Overview

The State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI) is an administrative authority subordinated to the Ministry of Justice, responsible for promoting and implementing activities in the field of legal protection of intellectual property related to industrial property rights, copyright and related rights. AGEPI has the status of a legal entity headquartered in Chisinau, with an official name, an abbreviated name in Romanian and a seal bearing the State Emblem of the Republic of Moldova.

At the international level - AGEPI represents the Republic of Moldova in the World Intellectual Property Organization, in other international, regional and interstate organizations on the protection of intellectual property, maintains and develops cooperation relations with them, as well as with the specialized institutions of other states.

AGEPI exercises the following **functions**:

- strategically plans and implements the development goals for the national intellectual property system;
- organizes and manages the functioning of the national intellectual property system in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Moldova and international treaties to which the Republic of Moldova is a party;
- develops and submits proposals to the Ministry of Justice for the normative framework on intellectual property protection and the improvement of national legislation in the field;
- provides services related to the field of intellectual property in accordance with the legislation.

AGEPI performs the following **duties**:

- receives and examines applications for the grant of protection, grants and issues, on behalf of the State, titles of protection for intellectual property objects in accordance with the legislation in the field of intellectual property;
- manages and stores the national registers of filed applications and the national registers of titles of protection granted for inventions, plant varieties, topographies of integrated circuits, trademarks, industrial designs, the national registers of protected geographical indications, protected appellations of origin and traditional specialties guaranteed, the state register of objects protected by copyright and related rights, the national registers of license, assignment, pledge and franchise contracts related to industrial property objects, the state register of holders of control markings, the national registers of authorized attorneys and evaluators in the field of intellectual property;
- manages, stores and develops databases in the field of intellectual property in accordance with the legislation;
- develops, coordinates and implements cooperation programs and agreements with other countries and/or international organizations in its field of activity;
- develops and implements continuous training and advanced training programs for specialists in the field of intellectual property;
- organizes training and advanced training courses for counselors, authorized attorneys and evaluators in the field of intellectual property and issues certificates of professional qualification;
- performs editorial activities within the scope of its assigned functions, edits and publishes the Official Bulletin of Intellectual Property and other publications aimed at promoting the field of intellectual property;
- develops and approves regulations and instructions, standard forms and other procedural documents necessary for the implementation of the provisions of the legislation in the field of intellectual property;
- monitors the activity of the Appeals Board, the Mediation Board and the Specialized

Arbitration in the field of intellectual property;
- organizes and participates in exhibitions, symposiums, conferences, competitions, seminars and other national or international activities in the field of intellectual property;
- provides, upon request, services and consultancy in the field of intellectual property;
- registers contracts for the assignment, licensing, pledging and franchising of rights in industrial property objects;
- publishes data on applications in the field of intellectual property and titles of protection;
- ensures the book-keeping, storage and completion of the collection of specialized documents and publications in the field of intellectual property;
- conducts, upon request and against payment, document retrieval in the field of industrial property;
- receives and examines applications and documents required for the registration of applicants in the State Register of Holders of Control Markings;
- issues control markings to holders of rights in copies of works or phonograms registered with AGEPI;
- approves the establishment of collective management organizations and common collection structures;
- appoints the collector in the case of rights managed collectively on a mandatory basis or through extended collective management;
- conducts annual and special audits of the activities of collective management organizations and common collection structures;
- monitors the functioning of collective management organizations and common collection structures;
- issues, on behalf of the state, certificates of registration of subject-matters of copyright and related rights in the State Register of Subject-Matters Protected by Copyright and Related Rights.

AGEPI services are provided in accordance with the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System [1], which guarantees quality in accordance with international standards.

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