

GHANA (GH)



Capital: Accra
Population: 19,708,000

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Patents:

- The Patents Registration Ordinance, Cap. 179, Ordinances Nos. 21 of 1922, No. 36 of 1924, No. 21 of 1932, No. 6 of 1933, No. 30 of 1935 (revised edition 1954).
- Patents Registration (Amendment) Decree, N.R.C.D. 81, June 1972.
- Patent Law of 1992 (P.N.D.C.L. 305A).
- Provisional National Defence Council (P.N.D.C.L.) Law No. 137: Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the Industrial Property Organization for English-Speaking Africa (ESARIPO) (Ratification) Law 1985, November 1985 (in force in April 1984).
- Investment Code (P.N.D.C.L. 116), July 1985.
- Draft legislation on Patents, soon to be before Parliament.

Trade Marks:

- Merchandise Marks Act No. 253 of 1964.
- Trade Marks Act No. 270 of 1965.
- Trade Marks Regulations, 1970, L.I. 667, December 1970, as amended in December 1972, July 1980 and July 1988.
- Draft legislation on Trade Marks, soon to be before Parliament.

Industrial Designs:

- United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Ordinance, Cap. 182, Ordinances Nos. 23 of 1928, No. 22 of 1932, No. 41 of 1949.
- Textile Designs (Registration) Decree N.R.C.D. 213, September 1973
- Textile Designs (Registration) Regulations, L.I. 512, June 1966, as amended in July 1980.
- Provisional National Defence Council (P.N.D.C.L.) Law No. 137, as above, under Patents.
- Draft legislation on Industrial Designs, soon to be before Parliament.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Provisional National Defence Council (P.N.D.C.) Law No. 110, March 1985.
- Draft legislation on Copyright, soon to be before Parliament.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Utility Models:

As above, under Industrial Designs.

Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source:

- Draft legislation on Geographical Indications, soon to be before Parliament.
As above, under Trade Marks (Act 270 and draft Act).

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits:

- Draft legislation on Layout-Designs (Topographies) of Integrated Circuits, soon to be before Parliament.

Plant Variety Protection:

- Draft legislation on Protection of Plant Varieties, soon to be before Parliament.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Information Services Department (ISD)	Tel.:	(233.21) 22.80.11
P.O. Box M41	Fax:	(233.21) 22.80.89
Accra		
<i>Title of Head:</i> Director		

Assembly Press	Tel.:	(233.21) 66.43.38
P.O. Box 124	Fax:	(233.21) 66.43.30
Accra		
<i>Title of Head:</i> General Manager		

Copyright Office
As below, under Copyright Office.

2. Membership of International Bodies**a. Membership of WIPO treaties:**

- WIPO Convention, since June 1976.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since September 1976.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since October 1991.
- PCT (Patents), since February 1997.
- PLT (Patent Law Treaty), Signatory since June 2000.

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

c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: ARIPO, UCC.

- Member of ARIPO since February 1978.
- Member of UCC since May 1962.

II. ADMINISTRATION**1. Industrial Property**

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Justice
 P.O. Box 118
 Accra
Title of Heads: Attorney General
 and Minister of Justice

Tel.: (233.21) 66.46.91/3
 Fax: (233.21) 66.60.81
 66.20.43
 E-mail: regengh@ncs.com.gh

Industrial Property Office:

Registrar-General's Department
 Ministry of Justice
 As above, under Supervisory Ministry.
Title of Head: Registrar-General

Tel.: (233.21) 66.46.91
 Fax: (233.21) 22.82.90
 E-mail: regengh@ncs.com.gh

2. Copyright and Related RightsSupervisory Ministry:

National Commission on Culture
 1, Gamal Abdul Nasser Avenue
 Private Mail Bag
 Ministry Post Office
 Accra
Title of Head: Chairman
 National Commission on Culture

Tel.: (233.21) 66.98.63
 Fax: (233.21) 66.20.47

Copyright Office:

Copyright Office
 P.M.B. Ministries Post Office
 Accra
Title of Head: Copyright Administrator

Tel.: (233.21) 22.91.90
 22.42.82
 22.84.47
 Fax: (233.21) 22.42.82
 22.36.46
 E-mail: folklore@ghana.com

Collective Management Societies:

Copyright Society of Ghana (COSGA)
 Private Mail Bag
 Ministries Post Office
 Accra
Title of Head: Executive Director

Fax: (233.21) 22.84.47

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTYIndustrial Property Tribunal

Judicial Service
 Post Office Box 119
 Accra
Title of Head: Chief Justice

Tel.: (233.21) 66.39.51
 66.66.71
 Fax: (233.21) 66.30.18

Contact point for issues related to patents:
 The Registrar-General
 As above, under Industrial Property Office.

Copyright Tribunal

As above, under Industrial Property Tribunal.

Contact point for issues related to copyright:

Copyright Office

As above, under Copyright Office.

Other

Ghana Police Service

Tel.: (233.21) 77.39.00

Post Office Box 505

Fax: (233.21) 77.66.72

Accra

Title of Head: Inspector General of Police

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

University of Ghana

Fax: (233.21) 50.03.00

Faculty of Law

Post Office Box 25

Legon, Accra

Title of Head: Dean of the Faculty of Law

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2001: Filed by ARIPO.

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	2		
	non-residents	55		9
Grants to:	residents			
	non-residents	21		4

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Applications by residents and non-residents: 88,993(non-residents only)

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

