

## NEPAL (NP)

### I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

#### 1. National Legislation

##### a. Industrial Property

###### Patents:

- Patent, Design and Trademark Act. Act No.15, August 1965.

###### Trade Marks:

As above, under Patents.

###### Industrial Designs:

As above, under Patents.

##### b. Copyright and Related Rights

###### Copyright:

- Copyright Act of 2002.

###### Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

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

###### Technology Transfer:

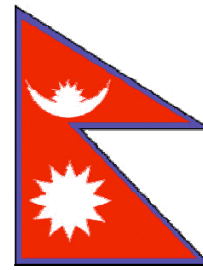
- Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer Act of 1993.

###### Miscellaneous:

- Brief Procedural Act of April 1972, facilitating more rapid settlement of law suits.

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

Ministry of Law and Justice	Tel.:	(97.71)	422.28.74
Babarmahal			422.09.87
Kathmandu	Fax:	(97.71)	422.06.84
<i>Title of Head: Minister of Law and Justice</i>			



**Capital:** Kathmandu  
**Population:** 23,585,000

#### 2. Membership of International Bodies

##### a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since February 1997.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since June 2001.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since January 2006.

##### b. WTO: Observer.

c. Membership of Other bodies/treaties: SAARC

- Member of SAARC since December 1985.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

### 1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies	Tel.:	(977.1)	421.38.80/838
Tripureshwor	Fax:	(977.1)	422.611.12
Kathmandu			422.02.89
<i>Title of Head:</i> Minister of Industry, Commerce and Supplies			

Industrial Property Office:

Department of Industries	Tel.:	(977.1)	426.12.03
Tripureshwor			426.11.01
Kathmandu			426.11.69
<i>Title of Head:</i> Director General			
	Fax:	(977.1)	426.11.12
	E-mail:	<a href="mailto:doi@ecomail.com.np">doi@ecomail.com.np</a>	
		<a href="mailto:info@doi.com.np">info@doi.com.np</a>	

### 2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Culture and State Restructuring	Tel.:	(977.1)	424.85.28
Kathmandu			423.11.85
<i>Title of Head:</i> Minister of Culture and State Restructuring			
	Fax:	(977.1)	422.77.58
			423.11.96
	E-mail:	<a href="mailto:motca@ntc.net.np">motca@ntc.net.np</a>	

Copyright Office:

Nepal Copyright Registrar's Office (NCRO)	Tel.:	(977.1)	4421.86.30
CAAN Head Office Building	Fax:	(977.1)	4421.86.29
Babar Mahal	E-mail:	<a href="mailto:necopyright@wlink.com.np">necopyright@wlink.com.np</a>	
Kathmandu			

Collective Management Societies:

Copyright Protection Society of Nepal	Tel.:	(977.1)	424.20.49
Anamnagar			422.83.09
Kathmandu	Fax:	(977.1)	422.94.25
(Note: not yet a royalty collecting society, pending amendment of law).	E-mail:	<a href="mailto:music@wlink.com.np">music@wlink.com.np</a>	
<i>Title of Head:</i> Secretary General (Hon.)			

### III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

#### Industrial Property Tribunal

As above, under Industrial Property Office.

#### Copyright Tribunal

As above, under Copyright Office.

#### Other

Appellate courts  
District Administration offices  
(75 districts in all)

### IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Nepal Law Campus  
Pradarshini Marga  
Kathmandu

Tel.: (977.1) 422.65.86

### V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2001:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	3	1,148	3
	non-residents	11	418	18
Grants to:	residents	3	664	1
	non-residents	4	496	2