

## PHILIPPINES (PH)



### I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

#### 1. National Legislation

##### a. Industrial Property

**Capital:** Manila  
**Population:** 77,015,000

##### Patents:

- Republic Act No. 8293, the Intellectual Property Rights Code of the Philippines, adopted in June 1997, and in force in January 1998.
- Rules and Regulations on Inventions, December 1998.

##### Trade Marks:

- Rules and Regulations on Trademarks, Service Marks, Trade Names and Marked or Stamped Containers, September 1998.
- Office Order Nos. 17, December 1998 and 8, June 2000, amending the Rules and Regulations on Trademarks, Service Marks, Trade Names and Marked or Stamped Containers.  
As above, under Patents (Republic Act No. 8293).

##### Industrial Designs:

- Rules and Regulations on Utility Models and Industrial Designs, December 1998.  
As above, under Patents (Republic Act No. 8293).

##### b. Copyright and Related Rights

##### Copyright:

- Copyright Safeguards and Regulations.  
As above, under Patents (Republic Act No. 8293).

##### Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

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

##### Utility Models:

As above, under Industrial Designs.

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

As above, under Patents (Republic Act No. 8293), and Trade Marks (Rules and Regulations on Trademarks, Service Marks, Trade Names and Marked or Stamped Containers).

Transfer of Technology:

- Rules and Regulations on Settlement of Disputes Involving Technology Transfer Payments and the Terms of a License Involving the Author's Right to Public Performance or Other Communication of his Work, October 1998.
- Rules and Regulations on Voluntary Licensing, October 1998.

Computer Programs

- Republic Act No. 8792, Electronic Commerce Act, June 2000.

Protection of Undisclosed Information:

As above, under Patents (Republic Act No.8293).

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- Republic Act No 9150, an Act providing for the Protection of Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrate Circuits, amending certain sections of RA 8293, IP Code.

Plant Variety Protection:

- Republic Act No 9168, an Act to Provide Protection to New Plant Varieties, Establishing National Plant Variety Protection Board, June 2002.

Miscellaneous

- Republic Act No 9329, the Optical Media Law, Regulating Optical Media, March 2004.

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

Intellectual Property Office	Tel.:	(63.2)	88.97.17.41
Bureau of Legal Affairs			88.90.02.71
3rd Floor, Intellectual Property Office Bldg.			88.90.51.21
As below, under Intellectual Property Office	Fax:	(63.2)	88.90.49.36
<i>Title of Head:</i> Director General	E-mail:		<a href="mailto:ipo@dti.gov.ph">ipo@dti.gov.ph</a>
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House of Representatives	Tel.:	(63.2)	89.31.50.71
Constitutional Hill	Fax:	(63.2)	89.31.64.37
Quezon City			
<i>Title of Head:</i> Speaker of the House			
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Senate of the Philippines	Tel.:	(63.2)	85.52.66.01 ext.
5/F, GSIS Building, Financial Center			55.56/55.57
Pasay 1300, Roxas Boulevard			85.52.67.80
<i>Title of Head:</i> Senate President	Fax:	(63.2)	85.52.68.78
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Office of National Administrative Register	Fax:	(63.2)	89.27.71.80
UP Law Complex			
Bocobo Hall, Quezon City			
<i>Title of Head:</i> Director			

The National Library  
As below, under Copyright Office

## 2. Membership of International Bodies

### a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since July 1980.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since September 1965.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since August 1951.
- PCT (Patents), since August 2001.
- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations), since September 1984.
- Budapest Treaty (Deposit of Micro-organisms), since October 1981.
- WCT (WIPO Copyright Treaty), since October 2002.
- WPPT (WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty), since October 2002.

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

### c. Membership of Other bodies/treaties: APEC, ASEAN, UCC.

- Member of APEC since November 1989.
- Member of ASEAN since August 1967.
- Member of UCC since August 1955.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

### 1. Industrial Property

#### Supervisory Ministry:

Department of Trade and Industry  
365 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue  
Makati City 3117  
*Title of Head:* Secretary

Tel.: (63.2) 733.24.85  
733.30.10  
Fax: (63.2) 733.74.46

#### Industrial Property Office:

Intellectual Property Office  
IPO Building  
351 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue  
Makati City 3117  
*Title of Head:* Director General

Tel.: (63.2) 752.54.50 to 65  
Fax: (63.2) 890.48.65  
E-mail: [mail@ipophil.gov.ph](mailto:mail@ipophil.gov.ph)  
Internet website: <http://ipophil.gov.ph>

## 2. Copyright and Related Rights

### Supervisory Ministry:

National Commission on Culture and the Arts of the Office of the President No. 633 General Luna Street Intramuros 1002, Manila <i>Title of Head:</i> Executive Director	Tel.: (63.2) 85.27.21.98 Fax: (63.2) 85.27.21.94
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### Copyright Office:

