

BULGARIA (BG)**I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE****1. National Legislation****a. Industrial Property**Patents:

- Patent Law, March 1993, as amended 1996, 1998 and 1999.

Trade Marks:

- Law on Marks and Geographical Indications, September 1999.

Industrial Designs:

- Law on Industrial Designs, September 1999.

b. Copyright and Related RightsCopyright:

- Copyright and Neighbouring Rights Act, June 1993, as amended 1994, 1998 and 2000.
- Regulation of Council of Ministers No. 87 of 1996 on Control of the Use of Subject Matter of Copyright and Related Rights and Licensing of the Manufacturers of Compact Disks and Matrix, April 1996, as last amended in April 1997, February and July 1998.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or ActivitiesAppellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source:

As above, under Trademarks.

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- Law on Topographies of Integrated Circuits, September 1999.

Plant Variety Protection

- Law on the Protection of New Plant Varieties and Animal Breeds, January 1997.

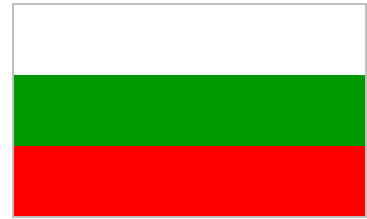
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Population: 8,124,000

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since May 1970.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since June 1921.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since December 1921.
- PCT (Patents), since May 1984.
- Madrid Agreement (False or Deceptive Indications of Source on Goods), August 1975.
- Madrid Agreement (International Registration of Marks), since August 1985.
- Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), from October 2001.
- Singapore Treaty (Law of Trademarks), since March 2009.
- Hague Agreement (International Deposit of Industrial Designs), since December 1996.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since February 2001.
- Lisbon Agreement (Appellations of Origin), since August 1975.
- Locarno Agreement (International Classification for Industrial Designs), since February 2001.
- Strasbourg Agreement (International Patent Classifications), from November 2001.
- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations), since August 1995.
- Geneva Convention (Unauthorized Duplication of Phonograms), since September 1995.
- Vienna Agreement (International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks), since February 2001.
- Budapest Treaty (Deposit of Micro-organisms), since August 1980.
- Nairobi Treaty (Olympic Symbol), since May 1984.
- WCT (WIPO Copyright Treaty), since March 2002.
- WPPT (WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty), since May 2002.

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

c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: BSEC, UCC, UPOV.

- Member of BSEC since June 1992.
- Member of UCC since March 1975.
- Member of UPOV since April 1998.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Industry
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Industrial Property Office:

Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria
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Copyright Office:

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III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunals

District Courts / First Instance /
Appeal Court / Supreme Court
Supreme Court
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Sofia 1000

Fax: (359.2) 88.05.59

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*Contact point for Patents, Trade Marks, Industrial
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As above, under Industrial Property Office.

Copyright Tribunal

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Contact point for Copyright and Related Rights:

As above, under Supervisory Ministry for
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Other*Main contact point:*

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V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2005:

| | | Patents (direct filings) | Trade Marks | Industrial Designs (2002) |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Applications by: | residents | 261 | 6,757 | 503 |
| | non-residents | 13 | 1,252 | 515 |
| Grants to: | residents | 80 | 2,845 | 287 |
| | non-residents | 21 | 755 | 16 |

PCT (National Phase Entries)

Applications by residents and non-residents: 39

Grants to residents and non-residents: Information not available.

Madrid System

International Registrations:

Total applications: 6,609 (non-residents only)

Total registrations: 6,358 (non-residents only)

The Hague System-2002

International Registrations:

Total applications: 499 (non-residents only)

Total registrations: 574 (non-residents only)

