

ALBANIA (AL)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation



Capital: Tirana
Population: 3,441,000

a. Industrial Property

Patents:

- Law No. 7819 on Industrial Property, April 1994, as amended by Law No. 8477, April 1999.
- Penal Code, Civil Code, Penal Procedure Code, Civil Procedure Code, Customs Code Law No. 8449, January 1999.

Trade Marks:

As above, under Patents.

Industrial Designs:

As above, under Patents.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Law on Copyright No. 7564, May 1992, as amended by Law No. 7923, April 1995, by Law No. 8594, April 2000, and by Law No. 8630, July 2000.
- Council of Ministers Decision Act No. 309, June 2000, on “User’s Tariffs”.
- Penal Code, Civil Code, Penal Procedure Code, Civil Procedure Code.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source:

As above, under Patents.

Unfair Competition:

- Law No. 8044 on Competition, December 1995.

Protection of Undisclosed Information:

- Regulation of the Commission No. 2976 for the Verification of the Manufacturing Conditions on Pharmaceuticals, June 1998.
- Regulation No. 393 on registration of drugs in the Republic of Albania, January 1998, and its supplement of June 1999.

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- Law No. 8488 on Protection of Topographies of Integrated Circuits, May 1999.

Plant Variety Protection:

- Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 72, February 2001.
- Draft Law on Protection of Plant Varieties, to be approved by Parliament.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws
Official Gazette

2. Membership of International Bodiesa. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since June 1992.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since October 1995.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since March 1994.
- PCT (Patents), since October 1995.
- Madrid Agreement (International Registration of Marks), since October 1995.
- Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), since July 2.003
- Hague Agreement (International Deposit of Industrial Designs), since March 2007.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since September 2003
- Strasbourg Agreement (International Patent Classification), since July 2007.
- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations), since September 2000.
- Budapest Treaty (Deposit of Micro-organisms), since September 2003
- WPPT (WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty), since May 2002.

b. WTO: Member and Signatory to the TRIPS Agreement, since September 2000.c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: EPO.

- Extension State of EPO since February 1996.
- Member of UPOV, since October 2005.

II. ADMINISTRATION**1. Industrial Property**Supervisory Ministry:

Council of Ministers
Boulevard Deshmoret e Kombit
Tirana
Title of Head: Prime Minister

Industrial Property Office:

Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office
(ALPTO)
General Directorate of Patents and
Trademarks
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy
3, Bulevardi Zhan d' Ark
Tirana
Title of Head: Director

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2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports
 Boulevard Deshmoret e Kombit
 Drejtoria e Maredhenieve
 Nderkombetare
 Tirana
Title of Head: Minister of Culture, Youth
 and Sports

Tel.: (355.42) 27.918
 Fax: (355.42) 32.488

Copyright Office:

Legal and Copyright Department
 As above, under Supervisory Ministry for
 Copyright and Related Rights.
Title of Head: Director

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Collective Management Societies:

Albanian Authors' Society (ALBAUTHOR)
 Sami Frasheri Street, 20/1/1
 Tirana

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III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

None.

Copyright Tribunal

None.

Other

District Court of Tirana
 Court of Appeal of Tirana

Contact point:
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IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Tirana University
 Faculty of Law (CP)

School of Magistrates (Judges)

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2000:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	Residents	4		1
	non-residents	221		12
Grants to:	residents	4		1
	non-residents	186		10

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Applications by residents and non-residents:	89,821	(non-residents only)
Grants to residents and non-residents:		Information not available

Madrid System – 2005**International Registrations:**

Total applications:	2,730	(non-residents only)
Total registrations:	2,730	(non-residents only)