

LESOTHO (LS)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation



Capital: Maseru
Population: 2,062,000

a. Industrial Property

Patents:

- Industrial Property Order No. 5, May 1989: Part II: Patents (sections 3 to 16, in force in May 1989) (F) IP/PI, May 1990.
- Industrial Property Order (Commencement) Notice, Legal Notice No. 84, May 1989.
- Rectification of Errors Orders L.N. Nos. 137 and 138, August 1989.
- Industrial Property (Amendment) Order No. 22, April 1993.
- Industrial Property Regulations, Legal Notice No. 85, May 1989 (in force in January 1990) (F) IP/PI, May 1990.
- Industrial Property Regulations (Commencement) Notice, Legal Notice No. 1, January 1990.
- Industrial Property Amendment Act of 1995.

Trade Marks:

- Industrial Property Amendment Act 1997, June 1997, Sections 3 and 4 came into force in April 1998.
- Merchandise Marks Regulations, High Commissioner's Notice No. 83, April 1937.
- Industrial Property Order No. 5, May 1989: Part V: Marks, Collective Marks and Trade Names (sections 26 to 33) (in force on May 1989) (F) IP/PI May 1990.
As above, under Patents.

Industrial Designs:

- Industrial Property Order No. 5 of 1989: Part III: Industrial Designs (sections 20 to 25) (in force on May 1989) (F) IP/PI, May 1990.
As above, under Patents.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Copyright Order No. 13, May 1989.

Related Rights:

Information not available.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Utility Models:

- Industrial Property Order No. 5 of 1989: Part III: Utility Model Certificates (sections 17 to 19) (in force in May 1989) (F) IP/PI, May 1990.
As above, under Industrial Designs.

Unfair Competition:

- Industrial Property Order No. 5 of 1989: Part VI: Acts of Unfair Competition (section 34) (in

force in May 1989) (F) IP/PI, May 1990.

Employees' Inventions:

- Industrial Property Order No. 5 of 1989: Part II: Employee Inventions (sections 6(5) to 9 and 21(5) to (9)) (in force in May 1989) (F) IP/PI, May 1990.
- d. Sources for Information on National Laws
Information not available.

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since November 1986.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since September 1989.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since September 1989.
- PCT (Patents), since October 1995.
- Madrid Agreement (International Registration of Marks), since February 1999.
- Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), since February 1999.
- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations), since January 1990.

b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since May 1995.

c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: ARIPO.

- Member of ARIPO since July 1987.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Law and Constitutional Affairs	Tel.:	(266)	22.31.32.11
Law Office	Fax:	(266)	22.31.10.92
P.O. Box 33			
Maseru 100			
<i>Title of Head:</i> Minister for Law and Constitutional Affairs			

Industrial Property Office:

Office of the Registrar General	Tel.:	(266)	22.31.32.11
Ministry of Law and Constitutional Affairs			22.31.28.56
1 st Floor Traffic Building			(Registrar General)
Attorney General Chambers	Fax:	(266)	22.31.04.02
P.O. Box 33			22.31.10.92
Maseru			(Registrar General)
<i>Title of Head:</i> Registrar General	E-mail:		lesipo@ilesotho.com

2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Law and Constitutional Affairs	Tel.:	(266)	22.31.32.11
As above, under Supervisory Ministry for Industrial Property.	Fax:	(266)	22.31.04.02

Copyright Office:

Office of the Registrar-General
 Ministry of Law and Constitutional Affairs
 As above, under Supervisory Ministry.
Title of Head: Register General

Collective Management Societies:

Information not available.

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

The High Court of Lesotho

Copyright Tribunal:

As above, under Industrial Property Tribunal.

Other

Information not available.

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

National University of Lesotho (NUL)	Tel.:	(266)	22.34.06.01
The Faculty of Law	Fax:	(266)	22.34.00.00
P.O. Roma 180			
Maseru			
<i>Title of Head:</i> The Dean.			

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2001: Patents and Trade Marks filed by ARIPO

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	1		
	non-residents	54	19	1
Grants to:	residents			
	non-residents	11	19	

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Applications by residents and non-residents: 88,932 (non-residents only)
Grants to residents and non-residents: Information not available.

Madrid System-2005**International Registrations::**

Total applications: 981 (non-residents only)
Total registrations: 981 (non-residents only)