

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

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

MALTA

By means of communications from its Permanent Mission, dated 7 March and 9 May 2000, the following notification has been received from Malta under Article 63.2 of the Agreement.

The Government of Malta, in accordance with Article 63.2 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, notifies its TRIPS implementing legislation in view of the review of this legislation next June, as follows:

- Annex I to this document sets out the main dedicated intellectual property laws and regulations.
- N.B.: Part of this legislation is presently still in its bill form and is being discussed in the House of Representatives of Malta. It is in fact in its second reading and is expected to be enacted shortly.
- Answers to the Checklist of Issues on Enforcement.¹

¹ See document IP/N/6/MLT/1.

ANNEX I

MAIN DEDICATED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- Intellectual Property Rights (Cross-Border Measures) Act, 2000 (Act N° VIII of 2000)², enacted by the House of Representatives on 29 February 2000.

This Act establishes enforcement measures relating to the importation into Malta, and the exportation and re-exportation from Malta, of goods in contravention of intellectual property rights.

- Industrial Property (Protection) Ordinance, Cap. 29³, enacted in 1899 and last amended in 1998.

This Act amends and consolidates the laws relating to patents and makes provision relating to designs and models of manufacture, trade marks and manufacture and trade descriptions.

- Draft of the Patents Act, 2000⁴
(still under discussion in the House of Representatives)

The object of the Bill is to make new provision with respect to patents in lieu of the provisions of the Industrial Property (Protection) Ordinance, Cap. 29.

- Draft of the Trademarks Act, 2000⁵
(still under discussion in the House of Representatives)

The object of the Bill is to make new provisions with respect to trademarks and similar rights in substitution of the provisions of the Industrial Property (Protection) Ordinance, Cap. 29.

- Copyright Act, 2000 (Act N° XIII of 2000)⁶, enacted by the House of Representatives on 25 April 2000.

This Act makes new provisions in respect of copyright and neighbouring rights and certain *sui generis* intellectual property rights in substitution of the provisions of the Copyright Act, Cap. 196.

² See document IP/N/1/MLT/E/1.

³ See document IP/N/1/MLT/I/1.

⁴ See document IP/N/1/MLT/P/1.

⁵ See document IP/N/1/MLT/T/1.

⁶ See document IP/N/1/MLT/C/1.