

MALTA (MT)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Patents:

- The Patents Act (XVII of 2000) of June 2000.

Trade Marks:

- The Trademark Act (XVI of 2000) of June 2000.

Industrial Designs:

- The Industrial Property Protection Ordinance No. XI of 1899, as last amended in 1998.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Copyright Act (XIII of 2000) of April 2000.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Computer Programs:

As above, under Copyright

Protection of Undisclosed Information:

- Professional Secrecy Act, 1994.

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

As above, under Copyright.

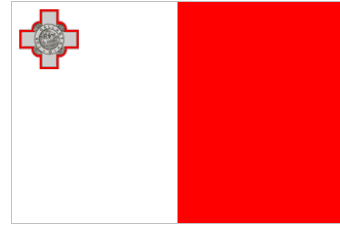
Enforcement:

- Intellectual Property Rights (Cross Border Measures) Act of February 2000.
- Criminal Code.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Industrial Property Office (see below)

See Internet website: www.justice.gov.mt



Capital: Valletta
Population: 392,000

2. Membership of International Bodies

- a. Membership of WIPO treaties:
- WIPO Convention, since December 1977.
 - Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since October 1967.
 - Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since September 1964.
 - PCT (Patents), since March 2007.
- b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since January 1995.
- c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: UCC.
- Member of UCC since August 1968.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

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| Ministry for Competitiveness and Communication Lascaris Valletta, CMR 02 | Tel.: (356) 24.53.91/5 Fax: (356) 24.28.14 |
| <i>Title of Head:</i> Minister for Competitiveness and Communication | |

Industrial Property Office:

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| Industrial Property Office Lascaris Valletta CMR 02 | Tel.: (356) 25.69.03.04 25.69.02.23 21.24.22.70 Fax: (356) 21.23.19.19 |
| <i>Title of Head:</i> Comptroller of Industrial Property | |
| <u>Note:</u> mail to be marked: Attn: Policy and Regulatory Services, Commerce Division | Tel.: (356) 24.30.71 Fax: (356) 23.12.56 (Industrial Property Registrations) |

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| | Tel.: (356) 24.72.35 Fax: (356) 24.05.16 (Policy & Regulatory Services) E-mail: godwinwarr@magnet.mt (Director of Policy & Regulatory Services) |
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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:

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| Kopjamalt | Tel.: | (356) | 33.85.25 |
| 36 Ta Xbiex Terrace | Fax: | (356) | 48.59.50 |
| Ta Xbiex MSD 11 | | | |

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| Performing Rights Society (Malta) | Tel.: | (356) | 23.07.92 |
| Dingli Co International Ltd | Fax: | (356) | 24.03.21 |
| 18/2 South Street | | | |
| Valletta VLT 11 | | | |

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

Commercial Court
Civil Court
Valletta

Copyright Tribunal

Copyright Board
Commercial Court
Valletta

Other

Contact point:

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| Industrial Property Office | Tel.: | (356) | 25.69.03.04 |
| As above, under Industrial Property Office. | | | (Office) |

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| <i>Contact Official:</i> Mr. Anthony Camenzuli | (356) | 21.24.22.70 |
| Controller of Industrial Property | | (Department) |

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| Fax: | (356) | 24.68.00 |
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| Customs Department | Tel.: | (356) | 23.38.24 |
| Customs House | | | (Office) |
| Valletta | (356) | 23.57.21 | |
| <i>Contact Official:</i> Mr. Joseph Galea Maucieri | | | (Department) |

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| Fax: | (356) | 24.61.50 |
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| Economic Crimes Unit | Tel.: | (356) | 22.00.62 |
| Police Headquarters | Fax: | (356) | 23.54.67 |
| Floriana | | | |

Contact Official: Mr. Michael Cassar
Assistant Commissioner

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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| University of Malta | Tel.: | (356) | 33.39.03 |
| Faculty of Law | | | |
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V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2002 and 2005:

| | | Patents (direct filings) | Trade Marks | Industrial Designs (2002) |
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| Applications by: | residents | | 403 | 10 |
| | non-residents | 480 | 1,271 | 7 |
| Grants to: | residents | | | 3 |
| | non-residents | | | |