

BOTSWANA (BW)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Patents:

- Industrial Property Act No. 14, 1996.
- Industrial Property (Amendment) Act No. 19, 1997.
- Industrial Property Regulations, Statutory Instrument No. 78, 1997.

Trade Marks:

As above, under Patents.

Industrial Designs:

As above, under Patents.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Copyright and Neighbouring Rights Act No. 8, 2000.

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:

As above, under Patents.

Protection of Undisclosed Information:

As above, under Patents.

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- Law on Layout Designs of Integrated Circuits under consideration.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Information not available.

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since April 1998.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since April 1998.



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- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since April 1998.
 - PCT (Patents), since October 2003
 - WCT (WIPO Copyright Treaty), since January 2005.
 - WPPT (WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty), since January 2005.
- b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since May 1995.
- c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: ARIPO.
- Member of ARIPO since February 1985.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Trade and Commerce	Tel.:	(267)	360.12.00
P.O. Box 004	Fax:	(267)	397.15.39
Gaborone			
<i>Title of Head:</i> Minister for Trade and Commerce			

Industrial Property Office:

Department of the Registrar of Companies, Business Names, Trade Marks, Patents and Designs	Tel. :	(267)	58.87.54
Ministry of Trade and Commerce	Fax.:	(267)	58.81.30
P.O. Box 102			(Registrar)
Gaborone	E-mail:	roc.mci@gov.bw	
<i>Title of Head:</i> Registrar			

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:

Information not available.

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

Information not available.

Copyright Tribunal

Information not available.

Other

Information not available.

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Information not available.

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2002: Applications for ARIPO patents.

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents			
	non-residents	6		
Grants to:	residents			
	non-residents			

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Applications by residents and non-residents:	4 (non-residents only)
Grants to residents and non-residents:	0