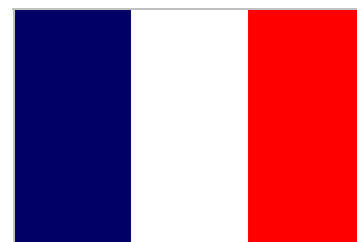


FRANCE (FR)



I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Capital: Paris
Population: 59,165,000

Patents:

- Law No. 92-597, July 1992, on the Intellectual Property Code, as last amended by Decree No. 96103, February 1996.

Trade Marks:

- Decree on Trademarks and Service Marks No. 92-100, January 1992.
As above, under Patents.

Industrial Designs:

As above, under Patents.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Law No. 92-597, July 1992, on the Intellectual Property Code, as last amended by Law No. 95-04 of January 1995.
- Law No. 97-283, March 1997 (harmonisation of the French Law with European Directives 93/83 and 93/98).
- Decree No. 97-1316, December 1997.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright (Law No. 92-597 and its last amendment).

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Utility Models

As above, under Patents.

- ##### d. Sources for Information on National Laws
- Information not available.

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since October 1974.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since July 1884.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since December 1887.

- PCT (Patents), since February 1978.
 - PLT (Patent Law Treaty), Signatory since September 2000.
 - Madrid Agreement (International Registration of Marks), since July 1892.
 - Madrid Agreement (False or Deceptive Indications of Source on Goods), July 1892.
 - Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), since November 1997.
 - Hague Agreement (International Deposit of Industrial Designs), since October 1930.
 - Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since April 1961.
 - Lisbon Agreement (Appellations of Origin), since September 1966.
 - Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations), since July 1987.
 - Locarno Agreement (International Classification for Industrial Designs), since September 1975.
 - Strasbourg Agreement (International Patent Classification), since October 1975.
 - Geneva Convention (Unauthorized Duplication of Phonograms), since April 1973.
 - Vienna Agreement (International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks), since August 1985.
 - Budapest Treaty (Deposit of Micro-organisms), since August 1980.
 - TLT (Trademarks), since December 2006.
- b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since January 1995.
- c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: EPO, EU-OHIM, UCC, UPOV.
- Member of EPO since October 1977.
 - Member of EU since March 1957.
 - Member of UCC since October 1955.
 - Member of UPOV since October 1971.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

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télécommunications*
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Trademarks Division:

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F-92016 Nanterre Cédex

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Fax: (33.1) 49.01.07.37

Office of Industrial Designs and Models:

13bis, rue de l'Épargne
F-60200 Compiègne

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Title of Head: Director General

2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

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Ministry of Culture and Francophone Affairs
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F-75001 Paris

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Title of Head: Minister of Culture and
Francophone Affairs

Copyright Office:

Direction de l'administration générale
Directorate of General Administration
Sous-direction des affaires juridiques
Under-Directorate of Legal Affairs
Bureau de la propriété littéraire et artistique
Office of Literary and Artistic Property
Ministry of Culture and Francophone Affairs.

Tel.: (33.1) 40.15.38.66
(Head of Office of Literary
and Artistic Property)

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Titles of Heads: Deputy Director of Legal
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Head of Office of Literary and Artistic Property

Collective Management Societies:

Information not available.

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

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 Ministry of Culture (DAG) Fax: (33.1) 40.15.77.79

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 75002 Paris

Contact Official: Mrs. de Montluc

Copyright Tribunal

As above, under Industrial Property Tribunal.

Other

Information not available.

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Information not available.

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2002 and 2005:

		Patents (direct filings)	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs (2002)
Applications by:	residents	13,990	63,710	6,091
	non-residents	2,950	3,252	1,832
Grants to:	residents			59,774
	non-residents			3,986

PCT –2001 (Figures given for the EPO filed under the PCT)

Applications by residents and non-residents: 56,690 (3,988 residents, 52,702 non-residents)

Grants to residents and non-residents: 18,080 (1,142 residents, 16,938 non-residents)

Madrid System-2005

International Registrations:

Total applications: 8,602 (non-residents only)

Total registrations: 8,517 (non-residents only)

The Hague System-2002

International Registrations:

Total applications: Information not available.

Total registrations: 18,539 (2,734 residents, 15,805 non-residents)