

BAHRAIN (BH)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property



Capital: Manama
Population: 714,000

Patents:

- Law No. 1 of 2004 on Patents and Utility Models, as amended by Law No. 14 of 2006.

Trade Marks:

- Law No.11 of 2006 on Trademarks.

Industrial Designs:

- Law No. 6 of 2006 on Industrial Designs.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Law No. 22 of June 2006 on Copyright and Neighbouring Rights.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Utility Models:

As above, under Patents.

Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source:

- Law No.16 of 2004 on Geographical Indications, as amended by Law No. 16 of 2006.

Protection of Undisclosed Information:

- Law No 7 of 2003 on Trade Secrets, as amended by Law No. 12 of 2006.

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- Law No. 5 of 2006 on Layout-Designs of Integrated Circuits.

Plant Variety Protection:

- Draft Law on Protection of Breeders of New Varieties of Plants, not yet in force.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Legal Affairs Department :
Ministry. of Cabinet Affairs.

E-mail : lgaf@batelco.com.bh

Internet website :
www.gov.bh/legalaffairs/

2. Membership of International Bodies**a. Membership of WIPO treaties:**

- WIPO Convention, since June 1995.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since October 1997.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since March 1997.
- PCT (Patents), since March 2007.
- PLT (Patent Law Treaty), since December 2005.
- Madrid Protocol (Registration of Marks), since December 2005.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since December 2005.
- TLT (Trademarks), since March 2007.
- WCT (WIPO Copyright Treaty), since December 2005.
- WPPT (WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty), since December 2005.

b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since January 1995.**c. Membership of other bodies/treaties:**

- Member of Gulf Cooperation Council, since May 1981..

II. ADMINISTRATION**1. Industrial Property****Supervisory Ministry:**

Ministry of Industry and Commerce
P.O. Box 5479
Manama

Tel.: (973) 17.57.48.34

Fax: (973) 17.53.64.79

Title of Head: Minister for Industry and
Commerce

Industrial Property Office:

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Diplomatic Area
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2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Information	Tel.:	(973)	17.78.08.88
P.O. Box 253	Fax:	(973)	17.68.27.77
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<i>Title of Head:</i> Minister of Information			

Copyright Office:

Directorate of Publications and Press	Tel :	(973)	17.71.75.25
As above, under Supervisory Ministry.	Fax :	(973)	17.71.75.15
<i>Title of Head:</i> Director			
Title of Head : Director of Publications and Press			

Collective Management Societies:

None.

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

Contact points:

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 Directorate of Industrial Property
 As above, under Supervisory Ministry for
 Industrial Property.

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Copyright Tribunal*Contact point:*

Ministry of Cabinet Affairs and Information	Tel.:	(973)	17.292.977
Section of Printing Control and Intellectual Property Rights	Fax:	(973)	17.292.678
P.O. Box 253, Manama			

Mr. Jamal Dawood	Tel.:	(973)	17.71.75.25
Acting Director of Publications and Press			

Other

The Court of Cassation
 The High Court of Appeal
 The High Court
 The Junior Court
 The Court of Execution.

Contact point for Customs and Port Affairs:

Directorate General of Customs	Tel.:	(973)	17.72.93.47
P.O. Box 15	Fax:	(973)	17.82.73.12
Manama			

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Information not available.

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2006:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	0	411	61
	non-residents	0	5,938	(residents and non-residents)
Grants to:	residents		59	81
	non-residents		580	(residents and non-residents)