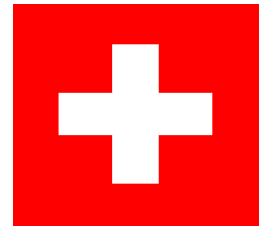


SWITZERLAND (CH)



I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Capital: Bern
Population: 7,209,000

Patents:

- Federal Law on Patents for Inventions (*RS/SR 232.14*), June 1954, as last amended in October 1998, currently under revision.
- Federal Ordinance on Patents for Inventions (*RS/SR 232.141*), August 1999, in force since January 2000.

Trade Marks:

- Federal Law on the Protection of Trademarks and Indications of Source (*RS/SR 232.11*), August 1992, as last amended in October 1996.
- Federal Ordinance on the Protection of Trade marks (*RS/SR 232.111*), December 1992, as last amended in September 1997.

Industrial Designs:

- Federal Law on Designs and Industrial Models (*RS/SR 232.12*), March 1900, as last amended in March 1995, currently under revision.
- Federal Ordinance on Designs and Industrial Models (*RS/SR 232.121*), July 1900, as last amended in October 1995.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Federal Law on Copyright and Neighbouring Rights (*RS/SR 231.1*), October 1992, as last amended in December 1994.
- Federal Ordinance on Copyright and Neighbouring Rights (*RS/SR 231.11*), April 1993, as last amended in October 1995.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source:

As above, under Trade Marks.

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- Federal Law on the Protection of Topographies of Semiconductor Products (*RS/SR 231.2*), October 1992.
- Federal Ordinance on the Protection of Topographies of Semiconductor Products (*RS/SR 232.21*), April 1993, last amended in October 1995.

Miscellaneous:

- Règlement sur les taxes de l'Institut Fédéral de la Propriété Intellectuelle, as last amended in August 1999, in force since January 2000.
- d. Sources for Information on National Laws
Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property
As below, under Industrial Property Office.

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

- WIPO Convention, since April 1970.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since July 1884.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since December 1887.
- PCT (Patents), since January 1978.
- PLT (Patent Law Treaty), since July 2008.
- Madrid Agreement (False or Deceptive Indications of Source on Goods), July 1892.
- Madrid Agreement (International Registration of Marks), since July 1892.
- Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), since May 1997.
- Singapore Treaty (Law of Trademarks), since March 2009.
- Hague Agreement (International Deposit of Industrial Designs), since June 1928.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since August 1962.
- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations), since September 1993.
- Locarno Agreement (International Classification for Industrial Designs), since April 1971.
- Strasbourg Agreement (International Patent Classification), since October 1975.
- Geneva Convention (Unauthorized Duplication of Phonograms), since September 1993.
- Brussels Convention (Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite), since September 1993.
- Budapest Treaty (Deposit of Micro-organisms), since August 1981.
- TLT (Trademarks), since May 1997.
- WCT (WIPO Copyright Treaty), since July 2008.
- WPPT (WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty), since July 2008.

b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since July 1995.**c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: EPO, UCC, UPOV.**

- Member of EPO since October 1977.
- Member of UCC since December 1955.
- Member of UPOV since July 1977.

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

Swiss Federal Department of Justice and Police
Bundeshaus West
CH-3003 Bern

Tel.: (41.31) 322.40.53
Fax: (41.31) 322.78.32
E-mail: webmaster@gs-ejpd.admin.ch

Title of Head: Minister of Justice and Police

Internet website:

<http://www.ejpd.admin.ch>

Industrial Property Office:

Institut fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle
Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property
Stauffacherstrasse 65
CH-3003 Bern
Title of Head: Director

Tel.: (41.31) 377.77.77

Fax: (41.31) 377.77.78

E-mail: info@ipi.ch

Internet website: www.ige.ch

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:

Swiss Society for the Rights of Authors of Musical Works (SUISA)
Bellariastrasse 82
Postfach 782
CH-8038 Zürich

Tel.: (41.1) 485.66.66

Fax: (41.1) 482.43.33

or:

Av. du Grammont 11bis
Case postale
CH-1000 Lausanne

Tel.: (41.21) 614.32.32

Fax: (41.21) 614.32.42

E-mail: suisa@SUISA.ch

Internet website: <http://www.suisa.ch>

Swiss Authors' Rights Society for Audiovisual Works (SUISSIMAGE)
Neuengasse 23
Postfach
3001 Bern

Tel.: (41.31) 312.11.06

Fax: (41.31) 311.21.04

or:

Rue St-Laurent 33
CH-1003 Lausanne

Tel.: (41.21) 323.59.44

Fax: (41.21) 323.59.45

E-mail: mail@suissimage.ch

Internet website:

<http://www.suissimage.ch>

Swiss Copyright Society for Literature and Visual Arts (PROLITTERIS)
Universitätsstrasse 96
Postfach
CH-8033 Zürich

Tel.: (41.1) 368.15.15

Fax: (41.1) 368.15.68

Internet website:

<http://www.prolitteris.ch>

Swiss Society of Authors (SSA)	Tel.: (41.21) 313 44 55
Rue Centrale 12/14	Fax: (41.21) 313 44 56
Case postale 3893	E-mail: Info@ssa.ch
CH-1002 Lausanne	Internet website: http://www.ssa.ch

Swiss Society for Neighbouring Rights (SWISSPERFORM)	Tel.: (41.1) 261.50.10
Utoquai 43	Fax: (41.1) 260.41.35
Postfach 221	
CH-8024 Zürich	

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

Contact point for intellectual property rights:

Droit et Affaires internationales

Institut fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle

As above, under Industrial Property Office.

Contact Official: Mr. Felix Addor

Tel.: (41.31) 322.48.02

Fax: (41.31) 324.10.45

Courts of the first instance: there are 26 cantonal tribunals at the local level, on which information can be obtained from the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (see above, under Industrial Property Office).

At the federal level, the tribunal is:

The Swiss Federal Supreme Court

Av. Du Tribunal-fédéral 29

CH-1000 Lausanne 14

Tel.: (41.21) 318.91.11

Fax: (41.21) 323.37.00

Internet website: <http://www.bger.ch>

Copyright Tribunal

As above, under Industrial Property Tribunal.

Other

Contact point for general matters:

Secrétariat d'Etat à l'économie

Secteur OMC

Palais fédéral Est

CH-3003 Berne

Contact Official: Ms. M. Ineichen-Fleisch

Tel.: (41.31) 322.22.10

Fax: (41.31) 323.95.25

Contact point for border measures:

Direction générale des douanes

Division principale droit et redevances

Monbijoustrasse 40

CH-3003 Berne

Contact Official: Mr. Jörg Haudenschild

Tel.: (41.31) 322.65.98

Fax: (41.31) 323.92.79

