

**Table 3 : Status of Legislation on Intellectual Property in Oman (February 2000)**

S.No.	Area of TRIPS	Present Position & On-going Programme	Future Programme
1	Trademarks	Trademark Law is in place since 1987 and is being implemented. Points of conformity and non-conformity of the existing law with the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement have been identified. Draft amended law has been prepared in consultation with WIPO. It has been examined, translated in English and submitted to WTO for comment.	Amendments to the Trademarks Law will be promulgated by March 2000, to bring the Law into full conformity with the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.
2	Copyright & related rights	Copyright Law of Oman is in force since 1996 and is being implemented. Points of conformity and non-conformity of the existing law with the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement have been identified. Draft amended law has been prepared in consultation with WIPO and submitted to WTO for comment.	Amendments to the Copyright Law will be promulgated by March 2000, to bring the Law into full conformity with the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.
3	Patents	Draft Ministerial Decree adopting the revised GCC Unified Patent System as the law of Oman together with the amendments bringing it into full conformity with the provisions of the TRIPS agreement has been submitted to WTO for comment.	The Ministerial Decree will be issued by March 2000.
4	Geographical indications	Draft law on geographical indications of origin has been translated in English and submitted to WTO for comment.	A new law will be promulgated by March 2000.
5	Industrial Designs.	There is no law at present on industrial designs. A draft law prepared by WIPO has been examined, translated in English and submitted to WTO for comment.	A law on industrial designs in conformity with the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement will be promulgated by March 2000.
6	Plant Varieties	There is no law at present. A draft law has been prepared and submitted submitted to WTO for comment.	A new law on protection of plant varieties will be promulgated by March 2000.
7	Layout Design of Integrated Circuits	There is no law at present. WIPO has provided a draft law which has been examined. It has been translated in English and submitted to WTO for comment.	A new law will be promulgated by March 2000.
8	Trade Secrets	No law at present. A draft addition to the Trademark law has been prepared in consultation with WIPO.	A law will be promulgated by March 2000.
9	Abuse of Anti-Competitive Practices.	No law at present. A draft addition to the Trademark law has been prepared in consultation with WIPO.	A law will be promulgated by March 2000.
10	Enforcement	The existing Trade Mark Law and the Copyright Law contain provisions on penalties for violation of the two Laws. Imprisonment up to three years and a fine not exceeding RO 500 for violations of Trade Marks Law. Also provisions to restrain the import and circulation of counterfeit goods, and for their confiscation and destruction. Imprisonment for two years and fine not exceeding RO 2000 for Copyright piracy. Enforcement action against video piracy stepped up by conducting raids and closing establishments.	Amendments to the Civil and Criminal codes and to the Customs Law, in line with Articles 41 to 61 of the TRIPS Agreement will be promulgated in 2000. Training of staff responsible for administration and enforcement of IP laws will be undertaken in 1999 and 2000. Fuller implementation of Part III of the TRIPS Agreement will be ensured within the year 2000.