

6.0 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LEGISLATION



The Government of Antigua and Barbuda is currently in the process of revamping the Patent / Copyright and E-commerce Laws of the island. These laws and regulations are at present being reviewed by the House of Parliament.

Antigua and Barbuda is a full member of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and is a signatory to the following conventions and as such is bound by the international treaties signed. The forthcoming laws and regulations will reflect the international treaties listed below. Applications for patents must be made through a local Antiguan attorney.

- **AGREEMENT ON TRADE RELATED ASPECTS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (TRIPS)**

http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/trips_e/t_agm0_e.htm

- **PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)**

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>

- **ROME CONVENTION for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations**

<http://www.wipo.org/treaties/ip/rome/>

- **MADRID AGREEMENT for the Repression of False or Deceptive Indications of Source on Goods**

<http://www.wipo.org/treaties/ip/madrid/>

- **BERNE CONVENTION for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works**

<http://www.wipo.org/treaties/ip/berne/>

- **PARIS TREATY for the Protection of Industrial Property**

<http://www.wipo.org/treaties/ip/paris/>

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