

## BHUTAN (BT)

### I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

#### 1. National Legislation

##### a. Industrial Property

###### Patents:

- The Industrial Property Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2001.

###### Trade Marks:

As above, under Patents.

###### Industrial Designs:

As above, under Patents.

##### b. Copyright and Related Rights

###### Copyright:

- The Copyright Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2001.

###### Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright

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

None.

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

Secretariat of the National Assembly	Tel.:	(975.2)	32.27.27 32.27.29 32.10.46
	Fax:	(975.2)	32.42.10
High Court of Bhutan	Tel.:	(975.2)	32.23.44 32.23.55 32.21.73
	Fax:	(975.2)	32.33.10



**Capital:** Thimphu  
**Population:** 828,000

#### 2. Membership of International Bodies

##### a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since March 1994.
- Paris Convention (Protection of Industrial Property), since August 2000.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since November 2004
- Madrid Agreement (International Registration of Marks), since August 2000.
- Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), since August 2000.

- b. WTO: Observer.
- c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: SAARC
- Member of SAARC since December 1985.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

### 1. Industrial Property

#### Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Trade and Industry	Tel.:	(975.2)	32.22.11
Royal Government of Bhutan			32.26.65
Thimphu	Fax:	(975.2)	32.11.45
<i>Title of Head</i> : Minister of Trade and Industry	E-mail:		<a href="mailto:kinchuk@druknet.net.bt">kinchuk@druknet.net.bt</a>

#### Industrial Property Office:

Registry of Industrial Property	Tel.:	(975.2)	32.56.09
Ministry of Trade and Industry			32.65.12
As above, under Supervisory Ministry.	Fax:	(975.2)	32.11.45
<i>Title of Head</i> : Registrar/Director	E-mail:		<a href="mailto:subarna@druknet.net.bt">subarna@druknet.net.bt</a>

### 2. Copyright and Related Rights

#### Supervisory Ministry:

As above, under Supervisory Ministry for Industrial Property.

#### Copyright Office:

The Copyright Office	Tel:	(975.2)	33.52.34/5
Ministry of Trade and Industry	Fax:	(975.2)	33.52.36
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#### Collective Management Societies:

None.

## III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

#### Industrial Property Tribunal

Judicial Courts.  
See High Court, as above, under Sources for Information on National Laws.

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Registry of Industrial Property  
As above, under Industrial Property Office.

#### Copyright Tribunal

None.

Other

Department of Revenue and Customs  
 Ministry of Finance  
 The Royal Bhutan Police

**IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

None.

**V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS**

Applications filed and/or registered from May 1997 to January 2002:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents		7	
	non-residents		2,020	
Grants to:	residents		1	
	non-residents		159	

**Madrid System – 2005**International Registrations:

Total applications: 909 (non-residents only)  
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