

GREECE (GR)



I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Capital: Athens
Population: 10,575,000

Patents:

- Law on Technology Transfer, Inventions and Technical Innovation No. 1733/1987, May 1987, as amended by Article 18 of Law No. 1739/1987, November 1989, Article 2 of Presidential Decree No. 54/1992, February 1992, and Article 9 of Law No. 2359/1995, November 1995.
- Presidential Decree No. 77/1988, February 1988, implementing regulations of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents, as ratified by Law No. 1607/1986 of 1986.
- Law No. 4325/1963, September 1963, containing provisions on inventions concerning the National Defence.
- Ministerial Decision No. 15928/EFA/1253, December 1987, as amended by the Ministerial Decision No. 3111/EFA/433, March 1998 containing provisions on the filing of an application for the grant of a patent or utility model certificate with O.B.I. (Industrial Property Organization) and the keeping of record books.
- Presidential Decree No. 16/1991, January 1991 implementing regulations of the Patent Cooperation Treaty as ratified by Law No. 1883/1990 of 1990.

Trade Marks:

- Law on Trademarks, No. 2239/94, September 1994.
- Presidential Decree No. 353/1998, October 1998, supplementing Law on Trademarks No. 2239/94.
- Ministerial Decision No. K4-307/2001, January 2001, implementing regulations of the Madrid Protocol as ratified by Law No. 2783/2000.

Industrial Designs:

- Law No. 1733/1987, as above, under Patents.
- Presidential Decree No. 259/1997, September 1997, implementing regulations on the ratification of the Hague Agreement under the 1960 Act concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs.

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Law on Copyright and Neighboring Rights No. 2121, March 1993 as amended by Article 8 of Law No. 2557/1997 of 1997 for harmonisation with the Council Directive 93/83 on satellite broadcasting and cable retransmission and the term of protection.
- Presidential Decree No. 311 (Copyright Organisation), as amended by Law No. 2557/1997.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or ActivitiesUtility Models:

- Ministerial Decision No. 15928/EFA/1253, December 1987, as amended by the Ministerial Decision No. 3111/EFA/433, March 1998 containing provisions on the filing of an application for the grant of a patent or utility model certificate with O.B.I. (Industrial Property Organization) and the keeping of record books.

Layout Designs (Topographies) of Integrated Circuits:

- Presidential Decree No. 45/1991, March 1991, on legal protection of topographies of semiconductor products in compliance with Council Directive 87/54/EEC, December 1986, as supplemented by Decision No. 87/532/EEC and 88/311/EEC.
- Presidential Decree No. 415/1995, November 1995 supplementing Presidential Decree No. 45/1991.

Transfer of Technology:

- Ministerial Decision No. 5326/EFA/485, April 1988, containing provisions on the registration form for technology transfer agreements.
As above, under Patents, Law No. 1733/1987.

Miscellaneous:Medicinal Products:

- Ministerial Decision No. 30560/544, August 1997, containing provisions on the filing of an application with O.B.I. (Industrial Property Organisation) for the grant of a supplementary protection certificate for plant protection products.
- Ministerial Decision No. 14905/EFA/3058, December 1997, containing provisions on the filing of an application with O.B.I. (Industrial Property Organisation) for the grant of a supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Information not available.

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

- WIPO Convention, since March 1976.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since October 1924.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since November 1920.
- PCT (Patents), since October 1990.
- PLT (Patent Law Treaty), Signatory since June 2000.
- Madrid Protocol (International Registration of Marks), since August 2000
- Hague Agreement (International Deposit of Industrial Designs), since April 1997.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since November 1998.

- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations), since January 1993.
 - Strasbourg Agreement (International Patent Classification), since October 1997.
 - Locarno Agreement (International Classification for Industrial Designs), since September 1999.
 - Geneva Convention (Unauthorized Duplication of Phonograms), since February 1994.
 - Brussels Convention (Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite), since October 1991.
 - Budapest Treaty (Deposit of Micro-organisms), since October 1993.
 - Nairobi Treaty (Olympic Symbol), since August 1983.
- b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since January 1995.
- c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: BSEC, EPO, EU-OHIM, UCC.
- Member of BSEC since June 1992.
 - Member of EPO since October 1986.
 - Member of EU since January 1981.
 - Member of UCC since May 1963.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

For Trade Marks:

Ministry of Development	Tel.:	(30.1)	384.07.90
General Secretary of Commerce	Fax:	(30.1)	382.17.17
Direction of Commercial and Industrial Property	E-mail:	alexia.@gge.gr	
Kaning Square			
101 81 Athens			
<i>Title of Head:</i> Director (Trademarks)			

For Patents and Utility Models:

Ministry of Development	Tel.:	(30.1)	618.35.08
General Secretary of Search and Technology	Fax:	(30.1)	681.92.31
Industrial Property Organisation (OBI)			
5, Pandanassis Street			
15125 Paradissos Amaroussiou, Athens			
<i>Titles of Heads:</i> President			
Director General (Patents)			

Industrial Property Office:

Industrial Property Organisation (OBI)	Tel.:	(30.1)	618.35.00
As above, under Supervisory Ministry for			618.35.99
Patents and Utility Models.			618.35.98
	Fax:	(30.1)	681.92.31

2. Copyright and Related Rights

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Culture
 Directorate for Cultural Relations
 Section on International Organizations
 1, Rethimnou, 106 82 Athens
Title of Head: Legal Adviser, Section on
 International Organizations, Directorate for
 Cultural Relations

Tel.: (30.1) 82.01.781
 Fax: (30.1) 32 34 689
 E-mail: zoe.kazazaki@dms.culture.gr

Copyright Office:

Copyright Organisation
 5, rue Metsovou
 106 82 Athens
Titles of Heads: President, Director

Tel.: (30.1) 82.53.715
 82.53.731
 Fax: (30.1) 82.53.732
 E-mail:
dionysia.kallinikou@hipo.culture.gr

Collective Management Societies:

Information not available.

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Industrial Property Tribunal

Multi-Member Court (first instance).

Contact points:

As above, under Supervisory Ministry for
 Industrial Property.

As above, under Industrial Property Office.

Copyright Tribunal

Contact point:

As above, under Copyright Office.

Other

Ministry of Finance <i>DG des douanes et accises</i> <i>19ème Direction des procédures douanières</i> Section A 10, rue Karag. Servias 101 84 Athens	Tel.: (30.1) 331.34.00 (ext. 205 and 206) 323.23.05 (direct) Fax: (30.1) 323.29.27
Ministry of Development <i>Ministère du développement</i> <i>Direction de la propriété industrielle et commerciale</i> As above, under Supervisory Ministry for Trade Marks.	Tel.: (30.1) 382.17.17 Fax: (30.1) 384.26.42

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Faculties of Law at the Universities of Athens, Thessaloniki and Komotini.

“Pantio” University of Political Sciences

University of Thrace Faculty of Law 69100 Komotini	Tel.: (30.531) 27.486 Fax: (30.531) 28.253
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V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2002:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	519	5,290	193
	non-residents	41	1,143	112
Grants to:	residents	320	6,034	180
	non-residents	36	3,421	106

PCT – Filed by EPO

Applications by residents and non-residents:	110,803 (71 residents, 110,732 non-residents)
Grants to residents and non-residents:	9,108 (6 residents, 9,102 non-residents)

Madrid SystemInternational Registrations:

Total applications:	4,932 (non-residents only)
Total registrations:	4,642 (non-residents only)

The Hague System – Information not available.

International Registrations:

Total applications:

Total registrations: