

NICARAGUA (NI)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation



a. Industrial Property

Capital: Managua
Population: 5,202,000

Patents:

- Law of patents for invention, October 1899, as amended by the Law of July 1926.
- Law of July 1935, on the establishment of the Industrial Property Registry, and its modifications by Decree-Law No. 2-L, April 1968 and Decree-Law No. 6-L, April 1968
- Ley No. 290 de 1998 sobre organización, competencia y procedimiento del poder ejecutivo.
- Law No. 354, on Patents, Utility Models and Industrial Design.

Trade Marks:

- Law No. 380, on Trademarks and Other Distinctive Signs.

Industrial Designs:

As above, under Patents.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Law No. 312 on Copyright and Neighbouring Rights, August 1999.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Utility Models:

As above, under Patents (Law No. 354).

Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source:

As above, under Trademarks (Central American Convention of 1968).

Unfair Competition:

As above, under Trademarks (Central American Convention of 1968).

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- Law No. 324, Protection of Layout Designs of Integrated Circuits.

Plant Variety Protection:

- Law No. 318 of October 1999.

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

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since May 1985.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since July 1996.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since August 2000.
- PCT (Patents), since March 2003.
- Lisbon Agreement (Appellations of Origin), since June 2006.
- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations), since August 2000.
- Geneva Convention (Unauthorized Duplication of Phonograms), since August 2000.
- Brussels Convention (Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite), since August 1979.
- Budapest Treaty (Deposit of Micro-organisms), since August 2006.
- WCT (WIPO Copyright Treaty), since March 2003.
- WPPT (WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty), since March 2003.

- b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since September 1995.

c. Membership of Other bodies/treaties: UCC, UPOV.

- Member of UCC since May 1961.
- Member of UPOV since September 2001.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministerio de Fomento, Industria y Comercio
Ministry of Economic Development,
Industry and Commerce
Dirección General de Competencia y
Transparencia de Mercados
General Directorate for Industry
Costado Este del Hotel Intercontinental
Metrocentro
Managua
Title of Head: Minister of Economic
Development, Industry and Commerce

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Industrial Property Office:*Oficina de Propiedad Industrial*

Industrial Property Office

As above, under Supervisory Ministry.

Title of Head: Director

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<http://www.rpi.gob.ni>**2. Copyright and Related Rights**Supervisory Ministry:*Oficina Nacional de Derecho de Autor*As above, under Supervisory Ministry for
Industrial Property.Copyright Office:

As above, under Industrial Property Office.

Collective Management Societies:

None.

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

Civil District Courts

Appeal Courts

Supreme Court of Justice

Copyright Tribunal

Information not available.

Other*Contact points:*

As above under Supervisory Ministry and

Industrial Property Office.

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Information not available.

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2000:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	14	1,142	
	non-residents	129	4,204	
Grants to:	residents	7	404	
	non-residents	129	2,490	

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Applications by residents and non-residents:

50 (non-residents only)

Grants to residents and non-residents:

Information not available.