

## DOMINICA (DM)



### I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

#### 1. National Legislation

##### a. Industrial Property

**Capital:** Roseau  
**Population:** 73,000

##### Patents:

- Patents Act No. 8, 1999, not yet in force.
- Patents Act, 1906, chapters 78:40 (Revised Laws of Dominica, December 1990).
- Registration of United Kingdom Patents Act, 1925, chap. 78:45 (Revised Laws of Dominica, December 1990).

##### Trade Marks:

- Marks, Collective Marks and Trade Names Act No. 12, 1999, in force since July 2001.
- Trade Marks Ordinance, December 1887, chap. 78:42 (Revised Laws of Dominica, December 1990).
- Merchandise Marks Act, December 1887, chap. 78:47 (Revised Laws of Dominica, December 1990).
- Registration of United Kingdom Trade Marks Act, chap. 78:44 (Revised Laws of Dominica, December 1990).
- Trade Marks Rules No. 1, August 1937 (subsidiary legislation contained in chap. 78:42).
- Registration of United Kingdom Trade Marks Rules, December 1947 (subsidiary legislation contained in chap. 78:44).

##### Industrial Designs:

- Industrial Designs Act No. 2, 1998, not yet in force.
- United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Act, February 1930, chap. 78:43 (Revised Laws of Dominica, December 1990).

##### b. Copyright and Related Rights

##### Copyright:

- Draft Copyright Bill of 1999, not yet in force.
- Copyright Act of 1919, chap. 78:14 as amended by Act No. 19, 1939.

##### Related Rights:

None.

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

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

- Geographical Indications Act No. 13, 1999, in force since July 2001.

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

- Protection of Layout-Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits Act No. 11, 1999, not yet in force.

Plant Variety Protection:

- Protection of New Plant Varieties Act No. 14, 1999, not yet in force.

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

The Attorney General's Chambers  
 Ministry of Legal Affairs, Labour and Carib  
 Affairs  
 As below, under Supervisory Ministry for  
 Industrial Property.

and/or:

The Registry  
 Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court  
 Roseau

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

- WIPO Convention, since September 1998.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since August 1999.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since August 1999.
- PCT (Patents), since August 1999.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since September 2000.
- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations), since August 1999.

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

None.

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

Ministry of Legal Affairs, Immigration and  
 Labour  
 Government Headquarters  
 Kennedy Avenue  
 Roseau

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 448.30.22

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E-mail: [legallaffairs@cwdom.dm](mailto:legallaffairs@cwdom.dm)

*Title of Head:* Prime Minister  
 Minister of External Affairs, Legal Affairs,  
 Immigration and Labour

Industrial Property Office:

Attorney General's Office	Tel.:	(1.767)	448.24.01
As above, under Supervisory Ministry.			ext. 3294
<i>Title of Head:</i> Attorney General			448.30.22
		(1.767)	448.33.84 (Direct)
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Registrar of Trademarks/Patents	Tel.:	(1.767)	448.01.32
The Registry			
Dame Eugenia Charles Boulevard	Fax:	(1.767)	448.74.00
Roseau	E-mail:		<a href="mailto:registrar@cwdom.dm">registrar@cwdom.dm</a>
<i>Title of Head:</i> Registrar General			

**2. Copyright and Related Rights**Supervisory Ministry:

As above, under Supervisory Ministry for Industrial Property.

Copyright Office:

Attorney General's Office	Tel.:	(1.767)	448.24.01
As above, under Industrial Property Office.			ext. 3129

Collective Management Societies:

Information not available.

**III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**Industrial Property Tribunal

Information not available.

Copyright Tribunal

Information not available.

Other

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court  
As above, under Sources for Information on National Laws.

*Contact point:*

Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Legal Affairs, Labour and Carib Affairs  
As above, under Supervisory Ministry for Industrial Property.

**IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

None.

## V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 1999:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	4	192	
	non-residents	(residents and non-residents)	(residents and non-residents)	
Grants to:	residents			
	non-residents			

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Applications by residents and non-residents: 89,134 (non-residents only)  
 Grants to residents and non-residents: Information not available.