

## SRI LANKA (LK)

### I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

#### 1. National Legislation

##### a. Industrial Property

###### Patents:

- Intellectual Property Act No. 36 of 2003.

###### Trade Marks:

As above, under Patents.

###### Industrial Designs:

As above, under Patents.

##### b. Copyright and Related Rights

###### Copyright:

As above, under Patents.

###### Related Rights:

As above, under Patents.

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

###### Administrative Procedures and Enforcement

- Gazette Extra Ordinary No. 60/20, October 1979, No. 579, February 1990, No. 873/10, June 1995, No. 994, September 1997, Regulations made under the Code of Intellectual Property Act No. 52, August 1979, with regard to the administration of items of intellectual property protection under the Code.
- High Court of the Provinces (Special Provisions) Act No. 10 of 1996, establishing a special first instance jurisdiction court for commercial matters and simplified appellate procedure.

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

Director of Intellectual Property  
National Intellectual Property Office  
As below, under Industrial Property Office.

### 2. Membership of International Bodies

#### a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since September 1978.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since December 1952.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since July 1959.
- PCT (Patents), since February 1982.
- Madrid Agreement (False or Deceptive Indications of Source on Goods), December 1952.
- Nairobi Treaty (Olympic Symbol), since February 1984.



**Capital:** Colombo  
**Population:** 19,649,000

- TLT (Trademarks), since August 1996.
- b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since January 1995.
- c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: UCC, SAARC
  - Member of UCC since October 1983.
  - Member of SAARC since December 1985.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

### 1. Industrial Property

#### Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry for Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Tel.:	(94.11)	243.79.77
“Rakshana Mandiraya”			232.65.30
Vauxhall Street	Fax:	(94.11)	244.79.68
Colombo 2	E-mail:		<a href="mailto:trade@tradenetsl.lk">trade@tradenetsl.lk</a>
<i>Title of Head:</i> Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs			

#### Industrial Property Office:

National Intellectual Property Office	Tel.:	(94.11)	268.93.68
“Samagam Medura”, 3rd Floor			268.87.68
400 D.R. Wijewardena Mawatha	Fax:	(94.11)	268.93.67
Colombo 10	E-mail:		<a href="mailto:nipos@sltnet.lk">nipos@sltnet.lk</a>
<i>Title of Head:</i> Director of Intellectual Property			
	Internet website:		<a href="http://www.nipo.gov.lk">http://www.nipo.gov.lk</a>

### 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:

Sri Lanka Performing Rights Society	Tel.:	(94.11)	251.85.73
85/2 Dehiwela Road	Fax:	(94.11)	269.67.80
Boralessgamuwa			

### III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

#### Industrial Property Tribunal

*Contact point:*

National Intellectual Property Office  
As above, under Industrial Property Office.

*Contact Official:* Mr. G.D.D.K. Perera  
Assistant Registrar of Patents and Trade Marks

#### Copyright Tribunal

None.

#### Other

Commercial High Court  
Colombo 12  
See also above, under "1.c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities."  
Tel.: (94.11) 244.12.41

### IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

University of Colombo  
Colombo

Sri Lanka Law College  
Colombo

### V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

Applications filed and/or registered for 2004:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	120	2,343	254
	non-residents	195	3,600	50
Grants to:	residents	103	853	224
	non-residents	85	975	40

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Applications by residents and non-residents: 89,759 (non-residents only)  
Grants to residents and non-residents: Information not available.