

Dominican Republic

(Translation of the Original Submission)

In the Dominican Republic, laws and policies relating to technologies essential for implementing technical standards set by standards development organizations (SDOs) are enshrined in several key sets of regulations, or national information and communication technology (ICT) standards (also known by the Spanish acronym NORTIC): Developed by the Norms and Standards Department of the Directorate of Digital Transformation in Government, the national standards are part of the country's regulatory framework for ICT and digital government. Those regulations and policies reflect the country's determination to adopt and apply international technical standards, thereby ensuring that the essential technologies used comply with the SDOs' best practices and recommendations.

The Industrial Property Act governs the procedure for the substantive examination of patent applications, the duration of patent rights and the licensing of patents.