The National Library P.O. Box 2926 T.M. Kalaw Street Ermita 1000 Manila <i>Title of Head:</i> Director	Tel.: (63.2) 525.17.48 525.31.96 Fax: (63.2) 524.23.29 E-mail: <a href="mailto:director@nlp.gov.ph">director@nlp.gov.ph</a> Internet website
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### Collective Management Societies:

Filipino Society of Composers, Authors, & Publishers, Inc. (FILSCAP) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Consuelo Building 1365 E. Rodríguez Avenue Quezon City <i>Title of Head:</i> Manager	Tel.: (63.2) 87.22.69.81 to 86 84.11.11.15 Fax: (63.2) 87.22.94.50
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Philippine Association Record Industry, Inc. (PARI) Suites 1020-1024, V.V. Soliven Building Edsa, San Juan <i>Title of Head:</i> President	Tel.: (63.2) 87.25.07.70 87.22.80.14 Fax: (63.2) 87.25.07.86
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The Phonogram Producers and Performers Society of the Philippines Unit 24 P.B. 24/F Eisenhower Condominium Eisenhower Street Greenhills, San Juan <i>Title of Head:</i> President	Tel.: (63.2) 723.18.45 Tel/fax: (63.2) 723.17.65 E-mail: <a href="mailto:prsp@i.-manila.com.ph">prsp@i.-manila.com.ph</a>
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## III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **Industrial Property Tribunal**

<i>Contact point:</i> Intellectual Property Office As above, under Industrial Property Office.	Tel.: (63.2) 752.54.50 to 65 Fax: (63.2) 897.17.24 E-mail: <a href="mailto:carmen.peralta@ipophil.gov.ph">carmen.peralta@ipophil.gov.ph</a>
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Court of Appeals  
 Maria Orosa St.  
 Ermita, Manila 1000

Tel.: (63.2) 850.12.41

Supreme Court of the Philippines  
 Padre Faura St. Corner Taft Avenue  
 Ermita, Manila 1000  
*Title of Head:* Director

Tel.: (63.2) 521.72.23  
 Fax: (63.2) 521.72.23  
 E-mails: [sclb@supremecourt.gov.ph](mailto:sclb@supremecourt.gov.ph)  
 Internet website:  
[www.supremecourt.gov.ph](http://www.supremecourt.gov.ph)

**Selected Regional Trial Courts (with branches throughout the Philippines):**

Manila Regional Trial Court  
 City Hall, Taft Avenue  
 Manila 1000

Tel.: (63.2) 840.20.15

Makati Regional Trial Court  
 Justice Hall, F. Zobel St.  
 Makati City 1200

Tel.: (63.2) 888.71.23

Pasay Regional Trial Court  
 City Hall Building, F.B. Harrison St.  
 Pasay City 1300

Tel.: (63.2) 88.33.88.17  
 88.31.11.09

Kalookan Regional Trial Court  
 Genato Bldg. 12<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
 Corner Rizal Ave. Extension

Tel.: (63.2) 83.61.03.15

Kalookan City 1400  
 Pasig Regional Trial Court  
 Justice Hall Bldg., Capitol Compound  
 Pasig City 1600

Tel.: (63.2) 86.31.42.86

Quezon City Regional Trial Court  
 City Hall, Elliptical Road, Diliman  
 Quezon City 1100

Tel.: (63.2) 89.24.38.53

**Copyright Tribunal**

As above, under Industrial Property Tribunal.

**Other**

Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement Action  
 Panel (IPREAP)  
 As above, under Industrial Property Office

Optical Media Board 2F CSP Building 815 Quezon Avenue Quezon City		Tel.: (63.2) 83.74.13.91 Fax: (63.2) 83.73.05.40
Bureau of Customs Custom Bldg. Port Area, Manila 1002	_____	Tel.: (63.2) 85.27.45.22 847.44.21-24 846.16.59 Fax: (63.2) 85.27.45.78 85.30.09.66
Philippine National Police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group General Headquarters, Camp Crame Quezon City 1111	_____	Tel.: (63.2) 87.24.39.55 878.79.61-68 Fax: (63.2) 87.22.08.77

#### **IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Ateneo Law School Ateneo Professional School Rockwell Drive Center Makati City <i>Title of Head: Dean, School of Law</i>		Tel.: (63.2) 87.29.65.99 Fax: (63.2) 88.99.45.49
Manuel L. Quezon University School of Law Arlegui Street, Quiapo Manila <i>Title of Head: Dean, School of Law</i>	_____	Tel.: (63.2) 87.34.01.21
University of the Philippines College of Law Malcolm Hall, Diliman Quezon City 1101 <i>Title of Head: Dean, College of Law</i>	_____	Tel.: (63.2) 84.34.95.27 89.20.53.01-99 ext. 5856 Fax: (63.2) 89.29.71.56

**V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS**

Applications filed and/or registered for 2003 and 2005:

		Patents (direct filings)	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs (2003)
Applications by:	residents	150	7,031	667
	non-residents		5,526	343
Grants to:	residents		2,547	421
	non-residents		6,594	467

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Applications by residents and non-residents: 1,731 (National Phase Entries)  
 Grants to residents and non-residents: Information not available