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**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**

### **SWAZILAND**

By means of a communication from its Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, dated 22 March 2004, Swaziland has notified its Main Dedicated Intellectual Property Laws and Regulations, under Article 63.2 of the Agreement.

These laws and regulations are listed in Annex I below.

**ANNEX I**

**MAIN DEDICATED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

<b>TITLE DATE OF ADOPTION ENTRY INTO FORCE</b>	<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Copyright and related rights</b>  <u>Copyright Act No. 36 of 1912.</u> <sup>1</sup>          <u>Copyright (Prohibited Importation) Act No. 35 of 1918.</u> <sup>2</sup>          <u>Copyright (Rome Convention) Act No. 1 of 1933.</u> <sup>3</sup>          <b>Trademarks</b>  <u>Trade Marks Act No. 6 of 1981.</u> <sup>4</sup>	<p>The Act regulates copyright. It makes provision for the registration and protection of the following works: architectural, artistic, cinematographic, published editions, dramatic works, engravings, literary and musical works. The duration of the protection of these works is life of the author and 50 years after his death.</p> <p>The Act makes provision for the operation within Swaziland of Section 14 of the Copyright Act 1911 of the United Kingdom.</p> <p>This is an act to implement the Rome Convention in Swaziland.</p> <p>This is an act to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks of goods and services. It regulates the application procedure, examination, opposition and registration of trademarks in Swaziland.</p>

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<sup>1</sup> See document IP/N/1/SWZ/C/1.

<sup>2</sup> See document IP/N/1/SWZ/C/2.

<sup>3</sup> See document IP/N/1/SWZ/C/3.

<sup>4</sup> See document IP/N/1/SWZ/T/1.

<sup>5</sup> See document IP/N/1/SWZ/E/1.  
<sup>6</sup> See document IP/N/1/SWZ/I/1.

<sup>6</sup> See document IP/N/1/SWZ/I/1.

<b>TITLE DATE OF ADOPTION ENTRY INTO FORCE</b>	<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION</b>
<p>- Industrial designs</p> <p><u>Seed and Plant Variety Act No. 7 of 2000.</u><sup>7</sup></p> <p><b>Protection of undisclosed information</b></p> <p>There is no legislation relating to the protection of undisclosed information yet in Swaziland.</p>	<p>The Act provides for the registration and protection of industrial designs. The duration of an industrial design is 5 years, renewable for further two consecutive 5-year extensions.</p> <p>The Act provides for a system wherein rights relating to new varieties of certain kinds of seeds (plants) may be granted and registered. It also provides for the protection of such rights and grants of licences in respect of the exercise thereof.</p>

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<sup>7</sup> The text of this Act will be circulated as soon as it is received in the Secretariat.