

RWANDA (RW)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Patents:

- Loi de février 1963, relative aux brevets.
- Arrêté ministériel no 5/10/67 de mai 1967 portant mesures d'exécution de la Loi du 25 février 1963 sur les brevets.

Trade Marks:

- Loi de février 1963 relative aux marques de fabrique et de commerce.
- Arrêté ministériel no 10/63 de mai 1963 portant mesures d'exécution de la Loi du 25 février 1963 sur les marques de fabrique et de commerce.
- Arrêté ministériel no 3/10/67 de mai 1967 portant mesures d'exécution de la Loi de février 1963 sur les marques de fabrique et de commerce.

Industrial Designs:

- Loi de février 1963 sur les dessins et modèles industriels.
- Arrêté ministériel no 4/10/67 de mai 1967 portant mesures d'exécution de la Loi de février 1963 sur les dessins et modèles industriels.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Loi no 27/1983 de novembre 1983 régissant le droit d'auteur.

Related Rights:

Information not available.

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 February 1984.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since March 1984.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since March 1984.

b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since May 1996.



Capital: Kigali
Population: 8,706,000

c. Membership of Other bodies/treaties: UCC.

- Member of UCC since August 1989.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

<i>Ministère du commerce, de l'industrie et des coopératives</i>	Tel.:	(250)	74.725
Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives			75.463
P.O. Box 73	Fax:	(250)	75.465
Kigali			
<i>Title of Head:</i> Minister for Trade, Industry and Cooperatives			

Industrial Property Office:

<i>Direction de l'industrie</i>	Tel.:	(250)	76.608
<i>Division politique technologique et normalisation</i>			(Director for Industry)
Technology Policy and Standardization Division			
Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives.			
As above, under Supervisory Ministry			
<i>Title of Head:</i> Director for Industry			

2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

<i>Ministère de la jeunesse, de la culture, des sports et de la formation professionnelle</i>	Fax:	(250)	82.162
Ministry of Youth, Culture, Sports, and Vocational Training			
P.O. Box 624			
Kigali			
<i>Title of Head:</i> Minister for Higher Education, Scientific Research and Culture			

Copyright Office:

Rwandan Service responsible for the Administration of Copyright
 Ministry of Youth, Culture, Sports and Vocational Training
 As above, under Supervisory Ministry.
Title of Head: Head of Division, Promotion of the Arts, the Written Word and Copyright

Collective Management Societies:

Information not available.

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

Information not available.

Copyright Tribunal

Information not available.

Other

Information not available.

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Information not available.

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 1999:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents		5	
	non-residents	4	124	
Grants to:	residents		5	
	non-residents	4	104	