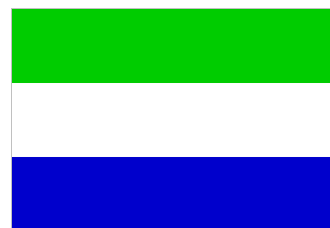


## SIERRA LEONE (SL)

### I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

#### 1. National Legislation



##### a. Industrial Property

**Capital:** Freetown  
**Population:** 5,141,000

##### Patents:

- Patents Act No. 21, Chapter 247, of 1924, 10 of 1932, 31 of 1932, 9 of 1957, as amended by the Laws (Adaptation) Act No. 29 of 1972.
- Patent Fees, Design Fees and Trade Mark Fees, December 1979.

##### Trade Marks:

- Merchandise Marks Act No. 7, Chapter 245, of 1889, 12 of 1889, 2 of 1908, 32 of 1908, 39 of 1908, 24 of 1955, as amended by the Laws (Adaptation) Act No. 29 of 1972.
- Trade Marks Act No. 17, Chapter 244, of 1913, Sec. 30 of No. 12 of 1924, 10 of 1940, as amended by the Laws (Adaptation) Act No. 29 of 1972.
- Trade Marks (Certificate of Registration) Order, O. in C. No. 1 of 1915, as last amended by the Laws (Adaptation) Act No. 29 of 1972.
- Patent Fees, Design and Trade Mark Fees, December 1979.

##### Industrial Designs:

- United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Act No. 17 of 1936, as amended by the Laws (Adaptation) Act No. 29 of 1972.
- Patent Fees, Design Fees and Trade Mark Fees, December 1979.

##### b. Copyright and Related Rights

##### Copyright:

Information not available.

##### Related Rights:

Information not available.

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

##### Utility Models:

As above, under Industrial Designs.

##### Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source:

- Merchandise Marks Act No. 7, chapter 245, of 1889, 2 of 1908, 32 of 1908, 39 of 1908, 24 of 1955, as amended by the Laws (Adaptation) Act No. 29 of 1972.

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

Information not available.

## 2. Membership of International Bodies

### a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since May 1986.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since June 1997.
- PCT (Patents), since June 1997.
- Madrid Agreement (International Registration of Marks), since June 1997.
- Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), since December 1999.

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

### c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: ARIPO.

- Member of ARIPO since December 1980.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

### 1. Industrial Property

#### Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Justice

*Title of Head:* Minister for Justice

#### Industrial Property Office:

Administrator and Registrar-General's

Department

Roxy Building

Walpole Street

Freetown

*Title of Head:* Administrator and Registrar-

General

Tel.: (232.22) 22.68.15

22.28.54

22.22.94

(Registrar General)

Fax: (232.22) 24.05.94

22.26.42

22.44.39

22.49.40

E-mail: [arg@sierratel.sl](mailto:arg@sierratel.sl)

### 2. Copyright and Related Rights

#### Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Culture and Tourism

*Title of Head:* Minister for Culture and Tourism

#### Copyright Office:

Sierra Leone Intellectual Property

Organization (SLIPO)

Department of Information, Broadcasting and

Culture

Youyi Building

Brookfields

Freetown

*Title of Head:* Director

Tel.: (232.22) 24.02.67

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 2001: Applications filed by ARIPO

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	1		
	non-residents	51		9
Grants to:	residents			
	non-residents			2

**PCT - 2002**

Applications by residents and non-residents: 88,991 (non-residents only)

Grants to residents and non-residents: Information not available.

**Madrid System - 2005**International Registrations:

Total applications: 986 (non-residents only)

Total registrations: 986 (non-residents only)