Intellectual Property Office

Department of Legal Affairs Registration Division

Main Categories of Intellectual Property Rights Protected in Seychelles

- > Patents : protect inventions that demonstrate technological progress.
- >Trade Marks: protect words, slogan, and symbols that serve to identify different brands of goods and services.
- >Copyright : protects a variety of literary and artistic works.

Seychelles IP LAWS

- > Patent Act 3rd March 1901
- Trade Mark Decree 4th January 1978
- Copyright Act 1st April 1984
- World Intellectual Property Organization Acceded in 2000
- Patent Co-Operation Treaty (PCT)(Washington) Acceded 2002

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

- WIPO became a specialized agency of the United National in 1974
- WIPO administers intellectual property matters and treaties recognized by U.N member states, that deal with some aspects of intellectual property protection.
- WIPO has 184 member nations (including Seychelles which acceded in 2000)

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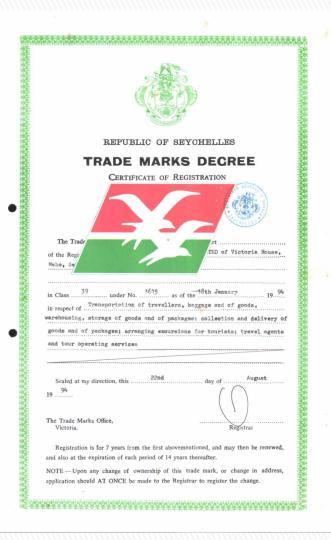
- >To provide efficient and timely services to satisfy and protect service users.
- Deposite the National Legal Framework to introduce new provisions that would cater for present needs in the area of intellectual property.

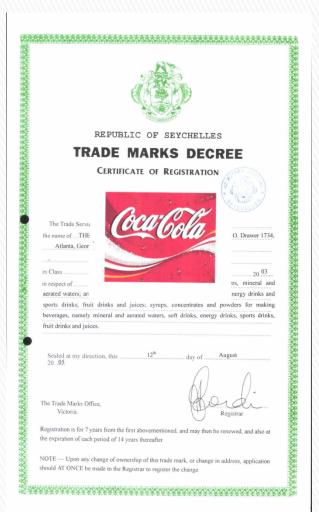
- Ensure that all registration of intellectual properties are done by the office of the Registrar General.
- Strengthen the administrative process by introducing technology in order to be more efficient in the registration of Patents and Trademarks.
- Have within the organization trained individual service providers that are capable of providing efficient services in order to maintain public confidence in the system. Amend the existing Patent Act and Trademarks Decree.
- Harmonise the Intellectual Property Law.
- Strengthen relationship with WIPO

CHALLENGES

- Availability of funding
- Supports and collaboration from other department, organization or agencies eg. Dept of Culture
- Supports from Executive and Legislators
- Expertise required both local and foreign
- Availability of training
- More qualified staff

Trade Marks





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