

NAMIBIA (NA)



I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Capital: Windhoek

Population: 1,792,000

Patents:

- Patents, Designs, Trade Marks & Copyright Proclamation No. 17 of 1923.
- Act No. 9 of 1916 to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the granting of letters patent for inventions and for the registration of patents, designs, trade marks and copyright: Chapter I – Patents.
- The Patent Rules of 1917, as amended by Government Notices Nos. 884 of 1919, 1255 of 1919, 2040 of 1920, 474 of 1933, 314 of 1934, 1237 of 1934 and 99 of 1942.

Trade Marks:

- Trade Marks in South West Africa Act No. 48 of 1973, in force since January 1974.
- Regulations for Trade Marks in South West Africa, Government Notice No. R. 2437, in force since January 1974.
- Trade Marks in South West Africa Act of 1973: Amendment of Regulations, by Administrator-General's Government Notice No. AG 40 of 1989.

Industrial Designs:

- Patents, Designs, Trade Marks & Copyright Proclamation No. 17 of 1923, as above, under Patents: Chapter II – Designs.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Copyright and Neighboring Rights Act No. 6, April 1994.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Utility Models:

As above, under Industrial Designs.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Information not available.

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since December 1991.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since January 2004.

- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since March 1990.
- PCT (Patents), since January 2004.
- Madrid Agreement (International Registrations of Marks), since June 2004.
- Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), since June 2004.
- Hague Agreement (International Deposit of Industrial Designs), since June 2004.

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

c. Membership of other bodies/treaties:

Information not available.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Trade and Industry

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Title of Head: Minister for Trade and Industry

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Industrial Property Office:

The Registrar of Companies, Trade Marks,

Patents and Designs

Ministry of Trade and Industry.

As above, under Supervisory Ministry.

Title of Head: Registrar

2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Information and

Broadcasting

Information and Broadcasting:

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Copyright Office:

Copyright Services

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

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Title of Head: Director

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P.O. Box 22576 Windhoek	
<i>Title of Head:</i> Chief Executive Officer	

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

Contact point for patents, trademarks and industrial designs:

Ministry of Trade and Industry	Tel.: (264.61) 283.71.11
Permanent Secretary	Fax: (264.61) 22.02.27
Directorate of Internal Trade	
The Brendan Simbwaye Square	
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Copyright Tribunal

Contact point:

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Other

Contact point for plant and animal varieties:

Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development	Tel.: (264.61) 202.21.35 208.71.11
Permanent Secretary	Fax: (264.61) 23.56.72
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Division of Law Enforcement	
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<i>Contact Official:</i> Mr. G. B. Rhodes	

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Information not available.

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2005:

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

Madrid System-2005

International Registrations:

Total applications: 921 (non-residents only)

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