

SLOVAKIA (SK)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation



Capital: Bratislava
Population: 5,408,000

a. Industrial Property

Patents:

- Law No. 90/1993 on measures for the protection of industrial property, March 1993.
- Act No. 435/2001 on patents, supplementary protection certificates and on amendment of other acts (The Patent Act).

Trade Marks:

- Trademark Law No. 55/1997 Coll., February 1997, as amended by Act No. 577/2001 Coll., in force since January 2002.

Industrial Designs:

- Law No. 527/1990 Coll. on Inventions, Industrial Designs and Rationalization Proposals.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Basic Copyright Law: Act No. 383/1997 Coll. Copyright Act and Act by which the Customs Act is changed and amended, December 1997, in force since January 1998, and changed and amended by Act No. 234/2000 Coll. of June 2000, in force since August 2000.
- Act No. 283/1997 Coll. on Collective Administration of Rights under the Copyright Act on Change and Amendment of Certain Acts, October 1997, in force since December 1997, as amended by Act No. 234/2000 Coll. of June 2000, in force since August 2000.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- Act No. 146/2000 Coll. on Legal Protection of Topographies of Semiconductor Products.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

The Collection of the Laws includes a set of all national laws approved by the Parliament. The Ministry of Justice is responsible for compiling and publishing the Collection of the Laws.

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 Námestie slobody 12
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2. Membership of International Bodies**a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:**

- WIPO Convention, since January 1993.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since January 1993.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since January 1993.
- PCT (Patents), since January 1993.
- PLT (Patent Law Treaty), since April 2005.
- Madrid Agreement (False or Deceptive Indications of Source on Goods), since January 1993.
- Madrid Agreement (International Registration of Marks), since January 1993.
- Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), since September 1997.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since January 1993.
- Lisbon Agreement (Appellations of Origin), since January 1993.
- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations), since January 1, 1993.
- Locarno Agreement (International Classification for Industrial Designs), since January 1993.
- Strasbourg Agreement (International Patent Classification), since January 1993.
- Geneva Convention (Unauthorised Duplication of Phonograms), since January 1993.
- Budapest Treaty (Deposit of Micro-organisms), since January 1993.
- TLT (Trademarks), since July 1997.
- WCT (WIPO Copyright Treaty), since March 2002.
- WPPT (WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty), since May 2002.

b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since January 1995.**c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: CEFTA, UCC, UPOV.**

- Member of CEFTA since December 1992.
- Member of UCC since March 1993.
- Member of UPOV since January 1993.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Prime Minister's Office
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 Internet website:
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Industrial Property Office:

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2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Culture
 Legislation and Legal Services Section
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Title of Head: Director General

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 Internet website:
<http://www.culture.gov.sk>

Copyright Office:

Ministry of Culture
 Media and Copyright Division
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Title of Head: Director

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Collective Management Societies:

Slovenský ochranný zväz autorský (SOZA)
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 Rights Society
 Rastislavova 3
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Title of Head: Director

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III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

General Courts are responsible for enforcement of intellectual property rights – for all intellectual property cases. They solve the individual cases based on entry of cause for trial by legal or natural persons.

There are eight regions (Bratislava, Trnava, Trencin, Nitra, Zilina, Banska Bystrica, Presov and Košice), each of which has a regional and district courts. Addresses and communications numbers of all of them can be obtained from:

Ministry of Justice
Zupne namestie 13
813 11 Bratislava 1

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*Contact point for technical cooperation on
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International Affairs and European Integration
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Copyright Tribunal

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Legal Department
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Ministry of the Interior
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IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Comenius University Bratislava
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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)
Applications by:	residents	154	2,739	180
	non-residents	39	1,146	102
Grants to:	residents	51	2,872	104
	non-residents	121	1,424	86

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Applications by residents and non-residents:	57 (National Phase Entries)
Grants to residents and non-residents:	388 (1 resident, 387 non-residents)

Madrid System-2005International Registrations:

Total applications:	5,127 (non-residents only)
Total registrations:	5,010 (non-residents only)