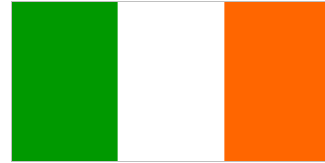


IRELAND (IE)



I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Capital: Dublin
Population: 3,833,000

Patents:

- Patent Act No. 1, February 1992.
- Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act No. 28, July 1998.

Trade Marks:

- Trade Marks Act No. 6, March 1996.

Industrial Designs:

- Industrial and Commercial Property (Protection) Act No. 16, May 1927, as last amended by Industrial and Commercial Property (Protection) (Amendment) Act No. 21 of 1958.
- Designs and Trade Marks International Arrangements (Amendment) Order, 2996 (S.I. No. 37), 1996.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Copyright Act No. 10, April 1963.
- Copyright (Amendment) Act No. 24, December 1987.
- Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act No. 28, July 1998.
- Copyright and Related Rights Act No. 28, 2000.

Related Rights:

- Performers' Protection Act No. 19, July 1968.
As above, under Copyright (Act No. 28 of 2000).

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source:

Protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for foodstuffs, spirits and certain wine-based products:

- Irish Whiskey Act No. 33, December 1980.
- European Communities (Definition, Description, and Presentation of Spirit Drinks) Regulations, November 1995 (SI No. 300 of 1995).
- European Communities (Protection of Geographical Indications and Designations of Origin for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs) Regulations, June 1995 (SI No. 148 of 1995).
- European Communities (Definition, Description, and Presentation of Spirit Drinks) (Amendment) Regulations, 1996 (SI No. 60 of 1996).
- European Communities (Protection of Geographical Indications and Designations of Origin for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs) (Amendment) Regulations, 1999 (SI No. 275 of 1999).
- European Communities (Definition, Description, and Presentation of Spirit Drinks)

(Amendment) Regulations, January 1998 (SI No. 7 of 1998).

- European Communities (Definition, Description and Presentation of aromatized wines, aromatized wine based drinks and aromatized wine product cocktails) Regulations, July 1998 (SI No. 254 of 1998).

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Patents Office

As below, under Industrial Property Office.

Intellectual Property Unit

Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment

As below, under Supervisory Ministry for

Industrial Property.

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since April 1970.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since December 1925.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since October 1927.
- PCT (Patents), since August 1992.
- PLT (Patent Law Treaty), Signatory since May 2001.
- Madrid Agreement (False or Deceptive Indications of Source on Goods), since December 1925.
- Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), from October 2001.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since December 1966.
- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations), since September 1979.
- Locarno Agreement (International Classification for Industrial Designs), since April 1971.
- Strasbourg Agreement (International Patent Classification), since October 1975.
- Budapest Treaty (Deposit of Micro-organisms), since December 1999.
- TLT (Trademarks), since October 1999.

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 August 1992.
- Member of EU since January 1973.
- Member of UCC since October 1958.
- Member of UPOV since November 1981.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment
 Earlsfort Centre
 Lower Hatch Street
 Dublin 2
Title of Head: Principal Officer, Intellectual
 Property Unit Department of Enterprise, Trade
 & Employment

Tel.: (353.1) 631.21.21
 Fax: (353.1) 631.25.61
 E-mail: tony_mcgrath@entemp.ie
 Internet website: <http://www.entemp.ie>

Industrial Property Office:

Main Office:

Patents Office
 Government Buildings
 Hebron Road
 Kilkenny

Title of Head: Controller of Patents, Designs and
 Trade Marks

Tel.: (353.5) 62.01.11
 Fax: (353.5) 62.01.00
 E-mail: patlib@entemp.ie
 Internet website: www.patentsoffice.ie

Dublin Office:

Patents Office Information Centre
 Ground Floor
 The Earlsfort Centre
 Lower Hatch Street
 Dublin 2

Title of Head: Controller of Patents, Designs and
 Trade Marks

Tel.: (353.1) 631.26.03
 Fax: (353.1) 631.25.51

2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

As above, under Supervisory Ministry for
 Industrial Property.

Copyright Office:

As above, under Supervisory Ministry for
 Industrial Property.

Collective Management Societies:

Irish Music Rights Organisation (IMRO)
 Copyright House
 Pembroke Row
 Lower Baggot Street
 Dublin 2

Title of Head: Chief Executive Officer

Tel.: (353.1) 661.48.44
 Fax: (353.1) 676.31.25
 E-mail: info@imro.ie
 Internet website: <http://www.imro.ie>

Phonographic Performance Ireland Ltd. (PPI) Tel.: (353.1) 280.59.77
 PPI House Fax: (353.1) 280.65.79
 1 Corrig Avenue E-mail: info@ppiltd.com
 Dun Laoghaire
 Co. Dublin
Title of Head: Chief Executive

Mechanical Copyright Protection Society (Ireland) Ltd. (MCPS) Tel.: (353.1) 676.69.40
 Fax: (353.1) 661.13.16
 E-mail elaine.sharkey@mcps.co.uk
 Internet website: www.mcps.co.uk
 Pembroke Row
 Lower Baggot Street
 Dublin 2
Title of Head: Managing Director

The Irish Copyright Licensing Agency Ltd. (ICLA) Tel.: (353.1) 872.92.02
 Fax: (353.1) 872.20.35
 E-mail: icla@esatlink.com
 The Irish Writers' Centre
 19 Parnell Square
 Dublin 1
Title of Head: Executive Director

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

Contact points:
 Intellectual Property Unit Tel.: (353.1) 661.44.44
 Department of Enterprise and Employment Fax: (353.1) 67.26.54
 Kildare Street Internet website: <http://www.entemp.ie>
 Dublin 2
Contact Official : Mr. Jack Thompson

Controller of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks
 As above, under Industrial Property Office.

Patents Office
 As above, under Industrial Property Office.

Copyright Tribunal

As above, under Industrial Property Tribunal.

Other

Contact point for customs:
 Customs Procedures A Branch Tel.: (353.1) 679.27.77
 Revenue Commissioners Fax: (353.1) 671.87.19
 Castle House
 South Great Georges Street
 Dublin 2
Contact Official: Mr. Anthony Murphy

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

There is no specific course in Ireland on intellectual property. The following Irish Universities include intellectual property as a subject within general courses on law:

University College Dublin	Tel.:	(353.1)	716.83.42
Faculty of Law	Fax:	(353.1)	269.26.55
Belfield			
Dublin 4			

Trinity College Dublin	Tel.:	(353.1)	608.11.25
School of Law	Fax:	(353.1)	677.04.49
College Green			
Dublin 2			

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2002 and 2005:

		Patents (direct filings)	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs (2002)
Applications by:	residents	789	1,506	70
	non-residents	75	1,171	344
Grants to:	residents		2,338	45
	non-residents		3,649	230

PCT – Filed by EPO-2002

Applications by residents and non-residents: 51,630 (101 residents, 51,529 non-residents)

Grants to residents and non-residents: 3,889 (19 residents, 3,870 non-residents)

Madrid System-2005

International Registrations:

Total applications: 3,649 (non-residents only)

Total registrations: 3,322 (non-residents only)