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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of  
Intellectual Property Rights**

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

MALTA: CHAPTER 417 - PATENTS AND DESIGNS ACT

(ACT XVII OF 2000, AS AMENDED BY ACTS IX OF 2003 AND XVIII OF 2005;  
LEGAL NOTICES 181 AND 186 OF 2006, AND 426 OF 2007;  
AND ACT XXX OF 2014)

<b>Notifying Member</b>	<b>MALTA</b>
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	CHAPTER 417 - PATENTS AND DESIGNS ACT (ACT XVII OF 2000, as amended by Acts IX of 2003 and XVIII of 2005; Legal Notices 181 and 186 of 2006, and 426 of 2007; and Act XXX of 2014)
<b>Subject matter</b>	Industrial designs; Patents (including plant variety protection)
<b>Nature of notification</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
<b>Link to legal text*</b>	<a href="https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/MLT/24_05447_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/MLT/24_05447_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	Not applicable
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
<p>The Patents and Designs Act, CAP 417 of the laws of Malta, govern the protection of inventions and industrial designs within the country. It establishes the legal framework for granting patents, which provide inventors exclusive rights to their inventions for a specified period, thereby encouraging innovation and investment. The Act also covers the registration and protection of industrial designs, ensuring that creators can safeguard the visual appearance of their products. Overall, it aims to promote creativity and technological advancement while balancing the interests of inventors and the public.</p> <p>- the amendments serve to extend protection to national and foreign IP owners whose IP is protected in Malta. Hence anybody doing acts in respect of said IP in the European Economic Zone, which go against the rights emanating from legislation in question without the permission of the owner would be infringing the owners' rights.</p>	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English

<b>Entry into force</b>	1 June 2002
<b>Other date</b>	

**Notification details**

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<b>Other information</b>	As amended by Acts IX of 2003 and XVIII of 2005; Legal Notices 181 and 186 of 2006, and 426 of 2007; and Act XXX of 2014  <a href="https://legislation.mt/eli/cap/417/eng">https://legislation.mt/eli/cap/417/eng</a>
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