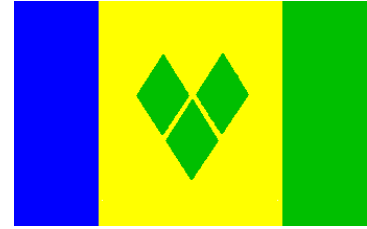


ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES (VC)



I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Capital: Kingstown
Population: 117,000

Patents:

- Patents Act, Chap. 110, Revised Laws, June 1950.
- Registration of United Kingdom Patent Act, Chap. 112, Revised Laws, September 1990.
- United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Act, Chap. 116, Revised Laws, September 1990.
- Patents Act No. 39, 2004, not yet in force.

Trade Marks:

- Trade Marks Act No. 46, 2003.
- Trade Marks Regulations, S. R. O. No. 13, 2004.

Industrial Designs:

- Industrial Designs Act, 2005, not yet in force. •

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Copyright Act No. 21, 2003.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source :

- Geographical Indications Act No 24, 2004.

Unfair Competition:

- Fair Competition Act No. 24, 2004.

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- Layout-Designs of Integrated Circuits Act, 2005, not yet in force.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Ministry of Legal Affairs

As below, under Supervisory Ministry for
Industrial Property.

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since August 1995.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since August 1995.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since August 1995.
- PCT (Patents), from August 2002.

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

c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: UCC

- Member of UCC since January 1985.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Legal Affairs
 Methodist Building (Top Floor)
 Granby Street
 Kingstown
Title of Head: Minister of Legal Affairs

Tel.: (1.784) 456.17.62
 Fax: (1.784) 457.28.98
 E-mail: att.gen.chambers@caribsurf.com

Industrial Property Office:

Commerce and Intellectual Property Office
 As above, under Supervisory Ministry
 (GroundFloor)
Title of Head: Registrar

Tel.: (1.784) 456.15.16
 Fax: (1.784) 457.13.97
 E-mail: office.cipo@mail.gov.vc
ciposvg@vincysurf.com

2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Tourism and Culture
 Cruise Ship Terminal
 Upper Bay Street
 Kingstown
Title of Head: Minister of Tourism and Culture

Copyright Office:

As above, under Industrial Property Office.

Collective Management Societies:

None.

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**Industrial Property Tribunal**

High Court of Justice	Tel.:	(1.784)	457.12.20
Kingstown	Fax:	(1.784)	456.18.88
<i>Title of Head:</i> Judge			

Copyright Tribunal

As above, under Industrial Property Tribunal.

Other

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force	Tel.:	(1.784)	457.12.11
Central Police Station	Fax:	(1.784)	456.10.22
Bay Street			
Kingstown			
<i>Title of Head:</i> Commissioner of Police			

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

University of the West Indies

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2003:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	1	0	
	non-residents	10	101	
Grants to:	residents	0	0	
	non-residents	10	101	

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Applications by residents and non-residents:	17,118 (non-residents only)
Grants to residents and non-residents:	Information not available.