

## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (AE)



### I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

#### 1. National Legislation

##### a. Industrial Property

**Capital:** Abu Dhabi  
**Population:** 4,100,000

##### Patents:

- Patent and Industrial Design Law No. 17 of 2002.
- Patent and Industrial Design Law No. 31 of 2006.

##### Trade Marks:

- Trade Marks Law No. 8 of 2002.

##### Industrial Designs:

As above, under Patents.

##### b. Copyright and Related Rights

##### Copyright:

- Copyrights and Neighboring Rights Law No. 7 of 2002.
- Copyrights and Neighboring Rights Law No 32 of 2006.

##### Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

##### c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

##### Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source :

As above, under Trade Marks.

##### Protection of Undisclosed Information :

As above, under Patents.

##### Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits :

As above, under Trade Marks

##### Enforcement :

As above, under Patents, Trade Marks and Copyright.

##### d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Ministry of State for Cabinet Affairs

E-mail: [moca@uae.gov.ae](mailto:moca@uae.gov.ae)

## 2. Membership of International Bodies

### a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since September 1974.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since September 1996.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since July 2004.
- PCT (Patents), since March 1999.
- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations), since January 2005.
- WCT (WIPO Copyright Treaty), since July 2004.
- WPPT (WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty), since June 2005.

### b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since April 1996.

### c. Membership of other bodies/treaties:

- Gulf Cooperation Council, effective November 1998.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

### 1. Industrial Property

#### Supervisory Ministry:

*Industrial Property:*

Ministry of Economy

P.O. Box 901

Abu Dhabi

*Title of Head:* Minister of Economy

Tel.: (971.2) 626.50.00

Fax: (971.2) 626.99.42

E-mail: [indpro@economy.ae](mailto:indpro@economy.ae)

Internet website: <http://www.economy.ae>

#### Industrial Property Office:

Industrial Property Directorate

Ministry of Economy

As above, under Supervisory Ministry.

*Title of Head:* Director

Tel.: (971.2) 626.35.17

Fax: (971.2) 626.36.34

E-mail: [indpro@economy.ae](mailto:indpro@economy.ae)

Trade Mark Section

Ministry of Economy

As above, under Supervisory Ministry.

*Title of Head:* Head

Tel.: (971.2) 627.31.98

Fax: (971.2) 626.29.22

## 2. Copyright and Related Rights

### Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Economy  
P.O. Box 901  
Abu Dhabi  
*Title of Head:* Minister of Economy

Tel.: (971.2) 613.12.78

### Copyright Office:

Office of Intellectual Works  
Ministry of Economy  
As above, under Supervisory Ministry.  
*Title of Head:* Director

Tel : (971.2) 446.61.45  
(ext. 603/463)  
Fax : (971.2) 443.63.31  
E-mail: [copyright@mail2uae.com](mailto:copyright@mail2uae.com)

### Collective Management Societies:

Information not available.

## III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **Industrial Property Tribunal**

#### *Contact point:*

Ministry of Economy  
World Trade Organization Division  
As above, under Supervisory Ministry  
for Trade Marks.  
*Title of Head:* Director

Tel.: (971.2) 626.50.00  
Fax: (971.2) 626.00.00  
E-mail: [economy@emirates.net.ae](mailto:economy@emirates.net.ae)

The Appeal Committee of Industrial Property  
Administration.

The First Instance Civil Court

### **Copyright Tribunal**

The First Instance Civil Court

### **Other**

Information not available.

## IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

University of United Arab Emirates  
Al Ain  
P.O. Box 15551

**V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS**

Applications filed and/or registered for 2006:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents		693	
	non-residents	976	11,838	957
Grants to:	residents		1,277	
	non-residents	49	6,207	1

**PCT**

Applications by residents and non-residents:

Information not available.

Grants to residents and non-residents:

Information not available.