

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

NIGERIA

By means of a communication from its Permanent Mission dated 17 September 2001, the following notification has been received from Nigeria under Article 63.2 of the Agreement.

In accordance with Article 63.2 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and the procedures set forth in the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, the Government of Nigeria hereby notifies to the Council its main dedicated laws and regulations relating to patents and designs, trademarks and copyright.

Kindly note that draft amendments to the intellectual property laws are being considered by the Government in order to meet the TRIPS obligations. It is hoped that the draft bills will be promulgated into laws by the end of the year. The drafts are expected to cover enforcement of intellectual property rights, protection of geographical indications, undisclosed information, layout-designs of integrated circuits, and protection of plant varieties..

You may also kindly wish to note that responses to the checklist of issues on enforcement of intellectual property laws are being prepared and will be submitted to the Council before the review in November 2001.

The "main laws and regulations" are listed in Annex I.

ANNEX I

MAIN DEDICATED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- Copyright Act, as last amended in 1999.¹
Subsidiary legislation:
 - Copyright (Reciprocal Extension) Order 1972.²
 - Copyright (Collecting Societies) Regulation, 1993.³
 - Copyright (Video Rental) Regulations 1999.⁴
 - Copyright (Security Devices) Regulations 1999.⁵
- Patents and Designs Act.⁶
Subsidiary legislation:
 - Patents and Designs (Convention Countries) Order.⁷
 - Patents Rules.⁸
 - Designs Rules.⁹
 - Patents and Designs (Additional Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order.¹⁰
- Trade Marks Act.¹¹
Subsidiary legislation:
 - Trade Marks Regulations.¹²

¹ See document IP/N/1/NGA/C/1.

² See document IP/N/1/NGA/C/2.

³ See document IP/N/1/NGA/C/3.

⁴ See document IP/N/1/NGA/C/4.

⁵ See document IP/N/1/NGA/C/5.

⁶ See document IP/N/1/NGA/I/1.

⁷ See document IP/N/1/NGA/I/2.

⁸ See document IP/N/1/NGA/P/1.

⁹ See document IP/N/1/NGA/D/1.

¹⁰ See document IP/N/1/NGA/I/3.

¹¹ See document IP/N/1/NGA/T/1.

¹² See document IP/N/1/NGA/T/2.