

IP Legal Sources

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Copyright

International

- Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (1886) (Paris Act, 1971)
 - Universal Copyright Convention (1971)
 - Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (1994) (TRIPS Agreement)
 - WIPO Copyright Treaty (1996) (WCT)
 - Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled (2013)
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EU

- Directive 2001/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 on the harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society
 - Modified by Directive (EU) 2019/790 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on copyright and related rights in the Digital Single Market and amending Directives 96/9/EC and 2001/29/EC
- Directive 96/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 1996 on the legal protection of databases
 - Modified by Directive (EU) 2019/790 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on copyright and related rights in the Digital Single Market and amending Directives 96/9/EC and 2001/29/EC
- Directive 2009/24/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the legal protection of computer programs (codified version)
- Directive 2006/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on rental right and lending right and on certain rights related to copyright in the field of intellectual property (codified version)
- Directive 93/83/EEC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 September 1993 on the coordination of certain rules concerning copyright and rights related to copyright applicable to satellite broadcasting and cable retransmission
- Directive 2006/116/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on the term of protection of copyright and certain related rights (codified version)
- Directive 2001/84/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 September 2001 on the resale right for the benefit of the author of an original work of art
- Directive 2011/77/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 September 2011 amending Directive 2006/116/EC on the term of protection of copyright and certain related rights
- Directive 2012/28/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on certain permitted uses of orphan works

- Directive 2014/26/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on collective management of copyright and related rights and multi-territorial licensing of rights in musical works for online use in the internal market
- Regulation (EU) 2017/1128 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on cross-border portability of online content services in the internal market
- Directive (EU) 2017/1564 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2017 on certain permitted uses of certain works and other subject matter protected by copyright and related rights for the benefit of blind, visually impaired, and otherwise print-disabled persons and amending Directive 2001/29/EC on the harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society
- Regulation (EU) 2017/1563 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2017 on the cross-border exchange, between the Union and third countries, of accessible format copies of certain works and other subject matter protected by copyright and related rights for the benefit of blind, visually impaired, and otherwise print-disabled persons
- Directive (EU) 2019/789 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 establishing rules on the exercise of copyright and related rights applicable to certain online transmissions of broadcasting organisations and retransmissions of television and radio programmes, and amending Council Directive 93/83/EEC
- Directive 93/83/EEC of the Council of 27 September 1993 on the coordination of certain rules concerning copyright and rights related to copyright applicable to satellite broadcasting and cable retransmission

Belgium

- Code of Economic Law, Book XI, Title 5, Art. XI.164 et seq. (+ numerous Royal Decrees)

Design

International

- **Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (1994) (TRIPS Agreement)**
 - **Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (1925) (Geneva Act, 1999)**
 - **Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (1883) (Stockholm Act, 1967)**
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EU

- **Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002 of 12 December 2001 on Community designs**
 - **Modified by Regulation (EU) 2024/2822 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002 on Community designs and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 2246/2002 (entry into force 1st May 2025)**
 - **Directive (EU) 2024/2823 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 on the legal protection of designs (recast)**
 - **Repeals Directive 98/71/EC as of 9 December 2027**
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Benelux

- **Benelux Convention on Intellectual Property (Trademarks and Designs) (2006)**
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Patent

International

- Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (1994) (TRIPS Agreement)
 - Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (1883) (Stockholm Act, 1967)
 - European Patent Convention (1973) (Revised in 2007) (EPC)
 - Patent Cooperation Treaty (1970) (Revised in 2001) (PCT)
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EU

- Agreement on a Unified Patent Court (2013)
 - Regulation (EU) No 1257/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2012 implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection
 - Regulation (EU) No 1260/2012 of the Council of 17 December 2012 implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection with regard to the applicable translation arrangements
 - Directive 98/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 1998 on the legal protection of biotechnological inventions
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Belgium

- Code of Economic Law, Book XI, Title I, Art. XI.1 et seq.

Trademark

International

- Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (1994) (TRIPS Agreement)
 - Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (1891) (Stockholm Act, 1967)
 - Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (1989)
 - Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (1883) (Stockholm Act, 1967)
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EU

- Regulation (EU) 2017/1001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on the European Union trade mark (codified text)
 - Repeals Regulation No 207/2009 (as amended by Regulation 2015/2424), which repealed Regulation 40/94
 - Directive (EU) 2015/2436 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2015 to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks (recast)
 - Repeals Directive 2008/95, which repealed Directive 89/104
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Benelux

- Benelux Convention on Intellectual Property (Trademarks and Designs) (2006)

Trade secrets

International

- Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (1994) (TRIPS Agreement) (specifically Article 39)
 - Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (1883) (Stockholm Act, 1967) (specifically Article 10bis)
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EU

- Directive (EU) 2016/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on the protection of undisclosed know-how and business information (trade secrets) against their unlawful acquisition, use, and disclosure
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Belgium

- Code of Economic Law, Book XI, Title 8/1, Art. XI.332/1 et seq.