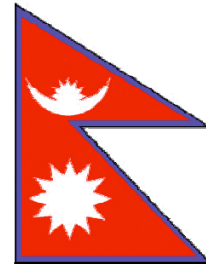


NEPAL (NP)

I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation



a. Industrial Property

Capital: Kathmandu
Population: 23,585,000

Patents:

- Patent, Design and Trademark Act. Act No.15, August 1965.

Trade Marks:

As above, under Patents.

Industrial Designs:

As above, under Patents.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Copyright Act of 2002.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Technology Transfer:

- Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer Act of 1993.

Miscellaneous:

- Brief Procedural Act of April 1972, facilitating more rapid settlement of law suits.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Ministry of Law and Justice	Tel.:	(97.71)	422.28.74
Babarmahal			422.09.87
Kathmandu	Fax:	(97.71)	422.06.84
<i>Title of Head:</i> Minister of Law and Justice			

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since February 1997.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since June 2001.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since January 2006.

b. WTO: Observer.

- c. Membership of Other bodies/treaties: SAARC
- Member of SAARC since December 1985.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies	Tel.:	(977.1)	421.38.80/838
Tripureshwor	Fax:	(977.1)	422.611.12
Kathmandu			422.02.89
<i>Title of Head:</i> Minister of Industry, Commerce and Supplies			

Industrial Property Office:

Department of Industries	Tel.:	(977.1)	426.12.03
Tripureshwor			426.11.01
Kathmandu			426.11.69
<i>Title of Head:</i> Director General	Fax:	(977.1)	426.11.12
	E-mail:	doi@ecomail.com.np	
		info@doi.com.np	

2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation	Tel.:	(977.1)	424.85.28
Singhadurbar			423.11.85
Kathmandu	Fax:	(977.1)	422.77.58
<i>Title of Head:</i> Minister of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation			423.11.96
	E-mail:	motca@ntc.net.np	

Copyright Office:

Nepal Copyright Registrar's Office (NCRO)	Tel.:	(977.1)	443.11.55
CAAN Head Office Building	Fax:	(977.1)	443.11.44
Babar Mahal	E-mail:	info@nepalcopyright.gov.np	
Kathmandu	Internet website:	www.nepalcopyright.gov.np	
<u>Postal Address:</u>			
G.P.O. Box No. 430			
Kalikasthan,			
Dillibazar			
Kathmandu			

Collective Management Societies:

Copyright Protection Society of Nepal	Tel.:	(977.1)	424.20.49
Anamnagar			422.83.09
Kathmandu	Fax:	(977.1)	422.94.25
(Note: not yet a royalty collecting society, pending amendment of law).	E-mail:	music@wlink.com.np	
<i>Title of Head:</i> Secretary General (Hon.)			

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

As above, under Industrial Property Office.

Copyright Tribunal

As above, under Copyright Office.

Other

Appellate courts
District Administration offices
(75 districts in all)

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Nepal Law Campus
Pradarshini Marga
Kathmandu

Tel.: (977.1) 422.65.86

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2001:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	3	1,148	3
	non-residents	11	418	18
Grants to:	residents	3	664	1
	non-residents	4	496	2