

SINGAPORE (SG)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation



a. Industrial Property

Capital: Singapore
Population: 4,103,000

Patents:

- Singapore Patents Act No. 221, November 1994, as amended by the Patents Amendment Act of 1996, the Patents Amendment Act of 2001 (which took effect in January 2002), and the Patents Amendment Act (Commencement) Notification of 2002.
- Patent (Patent Agents) Rules of 2001, Patents (Amendment) Rules of 2002, and Patents (Amendment No. 2) Rules of 2002.

Trade Marks:

- Trade Marks Act No. 46, November 1998, in force since January 1999.
- Trademarks (Amendment) Rules, in force since October 2000, as amended by Trademarks (Amendment) Rules of 2001.
- Trademarks (International Registration) Rules, in force since October 2000.

Industrial Designs:

- Registered Designs Act, August 2000, in force since November 2000.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Copyright Act No. 2, April 1987, as last amended by the Copyright Amendment Act, February 1998, in force since April 1998. Copyright Amendment Bill presented August 2005.
- Copyright Amendment Regulations, April 1998.
- Copyright (Border Enforcement) Regulations, April 1998.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source:

- Geographical Indications Act No. 44, November 1998, in force since January 1999.

Protection of Undisclosed Information:

- Medicines (Amendment) Act, February 1998, in force since April 1998.
- Control of Plants (Amendment) Act, February 1998, in force since April 1998.

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- Layout Designs of Integrated Circuits Act (IC Act) No. 3, February 1999.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Registrar of the Supreme Court
(accessible data base)
Judiciary Supreme Court
St. Andrew's Road
Singapore 178957
Title of Head: Chief Justice

Tel.: (65) 618.00 – 63.38.10.34
Fax: (65) 63.37.94.50
E-mail: supcourt_qsm@supcourt.gov.sg

Attorney-General's Chambers
1 Coleman Street, #10-00
Singapore 179803
Title of Head: Attorney-General

Tel.: (65) 63.36.14.11
Fax: (65) 63.32.59.84
(Civil Division) 63.39.02.86
(Crime Division) 63.38.29.79
(International Affairs Division) 63.32.59.65
(Legislation Division)
Tel.: (65) 63.32.59.52
Fax: (65) 63.32.52.58
(Library)
E-mail: AGC@agc.gov.sg
Internet website:
<http://www.sgdi.gov.sg/>

2. Membership of International Bodies**a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:**

- WIPO Convention, since December 1990.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since February 1995.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since December 1998.
- PCT (Patents), since February 1995.
- Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), since October 2000.
- Singapore Treaty (Law of Trademarks), since March 2009.
- Hague Agreement (International Deposit of Industrial Designs), since April 2005.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since March 1999.
- Budapest Treaty (Deposit of Micro-organisms), since February 1995.
- WCT (WIPO Copyright Treaty), since April 2005.
- WPPT (WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty), since April 2005.

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

c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: APEC, ASEAN, UPOV

- Member of APEC since November 1989.

- Member of ASEAN since August 1967.
- Member of UPOV since July 2004.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Law

The Treasury

100 High Street #08-02

Singapore 179434

Title of Head: Minister for Law

Tel.: (65) 63.32.88.40

Fax: (65) 63.32.88.42

E-mail: contact@mlaw.gov.sg

Internet website:

<http://www.minlaw.gov.sg/>

Industrial Property Office:

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS)

51 Bras Basah Road

#04-01 Plaza by the Park

Singapore 189554

Title of Head: Director General

Tel.: (65) 63.30.27.20

63.39.86.16

Fax: (65) 63.39.02.52

Internet website: <http://www.ipos.gov.sg>

2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

As above, under Supervisory Ministry for Industrial Property.

Copyright Office:

As above, under Industrial Property Office.

Collective Management Societies:

National level:

Composers & Authors Society of Singapore Ltd.

(COMPASS)

37, Craig Road

Singapore 089675

Tel.: (65) 63.23.66.30

Fax: (65) 63.23.66.23

E-mail: copyrite@singnet.com.sg

Internet website:

<http://www.compass.org.sg>

Regional level:

Regional Office, CISAC:

International Confederation of Societies

of Authors & Composers (CISAC)

77A Duxton Road

Singapore 089536

Tel.: (65) 62.25.50.25

Fax: (65) 62.25.51.53

E-mail: cisac@cisac.org

Internet website: <http://www.cisac.org>

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

Courts

Magistrate's Court (first instance)

District courts

Supreme Court

Judiciary Supreme Court

As above, under Sources for Information on
National Laws.

