

ESTONIA (EE)



I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Capital: Tallinn
Population: 1,355,000

Patents:

- Patent Act, March 1994, in force since May 1994, as last amended in November 1998, with effect from December 1998.

Trade Marks:

- Trademark Act, August 1992, in force since October 1992, as last amended in December 1997, with effect from January 1998.

Industrial Designs:

- Industrial Design Protection Act, November 1997, in force since January 1998, as last amended in November 1998, with effect from March 1999.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Copyright Act, November 1992, as last amended in February 1999.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright (Copyright Act, Chapter VIII).

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Utility Models:

- Utility Model Act, March 1994, in force since May 1994, as last amended in February 2000.

Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source:

- Geographical Indication Protection Act.

Unfair Competition:

- Competition Act, December 1997, entered into force January 1998, as last amended October 1999, with effect from October 1999.

Protection of Undisclosed Information:

- Databases Act, March 1997, as last amended January 1999.

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- Layout-Design of Integrated Circuits Protection Act, November 1998, in force since March

1999.

Plant Variety Protection:

- Plant Variety Rights Act, March 1998, as last amended January 2000.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

State Chancellery Lossi plats 1a 15161 Tallinn <i>Title of Head:</i> Chancellor of State	Tel.: (372) 631.67.38 Fax: (372) 631.69.14 Internet website: http://www.riik.ee/chancellery
Estonian Law Centre Foundation Lossi 19 51003 Tartu	Tel.: (372) 730.04.60 Fax: (372) 730.04.70 Internet website: http://www.lc.ee/
Estonian Translation and Legislative Support Centre Tõnismägi 8 10119 Tallinn <i>Title of Head:</i> Director	Tel.: (372) 693.51.00 Fax: (372) 646.10.75 E-mail: keskus@legaltext.ee
Publisher of Riigi Teataja (State Gazette) Lossi plats 1a 15163 Tallinn <i>Title of Head:</i> Head of Editorial Staff	Tel.: (372) 631.68.42 631.68.66 Fax: (372) 631.68.71 E-mail: teataja@rk.ee

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since February 1994.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since August 1994.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since October 1994.
- PCT (Patents), since August 1994
- PLT (Patent Law Treaty), since April 2005.
- Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), since November 1998.
- Singapore Treaty (International Law of Trademarks), since August 2009.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since May 1996.
- Locarno Agreement (International Classification for Industrial Designs), since October 1996.
- Strasbourg Agreement (International Patent Classification), since February 1997.
- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations), since April 2000.
- Geneva Convention (Unauthorized Duplication of Phonograms), since May 2000.
- Budapest Treaty (Deposit of Micro-organisms), since September 1996.
- Nairobi Treaty (Olympic Symbol), since June 2006.
- TLT (Trademarks), since January 2003.

b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since November 1999.

c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: UPOV

- Member of UPOV, since September 2000.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Economic Affairs
Harju 11
15072 Tallinn

Title of Head: Minister of Economic Affairs

Tel.: (372) 625.63.04
Fax: (372) 631.36.60
E-mail: Kantselei@mineco.ee

Industrial Property Office:

The Estonian Patent Office
Toompuiestee 7
15041 Tallinn

Title of Head: Director General

Tel.: (372) 627.79.00
(Director General)
627.79.23
(Patents)
627.79.29
(Trademarks)
Fax: (372) 645.13.42
E-mail: patendiamet@epa.ee

2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Culture
Suur – Karja 23
15076 Tallinn

Title of Head: Minister of Culture

Tel.: (372) 628 22 49
Fax: (372) 628 22 00
E-mail: hinnok@kul.ee
Internet website: <http://www.kul.ee>

Copyright Office:

Ministry of Culture
Media Division
As above, under Supervisory Ministry.

Title of Head: Head of Division

Collective Management Societies:

Estonian Authors Society
Toompuiestee 7
15041 Tallinn

Title of Head: Managing Director

Tel.: (372) 646.02.72
Fax: (372) 646.02.73
E-mail: eau@teleport.ee
Internet website: <http://www.eauthors.ee>

Estonian Drama Agency Suur-Karja 23 15076 Tallinn <i>Title of Head:</i> Managing Director	Tel.: (372) 628.23.42 Fax: (372) 628.23.44 E-mail: ena@kul.ee Internet website: http://www.kul.ee/
Estonian Association of Producers of Phonograms Postkast 417 EE0090 Tallinn <i>Title of Head:</i> Managing Director	Tel.: (372) 518.58.88 Fax: (372) 524.20.00 E-mail: efy@infonet.ee
Estonian Film Distributors Association Mustamäe tee 50 10621 Tallinn <i>Title of Head:</i> Managing Director	Tel.: (372) 505.72.66 Fax: (372) 656.39.56 E-mail: eampd@online.ee

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

Contact points for Industrial Property:

As above, under Supervisory Ministry for
Industrial Property.

