

MAURITIUS (MU)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation



a. Industrial Property

Capital: Port Louis
Population: 1,200,000

Patents:

- Patents, Industrial Designs and Trademarks Act, 2002.

Trade Marks:

As above, under Patents.

Industrial Designs:

As above, under Patents.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- The Copyright Act, 1997.

Related Rights:

Information not available.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source:

- The Commodities (Indications of Origin) Regulations 1981 (Govt. Notice No. 170) of 1981.
- Geographical Indications Act, 2002.

Unfair Competition:

- Protection Against Unfair Competition Practices Act, 2002.

Establishment of Commercial Code:

- The Fair Trading Act No. 26, December 1979, as last amended by the Fair Trading (Amendment) Act No. 33, November 1988.
- The Consumer Trade Practices Regulations (Govt. Notice No. 171) of 1981.

Layout-Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- Layout-Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits Act, 2002.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Information not available.

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since September 1976.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since September 1976.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since May 1989.

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

c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: UCC

- Member of UCC since August 1970.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Regional Integration and International Trade
7th Floor, Moorgate House
Sir W. Newton Street
Port Louis
Title of Head: Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Regional Integration and International Trade

Tel.: (230) 208.57.14
Fax: (230) 210.97.02
E-mail: <mailto:mfa@mail.gov.mu>
Internet website:
<http://www.foreign.gov.mu>

Industrial Property Office:

Industrial Property Office
As above, under Supervisory Ministry.
Title of Head: Permanent Secretary

Tel.: (230) 210.25.13
E-mail: Trademark@intnet.mu

2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Education, Culture and Human
Resources
The Permanent Secretary
IVTB House
Phoenix
Port Louis
Title of Head: Minister of Education, Culture
and Human Resources

Tel.: (230) 601.52.00
Fax: (230) 698.40.81

Copyright Office:

Copyright Desk
As above, under Supervisory Ministry.
Title of Head: Permanent Secretary

E-mail: copyrightdesk@mail.gov.mu

Collective Management Societies:

Mauritius Society of Authors (MASA)
 MASA House
 Avenue des Artistes
 Beau Bassin
Title of Head: Director General

Tel.: (230) 467.22.19
 Fax: (230) 454.05.78
 E-mail: copyrightsoc@intnet.mu
 Internet website: <http://www.masa.mu>

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**Industrial Property Tribunal**

District Courts.
Title of Head: District Magistrate
 (in charge of the District Court in each Division
 falling under the Judicial Department).

Supreme Court
 Jules Koenig Street
 Port Louis
Title of Head: Honourable Chief Justice

Tel.: (230) 212.02.75
 Fax: (230) 212.88.34

Copyright Tribunal

Information not available.

Other

Contact point:
 The Permanent Secretary
 Ministry of Trade and Shipping
 New Government Centre
 Level 4
 Port Louis
Contact Official: Mr. Narainduth Boodhoo

Tel.: (230) 201.19.85
 Fax: (230) 212.63.68

Customs Authorities
 Headquarters
 IKS Building
 Port Louis
Title of Head: Comptroller of Customs

Tel.: (230) 240.90.90/93
 Fax: (230) 240.04.34

Police Department
 Headquarters
 Line Barracks
 Port Louis
Title of Head: Commissioner of Police

Tel.: (230) 212.12.12

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

University of Mauritius
 Faculty of Law and Management
 Reduit
Title of Head: Chancellor

Tel.: (230) 454.10.41/49
 Fax: (230) 465.69.06

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2007:

	Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents		
	non-residents	Information not available.	
Grants to:	residents		
	non-residents		