Subordinate Courts

1 Havelock Square

Singapore 059724

Title of Head: Chief Justice

Tel.: (65) 65.34.54.34

Fax: (65) 64.35.51.22

(Crime Registry)

64.35.59.35

(Civil Registry)

64.35.59.13

(Administration)

Internet website:

<http://www.sgdi.gov.sg/>

Copyright Tribunal

Copyright Tribunal

(for settlements of disputes only)

The URA Centre

East Wing

45 Maxwell Road #01-11

Singapore 069118

Title of Head: President

Tel.: (65) 63.25.15.85

Fax: (65) 63.25.16.07

Other

Contact point:

The Singapore Trade Development Board

230 Victoria Street

#09-00 Bugis Junction Officer Tower

Singapore 188024

Tel.: (65) 63.37.66.28

Fax: (65) 63.37.68.98

Singapore Police Force

Commercial Crime Division

Pearl's Hill Terrace

Singapore 168977

Tel.: (65) 65.35.00.00

Fax: (65) 65.35.35.98

Internet website:

<http://www.spinet.gov.sg>

Major Fraud Branch
Commercial Crime Division
90 Eu Tong Sen Street
Singapore 059811

Tel.: (65) 64.35.80.84
Fax: (65) 63.24.15.27

IPR Warrant Unit, Commercial Crime Division
As above, under Major Fraud Branch.
Title of Head: Head of Department

Tel.: (65) 64.35.82.38
Fax: (65) 63.24.15.27

Criminal Investigation Department
As above, under Major Fraud Branch.
Title of Head: Director

Tel.: (65) 64.35.00.00
Fax: (65) 62.25.42.09

Customs Department
Customs & Excise Department
55 Newton Road
#10- 01 Revenue House
Singapore 307987
Title of Head: Director of Customs

Tel.: (65) 62.72.82.22
Fax: (65) 62.50.86.63
E-mail: CED_Email@ced.gov.sg
Internet website:
<http://www.customs.gov.sg/>

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

National University of Singapore
10 Kent Ridge Crescent
Singapore 119260

Tel.: (65) 67.75.66.66
Fax: (65) 67.78.52.81
Internet website:
<http://www.nus.edu.se/>

Nanyang Technological University
Nanyang Avenue
Singapore 639798

Tel.: (65) 67.91.17.44
Fax: (65) 67.91.84.94
Internet website: <http://www.ntu.edu.sg>

Nanyang Polytechnic
180 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 8
Singapore 569830

Tel.: (65) 64.51.51.15
Fax: (65) 64.52.51.15
E-mail:
mailto:NYP_Webmaster@NYP.gov.sg
Internet website: <http://www.nyp.lk.sg/>

Ngee Ann Polytechnic
535 Clementi Road
Singapore 569830

Tel.: (65) 64.66.65.55
Fax: (65) 64.68.73.26
Internet website: <http://www.np.edu.sg>

Temasek Polytechnic
21, Tampines Avenue
Singapore 529757

Tel.: (65) 67.80.59.66
Fax: (65) 67.89.81.85
E-mail: public-affairs@tp.ac.sg
Internet website:
<http://www.tp.edu.sg/>

Singapore Polytechnic
500 Dover Road
Singapore 529757

Tel.: (65) 67.75.11.33
Fax: (65) 67.72.19.71
Internet website: <http://www.sp.edu.sg>

IP Academy
2 Prince George's Park
Singapore 118401

Tel.: (65) 68.72.90.60
Fax: (65) 68.72.90.65
Internet website:
<http://www.ipacademy.edu.sg/>

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2003 and 2005:

		Patents (2005) (direct filings)	Trade Marks (2005)	Industrial Designs (2003)
Applications by:	residents	435		481
	non-residents	2,042	26,986	1,639
Grants to:	residents	417		460
	non-residents	1,598	21,688	1,833

PCT-2005

Applications by residents and non-residents: 6,128 (National Phase Entries)
Grants to residents and non-residents: 5,515 (138 residents, 5,377 non-residents)

Madrid System-2005

International Registrations:

Total applications: 6,139 (non-residents only)
Total registrations: 5,141 (non-residents only)