislation 1951), and the Amendment Regulations P.I. No. 969/71, December 1971 and P.I. No. 281/90, November 1990.
- Amendment Law No. 176(1)/2000, December 2000.

Industrial Designs:

- The Legal Protection of Industrial Designs and Models Law 4(1)/2002.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Copyright Law No. 59, December 1976, as amended by Law No. 63/77, October 1977, and Law No. 18(1)/93, January 1994.
- Copyright (Competent Authority) Regulation No. 249/77.
- Amendment Law Nos. 54(1)/1999, June 1999 and 12(1)/2001, February 2001.
- Copyright (Amendment) Bill under consideration.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source:

- Trade Descriptions Law No. 5/87, as last amended in 1992.
- Bill on the Protection of Cyprus Geographical Indications, approved by the Council of Ministers, July 2001.
- The Protection of Cyprus Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications Regulations of 2002 (P.I. 93/2002).

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- The Legal Protection of Topographies of Semiconductor Products Law, 5(1)/2002.
As above, under Copyright Law No. 59.

Protection of Undisclosed Information:

- Contract Law, Cap. 149.
- Contract Amendment Law 22(1) of 1995.

Plant Variety Protection:

- Plant Variety Protection Bill under consideration.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws:

Department of Registrar of Companies and
Official Receiver
As below, under Industrial Property Office.

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since October 1984.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since January 1966.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since February 1964.
- PCT (Patents), since April 1998.
- Madrid Agreement (International Registration of Marks), since November 2003
- Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), since November 2003
- Geneva Convention (Unauthorized Duplication of Phonograms), since September 1993.
- Nairobi Treaty (Olympic Symbol), since August 1985.
- TLT (Trademarks), since April 1997.
- WCT (WIPO Copyright Treaty), since November 2003
- WPPT (WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty), since December 2005.

b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since July 1995.

c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: EPO, UCC.

- Member of EPO since April 1998.
- Member of UCC since September 1990.
- European Agreement Concerning Programme Exchanges by means of Television Films of 1958, September 1969.
- European Agreement for the Prevention of Broadcasts Transmitted from Stations Outside National Territories of 1965, July 1971.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

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| Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism | Tel.: | (357.22) 86.71.00 |
| A. Araouzos Street 2 | Fax: | (357.22) 37.51.20 |
| CY 1421 Nicosia | | |
| <i>Title of Head:</i> Minister for Commerce, Industry and Tourism | | |

Industrial Property Office:

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| Department of the Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver | Tel.: | (357.22) 40.43.01 40.43.02 |
| Corner Makarios Av. and Karpenissiou Street | Fax: | (357.22) 30.48.87 |
| Xenios Building | E-mail: | deptcomp@drcor.gov.cy |
| CY 1427 Nicosia | Internet website: | |
| <i>Title of Head:</i> Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver | | http://www.mcit.gov.cy/drcor/ |

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:

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| R. Skoufarides & Co. Ltd. | Tel.: | (357.22) 45.20.92 |
| Office for the Protection of Musical Intellectual Property | | 45.20.93 45.20.94 |
| P.O. Box 20667 | Fax: | (357.22) 45.20.95 |
| Diagorou 4, Office 405 | | |
| 1097 Nicosia | | |

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

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|---|-------|----------|----------|
| District Courts and Supreme Court | Tel.: | (357.22) | 30.22.37 |
| | Fax: | (357.22) | 30.45.00 |
| <i>Contact point for industrial property and copyright:</i> | Tel.: | (357.2) | 30.21.33 |
| | | | 30.23.17 |
| As above, under Industrial Property Office. | Fax: | (357.2) | 30.26.87 |
| <i>Contact Point: Mrs. Maria A. Kyriacou</i> | | | |

Copyright Tribunal

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| As above, under Industrial Property Tribunal. | | | |
| The Copyright Authority | Tel.: | (357.22) | 40.43.01 |
| Xenios Building | | | 40.43.02 |
| CY 1427 Nicosia | | | |

Other

Information not available.

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Information not available.

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2005:

| | | Patents (direct filings) | Trade Marks | Industrial Designs |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Applications by: | residents | 20 | 458 | |
| | non-residents | 44 | 571 | |
| Grants to: | residents | 6 | 240 | |
| | non-residents | 62 | 2,107 | |

PCT – Filed by EPO – 2002

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| Applications by residents and non-residents: | 50,816 (6 residents, 50,810 non-residents) |
| Grants to residents and non-residents: | 1,280 (non-residents only) |

Madrid System – 2005

International Registrations:

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| Total applications: | 2,330 (non-residents only) |
| Total registrations: | 2,026 (non-residents only) |