

BARBADOS (BB)



I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

1. National Legislation

a. Industrial Property

Capital: Bridgetown
Population: 268,000

Patents:

- Patents Act, Cap. 314 (Act 1981-55), December 1981, as amended by the Intellectual Property Acts (Amendment) Act, 1984 (Act 1984-20), June 1984.
- S.I. 1984 No. 178 (Proclamation concerning the coming into operation of the Patents Act 1981 (Act 1981-55)).
- Patents Act, 2001-18, entered into force August 2001.

Trade Marks:

- Trade Marks Act, Cap. 319 (Act 1981-56), December 1981, as amended by the Intellectual Property Acts (Amendment) Act, 1984 (Act 1984-20), June 1984.
- S.I. 1984, No. 179 (Proclamation concerning the coming into operation of the Trade Marks Act, 1981).
- Trademarks (Amendment) Act, 2001-16, entered into force August 2001.

Industrial Designs:

- Industrial Designs Act, Cap 309A (Act 1981-57), December 1981 (Supplement to Official Gazette, December 1981, entry into force in January 1985).
- S.I. 1984 No. 180 (Proclamation concerning the coming into operation of the Industrial Designs Act, 1981 (1981-57)).

b. Copyright and Related Rights

Copyright:

- Copyright Act No. 4, March 1998, entered into force August, 1998.

Related Rights:

As above, under Copyright.

c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Appellations of Origin / Geographical Indications / Indications of Source:

- Geographical Indications Act, 1998-22, Supplement to Official Gazette of September 1998.
- Geographical Indications Regulations, 2001.

Unfair Competition

- Protection Against Unfair Competition Act, 1998-2, Supplement to Official Gazette of September 1998.

Layout Designs (Topographics) of Integrated Circuits

- Integrated Circuits Act, 1998-21, Supplement to Official Gazette of September 1998.
- Integrated Circuits (Amendment) Act, 2001-15, entered into force August 2001.

- Integrated Circuits Regulations, 2001.

Plant Variety Protection:

- Protection of New Plant Varieties Act, 2001-17, entered into force August 2001.
- Protection of New Plant Varieties Regulations, 2001.
- Protection of New Plant Varieties Order, 2001.

d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Office of the Attorney General	Tel.:	(1.246)	431.77.06
Law Revision Section	Fax:	(1.246)	435.95.33
Chief Parliamentary Counsel			

2. Membership of International Bodies

a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since October 1979.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since March 1985.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since July 1983.
- PCT (Patents), since March 1985.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since March 1985.
- Rome Convention (Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations), since September 1983.
- Geneva Convention (Unauthorized Duplication of Phonograms), since July 1983.
- Nairobi Treaty (Olympic Symbol), since February 1986.

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

c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: UCC.

- Member of UCC since March 1983.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Industrial Property

Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Industry and International Business	Tel.:	(1.246)	430.22.00
“The Business Centre”			(General Office)
Upton			430.22.29
St. Michael			(Minister)
Bridgetown			430.22.34
<i>Title of Head:</i> Minister of Industry and			(Permanent Secretary)
International Business	Fax:	(1.246)	228.61.67
			426.09.60

Industrial Property Office:

Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (CAIPO)	Tel.:	(1.246)	436.40.06 436.48.18/19
“Clarence Greenidge House”			(General Office)
Keith Bourne Complex			228.25.56
Melbourne			(Registrar)
St. Michael	Fax:	(1.246)	437.30.72
<i>Title of Head:</i> Registrar of Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office	E-mail:		caipo@caribsurf.com

2. Copyright and Related RightsSupervisory Ministry:

As above, under Supervisory Ministry of
Industrial Property.

Copyright Office:

As above, under Industrial Property Office.

Collective Management Societies:

Copyright Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Inc. (COSCAP)	Tel.:	(1.246)	437.21.63 436.50.71 435.17.77
“King Cote”, No. 12, 8 th Avenue Belleville	Fax:	(1.246)	435.27.77
St. Michael	E-mail:		coscap@caribsurf.com

Barbados Agency for Musical Culture Inc.
(BAMCI)

As above, see COSCAP.

III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTYIndustrial Property Tribunal

Royal Barbados Police Force (RBPf)	Tel.:	(1.246)	436.71.05
Commissioner of Police	Fax:	(1.246)	427.87.55

Copyright Tribunal

As above, under Industrial Property Tribunal.

Other

Customs Department	Tel.:	(1.246)	430.23.10
Comptroller of Customs	Fax:	(1.246)	430.23.70 427.73.58

IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

University of the West Indies	Tel.:	(1.246)	417.42.15
Faculty of Law	Fax:	(1.246)	424.17.88
Cave Hill Campus P.O. Box 64, Bridgetown			

V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2000:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	80	1,288	8
	non-residents	(residents and non-residents)	(residents and non-residents)	(residents and non-residents)
Grants to:	residents	1	2,744	
	non-residents		(residents and non-residents)	

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Applications by residents and non-residents: 89,705 (5 residents, 89,700 non-residents)
 Grants to residents and non-residents: Information not available