



Intellectual Property; Situation in Armenia

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International Membership

- United Nations since 1992
- WIPO, 1993
- EAPO, 1995
- WTO, 2003
- Cooperation with EPO



Instruments

- Ratification of Paris, Berne, Rome, Geneva and Brussels Conventions
- Madrid Agreement, Budapest Treaty, PCT, Nice, Strasburg, and Locarno Agreements. Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement, TRIPS Agreement
- WCT, WPPT
- Accession to Patent Law Treaty, Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks is expected in 2011



Legislation

- Civil Code of RA, section 10
- Criminal Code of RA (art-s 158, 159, 197)
- Customs Code of RA, section 14
- Law of RA on Protection of Economic Competition
- Law of RA on Copyright and Related rights
- Law of RA on Inventions, Utility Models and Industrial designs
- Law of RA on the Legal Protection of Topographies of Integrated Circuits
- Law of RA on Trade Names
- Law of RA on Geographical Indications
- Law of RA on Trademarks



Intellectual Property Agency of RA

- Main functions:
- Receives applications, provides examination, realizes state registration
- Board of Appeals
- Amends data base on industrial property subject matters



New provisions

- Harmonization of Copyright law with WCT and WPPT, EU Directives
- Duration of economic rights
- Rights on communication and making available to the public
- Rights of data base makers, film producers, publishers
- Protection of unpublished works
- Decree on minimum rates



Challenges

- Raise of awareness
- Qualification and training of police, customs, lawyers, judges
- Measures directed to the raise of awareness
- Teaching materials
- Translation and customization of WIPO IP publications



Amendments

- Criminal Code amendments
- Ex-officio rights
- Enforcement of IPR
- Supervision of IPR



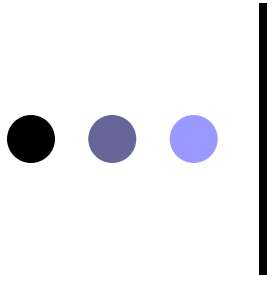
Digitization

- Digital environment
- WIPO Internet Treaties,
- Protection technology
- Rights management information
- Articles 65-68 of the Law on Copyright and Related Rights



Protection means

- Possible means for electronic protection (Internet)
- Possible means to reduce infringements
- Cooperation with collective societies
- Voluntary registration/deposit of works



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