

LEBANON (LB)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Patents:

- Law No. 240 of August 2000.

Trade Marks:

- Decree No. 2385 of 1924, as revised by the Law of January 1946.

Industrial Designs:

As above, under Trade Marks.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Law No. 75 of April 1999.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Information not available.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Official Gazette for registration details.

For general information: www.economy.gov.lb

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since December 1986.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since September 1924.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since September 1947.
- PLT (Patent Law Treaty), Signatory since June 2000.
- Madrid Agreement (False or Deceptive Indications of Source on Goods), since September 1924.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since April 1961.
- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations), since August 1997.

b. WTO: Observer.



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- c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: UCC, EU Association Agreement (Euro-Med), EFTA.
- Member of UCC since July 1959.
 - Member of Euro-Med Agreement since March 2003.
 - European Free Trade Agreement since June 2004.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Economy and Trade
Hamra Street
Azariyeh Building/Down Town
Beirut

Tel.: (961.1) 98.22.92

98.23.42

Fax: (961.1) 98.23.69

Title of Head: Minister for Economy and Trade

Industrial Property Office:

Intellectual Property Protection Office
Ministry of Economy and Trade
As above, under Supervisory Ministry
Title of Head: Director

E-mail: s.faour@economy.gov.lb
(Director)

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:

*Société des auteurs, compositeurs et éditeurs de
musique au Liban (SACEM).*

Tel.: (961.1) 29.12.94/5

Fax: (961.1) 29.12.56

Furn El Chebak
Damas Street
Cinema Scala Building – 2nd Floor
Beirut

SACEM – France

Delegation of SACEM – France in Lebanon
As above, under SACEM-Liban.

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

Criminal and Civil Tribunal

Copyright Tribunal

Criminal and Civil Tribunal

Other

Provisional measures

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Some universities teach some courses but are not required to do so. Qualification with an Intellectual Property Certificate.

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2005:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	255	4,275	243
	non-residents	(residents and non-residents)	(residents and non-residents)	(residents and non-residents)
Grants to:	residents			
	non-residents			