Contact Official: Ms. Maret Veiner
Executive Officer

E-mail: mveiner@mineco.ee

As above, under Industrial Property Office.

Contact Official: Mr. Matti Päts
Director General

The Tallinn City Court
Liivalaia 24
15034 Tallinn
Title of Head: Chairman

Tel.: (372) 620.01.10
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Ministry of Economic Affairs
Harju 11
15072 Tallinn
Contact Official: Ms. Anneli Andresson

Tel.: (372) 625.64.05
Fax: (372) 631.36.60
E-mail: aandresson@mineco.ee

Copyright Tribunal*Contact point for copyright and related rights:*

Ministry of Culture

As above, under Supervisory Ministry for

Copyright

Title of Head: Chairman*Contact Official:* Ms. Kärt Hinnok

Senior Specialist on Copyright Issues

In Estonia, there are no specific copyright courts. Copyright cases are handled in the General court system:

City courts (criminal and civil cases)

Circuit Courts (court of appeal)

The Supreme Court (court of cassation)

 City Court of Tallinn

As above, under Industrial Property Tribunal

Tel.: (372) 620.00.02

Fax: (372) 620.00.00

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 Tallinn Administrative Court

Pärnu mnt 7

15082 Tallinn

Tel.: (372) 628.27.20

Fax: (372) 628.27.37

E-mail: talhk@talhk.just.ee

 Tallinn District Court

Pärnu mnt 7

15084 Tallinn

Tel.: (372) 628.27.50

Fax: (372) 628.27.90

E-mail: talrk@talrk.just.ee

 Supreme Court of the Republic of Estonia

Lossi 17

50093 Tartu

Tel.: (372) 744.14.11

Fax: (372) 744.14.33

E-mail: nc@nc.eeInternet website: <http://www.nc.ee>

There are more city and circuit courts in Estonia. Only relevant courts in the capital of Estonia are listed as examples. The Supreme Court is not located in Tallinn. More information regarding courts can be provided by the Courts Division of the Ministry of Justice:

Ministry of Justice

Courts Division

Tõnismägi 5a

15191 Tallinn

Tel.: (372) 620.82.88

Fax: (372) 620.81.09

Other

Contact point for enforcement issues concerning intellectual property:

Estonian Customs Board
Enforcement Department
Control Division
Lökke 5
15175 Tallinn

Title of Head: Director General

Tel.: (372) 696.77.22
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E-mail: toll@customs.ee

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Control Division
Enforcement Department
Estonian Customs Board
Lökke 5
15175 Tallinn

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Penal Law Department
Ministry of Justice
As above, under Copyright Tribunal (last entry)
Contact Official: Ms. Ülle Raig
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Tartu Department
Ministry of Justice
Raekoja Plats 12
51004 Tartu

Contact Official: Ms. Kai Kullerkupp
Councillor

Tel.: (372) 744.13.90

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E-mail: kai@tartuos.just.ee

Contact point for competition issues concerning intellectual property:

The Competition Board
External and Public Relations Department
Kohtu Street 8
15184 Tallinn

Contact Officials: Ms. Aime Võsu, Head
Ms. Kristi Reitsak, Deputy Head
Ms. Evelin Kuuse, Chief Specialist

Tel.: (372) 611.39.61

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E-mail: evelin.kuuse@konkurentsiamet.ee

Contact point for issues related to plant varieties:

Plant Production Inspectorate
71024 Viljandi
Contact Official: Ms. Pille Ardel
Head of Variety Protection Department

Tel.: (372) 43.34.650
Fax: (372) 43.34.650
E-mail: pille@matti.ee

Estonian Police Board
Pagari 1
15060 Tallinn
Title of Head: Director General

Tel.: (372) 612.30.01
Fax: (372) 612.41.61
E-mail: www@pol.ee
Internet website: <http://www.pol.ee/>

Central Criminal Police
As above, under Estonian Police Board
Title of Head: Director

Tel.: (372) 612.37.05
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E-mail: kkp@pol.ee

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

University of Tartu
Ülikooli 18
50090 Tartu
Title of Head: Rector

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Internet website: <http://www.ut.ee>

The Institute of Law
Tõnismägi 2
10122 Tallinn
Title of Head: Rector

Fax: (372) 630.73.85
E-mail: lawinst@online.ee
Internet website:
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Ehitajate tee 5
19086 Tallinn
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V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2002 and 2005:

		Patents (direct filings)	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs (2002)
Applications by:	residents	23	1,266	32
	non-residents	6	471	114
Grants to:	residents	75		33
	non-residents	4	1,620	98

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Applications by residents and non-residents:

9 (National Phase Entries)

Grants to residents and non-residents:

Information not available

Madrid System-2005

International Registrations:

Total applications: 3,544 (non-residents only)

Total registrations: 3,206 (non-residents only)