

SURINAME (SR)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation



Capital: Paramaribo
Population: 420,000

a. Industrial Property

Patents:

- Law on Patents, November 1910, in force in Suriname by the Rules Concerning the Right on Industrial Property, September 1969.
- Decree No. 43 of 1969.

Trade Marks:

- Law No. 1893, June 1946, Industrial Property Regulations of 1912, as amended.
- Regulation on Industrial Property for Suriname 1912, Bulletin of Acts.
- Decree 1912 No. 87 as amended last by Bulletin of Acts.
- Law of March 1931, containing provisions on trade names, as amended in June 1936 and by Law of October 1937.
- Decree 1984 No. 55, referred to as the Trademark Act.
- Decree C-81, August 1984, amending Industrial Property Regulations of 1982.

Industrial Designs:

None.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Law on Copyright, March 1913, as amended in September 1959.
- The Copyright Act 1913, Bulletin of Acts and Decrees 1913 No. 15, acting text Bulletin of Acts.
- Decree 46 No. 86, as amended last by Bulletin of Acts.
- Decree 1981 No. 3.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Unfair Competition:

- Articles 390 and 400 the Penal Code.

Miscellaneous:

- The Civil Code amended by Act of December 1995, Bulletin of Acts and Decrees 1995 No. 101, introducing provisions relating to product liability and misleading advertisements.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

As below, under Industrial Property Office.

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since November 1975.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since November 1975.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since February 1977.
- Hague Agreement (International Deposit of Industrial Designs), since November 1975.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since December 1981.
- Strasbourg Agreement (International Patent Classification), since November 1975.

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

c. Membership of other bodies/treaties:

None.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Justice and Police	Tel.:	(597)	47.30.33
Gravenstraat 1			47.38.41
P.O. Box 291			47.58.05
Paramaribo	Fax:	(597)	41.21.09
<i>Title of Head: Minister for Justice and Police</i>			

Industrial Property Office:

Bureau for Industrial Property	Tel.:	(597)	53.14.91
Mr. J. Lachmonstraat 167			47.73.38
Paramaribo	Fax:	(597)	41.21.09
<i>Title of Head: Head</i>			

2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

As above, under Supervisory Ministry for Industrial Property.

Copyright Office:

As above, under Industrial Property Office.	Tel.:	(597)	47.58.05
	Fax:	(597)	47.21.09

Collective Management Societies:

None.

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

Contact point:

As above, under Supervisory Ministry for Industrial Property.

Contact Official: Mrs. M. Lansheuvél

The Court of Justice Onafhankelijkheidplein 6 Paramaribo	Tel.: (597)	47.35.30
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Copyright Tribunal

The Criminal Court	Tel.: (597)	47.03.00
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As above, under Industrial Property Tribunal.

Other

Office of the Attorney General Gravenstraat 3 Paramaribo	Tel.: (597)	47.35.59
	Fax: (597)	41.21.04

Civil Court Paramaribo	Tel.: (597)	43.03.00
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Ministry of Justice and Police
As above, under Industrial Property Office

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

<i>Anton de Kom</i> University of Suriname Leysweg 86 Paramaribo	Tel.: (597)	46.55.58
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V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2000:

	Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:			
residents	2	1,426	
non-residents		(residents and non-residents)	
Grants to:			
residents			
non-residents			

The Hague System – Information not available.

International Registrations:

Total applications:

Total registrations: