

SWAZILAND (SZ)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation



a. Industrial Property

Capital: Mbabane
Population: 1,068,000

Patents:

- Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Act No. 72 of 1936, as amended by L. 5/1969 (no longer applicable to Trademarks). Note: registration of European Patents (UK) under existing legislation.

Trade Marks:

- Merchandise Marks Act No. 24 of 1937.
- Trade Marks Act of 1981.
- Trade Marks Act (Date of Commencement) Notice No. 101 of 1994.
- Registration of United Kingdom Trade Marks Rules No. 72 of 1936.
- Merchandise Marks Regulations No. 24 of 1937.
- Trade Marks Regulations (Legal Notice No. 47) of 1989.

Industrial Designs:

As above, under Patents.

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.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Information not available.

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since August 1988.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since May 1991.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since December 1998.
- PCT (Patents), since September 1994.
- PLT (Patent Law Treaty), Signatory since June 2000.

- Madrid Agreement (International Registration of Marks), since December 1998.
 - Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), since December 1998.
- b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since January 1995.
- c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: ARIPO.
- Member of ARIPO since December 1987.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade
As below, under Industrial Property Office.
Title of Head: Minister for Commerce, Industry
and Trade

Industrial Property Office:

Intellectual Property Office
Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade
P.O. Box 451
Mbabane H100
Title of Head: Head

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2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

As above, under Supervisory Ministry for
Industrial Property.

Copyright Office:

As above, under Industrial Property Office.

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 and 2001: Patents filed by ARIPO

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	1		
	non-residents	54	19	11
Grants to:	residents			
	non-residents	11	19	3

PCT – 2002: Filed by ARIPO

Applications by residents and non-residents: 88,379 (non-residents only)

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

Madrid System – 2005 Filed by ARIPO

International Registrations:

Total applications: 1,077 (non-residents only)

Total registrations: 1,077 (non-residents only)

