South Korean Laws for Trademarks and Copyright

Copyright Law Act No. 3916

The purpose of this act is to protect the rights of authors and the rights neighboring on them and to promote fair use of works in order to contribute to the improvement and development of culture.

Industrial Design Protection Act

The purpose of this act is to encourage the creation of designs by ensuring their protection and utilization so as to contribute to the development of industry.

Belgian Laws for Trademarks and Copyright

Copyright Law, 30/06/1994

The purpose of the act is to protect literary and artistic works from unauthorized usage. The author of a work alone shall have the right to reproduce his or her work or to have it reproduced in any manner or form whatsoever.

Trademark Law, 30/06/1969

This law approves the Benelux Convention Concerning Trademarks and Annex, signed in Brussels on March 19, 1962. The high contracting parties shall incorporate into their domestic legislation, in one or both of the original texts, the Benelux Uniform Law on Trade Marks annexed to this Convention and shall establish an administration common to their countries under the name Benelux Trade Marks Bureau.

Hong Kong Laws for Intellectual Property

Hong Kong's IP laws are based on constitutional or basic law provisions.

Article 139 of the Basic Law

Government shall formulate policies on science and technology and protect achievements in scientific research.

Article 140 of the Basic Law

This law protects the rights of authors in their literary and artistic creations.

Chapter Summary

- A trademark is a word, phrase, symbol, or design that identifies and distinguishes the goods of one party from those of others.
- Copyright is a form of protection provided to the owners of original works.
- Plagiarism is using others' ideas and words without clearly acknowledging the source of that information.
- According to the USPTO, “A patent is a property right granted to the inventor by the USPTO to keep others from making, using, or selling the invention without authorization.”
- Intellectual property is a product of intellect that includes copyrights and trademarks for commercial use.
- DRM is access control technology used by manufacturers, publishers, and copyright holders to limit the usage of digital devices or information.