

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

**IP/N/1/CYP/1**  
30 January 1997

(97-0329)

---

**Council for Trade-Related Aspects  
of Intellectual Property Rights**

Original: English

## NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE AGREEMENT

Cyprus

By means of communications from the Permanent Mission of Cyprus, dated 24 July and 20 November 1996, Cyprus has made the following advance notification under Article 63.2 of the Agreement and paragraph 3 of the Decision of the Council for TRIPS reflected in document IP/C/2.

---

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 63.2  
"NATIONAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF CYPRUS"

This notification is without prejudice to the right of Cyprus to implement the TRIPS Agreement, according to Article 65 of the TRIPS Agreement, as a developing country.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TITLE</b> <b>DATE OF ADOPTION</b> <b>ENTRY INTO FORCE</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION</b></p>
<p><b><u>Copyright and related rights</u><sup>1</sup></b></p> <p>Copyright Law (No. 59/76), 12 August 1977 and 1 June 1978  Copyright (Amendment) Law No. 63/77, 29 October 1977  Copyright (Amendment) Law No. 18(1)/93, 1 January 1994</p> <p><u>Rules:</u></p> <p>Copyright (Competent Authority) Regulation, No. 249/77</p> <p><b><u>Trademarks</u><sup>2</sup></b></p> <p>Trade Marks Law, Cap. 268  Trade Marks (Amendment) Law No. 63/62  Trade Marks (Amendment) Law No. 69/71 (for Certification Trade Marks)  Trade Marks (Amendment) Law No. 206/90 (to include Service Marks)</p> <p><u>Rules:</u></p> <p>Trade Marks Rules of 1951, Suppl. III, p. 647  Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules of 1971, Suppl. III(1), p. 907  Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules of 1984, Suppl. III(1), p. 1189  Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules of 1990, Suppl. III(1), p. 1031  Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules of 1992, Suppl. III, pp. 335-342</p>	<p>Protects: scientific works, literary works, musical works, artistic works, cinematograph films, photographs, sound recordings, broadcasts, against unauthorized copying, sale, rental distribution, lending, advertising, exhibiting in public, the communication to the public.</p> <p>Provides for the registration of trademarks for goods and services and certification trademarks.</p> <p>Repealed</p> <p>Repealed Service Marks</p>

<sup>1</sup>The texts of the main laws in this area as notified can be found in document IP/N/1/CYP/C/1.

<sup>2</sup>The texts of the main laws in this area as notified can be found in document IP/N/1/CYP/T/1.

<b>TITLE</b> <b>DATE OF ADOPTION</b> <b>ENTRY INTO FORCE</b>	<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION</b>
<p><b><u>Geographical indications</u></b><sup>3</sup></p> <p>1. Trade Descriptions Law No. 5/87 2. Article 11 of the Trade Marks Law</p> <p><b><u>Industrial designs</u></b></p> <p>Copyright Laws 59/76, 63/77 and 18(1)/93<sup>4</sup></p> <p><b><u>Patents (including plant variety protection)</u></b><sup>5</sup></p> <p>Patents Law, Cap. 266</p> <p><u>Rules:</u></p> <p>Patents Rules of 1958, S.L. Vol. 1, p. 455 Patents Rules of 1987, Suppl. III(1), p. 83</p> <p><b><u>Layout-designs (topographies) of integrated circuits</u></b></p> <p>Copyright Laws 59/76, 63/77 and 18(1)/93<sup>6</sup></p> <p><b><u>Protection of undisclosed information</u></b><sup>7</sup></p> <p>Contract Law, Cap. 149</p>	<p>Misleading descriptions are prohibited. Geographical indications cannot be registered as trademarks.</p> <p>Are protected as artistic works.</p> <p>UK patents and EPO patents designating the United Kingdom are protected if registered in Cyprus within three years.</p> <p>Such information is protected by private contract.</p>

---

<sup>3</sup>The text of the Trade Marks law can be found in document IP/N/1/CYP/T/1. The text of the Trade Descriptions Law will be circulated as document IP/N/1/CYP/G/1, once the text is available in a WTO language.

<sup>4</sup>The text of these laws can be found in document IP/N/1/CYP/C/1.

<sup>5</sup>The text of the main law in this area as notified can be found in document IP/N/1/CYP/P/1.

<sup>6</sup>The text of these laws can be found in document IP/N/1/CYP/C/1.

<sup>7</sup>The text of this law can be found in document IP/N/1/CYP/U/1.

<b>TITLE</b> <b>DATE OF ADOPTION</b> <b>ENTRY INTO FORCE</b>	<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION</b>
<p><b><u>Prevention of the abuse of intellectual property rights</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Civil judicial procedures and remedies</u></b></p> <p>Copyright Laws 59/76, 63/77 and 18(1)/93<sup>8</sup>  Trade Marks Law, Cap. 268, 63/62, 69/71, 206/90<sup>9</sup>  Patents Law, Cap. 266<sup>10</sup></p> <p><b><u>Provisional judicial measures</u></b></p> <p>The above laws.</p> <p><b><u>Special requirements related to border measures</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Criminal procedures</u></b></p> <p>Copyright Laws 59/76, 63/77, 18(1)/93<sup>11</sup>  Criminal Law, Cap. 154</p> <p><b><u>Administrative procedure and remedies not covered above</u></b></p> <p>Nil</p>	

---

<sup>8</sup>The text of these laws can be found in document IP/N/1/CYP/C/1.

<sup>9</sup>The text of these laws can be found in document IP/N/1/CYP/T/1.

<sup>10</sup>The text of these laws can be found in document IP/N/1/CYP/P/1.

<sup>11</sup>The text of these laws can be found in document IP/N/1/CYP/C/1.